



MAKIKI/ LOWER PUNCHBOWL/ TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10

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DRAFT-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016 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 established with 13 members present.** Note – This 17 member Board requires 11 members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Members Present: Darrell Ah Yong, Charles Amsterdam, John Bigay (arrived at 6:50 p.m.), Charles Carole, Diane Chong, Richard Kawano, Piikea Kalakau, Paul Klink, Steve Miller, Sam Mitchell, Chuck Reindollar, Isaiah Sabey (arrived 6:42 p.m.), John Scott, John Steelquist, Susan Lai Young and Chuck Lee (appointed at meeting).

Members Absent: None.

Vacancies: There is one (1) vacant seat in Subdistrict 2 and one (1) in Subdistrict 3.

Guests: Lieutenant Baron Lee (Honolulu Police Department District 1- Honolulu), Captain Reginaldo Gariwan (Honolulu Fire Department), Councilmember Carol Fukunaga, Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, Sandra Pfund and Elizabeth Char (City Office of Strategic Management), Jun Yang (City Office of Housing), Guy Kaulukukui (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative/Department of Enterprise Services), Michael, Jerry Anaya, Chris Cunha, Miles Yoshi, Helen Yoshi, Aaron Padilla and Sheryl Kramer (Honolulu Museum of Art), Amber Kim, Michael Suan, Samantha Apreza, Cheryl Beehert, Rick Lui, Sandra Tomita, Jodi Hayashida, John Chung, Tracey Teanio, Brian Teanio, Nelson Chung, Lisa Ching, Darlene Cho, Sandra Nakamoto, Ryan Towata, Jodi Yoshimura, Fred Nakahara, Ari Patz, Yong Bunye, Carol Young, Patty Sakal, Kristine Pagano and Colin Whited (GEM), Stanley Chang (Earthjustice), Phyllis Zerbe, Steve Uyeno (Office of Councilmember Ann Kobayashi), and Amanda Ehe (Neighborhood Commission Office).

FILLING OF VACANCIES: Chair Steelquist asked if there was anyone present interested in filling a Board vacancy. One (1) resident, Chuck Lee, was interested in filling the vacant seat in Subdistrict 3. Chuck Lee shared that he has previously served on two (2) neighborhood boards and would like to serve again. The Neighborhood Assistant verified Chuck Lee's residency.

Klink moved and Scott seconded the nomination of Chuck Lee to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 3. Chuck Lee was **APPOINTED UNANIMOUSLY 13-0-0 (Aye:** Ah Yong, Amsterdam, Carole, Chong, Kawano, Kalakau, Klink, Miller, Mitchell, Reindollar, Scott, Steelquist and Young; **Nay:** None; **Abstain:** None).

The oath of office was administered and Chuck Lee sat with the Board.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Reginaldo Gariwan reported the following:

- December 2015 Fire Statistics: There was 1 structure fire, 1 wildland/brush fire, 1 nuisance fire, 4 cooking fires, 7 activated alarms (no fire), 87 medical emergencies, 1 motor vehicle collision with a pedestrian, 7 motor vehicle crash/collision emergencies and 1 hazardous materials incident.
- Fire Safety Tip: HFD is promoting electrical safety and encouraging all electrical work be performed by a licensed electrician.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Condo Codes: Young asked and Gariwan responded that the Fire Prevention Bureau handles all building and fire codes and would be the appropriate department to direct condo code questions to.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant Baron Lee reported the following:

- December 2015 Crime Statistics: There were 8 motor vehicle thefts, 15 burglaries, 46 thefts, 59 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV), 11 assaults, 1 sex assault, 5 drug incidents, and 1,994 total calls for service.

- Safety Tip of the Month: A burglary occurs every 15 seconds in the United States. To prevent burglaries use solid doors at all points of entrance, use security watch decals, anti-theft devices, and be a good neighbor; if you see something, say something.

Isaiah Sabey arrived at 6:42 p.m.; **15 members were present.**

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Condo Security: Ari Patz asked if HPD has a program to help condos create some type of security network. Lieutenant Lee responded that a community policing team presentation could be given to a group interested in starting their own team. Mitchell commented that the community could start a neighborhood watch, put up signs and start a network.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Michael Cubas reported the following:

- Main Break: There were no water main breaks in December 2015.
- Project Updates: The water main replacements at Miller Street and Frear Street have been completed. The Pensacola Street project has not begun, the contractor is currently obtaining permits.
- Contests: BWS is launching its 38th annual Water Conservation Week Poster Contest and 8th annual Poetry Contest. This year's contest theme is "Pure water – There is no Substitute." The deadline to enter these contests is Wednesday, February 24, 2016.

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

- Statistics: By 2030, there will be approximately 116,900 daily passenger boarding's for the train during the weekdays. Most of the riders are expected to arrive at the stations either via walking or via bus connections. Because of the close spacing between stations and relatively dense neighborhoods in town, there will be a high percentage of riders who are expected to walk to the stations in Kalihi, Kapalama, Chinatown, and Kakaako - about 60 to 80 percent of all riders. About 15 to 30 percent of the riders in these neighborhoods are expected to arrive via bus.
- Multimodal Service: HART is coordinating with the City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services (DTS) on a bus-rail integration strategy for a single fare and seamless connection between bus and rail users. A working group consisting of HART, DTS, Oahu Transit Services, and other staff are meeting on a regular basis to explore opportunities for efficient multimodal service.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Stations: Carole asked and Lee responded that no rail stations have been constructed yet.
2. General Excise Tax (GET): Carole asked and Lee responded that the City Council will vote on the GET extension on Wednesday, January 27, 2016.
3. Power lines: A resident asked and Lee responded that there is a plan to underground power lines for rail construction.
4. Projections: Kawano asked and Lee responded that the current projected cost for rail is six and a half (6.5) billion dollars and completion is projected for the end of 2021.

John Bigay arrived at 6:50 p.m.; **16 members were present.**

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: Chair Steelquist asked if there were any concerns that were not listed on the agenda. There were none.

The agenda was taken out of order to UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

City Office of Strategic Development Hassinger Street Project: Sandy Pfund, Jun Yang, and Liz Char from the City and County of Honolulu distributed an informational handout and gave an updated presentation on the Hassinger Project reporting the following:

- November 19, 2015: At the last Board meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2015 Sandy Pfund presented the Hassinger Street project proposal.
- Location: The location for this project is Piikoi Street and Hassinger Street, the old Loveland Academy site. The density of the building will remain the same. There will be improvements to landscaping and parking.
- Affordable Housing: The old Loveland Academy site has been purchased by the City and County of Honolulu for affordable housing units. There will be a total of 41 units and a resident manager on-site 24 hours a week, seven (7) days a week. These units will be to assist people who need truly affordable rent and is not a transitional shelter.

- Programs: The City will be looking into collaborating with other programs to help those in need of affordable housing such as veterans, Institute of Human Services (IHS) and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recipients.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Parking: Carole asked and Pfund answered that there will be 20 parking stalls and the City will be encouraging the use of mass transit.
2. Timeline: Mitchell asked and Pfund answered that the City has additional powers to expedite the building process since Governor David Ige declared homelessness in Hawaii a state of emergency. The City hopes to finish renovations by the end of summer of 2016.
3. The City and Affordable Housing: Young asked and Pfund responded that the City has over 12 condos that provide affordable housing. The City Council recently appropriated 32 million dollars for the provision of affordable housing, which is what is funding the Hassinger project.
4. Vouchers: Yang confirmed that some renters may have vouchers through HUD or IHS to supplement monthly payments and those with vouchers also have case managers to help handle their case.
5. Uncertainty: Tracy Teanio shared frustration with how the Hassinger project came about and is upset that the media has reported it as a homeless shelter project with no community input.
6. Safety: A resident stated that she has been assaulted twice by the homeless and will not feel safe if mentally unstable homeless begin living at the Hassinger project.
7. Resentment: Jerry Anaya shared that the four (4) apartment buildings nearby have resentment for the project since they were the last to know and the City is not keeping up with sidewalk maintenance.
8. Transitional Housing: Rick Cheney asked and Yang responded that transitional housing is not the appropriate term for referring to those who have come straight from living on the streets. Transitional housing is a 24 month period of transitioning to permanent housing.
9. Deaf Community: Councilmember Ann Kobayashi shared that the deaf community is interested in the property as permanent community living situation for their group.
10. Schools in Area: John Chung, a teacher at Roosevelt High School, asked if there would be an increase in programs or funding for the schools in the area with the possible increase of at-risk students from this construction of affordable housing.
11. Communication with the Community: Lisa Ching stated she lives in the condo across the street from the project site. Ching said the residents who are being directly affected were not informed of this project. The location has always been a school and this proposal is a very big change for the community. There was no communication with the community and many other issues the City has not considered.
12. Property Value: Chris Cunha asked about the property value of the four (4) condos in the area and if the City will compensate owners for the loss of revenue.
13. Deaf Community Support: Ah Yong asked and the community members present confirmed that they would prefer the deaf community occupy the Hassinger project site over the affordable housing proposal. Kalakau asked and Pfund responded that she was unaware of the deaf community proposal. Pfund noted that the zoning and funding is for the affordable housing project.
14. The Georgia E. Morikawa Center (GEM): The president of GEM, Colin Whited, explained GEM is a community center of, by, and for Hawaii's deaf and hard-of-hearing. Whited pleaded with the community to support the deaf community proposal stating that for over 45 years the group has been looking for a center to make their home.
15. Compassion: Kawano and Mitchell encouraged compassion and compromise. Not all homeless are crazy and we need to help house our homeless for a better future.
16. Appropriation: Pfund noted that the City representatives present have been tasked with spending the money appropriated by the City Council for affordable housing with emphasis on homeless, homeless with children and working homeless.

Chair Steelquist, in the interest of time, ended the discussion and the topic will be continued at next month's meeting. Young encouraged all interested parties to keep the discussion ongoing to make sure all concerns are communicated.

City Councilmember Ann Kobayashi: Councilmember Ann Kobayashi circulated her newsletter and a letter she wrote to Mayor Kirk Caldwell regarding the deaf community proposal at the Loveland Academy site. Councilmember Kobayashi announced that the final vote for the general excise tax (GET) extension for the rail will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2016.

City Councilmember Carol Fukunaga: Councilmember Carol Fukunaga distributed her newsletter and referenced the Tantalus/Road Top Drive Overgrowth update that is in the newsletter. The Tantalus Community Association will conduct its first quarterly community clean up on Tantalus Saturday, January 23, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Director of Enterprise Services Guy Kaulukukui reported the following:

- Adopt-a-Park: The Mayor wants you to know that if the City hasn't reached your park with renovations, it's on his "to do" list. Anyone wishing to Adopt-A-Park can call the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) at 768-3034 to get involved.
- King Street Protected Bike Lane: The King Street protected bike lane is a pilot project and DTS is evaluating its effects. Once DTS has completed its evaluation, changes to the operation of the protected bicycle lane will be considered.
- Bus 17 and Bus 18: Bus service is routed in one direction on Pensacola Street because it is a one-way street Makai bound. Route 17 operates on a one-way loop between Ala Moana Shopping Center and the Makiki area along Keeaumoku, Nehoa, and Pensacola Streets. Therefore, Route 17 is heading to Ala Moana Shopping Center when traveling on Pensacola Street and to return to the Pensacola Street area from Ala Moana, one must ride the one-way loop from the Ala Moana Shopping Center until it reaches Pensacola Street. Route 18 operates between the Kaimuki High School area and Ala Moana Shopping Center via the University of Hawaii at Manoa and Makiki areas. Route 18 is heading to Ala Moana Shopping Center when traveling on Pensacola Street. On its return trip to the Kaimuki High School area from Ala Moana Shopping Center, Route 18 does not service the Makiki area located west of Keeaumoku Street because that segment of the route is a one-way loop. Route 17 is the only option to the Pensacola Street area from Ala Moana Shopping Center.
- Tow Away Zone (TAZ) Sign: DTS conducted a site inspection fronting 1222 South King Street (Zippy's Restaurant) and found a "TAZ" sign displaying the incorrect time of 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The TAZ restrictions on South King Street are Monday through Friday from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., except Saturdays, Sundays and State holidays. A work order (reference Paint and Sign Work Order No. 132675) will be issued to the Department of Facility Maintenance to replace the incorrect TAZ sign. DTS will also request the assistance of HPD to monitor and cite vehicles parking within the TAZ hours along South King Street.

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Senator Brian Taniguchi: No representative was present and no report was provided.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria: No representative was present and no report was provided.

Representative Sylvia Luke: No representative was present and no report was provided.

Representative Della Au Belatti: No representative was present and no report was provided.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Honolulu Museum of Art: Director of the Spalding House, Aaron Padilla, presented the following:

- Honolulu Museum of Art Spalding House: An exhibition is opening next month, Plastic Fantastic?! It will look at scientific advancements, the uses we owe to plastics, and its effect on global culture and the environment through the works of five (5) contemporary artists. There will be an education program that will serve more than 2,500 school children during the course of this exhibition. A report of the scheduled special evening events has been submitted to the City and will be given to the Neighborhood Commission Office for the record. The events are as follows:
 - Date change from Wednesday, December 16, 2015 to Friday, January 22, 2016 – Appreciation Event for August Moon Committee – From 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Spalding House Galleries and Grounds – Anticipated Attendance: 50 people.
 - Wednesday, February 3, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Plastic Fantastic (Art exhibition inspired by Science) – February 3, 2016 through July 10, 2016 – Spalding House Galleries – Anticipated Attendance: 200 people.
 - Sunday, May 22, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Leaders Circle Family Picnic – Spalding House Galleries and Grounds – Anticipated Attendance: 150 people.
 - Friday, June 10, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. — Plastic Pecha Kucha – Spalding House Galleries and Grounds – Anticipated Attendance: 200 people.
 - Wednesday, August 10, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Art Exhibition TBD August 10 – January 8, 2017 – Spalding House Galleries – Anticipated Attendance: 200 people.

- o November 2016 from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Volunteer Appreciation Event – Spalding House Galleries and Grounds – Anticipated Attendance: 200 people.
- o Family Sundays held on the third Sunday each month from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Average attendance: 300 people.

Pacific Hui, NextEra Energy: Stanley Chang with Earthjustice distributed a handout, shared that Earthjustice is opposed to the NextEra takeover of Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) and the takeover will raise electric rates for Hawaii residents. In the interest of time, Chang will finish the presentation at next month's meeting.

Car Share Bill: Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation Services Mark Garrity presented the following:

- Car Share Bill: The car share bill was passed in 2015 by the City and County Council.
- Process: The process of developing rules will start in early April 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

No Sidewalks in the Cartwright Field Area: There was nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Makiki District Park Parking Lot: There was nothing to report.

Skyline Honolulu: There was nothing to report.

Sidewalk on Nehoa Street near Hanahau'oli School: There was nothing to report.

The Shaloha Quest: Amsterdam is concerned about fundraising.

Makiki District Park: There was nothing to report.

King Street Cycle Lanes: There was nothing to report.

Road Maintenance on Round Top Drive: Chair Steelquist stated that the situation is still being addressed.

Dog Park Update: There was nothing to report.

Other Meetings: Members reported attendance at other meetings.

BOARD BUSINESS

Approval of the Thursday, November 19, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes: **Members moved and seconded to approve the November 19, 2015 regular meeting minutes as amended, 16-0-0 (Aye: Ah Yong, Amsterdam, Bigay, Carole, Chong, Kawano, Kalakau, Klink, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Reindollar, Sabey, Scott, Steelquist and Young; Nay: None; Abstain: None).** Amendments are as follows:

- Page 7: Living Wage Resolution was NOT ADOPTED.
- Page 7: Mitchell and not Bigay seconded the approval of the October 15, 2015 minutes.
- Sandra Pfund had corrections to page 5 and page 6 to read as follows:
City Department of Strategic Development, Acquisition for Property Use: Sandra Pfund presented the following:
 - o Purchase: The City has purchased a property at Piikoi and Hassinger Streets for affordable housing under the Homeless Initiatives Funding appropriated by the City Council.
 - o Buildings: On the property site is one (1) two (2)-story building and one three (3) story building which were formerly used by Loveland Academy for autistic children.
 - o Units: There will be units with 2 bedrooms and 1 bath or nine (9) one (1) bedroom units (270 square feet) on the first floor. Another option is 10 micro units (300 square feet). The unit sizes and unit count are still being reviewed.
 - o Others: The project may include a laundry room for residents and resident manager.
 - o Conceptual Drawing: A conceptual drawing of the project was displayed for Board members and guest to review.
 - o Renters: Pfund explained that many people cannot afford the current market rental rates at a monthly average of \$1200 – \$1800. The purpose for this project is to create a ladder opportunity with monthly

fees from \$600 – \$1000. This project will provide opportunities for people who move out of transitional shelters. Transitional shelters provide only two (2) years before they must leave and enter market rentals. This will provide a bridge for the people to continue to improve themselves and get better jobs and wages.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1. Property Manager: Reindollar asked if a property manager would be on the site. Pfund replied in the affirmative and that a service provider or case management services could also be provided to individuals.
- 2. Rents: Reindollar asked who would be paying the rents, and will the rents be subsidized from elsewhere to pay the rents. Pfund answered that housing subsidies are available such as veterans can receive a voucher with service providers paying the excess rent with goals and rules attached. Reindollar suggest having coin-operated laundromats.
- 3. Range of Rents: Chair Steelquist asked if the rent range would be below \$1000 monthly. Pfund noted that the goal is to provide rents in this range.
- 7. Support: Kawano supports the project and noted that the community should support the project. Resident Burger like the idea expressing concerns about the water and sewage supply and electricity. Burger urged the City to consider the fact that the project is transitional housing and a resident manager should be on duty at least 16 hours a day. Burger pointed out that the tenants should be educated on the use of electricity, garbage and sewage. Pfund noted that there will be approximately 45 units and these will be permanent housing not a transitional shelter.
- 10. Comment: It was stated that the homeless residing at Sand Island have no transportation available. In answer, the Institute for Humane Services (IHS) provides a shuttle three (3) times a day. It was noted that six (6) people moved in today. Couples and individuals are living in the 25 plus containers which were converted into housing units.
- 11. Cost: Amsterdam asked if the \$5.5 million cost is from a private family trust. Pfund replied that the purchase of the property was from City GOB funds.
- 12. Additional Services Provided: Miller asked and it was noted services can be provided through a Housing First case management voucher and a veterans challenge voucher. Miller suggested having a service provider manage the complex. Scott agreed with Miller.
- 13. Comment: Young relayed that the idea is good, but overall people will continue to do what they do, Young questioned if transition is necessary. In response, it is mandatory that people in transitional shelters must meet certain progress criteria and their stay is limited to two (2) years. Piikoi Street will not be a transitional shelter.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Chong reported a remaining balance of \$264.56. The treasurer's report was filed.

COMMITTEES: There were no committees' reports.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Meeting: The next Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2016 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 8:31 p.m.

Submitted by: Amanda Ehe, Neighborhood Assistant;
Reviewed by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant II;