



MAKIKI/ LOWER PUNCHBOWL/ TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10

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DRAFT-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015 MAKIKI DISTRICT PARK – ARTS AND CRAFTS BUILDING

CALL TO ORDER: Chair John Steelquist called the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. **Quorum was not established with 10 members present.** Note – This 17 member Board requires **nine (9)** members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Members Present: Charles Amsterdam (Arrived at 6:50 p.m.), John Bigay, Charles Carole, Diane Chong (Arrived at 7:45 p.m.), Piikea Kalakau (Appointed tonight), Richard Kawano, Steve Miller, Sam Mitchell, Isaiah Sabey, John Steelquist and Susan Lai Young.

Members Absent: Darrell Ah Yong, Paul Klink, Chuck Reindollar and John Scott.

Vacancies: There were two (2) seats, one (1) in Subdistrict 2 and one (1) in Subdistrict 3.

Guests: Susan Andrade, Robert Andrade, Harold Burger, Lieutenant S. Silva and Sergeant S. Masaki III (Honolulu Police Department District 1-Honolulu); Piikea Kalakau, Sonhee Cho, Bob Kern, Pat Lee (Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation), Adam Padlli, Sheryl Kramer, Captain Larry Moore (Honolulu Fire Department), Rosalind Young (Department of Parks and Recreation), Director Guy Kaulukukui (Mayor Caldwell's Representative/Department of Enterprise Services) Senator Brian Taniguchi, Councilmember Carol Fukunaga, Tom Heinrich (Office of Senator Brian Taniguchi), Dave Amodo and Dayton (Videographers) and Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office).

FILLING OF VACANCIES: Chair Steelquist asked if there was any person present interested in filling a vacancy. Piikea Kalakau offered to fill the Subdistrict 2 vacancy. Neighborhood Assistant N. Frank verified Kalakau's residency. **Mitchell moved Carole seconded nominating Piikea Kalakau to fill the Subdistrict 2 vacancy. Piikea Kalakau was APPOINTED to fill the Subdistrict 2 vacancy by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 10-0-0 (Aye: Amsterdam, Bigay, Carole, Chong, Kawano, Miller, Mitchell, Sabey, Steelquist and Young; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0).** Neighborhood Assistant administered the oath of office; **11 members present.**

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Larry Moore reported the following:

- **September 2015 Fire Statistics:** There was 1 structure, 1 rubbish and 2 vehicles fires; 83 medical, 43 miscellaneous and 1 major incident with 11 companies and 2 Battalion Chiefs responding.
- **Fire Safety Tip:** When selecting a Halloween costume, stay away from long trailing fabric. If making a costume, select materials that won't easily ignite if it come in contact with heat or flame. If a child is wearing a mask, ensure the eye holes are large enough to see out. Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of the costume. In a jack-o-lantern it is safest to use a flashlight or battery-operated candles. If real candles are used, use extreme caution. Supervise children at all times when candles are lit.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. **Kewalo Street Fire:** It was asked and Captain Moore replied that HFD was practicing fire fitness drills when the call came in about the fire and quickly responded. Water and foam was used to put the fire out. Captain Moore noted that most of the time occupants killed is caused by smoke. Amsterdam asked and Captain Moore replied that cause of the fire under preliminary investigation.
2. **Thank You:** Hal Burger thanked the HFD crew on duty last Wednesday, October 7, 2015 who assisted him at the station with a medical issue. Burger pointed out that the crew was courteous, and efficient while responding to the issue.
3. **Makiki Neighborhood Neighbor Meeting Room Locked Fire Exits:** Mitchell asked and Captain Moore answered that HFD has been in contact with DPR working on the matter for the last six (6) months.
4. **Comment:** Kawano asked if a station is responding to a fire does a neighboring station stand in. Captain Moore replied that a minimum response is three (ladder) companies and one (1 Battalion Chief. I flames are evident five (5) engine trucks will respond.

Honolulu Police Department: Lieutenant (Lt.) S. Silva reported the following:

- September 2015 Crime Statistics Compared with the Previous Month: There were 9/14 motor vehicle thefts, 16/13 burglaries, 51/46 thefts, 31/20 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV), 12/4 assaults, 2/0 sex assaults, 1/1 graffiti and 3/1 drugs; totaling 1,846/1,859 calls for service.
- Safety Tip of the Month: 1) Lock Your Doors: Simply locking the car doors will deter those who might just be waiting around for an easy target. Suspects have been known to check car door handles to see if the car is unlocked. 2) Keep Your Car Neat: Keep shopping bags and other items out of sight. A car that appears empty is not appealing to thieves. 3) Conceal All Valuables: All valuables such as cell phones, iPods and even backpacks should be put away and placed elsewhere. The rule is, do not leave valuables in the car. 4) Stash Before – Not After – You Park: Stash and conceal all items before parking your car. Suspects have been known to conduct surveillance while looking for the opportunity to steal again. During the holiday season, do not leave bags in the car for thieves to steal. 5) Park Where Visible: Always park under a lighted area or where it is visible to the public. Never behind a wall or bushes where visibility is blocked, and offers has good concealment to the suspects who want to break in. 6) Layered your Defense: Increase the safety of your car with a vehicle alarm or steering wheel anti-theft wheel lock. These measures deter theft. 7) Important Papers: Ensure the vehicle registration and insurance cards are hidden inside the vehicle. Thieves are known to steal the vehicle's paperwork, read the owners address on the registration, and burglarize the home.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Mopeds with Modified Mufflers: Mitchell reported mopeds with modified mufflers racing in lower Makiki and getting on the freeway. Lt. Silva replied that officers patrol the area and will issue citations as needed. Lt. Silva stated that mopeds are not allowed on the freeways.
2. Rise in Incidents: Armstrong asked and Lt. Silva answered that this is not good, but the normal pattern. HPD has plans in place.
3. BB Gun Incidents: Kawano asked if the recent BB gun incidents are unusual. Lt. Silva noted that the incidents is the first in a long time, and currently happening in Central Oahu. HPD is confiscating BB guns.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): No representative present; no report provided.

Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART): Pat Lee reported the following:

- Safety/Security Measures: There are multiple safety and security measures planned for Honolulu's rail project. HART is working closely with all first responders, including police, fire, and other law enforcement agencies, as well as federal entities, such as the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to insure passenger safety and security. Closed circuit security cameras will be featured on board train vehicles, as well as security cameras at the stations on the boarding platforms, stair cases, fare vending machines and entry gates and park and ride lots, about 1,500 CCTV cameras for the system. There will be a station attendant, and security patrols and closed-circuit camera monitoring of stations, trains, and also all park-and-ride facilities throughout the system. The Rail Operations Center (ROC) will be a high security area, and the rail computer system is a "closed" system with no outside connections, therefore cannot be hacked.
- On Board the Trains: On board the trains, there will be a call button for live communication with HART staff if there is an emergency, as well as on the boarding platforms. HART's protocol for handling on-board emergencies and incidents depends on the gravity of the situation, but, generally the persons involved will be taken out of the train (if possible) and detained on the platform. If HART has to hold the train or station involved, there is an "abnormal strategy" plan to go around the incident area (on the vehicle or the station) and NOT hold up service. Only in extreme cases-like a "safety problem" with the train will the train itself be taken out of service (to the ROC) and passengers removed and boarded on the next train. In addition the camera system tape would be downloaded at the end service and the tape sent to HPD. HART will have a security plan in place prior to the start of revenue passenger operations.
- Construction Highlights: These are the latest construction highlights:
 - Foundation shafts: 290
 - Columns: 204
 - Segments cast: 3,290
 - Spans: 170
- Shop and Dine on the Line Program: Just a reminder about the Shop and Dine on the Line program: It is designed to assist businesses along the rail alignment during construction by encouraging the public to patronize these stores and restaurants and use the discounts and other promotions these businesses are

offering. Please visit: www.shopanddineonline.com for more details and a list of the participating businesses.

Information: For general project information, traffic updates, meeting notices and more information, please visit the website www.honolulustransit.org, call the project hotline at 566-2299 or email a question at info@honolulustransit.org.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Security Cameras: Mitchell asked if the security cameras will have face recognition software for identification. Lee answered that it hopeful that funding is provided by the federal government.
2. System Safety: Kawano mentioned that if the system is isolated, does that mean that the system cannot be hacked. Kawano asked what worst scenario that could happen if the system gets totally shutdown for an emergency. Lee replied if a power outage occurs, each rail cars will have an emergency power packs to get the car to the next stop or towed off the track. Lee will follow up.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

1. Moped Noise: Resident Bob Kern announced that an island wide Town Hall meeting to discuss moped noise and issues will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2015 by the McCully-Moiliili Neighborhood Board No. 8 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Washington Middle School. The Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) will give their report

City Councilmember Ann Kobayashi: No represent present. A written report was provided.

City Councilmember Carol Fukunaga: Councilmember Carol Fukunaga circulated her written report and highlighted the following:

- Rock Fall Mitigation: Bill 52, Proposed CD1, which would have established a pilot restricted parking zone (RPZ) by request from neighbors, was deferred during the last TRN Committee hearing.
- My staff and I have met with DTS and HPD to determine how best to promote 'neighbor-friendly' parking along certain sections of Prospect Street, and will be submitting recommendations to DTS for shoulder improvements shortly.
- Skyline Honolulu: Neighboring residents have submitted testimonies expressing concerns or opposition to the Skyline Honolulu project to the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) hearing last month. The hearing resulted in more than 140 pieces of testimony in opposition to the project. The DPP is currently generating a report and evaluating the community testimony received.
- Free Smoke Alarm Installation for Elderly Residents: The American Red Cross, HFD and other area partners launched the Home Fire Preparedness Campaign in Pauoa Valley to install free smoke alarms in the homes of elderly residents including education on proper smoke alarm maintenance. To be added to the next American Red Cross installation event call 739-8300. From October 8 – 10, 2015, 190 smoke alarms have been installed.
- Makiki District Park Master Plan Updates: Councilmember Fukunaga is seeking recommendations to the Board's requests for enhancements or expanded uses at the park for activities and programs that community stakeholders would to see take place in the Makiki District Park and in the adjacent Cartwright Field area.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Dogs in the Park Rules: Mitchell mentioned a flyer on the back table highlighting rules for dogs in the park (1991) and pointed out that the list needs to be updated.
2. Punahou Street and Wilder Avenue Intersection: Chong reported that cement was put in and the area blocked off causing pedestrians to walk on the street. Councilmember Fukunaga replied that a request for investigation (RISER) was submitted and that the work was completed. Councilmember Fukunaga is waiting for a response from the department.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Director Guy Kaulukukui noted that copies of the City News were circulated and highlighted the following:

- Kinau/Pensacola Streets Ewa Sidewalk: Regarding this corner not having American Disabilities Act (ADA) access, due to the locations of a Hawaiian Telephone Company manhole and the utility poles at the Ewa-Makai corner, a curb ramp cannot be feasibly constructed under the City's curb ramp program.
- Holes in Sidewalk Fronting the First Chinese Church of Christ Pre-school (1061 Young Street): A supervisor of Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Division of Urban Forestry (DUF) investigated the area. The tree wells of concern are situated next to the private building instead of nearest the City roadway, As such,

the jurisdiction is not clear and DUF requested a survey of the area to determine ownership. If it is determined that the area is City owned, DUF will plan a new tree or, if necessary, permanently close the empty tree well.

- Hedges Bordering Makiki District Park: The hedge plants that died were removed, and there are no plans to re-plant hedges at this time.
- Left Turn Attempts by Drivers on King Street: A concern was raised last month that additional protected bike lanes and bike share programs will result in too many bicycles on the road creating a problem for motorists. According to the Complete Streets Ordinance, the City must consider all users; motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians and transit users. Encouraging bicycle ridership will result in less vehicular congestion, less air pollution, fewer vehicles on the roadway, increased service life of the pavement and contribute to the health of residents.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Dole Park: Miller reported that basketball area of Dole Park is in need of repair.
2. Makiki District Park Parking: Miller suggested requested that two (2) parking stalls be coned off, one (1) each for the Board Chair and Neighborhood Assistant on meeting nights.
3. On Street Parking on Keeaumoku Street: Miller raised concern regarding on street parking from the mauka of the District Park's entrance to Wilder Avenue. Miller recommended that parking time be restricted because cars parked up to the traffic light makes it difficult for cars making a right turn. Follow up will be done. Chong suggested morning tow-a-way signs Councilmember Fukunaga replied that a complaint was received a year and a half ago. According to a Department of Transportation Services (DTS) investigation the area is not warranted to facilitate the right turn onto Wilder Avenue. Another survey was requested when school is in session.
4. Thomas Square Planters: Miller asked and Director Kaulukukui will follow up regarding cost for maintaining the Thomas Square planters.
5. Living Wage: Mitchell commented about the living wages on Kauai (\$15 per hour) pass by the Kauai City Council and supported by the American Federation of Labor Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFLCIO) union. Mitchell noted the wage hike was done to make large businesses.
6. Hedges: Resident Burger asked why hedges will not be replaced to fill the gaps. Cost for the plants are minimal.

Director Kaulukukui introduced Department of Parks and Recreation District 2 Manager Rosalind Young who highlighted the following:

- Locket Exit Doors: It was asked what is currently being done about the locked exit doors in this meeting room (Makiki District Park Arts & Craft Building). DPR is working with HFD on the issue.
- Parking: Parking has always been an issue. The old master plan showed that plans were to add parking near the freeway. However, a decision was made to build a pool, leaving no one area for additional parking. The back parking lot has been improved. People attending other area events also use the park's parking. DPR does not actively chase people down. It is hopeful that at some point more parking will be provided.
- Staffing: Staff is available until 9:00 p.m. Chair Steelquist asked if advance notice is given for an expected large meeting, which is not held monthly, could the hours be extended. Chair Steelquist noted that the Board would like to start its meeting at 6:45 p.m.
- Gaps in the Hedges: At this time the park has many maintenance issues to take care of with little staff and funding. The adopt-a-park program was suggested.
- Dole Park: Young would like to improve many things at the parks, but the problem is money and how it is used. Island wide programs is methodically addressing different important park issues.
- Thank You: Chair Steelquist thanked Rosalind Young for attending the meeting. It was noted that the Board has been requesting a DPR representative to attend a Board meeting for the past six (6) months.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Community Garden: Mitchell commented that the community garden group gets to use park property and suggested that the group take care of the hedges. Follow up will be done.
2. Additional Parking: Miller asked if the other side of the tennis park could be used for more parking. Young replied that idea was put in the last draft of the master plan. Chair Steelquist noted the previous there was three (3) houses in the area, possible from the original master plan. Miller relayed that the Makiki Dog Park advocates looked at the area for a dog park, The City said no and recommended Punahou Square for a dog park. Young explained that the reason the City's response was no is because Makiki District Park is a mixed

use park. Any other uses would put more pressure on the parking for this high density area. Although Punahou Square was recommended, there is no parking.

3. Area between the Back Lot and Freeway: Carole suggested fencing off that area for dogs, with the only entrance from Makiki Street. Young answered that the suggestion would still eliminate parking. DPR is looking for a way to add parking. Young pointed out that waivers were provided for the installation of the pool and skate park. There is also no parking at the Piikoi Mini Park. Carole commented that everything cannot be done for people who must have their car. Young noted that the Moanalua area had the first dog park. However, people drove their cars to the dog park. It was noted that 80% of dog owners are responsible and take control of their dogs. Others sit in their cars and let the dogs run loose.
4. Thomas Square: Mitchell called pointed out that Thomas Square is used as a dog training area. Mitchell noted that previously three (3) pit bulls were running loose in the park and it took a year for one of the dogs to be put down for biting people. Mitchell stated that the dog park people have taken over Thomas Square. Mitchell raised concerns that rules for dogs in the park have not been looked at since 1991. Young replied that Punahou Square is a new concept.
5. Makiki District Park Parking Lots: Mitchell suggested marking tires of cars parked in the lot for six (6) to eight (8) hours and the owners not using the park. Young noted that HPD District 1 officers do a great job and work closely with DPR area staff. HPD was praised for enforcing the law.
6. Comment: Board member Young relayed that several years ago a dog park initiative got community support to use the back area of the tennis courts for the dog park. Volunteers would install a fence and maintain the area. Manager Young reiterated the first dog park in Moanalua at which it was later decided to change the park for mixed use. Kawano noted that the reasons for not having a dog park here is valid.

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Senator Brian Taniguchi: Senator Brian Taniguchi distributed his written report and highlighted the following:

- 12th Annual Community Clean-Up: The 12th Annual Community Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2015 for the Kaimuki High School-Moiliili Community Center-Kapahulu Center from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Kaimuki High School (flyers were circulated).

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Health Plans: Carole called attention to the increase in health plans in 2018 increasing 40% and noted that \$27,500 yearly listed in the Cadillac plan. Carole asked what the state doing about this is. Senator Taniguchi answered that more federal funding is needed. Carole mentioned that the unions are opposed and that representative show lower or do away with the taxes Carole questioned why the 40% increase tax plans for state employees and retirees. Carole wanted action from the state to relay the message to the Hawaii Congressional team. Senator Taniguchi will propose a resolution on the issue at the next legislative session.
2. Comment: Mitchell noted that several years ago a proposal for solar panels and water systems passed the Senate but killed by 70% of the people on the Housing Committee. It was noted that it is hopeful that the resolution includes language that the housing is insured and moveable.
3. Educational System: Amsterdam note that the system show a significantly advanced performance. Amsterdam inquired about what qualifications are required to be become a Department of Education (DOE) Superintendent as an educator. Chair Steelquist reminded Amsterdam not to discuss politics.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria: No representative present; no report provided.

Representative Sylvia Luke: No representative present; no report provided.

Representative Della Au Belatti: No representative present; a written report was provided.

Governor David Ige's Representative: No representative present; no report provided.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

City Department of Strategic Development, Acquisition for Property Use: Deferred.

Car Share Bill: Deferred to a future Board meeting.

YMCA of Oahu: Cu Ri Lee reported that the women's work furlough residency program at Fernhurst is doing well. Women who are six (6) months from being paroled are residing at Fernhurst and doing community service projects. Citizen's Patrol and volunteer services. The Citizen's Patrol meets the third Thursday of the month and walk the area. The next Citizen's Patrol will take place on Thursday, November 19, 2015.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Citizen's Patrol: Mitchell asked and Lee answered that community members are welcome to join the Citizens Patrol.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Skyline Honolulu: Young reported that copies of a letter received from a constituent in opposition to the project was distributed to all the Board members. A public hearing on the project was held on Wednesday, September 30, 2015.
- Sidewalk on Nehoa Street near Hanahau'oli School: No report.
- The Shaloha Quest: Amsterdam reported work continues on the budget strategy.
- Makiki District Park: Discussed earlier in the meeting.
- King Street Cycle Lanes:
- Dog Park Update: Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Other Meetings: Young and Chong reported attending a Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) meeting.

BOARD BUSINESS

Approval of the Thursday, September 17, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes: **Miller moved and Bigay seconded to approve the September 17, 2015 regular meeting minutes. The September 17, 2015 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED as amended by UNANIMOUS CONSENT. 11-0-0 (Aye: Amsterdam, Bigay, Carole, Chong, Kalakau, Kawano, Miller, Mitchell, Sabey, Steelquist, and Young).** The amendment:

- Page 3 Questions, comments and concerns followed 3. Should read, "...Young commented on the \$200 million shortfall, Pat Lee replied that the rail will not be used by "all people all the time." People will most like use rail would be people who commute directly, to and from work, via home to the bus to the rail, and then the reverse, from the bus to home. Rail may not be as convenient for other types of people who would need to make several stops before returning home. Examples where rail may not be the target audience would be families where kids have to be dropped off at various schools and locations, then after school pick up, grocery shopping and other errands before returning home. The people would not be likely candidates to use rail. Young asked if there were any census numbers available or any studies done that indicate what exactly is the makeup of the population surrounding the rail lines pathways to indicate just what the makeup of the population is and what percentage of the audience would most likely use the rail system. If these studies were done and the figures are available, Young requested to have this information be available for the Board review..."

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Diane Chong reported September 2015 expenditures of \$31.80, leaving a balance of \$323.85. The treasurer's report was filed.

COMMITTEES

- Planning and Zoning: No report
- Transportation: No report.
- Health, Safety and Wellness: Kawano reported speaking with people running of the halfway house on Green Street and noted huge improvements.
- Sidewalks: No report

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Agenda Request: Mitchell requested to have the living wage resolution placed on the November agenda
- Aircraft Noise: Chair Steelquist noted receiving no response to the letter from the Board to Manager K.C. Yanamura of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) asking that a representative attend a Board meeting. Chair Steelquist will check if a representative could be attend the November 2015 Board meeting.
- Next Meeting: The next Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at the Makiki District Park.

- Broadcasts: The meetings can be viewed on `Olelo FOCUS 49 at 9:00 p.m. on the first Friday of the month; and again on the first and third Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted by: Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant; Reviewed by: Stephen Saito, Neighborhood Assistant; Final Review by: John Steelquist, Chair

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Reviewed by: Neil Baarde. Neighborhood Assistant
Final Review by: Chair John Steelquist