



DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 13

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DRAFT-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015 PAUHI COMMUNITY CENTER

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Alvin Au called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., **with a quorum of nine (9) members present.** Note: This nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present – Alvin Au, John Donaldson-Selby, Kevin Lye, Lynne Matusow, Dolores Mollring, Chu Lan Shubert-Kwock, Ray Rudie, Tom Smyth, and Stanford Yuen.

Board Members Absent – None.

Guests – Captain Kenneth Kahahawai and Fire Fighter 1 Gerald Higgins (Honolulu Fire Department); Captain Ben Mahi, Sergeant Jonathan Castro, Sergeant Deric Valoroso, Officer Alan Ibrao, and Maile Kanemaru (Honolulu Police Department); Clare Ann Ronquillo (Neighborhood Citizen's Patrol); Sam Moku (Hawaii Pacific University); Ray Adenew (Safe Haven); Pat Lee (Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation); Allen Stack Jr. (Chinatown Improvement District); Nicole Reid (Arts District Merchants Association); John Chang (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative); Councilmember Carol Fukunaga; Representative Karl Rhoads; Wesley Fong, Howard Lum, and Henry Lee (Chinatown Community Center Association); Aaron Landry and Liberty Peralta (Car2Go); Deputy Director Mark Garrity (Department of Transportation Services); Gwen Abella (Winston Hale); Bill Mulligan, Madolyn Ames, Ronald Higa, Stanley Yon, and Abby-Gail Kamalii, Ericson Cristobal (Videographer); Neighborhood Assistant Neil Baarde (Neighborhood Commission Office).

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS – Board members introduced themselves at this time.

Matusow moved and Mollring seconded to change the order of agenda and move VI. A Removal of Parking Stalls, after the Honolulu Police Department's safety report. Hearing no objections, the motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0. (AYE: Au, Donaldson-Selby, Lye, Matusow, Mollring, Shubert-Kwock, Rudie, Smyth, and Yuen.)

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Firefighter 1 Gerald Higgins reported the following:

- **April 2015 Fire Statistics** – There were 7 structure fires and 5 rubbish fires. There were also 144 medical emergencies, 4 search and rescues, and 23 miscellaneous calls for service with no major or unusual incidents.
- **Fire Safety Tip** – HFD reminds the public to call 911 in case of an emergency. Do not drive to the nearest fire station. It is possible that the fire company may not be at the fire station due to other emergencies or performing other duties such as fire inspections, training, and educational activities. When 911 is called, the operator dispatches the closest available fire company to the emergency. When calling 911, give the operator the initial need (Police, Fire, or Ambulance) and after being transferred to the appropriate agency, provide an accurate description of the need and address or location.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sergeant Jonathan Castro reported the following:

- **April 2015 Crime Statistics** – There were 5 motor vehicle thefts, 5 burglaries, 80 thefts, 9 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV), 22 assaults, 4 sex assaults, 0 graffiti, and 5 drug offenses. There were 2,286 total calls for service.
- **Pedestrian Safety Tips** – Sergeant Castro distributed a pedestrian safety tip guide and noted that the community should be safe and be seen, be smart and alert, and be careful when crossing the street.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. **Cameras** – Matusow asked and Sergeant Valoroso responded that there are currently two (2) cameras that are down due to underground wiring issues.

2. Sex Assaults – Matusow raised a concern about prostitution and asked if sex assaults are considered prostitution cases. Captain Mahi responded that there have been some isolated incidents where HPD made an arrest and closed the issue. Captain Mahi asked to keep in mind that the statistics are generally week to week and not the entire crime trend.
3. Kukui Plaza – Mollring raised a concern about Kukui Plaza and a woman with two (2) dogs who refuses to pick up her dogs' droppings. Mollring noted that she has called the Department of Health (DOH) and other agencies to figure out what to do and asked if it would be okay to take pictures or a video so HPD can cite the owner of the dogs. Captain Mahi asked if Kukui Plaza is private property. Mollring responded yes but the owner has no permission from the association. Captain Mahi responded that Mollring should talk to the association because HPD needs to see the violation occurring.
4. First Fridays – Shubert-Kwock commented that she attended First Friday and noted that she saw two (2) vendors that were selling food on the sidewalk. Shubert-Kwock noted that she called HPD and an on duty police officer came and warned the two (2) vendors that they were in violation. The vendors called ADMA and a representative was told by HPD that their vendors were in violation and had to leave.
5. Statistics – Donaldson-Selby raised a concern about the drug statistics being low, and noted that he sees drug activity occurring everywhere. Donaldson-Selby asked if HPD has a program that will eventually catch the distributors and not just the dealers. Captain Mahi responded that HPD is working to create a low crime and least amount of fear. HPD does not target people but targets areas where they will apply their resources. HPD is technically winning the "Street Dealing" battle. The perception of crime is different in the Downtown area, and HPD has been working with the Narcotics Vice which their tactics have been working.

Removal of Parking Stalls on North Pauahi Street – Maile Kanemaru, Director of Weed and Seed, noted that the stalls were removed to deter the crime that was occurring. Kanemaru commented that the Community Policing Team in the Downtown/Chinatown area is one (1) of the best. Kanemaru noted that the City made signs to help show the community where the closest parking garages or lots are. The point of removing the stalls was to have a safe community that works together closely with HPD. Captain Mahi noted that the removal of the stalls was a crime prevention plan that went through environmental design because once the stalls were gone the activity had to move somewhere else. Pauahi and River Street has had the crime burden for too long and the neighborhood was made safer when the stalls were removed and noted that the crime has been steadily dropping. Captain Mahi noted that the process took much collaboration from different agencies to make the area safe. Captain Mahi reassured the community that HPD's goal is to have low crime and the least amount of fear in the community.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Return Stalls – Shubert-Kwock noted that she has spoken to several shop owners and it was noted that they would like the stalls back. Shubert-Kwock commented that the removal of stalls was supposed to be only for six (6) months and noted that it has been removed for eight (8) years. Shubert-Kwock commented that HPD made their statement and should return the stalls because it will now be easy to spot any type of illegal activity. Yuen noted that he does not totally agree with HPD because all of the drug dealers have moved to Maunakea Street. Crime went down not because of the removal of the stalls, crime went down because of HPD's diligent work. Yuen noted that HPD should give the eight (8) stalls another chance. Reid commented that she has spoken to a few business owners and they all noted that they do not want the stalls returned.
2. Loading Zone or Meters – Rudie suggested changing the stalls to a loading zone or have metered stalls but mainly at a predetermined time which will become a tow away zone until about 6:00 a.m. or 7:00 a.m. Captain Mahi responded that DTS and everyone else would have to meet and collaborate and commented that HPD is not against the stalls, they would like a safe community.
3. Businesses – Chair Au asked how many businesses are along the eight (8) stalls. Sergeant Valoroso responded that he is a part of the Community Policing Team (CPT) for the area and commented that he has spoken to the handful of merchants and noted that they do not want the stalls returned. Sergeant Valoroso noted that he has been a part of the Downtown/Chinatown CPT for over 16 years and noted that the removal of the stalls made a big difference in crime. Kanemaru noted that the issue was a temporary solution and noted that she still receives calls about the stalls and in her opinion based on the merchants' comments is to not have the stalls returned. Chinatown always seemed to be a magnet for the homeless and drug activities, but the next experiment could be where the parking stalls are only allowed during the day possibly from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. HPD's main concern is the safety of the community. Chair Au commented that on the other side of the building is a safe parking lot, and noted that because the community is turning into a healthy society, walking the two (2) blocks is good for the community.

Neighborhood Citizens' Patrol (NCP) – Mollring reported that the community has been quiet with not much activity recently. On Monday, May 11, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. a parade will be held from HPD substation to the State Capitol where they will honor all of their fallen officers. The memorial will show all of the names of the officers who have passed away since the establishment of HPD. HPD will block off two (2) lanes on Beretania Street and noted that she wishes that more people in the community would take pride in their community. Clare Ann Ronquillo reported that there was nothing to report from the River and Pauahi Citizens' Patrol group.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Hawaii Pacific University (HPU) – Sam Moku announced that it has been a busy time at Aloha Tower, as HPU will be allowing students to stay in the newly renovated rooms. Moku noted that on Monday, August 24 and Tuesday, August 25, 2015, there will be a candle ceremony where all of the community is invited. On Thursday, September 17, 2015 it will be HPU's 50th anniversary where the faculty, staff, students, and the community can all celebrate the anniversary together. Moku offered a site visit to anyone that would be interested.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Rooms – Mollring asked if the rooms are all soundproof. Moku responded that the rooms are soundproof but it does not make a difference because the rooms are on the opposite side of the eating establishments. Mollring asked and Moku responded that the building is Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) approved.
2. Commercial Vendors – Lye asked if there will be any commercial vendors. Moku responded that the entire first floor has an area that could be used as a place to hold the Neighborhood Board meeting along with many different eateries. Moku commented that Gordon Biersch will remain there and Moku noted that the first floor should be full of eateries or stores by the end of 2015. Yuen asked if Moku can describe the types of stores Aloha Tower will have. Moku responded that it will mostly be food vendors but Barnes and Noble will be the biggest name store at Aloha Tower. Moku noted that there will also be a few student activities areas. A resident asked and Moku responded that for vendors who would like to apply for a store location can contact Moku directly or call Scott Hayashi.

Safe Haven – Ray Adenew reported the following:

1. Residents – No new residents have been moved in or out and there has been an average of 70 people a day using their facilities.
2. Pauahi Hale – The bathrooms at Pauahi Hale will be closed for a week, due to moisture peeling the paint off the walls. It was noted that the bathrooms need better ventilation.

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

- Environmental Benefits – Besides offering commuters an alternative to driving in traffic, rail will provide many environmental benefits to the public. The rail system will eliminate tens of thousands of car trips every day which would otherwise be taken on Oahu's roads. That means less auto pollution, a reduced need for new highways, and less dependence on imported oil. Reducing the number of cars on the road in the future reduces increased greenhouse gas emissions. Rail transit will be electrically powered, and with Hawaii moving toward its clean energy goals, the trains will get greener as the percentage of renewable energy produced increases. Honolulu's electric-powered rail technology will produce about 75 percent less in greenhouse gas emissions per passenger mile than private automobiles. In addition to providing a clean energy alternative to driving, Honolulu's rail system will help to keep the country, country by concentrating development along its route, and directing development to planned growth areas of urban Honolulu and Kapolei.
- Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) – The Rail Operations Center, currently under construction in Waipahu near Leeward Community College, is being built with sustainability in mind. HART is pursuing a goal of LEED Certified Silver for the Rail Operations Center. LEED is a green building certification program that recognizes best-in-class building strategies and practices. To receive LEED certification, building projects satisfy prerequisites and earn points to achieve different levels of certification. In order to achieve certification, the center will incorporate water efficient landscaping and fixtures, construction waste diversion, superior indoor air quality and many other green building features.
- Construction Highlights – The latest construction highlights are 228 foundation shafts, 157 columns, and 2,682 have been casted which has 109 spans. Almost three (3) miles of guideway are completed and the rail guideway is now proceeding into the Waipahu area. For 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 that followed:

1. Kiewit – Matusow noted that Lee's report was interesting considering how there was no mention of Kiewit cutting corners. Lee responded that the situation was a mistake. Matusow commented that maybe Kiewit and HART should just give everything to the State.
2. Four (4) Car Trains – Lye noted that he recently experienced that Metro Rail in Washington D.C. and commented that their calculation was length of rail plus cars and asked if a four (4) car train was the best solution. Lee responded that it is what was planned because it is not a heavy system rail because the distance between stations are only about a mile or two (2), and will have an incoming train at an average of about 10 minutes.

Chinatown Business and Community Association (CBCA) – Shubert-Kwock reported the following:

- Legislation – April 2015 was busy with the Legislature working to push bills into laws. Not many of the laws CBCA like got passed. The most disappointing was SB 1368 which wants sales of liquor confined to beer gardens. Also at stake, was a burglary bill which got watered down on the dollar amount of theft - burglary is traumatic for the victims and the pain of violation takes a long long time to go away. HB 600 did not pass because one lone legislator held it up and the aging Kawamotos who are married for 67 years must live apart. CBCA is glad the marijuana dispensary passed - this will bring relief to legally purchasing marijuana for medicinal use.
- Dragon Decal – CBCA finally got the Chinatown Happy Dragon installed - with the assistance of The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) and Council Chair Ernie Martin, the manufacturer's expert came out to install this special heavy duty plastic decal with DTS on April 29, 2015 from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. midnight and the Blessings on Thursday, April 30, 2015 by ceremoniously opening the Dragon's eyes. Already this Happy Dragon is a tourist attraction and a focal point in our Chinatown. People are happy to see something so special - it is perhaps the only such dragon decal in the USA.
- Housing – City must speed up Housing First and not concentrate on a few high cost renovations of up to \$80,000 per unit in Winston Hale. It is critical to provide housing quickly and repairing what needs repairing quickly will be sufficient for most. Chinatown is better because of Sit/lie and having two (2) public toilets really helped clean up the streets, but social services need to ramp up even more to accommodate hard core homeless to get them into shelters. Some rules like smoking and drinking need to be revised to accommodate those with these habits but they need supervision so others are not disturbed. Concentrating homeless services in Iwelei makes sense. Sooner or later the homeless need to move on. Living on the streets cannot go on forever because of sanitary and health concerns. It's only fair sit/lie rules apply to all neighborhoods so folks must accept temporary shelters and give their "freedom" to live where they please. The Chinatown public toilets are under repair for one (1) week due to a water sealant problem.
- Next Meeting – The next CBCA Chinatown Meeting is on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at Empress Restaurant 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. All are welcome.

Chinatown Improvement District (CID) – Allen Stack Jr. reported that CID hosted a Friday, May 1, 2015 event which was the reception for the photo contest, which is at the former Hubba Hubba building. All of those who worked on the photo contest were volunteers and it was noted that the finalists' photos will be at several different shops in the Chinatown area. Shubert-Kwock noted that the event was fun and commented that CID should host another event soon.

Arts District Merchants Association (ADMA) – Nicole Reid reported the following:

- Chinatown Scrub Down – The next Chinatown Scrub Down will be on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. ADMA in cooperation with the City and County and other organizations will be meeting at Kekaulike Marketplace.
- Liquor Sales on Streets – Reid distributed an article that discussed the liquor sales on the streets for non-profit organizations.
- Jay Walking – Reid also distributed a flyer that noted for pedestrians to cross the street safely and that Jay Walking has a fine of \$130.
- Upcoming Events and Activities – For a list of upcoming activities and events visit www.Chinatownnow.com.
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Public: No reports.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – John Chang reported the following:

- Neighborhood Board Elections – Passcodes should have been sent out on Thursday, April 23, 2015 and should be delivered. If a voter loses his or her passcode or it never arrived, please contact the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) at 768-3717 and a duplicate will be sent. Voting may be done via computer or by telephone.
- Summer Fun Registration – The program period will be from Friday, June 12, 2015 to Friday, July 24, 2015. Registration is due for Districts 3 and 4 on Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. noon; Monday and Tuesday, May 11 and May 12, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. For Districts 1 and 2 registration will be on Saturday, May 16, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. noon; Monday and Tuesday, May 18 and May 19, 2015, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information visit: www.honoluluparks.com.
- "Sew a Lei" for Memorial Day – The Mayor's Office of Culture and Arts (MOCA) are now accepting donations of ti leaves and MOCA has a goal of 1,000 La'i Lei's. Collections begin on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 and will end on Monday, May 18, 2015. Please drop off the donations to the MOCA office on the 2nd floor of Mission Memorial Building (MMB).
- The Journey Home Puppet Show – Follow Apoha, the o'opu, as he struggles to return to his home stream. Watch as he makes friends and teaches everyone how to be clean water heroes along the way. There will be five (5) shows:
 - o Saturday, May 9, 2015 – Waianae Public Library, 2:30 p.m.
 - o Saturday, May 16, 2015 – Hawaii State Public Library, 10:30 a.m.
 - o Thursday, May 28, 2015 – Waipahu Public Library, 10:30 a.m.
 - o Sunday, May 31, 2015 – Kaneohe Public Library, 2:00 p.m.
- Randomize Election Ballot – A request to the legislature to amend the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) 11-115(a) to mandate random ballot order can be made.
- Toadstools – The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will replace the stools at the bus stop on Hotel St. in front of Chinatown Gateway Plaza with a bench when funds become available.
- Noise Complaints in Parks – If the noise appears to be from an organized park activity, please call the West Honolulu District office at 522-7070. For all other noise complaints, including after hours, call HPD at 911.
- Sun Yat-Sen Park Water Leak – The repairs to the leak should have been completed by Sunday, April 26, 2015 and the grass was trimmed on Thursday, April 23, 2015.
- Tow Away Zone on Alapai Street – DTS noted that the investigation is still ongoing and that they will inform the Board of the status of their investigation by July 2015.
- Re-Install Parking Stalls on Pauahi Street – DTS is willing to entertain a vote of the Neighborhood Board upon motion to restore the parking spaces. DTS would prefer the Neighborhood Board receive input from HPD and the Prosecutor's Office as well.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Toadstools – Matusow raised a concern and asked why the benches were stolen and replaced with toadstools. Chang will follow up.
2. No Smoking Signs – Matusow raised a concern and noted that No Smoking signs are needed at all bus stops because it is illegal to smoke at bus stops. She has told smokers to stop smoking at the makai Smith and Hotel bus stop. Chang will follow up.
3. Cameras – Matusow raised a concern and noted that money for the cameras should be allocated and have everything in place by the start of the next fiscal year.
4. Noise at Parks – Matusow raised a concern about the noise that has been coming from Smith/Beretania Park and noted that the sponsor of the June 6 sent a notice to the Board after the agenda filing deadline which did not detail location, hours, etc. Matusow noted that the decibel levels need to be lowered. Chair Au noted that he has spoken to Jacob Chung, the representative from the church who will come to the June 2015 meeting and give his report.
5. Sun Yat-Sen Park – Shubert-Kwock raised a concern about the concrete box at Sun Yat-Sen Park and asked for an update.

Councilmember Carol Fukunaga – Councilmember Fukunaga reported the following:

- Homeless Solutions – Bill 6, CD1, FD1 was adopted by the City Council on 3rd and final reading on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 and will be sent to Mayor Caldwell for review. He has 10 days in which to decide to sign or veto the bill and the Corporation Counsel has previously identified areas that are not business zoned districts as being outside the scope of the “sit-lie” prohibitions in commercially zoned districts.
- College Walk/Aala Park Clean Up – College Walk, Sun Yat-Sen Mall, and Aala Park are considerably cleaner and attractive since the Saturday, April 25, 2015 clean up. Councilmember Fukunaga thanked American Savings Bank’s leadership in adopting the clean up as part of its community beautification projects. Over 150 volunteers helped tackle the graffiti-laden bridges, walkways, seating areas, and on both sides of Nuuanu Stream. Councilmember Fukunaga thanked DFM, DPR, and HPD’s Community Policing Team, Starbucks, and Chinatown Cultural Plaza for their strong support with supplies, power washing, and providing a staging area for volunteers to check in, and enjoy refreshments/door prizes at the end of the clean-up. Plans for another event are underway for this coming fall.
- Sun Yat-Sen Park – Councilmember Fukunaga answered for Shubert-Kwock that The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) will be coming to replace the electrical box and will then move the concrete block.
- Downtown/Chinatown Master Plan – The Downtown/Chinatown Master Plan will have its final briefing on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at the Kaiulani Elementary School at 6:30 p.m. There is a chance of more meetings due to the lack of feedback that has been given.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Transit Oriented Development (TOD) – Yuen raised a concern about the TOD meeting and recommended amending the boundary zones. Councilmember Fukunaga responded that they are looking for ways to make funding, housing, and business grow in the Downtown/Chinatown area.
2. Bill 6 – Shubert-Kwock noted that she is in support of Bill 6 and noted that the Downtown/Chinatown area needs Bill 6. Councilmember Fukunaga responded that people view Bill 6 as a way to get people off of the street but the funds are needed to be released for the Downtown/Chinatown area.
3. Bill 62 – Donaldson-Selby raised a concern and noted that Union Mall did not benefit from Bill 62 and commented that it is the results of a 7:00 p.m. deadline which means camping starts at 7:05 p.m. on Hotel Street and Union Mall. It was noted that shopkeepers are distressed. Councilmember Fukunaga will follow up and commented that the original justifications were based on the measures used in Seattle, San Francisco, and other west coast cities.

Governor David Ige’s Representative – No representative was present and no report was provided.

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland – No representative was present and no report was provided.

Representative Scott Saiki – No representative was present and no report was provided.

Representative Karl Rhoads – Representative Rhoads reported the following:

- Hours of Operation – Received a complaint regarding the hours of operation not being posted at the Chinatown Gateway Plaza’s Resident Manager’s office. The issue had been forwarded to DFM.
- Dogs at Smith-Beretania and Aala Park – Received a request to allow dogs at Smith-Beretania and Aala Park. The request has been forwarded to DPR.
- Bill of Interest – HB 1491, passed Final Reading in both the House and Senate. HB 1491 has been transmitted to Governor Ige for his approval. SB 1291, passed Final Reading in both House and Senate. SB 1291 has been transmitted to Governor Ige for approval.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Taxes – Matusow asked why the Individual Retirement Account (IRA) cannot have state taxes withheld in the State of Hawaii. She made a withdrawal, the representative asked her if she wanted federal and state taxes withheld, she said yes, and the representative later said that it cannot be done for Hawaii. Rudie asked why it takes the State a long time to release refunds and commented that computers are supposed to make the process faster. Smyth noted that the State is under staffed. Chair Au commented that the Federal Government said it was because of identity fraud and they needed more time to process the returns. Representative Rhoads will follow up. Representative Rhoads thanked the Board for serving the community and noted that Matusow will not be returning to the Board and it is an end of an era and things will not be the same.

NEW BUSINESS

Chinatown Community Center Association (CCCA) Update on the Proposed Affordable Senior Housing and Community Center on River Street – Howard Lum and Wesley Fong distributed their newsletter, a copy of Resolution 13-167, CD1, FD1, and a letter sent to Mayor Caldwell regarding the senior housing project on River Street. Fong noted that the City has yet to select a winning bidder and noted that the City, the Council, and the community are in support of the resolution and noted that he hopes the Board can support the resolution as well.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Sales Not Rentals – Matusow noted that at one (1) point the Board suggested to Pam Witty Oakland to go for sales and not for rentals but the City did not comply. The developers said sales would not be feasible and Matusow asked if the building would be a high or low rise. Fong responded that the plan is to have nine (9) or 10 stories but the community center would be a high-rise. Lum commented that the community center can go up to 350 feet, but it would need a variance. Shubert-Kwock asked what would happen if the building was higher than 10 stories. Lum responded that CCCA would be opposed to it because that is not what the community wants.
2. Disclosure – Yuen commended CCCA for getting not only the community's input but also from over 100 different organizations. Input is important because when the Request For Proposal (RFP) came out, it was not what the community wanted. Matusow noted that Yuen did not disclose he is a director of CCCA and noted that he has a conflict of interest. Yuen announced his relationship with CCCA. Lum thanked the Board for their support and read a letter from CCCA to Mayor Kirk Caldwell.

Mollring moved and Shubert-Kwock seconded that the Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13 support the Chinatown Community Center Association's proposal for affordable housing and community center on River Street. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 9-0-0. (AYE: Au, Donaldson-Selby, Lye, Matusow, Mollring, Rudie, Shubert-Kwock, Smyth, and Yuen.)

Bill 24, Car Share, Proposed CD1 – Deputy Transportation Services Director Mark Garrity distributed the Car Sharing handout and reported the following:

- Differences from Car Sharing and Car Rental – Car sharing is a type of auto rental that allows people to use a vehicle for a short period of time and pay only for time used. The rental period may be as short as a few minutes up to a few hours or even a whole day. The rental cost typically includes insurance and fuel. Users must register in advance and may be required to pay an annual membership fee to participate. Members can then use a vehicle by reserving it online or using the phone application. There is no need to fill out paperwork or talk with an agent each time.
- Types of Car Sharing – The two (2) types of car sharing consist of:
 - o Return Trip Car Share – A member picks up a vehicle from a reserved parking stall and returns the car to the same spot where they started.
 - o Point to Point Car Share – A member may pick up a car and drop it off anywhere within a defined home area.
- Benefits – Car sharing provides convenient access to a vehicle without the hassle and cost of owning a car. It complements the existing transit system. Some people who primarily walk, bicycle, or use transit may decide they do not need a car at all once a car sharing is widely available in Honolulu, which will result in fewer cars parked on the streets. Studies in other cities have found that car sharing reduces private car ownership over time and that car share vehicles are used more often and are more energy efficient than private cars.
- Location – Car share companies, working with the City, will establish convenient locations for vehicles based on expected demand. Under the currently proposed legislation, the City may establish a small number of reserved spaces in municipal off street parking lots for car share vehicles. The City will go through a public rule-making process to determine the location of reserved parking spaces and decide which companies get to use them. The vehicles will have a permit sticker or decal on the left side of the windshield and the vehicle will have distinctive markings. Return-trip car share vehicles may be found in reserved parking stalls in some private garages and/or City parking lots. Point to point car share vehicles may be seen on City streets within the home zone and can be found using the company's website or mobile phone application.

- Cost – Car share companies set their own fees. There is usually an annual membership fee, plus a per-hour or per-minute charge to use a vehicle. The charge typically includes fuel and insurance and may include parking.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Insurance – Matusow raised a concern and asked if there will only be one (1) entity in charge for the parking decals in regards to stability and insurance. Garrity responded that the stipulations can be given to several companies. It was noted that Garrity will address any issues with City Council. Garrity noted that the insurance is included with each rental.
2. Car Share Cities – Chair Au asked and Garrity responded that many cities have a car share program but the most recent is Seattle. Yuen asked what the cost is in Seattle. Garrity responded that he believes it is \$5-\$10 per hour but they need to return the car to the same spot. Aaron Landry noted that depending on the hourly or daily rate, the price can be 41 cents per minute.
3. Convenience – Shubert-Kwock asked how convenient will the car share be. Landry responded that no one will have to walk more than five (5) blocks to locate a car share location. Shubert-Kwock asked about those who need to move from one (1) area to another. Landry responded that they will only be using smart cars.
4. Competition – Lye asked what the City's position on the possible competition. Garrity responded that the City is neutral on all companies.

Matusow moved and Shubert-Kwock seconded that the Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13 supports Bill 24 relating to Car Sharing. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0. (AYE: Au, Donaldson-Selby, Lye, Matusow, Mollring, Rudie, Shubert-Kwock, Smyth, and Yuen.)

Cinco de Mayo Cantina Crawl After Event Review – Mollring noted that she received many inquiries to what was occurring because many people from Kukui Plaza did not see anything. Mollring commented that the event was a bar crawl that needed to be publicized more. Reid noted there was a Restaurant Row party that was highly advertised. Shubert-Kwock noted that ADMA did not need to come to the Board because it was a private party that had many social media announcements. Shubert-Kwock commented that private parties are better if more people are aware. Reid commented that the party was off the streets like the Board wanted and the point is to give opportunities to the Chinatown area. Matusow commented that the problem is that the Board wanted to know about private events and noted that the Board's role is to advise government, and there was no government nexus for this event. She felt the board was overstepping its boundaries.

Governor's Representative to Attend Neighborhood Board Meetings Discussion/Decision – Smyth noted that Governor Ige's representative is important because of the Board's location, which is convenient and noted that he should be in support.

Matusow moved and Mollring seconded that the Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13 invites Governor Ige to send a representative to the Board Meetings and to go back in history and find out when the Governor started to send representatives to the Board. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0. (AYE: Au, Donaldson-Selby, Lye, Matusow, Mollring, Rudie, Shubert-Kwock, Smyth, and Yuen.)

Approval of April 2, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes – **Matusow moved and Lye seconded that the Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13 adopt the April 2, 2015 regular meeting minutes. The motion was UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-0. (AYE: Au, Donaldson-Selby, Lye, Matusow, Mollring, Rudie, Shubert-Kwock, Smyth, and Yuen.)**

BOARD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

Chair's Report – Chair Au noted that he received a letter from Murphy's Bar and Grill's Fundraiser on Thursday, May 21, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Chair Au commented that Nuuanu Avenue and Bethel Street will be closed for this 3rd annual event.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Bus 4 Route – Matusow raised a concern about how the street closure will affect the Bus 4 route.
2. Hawaii Theater – Smyth noted that there will be another event but earlier in the day. Thursday, May 21, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Hawaii Theater and that part of Pauahi Street will be closed. Matusow noted that the Hawaii Theater is under new management.

Future Agenda Items – Chair Au announced that Jacob Chung will make a presentation report on his upcoming event. Chair Au noted that the next Downtown/Chinatown Transit Oriented Development (TOD) will be on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Princess Kaiulani Elementary School.

Neighborhood Commission Updates – Matusow noted that Bryan Mick is the acting Executive Secretary for the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO). Matusow asked that Neil Baarde, the Neighborhood Assistant, begin the process of securing the meeting room effective with the July 2015 meeting. Our agreement is on a fiscal year basis, which expires Tuesday, June 30, 2015.

Office of Information Practices (OIP) – Smyth noted that he received a letter from OIP noting that SB 419 has been approved by the Governor Ige which he will sign, and will make all Board Members eligible to go to different community meetings without being in violation of the law.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Mollring reported a remaining balance of \$230.54. The report was filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Regular Board Meeting – The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 4, 2015, Pauahi Community Center, 171 North Pauahi Street at 7:00 p.m.
- Neighborhood Citizen's Patrol (NCP) – The NCP meets each Tuesday on the Diamond Head side of Kukui Plaza at 8:00 p.m. Please consider joining the patrol and supporting its efforts as they express their service and pride in the Downtown/Chinatown community.
- Broadcasts of Board Meetings – Broadcasts of Board meetings are scheduled to be shown on `Olelo Channel 49 the third Thursday at 9:00 p.m.; and the second and fourth Saturdays at 6:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed by: K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant
Final Review by: Lynne Matusow, Board Secretary