



WAIKIKI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 9

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2010 WAIKIKI COMMUNITY CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Robert Finley called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with a **quorum of 12 members present**. Note – This 17-member Board requires nine (9) members for a quorum and to take official Board action. Chair Finley announced the Waikiki Neighborhood Board video records its meetings and will be aired on Olelo Channel 54, Friday nights at 9:00 p.m. If residents do not want to be seen on the recording, it is suggested to contact the public official or a Board member directly.

Members Present – Leslie Among, Jeff Apaka, Helen Carroll, Francine Dudoit-Tagupa, Louis Erteschik, Robert Finley, Jeffrey Merz, Richard Personius, Michael Peters, Jim Poole, Mary Simpson, and Mark Smith

Members Absent – Jo-Ann Adams, Walt Flood, Rachel Simmons, Christopher Rector, and Charles Torigoe.

Vacancy: None.

Guests – Candace Van Buren (Representative Scott Nishimoto's Office staff), Seiko Chow, C. Francis Chun (Royal Order of Kamehameha), Norman Duncan, Dominic Dias (Board of Water Supply), Linnie Pascual (Councilmember Lee Donohue's Office staff); Lt. Mike Serrao and Sgt. John Haina (Honolulu Police Department); Corey Dillman, Capt. Corey Apo (Honolulu Fire Department), Michael Daly, Stanley Chang, Rep. Tom Brower, Bill Berg, Councilmember Lee Donohue and Bill Oku (Councilmember Donohue's Office staff), Mark Pisciongri, Dave Amodo (Videographer), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Announcements – Chair Finley announced the following:

- **Notice of Absence** – Notice of absence was received by Rachel Simmons and Jo-Ann Adams.
- **Final Meeting for 2010** – This is the final meeting for 2010. The Neighborhood Plan requires the Board to meet nine (9) times in a term.
- **State and City Elected Officials** – Chair Finley recognized Governor-Elect Neil Abercrombie, Senator Daniel Inouye, Representative Colleen Hanabusa, Council-elect Stanley Chang, State Representatives Tom Brower and Scott Nishimoto; and a big mahalo to Lt. Governor Duke Aiona, Congressman Charles Djou, Tom White, and Rich Turbin for giving voters a choice.
- **Board of Water Supply Representative** – Kurt Tsue will be the Board's BWS representative. Moani Van Alst has moved over to Hawaii Medical Service Association.
- **Governor's Representative** – With the new State Administration, Marsh Weinert will no longer be the Governor's representative for the Board.
- **Mayor's Representative** – The new Mayor's Representative is Lori Nishimura, who replaced Keith Rollman, was recognized for the wonderful job keeping the Board informed.
- **Olelo Broadcast Time** – Board meetings will now be shown on Olelo Channel 49 once a month at 9:00 p.m. on the third Monday of the month; and on Olelo Channel 54 twice a month at 9:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Friday. Videographer Dave Amodo made some adjustments for television viewers.

Without objections, the agenda was taken out of order to hear the report from Senator Brickwood Galuteria and was recognized as the new Majority Leader of the Senate.

State Senator Brickwood Galuteria – Senator Galuteria provided members with a report and highlighted the following:

- **Reorganization of the Senate** – Recently appointed as new Major Leader of the State Senate, with 24 democrats and one republican. The President is Shan Tsutsui from Maui and Vice President is Donna Mercado Kim, and Ways & Means David Ige. Refer to report for a complete roster of the Senate Leadership and Committee Chairs. For certain subject matters, please feel free to address to appropriate Senator; or contact Senator Galuteria's office at 586-6740.



- Homeless Program – Senator Galuteria will be working on a Seattle, Washington's model for public/private partnership to implement in Hawaii. Also, will be focusing on creating collaborative solutions plan studied by Harvard scholars and professors.
- Legislative Urban Caucus Meeting – members were invited to the November Legislative Urban Caucus meeting and discussed and drafted a legislative preliminary plan to present as a homeless package. An update will be provided in January, 2011.

The agenda resumed.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Capt. Corey Apo reported the following:

- Monthly Statistics – Included 6 buildings, 1 wildland, 1 rubbish, and 12 vehicles fires. There were 157 medical emergencies, 1 search and rescue, and 25 miscellaneous calls. No major or unusual incidents were reported. It was very busy during Halloween; thanked HPD for their assistance with traffic and crowd control during the emergencies.
- Fire Safety Tips for the Holidays – Consider a fire-resistant artificial Christmas tree. If purchasing a real tree, choose one as fresh as possible and keep it hydrated and away from heat sources. Use noncombustible materials for decorations. Choose only Underwriter's Laboratory-approved electrical decorations and follow the manufacturer's instructions; and do not overload extension cords. Also exercise safe-cooking when preparing food by not leaving cooking unattended or wearing long sleeve clothing while cooking. The National Fire Protection Association discourages the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that immerse the poultry in hot oil. Turkey fryers can be very dangerous. If hosting overnight guests, be sure to share the home escape plan with them.
- Two Sirens Respond to Every Call – The firemen who responded and assisted with a medical emergency call on Lemon Road was applauded; handling a 200-pound plus individual down from the second floor apartment building. Apo stated that there are about 15 to 17 ambulances covering the entire island. Apo added that there are about 15 to 17 ambulance units that cover the entire island. There are 43 fire stations house fire truck unit(s); therefore, a 90 percent change arriving first on the scene.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. Mike Serrao reported the following:

- Crime Statistics for October – Included 32 citations for loud mufflers, 9 loud noise citations; 47 citations and 10 arrests for liquor violations; 16 citations for skateboarding violations; 17 citations and 50 warnings for jay walking; 13 citations and 28 warnings for bikes on sidewalks; 990 parking violations; and 296 citations for using electronic devices while driving a vehicle.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Halloween Night – The event was crazy as mayhem. The crime reduction unit made seven (7) arrests that evening.
2. Motorcycle on Ena Road Area – Loud motorcycle circling the block Friday and Saturday between 10 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.; may be coming out of the Canterbury or the motorcycle shop near by.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Dominic Dias reported no main breaks reported and no water main construction projects in Waikiki.

- Halawa Xeriscape Garden – Saturday, November 27, 2010 will be Xeriscape Holiday Wreath workshop. Rain barrel catchment workshops coming in February and May 2011; in addition to classes on composting, organic pest control. The workshops focus of innovative means of conserving water through efficient landscaping. For more information visit BWS website at www.boardofwatersupply.com.
- Water Meter Maintenance – BWS is responsible for the maintenance of water meters. Meter box must be kept clear of grass and debris for easy access by BWS crews. If notice a water leak in the water meter or need to shut off water service for any reason, contact BWS at 748-5000. More information about water meter maintenance may be found in the rules and regulations section of the BWS website.

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN ACTION SECTION 2-14-106 (D) BOARD ACTION TO CONSIDER REMOVAL OF A MEMBER AFTER MISSING THREE MEETINGS: Chair Finley stated that Sub District 3, Board member Rector did not respond to phone calls, emails, or letters. **Among moved and Smith seconded that the Sub district 3**

seat held by Christopher Rector be declared vacant. By a show of hands, the motion was ADOPTED, 12-0-0 (AYES: Among, Apaka, Carroll, Dudoit-Tagupa, Erteschik, Finley, Merz, Personius, Peters, Poole, Simpson, and Smith; NO: None; ABSTENTION: None). The Sub district 3 vacancy will be announced on the January 2011 agenda.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Waikiki Community Center (WCC) – Apaka reported the following:

- Annual Fundraiser – The WCC is moving its annual fundraiser from the Ala Wai Canal to the Hilton Hawaiian Village's (HHV) Duke Kahanamoku Beach and Lagoon. The fundraiser will be on Sunday, January 23, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. and will be celebrating 33 years of service to residents in Waikiki. HHV asked that the annual fundraiser be held at that location from now on. Apaka requested the Board write a letter of support to the State's Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).
- Annual Ala Wai Challenge Cancelled – Due to sewer line construction, the 26 Annual Ala Wai Challenge was cancelled this year and for the next two years.

By a show of hands, there was no objection to adding the requested letter of Board's support to DLNR on the agenda. **Apaka moved and Among seconded to add to the agenda, " A Board Letter Supporting WCC's Annual Fundraiser Event at the HHV Duke Kahanamoku Beach and Lagoon on Sunday, January 23, 2011. The motion was ADOPTED, 12-0-0 (AYES: Among, Apaka, Carroll, Dudoit-Tagupa, Erteschik, Finley, Merz, Personius, Peters, Poole, Simpson, and Smith; NO: None; ABSTENTION: None).** A discussion followed. Apaka noted that there may be problems dealing with DLNR and hoped for a positive event when planning on DLNR water and land. Also, during the event, beaches will be kept clean, no commercialization on the beach; and items for sale such as event t-shirts, food, crafts, etc. will be done on HHV property. **Merz moved and Erteschik seconded that the Board write a letter supporting WCC's annual fundraiser event at the HHV Duke Kahanamoku Beach and Lagoon on Sunday, January 23, 2011. The motion was ADOPTED, 12-0-0 (AYES: Among, Apaka, Carroll, Dudoit-Tagupa, Erteschik, Finley, Merz, Personius, Peters, Poole, Simpson, and Smith; NO: None; ABSTENTION: None).** Chair Finley will write the letter to DLNR.

King Kalakaua Birthday Celebration – There will be a celebration honoring King David Kalakaua's birthday on Sunday, November 14, 2010 at Kawaiahao Church at 8:00 a.m.

Street Artist on Kalakaua Avenue – A street artist addressed the streetscape design planned for Kalakaua Avenue and is concerned with the property owners wanting to put their own pavement and own tiles all the way up to the landscaping project; and thereby removing the "public forum" area for street performers. Also, seek Board's support to either stop the Kalakaua landscape sidewalk project, to have a public hearing, and stop further expenditure on the project. This concern was noted by the Mayor's Representative. This item was requested to be considered as an agenda item.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS:

Councilmember-Elect Stanley Chang – Introduced himself as the new Councilmember replacing Councilmember Lee Donohue and will officially be taking office on Monday, January 3, 2011. Concerns may be forwarded to his email address at Stanley@votestanleychang.com or by calling his cell phone at (808) 778-5783.

Mayor's Representative – Lori Nishimura announced that she has replaced Keith Rollman as the Mayor's representative and may be contacted at lnishimura@honolulu.gov. and highlighted the following:

- Hobron Lane Ponding – A description of the closest address or a cross street is needed to identify and address with the ponding concern by the City's Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM).
- Storm Drains – Again a description of the closest address or a cross street is also needed to identify and address the ponding concern.
- Obscured Traffic Signals – The City's Department of Transportation Services (DTS) is currently doing a complete survey of the area and will be update when a report becomes available.
- Massive Tree –The massive tree at Kaiulani and Kuhio Avenue is currently being looked at. Nishimura will check on this matter.

- Trees Removed on Kalakaua Avenue – The City’s Department of Urban Forestry (DUF) obtained a Special District permit for the removal of coconut palms on Kalakaua Avenue and filled the tree wells with concrete. The tree wells are located in the middle of the sidewalk and have been posing problems for pedestrians. A design and construction capital improvement project is underway for Kalakaua Avenue and new coconut palms and other plantings will be installed, replacing the removed coconut palms.
- Empty Parking Lot – The City is not aware of any future plans for the parcel across from 2140 Kuhio Avenue and the corner of 403 Kaioo Place and Kuhio Avenue. There were no current applications filed with the department for either location.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Signage on Nohonani Street – There was concern that the “student room for rent” bill board on a two or three story building on Nohonani Street may be in violation and requested the City look into this matter.
2. Sidewalk Improvement Project – A point was raised by the street performers that part of the planning of the sidewalk improvements was a substitute to eliminate the street performers. The Board also had concerns that they were not consulted during the process of the Kalakaua Avenue sidewalk improvement project; and that a project of that magnitude would have instituted a public hearing; and that the Board would be interested to know the consequences intended or not. With the new administration, Erteschik recommended that there be further dialogue before the project moves further; especially when involving different segments of the community. Nishimura will refer this matter to the appropriate City departments to respond.

Merz reviewed the proposed plan with the City and submitted a formal letter with comments on behalf of the Board supporting the sidewalk improvement project. Although agreed that a better process should be in place in the future; but did what could with the time constraints involved. Poole also expressed the need for the City departments to inform the Board of City projects occurring in Waikiki. Nishimura will also take this matter back to the Mayor.

At this time, Nishimura reminded residents of the sidewalk bill recently signed into law by Mayor Carlisle.

- Bill 39 Sidewalk Bill – On Thursday, October 29, 2010 Mayor Carlisle signed into law Bill 39 established pedestrian free zones for use of sidewalks between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. For Waikiki, the boundaries are from the Ala Wai to the shore line to Leahi Avenue. There is an eight-foot boundary from a private property line, be free of obstructions for pedestrians; and also no storing of personal property. Violations can result in a \$50.00 maximum fine and impound of personal property. The bill takes effect 60 days after signing; which is Wednesday, December 27, 2010. Nishimura explained that the new sidewalk bill does not apply to the street performers.
- Implementation Plan – The City is working on an implementation plan and currently in discussion. Signs to be placed in areas where there is the highest amount of complaints. Police will issue warnings also.

Councilmember Lee Donohue – Councilmember Donohue provided his report and highlighted the following:

- Fireworks Ban – The fireworks ban takes into effect January 2, 2011.
- Council Appointments – Confirmed by City Council was David Tanoue, Director of Planning and Permitting; Timothy Steinberger, Director Environmental Services
- Leaf Blower Bill – The leaf blower bill is on the agenda of the Committee on Public Safety and Services for Friday, November 12, 2010.
- Sidewalk Bill – Councilmember Donohue voted against the bill. Signs and markings were estimated at \$240,000 and need to be completed before police can enforce. Councilmember Donohue noted the frustration for the police officers is when responding to complaints without the proper signs and markings. Also, it may be two years before the law becomes enforceable.
- Comments – There were concerns about the reasons the sidewalk bill came up; that the bill should have been addressed after the settling of the new administration/council members, rather than during the transition. Also, that the bill did not originate from Waikiki.

Chair Finley thanked Councilmember Donohue for his service to Waikiki.

Governor’s Representative – Marsha Wienhert provided members with a report and highlighted the following:

- International Arrivals Corridor – Located on the third level of the Ewa Concourse is a new secure route to the Federal Inspections Services are for arriving international passengers who deplane at Gates 26 through 34; eliminate the need for Wiki-Wiki shuttle bus.
- Automated Phone Directory – The State launched an automated telephone directory system that will make it easier for callers to reach a State or County office. The State telephone directory phone number is 586-2211 on Oahu, or toll-free on the neighbor islands at 974-4000, extension 62211#. Contact information for State and county offices is also listed on the State's website at www.hawaii.gov.
- Visitor Spending in September 2010 – Visitor arrivals continue to increase. In September, visitor expenditures increased 13 percent compared to last year. For the first three quarters of 2010, total visitor days for all visitors grew nearly eight (8) percent compared to year-to-date 2009, and total arrivals rose seven (7) percent to 5,298,830 visitors. It is still expected to be a gradual recovery through year 2011 and 2012.

Chair Finley extended appreciation to Weinert's dedication and service to the Board.

State Representative Tom Brower – Representative Brower reported that for the upcoming legislative session there are many returning issues; will be looking into releasing funding to provide more opportunities for electric vehicles; and legislation addressing the noise issue concern of Waikiki residents.

State Representative Scott Nishimoto – Candace Van Buren provided members with a report and highlighted the following:

- 7th Annual Community Cleanup – The "7th Annual Community Clean Up" held Saturday, October 16, 2010 at the Kaimuki High School parking lot was a success.
- Upcoming Legislative Session – Residents were encouraged to submit ideas or proposals for potential legislation for the 2011 session.

Waikiki Improvement Association – There will be a Waikiki Special District briefing on Tuesday, November 30, 2010, 5:00 p.m., 7th floor of the Waikiki Trade Center. Board members were encouraged to attend.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 14 AND OCTOBER 12, 2010 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: By unanimous consent, the Board ADOPTED approval of both September 14 and October 12, 2010 regular meeting minutes as corrected, 12-0-0 (AYES: Among, Apaka, Carroll, Dudoit-Tagupa, Erteschik, Finley, Merz, Personius, Peters, Poole, Simpson, and Smith; NO: None; ABSTENTION: None).

- Under Guests of the September 14, 2010 minutes, the correct name should read "**C. Francis Chun**".

BOARD BUSINESS:

Transit System Update – A representative or report was not available.

Electric Vehicle/Power Stations – Mark Piscioneri represents "Wheego Electric Cars", an American company manufacturing electric cars in California. Technology of electric cars and what are needed to support it was presented. There is opportunity for Hawaii to become the national leader of electric cars. An electric car was available for residents to check out.

- Backgrounds of Cars in Hawaii – There are about a million registered vehicles in the State of Hawaii. Every year the average number of cars sold is about 55,000; last year with the recession is about 35,000 cars sold. Of the million cars, there are only 200 electric cars registered. Most are not highway capable, traveling from 20 to 25 miles per hour.
- Make Sense in Hawaii – Drivers travel short distances, good weather year round; abundance of alternative energy sources to create electricity to fuel for the cars – Wind, solar, geothermal. Hawaii has the highest cost of petroleum.
- Electric Cars – Is good for the environment; 90% efficiency system; create educational awareness for the rest of society. No emission of hydrocarbons and no loud noise, like the gas leaf blowers.
- Gas/Electric Comparison – The economy will be affected when the use of gasoline is reduced. Current use is 7.6 barrels of oil per person per year or \$1,200 per person in Hawaii; and for a family of four their share of the gasoline economy is \$4,800 a year. To run an electric car, it is about the equivalent of running a washer/dryer doing two loads a day; or about \$600 per year. The difference in what it cost for

electricity for an electric car and what is paid now for gasoline is about \$2 to \$3,000 per year back in the pockets of every family in Hawaii – The middle class tax cut.

- Technology of Electric Cars – Simple technology with batteries and electric motors similar to what runs the air conditioning system in a big building.
- Availability of Electric Cars – In January 2011, Nissan will be selling the new “Leaf” electric cars; there are 250 electric cars earmarked for Hawaii. Later next year, other car distributors will offer electric cars. On Wednesday, November 10, 2010 from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. is a free luncheon at the Green Energy Outlet in Kaka’ako at 575 Cooke Street. The phone number is 591-1900.
- Infrastructure for Recharge – There is a need to get battery charging opportunities for public electric cars. Government officials were given \$4 million in stimulus funds a year half ago to put in an electric car charging infrastructure. So far there are no plans for an electric car charging network in Hawaii. The green energy outlet in Cooke Street in Kaka’ako is the only electric car charging station.
- Create Jobs – The electric charger owned by a private businessman who runs it on solar power. Put solar panels on the roof and sell the power to the drivers at a profit. The profit help pays for the solar panels and improves their business. The \$5 for charging is equivalent to \$25 worth of gasoline; and if the \$20 is used in local stores, restaurants, etc. Each business becomes a “gas station” and gets money for recharging cars. This will create a renewable energy economy.

With the new State Administration, Piscioneri requested the Board support releasing of the stimulus funds for an electric car charging infrastructure in Hawaii. Also, that Waikiki be the first resort city to take the lead in electric cars. The Federal Department of Energy in the last two weeks released a matching grant of \$1.1 million, earmarked for Hawaii for two charging stations in Waikiki.

- Events of Electric Cars – In 1997, during Governor Cayetano, in government-owned garages, there was free parking/meters, special license plates, and the ability to drive in high occupancy lane with one driver. Under Governor Linda Lingle, in 2009 a law was passed to set aside one percent of all parking spaces by the end of 2011 at all public parking facilities that are open to the public (not just publicly owned) for electric; also every parking facility over 100 spaces is suppose to have an electric car charger in place; and that the state will start to purchase electric vehicles based on fuel usage. In 2010, the State approved \$4, 500 rebate for electric cars that comes out the stimulus money. Also a law was passed called “the right to charge” or if you own an electric car and live in an apartment building or condominium and as long as you are willing to pay for a charging machine and have it installed by a licensed electrician an have it permitted, the building owner cannot prevent you from charging your electric car. No apartment building in the State is allowing anyone to charge. At the summit meeting, he City’s Department of Planning and Permitting stated that because it is a new technology, it is unsure how to permit or whether or not they will permit; need help with variances and permitting.
- Condominium Associations – There is opportunity for association to make money on electric car charges. Tax credits are also an incentive.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Federal/State Gas Tax Base – A concern was that amount of electric cars increase, what would happen to the federal and state tax base that is used when purchasing gasoline; which is the significant amount of federal and state taxes for roads and highways. The need for this type of tax base will lessen because the cost of everything else will decrease; such as health care.
2. Full Electric Charge – From full charge there is an average of 100 miles per charge for about \$7.00.
3. Tax Credit – The Federal government has a tax credit of \$7,500 per car. The State has a rebate of \$4,500 which comes out of the \$4 million stimulus money.
4. Support Technology – A comment was that Hawaii be less dependent on Saudi oil when going to electric vehicles.

REPORTS:

Treasurer’s Report – For October 2010, previous balance was \$3,806.38. Current expenses were \$68.02 for postage and printing of agenda and minutes; leaving a balance of \$3,738.36. The report was filed.

Sub District 1 Report – None.

Sub District 2 Report – None.

Sub District 3 Report – Previously reported.

Chair Report – Previously reported.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Recess in December 2010 – The Waikiki Neighborhood Board No. 9 will recess in December, 2010; wishing everyone a happy holiday.
- Next Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Waikiki Community Center.
- Olelo Broadcast Schedule – View this meeting on Olelo Channel 54 Friday nights at 9:00 p.m.
- View Online – View this meeting online at http://olelo.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8: 55 p.m.

Recorded By: K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant

Submitted By: Gloria Gaines, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed By: Robert Finley, Chair