



DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 13

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2016 PAUHI COMMUNITY CENTER

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Alvin Au called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., **with a quorum of seven (7) members present.** Note: This nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present – Alvin Au, Anthony Chang (departed at 9:38 p.m.), Jasmine Mancos (arrived at 7:14 p.m., departed at 8:53 p.m.), Dolores Mollring, Jonathan Saupe (arrived at 7:14 p.m.), Chu Lan Shubert-Kwock, Tom Smyth, Robert Tom, and Stanford Yuen.

Board Members Absent – None.

Guests – Firefighter Recruit Travis Takahashi, Firefighter Aubrey Burris, Firefighter Chris Takayama, and Firefighter III Mark Bates (Honolulu Fire Department); Captain Ben Mahi, Major Roy Sugimoto, Lieutenant Stephen Silva, Sergeant Mark Suaglar, Corporal Steven Matsuda, and Officer Alan Ibrao (Honolulu Police Department); Greg Payton (Safe Haven); Pat Lee (Honolulu Rail Transit Project); Sam Moku, Kristylee Rabaino, Taylor Silva, Daniel Valencia, and Nathanael Howard (Hawaii Pacific University); Allen Stack Jr. (Chinatown Improvement District); Nicole Reid (Arts District Merchants Association); Howard Lum and Kehaulani Lum (Chinatown Community Center Association); Elizabeth O'Brien (Hawaii Theater); Director George Atta (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative); Councilmember Carol Fukunaga; Laurel Johnston (Governor David Ige's representative); Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland; April Bautista (Representative Karl Rhoads representative); Liz Char, Sandy Pfund, Irene Banao, Milton Kikuchi, and Ty Fukumitsu (City and County of Honolulu); Donna Blanchard (Kumu Kahua Theatre); Lawrence Friedman, Rebecca Friedman, Ronald Higa, Mike Peacock, Kalawai'a Goo, Ena Aulan, Willis Moore, Gwen Abella, Willard Brown, Matt Bleder, Tyler Dos-Santos, Brooke Wilson, Sean Newcamp, and Jocelyn Belden. Eric Cristobal (Videographer); Executive Secretary Shawn Hamamoto, Uyen Vong, and Neil Baarde (Neighborhood Commission Office).

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS – Chair Au and the Board members introduced themselves and wished the community a "Happy Chinese New Year!" at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Departments (HFD) – Firefighter I Aubrey Burris reported the following:

- **January 2016 Statistics** – There were 1 structure, 1 wildland, 1 nuisance, 3 cooking fires, with 5 activated alarms. There were 163 medical emergencies, 4 motor vehicle collision with pedestrians, 3 motor vehicle collisions, and 1 hazardous materials incident.
- **Hiking Safety Tip** – HFD often responds to hikers who are lost or injured. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Forestry and Wildlife, list the following safety tips:
 - Inform others about the plan to hike and to notify others with the name and location of the trail and the expected time to return from the hike. This information will give rescuers accurate information on where to start the search.
 - Plan the hike to include sufficient daylight.
 - Take a fully charged cell phone when going on a hike as HFD relies on phone contact when trying to locate a lost hiker or obtain any information regarding an injured hiker. If capable, HFD will use the phone's global positioning system (GPS) to obtain a general location.
 - When hiking, stay on the trail. Most accidents happen when hikers leave the established trail and disregard warning signs. Staying on the trail greatly reduces the chances of having a serious fall or getting lost. For more information, visit www.dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant (Lt.) Stephen Silva reported the following:

- **January 2016 Crime Statistics** – There were 4 motor vehicle thefts, 8 burglaries, 89 thefts, 22 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV), 17 assaults, 4 sex assaults, 2 graffiti and 4 drug offenses, for a total of 2,577 calls for service.

- Pedestrian Safety Tips – Be safe and be seen. Wear bright/light colored clothing and reflective materials. Be smart and alert. Avoid dangerous behaviors. Always walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic. Do not assume vehicles will stop. Make eye contact with drivers. Do not rely solely on pedestrian signals. Look left, right, and left again before crossing a street. Obey traffic signals. Do not wear headphones or talk on a cell phone while crossing.

Mancos and Saupe arrived at 7:14 p.m.; Nine (9) members present.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Statistics – Tom noted that there was a dramatic decrease in the statistics and asked what the cause was. Lt. Silva responded that it is the typical pattern because the holiday season brings crime. Tom asked if there were any changes in foot patrol officers. Lt. Silva introduced Major Roy Sugimoto and it was noted that there has been an increase in foot patrols and commented that after the new recruits graduate they will be 4th watch. Major Sugimoto noted that there will be full coverage depending on the community with the most needs.
2. Chinatown Substation – Shubert-Kwock noted she has three (3) concerns and asked: 1) update on the cameras in the Downtown/Chinatown area, 2) the language access at the HPD substation, suggested having a Chinese interpreter or Chinese interpretation signs, and 3) asked if videos of drug activity can work in arresting a suspect. Major Sugimoto responded that videos are taken case by case, but if the videos are usable, it could be used. Sometimes it is hard to use videos but if needed, HPD can clear the picture with the help of the Crime Analysis Unit. Major Sugimoto introduced Captain Ben Mahi and noted that only 911 can assign an interpreter and commented that there are 26 cameras total, four (4) are out. Captain Mahi commented that there are at least three (3) officers at the substation on each shift and noted that one (1) of the Chinese speaking officers had addressed a sidewalk issue and noted that he will return to the substation with the concerns. Shubert-Kwock thanked HPD and noted she will spread the word.
3. Refrigerator – Mollring noted that cashiers have come up to her and noted that people at Sun Yat Sen Park have put a refrigerator there and have been seeing people pull electrical wires to operate the refrigerator. Captain Mahi asked if it was in the pavilion area. Mollring responded that it is next to an encampment. Captain Mahi will follow up.
4. Homeless Camps – Tom raised a concern about homeless people camping near his building and asked what he can do. Captain Mahi responded that being homeless is not a crime but if there is suspicious activity occurring call HPD. Also call HPD if the camp seems to be getting bigger and HPD will enforce the law with DPR and they will go through the process after the assessment is done. Tom also noted that on Kukui Street there is a methadone clinic across from St. Andrew's Priory and asked if HPD is aware that the clinic is near schools. Captain Mahi noted that HPD is aware of the clinic but commented that the concerns need to go through the City or the State. Saupe raised a concern about restaurants complaining about homeless people in front of the restaurant and near the police substation and asked if anything is being done. Saupe also asked about the homeless camping at the parks and noted that DPR said the park extends to the sidewalks. Captain Mahi responded that all efforts are being done to reduce fear and the perception of crime in the area and noted that HPD needs the community's help by reporting any suspicious activity. Captain Mahi noted that he has sat down with Corp. Counsel, DFM, DPR, and commented that they have done studies and noted that if they see homeless during the sweeps, they will try to get them into an outreach program.
5. Smith/Beretania Park – Chair Au noted that he remembers the opening of Smith/Beretania Park and commented that the Neighborhood Board asked DPR to close the park from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., DFM accommodated the Board but ownership switched to DFM. Chair Au asked Captain Mahi to ask DFM and DPR to please enforce the rules again. Captain Mahi responded that he has been working with DPR and noted that they have been using all types of methods but at Smith/Beretania Park the park is closed from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., the signage is still getting fixed and Captain Mahi noted that HPD is doing as much as they can to reduce the fear in the area. Yuen noted that HPD is good at moving the homeless but when they move, they move to sidewalks and Yuen commented that he does not know how to address the issue because they are still breaking the law. Yuen commented that he has a photo of two (2) homeless camps in the area hiding behind a car. Captain Mahi responded that HPD officers have to make tough decisions and noted that the main question is the dirt part of the park because many homeless have been known to move to the dirt parts of the park.

Hearing no objections, Chair Au took the agenda out of order to Discussion on Crime and Safety Concerns.

Discussion on Small Business and Neighborhood Crime and Safety Concerns – Chair Au noted that he has asked HPD to stay to answer the communities concerns and commented that as a group the entire community can solve all the problems.

- Funding – Mike Peacock noted that he is planning to open an office on King Street and Maunakea Street and commented that he had been homeless for five (5) years and during his recovery he was working with the Hawaii Information Consortium (HIC). Peacock commented that opportunity comes through funding and noted that the question is how come the homeless is the big issue that no one took the responsibility to get a correct count of the homeless to get funding for the issue. Peacock commented that the City needs to put the homeless where they feel safe. Mancos thanked Peacock for his comments and noted the Neighborhood Board is an advisory council and is trying to help. Chair Au commented that homelessness is a big systematic issue and everybody needs to work together.
- Environment – Don Murphy noted that he has been in the Downtown/Chinatown area for 29 years and commented that the environment is getting just as bad as before. No one wants to visit the area and agreed with Chair Au and commented that the Community needs to work together for a solution, because the real challenge is needing to move forward.
- Bike Lanes – Ron Higa raised a concern about a wheelchair using the bike lane on King Street when there was nobody on the sidewalk and asked if that is legal or not. Captain Mahi responded that Higa should have reported the incident and noted that HPD will address the issue because vehicles do not belong in the bike lane. Captain Mahi noted that HPD will come when called.
- Kumu Kahua Theatre – Donna Blanchard, Managing Director of Kumu Kahua Theatre reported that they are on the corner of Bethel Street and Merchant Street and noted that they exist to encourage local play writers to tell the stories of people here in Hawaii. Blanchard noted that they are a part of a new group with other merchants and commented that they are excited to be a part of the community and their ohana.
- Power Washing – Gwen Abella raised a concern about the City needing to power wash the bus stop across Winston Hale because it is filthy and would like it power washed.
- Sit/Lie Law Enforcement – Matt Bleder raised a concern about the homeless at Smith/Beretania Park and asked how HPD enforces the Sit/Lie laws. Captain Mahi responded that there are generally always stragglers when the park closes and commented that there are many suspicious activities and noted that the best way to help HPD is to make a report. Captain Mahi noted that HPD has been working with many City agencies and noted that if there are homeless on sidewalks it is illegal. Gifford Chang commented that he has worked closely with HPD at the Night in Chinatown Event and noted that he has no complaints regarding HPD.
- Filing A Police Report – Chair Au noted that the community has their own perceptions on how to properly file a police report and commented that people are afraid because of the number of steps that need to be taken and asked what the steps are to file a police report. Captain Mahi will follow up. Chair Au noted that everyone should be compassionate to each other.
- Systematic Approach – Kalawai'a Goo noted that she has seen many issues and noted that she was inspired by Mother Theresa's Peace Rally Speech and commented that she is disturbed by the Sit/Lie Laws because it targets a certain group of people. The purpose for the laws was to approach the issue from a supported view for better sustainable results.
- Safe Haven – Chair Au noted that Safe Haven has a hygiene center and commented that it has been accosted by those trying to help. Safe Haven needs the community's help and asked the Citizen's Patrols or HPD to check in from time to time.
- Smith/Beretania Park Clean Up – Lee Stack announced that the Chinatown Improvement District (CID) will be hosting a park clean up at Smith/Beretania Park on Saturday, February 20, 2016 and noted that CID has been working on a project for the park. Bob asked what time the clean up is and if anything is needed. Stack responded 8:30 a.m. and CID provides snacks and noted that those willing to help can bring their own gloves, paint rollers, and brushes.
- Thanks – Major Sugimoto thanked the Neighborhood Board for inviting them to the meeting to hear the good and the bad concerns. Major Sugimoto noted that he is excited to be moving forward and commented that he has noticed the merchants group is growing which is fantastic because the community and HPD are one (1) big organization. Major Sugimoto noted that HPD will stand with the group to help move forward and find a solution. Peacock thanked HPD and noted that he understands the Neighborhood Board is an advisory board, but if the people push the homeless, the homeless will push back and commented that the solution is a systematic approach. Mancos noted that she appreciates everyone's comments and explained that the Board Members are all volunteers that represent the community.
- Homeless – Nicole Reid noted that the homeless issue has been discussed a lot of times because the homeless population is growing and noted that a group of researchers and merchants have been meeting with City and State Officials and all are enthusiastic about moving forward. The group has been looking for a new meeting site and noted that a consistent way of communication is needed. Reid noted that there is always room for improvement and appreciates HPDs help.

Hearing no objections, Chair Au brought the order of the agenda back to Neighborhood Citizen's Patrol.

Neighborhood Citizen's Patrol (NCP) – Mollring reported that her group has been active but the neighborhood has been quiet. If anyone is interested in joining the NCP, the NCP meets on the Diamond Head side of Kukui Plaza at 8:00 p.m. every Tuesday night.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Hawaii Pacific University (HPU) – No representative was present.; No report was provided.

Safe Haven – Greg Payton reported the following:

- Residents – Safe Haven discharged 11 residents, admitted one (1), and returned one (1) homeless individual to Portland. It was noted that 60 people were helped get off the streets last year and noted that this year Safe Haven is trying to help 75 people.
- Grants and Aids – Safe Haven currently has two (2) grants and aids. One (1) with the Institute for Human Services (IHS) and Councilmember Carol Fukunaga. With the help of the grants and aids, Safe Haven was able to hire two (2) new staff members and helped place five (5) residents.
- Hygiene Center – The hygiene center with public toilets are open and it was noted that the center serves over 60 people a day and there has been no vandalism or graffiti damages. Payton noted that 20 out of the 60 people who use the hygiene center are people who are working but live in their cars.
- Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Funding – HUD funding is needed for renovations, Payton is hoping to speed up the process and hopes the project can be completed by October 2016. Payton noted that Safe Haven is responsible for counting the homeless in the Chinatown area and commented that Safe Haven has many volunteers that help serve over 200 people a year.
- Calling to Action – Payton announced that if anyone is willing to house the homeless in the Kaimuki, Kalihi, or Aiea areas, please call 529-4554 for information. Payton noted that Mental Health Kokua will take care of any damages occurred by the homeless residents.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Renovations – Mollring thanked Payton and his volunteers for helping with the parade. Shubert-Kwock noted that the community needs more people like Payton and suggested that during the renovations to place the toilets in the front, the sink in the middle, and the showers in the back of the hygiene center. Payton responded that they will be going through major renovations which will require Safe Haven to raise money.

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

- Honolulu Rail System – The first set of train vehicles are expected to arrive in Honolulu soon. Ansaldo Honolulu (now Hitachi Rail USA) was awarded the \$1.4 billion Core Systems Contract for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project to design, build, operate and maintain the train vehicles in addition to the operations and control center. Honolulu's rail system will be the first fully automated driverless urban rail transit system in the United States. The train cars are manufactured at the Hitachi Rail factory in Reggio Calabria, Italy and shipped to Pittsburg, California, for final assembly, then on to HART's Rail Operations Center in Waipahu.
- Rail Cars – HART's trains will consist of four (4) cars. Each four (4) car train can carry about 800 people. The car shell structure is 100% aluminum. There are two (2) types of car shells, one (1) type for the ends of the train and the other for the middle cars. The middle car shells have an opening at both ends to permit passengers to move between the four (4) car trains. There are three (3) doorways on each side of both types of rail cars. Each rail car is 59-1/2 feet long, 14 feet high and 10 feet wide. The car shell structure consists of a combination of over 40 different aluminum extrusion profiles. The aluminum extrusions are welded together. The weight of the aluminum car shell without doors, interior linings, seats or other equipment is approximately 14,000 pounds. HART's four (4) car trains will include Closed-circuit security cameras, Air conditioning, Free WiFi, Seating for 188 riders, and Space for surfboards, coolers, luggage, strollers, bicycles and wheelchairs.
- Construction Highlights – The latest construction highlights are more than 400 foundation shafts have been placed, more than 300 columns erected, more than 4,000 segments casted, and about six (6) miles of guideway completed to date.
- General Information – For general project information, traffic updates, meeting notices and more information, please visit the website www.honolulutransit.org, call the project hotline at 566-2299 or email a question at info@honolulutransit.org.

Hearing no objections, Chair Au brought the agenda out or order to Hawaii Pacific University.

Hawaii Pacific University (HPU) – Sam Moku reported the following:

- New President – The new President of HPU is the former Dean at Villanova University, John Rotunda. Moku noted that everyone at HPU is excited to have him and commented that he is currently trying to settle into his new position and looking for a residence. Moku noted that Rotunda will visit the Neighborhood Board when he can.
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Accreditation – HPU has been going through the process of achieving accreditation through WASC. Moku noted that HPU should receive their score soon.
- New Year's Eve Event Report – There were roughly 7,000 youngsters at the event and noted that the event was a trial run to see if similar events can be scheduled. Moku noted that all aspects of the event passed the test and commented that the Harbor Division had positive feedback. Moku noted that everyone enjoyed the fireworks and Moku introduced some of the students who were in attendance because they are interested in civic engagement.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Meetings at Aloha Tower – Mollring asked the community if anyone objects to having the meetings at Aloha Tower. Moku noted that parking should be the only concern and commented that he will double check the boat days with the Harbor Division. Smyth noted that he lives across the street and is very happy. Smyth commented that Aloha Tower offers great facilities.
2. Ground Floor Updates – Saupe asked for an update on the retail shops on the ground floor of Aloha Tower. Moku responded that currently there is a Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Nashville's Bar, and Moku noted that HPU is slowly bringing in other retail shops. Moku noted that 90% of the dorms have been filled and there are still 12 retail spaces open. Shubert-Kwock commented that she is thankful for Moku offering the meeting room to the Neighborhood Board and noted that she is pleased with the building and asked Moku to double check the schedule.

Hearing no objections, Chair Au took the agenda out of order to Discussion of holding the Neighborhood Board Meetings at Aloha Tower.

Shubert-Kwock moved and Tom seconded that the Downtown Neighborhood Board hold their monthly meetings at Aloha Tower.

Discussion – Yuen noted that parking is an issue and the Board should wait to vote until Moku answers all the Boards questions. Chang agreed with Yuen and suggested tabling the issue until the Board has more information. Shubert-Kwock withdrew her motion.

Chair Au resumed the order of the agenda.

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

- Monthly Meetings – CBCA held it's monthly Chinatown Dim Sum Breakfast Meeting at Empress Restaurant. The topic of discussion was focused on crimes affecting businesses and residents. There are two (2) new events 1) St. Patrick's Day Festival with street closures, and 2) a new bar license for 2 Hotel Street.
- Noise Issues – A Bill that was introduced by Representative Rhoads has been supported by CBCA, Chinatown Gateway Tenants Association, Lynne Matusow, Lee Stack, and others.
- Honolulu Liquor Commission – CBCA would like the Honolulu Liquor Commission to remove the music license of repeated offenders and levy stiffer fines, limit continuation of hearings by the repeated offenders, and to add soundproofing to establishments wanting music and restrict low amp music with protection for the public.
- Chinatown Events – Last month, CBCA participated in the huge Chinatown Parade and supported the Night in Chinatown block party. The block party was the largest and best run block party in Chinatown. The event brought people of all ages together to celebrate Chinese New Year and the booths included City and non-profit groups to promote their missions. Shubert-Kwock noted that extending the block party to River Street was a smart and appropriate idea. CBCA will continue to address the crimes and drug issues in the Chinatown area. Recent police meetings with stockholders may provide added police support.
- Hale Waiolu – The community is disappointed that the City is not leading the Hale Waiolu project, allowing delays caused by politics and politicians, and to allow them to bully the community and granting special favors for only a few.

- Chinatown Open House – This Friday, February 5, 2016 will be Chinatown's Open House where lions will bless all the shops and society halls between 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. King Street, River Street to Nuuanu Avenue will be shut down. Shubert-Kwock suggested the community get there early to park in the Chinatown garages for only \$3 from 5:30 p.m. until midnight.
- Next Meeting – The next CBCA Dim Sum Meeting is at Empress Restaurant on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Noise Complaints – Saupe asked what noise complaints Shubert-Kwock was regarding. Shubert-Kwock responded that on Hotel Street there are repeat offenders that the Honolulu Liquor Commission is having issues with. The fines are not enough and the Liquor Commission should pull their permits or try to sound proof the area. Saupe noted that he does not see much support on the issue and commented that the Night in Chinatown Event was a really noisy event. Shubert-Kwock responded that she appreciates his opinions but noted the issue is that repeat offenders do not listen to the law.

Chinatown Improvement District (CID) – Lee Stack reported the following:

- Smith/Beretania Park Clean-Up – CID will be hosting a park clean up at Smith/Beretania Park on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.
- Chinatown Directory – The complete Chinatown Directory is available at cidchinatownhawaii.org.
- Roaming Patrol Program – CID will continue to have signups for the roaming patrol program.

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

- Arts Culture Merchants Etcetera (ACME) – As ADMA is going under a few changes, they have decided to rename themselves to ACME. Reid noted that all are welcome to attend and commented that their focus is more business friendly.
- Chinatownnow.com – Chinatownnow.com has a list of merchants, restaurants, and event calendars.
- Coordinated Merchant Patrols – A patrol has started where the group walks through the business areas and it was noted that they are similar to the Waikiki Ambassadors.
- Noise Levels – The community needs an understanding of what measurement tools are being used because in the report it said "felt" the noise. Reid commented that the bar owners need metrics.

Chinatown Community Center Association (CCCA) – Howard Lum deferred his report at this time.

Michel's Pipe Services City Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Paul Mallory reported that 90% of Phase 1 has been completed. There are seven (7) lines left on River Street near North Beretania Street and Hotel Street. The part of the project that is Nimitz Highway will be finished by the end of March 2016. The Chinatown Phase 2 project should be completed by the end of April 2016. Phase 2 is 50% completed. Mallory noted that all the yellow areas on the map are incomplete.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Day Work – Chair Au noted that he assumes Michel's Pipe Services are only doing way work. Mallory responded that they did have a night variance at one (1) point but the residents from the Honolulu Tower had complaints and when they tried to renew the permit they could not work at night. Mallory noted that they are still in the process of renewing their permit. Chair Au asked what the areas are that still have work to be done. Mallory responded North Beretania Street, River Street, North Pauahi Street, Nimitz Highway, Maunakea Street, Merchant Street, Fort Street Mall, and North Hotel Street near Smith Street are all that is left to be done for Chinatown Phase 1. Chair Au asked about Phase 2. Mallory responded that they need the variance for Phase 2 and noted that he will need Board comments because with the project in place without Board comments is unfair. Mallory noted that contractually it is illegal and commented that he did not mean to disrespect anyone and noted that they were trying their best to blanket the area by foot. Mallory commented that he was guided to work at night to mitigate the issue.
2. Parking Concerns – Shubert-Kwock noted that she watched some of the workers and commented that they took up three (3) lanes. Shubert-Kwock noted that the vehicles parked on River Street and commented that it is causing concerns and asked Mallory to confine their space. Mallory responded that is why they need the variance to work at night and noted that they will try harder.

Mancos departed the meeting at 8:53 p.m.; Eight (8) members present.

Public Concerns

- New Mandarin Academy – Shubert-Kwock announced that there is a new Mandarin Academy that will teach Mandarin to all ages.
- Veterans Treatment Corporation – Mike Peacock announced that there will be a march to connect the Veterans with first circuit court to try and reduce the negative impact on the homeless. Peacock noted that he is trying to find a solution to be a positive part of the community.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Director George Atta of the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) reported the following:

- Bus Pad Repairs – The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) has indicated that King Street between Bethel Street and Alapai Street is programmed for contract resurfacing under Rehabilitation of Streets, Unit 67 that will address the bus pad at King Street and Nuuanu Avenue. The bid advertisement is scheduled for October 2016. DFM will check to see if interim repairs are needed and will consult with DDC as appropriate.
- Indentation on the Corner of Hotel Street and Maunakea Street – DDC has indicated that Maunakea Street from Nimitz Highway to Vineyard Boulevard has been identified for contract resurfacing under Rehabilitation of Localized Streets, Phase 12D. Hotel Street from River Street to Richards Street has been identified for concrete resurfacing under Rehabilitation of Streets, Unit 65. Both projects will be subject to utility clearances and availability of funds so no construction date has been set at this time. DFM will check to see if interim repairs are needed.
- Hole on Corner of Beretania Street and Nuuanu Avenue – DDC has indicated that Beretania Street will be resurfaced under Rehabilitation of Beretania Street, Unit 64-R project. The project is targeted to restart construction in February 2016. Potholes will be patched by DFM until construction project resumes.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Construction – Chair Au asked if the construction on Maunakea Street will be occurring throughout the day or night. Director Atta will follow up.
2. Power Washing Schedule – Shubert-Kwock noted that the sidewalks have a strong smell of urine and asked the City to power wash the areas once a month and noted it is important to increase the power washing in the area. Director Atta responded that he has received the message and noted that Director Sasamura noted it has been a funding issue, but Director Atta will follow up.

Councilmember Carol Fukunaga – Councilmember Carol Fukunaga reported the following:

- Tackling Crime in Chinatown – Retailers and businesses in the Nuuanu/Bethel Street area have called for additional police presence in Chinatown to combat assaults and drug related incidents near Hawaii Theatre and along Nuuanu Avenue and Bethel Street, as well as break ins and vandalism near many small businesses.
- Public Health and Safety Updates – DFM reported on the cracks in the Nuuanu Stream wall. An Emergency Procurement Request was approved by the DDC on October 6, 2015, and transmitted to the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS) on October 12, 2015. A notice to proceed was issued on December 10, 2015 and the design phase for the repairs will be underway pending approval from the Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Health (DOH).

Governor David Ige's Representative – Laurel Johnston reported that the Governor's Newsletter is in the back and noted that in the newsletter are excerpts from his State of the State Address. Johnston commented that the Department of Education (DOE) and Governor Ige have been working on cooling at least 1,000 classrooms.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Funding – Shubert-Kwock noted that she likes the Governor's initiatives and commented that she is only disappointed because he did not ask for funds for early education. Shubert Kwock asked if Governor Ige can bring the Super Ferry back. Johnston responded that there are two (2) pieces, 1) a preschool open doors program through private contracts and commented that she hopes the Legislation can take a better look at the situation, and 2) more funding is needed for the early education programs. Johnston commented that there has not been any proposal for the Super Ferry and noted that the issue will take a while but will follow up with more information.

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland – No representative was present.; a report was provided.

Representative Scott Saiki – No representative was present.; a report was provided.

Representative Karl Rhoads – April Bautista reported the following:

- Motorcycle Noise – Received a complaint regarding the noise from motorcycles along Hotel Street and Nuuanu Avenue. The law requires all motorcycles to be equipped with a muffler to prevent excessive noise. It is illegal to modify an exhaust system that will amplify or increase the noise. For these reasons, it is encouraged the community calls HPD if one sees the motorcycle license plate at the next time a disruption occurs.
- Hole Fronting Downbeat Diner – Received a complaint that there is a deep hole in front of Downbeat Diner where a tree should be planted. Representative Rhoads has contacted the City about the issue. Division of Urban Forestry (DUF) stated vandalism of the trees do occur. The empty tree well was recently replanted and is still intact.
- Smith/Beretania Park – Received a complaint regarding the homeless people occupying Smith/Beretania Park, specifically the area of grass between the park fence and sidewalk on Pauahi Street. Representative Rhoads has contacted HPD about the issue.
- Power Washing Schedule – Received an inquiry about the power washing schedule for Chinatown and power washing of bus stops. Representative Rhoads has contacted DFM regarding the schedule and DFM stated that it is on a rotational schedule with only one (1) crew between Saturdays and Wednesdays. Also, power washing of bus stops is not part of their job duty but will do so if particularly dirty. Representative Rhoads wrote a letter to the Mayor to increase the frequency of sidewalk power washing and to consider power washing bus stops again.
- Early Morning Wal-Mart Noise – Received a complaint regarding early morning noise from Wal-Mart delivery and rubbish trucks at the Downtown location. Representative Rhoads wrote a letter to the store manager of the Downtown location regarding the issue.
- Bills of Interest
 - House Bill 2249 – Relating to noise. The Bill establishes enhanced penalties for multiple noise violations or more during a single calendar year. The Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce deferred the measure until Monday, February 8, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room 325.
 - House Bill 2248 – Relating to condominium governing instruments. The current law states that two thirds (2/3) of the voting interest is needed to pass an amendment. This Bill changes the voting requirements to allow the amendment of bylaws of a condominium association to 6% of owners who return a ballot, indicating a vote of either “yes” or “no”. When counting the ballots and 67% of the people voting “yes” at the end, then the proposed amendment is adopted at the end of the year. Note that this bill does not change the one (1) year period. The committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce deferred the measure until Monday, February 8, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room 325.
 - House Bill 1542 – Relating to Harbors. The Bill authorizes the director of transportation to adopt rules that regulate and limit noise at harbors, ports, roadsteads, docks, wharves, piers, quays, bulkheads, and landings of the State. Currently, no one has authority to regulate harbor noise.

NEW BUSINESS

Parking Rules and Street Usage Permit Presentation – Ty Fukumitsu presented the following:

- Contact Information – It was noted that Fukumitsu’s office is on the 2nd floor of the Frank Fasi Municipal Building and they are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. their telephone number is 768-8387 and noted that the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) regarding the permitting process can be found online.
- Permit Application Process – A permit is needed when performing work or when closing streets or sidewalks. Fukumitsu showed the permit application and the requirements for the application process.
- Typical Permits – The typical permits that are given are usually street usage, temporary loading zones, staging, lane or sidewalk closures, and road closures. The City looks for safety concerns, location, and the working hours and dates of the application of the permit.
- Review Process – The review process is a tiered process that looks into the parking situations, lanes/sidewalk/or road closures before the permit can be accepted.
- Fees – Fees are given when the application takes up parking meters. The metered space that is taken will cost \$12 times the number of meters taken. Fukumitsu noted that only cash and checks are accepted and noted that checks are preferred. Fukumitsu noted that anyone wishing for a permit should apply early, because the average permitting process takes 10 – 20 minutes and the applicant should bring a drawing of the area and a copy of their traffic control plan.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Nuuanu Avenue – Saupe raised a concern about Nuuanu Avenue on the weekends because there are cars parked on both sides of the street and noted that it is detrimental to the businesses because the stalls are always taken and asked if the City could span out the number of permits given and commented that the movie trucks are not utilizing the better parking areas. Fukumitsu responded they are trying to limit the stalls that are being taken, but there are street closures that ban parking. Fukumitsu noted that there needs to be at least one (1) lane open for traffic flow and commented that some situations are tough. Saupe noted that eight (8) permits were given during the Christmas/Holiday Season and commented that people were always asking and looking for parking stalls. Saupe noted that he understands if someone is filming in the area and the street needs to be clear, but the stalls usually open up after 4:00 p.m.
2. Internal Audit – A resident noted that she had called HPD on Hawaii Theatre for taking two (2) spaces when their permit only allowed for them to take the stalls at the end of the day, but Hawaii Theatre did give half back. The resident noted that her point is that DPP is over permitting, and asked for an internal audit.
3. Fort Street – Mollring noted that someone is not using their permits on Fort Street and commented that the stalls are important but are vacant because they are not using the permits correctly. Fukumitsu responded that sometimes on Fort Street the permits are not legal and suggested calling the office the next time someone notices the signs because parking in the Chinatown require notices of at least 24 hours.

Chang departed the meeting at 9:38 p.m.; Seven (7) members present.

4. Loading Zones – Reid asked and Fukumitsu responded that they try not to give loading zone permits but by statute the City can only charge for the meters that are being used. Reid asked what information is required for signs. Fukumitsu responded that the sign needs to be readable, the dates, times, and the plan of the event. The permits are good for 30 days and needs to be renewed after if still continuing. Fukumitsu noted that there are no set rules for permitted loading zones and metered stalls but everything goes under review.

Community Update on the Proposed City Affordable Senior Rental Housing – Yuen noted that the discussion is the same as six (6) months ago and noted that he is concerned about the projects progress. Sandy Pfund noted that the process needed is for Council to pass a Resolution of the agreement to Michael's Project agreement. The rights were given but the EIS or EA is the issue. Funding is another issue because the developers need to apply for loans or funding. Pfund commented that City Council is still discussing the options and suggested holding meetings with the neighbors, but "neighbors" are being debated to whether it is only abutting neighbors. The agreement needs to move forward because the funding is due Tuesday, June 14, 2016. Many documents are still needed, the developer will not spend money until City Council is finished debating. Yuen asked for deadlines and asked for reports when they reach milestones because the Board has been uninformed and been receiving second hand information and asked to be sent the important deadlines and milestones to the Board. Pfund responded that the deadline is in June 2016, and many steps are involved and many more steps have been achieved and noted that there is no time to waste. The next step is with City Council but there are lingering complaints and concerns. Yuen noted that one (1) person overseeing the project is a concern because there has yet to be input from the community and asked if the Board can be a part of the meeting. Pfund responded yes. Councilmember Fukunaga noted that same issues were presented at the first hearing and noted that she had no control over the Resolution introduction but the concern is talking to the administration. What will be done is something that everyone can be a part of and suggested transparency findings at all meeting dates of the progress made and if there are complaints they can be addressed to the administration. Yuen asked to please keep Mayor Caldwell informed and asked if Executive Secretary of NCO Shawn Hamamoto to be in favor of the project and the neighbors meeting.

Due to time constraints the rest of the agenda was deferred to March 2016 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – The next Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13 meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2016, at the Pauahi Community Center at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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Final Review by: Chair Alvin Au