



McCULLY/MOILILI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 8

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DRAFT – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 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 eight (8) 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, Les Hata (arrived at 6:37 p.m.), John Kato, Klement Kondratovich, Serena Kyi-Yim (arrived 6:32 p.m.), Ron Lockwood, Shaunna Tabor, Clifton Takamura and Saw Keok Ching Wilk.

Members Absent: Les Hata and Betty Lou Larson.

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

Guests: John S. Yamamoto, Roy Kawelo (Kawelo Development), Sgt. B. Tsuha and Lt. K. Crouch (Honolulu Police Department – District 1), Daisy Murai, Mark Oto (Office of the Mayor/Deputy Director, City Department of Budget & Fiscal Services), Lt. A. Kurosu, Sgt. E. Egami and Officer A. Kahapea (Honolulu Police Department – District 7), Joel Torny, Bob Kern, Lauren Kirby, Capt. Gordon and Firefighters Kenny Han and Dyron Ota (Honolulu Fire Department), Kurt Tsue (Board of Water Supply), Tom Heinrich (Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7/Office of Senator Brian Taniguchi), Elmer Kaai (U.H. Manoa), Jason Moore, Representative Scott Saiki, Susan Todani (Kamehameha Schools), Senator Carol Fukunaga, Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, Kaleo Gagne (Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7), Nelson and Lynette Horio, Mike Powell (Varsity Bar & Grill), Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS – The Board members introduced themselves at this time.

6:32 p.m. Kyi-Yim arrived; **nine (9) members present.**

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMMUNITY LIAISON:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Firefighter Kenny Han of McCully Mo'ili'ili Fire Station reported the following:

- June 2010 Statistics – Included 6 fires, 80 medical and 45 miscellaneous calls.
- Fire Safety Tip – Cigarettes and other smoking materials are the leading cause of fire deaths in the United States. The latest fire – related fatality on Oahu was a result of an unattended cigarette
 - ◇ Helpful Safety Precautions – Smoke outside; use deep, wide ashtrays placed on a sturdy table; prior to discarding cigarette butts and/or ashes, ensure cigarette butts are completely extinguished by dousing them with water or sand.
 - ◇ Incident – In June a Maui child was playing with a lighter that destroyed a family home and caused \$350,000 in damages. A child as young as two years old can start a fire.
 - ◇ Fire Wise Safety Tips – Keep matches and lighters in a secured area out of children's sight and reach. Educate children that lighters and matches are tools, not toys. Only use lighters designed with child – resistant features. Remember, child resistant does not mean childproof. Teach children to tell an adult if they see matches or lighters.

6:37 p.m. Les Hata arrived; **10 members present.**

Questions, comments and concerns followed: New Fire Truck – It was unknown at this time if the new fire truck is destined for Station 29 to replace the old one.



Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Officers in attendance included Sgt. B. Tsuha and Lt. K. Crouch (District 1); Lt. A. Kurosu and Officer A. Kahapea (District 7).

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

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Finding Mysterious Packages/Boxes Around the Library – If strange unattended packages, etc. are found, call 911, and an officer will respond, secure the area, and contact the proper division.
2. Items Stored at the Promenade Fence – Shopping carts and other items belonging to the homeless were reportedly stored along the fence area of the promenade.
3. Kapiolani Boulevard and University Avenue Intersection Safety Concern – Safety concerns were raised about this busy intersection with the latest incident being a child getting hit by a car. HPD was asked to educate the community on pedestrian safety and monitoring the area, especially during 6:00 and 8:00 a.m.
4. Homeless Camping at Bus Stops – No tents are allowed to be put up. Regarding the homeless sleeping in the bus shelter on Date Street near Kaimuki High School, are not allowed on school property. According to state law the homeless are allowed on public property.

District 1, Honolulu – The June 2010 Statistics for Beat 178 included 2 burglaries, 1 driving under the influence, 1 graffiti, 28 motor vehicle collisions, 2 motor vehicle thefts, 10 property damage, 1 robbery, and 3 unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle.

- ◇ Property Damage Definition – This includes damage to buildings, shattered car windows, etc.

VACANCIES, FOUR AT-LARGE SEATS – There were no interested persons present to fill the vacancies.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS (one-year term) July 2010 to June 2011 – **Carlos moved, seconded by Kato to keep the existing slate of officers** (Chair Lockwood, Vice Chair Cuadra, Treasurer Larson). **Kyi-Yim amended the motion volunteering to serve as Board secretary. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 10-0-0 (AYE: Carlos, Cuadra, Hata, Kato, Kondratovich, Kyi-Yim, Lockwood, Tabor, Takamura, and Wilk).**

- ◇ Board Officers: Chair Ron Lockwood, Vice Chair Greg Cuadra, Secretary Serena Kyi-Yim, and Treasurer Betty Lou Larson.

DETERMINATION OF BOARD PRE-ESTABLISHED DAY OF MONTH, TIME, AND PLACE TO HOLD REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS – **Hearing no objection, the Board will continue to meet on the first Thursday of the month, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Washington Middle School., continue with the meeting rules at the top of the agenda, and recesses will be discussed at a future meeting; 10-0-0, (AYE: Carlos, Cuadra, Hata, Kato, Kondratovich, Kyi0Yim, Lockwood, Tabor, Takamura, Wilk).**

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

- Washington Middle School Parking Lot – More lighting in the parking lot was requested to deter teenagers from congregating in the area, especially between 9:00 p.m. and 12 midnight. A suggestion was to turn the sprinklers on at night.

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMMUNITY LIAISON:

University of Hawaii Manoa (UHM) – Elmer Kaai reported the following:

- Board August Meeting at U.H. Campus – The Board was invited to hold their August meeting at U.H.

- Traffic Alert – Services for the late Judge William Richardson will be held on Thursday, July 8, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Law School. Drivers are asked to go through Varsity Circle and the Old Waialae Road. Parking for the funeral services will be publicized.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Fall Semester – Fall semester begins after August 18, 2010.

John Kato departed the meeting at this time; **nine (9) members present.**

Kamehameha Schools (KS) – Susan Todani circulated a bulky item poster and reported the following:

- Bulky Item Pickup – Kamehameha Schools and the Mo'ili'ili Manors have partnered with a poster of the bulky item pickup schedule to assist condominiums and area residents. Postcards were sent to 2,100 households. Those who assisted with the postcards were thanked.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. Bulky Items Not Picked Up – A comment noted that a building manager follows the rules when putting out bulky items, but the items; however do not get picked up. The problem is not necessarily from residents, but people outside of the area.
2. Comment – It was noted that the City and State commends Kamehameha Schools good service and participation to the community.

Mayor's Representative – Mark Oto reported the following:

- Announcements – Furlough Fridays' starts tomorrow. The Hanauma Bay schedule will be maintained. Public safety such as HPD, HFD, EMS refuse and TheBus are not affected. Beach parks are open, but enclosed facilities are affected. However, the Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park exceptions of already scheduled events. Today was the last day to purchase fireworks permits. Permits may still be done online. The Neal Blaisdell Box Office will be closed two Mondays; a month based on scheduled events.
- Sewer Renovation – The sewer renovation schedule for Date Street has been pushed back until early next year.
- Repaving of Young Street – Young Street from Pensacola to Isenberg Street is programmed to be resurfaced by contract Rehabilitation of Localized Streets Phase 6, is being administered by the Department of Design and Construction (DDC). The list of streets programmed for this project was provided to the Chair.
- New Parking Meters Along S. King Street – Revenues received from these parking meters are deposited to the Highway Fund for road and transportation – related purposes. These meters are yet to be installed.
- Revenues Generated from Bulky Item Fines – No fines has been levied at this time since the decision has been deferred by the City Council.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Installation of Water Lines Delayed – Followup will be as to why the project has been delayed (from Kalakaua Avenue to Century Center).
2. Homeless Along the Promenade – Followup will be done regarding belongings stored along the Ala Wai Promenade near McCully Street.
3. Bulky Item Pickup – It was reported that bulky items are not being picked up according to the posted schedule.
4. New Bus Stop Fronting the Fire Station – The City was thanked for the bus stop at this location. However, the sidewalk is in an inappropriate place (narrows and 2 patches of grass left in the area). Follow up will be done.
5. Rail Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Comment Deadline – The matter was referred to Councilmember Ann Kobayashi.

6. Status of the Sewer Work on Kalakaua Avenue Around Century Center – Followup will be done relative to the status and planned roadwork.

Governor's Representative – The Board no longer has a governor's representative attend this meeting; state concerns/issues to the Governor's Office at (808) 586-0034.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Kurt Tsue reported the following:

- Water Main Breaks – No water main breaks for June 2010.
- 2010 Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale – The Annual Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, August 7, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- BWS Furlough Information – BWS business offices will be closed in accordance with the City and County of Honolulu's furlough plan, effective on July 1st of this year. Most City and County of Honolulu offices will observe a furlough day two Friday's a month. City employees' furlough Friday days for July are the July 2nd and 23rd. While BWS business offices will be closed on Furlough Fridays, some sections will work staggered schedules in order to maintain operations for public health and safety. For more information visit www.boardofwatersupply.com.

Questions, comment and concerns followed:

1. Water Quality – Drinking water is pure and recycled water is used for golf courses.
2. Ice Machines – The matter of how to remove ice machine substance build up will be referred to a water expert.

PRESENTATION:

Hurricane Preparation – Matt Yim, Property Equipment Manager for the American Red Cross, introduced Lori Gonzales, and presented the following:

- The Red Cross Hawaii State Chapter is located at 4155 Diamond Head Road. It is up to the individual to be prepared for disasters with the assistance from the Red Cross, Honolulu Police and Fire Departments, and Emergency Management. It is important to make a plan, know the nearest shelters and have a disaster kit ready. Shelters are opened by the City or State and manned by the Red Cross. Preparedness equipment such as a starter kits, transistor radios, etc. is available for purchase at the store.

Questions, comment and concerns followed:

1. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – This program is community based and works in conjunction with all civil defense agencies.
2. Available Items – Various items were shown including a one time use water bladder (water use only) that when placed in a bath tub holds 100 gallons of water.
3. Red Cross Organization – Red Cross is a non-profit organization with proceeds from available items going to the local chapter of the Red Cross.
4. Training – Flyers with training and class schedules were provided.
5. Store Hours – Hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Varsity Bar & Grill Request for Category 2 License – Owner Mike Powell and presented the following information:

- Varsity Bar & Grill is applying for a General 2 liquor license, which would allow live entertainment and dancing. The music sound levels will not exceed the jukebox highest volume level. No dancing is allowed under the current General 1 license.

- A beautification project with Kamehameha Schools has started. Restaurant staff has been assisting with the monthly area street clean-ups (Pride in Mo'ili'ili).

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Mahalo – To Varsity Bar & Grill staff members for assisting with the monthly clean-ups.
2. Building Exterior – Concern was raised regarding the condition of the buildings exterior.
3. Noise – a) It was brought up that the noise factor would continue and under aged kids hanging out in the parking lot. b) It was asked that the music be contained on the premises. c) Noise from the music would go through the speakers on location. The speakers sound will max out at 7:00 p.m. nightly and cannot go above the limited decibel levels. d) No noise complaints have been received in the last year.
4. Parking – Once the Varsity Theater was demolished parking became available on that site.
5. Under Aged Patrons (under 21) – a) Underage patrons usually leave the restaurant by 9:00 p. m., but if accompanied by a legal parent are allowed to stay until 11:00 p.m. People under 21 are not allowed after 11: 00 p.m.
6. Crowded Sidewalks – a) Security clears the sidewalk of crowds throughout the night. b) The bus stop must be kept accessible.
7. Music – Hours of music will be from 5:00 p.m. to no later than 1:30 a.m. The restaurant is presently open 24 hours and alcohol service stops at 2:00 a.m.

Public Storage at Kuilei Street and Kapiolani Boulevard – Roy Kawelo, of Kawelo Development Inc is proposing a storage facility to be situated at Waiaka Street and Kapiolani Boulevard freeway underpass at the Kapiolani Off-ramp at Kuilei and Kapiolani Boulevard.; the plan is in the conceptual plan stage. Negotiations have been ongoing with the State Department of Transportation (DOT), since the property proposed is state land. The plan includes 500 storage lockers at a minimum rental cost and about 20 full time jobs.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Alternate Sites – a) It was suggested that an alternate site be chosen because Waiaka Road is narrow and difficult to access; Kapiolani Boulevard has reckless drivers. b) The Kaimuki area was suggested. c) It was mentioned that the facility would be too close to two nearby area storage facilities.
2. Meeting – A meeting with Councilmember Kobayashi was held last week at Kuhio Elementary School; the matter continues to be dialogued.

HOUSEKEEPING:

Committees and Committee Chairs – Chair Lockwood reported that committees and committee chairs are appointed by the Chairperson. The purpose of committees is to review material and information and report its findings to the Board for appropriate action. No committee may speak for the board. Committees will remain as is until the Chair has the opportunity to discuss with each committee chair plans and objectives for the coming year.

Elected Officials:

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi – Councilmember Kobayashi reported the following.

- Legislative Town Meeting – A legislative Town Meeting, “Homeless In McCully-Mo`ili1ili is scheduled for Thursday, July 8, 2010, Washington Middle School Cafeteria at 6:00 p.m.
- Bulky Item Pickup – A council hearing held last Tuesday received the same concerns about delays in pickups.
- Council Public Safety Committee Meeting – The banning of fireworks was discussed today in committee was supported by many. A sure way to stop the illegal fireworks is a total ban on all consumer fireworks; the second hearing is set for Wednesday, July 14, 2010.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Fireworks – a) Fireworks would be banned except for professional displays. Allegations were mentioned that the professionals were getting kick backs from black market sales. b) Sales are boosted for those who sell fireworks. But if banned violators will be fined with high penalties. c) It was noted that the unburned fireworks from the Waikiki display falls into the water because the fireworks contain firearms materials is harmful to the ocean. Also, a bird sanctuary is in the same vicinity of the display. d) The board is on record in support of a total fireworks ban.

Representative Scott Saiki – Rep. Scott Saiki was present earlier in the meeting; a written report was provided.

Senator Carol Fukunaga – Senator Fukunaga circulated her written report and highlighted the following:

- Nourishing Our Neighborhoods and Aloha Aina Earth Day Recycling – This event was held on Saturday, June 19, 2010 at Washington Middle School.
- Aloha Aina Day on August 7, 2010 – The area legislators will be hosting another recycling opportunity at McKinley High School on Saturday, August 7, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Governor Lingle's Potential Veto List – The governor released her potential vetoes (attached with the written report) on June 21, 2010.

There were no other elected officials present; however, written reports were circulated for the following Representatives; Isaac Choy, Scott Nishimoto, Scott Saiki, and Senator Brian Taniguchi.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Bulky Item Letter for June 2010 to the Director of Environmental Services – In the month of June, 65 items were put out for pickup ahead of the scheduled day.
2. Census 2010 Update – The 2010 Census is winding down with a few door to door visits checking on information; please ask to see a badge.
3. Pride in Mo'ili'ili/Clean Streets – Everyone was invited to participate in the next Hausten Street clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, July 3, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS:

Voting Place Changes for 2010 Election in District 22 – Yellow postcards were mailed to residents with information about changes in voting locations.

Candidate Forums – Deferred.

Resolution to Hawaii Board of Realtors (Bulky Items) – **Kyi-Yim moved, seconded by Takamura that a letter be sent to the Board of Realtors regarding bulky items left by renters/put out before long before the pickup day.**

Discussion followed:

1. Allow owners to access additional charges, but it should not be based on the renter's deposit.
2. Assessment can be collected on any legal matter; by law the money should be taken from the deposit received.
3. Carlos amended the resolution to read, "Be it resolved by charging additional fees upon removal of items." **The resolution was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0 (AYE: Carlos, Cuadra, Kato, Kondratovich, Kyi-Yim, Lockwood, Tabor, Takamura, and Wilk).**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2010 – The regular meeting minutes of June 3, 2010 were **UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 10-0-0, (AYE: Carlos, Cuadra, Hata, Kato, Kondratovich, KyiOYim, Lockwood, Tabor, Takamura, Wilk) with the following corrections:**

- Agenda, item 6.b. delete, "... the second **February**..."

- Page 2, Moped Laws should read, "...**mopeds**..."
- Page 5, Councilmember Kobayashi, 1. Early Morning Noise Workshop should read, "...**2010**..."
- Page 7, item 3. Solar Panels for Kaimuki High school should read, "... **As the gym roof is repaired**..."
- Page 7, Unfinished Business, Bulky Items should read, "...**Next**..."

TREASURER'S REPORT – Deferred.

ANNOUNCEMENT S OF NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS/MEETINGS:

- Bon Dance – Mo'ili'ili Community Center Bon Dance on July 2 and 3, 2010.
- Pride in Mo'ili'ili – Saturday and Sunday July 2 and 3, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. Meet at the Willows parking lot, wearing shoes and long pants.
- Summit of the State of Hawaii Infrastructure (Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom III) – Tuesday, July 13, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; call or email Chair Lockwood for details.
- Farmers Market – Varsity Theater site Mondays from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; plenty of parking.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – The next meeting is **Thursday, AUGUST 5, 2010**, 6:30 p.m. at Washington Middle School Cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by, Nola J. Frank,
Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by,
Ron Lockwood, Chairperson