



McCULLY/MOILILI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 8

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DRAFT MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2010 WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Ron Lockwood called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with **seven (7) members present; a quorum was not present.** This Board requires **eight (8) members for a quorum and to take official Board actions.**

Members Present: Gregory Cuadra, Les Hata, John Kato, Klement Kondratovich, Serena Kyi-Yim, Ron Lockwood, Clifton Takamura, Saw Keok Ching, Joel Tomyl (appointed tonight).

Members Absent: Marijane Carlos, Betty Lou Larson, Shaunna Tabor.

Vacancies: There are three at-large vacancies.

Guests: Officer A. Kahapea, Lt. G. Lum Lee, and Sgt. E. Egami (Honolulu Police Department – District 7), Joel Tomyl, Ben Park (Office of Councilmember Ann Kobayashi), Lt. Mark Boyce, Sgt. T. Dantsuka, Officer B. Carnate (Honolulu Police Department – District 1), Mallory Fujitani, Tom Heinrich (Office of Senator Brian Taniguchi), Mark Boyce, Kurt Tsue (Board of Water Supply), Captain Ken Lee (Honolulu Fire Department, Engine 29, McCully Mo'ili'i Station), Elmer Kaai (U.H. Manoa), Bob Keon, Kaleo Gagne (Chair, Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7), Representative Scott Nishimoto, Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, Tony Vossbrink, Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff), plus others who did not sign the guest list.

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMMUNITY LIAISON:

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

- July 2010 Statistics – Included 22 fires, 76 medical, and 33 miscellaneous calls.

6:35 p.m. John Kato arrived; **a quorum of eight (8) members present.**

- Fire Safety Tip – A home fire escape plan is an integral part of your family's safety. Having an advanced warning sound from a working smoke alarm increases your family's ability to exit safely and quickly. Fire can quickly fill a home with toxic smoke, thus creating a dangerous environment. A well-prepared and practiced escape plan may save your family's lives.
- Fire Safety Tip Guide – Install and maintain working smoke alarms in the home. Place at least one smoke alarm on every level of the home, in all bedrooms, and outside all sleeping areas. Prepare and practice a fire escape plan. Identify a meeting place where everyone can meet outside. Ensure that family members know two ways to exit every room in the home. Sleep with bedroom doors closed; this will minimize smoke from traveling through the home. Maintain windows to ensure they open easily from the inside in case it is needed as an alternate escape route. Once safely outside, call 911 immediately.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Broken Ladder Truck – Returning to the station from Hawaii Kai the ladder truck broke down on the road. The second fire truck sent to assist also had mechanical problems. A third ladder truck was sent to assist and is now at the station while the other two are being repaired.
2. Easier Access Into the Station from University Avenue – The Neighborhood Board has more power in requesting easier access of the fire trucks to the fire station from University Avenue.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD):

- District 1, Honolulu – Sgt. T. Dansuka reported the following



- Beat 178 July 2010 Statistics Compared to June 2010: Included 2/2 assaults, 2/2 burglaries, 1/1 DUI (drinking under the influence), 1/0 drug offense, 2/0 family offense, 0/1 graffiti, 24/20 MVC (motor vehicle collisions), 0/2 motor vehicle thefts, 5/10 property damages, 0/1 robberies, 1/0 sex assault, and 7/3 UEMV (unauthorized entry into motor vehicle).
- District 7, East Honolulu – Lt. G. Lum Lee reported that the monthly packet included the area statistics, safety tips relating to home security, the District 7 web site is www.honolulu.org/patrol/d7, contact information of the Community Policing Team, Neighborhood Security Watch, and the booster seat law.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Cars parked on a Public Street with Unmatched License Plates – Regarding the vehicle on the corner of Fern and Isenberg Streets, call 911 to report the vehicle in question. The responding officer will check the vehicle identification number (VIN) and license plates.
2. Vehicles Parked on Public Streets with Expired Safety Checks and Registrations – Once a vehicle is cited as abandoned, it is towed right a way.
3. Dealerships and Home Businesses Parking Vehicles on a Public Street – Concern was raised about auto dealerships and home businesses parking vehicles on Algaroba and Pumehana Streets. The caller was told that 911 must be called each time a violation is witnessed. At meeting with an officer resulted with the caller being identified to the violators (business illegally parking cars on public streets). Lt. Lum Lee advised the concerned resident to continue to call 911, meet with the officers outside of the area to discuss long term solutions.
4. Car Owner Blames Homeless Blamed for Car Break-in – Break-ins are crimes of opportunity and not done by any particular group.
5. Damaged/Abandoned Vehicle Parked on Beretania Street (three days) – Although any officer may drive by an automobile (damaged/abandoned) left on the street, he/she may not have seen the car because they are doing other duties. It should not be assumed that an officer did see the abandoned vehicle and 911 should be called to report the vehicle and location.
6. McCully Mo'ili'ili Library's Citizen's Patrol Statistics – Clifton Takamura reported the following issues occurring at the library: fights, trash, drunkenness, couples fighting, discarded drug paraphernalia; blocking the driveway with a cart, and the water cooler spout broken. Lt. Lum Lee recommended that 911 be called each time an incident takes place.

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

- Board August Meeting at U.H. Campus – The Board was invited to hold a joint meeting presentation with the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 on September 1, 2010 at U.H. campus.
- Start of Fall Semester – The Fall semester starts on Monday, August 23, 2010; the dormitories open on August 18, 2010.
- U.H. Women's Volleyball – Wahine volleyball begins on Friday, August 27, 2010.
- Hale Aloha Towers – The rededication ceremony of the Hale Aloha residence towers were held this morning adding sustainability and safety features. In the fall, UH Manoa will have a record number of students living on-campus (about 4,000) which will help reduce traffic and the demand for parking.
- Hamilton Library Open House – The reopening ceremony, which will include public tours, is set for Sunday, August 22, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.
- Title VI International Education Grants – The University of Hawaii at Manoa has been awarded seven Title VI International Educational Grants, placing the campus within an elite group of U.S. universities with a dominant presence in international studies, especially in the Asia Pacific region.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Opening of the Dormitories – Campus security has been increased. The newer dormitories have tighter security which makes it harder to get to those areas. Regarding the lack of parking such as on Dole Street, students are encouraged to use the UPass and take the bus.
2. Hamilton Library Basement – Most of the maps in the basement were not destroyed by flooding. Maps not destroyed have been put in a secured area.

Kamehameha Schools (KS) – A representative was not present; no report provided.

Mayor's Representative – Mark Oto reported the following:

- Acting Mayor – New Acting Mayor is Kirk Caldwell.
- Project Graffiti – City street signs are being tested with a new product material with a film making it easier to remove graffiti. The cost for this product is \$13.00 per large street signs. Approximately 300 signs will be painted with this new product monthly.
- Bulky item Pick-up – The Refuse Division has contracted with private haulers to aid in the collection of bulky items left on curbsides due to the closure of the H-power from July 22, 2010 through July 29, 2010. Both city and private haulers will be working extra hours to ensure that collections not fall further behind. Normal bulky collection services and schedules are expected to resume in August as bulky sectors are caught up.
- Sewer Work On Kalakaua Avenue Around Century Center – The Kalakaua Sewer Rehabilitation Project, which involves work on Kalakaua Avenue between Kapiolani Boulevard and Philip Street, is scheduled to begin mid August 2010. The contractor has a year to finish construction, but is expected to finish ahead of schedule. The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) is aware of the project and upon completion of the sewer project, consideration for programming Kalakaua Avenue for future contract resurfacing pending availability of funds and clearances for possible conflicts with other planned underground projects.
- Homeless Belongings Along the Ala Wai Promenade – The area will be checked for any unattended items and accumulated rubbish.
- Sidewalk from the Fire Station – Follow up will continue regarding the sidewalk in an inappropriate location at the new bus stop fronting the McCully Fire Station.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. 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 continue.
2. New Product for City Signs – The signs are being replaced by City employees. The product is being put on the existing street signs; the Mililani community is testing the product to see how long the film will last on the signs.

Governor's Representative – The Board no longer has a governor's representative attending 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 – Three water main breaks reported for the month of July.
- Continued Water Conservation – According to the National Weather Service, Hawaii has become the driest state in the nation, and the islands will continue to experience below normal rainfall for the remainder of summer. While Oahu's drinking supply is less susceptible to drought conditions, BWS relies on groundwater sources as opposed to surface water. BWS continues to ask everyone to conserve and be efficient with water use; use water needed but don't waste.
Current water levels are on a normal downward trend, which happens every summer. The BWS has been monitoring and will continue to monitor its groundwater levels closely. BWS has been actively promoting water conservation through their public information program. A more focused voluntary water conservation campaign will be called for if necessary to ensure the long-term sustainability of our water resource.
- Water Conservation Tips – A) Don't water lawns between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. B) Check for leaking plumbing fixtures and toilets. C) Install water-efficient plumbing fixtures. D) Take shorter showers. E) Don't let the faucet run and run. F) More tips are available on-line at www.boardofwatersupply.com.
- July 26, 2010 Water Main Break – A 12-inch main broke at 1019 University Avenue at around 3:30 p.m. in the afternoon on July 26, 2010. This main break affected about 8 businesses in the area and forced the closure of University Avenue in the northbound direction from South King Street. This repair was complicated due to other utility lines in the working area. Water was restored at around 10:30 a.m. the next day on July 27th, but the road was not reopened until after 5:30 p.m. in the afternoon because a contractor needed to be brought in to repave the roadway

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

1. City and State Public Meetings/Hearings – A questions was asked why are meetings such as those relating to future Transportation on Oahu, etc., scheduled at times that is inconvenient for the public to attend.

2. McCully Street Traffic Patterns – Traffic concern patterns on McCully Street were raised from Citron to Beretania Streets making parking difficult for small businesses.
3. Illegal Activity – Drug activity was reported at the Korean Church and pool hall on Algaroba Street.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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

- Aloha `Aina Earth Day #83 – This event will take place on Saturday, August 7, 2010 at McKinley High School (Pensacola Parking Lot) from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Bill 78, Relating to Bulky Items – Bill 78, relating to bulky items is up for third reading. The current bill reduces fines to \$250.00. It is hopeful that surveillance cameras will start on January 1, 2010 at certain hot spots to catch illegal dumpers. There is still concern of others putting bulky items in front of other neighboring properties.
- Homeless Meeting on July 8, 2010 at Washington Middle School – Bill 39 (2010), relating to the regulation of sidewalks is being proposed. The bill regulates sidewalk usage to provide pedestrian safety by establishing a pedestrian safety zone. The safety zone is the portion of the sidewalk that extends up to eight feet out from private or public line bordering the sidewalk opposite of the curb. The bill exempts people within the safety zone suffering from medical emergencies, mentally incapacitated, participating or attending a festival/parade, waiting for a bus, etc.; violators are fined \$50.00.
- Resolution 10-82, Bowl – o – Drome – The City is being pushed to do a land swap with the State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).
- Fireworks Ban Update – A hearing was held today with Councilmember Kobayashi voting no because provisions such as religious ceremonies, Manoa Chinese cemetery ceremonies, etc. were not incorporated. A final vote by the Council will be on Wednesday, August 18, 2010.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Illegal Dumping Surveillance Cameras – The surveillance cameras is a test project costing about \$200.00 per camera. Surveillance signs must be posted where the cameras will be installed. The City Department of Environmental Services will be in charge of the cameras and three inspectors to issue citations. The cameras would be in operation 24 hours a day. The cost for the three inspectors is not known at this time, but is cheaper than hiring three HPD officers.
2. Bowl – o – Drome Property – The land swap with DHHL would be fair. The City wanted a piece of property in Ewa but DHHL declined. Resolution 10-82 urges both parties to come back to the negotiating table so that the property could be used effectively.
3. McCully Overpass Graffiti – It was reported that graffiti at this overpass is constantly being painted over.
4. Written Report – Councilmember Kobayashi was commended that in her report this month all concerns and issues were addressed.
5. July Bulky Item Pickup – Follow up will be done to clarify that recyclers with flatbed trucks were contracted to assist with the bulky item pickup.

Representative Isaac Choy – The written report was provided.

Representative Scott Nishimoto – Representative Nishimoto distributed his written report and highlighted the following:

- Bon Dance – The Kapahulu Bon Dance will take place on Saturday, August 28, 2010.

Representative Scott Saiki – A representative was not present; the written report was provided.

Senator Carol Fukunaga – A representative was not present; no report provided.

Senator Brian Taniguchi – The written report was provided.

FILLING OF VACANCIES – Joel Tomyl volunteered to fill one of the at-large vacancies and gave a short spiel about himself and interests in the community. There were no other volunteers. **Kyi-Yim moved, seconded by Takamura nominating Joel Tomyl to fill the at-large vacancy. By UNANIMOUS CONSENT, Joel Tomyl**

APPOINTED to fill one of the at-large vacancies, 8-0-0 (AYE: Cuadra, Hata, Kato Kondratovich, Kyi-Yim, Lockwood, Takamura, Ching).

7:40 p.m. Recess; the neighborhood assistant verified Tomyl's residency and administered the oath of office. 7:45 p.m. the meeting reconvened; **nine (9) members present.**

PRESENTATION: None.

HOUSEKEEPING:

1. Report on the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) – Bryan Gibson from North Dakota is the new OMPO director.
2. McCully – Mo'ili'ili Public Library: Homeless Camp on Sidewalk – Last night 22 homeless encampments were counted in the area. One enthusiastic neighbor put cactus in boxes near the tents. All reasonable ideas relative to the homeless problem will be accepted. Regarding funding for a fence, the library system is against putting up a fence. A comment was that at a certain level a motion should be made to find a piece of land assisting individuals with proper housing. Chair Lockwood responded that the craft building at the intersection of McCully and King Streets or the old Star Market properties are being looked into. It was noted that the vacant Scanline property is also an alternative.
3. Mo'ili'ili in the News:
 - S. Beretania Street Break-ins – Stores on this block are experiencing break-ins.
 - Bowl – o – Drome – Discussed earlier in the meeting.
4. Pride in Mo'ili'ili Street Clean Up:
 - University Avenue – Cleanup is Saturday, August 7, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.
 - Hausten Street – The July 3, 2010 cleanup had 5,000 pounds of trash removed.
 - Bulky Item Pickup – Bulky items are picked up the third Monday of each month; the next pickup will be on Monday, August 16, 2010.
5. Citizens Patrol – The Citizens Patrol is checking for abandoned vehicles, potholes, burnt out street lights, etc.
6. Community Police Team (CPT) – Mahalo to Officer Kahapea (District 7) for assisting Board members and the community.
7. Census Update – The final report is due to the President at the end of this year.
8. Statewide Pedestrian Master Plan Public Workshop Series #1 – A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at Washington Middle School (1633 S. King Street) from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to help the State Department of Transportation (DOT) identify issues or opportunities on the State's pedestrian system.
9. Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2035 (ORTP 2035) – The ORTP meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at the Central Union Church Parish Hall (1660 Beretania Street) from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; presentation at 5:00 p.m.
10. Walk Wise Hawaii Pedestrian Awareness Month – August is Pedestrian Awareness month. A public education program called Walk Wise Hawaii has been launched to focus on safe crossing techniques and driver awareness with regard to senior pedestrians. This program is sponsored by the State Department of Transportation (DOT), through its "Safe Communities" program, and project partners, the City & County of Honolulu's Department of Transportation Services (DOT) and the Honolulu Police Department (HPD). HPD and DOT provide maps of community areas.
11. 711 Store on Young Street – The final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been completed and construction starting soon.
12. Public Library Summer Reading Program – Approximately 642 children participated in the program reading 1,543 books in five weeks. Prizes were given out to all participants.
13. Business Name Change – The former Anna Bananas new owner has changed the name to Anna O'Brien's and is using a temporary liquor license.
14. Varsity Grill and Bar – The establishment has not applied for a liquor license.
15. Phillips Street and Kapiolani Boulevard Project – The server project will start in mid-August until April 2011; work will be done from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
16. McCully-Mo'ili'ili Sewer Rehabilitation Project – The project down Date Street to the high school has been delayed until 2011.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bulky Items – The month of July had 99 bulky item violators. New posters with monthly times and dates (prepared by Kamehameha Schools) were circulated in the community.

Letter to Board of Realtors Regarding Bulky Item Fees – The letter is under finalization and should be sent to the Board of Realtors on August 13, 2010.

Annual Newsletter Update – The annual newsletter will be sent to the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) by August 20, 2010 for mailing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request to hold a combined meeting with the Manoa Neighborhood Board No.7 at UH-Manoa on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. for issues and presentation on UH Manoa – This Board has been invited to a joint meeting with the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at the Stan Sheriff's Center Edmund Wong Hospitality Suite. Chair Lockwood noted that a list of questions and concerns to be discussed with the U.H. Chancellor and staff be prepared prior to the meeting. Everyone was reminded that this Board adjourns at 8:30 p.m.

Discussion followed: Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 Chair Kaleo Gagne announced that the meeting location has been changed to the Architect Building and parking is free.

Kato moved, seconded by Kyi-Yim in support of joint neighborhood board meeting with the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7. The motion was *ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0* (AYE: Cuadra, Hata, Kato, Kondratovich, Kyi-Yim, Lockwood, Takamura, Wilk, Tomyl).

8:15 p.m. Kyi-Yim departed the meeting; **eight (8) members present.**

Public Storage Facility at Waiaka Road and Kapiolani Boulevard – A meeting was held on June 25, 2010 with Councilmember Ann Kobayashi. Many issues such as dust, noise from trucks, proposed site leased from the State Department of Transportation (DOT), length and number of storage containers, etc. were discussed. Chair Lockwood added that Roy Kawelo had no knowledge of impacts to the stream, cost projections, zoning codes, etc. DOT's response to correspondence sent on the matter was no way and no how. **Kato moved, seconded by Takamura recommending that the Board not move forward on this issue.**

Discussion followed: Applications have not been submitted, no community meeting held, and no records of this project. **The motion recommending that the Board not move forward on this issue was *UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 8-0-0*** (AYE: Cuadra, Hata, Kato, Kondratovich, Lockwood, Takamura, Wilk, Tomyl).

Report on Summit on the State of Hawaii Infrastructure of July 13, 2010 – The Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs (HIPA) can be viewed at 10:00 a.m., `Olelo Channel 54 on August 6 and 9, 2010; and at 6:00 p.m. on `Olelo Channel 49 on August 12, 2010. Chair Lockwood received a copy of the report and a CD.

Candidate Forum – A joint candidate forum will be discussed with the Manoa No. 7 Board after the primary election.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 1, 2010 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Without objection, the July 1, 2010 regular meeting minutes were approved by *UNANIMOUS CONSENT* with the following correction:

- Page 1, Members Present, add, "...**Les Hata** and remove his name from members absent..."

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chair Lockwood reported that due to budget cuts the Board has been appropriated \$2,000 for operating expenses and no publicity funding. Takamura noted that the budget bill was forwarded to the chair and no appropriation allocated for Board elections after next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND NEXT MEETINGS – There were no committee reports.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS/MEETINGS:

- Clean-Up – The cleanup is at McKinley High School Saturday, August 7, 2010 will be accepting computers for recycling.
- Project Clean Neighborhood – Graffiti Tag with HPD will be happening on Saturday, October 2, 2010.

- Adopt-a-Stream – Iolani School fifth graders have adopted a stream near the school.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at UH Manoa Architectural Building at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Submitted by, Nola J. Frank
Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by, Ron Lockwood
Chair