



MANOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 7

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2013** **NOELANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Eric Eads called the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.; **a quorum was established with 10 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, Sarita Corn, Eric Eads, Martin Eby, Ingrid Friedberg, Kaleo Gagne, Dale Kobayashi, Milton Ragsdale, George Simson and Ellen Watson.

Board Members Absent – Rodney Chun, Keith Johnston, Philmund Lee and Robert Sloan.

Vacancies – There were two (2) vacancies - One (1) in Subdistrict 3 (Central Manoa) and one (1) in Subdistrict 4 (Lower Manoa).

Guests – Tom Heinrich (Senator Brian Taniguchi's Office staff), Jesse Broder Van Dyke (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative, Office of the Mayor), Councilmember Ann Kobayashi and James Larson (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office staff), Acting Captain Kyle Nakamura (Honolulu Fire Department), Sergeant Allen Ishida and Officer Mark Mitchell (Honolulu Police Department), Dominic Dias (Board of Water Supply); Chancellor Tom Apple and Elmer Kaai (University of Hawaii at Manoa), Bob Kern, Jim Forbes, Robert Schmidt; Meg Lim, Linda LeGrande and Jim Harwood (Malama Manoa); Brandi Pregil and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Acting Captain Kyle Nakamura reported the following:

- **March 2013 Statistics** – There were 6 structures, 1 rubbish, 1 vehicle, and 17 miscellaneous fires and 30 medical emergencies. There were no major incidents.
- **Fire Safety Tip** – Although cooking can be a fun family activity, please adhere to the following safety tips;
 - ◇ Do not leave cooking food unattended. If you must leave the kitchen, turn off the heat and take a spoon or oven mitt with you to remind yourself of the food on the stove.
 - ◇ Do not become distracted. Attending to children, answering the phone, watching television, and answering doorbells can have devastating results when the stove is left unattended.
 - ◇ Keep ignitable items, such as dish towels, paper or plastic bags, and curtains at least three (3) feet away from the range top.
 - ◇ Learn how to use an ABC-rated fire extinguisher, and keep it properly mounted near the kitchen exit.

Comments followed:

1. **Demo** - Board member Watson requested a demonstration on how to use an ABC fire extinguisher.
2. **Tip** - Smother a grease fire. Put the lid on.

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

- **March 2013 Statistics** – There were 12 burglaries, 21 thefts, and 5 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV) reported.
- **Safety Tips** –
 - ◇ **Money Transfer Scams:** When receiving a call from a stranger, be very cautious and do not give any personal information over the phone (Social Security number, credit cards, bank accounts, etc.). Legitimate businesses will never ask you for this information over the phone. In a money transfer scam, a stranger will call and claim that they are representing a law firm in another country. The stranger will then tell you that your family member or relative has been arrested. To have your relative bailed out, you will be instructed to go to a money transfer institution (like



Western Union) and send money. Before you do this, contact other family members to verify the status of the family member in question.

- ◇ Sweepstakes Scams: In the sweepstakes scam, a stranger will call and claim they represent a lottery or contest organization. The caller will say that you have won the sweepstakes and may claim your prize money. However, before you can claim your prize money, the caller will tell you have to pay for the taxes on the prize, usually around \$3,000. While paying \$3,000 to get a much larger prize sounds like a great deal, it's not. It's a scam.
 - ◇ Car Accident Scams: Be aware of this scam when driving in a shopping center parking lot. You will be approached by a stranger who accuses you of hitting their vehicle. They will then show you damages on their car. They will tell you that your vehicle caused the damages even if the damages appear to be old or from another incident. After showing you the damage, the stranger will demand that you pay them cash for the repair cost. If you are in an accident or are unsure if you caused an accident, call 9-1-1. Tell the officer what happened and let the officer do the accident investigation.
 - ◇ Home Improvement Scams: A stranger will approach you at your home and offer to do a variety of different home repairs such as tree trimming, roofing, or painting. Often, the price of the repairs will be too good to be true - that's because it is a scam. The biggest clue that you are about to be scammed is the stranger will ask for the money in advance. They will tell you that the money is needed to buy supplies like roofing material, paint, and other home repair products. Once you've given them the advanced money that will be the last time that you see them. To avoid being scammed, ask the stranger for a business card, work phone number, and other identification.
 - ◇ Auto Repair Scams: You could be approached by a stranger who offers to repair minor damage on your vehicle. These repairs could include fixing dents, rust, cracked tail lights, or minor painting. The initial quote or estimate will usually be very inexpensive. However, when the job is done, you will find that the quality of the repair work is terrible. When confronted by a stranger offering "cheap" auto body repair services, it's better to decline. If the stranger persists call 9-1-1. Remember that most legitimate auto repair businesses do not go door to door and do not solicit customers in public parking lots.
- CONTACT HPD (District 7): www.hono1u1upd.org/patrol/d7
 - COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM/NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY WATCH
 1. Officer Mark Mitchell, Office Phone: 723-3366, mmitchell@honolulu.gov
 2. Officer Shane Fujitani Office Phone: 723-3364, sfujitan@lhonolulu.gov
 3. Officer Chad Yamada Phone: 723-3366, Cyamada4@honolulu.gov
 4. Officer Celine Aiu, Office Phone: 723-3362, caiu@honolulu.gov
 - GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (G.I.S.) & (WEBSITE)
 1. Officer Steve Forman, Office phone: 723-4928, sforman@honolulu.gov

Comments followed: Rental Scams – Chair Eads shared that rental listings on Craig's list or other ads are often responded to by people, not living in Hawaii and offering to send a check higher than the requested amount. In return, they would like the person, renting the place, to send a check back in the overage amount. However, while the landlord sends a good check, the check received was not.

Three-Absences Letters for Grant Fasi-Allison and Philmund Lee – Grant Fasi-Allison had sent in his resignation from the Board. Lee has missed five (5) meetings. **Watson moved and Gagne seconded to remove Philmund Lee from the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7. The motion was NOT ADOPTED, 7-2-1.** Nine (9) votes are needed to take official action.

COMMUNITY REPORTS AND INPUT

Residents and Others for Matters Not on the Agenda –

1. Malama Manoa – Malama Manoa is hosting a Historic Manoa Walking Tour on Sunday, May 5, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. through 12:00pm. Advanced sale tickets are available for \$30 until April 26, 2013. Prices will increase to \$40 thereafter through the day of the Tour. For more information, call 988-8161 (and leave a message) or email malamamanoa12@gmail.com.
2. Open House – The University of Hawaii Institute for Astronomy: Open House Sunday, April 14, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; for more information <http://ifa.hawaii.edu/open-house>. Last year they had 700 to 1800 people.
3. Beautification Day – Noelani Elementary School will be having a beautification day on Saturday, April 13, 2013.

4. Crosswalk – Residents suggested placing a crosswalk at the top end (mauka) of Manoa Road. There are signs stating to walk on the other side of street, but there is no crosswalk.
5. Dangerous Intersection – A resident suggested that a dangerous situation exists at the intersection at Alaula Way and Pamoia Road. The resident complained that roads are steep and cars tend to coast through going up and down. Driver behavior should change. Chari Eads suggested documenting the incidents and submitting the information to the Honolulu Police Department.
6. Broken Gate – The Manoa District Park entrance gate is broken again.
7. Manoa District Park Water Heater – The water heater has been restored and working properly.

Ellen Watson departed at 7:58 p.m.; nine (9) members present.

Input Received by Board Members from Community Members – There was none.

Honolulu City Councilmember Ann Kobayashi – Councilmember Kobayashi reported the following:

- Newsletter – Councilmember Kobayashi's newsletter was distributed.
- Road Ownership? – Councilmember Kobayashi reported on questions on the ownership of Manoa Road that goes up to Paradise Park and Manoa Falls.
- Budget Committee – The Council will review the first draft on Monday, April 8, 2013.
- Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) – CIP for Manoa - The playground equipment at Manoa Park needs to be repaired or replaced. Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) states it's too old to repair. Councilmember Kobayashi thinks that adult exercise equipment should also be installed.
- TheBus – TheBus Route 5 has been restored only in the mornings. The time between buses was reduced from one hour to 1/2 hour.
- Complete Streets – On April 30, 2013 5:30 p.m. at the Keeaumoku Korean Church having a presentation on "Complete Streets" by Dr. Dan Burden. Refreshments will be served.
- Road Repairs – The list of streets for road repair is being updated.

Comments followed:

1. Show Me the Money – Board members wondered where the money to fix the roads was coming from. Councilmember Kobayashi mentioned that the 5 cents per gallon increase on gasoline, would also affect the delivery trucks and the increased cost to the company would be passed on to the consumer.
2. Road Repairs – There was discussion about which roads were in more disrepair than others.
3. Manoa District Park Water Heater – The water heater for the showers has been replaced and working properly. Thanks to a large private donation.

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

- Road Repair List – Broder Van Dyke thanked residents and Board members for their input.
- Manoa District Park Water Heater – The water heater for the showers has been replaced after a \$30,000 donation from philanthropist Abigail Kawanānako.
- Traffic – The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) conducted an investigation, which revealed that the narrow and unimproved portion of Huelani Drive, between Rainbow Drive and Huelani Place, is private and not under the purview of the City & County of Honolulu. In addition, a review of the traffic collision history, within the past two years, did not reveal the need for any traffic devices.
- Increase in the Gas Tax to Pay for Road Repairs – The City's proposed 5-cent per gallon increase amounts to around \$21 per year for the average driver. We believe that restoring bus service and helping to pay for road repaving across Oahu is a sound investment, especially compared to what the average driver pays for car maintenance due to driving on poor road conditions. If the increase is not approved, the Mayor is still committed to restoring bus service, including service frequency adjustments for Route 5 during the morning rush hour, and the administration would look for funds in other provisional accounts which would be offered to the Council in support of the Mayor's bus restoration plan.
- TheBus – TheBus Route 5 has been restored.
- Status of Road Repairs – A road quality condition report has been done in December 2012; City & County of Honolulu uses that information for street road repair. The Mayor encourages the community to report a road if it needs to be repaired.

Ellen Watson returned at 8:12 p.m.; 10 members present.

State Representative Isaac Choy – Representative Choy was not present; a newsletter was available at the sign-in table.

Senator Brian Taniguchi – Senator Taniguchi was not present; Tom Heinrich had newsletters available at the sign-in table.

University of Hawaii (UH) Government Relations Manager – Manoa Chancellor Tom Apple reported the following:

- Introduction – Manoa Chancellor Apple introduced himself
- Campus Conversation – Friday April 5, 2013 12:00 p.m. public is invited to join in on a Campus Conversation, concerning campus parking and transportation at the Kuykendall Hall Auditorium. There is no agenda, but Apple gave his e-mail address at – tatapple5@gmail.com.

Comments followed: Welcome to University of Hawaii (UH) - Manoa – Since arriving at UH - Manoa, Chancellor Apple has tried to make the Manoa campus more welcoming to students and community members. He wants to re-train Campus Security to be more helpful, yet be alert to homeless people. One idea to get community members to visit the campus is to allow free parking after 4:00 p.m.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Dominic Dias reported the following:

- Main Break Report – There were none.
- BWS Construction – There were none.
- Online Bill Payment (BWS E-Pay) – Starting April 24, 2013, BWS and the City Department of Environmental Services (ENV) are planning to begin offering its customers the option to view and pay their combined water and wastewater bills online. Online bill payment through “BWS E-Pay” is being offered as an initial step towards enhancing customer service options. This payment option is also available to water only customers of the BWS who may utilize private or individual wastewater services. To use BWS E-Pay, customers must first register for this service by clicking the “View Your Bill Online” icon on our website, www.boardofwatersupply.com. Doing so enables customers to: Pay their combined water and wastewater bill online; view and download copies of their current bill and past dozen bills; and “Go Green” by opting for paperless billing and bill notification via email. BWS E-Pay will undergo a number of enhancements in the coming months. In the meantime please note the following items regarding the service:
 - ◇ BWS E-Pay accepts MasterCard and Visa credit cards – debit cards are not accepted.
 - ◇ Storage of credit card information for recurring payment is not available at this time.
 - ◇ Payment must be made in full. BWS E-Pay does not allow for partial payment.
 - ◇ Payment is not posted in real time; instead payment will be posted to a customer’s account within 24 to 48 hours, and will not be reflected on BWS E-Pay until the next billing cycle. Customers will receive a receipt of the online payment via email. Once payment is made online, please do not attempt to pay again;
 - ◇ BWS E-Pay should not be used by customers who are delinquent or have received a Final Notice and are at risk of water service being disconnected. Should you have any questions about this service, please visit the BWS website to view an online FAQ, call 748-5000, or email contactus@hbws.org.
- Website: www.boardofwatersupply.com
- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/BWSHonolulu>
- Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/BWSHonolulu>

Comments followed:

1. Service Charge – Board member Watson commented on the \$7.20 service fee charge. BWS Representative Dias will speak with his superiors and get back to her.
2. Water Reserves – Board member Andersen asked about water reserves. Dias will follow up.

FILLING OF VACANT BOARD SEATS: There were two (2) vacancies - One (1) in Subdistrict 3 and one (1) in Subdistrict 4. As there were no volunteers, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

Election of Vice Chair – **Milton Ragsdale nominated Martin Eby to be the Vice Chair.** No second required. **George Simson nominated Ellen Watson.** Each gave a brief background statement. **There were four (4) votes for Martin Eby** (Andersen, Corn, Gagne and Ragsdale). **There were six (2) votes for Ellen Watson** (Simson

and Watson). **There were three (3) abstentions** (Eads, Friedberg and Kobayashi). As no candidate received the necessary nine (9) votes and there were no objections, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Possible Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Projects for the Manoa Neighborhood Board District and Adjacent Areas –

1. Rehabilitation of UH/Freeway Area – There was no report.
2. East Manoa Road Pedestrian Safety – Chair Eric Eads told Ingrid Friedberg she could call the City and ask for a resolution of the problem before the next scheduled meeting date.
3. Bus Route Revisions – There was no report.
4. Dog Park in Manoa – This item was moved to the next agenda.
5. Marked Crosswalk in Front of Manoa Public Library – There was no report.

Ragsdale moved and Eby seconded to clear unfinished business slate from agenda as none of the items will be resolved. It was suggested to remove the following items from the agenda:

- 7.1.1. Rehabilitation of UH/Freeway Area
- 7.1.2. East Manoa Road Pedestrian Safety
- 7.1.3. Bus Route Revisions and
- 7.1.5. New Marked Crosswalk in Front of the Manoa Public Library

and

- 10.2. Transportation and Transit – Lee
- 10.3. Subdistrict Boundaries & Membership PIG – Eads, Watson, Allison, Gagne
- 10.4. Sunshine Advisory Board – Watson, Eads, Gagne

Chair Eads said that he will move the issues around accordingly.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) – Board member Ragsdale mentioned that the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 needs a new OahuMPO representative.

Former OahuMPO Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) member Tom Heinrich spoke as an individual to remind the Board that come July 1, 2013, there will be no Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7. He explained that there will not be enough Board members to formulate a quorum (Note - which is nine [9] Board members). (Note - For the new Neighborhood Board elections, only seven (7) candidates filed for 17 seats. So, they are all elected with uncontested races. The Neighborhood Commission is authorized to fill two [2] vacant seats to achieve quorum.)

Watson and Kobayashi departed at 9:04 p.m.; **eight (8) members present. Quorum was lost.**

Kobayashi returned at 9:06 p.m.; **nine (9) members present. Quorum was re-established.**

Friedberg departed at 9:12 p.m.; **eight (8) members present. Quorum was lost.**

NEW BUSINESS

Input from Board or Community – There were none.

BOARD ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING

Approval of the February 6, 2013 and March 6, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes – There were none available.

Treasurer's Report – Chair Eads reported a balance of \$630.07. The Treasurer's report was filed.

Reports From Board Officers and/or Board Members – There were none.

Planning of Future Meeting Presentation and Topics – The Board may recess for the July 3, 2013 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Input from Board – The Children's Literature Hawaii Used Book Sale will be on April 25 and April 26, 2013 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at University of Hawaii at Manoa (in front of Kuykendall Hall Auditorium Room 101).

Input from Community – There were none.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Submitted by:
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Reviewed by:
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