



## MANOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 7

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2013 NOELANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Eric Eads called the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.; **a quorum was established with nine (9) members present.** Note - This 17-member Board requires nine (9) members to establish a quorum and take official Board action. Chair Eads introduced the rest of the Board members.

**Board Members Present:** Gary Andersen, Rodney Chun, Sarita Corn, Eric Eads, Martin Eby, Ingrid Friedberg (arrived at 7:09 p.m.), Keith Johnston, Nadine Nishioka (departed at 7:52 p.m.), Milton Ragsdale (arrived at 7:11 p.m.), George Simson, and Robert Sloan.

**Board Members Absent:** Grant Fasi-Allison, Kaleo Gagne, Philmund Lee and Ellen Watson.

**Vacancies:** There are one (1) vacancy in Subdistrict 1 (Woodlawn) and one (1) vacancy in Subdistrict 4 (Lower Manoa).

**Guests:** Tom Heinrich (State Senator Brian Taniguchi's Office staff), Jesse Broder Van Dyke (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative, Office of the Mayor), Councilmember Ann Kobayashi and Jarrett Yip (Councilmember Kobayashi's Office staff); Captain Bert Nakamura (Honolulu Fire Department), Officer Mark Mitchell and Sergeant Allen Ishida (Honolulu Police Department); Susan Uyesugi and Dominic Dias (Board of Water Supply); Shannon Gripper (City and County of Honolulu, Section 8), Jim Forbes, Pat Garvey (Mid-Pacific Institute), Bob Kern, Micki Stanl; Cary Solima and Megan Robert (YWAM); Clara D. Priester, Meg Lim (Malama Manoa), Ben Fisher, Neil Asaoka, Napua Wong (Paradise Park), Bill Unruh, and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

### PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** - Captain Bert Nakamura reported the following:

- **January 2013 Statistics** - There were 4 structure and 2 rubbish fires; 50 medical emergencies, 1 search/rescue, and 11 miscellaneous calls for service.
- **Fire Safety Tip: Clothes Dryer Safety** - Do not use the dryer without a lint filter. Clean the filter before or after each use. Do not overload the dryer. Keep the area around the dryer clear of items that can burn, such as boxes, cleaning supplies, and clothing. Last of all, if not home, don't use the dryer.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD)** - Officer Mark Mitchell distributed the monthly report and Sergeant Allen Ishida highlighted the following:

- **January 2013 Statistics** - There were 10 burglaries, 24 thefts, and 2 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV).
- **Safety Tip - Hawaii's New "MOVE OVER LAW"** - The law requires motorists to make a lane change away from any emergency vehicle that is stopped for an emergency, investigation of a possible traffic violation, rendering assistance to a police officer, or other official duties, as indicated by the flashing emergency lights of the stopped emergency vehicle where necessary and safe to do so, or to at the very least "slow down to a reasonable and prudent speed that is safe under the circumstances of an emergency road situation ahead." This is a safety issue for emergency personnel and citations may be issued. For the exact language of the "Move Over Law," refer to the Hawai'i Revised Statutes Section 291C-27: Emergency Vehicle Stopped for Emergencies, you can find it online at: [http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol05\\_CH0261-0319/HRS0291C/HRS0291c-0027.htm](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol05_CH0261-0319/HRS0291C/HRS0291c-0027.htm).
- **CONTACT HPD (District 7):** [www.hono1u1upd.org/patrol/d7](http://www.hono1u1upd.org/patrol/d7)
- **COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM/NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY WATCH**
  1. Officer Mark Mitchell, Office Phone: 723-3366, [mmitchell1@honolulu.gov](mailto:mmitchell1@honolulu.gov)
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- GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (G.I.S.) & (WEBSITE)
  1. Officer Steve Forman, Office phone: 723-4928, [sforman@honolulu.gov](mailto:sforman@honolulu.gov)

Comments followed:

1. Citations - Sergeant Ishida will follow up on the citations.
2. Tasers and Pacemakers - Sergeant Ishida mentioned that it is his understanding that studies show that a taser will not interfere with a pacemaker, but defibrillators may have a bigger impact. There may be other issues for the person with a pacemaker than the taser. Chair Eads added that he would be more cautious around a person with a taser.
3. More Patrols - A resident requested more HPD patrols for Manoa District Park from 9:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. to clear the park at closing time. Sergeant Ishida reported that the Third Watch and First Watch have many areas to patrol and they change the patterns of patrols to be less predictable.
4. St. Patrick's Day Road Blocks - HPD sets up road blocks to check for driving under the influence (DUI) for every holiday.

Friedberg arrived at 7:09 p.m.; **10 members present.**

Ragsdale arrived at 7:11 p.m.; **11 members present.**

#### COMMUNITY REPORTS AND INPUT

Hopena Way - Resident Bill Unruh (who spoke in December 2012) reported that this property has become a "dump site" since July 1, 2010. The owners have moved items to the strip of land and have covered them with tarps. It has become a breeding ground for mosquitoes and feral cats. There is no Tax Map Key, but it is alleged that the City is the owner, although the property is not registered. Complaints were filed with many offices in July 2011. Fines have been levied from \$37,000 up to \$56,000.

Comments followed:

- A. Board member Simson visited the site and thought it was "dangerous." Simson suggested that Councilmember Ann Kobayashi get the City agencies to enforce the laws, or get two people to haul the items away. Mid-Pacific Institute offered to pick up the items.
- B. The property owner is in dispute. The Chang family claims to have a deed, but it not recorded.
- C. Mayor's Representative Jesse Broder Van Dyke got a call from the Honolulu Star-Advertiser and started researching the issue. Unruh would like to meet with Mayor Kirk Caldwell.
- D. Councilmember Kobayashi mentioned that the ownership of the land is in question and she offered to haul away the trash. The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) has been issuing daily fines against the owner of the items, which is on private property. It is a "health and safety issue" for the State Department of Health (DOH), not Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), but due to budget cuts, there is no longer a Vector Control Office.
- E. It was suggested to make a resolution, but due to the State "Sunshine Law," it has to be on the agenda. Chair Eads apologized for not putting a resolution on the agenda, but he will put it on the next agenda.
- F. It was asked why Unruh was not mentioned in the July 2011 meeting minutes. Neighborhood Assistant Ho will follow up.

Input Received by Board Members from Community Members - There were none.

Water Heater at the Manoa District Park - Board member Andersen asked about the repair of the water heater for the hot showers for elders and young children. Councilmember Kobayashi reported that Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has waited four months for the parts, which would cost \$35,000.

Nishioka departed at 7:52 p.m., **10 members present.**

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - Dominic Dias read from his written report and reported the following:

- Main Break Report - There were no main breaks in December 2012 or January 2013.
- BWS Construction - Two projects are planned - Woodlawn Drive (tentatively for Summer 2013) and University Avenue (currently under way).

GENERAL WATER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Detect-A-Leak Week - March 18-24, 2013 - Did customers know that the average American household wastes more than 10,000 gallons of water each year due to running toilets, dripping faucets, and other household leaks? In an effort to promote water efficiency and savings, the Board of Water Supply (BWS)

is observing Detect-A-Leak Week from March 18-24.

During the observation, all residents throughout the state are encouraged to check for property leaks and to fix them promptly. Checking for and making timely repairs to property leaks helps to save water, lowers the water and sewer bill, and prevents potential damage to the home.

Throughout Detect-A-Leak Week, FREE toilet leak detection dye tablets will be available to the public at the BWS Public Service Building at 630 South Beretania Street, at all Satellite City Halls, and City Mill locations. Simply drop one of these tablets into the toilet tank and, if the colored water seeps into the toilet bowl, this could indicate a leak.

For more leak detection information, call 748-5041 or visit the BWS website, Facebook or Twitter pages:

- Website: [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com)
- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/BWSHonolulu>
- Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/BWSHonolulu>

Susan Uyesugi explained the new monthly billing system.

Comments followed:

1. Fluoride - BWS does not add Fluoride to the water, but Uyesugi will follow up on the "official" position and will find out if Fluoride is corrosive. Board member Sloan mentioned that Fluoride is for dental prevention of cavities and it was a "big" issue in the 1960s.
2. New Billing System - Uyesugi reported that their Customer Services is handling calls in six (6) minutes. Customers can wait on the line or leave a "call back" number.

City Councilmember Ann Kobayashi - Jarret Yip distributed Councilmember Kobayashi's newsletter and Councilmember Kobayashi reported the following:

- Hot Water - In December 2012 the water in the pool was heating, but not in the showers. In Palolo DPR waited a year to replace the boiler at \$23,000. Other comments included looking into solar energy with the tax credit, as the University of Hawaii (UH) uses solar energy.
- More Chickens - The bill she is supporting would allow 10 dogs, unlimited number of cats, seven (7) hens for eggs and food sustainability, one (1) rooster, no pea fowl and no goats (miniature goats, which make no noise). Councilmember Kobayashi was surprised to learn that one does not need a rooster for a hen to lay an egg. Goose and pigs were not mentioned. Aquaponics could also contribute to food sustainability. Councilmember Kobayashi mentioned that \$600,000 was added for spay and neutering the feral cats.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative - Jesse Broder Van Dyke reported the following:

- Animal Control - The City's new contractor is Animal Haven at phone - 799-7791.
- Restore Bus Routes - Mayor Kirk Caldwell plans to restore bus route changes in March and May 2013. In July it will be a new Fiscal Year (FY).
- Real Property Taxes - They are due on February 20, 2013.
- Naming Directors - Mayor Caldwell plans to name the Directors by the end of February 2013.

Comments followed:

1. Transition Team - Broder Van Dyke pointed out that Harry Mattson was hired to fill the Administration vacancies at \$10,000 per month from November 2012 to February 2013. Mattson would not be hired for a City job.
2. Bus Route Changes - Funding could come from increasing the bus fares, increasing the real property taxes and .
3. Homeless People on TheBus - It was mentioned that homeless people have health problems and they ride on the bus. As they have bus passes, they ride around. It was asked what the Mayor's plan was to "deal" with them.
4. HFD Defibrillators: A concern was raised regarding the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) defibrillators that failed five times in the last six years and the reports that Department of Corporation Counsel (COR) advised not to notify the manufacturer of the failures or ask for refunds. Broder Van Dyke to report back.

State Representative Isaac Choy: No representative was present and there was no report provided at this time.

Senator Brian Taniguchi: Tom Heinrich provided a written report to Board members.

University of Hawaii (UH) Government Relations Manager: No representative was present and there was no report provided at this time.

FILLING OF VACANT BOARD SEAT: One Vacancy in Subdistrict 4 (Lower Manoa): As there were no volunteers to fill the once vacancy in Subdistrict 4, the vacancy was not filled and this item was deferred to the next meeting.

Nadine Nishioka Resignation: Board member Nishioka noted that she would be resigning from her Board position effective immediately tonight. Board member Nishioka's resignation would leave a vacancy in Subdistrict 3.

Board member Nadine Nishioka retired from them meeting at 8:39 p.m.; **10 members present.**

**As there were no objections, Chair Eads changed the order of the agenda.**

Approval of the December 5, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes: **Ragsdale moved and Chun seconded to approve the December 5, 2012 regular meeting minutes as amended. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 10-0-0, (Aye: Andersen, Chun Corn, Eads, Eby, Friedberg, Johnston, Ragsdale, Simson and Sloan).**

- **Page 3:** Mayor's Representative: Comments: Strike the second sentence. (Chair Eads wrote down the amended section.)

Board member Milton Ragsdale retired from the meeting at 8:55 p.m.; **nine (9) members present.**

Election of Vice Chair: Chair Eads opened the floor for nomination to fill the Vice Chair position. **Corn nominated Eby. Board members Ragsdale and Watson were re-nominated, based on their nominations to fill the position in December 2012. Eby withdrew his nomination.** Hearing no other nominations, the nominations were closed. **The motion to fill the Vice Chair position was NOT ADOPTED, 2-4-3, (Ragsdale: Chun and Eby; Watson: Corn, Friedberg, Johnston and Simson; Abstain: Eads and Sloan).**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Projects: CIP Projects may include a new marked crosswalk and signage for Noelani Elementary School. The Dog Park agenda item was deferred at this time.

Board member Martin Eby retired from the meeting at 9:02 p.m. **Quorum was lost, noting eight (8) members present.**

NEW BUSINESS: Input from Board or Community: None at this time.

Section 8 Housing: Shannon Gripper provided a brief presentation in support and promotion of the City & County of Honolulu Section 8 Housing Program. Homeowners are able to donate their property for Section 8 inventory. Both State and City have a Section 8 program which utilized Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds. Interested individuals may contact the Section 8 Office or speak to Gripper following the meeting.

#### BOARD ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING:

Treasurer's Report: Chair Eads read the January 2013 Financial Statement noting an expense of \$44.80 due to printing and postage costs, leaving a remaining balance of \$702.65. The report was filed.

Reports from Board Officers and/or Board Members: There were no additional reports at this time.

Planning of Future Meeting Presentation and Topics: Due to the lack of a quorum, Chair Eads deferred this agenda item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: Board Candidacy Deadline: Interested community members may submit their applications for candidacy for the upcoming Neighborhood Board elections. The Board term will begin in July 1, 2013 and go through June 30, 2015. Candidate applications are due by Friday, February 15, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted By: Leland S.M. Ribac, Neighborhood Assistant II

Reviewed By: K. Russell Ho and Nola Frank, Neighborhood Assistants