



McCULLY/MOILILI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 8

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DRAFT MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2010** **WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Ron Lockwood called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. **with a quorum of nine (9) members present.** This Board requires eight (8) members for a quorum and to take official Board actions.

Members Present: Marijane Carlos, Gregory Cuadra, Albert Roger Jensen (appointed tonight), John Kato, Klement Kondratovich, Serena, Kyi-Yim (arrived at 6:55 p.m.), Betty Lou Larson, Ron Lockwood, Eric Marshall (appointed tonight), Milton Ragsdale (appointed tonight), Shaunna Tabor, Clifton Takamura, and Joel Tomyl.

Members Absent: Les Hata.

Vacancies: There are four at-large vacancies.

Guests: Senator Brian Taniguchi, Representative Issac Choy, Seiko Chow (Aliamanu Middle School), Candace Van Buren (Office of Representative Nishimoto), Sgt. Cullen Kau (Honolulu Police Department, District 1), Elmer Kaai (U.H. Manoa), Lt. Art Kurosu and Sgt. Erik Egami (Honolulu Police Department, District 7), Kurt Tsue (Board of Water Supply), Kit Grant (ACLU), Eric Marshall, Milton Ragsdale, Tom Heinrich (Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7), Mallory Fujitani, Pat Lee (Honolulu Rail Project), Janis Chang, Kaleo Gagne (Chair, Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7), Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, Albert Roger Jensen, Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

ROLL CALL – There were **nine (9)** members present at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMMUNITY LIAISON:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – No representative present or report provided.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD):

District 7, East Honolulu: Sgt. Erik Egami circulated the monthly statistics report which includes a summary of crimes, Halloween Safety Tips, and District 7 contact information.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. **Hiiwai Street and University Avenue** – Due to cars not stopping it was requested to have HPD monitor the intersection.
2. **Homeless Camping at Judd Park** – a) Judd Park, as well as the library and promenade areas are being monitored. b) Follow-up will be done regarding complaints of night camping at this park from 8:00 p.m.
3. **Community Garden at the end of University Avenue** – It was reported that the area has a lot of trash and that the fence has been opened. The owner of this property is willing to prosecute trespassers. Regarding the trash, if the items are not claimed there is no proof of ownership. HPD is not equipped to haul away trash. It was suggested to coordinate with the City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to clean the lot.
4. **Speeding at the Intersections of S. King and Beretania Street/Isenberg Street and S. Beretania Street** – Officers routinely drive through this area and speeders are pulled over and cited. The Solo Bikes assists the Traffic Division issuing pedestrian action citations.



5. Fireworks Ban Enforcement by HPD – Chair Lockwood said that this issue would be discussed at the Board's January or February meeting.
6. Clean-Up – The Community Policing Team and HPD was thanked for assisting with the clean-up.

District 1, Honolulu – Sgt. Cullen Kau reported the following:

- Beat 178 September 2010 Statistics Compared to August 2010: Included 4/2 assaults, 0/4 burglaries, 1/1 DUI (drinking under the influence), 4/0 drug offense, 3/0 family offense, 1/0 graffiti, 19/19 MVC (motor vehicle collisions), 1/2 motor vehicle thefts, 2/3 property damages, 0/0 robberies, 1/1 sex assault, and 10/8 UEMV (unauthorized entry into motor vehicle). Burglaries are down; drug offenses and family offenses are up.

No questions followed for District 1.

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

- Joint Manoa and McCully-Mo'ili'ili Neighborhood Board Presentation – UH Manoa will follow-up on the Rail Terminus & Connectivity, Drainage Plan for UH Manoa, and Plan Review Use and Long Range Development Plan at the next Board meeting.
- Homecoming Week – UH Manoa celebrates Homecoming Week on Friday, October 29, 2010, Bachman Hall Lawn from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. By request, the speakers at this event will be turned towards the campus.
- Kava Festival – Sponsored by Tropical Plant and Soil Sciences, the Kava Fest 2010 will take place on Saturday, October 9, 2010, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Manoa Camps, McCarthy near Snyder Hall.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Electronic Signage – UH Manoa is working with Kamehameha Schools to relocate the electronic sign further down and on the other side of Dole Street.
2. Traffic and Planning – This paving reconstruction project will be starting in the next week or week and a half and completed March 2011.
3. University Avenue to Varsity Place Makai Bound Left Turn Pull Out Lane – A request to lengthen this pull out lane was forwarded to Councilmember Kobayashi and the State Department of Transportation (DOT).
4. Law School Pedestrian Crossing – This crosswalk can be controlled by pedestrians.

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

Mayor's Representative – A representative was not present; no report provided.

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 – No water main breaks reported for the months of August and September 2011.
- Safety and Security at BWS Properties and Facilities – The BWS has been proactive in its efforts to protect the safety of our water supply. However, having the community as a partner to help keep an eye on its various properties, especially the remote ones, is something that is very important. Everyone is reminded that should you see anything that looks out of the ordinary or suspicious occurring at one of BWS sites, the first call should be **911** to the Honolulu Police Department. BWS appreciates calls from the general public alerting them of incidents, but calling law enforcement first allows them to respond faster to the situation, rather than relying on second hand information.
- Water Conservation Tips – a) Collect rainwater for outdoor irrigation. A thousand square feet of roof or sloped surface can collect 420 gallons of water from just an inch of rain. Visit www.boardofwatersupply.com for more information on rain barrel water catchment. b) Don't let water run. Be mindful in turning off the shower when lathering or shutting off the faucet when shaving or brushing your teeth. Doing this can save up to 56 gallons a week.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Low-flow Toilets – In order to receive the rebate from the purchase of the new low-flow toilet, all plumbing codes must be met. Deadline for rebates is December 31, 2010.

6:55 p.m. Kyi-Yim arrived; **10 members present.**

2. Ala Wai Park – There are no BWS projects at Ala Wai Park.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

Isenberg Street Repairs – The City was thanked for the street repairs. It was asked if any traffic calming devices would be installed on Isenberg Street or University Avenue.

Waiola and Hauoli Streets Parking – Rocks are being used to save on street parking. A yellow truck sticking out onto the roadway was reported and will be forwarded to HPD.

Bus Stop on McCully Street and the Bridge – It was requested to remove this bus stop which is used only by the homeless.

Honolulu Rail Transit Project – Pat Lee reported the following:

- On November 2, voters will have the opportunity to decide on a ballot initiative that would establish a semi-autonomous public transit authority to create a more efficient system for building, operating, and maintain the city's Honolulu rail transit project. The ballot question is worded as follows: "Shall the revised City Charter be amended to create a semi-autonomous public transit authority responsible for the planning, construction, operation, maintenance, and expansion of the City's fixed guideway mass transit system?"
- The purpose for the amendment is to create a single entity which would have a singular focus: the success of the rail project. Under the current format, the city Department of Transportation Services (DTS) oversees the rail project in addition to new and existing roadways, traffic signals, parking facilities, the bus operations and many other responsibilities. Likewise, both the Mayor and city council deal with multiple issues. A transit authority with a single purpose would be able to make a decision more expeditiously, and it focuses on one area of responsibility. Honolulu's transit authority would include an appointed board of directors. The board would consist of three appointees selected by the Mayor, three appointees selected by the Honolulu City Council, two ex-officio voting members (the state director of transportation and the city's director of transportation services); one ex-officio non-voting member (the director of the department of planning and permitting); and a tenth member appointed by a majority vote by the six appointed and two ex-officio voting members.
- Voters will be asked to approve the formation of a transit authority to oversee the rail project on the General Election ballot, and everyone is urged to participate in this important decision.
 - Davis Ellsberg 1st Amendment Conference – The conference will take place on Saturday, November 13, 2010, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom #3. Admission is \$5.00; deadline to RSVP is November 1, 2010.
 - Potholes on Mahiai Street – Board member Larson announced that she is moving out of the Board's area and asked Board members to continue following up on this issue.
 - Safety Sign Waving Date-Laa – Everyone is invited to join in the sign waving to slow speeders down on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 from 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. near Iolani School.
 - Charter Amendments – The public was encouraged to vote on the charter amendments.
 - Kamoku Street Parking – A lack of on street parking was reported on Kamoku Street due to parents waiting for their children to get out of class and not parking in the school's parking lot.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi – Councilmember Ann Kobayashi reported the following:

- Fireworks Bill – The fireworks bill passed City Council and takes effect on January 2, 2011 banning all fireworks. Until the effective date a permit is required to purchase 5,000 firecrackers. However, exemptions were made for religious ceremonies, lion dance people; permits are required. Sparklers have also been banned.

- Bill 39, Regulation of Sidewalks – Next Wednesday, this bill will go before the full Council. The pedestrian safe zone would be from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and take effect 60 days after passage.
- Housing – The Office of Housing will be put on the general election ballot asking for votes; if passes housing will be a priority.
- Annual Community Clean-Up – Recycling Community Clean-up and Fundraiser for Kaimuki High School, Mo'ili'ili Community Center, Kapahulu Center will take place at Kaimuki High School (2705 Kaimuki Avenue) on Saturday, October 16, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please bring canned goods to support the Hawaii Food Bank.
- Dart/RISR # 384921, Manoa-Palolo Stream overgrown – The stream is still being cleaned.
- Dart/RISR # 384587, Street Sweeper – The Councilmember spoke with a supervisor and forwarded the photographs.
- Update on Rules and Regulations on bulky Item Rules – No report at this time.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Recycled Tires – It was asked why tires are not recycled and used for cover fill. There is a charge for tire pick-up. It is hopeful that the City would purchase a grinder for recycled tires.
2. Road Repairs and Traffic Calming Devices – Funding was previously an issue for requests to install traffic calming devices in certain areas in the community. Councilmember Kobayashi said that sometimes neighbors disagree regarding commercial areas. More money should be allocated to HPD to increase speeding enforcement.
3. Pedestrian Safety – It was asked if public service announcements could be made to educate the public on pedestrian safety (street crossing, modified signals, etc.).
4. Illegal Dumping Cameras – The cameras would be set up at different and it is hopeful that it will help to catch graffiti vandals, illegal dumping, etc.
5. Humane Society Lease – The matter will go before the City Council next week.
6. Ala Wai Park Use – Repairs should be to Beachwalk Force Main will be completed in 2012. Land swaps negotiations for the Bowl – o – Drome property continues.

Written reports were provided by Representatives Issac Choy (present earlier in the meeting), Scott Nishimoto, Scott Saiki, and Senators Carol Fukunaga, and Brian Taniguchi (present earlier in the meeting).

FILLING OF VACANCIES (4) – Milton Ragsdale, Albert Roger Jensen, and Eric Marshall offered to fill three vacancies. Each gave a short speech about their interests in the community. The Neighborhood Assistant verified their addresses. **Kyi-Yim moved seconded by Takamura appointing Albert Roger Jensen to fill a vacancy. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 10-0-0 (AYE: Carlos, Cuadra, Kato, Kondratovich, Kyi-Yim, Larson, Lockwood, Tabor, Takamura, Tomyl).**

Kyi-Yim moved, seconded by Cuadra appointing Eric Marshall to fill a vacancy. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-1 (AYE: Carlos, Cuadra, Kondratovich, Kyi-Yim, Larson, Lockwood, Tabor, Takamura, Tomyl; ABSTAIN: Kato).

Kato moved seconded by Carlos appointing Milton Ragsdale to fill a vacancy. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 10-0-0 (AYE: Carlos, Cuadra, Kato, Kondratovich, Kyi-Yim, Larson, Lockwood, Tabor, Takamura, Tomyl).

7:50 p.m. Recess was called to administer the oath of office; 7:55 p.m. The meeting reconvened.

PRESENTATION: None.

HOUSEKEEPING:

1. McCully – Mo'ili'ili Public Library: Homeless Camp on Sidewalk – Reported earlier in the meeting.

2. Mo'ili'ili in the News:

- T.A.G./Project Clean-Up Recap – Bus stops were cleaned from Crane Park to McCully and Pensacola Street. Graffiti, comfort stations, tables, etc. were also cleaned. HPD plans to participate in different community projects next year. Over 640 volunteer participated.
 - Drunken Teens on the Roof (September 26, 2010) – Three teens robbed the 7-Eleven Store in ZMo1iii1ili. Four teen were found hours later on a roof on the 1800 block of s. Beretania and unable to get down. Fire Department responded and teens face charges of theft, criminal trespass, and public intoxication.
3. Pride in Mo'ili'ili Street Clean – Up No. 9: Scheduled for Saturday, November 6, 2010 from 8 – 11:30 a.m. at Hauoli Street. Volunteers are to meet at Lunalilo Elementary School parking lot on the Hauoli Street side.
4. Bulky Item Pick- Up is the 3rd Monday of each month (18 October) – 158 sites identified this month.
5. Citizens Patrols – The patrol has been checking cars with expired tags, safety checks, etc.; burned out street lights, and is active in the area.
6. Neighborhood Commission Meeting of September 27, 2010 – Has a newly appointed acting NCO Executive Secretary. Letter of support for NA staff will be considered in the future.
7. Beachwalk Force Main Project Update – The project should commence next month and completed by December 2012.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bulky Items – A monthly letter to the City Department of Environmental Services (ENV) by email. The next pick-up is **Monday, 18, October, 2010**

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Recess – **Hearing no objection, the McCully – Mo'ili'ili Neighborhood Board No. 8 will recess on January 6, 2011.**

Risr # 384921 (stream cleaning) – Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Risr #384587 (street sweeper) – Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Safety Resolution (Safe Routes to School) – **Kato moved, seconded by Cuadra in support of the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) to apply for Safe Routes to School funds for curb cuts for McCully – Mo'ili'ili public schools at 33 intersections and 97 curb cuts.**

Discussion followed: A history of the program was relayed about yearly school evacuation drills with no curb cuts for children with special needs. It was noted that state funding is available and the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) should apply for a grant through the State Department of Transportation (DOT).

The motion in support of the Department of Transportation Services to apply for Safe Routes to School funds for curb cuts for McCully-Mo'ili'ili public schools at 33 intersections and 97 curb cuts was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 13-0-0 (AYE: Carlos, Cuadra, Kato, Kondratovich, Kyi-Yim, Larson, Lockwood, Tabor, Takamura, Tomyl Jensen, Marshall, Ragsdale). See attachment 1 following adjournment.

Resolution in Support of Bill 39, Sidewalks – **Carlos moved, seconded by Ragsdale in support of Bill 39, relating to the regulation of sidewalks.**

Discussion followed: 1) The CD1 added times from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. The reason is not to move the homeless around, but to get off the sidewalk and find a place for them to go. 2) It is a matter of enforcement. 3) Safety concerns were expressed stating that shelters must be found for the homeless. 4) The resolution doesn't solve the problem.

Hearing no objection, the meeting was extended 10 minutes.

The motion FAILED to be ADOPTED, 2-7-4 (AYE: Kato, Lockwood; NO: Carlos, Kondratovich, Larson, Tabor, Tomy, Ragsdale, Jensen, ABSTAIN: Cuadra, Kyi-Yim, Takamura, Marshall).

City Budget, Projects in McCully & Mo'ili'ili:

- Ordinance 10 –12 Project 1997502, Rehabilitation of Streets:
- Ordinance 10 – 12 Project 200011,7 Storm Drain Improvements (Hauoli Ditch):
- Ordinance 10 – 12 Project 2006053, Mo'ili'ili – Kapahulu Sewer
- Ordinance 10 – 12 Project 1974104, Ala Wai Community Park
- Ordinance 10 – 11 APEC

Candidate Forum – Due to the shortness of time, the Board decided not to have a candidate forum.

APPROVAL OF 5 AUGUST AND 1 SEPTEMBER REGULAR MEETINGS: Deferred.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Larson reported expenditures in the Operating Account were \$48.75, leaving a balance of \$4,570.56.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND NEXT MEETINGS: Deferred.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, November 4, 2010 at Washington Middle School Cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Submitted by: Nola J. Frank
Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Ron Lockwood
Chair

Attachment 1:

Resolution Supporting the Department of Transportation Services to Apply for Safe Routes to School Funds for Curb Cuts for McCully * Mo'ili'ili Public Schools at 33 Intersections and 97 Curb Cuts:

WHEREAS, members of the McCully – Mo'ili'ili Neighborhood Board No. 8 have completed two (2) walk/study of our community; and in this two (2) year project curb cuts were missing at 97 sidewalks in 33 intersections leading directly to neighborhood public elementary and middle schools; and

WHEREAS, these missing curb cuts provide a danger in the event of evacuation of these schools to students with disabilities, as seen in two (2) years of monitoring school evacuation drills; even though public sidewalks must accommodate pedestrians of all abilities; and

WHEREAS, funding through the State of Hawaii, Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program are available; and

WHEREAS, funding of these Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects has to be prepaid and projects completed before the State Department of Transportation will reimburse; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City & County, Department of Transportation Services (DTS) partner with the state Department of Transportation (DOT) to utilize Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funds to immediately begin a curb cut program for the 33 intersections identified, and 97 curb cuts needed for our disabled students, and for the general public, according to standards found in the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the American Disabilities Act of 1990; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City & County of Honolulu provides the necessary funds for these curb cuts, provide the necessary paperwork and documentation to the state Department of Transportation, and have the state reimburse the City & County of Honolulu for this work via Safe Route to School funding; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, copies of this Resolution be provided to mayor Carlisle, the Managing Director, Councilmember Kobayashi, Director, state Department of Transportation, Director. City Department of Transportation Services, Senator Taniguchi, and Representatives Choy, Saiki, Nishimoto.