



McCULLY/MOILILI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 8

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DRAFT – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2010
WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Ron Lockwood called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.; **a quorum was present with 10 members.** Note: This 15-member Board requires eight (8) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board actions. Housekeeping announcements included silencing cell phones, restroom locations, and the rules and time limits when addressing the Board.

Members Present – Marijane Carlos, Greg Cuadra, Judy Devilbiss, Les Hata, John Kato, Serena Kyi-Yim, Betty Lou Larson (arrived 7:01), Ron Lockwood, Shaunna Tabor, Clifton Takamura and Saw Keok Ching Wilk.

Members Absent – Lee Ann Tokuhara (seat declared vacant tonight).

Vacancies – There are four (4) At Large vacancies.

Guests – Mark Oto (Mayor's Representative), Ben Park (Office of Councilmember Ann Kobayashi), Capt. Ken Lee (Honolulu Fire Department), Susan Todani (Kamehameha Schools), Tom Heinrich (Member, Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7), Bob Kern, John S. Yamamoto; Lt. Arthur Kurosu, Sgt. Eric Egami, Ofc. Anthony Kahapea, Sgt. George Clark, Ofc. Chad Sano (Honolulu Police Department); Nelli Petaia, Candace Van Buren (Office of Representative Scott Nishimoto); Senator Carol Fukunaga, Mallory Fujitani (Office of Representative Scott Saiki), Councilmember Ann Kobayashi; Washington Middle School (Michael Harano, Principal and Jill Puletasi, Vice Principal; Math Teachers, Cynthia Ching (Papahana Coach) and Sung Park (State Coach); and Students, Dayton Lee, Ethan Vo, Eric Truong, Peisheng Xu, David Chang, Kevin Nguyen, Ma'ave'ave Petaia, Hein Trang Tran, Xiaoyuan Zhou), and Marie Richardson (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMMUNITY LIAISON:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Capt. Ken Lee of McCully Mo'ili'ili Fire Station reported the following:

- Grand Opening – The celebration of the New Station was today and congratulations were in order to the community, especially to Jeb Brown for 'champion' duties on this project for over ten years.
- March 2010 Statistics – Included 10 structure fires, 79 medical and 29 miscellaneous emergencies totaling 118 alarms. There were 3 major incidents that involved 10 companies.
- Monthly Safety Tip – The time for picnics and outdoor events will soon be here. Fire departments nationwide respond to an average of 7,900 home fires involving outdoor cooking and / or barbecue grills each year. Thirty-three percent of cooking grill fires start on an exterior balcony or enclosed porch.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Related Fires – An inquiry whether the reported structural fires were arson related are currently under investigation; and the new CAF (Compressed Air and Foam) trucks worked well fighting the fires.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Officers in attendance included Lt. Arthur Kurosu, Sgt. Eric Egami, and Ofc. Anthony Kahapea (District 7); and Sgt. George Clark and Ofc. Chad Sano (District 1).

District 1, Honolulu – The March 2010 Statistics for Beat 178 included 1 robbery, 3 burglaries, 5 unauthorized entry to motor vehicle (UEMV), 1 auto theft, 5 assaults, 23 motor vehicle collisions (MVC), 4 driving under the influence (DUI), 0 sex assaults, 1 family offense, 0 drug offence and 1 graffiti; a written report was not available.

District 7, East Honolulu – The monthly packet included the area statistics, safety tips relating to home security, the District 7 web site is www.honoluluupd.org/patrol/d7, and contact information of the Community Policing Team Neighborhood Security Watch.



Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Graffiti Case (District 1) – It was likely that the graffiti case reported had to do with individuals entering the Washington Middle School grounds where a suspect was caught.
2. Vandalized Cars (District 7) – An inquiry whether there been reports of broken glass on the road and cars vandalized near McCully Street and Kapiolani Boulevard. HPD has seen no more than the usual crimes and no reports of any rash of incidents.

University of Hawaii Manoa (UHM) – Elmer Kaai is absent tonight and Chair Lockwood highlighted the following:

- Repairing Facilities – The Legislature has appropriated \$92 million last year for campus renewal, soon to be completed the Hamilton Library reconstruction project, and later this year, the opening of the \$22.4 million Center for Microbial Oceanography Research and Education (C-MORE) facility at the Biomedical Building.
- UPASS Report – Was due March 2010 to the Department of Transportation Services (DTS).
- Additional Announcement – Eric Crispen, Director for Capital Improvement Projects and the Long Range Development Plan, will be at the Manoa Neighborhood Board meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at Noelani School. The City Council has to approve the Plan Review Use Permit for UH Manoa.

Kamehameha Schools (KS) – Susan Todani reported the following:

- Loud Music From Anna Bannanas – KS talked to the manager of Rainbow Vista on whether there were any complaints regarding loud music from Anna Bannanas. The manager reported no complaints, however, an inspection of the building found some windows broken and will be fixed; comments were appreciated.
- Malama Card – As previously requested, Malama Card's were available for interested persons. KS developed this program as an economic stimulus package for business tenants. A listing circulated included participating merchants of Kahala Mall. For listings of other participating locations, visit the KS website; expenditures go to help 40,000 students

Mayor Hannemann's Representative – Mark Oto reported the following:

- Food Bank – Earlier today, Mayor Hannemann declared this month as 'Food Bank Month'; the bus drivers were instrumental in the effort to collect food bank items.
- Fiscal Year 2011 Budget – The City did introduce in early March 2010, the budget for FY 2011. The Operating Budget for FY 2011 is \$1.8 billion, an increase of 1.2 percent over the current fiscal year. The increase was largely due to prior approved negotiated pay raises for police, fire and bus drivers.
- Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit – The APEC Conference is coming to Honolulu November 2011. The Planning Committee will prepare the state and residents for the biggest and most important international event held in Hawaii. The upfront cost will largely be due to security measures, over a two-year period will amount to \$28 million; the federal government will reimburse the state.
- Tax Issue – The City raised a level of taxes to real property. The rates for homeowner's will be \$3.42, the rate for the non-homeowner will be \$3.72; due to the shortfall there is a gap of \$18 million. The non-homeowner's class for an average home of \$600,000 comes out to about \$0.50 a month increase on tax liability and for a \$300,000 condo comes out to about \$0.25 a month.
- The Capital Improvement Budget – For next year is approximately \$2 billion; \$1 billion to the transit system, \$494 million to wastewater/solid waste efforts; and highways/streets about \$134 million. These proposals are online and the City Council will be working on the budget over the next couple months.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Abandoned Shopping Carts – Approximately, four to five shopping carts still dumped along side the Ala Wai Canal promenade – near the McCully Street overpass.
2. Overgrowth of Keawe Tree – The keawe tree on the Ala Wai promenade is overgrown and encroaching onto the condominium property of 620 McCully Street.
3. Ala Wai Community Park – An inquiry whether the City can reverse the in and out pattern for paddlers entering Ala Wai Community Park. The thought was that it would be it easier and safer for traffic flow.

4. Furlough Days for the City – The City is still in negotiations with various unions. Come July 1, 2010, white/blue collar employees will be taking furloughs. The fringe benefits for all City employees are projected to increase by \$16 million; including FICA, Unemployment, Workers' Compensation, Employee Retirement System, and Health Fund increases.
5. Hole in Ala Wai Park (Previously Reported) – The hole that was previously reported on has gotten bigger, is getting deeper and is more dangerous; and the walkway outside the kayak house on the corner McCully Street and Kapiolani Boulevard. And behind the clubhouse there is a path that everyone uses, that was going to be filled in with dirt or something, and this problem was talked about six months ago; Oto will follow-up on the issue.
6. Executive Secretary Appointment – There was a request for the status the appointment of the new executive secretary for the Neighborhood Board System. In the interim, Rae Gee is the acting executive secretary; and will be going before the City Council a series of confirmation hearings over the next few weeks.

Governor's Representative – The Board will no longer have a governor's representative attend this meeting. Chair Lockwood did note for this neighborhood board area, that classroom renovations are forthcoming and \$7 million appropriated for Kaimuki High School, Lunalilo Elementary School, and the Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind. Email state concerns/issues to Charen Ching, Governor's Office at charen.ching@hawaii.gov or at (808) 586-0034.

Board of Water Supply – Kurt Tsue was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but submitted a monthly report. Chair Lockwood proceeded to read the report announcing no main breaks reported in March 2010 for the McCully Mo'ili'ili area; but one main break reported in February on Citron Street. Refer any questions for BWS to Chair Lockwood.

Betty Lou Larsen arrived at 7:01 p.m.; **11 members present.**

The Chair asked consideration to add on tonight's agenda recognition of Washington Middle School's Math Team. **Kyi-Yim moved and Larson seconded to add to tonight's agenda recognition of Washington Middle School's Math Team.** By a two-thirds vote, **the motion ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 11-0-0 (Aye: Carlos, Cuadra, Devilbiss, Hata, Kato, Kyi-Yim, Larson, Lockwood, Tabor, Takamura and Wilk.**

Washington Middle School's Math Team Recognition – Present tonight included Washington Middle School's Principal, Michael Harano; Vice Principal, Jill Puletasi; and Math Teachers, Cynthia Ching (Papahana Coach) and Sung Park (State's Coach).

The following students were recognized and congratulated for their hard work, exceptional skills, and stellar performance as members of the Washington Middle Schools Math Team.

Dayton Lee (Grade 8) 1st Place MATCHCOUNTS; 2nd Place ST. LOUIS PAPAHAHA; and 10th Place STATE FINALS;

Eric Truong (Grade 8) 1st Place ST. LOUIS PAPAHAHA; 2nd Place MATCHCOUNTS; and 16th Place STATE FINALS;

Peisheng Xu (Grade 8) 5th Place STATE FINALS; and 13th Place MATCHCOUNTS;

Ethan Vo (Grade 7) 1st Place STATE FINALS; 1st Place ST. LOUIS PAPAHAHA; 3rd Place MATCHCOUNTS;

David Chang (Grade 6) 16th Place STATE FINALS; and 13th Place MATCHCOUNTS

Other Team Members included Kevin Nguyen, Ma'ave'ave Petaia, Hein Trang Tran, and Xiaoyuan Zohu.

All of the Math Team Members of the Washington Middle School, including their parents and school staff, especially Team Coaches, Ms. Ching and Mr. Park were congratulated with applause. The McCully-Mo'ili'ili Neighborhood Board will be forwarding Certificates of Recognition to the WMS.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS: There were no other concerns.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Councilmember Kobayashi – Councilmember Kobayashi circulated her report and highlighted the following:

- Math Team – The Councilmember congratulated the Washington Middle Schools Math Team students.

- Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) – A listing provided in the newsletter included CIP projects for the Council District 5 area. The Council is still working on the FY 2011 budget and the process ends beginning of June. Councilmember Kobayashi was open to consider any other projects.
- Introduction of Staff – Councilmember Kobayashi introduced her senior aide, Ben Park and research analysis, Jarret Yip.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Increase of Graffiti – A slight increase of graffiti was noted within the community and it was recognized that the problem is getting worse. The Councilmember will look at what the City can do.
2. City Policy on Streets – A comment directly related to the heavily traveled Mahiai Street and the bunch of potholes, while questioning the City's policy on street rehabilitation versus a simple pothole fix. It was noted that the department did an inventory of streets to decide what potholes could be filled and what streets actually needed to be rehabilitated. The Councilmember noted that 52 streets in the Manoa area were just completed and moving down toward Metcalf Street; Kobayashi will add Mahiai Street to the list.
3. Bulky Item – Depending on the extent of the bulky item load, the city will pay overtime or the city has a contractor. The city is working with recycling companies on an agreement to do the pickup.
4. Homeless Solutions – There is a need to find viable housing solutions for the homeless. The River Street Residence project is interesting and had worked in other cities. Councilmember Kobayashi will be going to Seattle to learn more about these projects; the Councilmember is just not certain whether this project will work in the River Street area. Other measures being worked on is a possible land swap deal, a senior housing project, with the Catholic Charities on a land swap deal, and perhaps a senior housing or low income family project; but as expressed, the greatest impact is the homeless and no where to go, and it has to be in the right place.
5. Homeless in Mini Parks – A concern relating to the homeless living in mini parks that there might be a way to utilize them to maintain the park; however, it was noted that there are not enough maintenance jobs and the parks need to be accessible and utilized by the average citizens as well.
6. Abandoned Shopping Cart Concerns – With the passage of this bill, a number of these carts will end up on the sidewalks blocking pedestrian passage and therefore, is there alternate plan in place should this be the case. It is a difficult problem with the shopping carts and the tents; however, Councilmember Kobayashi hopes this will lead to a solution.

Senator Carol Fukunaga – Senator Fukunaga distributed her monthly report and highlighted the following:

- Community Meetings – A number of meetings were held with area legislators to talk about traffic congestion issues and the homelessness issue stretching from Mo'ili'ili to the Kakaako areas. A panel of representatives from HCDA (Hawaii Community Development Authority), the City's Department of Community Services and the Waikiki Health Center met to talk about and explore the growing homeless population and traffic congestion. However, the question was whether the Board would be open to discussion if a site in this urban corridor.
- Youth Detention Facility – Area legislators (Galuteria, Brower, Rhoads, Fukunaga and Kobayashi) did send a letter to the Judiciary administrative director, asking what their long-term plans for the facility are because recently a brand new facility opened in Kapolei. Reports have also regarded damage to the facility and possible illegal activity occurring in and around that location. There have also been a number of requests to look at the Bowl-O-Drome site and area legislators have been in discussion with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. The Senator asked if there are area neighborhood boards willing to support some sort of transitional housing.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Outcome of the Lunalilo On-Ramp – The State Department of Transportation presented a number of different alternatives. For those attending the briefing, found the most popular alternative was the alternative to re-stripe the lanes along the Lunalilo on-ramp area, if the Federal Highways Administration approved that venue. This is the beginning stages and the public asked to submit comments.

2. Permit Housing – Comments expressed that the focus be on permanent housing and permanent solutions and keeping the Board/community informed as discussion continues. Getting the homeless off the streets and into a place makes for a better environment for everyone.

Senator Fukunaga noted that potential permanent solutions are hard to come by and that transitional housing is a way to help to get people off the streets and receiving some assistance and services. But also that transitional housing can be accommodated within smaller scale types of facilities within the neighborhood setting.

A suggestion that the City consider increasing the park dedication and setback fees as already imposed by the City, and the State should add a percentage point geared toward long-term solutions for the homeless. Another option is to provide an alternative of working-in a unit at pure construction costs. This could be a way of transitioning the homeless into the community in a broader way. In addition, there is a need to coordinate effort of all agencies involved.

A comment noted that there are thousands of homeless in the greater urban Honolulu area, and that the under-represented population needs to be apart of the discussion. Chair Lockwood noted that the Board could schedule time at a future meeting to discuss this issue.

There were no other representatives present (Isaac Choy, Scott Nishimoto, Scott Saiki and Senator Brian Taniguchi, submit concerns to Tom Heinrich); reports were available for each.

A calendar of community events included the following: a) Pride in Mo'ili'ili Cleanup Day, Saturday, April 3, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. b) The TAG (Totally Against Graffiti) Team Community Cleanup, Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Malama O Manoa's fourth "1,000 tree Giveaway" on Sunday, April 18, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. c) On Saturday, May 22, 2010 is the Special Election for the First Congressional District; the voter registration deadline is Thursday, April 22, 2010.

FILLING OF VACANCIES: There are two (2) At Large seats vacant in the McCully-Mo'ili'ili community area. Two months ago, Klement Kondratovich was appointed to the Board; however, due to him being off-island, he did not take the Oath of Office within 30-days as required by the Neighborhood Plan Section 2-14-101 (c). Klement Kondratovich continues to express interest filling the At Large vacancy on the McCully-Mo'ili'ili Neighborhood Board. **Kyi-Yim- moved, Takamura seconded to appoint Klement Kondratovich to fill one At Large vacancy.** No discussion followed and **Kondratovich APPOINTED UNANIMOUSLY, 11-0-0** (Aye: Carlos, Cuadra, Devilbiss, Hata, Kato, Kyi-Yim, Larson, Lockwood, Tabor, Takamura and Wilk).

A brief recess taken to administer the Oath of Office at 7:45 p.m.; reconvened at 7:49 p.m., **12 members present.**

PRESENTATION (S): None.

HOUSEKEEPING:

Report on OMPO Meeting of March 17, 2010 – The discussion included talks about the overall work program and in 2011, OMPO would be losing staff and \$500,000 in funding. Most of the on-going projects are to be completed, with some projects carried forward to 2011; and some new programs will be added. If interested in seeing what the new programs are contact Chair Lockwood.

During this upcoming summer, there will be a series of community meetings to update the Oahu Transportation Improvement Program, and the best opportunity to give comments or suggestions to help get the process going.

McCully-Mo'ili'ili Public Library – All public libraries began furloughs on Wednesdays beginning December 2, 2009; except this past month for McCully-Mo'ili'ili Public Library which furloughed on Friday.

Mo'ili'ili in the News (Homeless in Parks, bulky items, etc) – The following were highlighted: 1) A recent article about finding a home for the old Varsity Theater sign. 2) The Honolulu Advertiser highlights each Sunday different neighborhood board area and two weeks ago highlighted the McCully-Mo'ili'ili Board area. 3) 2010 Census – The census surveys were mailed and the public encouraged to send these surveys back. 4) Special Elections – Deadline to register to vote in the Special Election is April 22, 2010. If you voted in the last election, you are not required to register again.

Report on Neighborhood Commission (NC) meeting of March 2010 – Chair Lockwood had a schedule conflict and was unable to attend the NC meeting of March 2010. Takamura noted that the NC were looking to take action on the Neighborhood Board Audit matrix. The next NC meeting will be at Kapolei Hale on Monday, April 5, 2010 to address a number of complaints.

Recycling of Bottles & Cans – The collection of bottles and cans to be recycled is on University Avenue by the old First Hawaiian Bank building, across from the old Varsity Theater. The hours of operation posted on the front of the building. Computer equipment accepted for disposal on Saturday, April 10, 2010 at Leeward Community College from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (ONLY computers, printers, monitors, and fax machines).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bulky Items – The monthly letter to the Department of Environmental Services continues regularly, and this last report, the lowest number of 80 sites was reported. The next bulky item NEXT PICKUP ~ **Monday, April 19, 2010.**

Hauoli & South King Street Pedestrian Activated Crosswalk Update – No update.

Determination to Declare Vacant the Seat of Lee Ann Tokuhara – According to the Neighborhood Plan Section 2-14-106, Absences and Removal Process, a certified letter was sent to Board member Lee Ann Tokuhara following her third absence. The Board has not received any response from member Tokuhara of her intention; and therefore it was the Board's option whether to declare the seat vacant. **Kyi-Yim moved and Takamura seconded to declare vacant the seat occupied by Lee Ann Tokuhara.** A brief comment noted that her absence tonight speaks for itself. **The motion ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 12-0-0 (Aye: Carlos, Cuadra, Devilbiss, Hata, Kondratovich, Kato, Kyi-Yim, Larson, Lockwood, Tabor, Takamura and Wilk).**

Parking Meters Update – The Department of Transportation Services (DTS), over the next two months will install (76) parking meters on King Street from Punahou to McCully streets and (68) parking meters on King Street from McCully Street to University Avenue.

Office of 2nd Vice Chair – There are two months (May/June) left in the current Board term, and an election of new officers in July when the new term begins. The consensus felt it was not necessary for a 2nd Vice Chair at this time.

Census 2010 Update – National Census Day is April 1. The Hawaii average of 54% mail return rate is a little below the national average of 57%; and in 2000 the mail return rate was 60%. Approximately 1700 census takers will be in full force going house-to-house.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution – Prosecution of Rod Tam – A resolution was entertained to support the prosecution of Councilmember Rod Tam. **Carlos moved and Kyi-Yim seconded to support the resolution to prosecute Councilmember Rod Tam.** Discussion followed: A majority of members agreed that there was misuse of taxpaying monies; however, two members did recuse themselves for reasons of personal nature. Also noted was that the improper use of monies more than doubled the amount that former area Councilmember, Andy Mirikitani was found guilty, prosecuted and sent to federal prison. The Ethics Commission has given Tam three years to pay the \$13,000 fine. **The motion ADOPTED, 10-0-2 (Aye: Carlos, Cuadra, Devilbiss, Hata, Kyi-Yim, Larson, Lockwood, Tabor and Wilk. Abstain: Kato and Takamura both recused themselves).**

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2010 – **The minutes APPROVED with the following amendments:**

- Page 2, HPD District 7, Questions, comments and concerns, item 1, third sentence replace seen with scene; the fourth sentence, replace is with are.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report was available at this time.

ADJOURNMENT & NEXT REGULAR MEETING – The Board will **RECESS in MAY.** The next meeting is Thursday, June 3, 2010, 6:30 p.m. at Washington Middle School Cafeteria. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by, Marie Richardson, Neighborhood Assistant