



## MANOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 7

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** **WEDNESDAY JUNE 5, 2013** **MANOA INNOVATION CENTER, PRESENTATION ROOM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Eric Eads called the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.; **a quorum was not established with eight (8) 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 (arrived at 7:09 p.m.), Eric Eads, Martin Eby (departed at 9:12 p.m.), Ingrid Friedberg (arrived at 7:07 p.m.), Kaleo Gagne, Keith Johnston (arrived at 7:16 p.m.), Dale Kobayashi, Milton Ragsdale, George Simson and Ellen Watson.

**Board Members Absent** - Rodney Chun, Philmund Lee and Robert Sloan.

**Vacancies** - There were three (3) vacancies - Two (2) in Subdistrict 3 (Central Manoa) and one (1) in Subdistrict 4 (Lower Manoa).

**Guests** - Jesse K. Souki (Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative, State Office of Planning, Director); State Senator Brian Taniguchi and Tom Heinrich (Senator Brian Taniguchi's Office staff); Councilmember Ann Kobayashi and James Larson (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office staff), Firefighter Kyle Nakakura (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Clinton Sukehane, Sergeant Arthur Kurasaki and Officer Mark Mitchell (Honolulu Police Department); Dominic Dias (Board of Water Supply), Sean Pottenger, Nick Jakimow, Harlin Young, R.K. Castillo (New Life Church); David and Elsie Shimokawa; Charolotte Mukai, Do Hyon Ji, Ross Murakami, David Uycunten, Meg Lin (Malama Manoa), Bryan Yim, Jason Shon, Karen Matmald, Lydia Nakada, Denise and Bruce Bilodeau; Dick and Victoria Eshima, Bob Kern, Micki Stash, Dave Jones (Videographer), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**Recognition of Retiring Board Members Sarita Corn, Ingrid Friedberg, Kaleo Gagne, Keith Johnston, Philmund Lee, Milton Ragsdale, George Simson and Robert Sloan** - Chair Eads acknowledged the volunteer efforts of the Board members to give the Manoa community "a voice." Chair Eads asked for and received a round of applause for the retiring members.

Simson mentioned that they have had several interesting issues of communications over the years and that he "never lost so many votes in his life." The saddest issue of all was when the Board did not reach out to the Muslim community to invite them to send someone to come to the Neighborhood Board meetings to talk. Because the only permanent mosque is in the district, they should have been invited. Simson reported that the University of Hawaii (UH) and Chaminade may address this issue.

Gagne appreciated the opportunity to represent the residents of Subdistrict 4, but is not continuing to serve on the Board, as he will pursue his B.A. in Political Science and hopes to go on to law school. He is currently the student body President of Honolulu Community College (HCC) and is also running for student representative to the UH Board of Regents (BOR).

### **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** - Fire Fighter Kyle Nakakura reported the following:

- **May 2013 Statistics** - There were 2 structure fires, 27 medical emergencies, 1 search/rescue and 10 miscellaneous calls for service.
- **Fire Safety Tip** - The risk of wildland fires increases as summer approaches. Make a 30-foot wide fire break by clearing vegetation and clutter around all structures. If one's property borders an area, where a wildland fire could occur, consider the need for fire department access, in case the fire approaches one's home. Have an emergency preparedness plan available. Consider the route one would take and other preparations in case one needs to evacuate.



Comments followed:

1. Fourth of July - As the Manoa Neighborhood Board usually takes a recess in July for Independence Day, Chair Eads requested information. Because of the restrictions on fireworks activity and a decrease in usage, there are less fire-related calls and less smoke-related medical calls.

Friedberg arrived at 7:07 p.m.; **quorum was established with nine (9) members present.**

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) - Officer Mark Mitchell distributed the monthly report and Lieutenant Clinton Sukehane highlighted the following:

- May 2013 Statistics - There were 5 burglaries, 1 robbery, 8 thefts and 4 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV).
- Safety Tips - Lieutenant Sukehane mentioned Be Prepared For Hurricane Season and the Community Policing Team (CPT)/Neighborhood Security Watch. Sergeant Pam Liu (Office Phone: 723-3366, [pliu@honolulu.gov](mailto:pliu@honolulu.gov)) is the new Sergeant-In-Charge of the CPT.

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

Comments followed:

1. Robbery in Manoa - Board member Andersen asked about the robbery in Manoa. Lieutenant Sukehane assigned Officer Mitchell to follow up.
2. Last Month's Neighborhood Board Meeting - Board member Watson found a bag of medical marijuana in the parking lot of Safeway and turned it over to HPD. She was cautioned to call 911 and have HPD pick it up, as she is not an "abuser," but that the illegal transportation of drugs is the issue. Watson asked for more information about medical marijuana. Lieutenant Sukehane mentioned that the requirements to get medical marijuana are listed in the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) and one needs a medical prescription. If anyone finds medical marijuana, call 911 and have HPD pick it up.
3. Response Time - Board member Simson mentioned a robbery at Puhala Rise and Alani Drive at 3:00 a.m. and asked what the response time was. Lieutenant Sukehane mentioned that it depends on what was happening at the time. For example, Priority One is a violent crime and priorities can go down to a parking ticket. It also depends on staffing, as they cover from Punahou School to Makapuu Point. To get a range of response times, Lieutenant Sukehane would have to contact the dispatcher, but it may be about one (1) to two (2) minutes. Chair Eads "googled" response times and discovered that over the last five (5) years, the response times for Priority One calls have declined to seven (7) minutes. Domestic calls are about 12 minutes. Lieutenant Sukehane mentioned that they try to respond as soon as they can.
4. Citizen's Arrest - Board member Andersen asked about "citizen's arrest." Lieutenant Sukehane mentioned that a security guard may detain a shop-lifting suspect, until the HPD arrives, and after reviewing the evidence, makes the arrest. Lieutenant Sukehane cautioned against it, as the person may be unpredictable. The public is advised to be the "eyes and ears" for the HPD and to call 911. Lieutenant Sukehane was not aware, if there were anything about "citizen's arrest" on the books. A home owner may detain a person in the home, but again, Lieutenant Sukehane cautioned against it, as the person may have a weapon. Chair Eads added that he used to be a bouncer and it was not worth it to get stabbed for \$8 an hour.
5. Illegal Fireworks - Last Fourth of July and New Year's Eve, there were still illegal fireworks being set off. If HPD has "probable cause," it can still make an arrest.

Board member Johnston arrived at 7:16 p.m.; **11 members present.**

#### COMMUNITY REPORTS AND INPUT

Malama Manoa - Meg Lin reported that stream cleaning is unscheduled at this time, due to cutbacks in provided needed supplies. No dates have been set, but one can get information on the website. Hopefully, it will be in June or July. The General meeting will be on July 6, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and they will be looking at the restoration of ponds behind Kanewai. Please check the website.

Comments followed: Tour of Homes - Lin mentioned it was "awesome," in spite of the rain. It was well-attended with 500 people.

### Residents and Others for Matters Not on the Agenda

Manoa Innovation Center - Miki Stash questioned how it was decided to meet here tonight. She thought that tonight's location was not appropriate for the number of people, who attended.

Construction Behind Nipo Street - Nick Jakimow asked about the construction work behind Nipo Street to make a cul-de-sac or development. Chair Eads will ask the Mayor's Representative or Councilmember Ann Kobayashi if there is any information and asked Jakimow for his contact information.

Kalei Road - David Shimokawa wanted everyone to know that there is a growing homeless encampment of three (3) or four (4) tents near the entrance to the University of Hawaii (UH) Lower Campus near old Wai'ala'e Road. The Humane Society found animal remains there. Shimokawa had sent an e-mail and Chair Eads will follow up with the City. Board member Andersen asked what the animal remains were. Shimokawa did not know, but it was on television.

Simson departed the meeting at 7:25 p.m. to look for 11 chairs; **10 members present**.

Input Received by Board Members from Community Members - Noisy Moped - Board member Watson received a complaint from residents asking if the newspaper could be delivered by car or another way than by moped at 5:00 a.m. Chair Eads suggested notifying HPD to talk with the newspaper delivery person.

### Personal Comments

1. Board member Corn appreciated the process of getting the Board to meet at the Manoa Innovation Center and gave parting comments on her Neighborhood Board learning experience and on representing the Manoa community. Corn especially recognized Chair Eads for his dedication and leadership with humility, even though he was a Harvard grad. Corn presented him with a lei.
2. Chair Eads thanked the Board members for coming out 10 times a year to the meetings.
3. Board member Andersen asked that the door be opened to cool the room.

Simson returned to the meeting at 7:35 p.m.; **11 members present**.

Honolulu City Councilmember Ann Kobayashi - Councilmember Kobayashi commented on the lack of air conditioning and reported the following:

- Recognition of Chair Eads - Councilmember Kobayashi agreed with Corn that Chair Eads is a wonderful Chair.
- Moped - Although the moped rider rides past her window every morning, she has gotten used to it and sleeps right through it. However, she hears the roosters.
- Budget - Today, the City Council passed the City Budget with no new taxes or fee increases. There is \$120 million for the repair of roads. There were funds for infrastructure and for "non-profits" that lost federal funding. The Council confirmed the appointment of Nicole Velasco as the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) Executive Secretary. Velasco is very capable, as she is a graduate of Punahou and Princeton.

Comments followed:

1. Four (4)-day Bus Pass - The Senior Pass will remain at \$30/month. The bill to raise the four (4)-day pass, which tourists buy, was introduced today.
2. Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) - Despite recent news items from Europe, HART reported that they have a good contract and it will be "on time and on budget." Councilmember Kobayashi voted against "floating" bonds, which would be backed by City tax money.
3. Restoration of Grants - They are given to smaller non-profits for "equal access." Councilmember Kobayashi was surprised that the Mayor called a press conference to disagree with the grants. In the spirit of co-operation the Council passed the Mayor's \$70 million salary increase.
4. No New Taxes - Chair Eads thanked Councilmember Kobayashi for not raising taxes.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative - Jesse Broder Van Dyke was not present. However, the Mayor's City News for June 2013 was available.

State Representative Isaac Choy - Representative Choy had to go to the airport, dropped off his newsletters and left.

Senator Brian Taniguchi - Tom Heinrich had distributed the newsletters and Senator Taniguchi reported the following:

- Thank You - Senator Taniguchi thanked retiring and returning Board members for their service to the community. The community appreciated their volunteerism (at its best).
- Legislative Session - The Session ended on the first week of May. If there are questions on any of the bills, call Senator Taniguchi's office. The Governor has already signed many bills. June 24, 2013 is the "Veto List" deadline. The Governor has until July 9, 2013 to sign the bills into law.

Comments followed: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Board member Eby mentioned that Senator Taniguchi was asking for the Ala Wai Watershed Project to be completed soon. Since 2009, this project has been on the Board's Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) list. Senator Taniguchi wants the study to be completed as soon as possible to avoid flooding in the future.

Returning Board Members - Chair Eads wanted to especially thank Board members Keith Johnston and Ingrid Friedberg for returning for the new term. Now, the Board will have quorum at the first meeting.

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative - Jesse K. Souki, Director of the State Office of Planning reported the following:

- The Economy Is Doing Better - The state Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) is predicting steady growth for Hawaii's economy through next year, outpacing the national growth rate. The Council of Revenues predicts increases and unemployment will decrease by 20 percent (%). In May, the state Council on Revenues revised forecast reaffirmed the council's previous General Fund tax revenue projection for the current fiscal year - and increased its projections for the next three (3) fiscal years. The state's unemployment rate is also continuing to improve - down 20 percent compared to a year ago - indicating that the efforts to put Hawaii's people back to work are succeeding. The Abercrombie Administration is continuing to invest in capital improvement projects (CIPs) across the state that further strengthen Hawaii's economy and create employment opportunities, while improving state facilities and infrastructure.
- Bill Review - Governor Abercrombie, along with staff and relevant departments, is continuing to review the hundreds of bills passed by the 2013 Legislature. He has until July 9, 2013 to sign bills, but must notify the Legislature of potential vetoes by June 24, 2013. The Governor has already enacted several dozen measures. Since it sometimes takes a few days for the Legislature website to list new Acts, the Governor's Office is providing a list of the most recently signed bills at [governor.hawaii.gov](http://governor.hawaii.gov) (Click on "Recently Signed Bills").

Comments followed:

1. Carrying Capacity - Board member Andersen asked what was the "carrying capacity" for O'ahu and the planning for growth or no growth. Souki responded that the more important question is what we do about it. This has been under discussion since the early 1970s when the idea of planning started. Now, planners use "projected growth" and how to accommodate it. A study of "carrying capacity" hasn't been done in years. Andersen added that there must be a logical maximum number of people that can live here. Souki mentioned that the government cannot limit the number of people living here, so planners plan for growth and plan how to manage it.
2. Screening Board for University of Hawaii (UH) Regents - Board member Simson asked for the status of a bill, which would change the Constitutional amendment, naming the categories in the selection process. As Souki was not familiar with the bill, Tom Heinrich offered to follow up.
  - A. Student Voice - Board member Gagne mentioned that there is a Regent Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) and he started a petition and got 1500 students to vote against removing the student voice from it. "If it wasn't for the students, then the UH system is without a job." The students are the ones, who pay the tuition and when tuition is discussed, the student voice must be heard. Gagne wants to know if the Governor is planning to do anything with the students or will listen to them. Souki will follow up.
  - B. Clarification - Senator Taniguchi clarified what the bill would do to give the Governor more flexibility.
3. Development - A resident mentioned that on tonight's news, there was a story about a developer asking to build to a 300-foot height structure with 38-feet between buildings. Souki was not familiar with the specific project, but opined that sometimes increasing density is good. It prevents urban sprawl and increased pressure on farm lands. Sometimes increasing density makes building infrastructure cheaper. The "new reality" would keep the things that make Hawai'i special. Board member Simson added that he

was here since the 1970s and there never was an "Eden." Souki mentioned that Hawai'i has good water and one of the longest life expectancies.

University of Hawaii (UH) Government Relations Manager - Elmer Ka'ai was not present and no report was available.

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

- Annual Water Quality Reports - The Board of Water Supply (BWS) is mailing out the annual water quality report by July 1, 2013. Digital copies of water quality reports and additional water quality information are also be posted on the BWS website, [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com). Should you have any questions about this report, please contact the BWS Communications Office at 748-5041.
- 2013 Water Conservation Week Poster and Poetry Contests Winners Announced - The BWS and Hawaii Energy would like to thank the 1,500 students, who participated in the 2013 Water Conservation Week poster and poetry contests. The posters will be traveling around the island and the display schedule is available on the website, [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).

Comments followed:

1. Testing of the Water - Some of the water is tested "in house" and some are "sent out." Dias will follow up.
2. Water Reserves - Last month Board member Andersen asked about per capita use on O'ahu. Dias had looked up the data, but did not have it with him. He will get the information. There has been decreased pumpage of 20 million gallons per day less than from seven (7) years ago and increased usage of recycled water. The plant produces 10 million gallons per day. Also, BWS has a pro-active leak detection program, which can prevent major breaks and an aggressive conservation/education program. Board member Simson mentioned that in 1977, it was predicted that O'ahu would run out of water by 2000. In 2013 O'ahu has not run out of water. Dias repeated that pumpage is 20 million gallons per day less.

FILLING OF VACANT BOARD SEATS: Two (2) vacancies in Subdistrict 3 (Central Manoa) and One (1) Vacancy in Subdistrict 4 (Lower Manoa) - As there were no volunteers, this item was deferred to the next meeting. The June 2013 meeting will be the last one for the current term.

Election of Vice Chair - **Board member Ellen Watson nominated Board member Martin Eby to fill the office of Vice Chair. Board member Gagne seconded. As there were no objections, Eby was elected to fill the office of Vice Chair by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 11-0-0 (AYE: Andersen, Corn, Eads, Eby, Friedberg, Gagne, Johnston, Kobayashi, Ragsdale, Simson and Watson).**

#### New Business

Disposition of University of Hawaii (UH) President's House - Jeremy Lam, MD was not present. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Eby departed the meeting at 8:25 p.m.; **10 members present.** Eby returned at 8:30 p.m.; **11 members present.**

Delancey Street Foundation, Purchase of 2945 Kalei Road - R.K. Castillo is a pastor of a church in Waikiki and calls the project "Restoration House." Castillo wants to follow the "Delancey Street Model" to transform people into productive members of society and it has a business training program. Castillo visited the one in San Francisco and liked what he saw.

Residents brought up concerns about safety and the one-lane road. Castillo replied that no sex abusers will be allowed and that residents would not have vehicles. It will be for the working poor and will not be a shelter. It will be a 15-room facility for people with no drug problems or mental illness. Castillo works with Youth with a Mission (YWAM). There are loud mopeds and noisy weekend parties. It was reported that the current owner, Aala Investments, is running an "illegal vacation rentals" operation. Most residents honor the "Delancey Street" model, but don't think this is the right property. The infrastructure cannot handle the project.

About 50 people came tonight for this presentation. Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland will be holding a meeting on the homeless. If interested, call 586-6130. Eby proposed a resolution to completely stop the purchase now and to assist the residents to "go after" the illegal vacation rentals. After hearing from the residents, Castillo does not want the property now. Councilmember Kobayashi added that Castillo is an honorable man and that he will not pursue the purchase. Councilmember Kobayashi will file a complaint with Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) for the un-permitted vacation rentals. Eby withdrew his motions. Chair Eads added that Castillo did "the

right thing." Chair Eads will put this item on the next agenda. The Mayor's Representative could have the DPP look into the illegal vacation rentals.

Watson departed the meeting at 9:01 p.m.; **10 members present**. Watson returned to the meeting at 9:07 p.m.; **11 members present**.

Keiki o Ka 'Aina (KOKA) Learning Center - Educational Assistant Dean Harvest was not present and no report was available.

Input from Board or Community - Board member Simson wanted to recognize "Mr. Manoa" Tom Heinrich, who served as the Chair of the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7, the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) representative and the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) Executive Secretary.

Eby departed at 9:12 p.m.; **10 members present**.

Approval of the May 1, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes - Treasurer Watson mentioned that she was not a drug addict and suggested a correction to the May 1, 2013 regular meeting minutes. Neighborhood Assistant Ho submitted other corrections. **As there were no objections, the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 APPROVED the May 1, 2013 regular meeting minutes, as amended, BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 10-0-0 (AYE: Andersen, Corn, Eads, Friedberg, Gagne, Johnston, Kobayashi, Ragsdale, Simson and Watson).** The corrections included:

- Page 2, under Honolulu Police Department (HPD), it should read, "Comments followed: Medical Marijuana - Board member Watson found a bag of medical marijuana in the parking lot of Safeway and turned it over to Sergeant Ishida. He advised her to call 911 next time and HPD will pick it up to avoid suspecting her of illegal transportation of drugs."
- Page 3, under Election of Vice Chair, it should read, "The vote results were: three (3) votes for Eby (Eby, Gagne and Kobayashi) and five (5) votes for Watson (Chun, Friedberg, Johnston, Simson and Watson) and four (4) abstain (Corn, Eads, Lee and Sloan).
- Page 5, under Noelani Elementary Unavailable June 5, Alternate Site To Be Debated, it should read, "It was suggested to move the June meeting to the Manoa Elementary School for \$75 or to the Manoa Innovation Center for free. The first vote results were two (2) votes for the Manoa Elementary School (Eby and Gagne) and eight (8) votes for the Manoa Innovation Center (Chun, Eads, Friedberg, Johnston, Kobayashi, Simson, Sloan and Watson). Nine (9) votes are needed to take official Board action. The second vote results were one (1) vote for the Manoa Elementary School (Gagne) and nine (9) votes for the Manoa Innovation Center (Chun, Eads, Eby, Friedberg, Johnston, Kobayashi, Simson, Sloan and Watson). The Board will meet at the Manoa Innovation Center for the June 2013 meeting."

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Watson reported that the balance was \$531.90. The Treasurer's report was filed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Recess - The Board will recess for the July 3, 2013 meeting.
- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) - It can wait until August 2013.

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

Submitted by: K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Kazuaki McArthur, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Eric Eads, Chair