



## WAIKIKI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 9

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2013 WAIKIKI COMMUNITY CENTER**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Robert Finley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **with a quorum of 13 members present.** Note: This 17-member Board requires nine (9) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

**Board Members Present:** Jo-Ann Adams, Jeff Apaka, Johand Cruse, John Dew (Departed at 8:42 p.m.), Louis Erteschik, Robert Finley, Walt Flood, William Lofquist, Jeffrey Merz, John Nigro, Jim Poole, Mary Simpson, Mark Smith, and Roy Wytttenbach (Arrived at 7:09 p.m.).

**Board Members Absent:** Helen Carroll and Michael Peters.

**Vacancies:** None. Chair Finley announced that Board member Liz Larson has resigned and is now a member of the Manoa No. 7 Neighborhood Board.

**Guests:** Yvette LaFontaine, Brenton Awa (KITV4), Chris Neves, Lynne Waters, James Lee, and Chuck Gee (University of Hawaii Presidential Selection Committee); Helen Sweatt (Royal Kuhio), Cory Dillman, Captain Alan Park (Honolulu Fire Department), Toni Robinson (Mayor's Representative/Director, Department of Parks and Recreation), Sue Radcliffe, C. Francis Chun (Royal Order), Richard Sparks, Victoria Scott, Roland Naauao, Donald Bach, Dominic Dias (Board of Water Supply), Liz Larson, Pat Winston (Hawaiian King), Lynn Fallin (Governor's Representative/Department of Health), Rick Egged (Waikiki Improvement Association), Tommie Suganuma (Senator Brickwood Galuteria's Office staff), Representative Tom Brower, Dawn Marie, Councilmember Stanley Chang and Michael Leong (Council member Stanley Chang's Office staff), Robert Rodman, Lieutenant Dien Shearer and Officer John Demello (Honolulu Police Department, District 6-Waikiki); David Jones (Video Recorder), and Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**Moment of Silence** – A moment of silence was observed in honor of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. Chair Finley announced that Board member Peters is unable to be in attendance tonight.

#### **CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** – HFD could not be in attendance tonight; a report was provided.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD)** – Lieutenant Dien Shearer circulated a report and highlighted the following:

- **August 2013 Compared with July 2013 Crime Statistics** – 9/11 robberies, 27/38 burglaries, 33/35 driving while under the influence (DUI); totaling 489/460 calls for service.

Questions, comments, concerns:

1. **Towing Activity** – Lofquist asked if towing has increased since the change over in the towing company. Shearer replied no, but 911 must be called if a car is blocking a driveway.
2. **DUI Statistics** – Flood asked and Shearer answered that both alcohol/drugs numbers are combined in the DUI statistics and not kept in the district statistics.

#### **7:09 p.m. Board member Roy Wytttenbach arrived; 14 members present**

3. **Blocking of Intersections** – Merz reported that blocking of intersections happens frequently. Shearer noted that citations are issued for blocking intersections.
4. **Loud Motorcycles** – Smith asked if citations are issued for loud motorcycle noise. Shearer noted that three (3) vehicles were cited for loud mufflers.



5. Parking of Motorcycles in One (1) Parking Space – A resident referenced from last month asked if multiple (4 or 5) motorcycles are allowed to park in one (1) parking stall. The resident noted that when 911 was called the responding officer watched and left; stating is this legal or not. Shearer will follow up.
6. Loud Exhausts – A resident reported motorcycles running their exhaust loudly after 10:00 p.m. when leaving an area between 2:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. The resident also asked if a car and motorcycle can share the same parking stall. Shearer noted if an officer is available the area could be monitored, but officers are not always available.
7. Electronic Mobile Devices – Chun asked and it was noted that 12 citations were issued for using a mobile device while driving, which also include persons on bicycles.

District 6, Waikiki Safety Tip – Officer John Demello announced that National Child Safety Week will be held from September 15-21, 2013. The Community Police Team will visit Jefferson Elementary School, Waikiki Elementary School, the Waikiki Health Center and La Pietra School.

**Without objections, the agenda was taken out of order to item VI.a University of Hawaii Presidential Selection committee.**

BOARD BUSINESS:

University of Hawaii Presidential Selection Committee – James Lee and Chuck Gee presented the following: The presidential selection committee is tasked with recommending a slate of candidates to the Board of Regents who will make the final decision. It should take approximately six (6) to nine (9) months for a successful search. Plans are to retain a professional search consultant within a month. Gee asked for show of hands of those in attendance having/had family graduated or currently attending/support the University of Hawaii (UH). About 25 people raised their hands. The committee is out in the community gathering input and thoughts on a leader and which direction to take the UH. The committee is here tonight to listen and share viewpoints.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Pay for Board of Regents – Nigro asked and Gee noted that the Board of Regents receives no pay. Nigro inquired if the search consultant would be paid and about how much. Gee replied yes, but could not note that it would be expensive. An international search is also being done.
2. Campus Residence – Flood asked if there are any guarantees that the new president would live on campus. Gee noted that the subject is part of the negotiated items. It is hopeful that the new president resides on campus.
3. Policy – Smith commented that he is not sure he agrees that the policy should extend world-wide, which has changed little from past policies. Smith recommended focusing on Hawaii's children without regard of cost. Gee responded that it is preferred if someone could be found who would work for a lower salary. However, a national search is very competitive. The search is difficult due to strong academic leadership being hard to find.
4. Bottom Line Concern – Adams expressed concern of the past presidents track records.
5. Candidates – Lofquist asked how many candidates have been spoken to thus far. Gee replied that the search started three (3) weeks ago and that the time frame is six (6) to nine (9) months.
6. Comment – Erteschik commented that he is not qualified to say who should or not be hired, but appreciates the committee coming to the Board meeting.
7. Strategic Plan – Cruse asked if there is any new framework available for citizens to review. Gee noted that it is the new president's task to continue with existing strategies or not over the next 10 years.
8. Input – Chair Finley recommended sending any input or questions to the committee.

**The agenda order resumed to item II C, Board of Water Supply.**

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Dominic Dias reported the following:

- Water Main Breaks – No water main breaks or construction activity in the month of August 2013. A list of work outside of the Waikiki boundary was highlighted.
- About the Board of Water Supply – In 1929, the BWS was established as a semi-autonomous agency of the City and County of Honolulu. As a semi-autonomous agency, the BWS is governed by a seven-member Board of Directors that approves the department's budget and water rates, and sets policy and overall direction of the BWS. BWS members consist of business and government professionals who ensure that

our funds collected from the water customers will be solely used for the benefit of the water supply system, Five (5) members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council, the other two (2) members serve in ex-officio capacity as the City's Director and Chief Engineer of the Department of Facility Maintenance and the State's Director of Department of Transportation. The BWS Board and semi-autonomous status also promotes greater efficiency in decision-making, encourages continuity of management, and fosters the establishment and monitoring of long range planning. The BWS manages Oahu's water resources and distribution system, which includes 2,100 miles of pipeline, 90 booster pump stations, 172 reservoirs, and 166,000 customers. This includes repairing and replacing aging infrastructure and installing and maintaining facilities critical to delivering water. The BWS Operating Revenues (funds collected from rate payers), lo-interest bonds, and State Revolving Funds loans; BWS does not receive any funds generated from City property taxes.

- Information – Visit [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com) for more information about Oahu's water history.

Questions, comments and concerns: Water Amounts – Dias reported that water supply has decreased over the last 10 years by about 20 million gallons.

#### RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

1. Ala Wai Canal Hole in Stairs – A resident report that after numerous requests, after last's month's Board meeting Carty Chang of the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) visited the site a week later and the hole was repaired. Governor's representative Fallin was thanked for her help in the matter.
2. Overflow of Beach Showers – Resident Rodman reiterated that this concern was reported at the May 2013 meeting. The overflow water is currently six (6) inches deep, filled with debris and yet to be repaired. History notes that the showers were built in 1998. This concern had been referred to the Mayor's representative. Rodman noted that the inside cover has dropped into the hole; and a cesspool is underneath.
3. Restroom Back of the HPD Substation – Rodman reported in July he raised the issue that the walls were painted gray/brown and requested that the showers be repainted back to the green color. The showers floors are not sloped towards the drains. Pools of water are about an inch and a half deep, stating that the showers were built incorrectly. Merz pointed out that if the showers were built incorrectly, that the City be contacted to have the contractor correct the situation. Wyttenbach added that the showers should be manned 24/7, but he was told there is no funding.
4. No Landscaping – Rodman reported no landscaping around the bus stop at Kuhio and Paoakalani Avenues and the bust stop at 2420 Kuhio Avenue due to no irrigation.

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS:

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Director Toni Robinson reported the following:

- Road Repairs – Rehabilitation of Streets, Unit 76, Kalakaua Avenue, ongoing planning and design.
- Sewers – (1) Palani Avenue Drainage Improvements (ongoing construction). (2) Beachwalk Wastewater Pumping Station (WWPS) Force Main temporary bypass line emergency repair awarded but not started. (3) Ala Wai Trunk Sewer Relief (SI-CS-16 portion) ongoing planning and design. (4) Fort DeRussy WWPS, Force Main and Sewer System alternatives, ongoing planning and design.
- Parks – (1) Kuhio Beach Pedestrian Promenade, ongoing design and planning. (2) Pumps have been replaced at the second comfort station. (3) Hedges, trees, and grass around the Kuhio Beach open area have been trimmed.
- Na Wahine Festival 2013 – The event will take place on Sunday September 15, 2013 at Kapiolani Park Bandstand starting at 6:30 a.m.
- Senior Expo – The event will take place September 27-29, 2019 at the Neil Blaisdell Center (NBC Exhibition Hall).
- Aloha Week Parade – The parade will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2013 with the City's Lei Queen Court.
- Smoking Ban at City Parks – The ban takes effect January 1, 2014.
- Follow Up:
  - Restroom Request – The City Administration has asked the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to research the cost to keep the comfort station open 24 hours.

- Kuhio Beach Showers – The outdoor shower has been unclogged, however, the problem will keep recurring until the new showers can be designed and showers re-located. The drainage pit area under the shower needs to be dug out, gravel removed and new gravel installed.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Cost to Maintain Showers – Rodman inquired as to the cost of maintaining the showers versus building new ones. Smith noted that the Waikiki Improvement Association (WIA) is a good resource to help find people to do the work. Smith suggested considering partnering with WIA and hire people who would work the night shift maintaining the showers. Chair Finley added that WIA operated from business taxes and working hard to find a solution.
2. Landscaped Kuhio Avenue Bus Stops – Follow up will be done regarding landscaped bus stops on Kuhio Avenue now consisting of only dirt and being irrigated.
3. Bus Stop at the Kaiulani Triangle – Follow up will be done regarding the magazine racks placed too close to the street. The back door of the buses unable to open to allow riders to get off the bus. The whole sidewalk area needs clearing.
4. Kuhio Beach Comfort Station – Rodman asked if a portable toilet could be provided when this comfort station with the water fall is closed down.
  - Raw Sewage – Dew reported raw sewage near the Ritz Carlton on Kuhio Avenue emitting foul odors from the pumping station. Dew stated that the contractor was paid \$38,000 by the City. A trailer covered with graffiti sits on the lot.
  - Lifeguards Stands – Erteschik mentioned there are no lifeguard stands in Waikiki. Robinson explained that lifeguards are provided for City and County beaches and will follow up.
  - Kuhio Beach Closed Restrooms Back of the Waterfall – Rodman reiterated that restroom portable potties are needed while this restroom is closed.
  - Restrooms near HPD Substation – A resident asked and follow up will be done when the restrooms would be re-opened. The resident inquired as to the cost to keep the restroom open 24 hours.
5. Marked Parking Stalls – Chair Finley asked why there are no marked parking stalls on Ala Wai Boulevard. Follow up will be done.
6. Aloha Drive Sewer Work – Wyttenbach asked and it was noted that although the work has been completed, the contractor has until the end of the year to renovate used properties on the mauka side and Ala Wai Place.
7. Concerns – Cruse asked if Board concerns are posted online. Chair Finley noted that the minutes and agendas are available online.
8. Kapiolani Park Events – A resident raised issue that during events 30 parking stalls were taken away from public use with the new design. Robinson explained that each remaining parking stall has been made wider, handicap stalls were added, leaving more room for the tree roots.
9. Homeless Problem – Smith stated that Mayor Caldwell has done so much in such little time with a great set of leaders dealing with the homeless in Waikiki.

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative – Lynn Fallin reported the following:

- Ala Wai Water Conditions for Public Use Follow Up – Carty Chang walked the area with Chair Finley. The DLNR is seeking public input. There is still a lot of work to do.
- Public Health Signage – The Department of Health (DOH) staff investigated and found eight (8) signs posted eight (8) years ago, with six (6) signs remaining. Six (6) signs are located along the makai side near the steps, two (2) near the canoe Halau and one (1) by the library. All signs will be replaced.
- Ala Wai Canal Water Conditions – Water is tested by the DOH for pollution. DOH focus is water quality at various beaches and detailed assessment will be done upon request. A source of drainage for Waikiki and the Mo`ili`ili areas the water is not flushed out well, containing contaminants. The DLNR is responsible to dredge the Ala Wai.
- Rats Along the Ala Wai Canal – A resident relayed that part of the rat problem is the type of trash cans used and the rats use as homes. It was suggested that the trash cans be changed.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Ala Wai Canal Water Quality – Dew asked and Fallin will do follow up if fish/crabs caught in the Ala Wai Canal are edible.

2. Trash Thrown into the Ala Wai Canal – Lofquist asked if there are any plans to solve this problem. Fallin noted that there has been years of discussion on this issue. The DLNR representative acknowledged the problem last month. Fallin was not sure if the Office of State Planning who takes care of the watersheds would address the trash problem.
3. Kaena Point Campers – Smith reported that he recently witnessed people camping at the protected area of Kaena Point. Follow up will be done with DLNR.
4. Ala Wai Canal Trash Trap Under the Ala Moana Bridge – Rodman reported a trash floater on the makai side of the bridge, with trash blown against the Waikiki wall. Rodman added that there is no way to remove the trash until high tide. Rodman stated that the trash will eventually end up in the harbor. It was added that lots of trash comes out of the storm drains; noting that the trash trap is the last defense until the rubbish goes into the recreational waters. Follow up will be done.
5. Thank You – Adams thanked the Governor and staff for calling a special session to discuss same sex marriage, and announcing it in a timely manner. Fallin replied that it is optimistic that the matter would be reviewed and passed.

Councilmember Stanley Chang – Councilmember Chang circulated a report and highlighted the following:

1. 2139 Kuhio Avenue Follow Up – The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) issued two (2) notices of violation on August 23, 2013.
2. Safety Bills – Copies Bill 58, relating to streets, sidewalks, malls and other public places, Bill 59, relating to addressing the parking of bicycles, and Bill 60, relating to publication of dispensing racks were circulated. First reading of Bill 58 will be heard tomorrow, September 11, 2013. Bill 60 is yet to be introduced.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Bill 58 – Chair Finley asked and it was reiterated that first reading is scheduled for tomorrow, September 11, 2013, 10:00 a.m. at the Council Chambers; official Council action at the October 2013 City Council meeting. Flood asked if there is an estimated time that this bill would be heard. Chang replied it depends on how many testifiers and the discussion.
2. Magazine Racks – Smith noted that the racks are operated by men who do things that are not always legal when HPD is not around. Many of the racks are abandoned and they are no need for anymore playgrounds for drug users.
3. Bills 58, 59, 60 – Merz noted that the bills are great, adding that the sidewalks are a mode of transportation in Waikiki.
4. Support for Bicycle Racks – Cruse support bicycle racks. Wyttenbach asked if the 50cc moped would be allowed to use the racks. Chair Finley noted clarification would be reported at the next meeting.
5. Homeless – Flood reported 38 people sleeping on the sidewalks at about 3:00 a.m.
6. Bicycle Comment – Wyttenbach pointed out that Waikiki is currently bicycle unfriendly and the bike racks are full. Wyttenbach noted that the Board had work for years to make Waikiki bicycle friendly. A network of bike lanes through Waikiki was suggested. Chang replied that Kalakaua Avenue and the Ala Wai Boulevard have bike lanes.
7. 2121 and 2139 Kuhio Avenue – A resident reported that the owners of 2121 Kuhio Avenue are using the 2139 Kuhio Avenue property owned by the Food Pantry. Chang replied that violation go to the property owner.
8. Ritz Carlton Tower 2 – Follow up will be done regarding copies of the plans for Tower 2, which may go above the high density requirement. Dew added that the second property has no specific plans at this time, but encroaches on the Foodland property.

**8:42 p.m. Dew departed the meeting; 13 members present.**

Senator Brickwood Galuteria – Tommie Suganuma circulated a report and highlighted that Senator Galuteria has spoken with Waikiki Improvement Association regarding the use of community service people and the judiciary procedure. Follow up would be done if night work is a possibility.

Questions, comments and concerns: Working Group – Nigro asked and Suganuma mentioned that the date of the working group meeting is forthcoming.

Representative Tom Brower – Representative Tom Brower was present earlier in the meeting; a written report was provided.

Waikiki Improvement Association (WIA) – Rick Egged reported the following:

- Aloha Week Festivities – Include opening day ceremony, Thursday, September 12, 2013, Royal Hawaii Grove at 5:00 p.m.; Waikiki Hoolaulea, Saturday, September 21, 2013; and the Aloha Week Parade, Saturday, September 28, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Hawaii Five O Premiere – The season premiere is scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 2013.
- Sunset on the Beach – The event will take place on Saturday, October 12, 2013 with the Hawaii International Film Festival.
- Bicycles With No License – Egged mentioned if HPD is allowed to remove unlicensed bikes from public racks. All agreed that there are not enough bike racks. It was noted that in the future building should be required to provide bike racks for their residents. Egged noted that at the 20/20 conference bike paths were separated.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Affects to Ala Wai Boulevard Discussed at the 20/20 Conference – Adams asked and Egged noted that discussion included re-painting of the strips, parked cars, bike/car lanes which are part of the plan with some compromises.
2. Thank You – Wyttenbach credited Kamehameha Schools and Bishop Estate for fixing the Royal Grove.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 13 2013 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: **Merz moved, and Apaka seconded to approve the August 13, 2013 regular meeting minutes. The August 13, 2013 regular meeting minutes was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED as amended, 13-0-0 (Aye: Adams, Apaka, Cruse, Erteschik, Finley, Flood, Lofquist, Merz, Nigro, Poole, Smith, Simpson and Wyttenbach);** with the following corrections:

- Page 2, Sirens, add, "... **Wyttenbach then asked if any studies had been done considering using different sound levels. HPD responded that they were unaware of any such studies...**"
- Page 4, City, eliminate, "...**Public restrooms discussions move topic to subtitle Public Restrooms...**"
- Page 4 use as first sentence "...**Wyttenbach asked rhetorically, in disbelief, "You mean that you build a building for over a million dollars, and can't afford the security to keep it from being vandalized?" Robinson replied yes...**"
- Page 6, Beach Sand Quality should read, "...**Wyttenbach asked and follow-up will be done on the extended cleaning of the sand contract...**"

BOARD BUSINESS:

Recess in December 2013 – **Apaka moved and Merz seconded that the Waikiki Neighborhood Board No. 9 recess December 2013. The motion was ADOPTED, 11-2-0 (Aye: Apaka, Cruse, Erteschik, Finley Lofquist, Merz, Nigro, Poole, Smith, Simpson and Wyttenbach; Nay: Adams and Flood).**

REPORTS:

- Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Adams reported expenditures of \$59.05, leaving a balance of \$932.08. The report was filed.
- Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) – No report.
- District 1 Report – No report.
- District 2 Report – Flood reported that the Ritz Carlton grand opening is up coming and are look at other property sites.
- District 3 Report – No report; Board member resigned.

Chair Report:

- Committee Chairs – No committee changes. Flood asked if a Board Hospitality Committee could be formed and if it is permitted for the Board to receive donations provided by establishments such McDonalds (cookies and juice) for the Board meetings a few time a year. The Neighborhood Assistant will follow up.
- 2139 Kuhio Avenue – Merz noted that the 2139 Kuhio Avenue property is restricted to owner Foodland. The property is currently used as a staging area. Merz does not want to see the property used as a park.
- International Market Place – The International Market Place representatives will be invited to the January 2014 Board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Meeting – The next meeting is on Tuesday, October 8, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at the Waikiki Community Center.
- Broadcasts – View this meeting on `Olelo Channel Focus 49 at 9:00 p.m. the fourth Tuesday each month; and on `Olelo Channel Views 54 at 6:00 a.m. the first and third Sunday of each month. View online at [http://olelo.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=2](http://olelo.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2).

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ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Adam LeFebvre, Neighborhood Commission Office staff

Reviewed and finalized by: Bob Finley, Chair