



MANOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 7

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015** **NOELANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETORIUM**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Eric Eads called the Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. **A quorum was established with 11 members present.** (Note - This 17-member Board requires nine (9) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.) Chair Eads welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced himself, the rest of the Board members, and the Neighborhood Assistant.

Board Members Present – Gary Andersen, Jim Arcate, Denise Bilodeau, Rodney Chun, Eric Eads, Martin Eby, Wyatt Gordon, Jim Hayes, Hunter Heavilin, Dale Kobayashi, and Ellen Watson.

Board Members Absent – Kristen Collat, Micah Fisher, Ingrid Friedberg, Patti Hoe, and Muhammad Anwar Quadri.

Vacancies – There was one (1) vacancy in Subdistrict 3 (Census Tract [C.T.] 29.30 - Middle Mānoa).

Guests – Tom Heinrich (Senator Brian Taniguchi's Office), Barbara Yamashita (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative, Department of Community Services, Deputy Director); Councilmember Ann Kobayashi; Mark Garrity (Department of Transportation Services, Deputy Director); Lieutenant Clinton Sukekane and Sergeant Allen Ishida (Honolulu Police Department, District 7); Dominic Dias (Board of Water Supply), Erin Bishop (Oahu Invasive Species Committee), Aaron Landry (Ala Moana/Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board No. 11 and car2go), Robert Castro; William Cha and Sung Hwan Lee (St. Pius X Korean Catholic Church); Bob Kern, Micki Stash, B. Keane, Loren Jerlow (Hawaiian Electric Company), Helen Nakano, Gregg Nakano, and Hector H. Venegas (Be Ready Manoa), Sharon Omizo, Kevin Jim, Jolyn Rosa (Save Manoa Valley), Bronson K. Silva, Gordon Aoyagi, Lats; Aloha McGuffie, John Whalen, Mary M. Cooke, Geoff Lewis, and Margo Vitarelli (Manoa Heritage Center); Elle Fujimoto, JoAnn Yamazaki, Pat Ching, Dawn Kobayashi, Matt Berry, Lori McCarney (Bikeshare Hawaii); Zoe (DVDmodo, videographer), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office).

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – There was no representative present and no report available.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Clinton Sukekane mentioned that HFD may be fighting a brush fire in Hawaii Kai, distributed the monthly report and reported the following:

- **May/April 2015 Statistics** – There were 1/0 motor vehicle thefts, 21/8 burglaries, 24/18 thefts, and 2/5 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV). There were 6,234 calls for service for District 7 for May 2015. For more statistical breakdowns, visit www.honolulupd.org.
- **Introductions** – Lieutenant Sukekane introduced Sergeant Allen Ishida.

Comments followed:

1. **Homeless at Honolulu Christian Church** – Bilodeau asked about the homeless at the Honolulu Christian Church. Lieutenant Sukekane answered that the homeless are on private property. HPD will take no action unless a complaint is filed by the property owner.
2. **Increase in Burglaries** – Chair Eads was concerned about a homeless encampment on private property and the increase in the number of burglaries to 21.
3. **Thefts** – Heavilin asked about the increase in thefts from 18 to 24. Lieutenant Sukekane mentioned that HPD is doing everything it can to fight crime and there have been some arrests.
4. **Crimes** – Watson asked when the various crimes were committed. Lieutenant Sukekane answered that the majority of the crimes occurred when people were not at home.
5. **Too Many First Responders** – Andersen noted that he witnessed an accident scene with an ambulance, fire trucks, and three (3) HPD vehicles. Andersen thought there were too many emergency personnel in one place. Lieutenant Sukekane mentioned that when a 911 call comes in other responders are dispatched and they determine the needed responders.

6. Helicopters – It was reported in the news that the two (2) HFD helicopters were in need of repair, so HFD is using HPD's copters. One (1) HFD helicopter will be repaired soon and the other one (1) will be repaired later.

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

- Main Break Report – There were no main breaks in May 2015. The Woodlawn Water System Improvements Phase II is in progress. For more information, call 748-5000.
- Water Rates – In 2012, the BWS implemented a new water rate schedule that will support a safe and dependable water supply now and into the future. The rate increase was spread over five-years to minimize the impact on customers. Customers are reminded that effective, Wednesday, July 1, 2015, their monthly billing charge will increase from \$8.44 to \$9.26 a month. This means the average residential customers will see a \$0.82 increase in their billing charge and the water rate will go from \$4.03 to \$4.42 for 1,000 gallons of water. The increase is necessary, so that to BWS will be able to maintain the water system and to help minimize main breaks and unplanned emergency repairs. Be aware that although it appears jointly on the bill, water charges are separate from sewer charges. For more information on water rates, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com.
- Annual Water Quality Reports – Each year, the BWS conducts thousands of tests on the water sources and distribution system to ensure that municipal water meets or exceeds all federal and state safe drinking water standards. The results of those tests are shared with customers in an annual water quality report, which will be mailed to all customers by Wednesday, July 1, 2015. Digital copies of water quality reports and additional water quality information will also be posted on the website, www.boardofwatersupply.com. Should there be any questions about this report, contact the BWS Water Quality Division at 748-5080.
- Red Hill Fuel Storage Tank Leak Update – In January 2014, the U.S. Navy reported a 27,000 gallon leak of jet fuel from Tank 5 at its Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. Since then, BWS staff have been working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Health (DOH) to urge the Navy to take necessary steps to prevent fuel contamination from reaching the BWS wells and protect groundwater aquifers and the environment. In June 2015, the DOH, EPA, and the Navy released an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC), which will determine what the Navy will need to do in order to prevent future fuel leaks and contamination to the aquifer. The BWS encourages residents in surrounding communities to stay tuned for announcements on the AOC and participate in the process to finalize the document. A public meeting to discuss the AOC will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2015 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Moanalua Middle School cafeteria, 1289 Mahiole Street, Honolulu. For information on how to submit comments, visit BWS' website at www.boardofwatersupply.com. After reviewing public comments, EPA and DOH may sign the AOC to make it effective, or may seek to modify it, based on information received during the comment period. In order to receive consideration, comments on the AOC should be submitted by Wednesday, July 1, 2015.

Comments followed: Dole Street and Spreckels Street – Resident Bob Kern mentioned repair work this past Saturday, May 30, 2015 near Dole and Spreckels Streets. Dias will follow up.

Oahu Invasive Species Committee (OISC) – Erin Bishop reported on a new threat to ohia trees. The fungus *Ceratocystis fimbriata* causes Rapid Ohia Death (ROD). The fungus was discovered five (5) years ago on the Big Island of Hawaii and has infected 15,000 acres. According to the University of Hawaii, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR), there is a wilting (browning) of leaves and branches of ohia and the tree is killed in two (2) weeks. The mortality rate for an infected tree is 100% and there is no cure. At this time, it is only known to occur in the Hilo and Puna districts on Hawaii Island, but has the potential to affect all Hawaiian Islands. Report suspected cases to Flint Hughes with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service at fhughes@fs.fed.us or call 808-854-2617. For more information, visit the OISC website at www.oahuisc.org.

Comments followed: Timeline – Watson asked why it took five (5) years to find out about the fungus. Bishop did not know, but starting now, the emphasis is to prevent the spread to the other islands. Chang reported a tree to Bishop. Bishop answered for Watson to contain the spread of the fungus, cut down the tree and let the USDA investigate.

FILLING OF VACANT BOARD SEAT: The one (1) vacancy in Subdistrict 3 - (C.T. 29.30 - Middle Mānoa) was due to the resignation of Liz Larson. Chair Eads asked for a volunteer to fill the vacant seat. As there was no volunteer, the seat remained vacant.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Consideration of the March 6, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes Amendments at the Wednesday, August 5, 2015 Meeting – Chair Eads explained that at the April 1, 2015 regular monthly meeting, Darryl Wong submitted amendments to the March 6, 2015 meeting minutes. Chair Eads thought that Board members would have more time to review Wong's suggested amendments, assuming the Board will recess in July 2015, if he placed this item on the August 5, 2015 agenda.

Comments followed:

1. Minutes – Neighborhood Assistant Ho clarified for Board members and others that according to "Robert's Rules of Order," amendments to meeting minutes can be made by anyone for many years after a meeting and a Board member did not have to have attended the meeting in order to vote on the amendments. Once the amendments are submitted, a quorum vote of nine (9) Board members is needed to pass any amendments. The amendments are noted in the following month's draft minutes. A "hard" copy of the amendments will be placed with the file copy of the meeting minutes in the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO).
2. Representative Isaac Choy's Letter – Andersen asked about Representative Choy's letter, which was also submitted at the Wednesday, April 1, 2015 meeting. Neighborhood Assistant Ho pointed out that it is listed later on in tonight's agenda.

April 1, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes – **As there were no objections, the Manoa Neighborhood Board No 7 APPROVED the April 1, 2015 regular meeting minutes, as amended, BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT 11-0-0 (AYE: Andersen, Arcate, Bilodeau, Chun, Eads, Eby, Gordon, Hayes, Heavilin, D. Kobayashi, and Watson; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).** The amendments were as follows:

- Page 1 and page 3, Board member Hunter Heavilin's name should be spelled, "Heavilin."

COMMITTEE, PERMITTED INTERACTION GROUP (PIG), AND DELEGATE REPORTS

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Committee Delegates – Hayes reported that there was no meeting and no report.

Mānoa Community Plan Committee – There was no report.

COMMUNITY REPORTS AND INPUT

Residents and Others for Matters Not on the Agenda

Bike Sharing – Lori McCarney from Bikeshare Hawaii explained the concept of bike sharing. The proposal is to have coverage from the University of Hawaii (UH) to Waikiki and from Diamond Head to Chinatown. There would be 200 stations and 2,000 special bicycles. Service to Manoa could come later, as a flat area with a dense population is preferred.

Blue Light-Emitting Diodes (LED) Lights – Dr. Kevin Jim was opposed to the "blue" LED lights, which are replacing the street lights around Honolulu. Dr. Jim claimed that the blue lights are harmful to human health, produces cancer, and disturbs the sleep cycle. Dr. Jim added that Mayor Caldwell and the City are refusing to meet with him on this issue. Also, Dr. Jim mentioned that Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1 Chair Greg Knudsen had written a letter to Mayor Caldwell, opposing the installation of blue light-emitting diodes (LED) lights in favor of more "red" LED lights.

Comments followed: More Information – Gordon requested that this item be placed on the August 2015 agenda for a presentation by Dr. Jim, discussion, and action. D. Kobayashi asked why the City chose these bluer lights and if cost was a factor in choosing the lights. Hayes noted that using the bluer light would emit more lumens.

Car Share Bill 24 – Proposed CD1 – Deputy Director Mark Garrity, Department of Transportation Services (DTS), distributed a handout, which had frequently asked questions (FAQ) about car sharing and explained the City's position on Bill 24:

- Car sharing is a type of auto rental system 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 a phone application. There is no need to fill out paperwork or talk with an agent each time.

- There are two main types of car sharing: Return-Trip Car Share – A member picks up a vehicle from a reserved parking stall and returns the car to the same spot where he/she started. Point-to-point Car Share – A member may pick up a car and drop it off anywhere within a defined home area.
- Car sharing would provide Honolulu residents 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 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. On average, each car share vehicle will reduce private cars ownership by 9 to 13 cars.
- 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.
- Companies that use the point-to-point car rental system will establish a home area in which vehicles can be found (likely urban Honolulu to start). Vehicles may occasionally be seen parked on the street in that area.
- 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.
- Car share 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 web site or mobile phone application.

Comments followed:

1. Parking Spots – Watson asked about parking spots. Deputy Director Garrity mentioned that Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company has a car sharing subsidiary and the City would be able to dedicate parking spaces. Turnover of the spaces would reduce demand for the spaces.
2. No Smoking – Andersen asked about smoking and bike racks. Deputy Director Garrity responded that smoking would not be allowed in the cars and that in Seattle the use of bike racks on vehicles was tested.
3. Washington, D.C. – Gordon mentioned that in Washington, D.C., young people do not have to buy a car.
4. Bill 24 – Hayes asked for the pros and cons of Bill 24. Deputy Director Garrity responded that the bill would allow point-to-point car sharing, but islandwide coverage may not be economical.
5. Additional Comments – Aaron Landry, from car2go, responded to Watson's concern over parking spaces. A high turnover is preferred. Responding to Andersen, Landry noted that there would be no smoking and no drinking and driving to get insurance. In Portland, car2go tested bike racks and found that they extended the length of the car and two (2) cars could no longer fit in one (1) parking space. Also, surf board racks did not work.
6. Conflict of Interest – Resident Bob Kern was concerned that Deputy Director Garrity was favoring one (1) car sharing company over the others. Deputy Director Garrity responded that he favored a multi-modal transportation system, which offered more options.
7. Cleanliness – Resident Micki Stash was concerned about cleanliness. Landry commented that before the customer rents a car, a questionnaire asks if cleanliness is okay. If there are too many "frowning faces," then a cleaning crew is dispatched.
8. Islandwide Service – As Bill 24 mandates islandwide service, Landry thought it was a too large an area and there would not be enough usage.

Eby had departed the meeting; **10 members present.**

9. Rental Fees – A resident asked who pays for the rentals. Deputy Director Garrity noted that private companies, like Enterprise, compete for customers and sets the fees. The City encourages all options.
10. Ethics Violation – D. Kobayashi thought it may be an ethics violation that a government official is supporting a private company. Landry explained that he represents car2go and is following around Deputy Director Garrity, as he goes to Neighborhood Boards but was not invited by anyone at the City, including Deputy

Director Garrity. Deputy Director Garrity added that part of his presentation is to get public feedback because the bill requires the City to do just that.

Electrical Safety Tips – Loren Jerlow, Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) Safety Specialist, distributed three (3) handouts – "Outdoor Electrical Safety and You," "Handbook for Emergency Preparedness," and "Power to Save." In the U.S., 600 people get electrocuted each year. Jerlow gave several indoor/outdoor safety tips and tips for a disaster.

Input Received by Board Members from Community Members

Cooped-Up Chickens – It was mentioned that two (2) chickens are allowed in a coop 300 feet from the property line. The City needs to hire a vendor.

Honolulu City Councilmember Ann Kobayashi – Councilmember Kobayashi's newsletter was distributed and Councilmember Kobayashi reported the following:

- City Budget – The full Council passed the budget today. It increased the contract with the Hawaiian Humane Society and allocated \$125 million for paving of roads with no increase in real property taxes.
- Chickens – Councilmember Kobayashi mentioned that chickens are kept to lay eggs, but it is the roosters that make noise.

Comments followed:

1. Chickens – Watson commented about the "big" chickens that walk off the property.
2. Re-paint the Curbs Red – Bilodeau suggested that now that it is summer, the City could re-paint the curbs red. Councilmember Kobayashi responded that the City no longer paints curbs red.
3. Bill 24, Car Sharing – Hayes asked about Bill 24. Councilmember Kobayashi responded that Bill 24 was the third attempt to pass a car sharing bill. It proposed islandwide service and an increased fee from \$1,000 to \$1,500 per reserved spaces. Councilmembers were letting the Councilmember from Waikiki to "shepherd" the bill because his district was the most effected. Councilmember Kobayashi does not favor tailoring a bill to one company, but agrees with the concept of car sharing. Councilmember Kobayashi added that she felt the \$1,000 fee is too low. It would be \$1,000 per one space, per year, per company.
4. Chickens – Heavilin noted that the 300 feet requirement is for farm animals, Councilmember Kobayashi added the peacocks are included.
5. Hawaii Five (5) Cents (HI5¢) – A resident thought that if the State had a high redemption rate, then the HI5¢ deposit would disappear. Councilmember Kobayashi favors the white recycling bins formerly at the schools, but the City favors the blue curbside recycling bins. The HI5¢ money goes to the State Department of Health (DOH).
6. Bill 6, Sit/Lie Bill – Mayor Kirk Caldwell vetoed the bill and the Council will override the veto.
7. Bill 24, Car Sharing – car2go opposes requiring islandwide service, due to economic reasons, but other companies have not come out to oppose islandwide service.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – The *City News May 2015 and June 2015* were distributed and Department of Community Services (DCS) Deputy Director Barbara Yamashita reported the following:

- Updates on Mayor Caldwell's Five (5) Priorities – 1. TheBus – No updates at this time. 2. Road Repairs – A. Nipo Street Rehabilitation (Projects to bid using current year construction funds), B. Rehabilitation of Localized Streets, Phase 20 (Manoa) (Scope development/consultant procurement process ongoing), C. Rehabilitation of Streets, Unit 81 (University Avenue) (Projects to bid using current year construction funds.) D. Rehabilitation of Localized Streets, Phase 20B (Manoa) (Scope development/consultant procurement). 3. Sewers – A. Hausten Ditch Emergency Repairs in the Vicinity of 616 Hausten Street and 603 Isenberg Street (Construction ongoing), B. Manoa Sewer Relief/Rehabilitation (SI-CS-15) (Project in planning/design phase). 4. Parks – A. Manoa District Park Gym (new) and Multipurpose Building Roof Improvements (Project in planning/design phase), B. Manoa Valley District Park Ball field Light Replacement (Project went out to bid. Pending award), C. Manoa Valley District Park Gym (Old) Roof Improvements (Projects to bid using current year construction funds).
- Oahu Avenue Paving – Andersen did not feel last month's answer, regarding the "start" and "finish" was adequate. The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) responded: Oahu Avenue (East Manoa Road to Manoa Road – mauka intersection) is being rehabilitated as part of Department of Design and Construction (DDC) Rehabilitation of Streets, Unit 66 project. The scope of work includes reconstruction of the subsurface road base area as needed; curb, gutter and sidewalk reconstruction where needed; construction of new concrete and asphalt bus pads; catch basin repairs and miscellaneous work. It is not a fast patch

pave over. For more information, contact Mike Yuen, DDC's project engineer, at 768-8839. Oahu Avenue is being repaved starting from just mauka of the intersection with East Manoa Road. The project will end just before the upper (mauka) intersection with Manoa Road.

- Kanewai Community Park – Fisher wanted more details to include the overall plan and timelines for the project. The Department of Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) responded: DDC is working with the contractor to resolve corrective actions with the newly installed hand railings at Kanewai Community Park and is planning on scheduling a grid test on the pool lighting. These issues must be completed before the project can be accepted. This portion is the first of the two (2)-phase construction project, which is under the jurisdiction of DDC. The second phase will be for the construction and installation of new play courts and a play apparatus. The contractor completed installation of the handrails and the pool lighting test was completed and the system passed. The second phase began on Monday, May 4, 2015. The project was turned over to DPR on Tuesday, May 5, 2015.
- Chickens – The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) responded: Generally, chickens are regulated under the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH), Chapter 7, Animals and Fowl, for nuisances and Chapter 21, of the Land Use Ordinance, for land use and structures. A maximum of two (2) chickens per household are permitted as household pets, according to Chapter 7-24(b) ROH. Enclosures, such as chicken coops, must meet applicable zoning and building code requirements, for structures, including the required front, side, and rear yard setbacks. This is required under Chapters 7-2.4(b), and 21, Article 3 ROH.
- Status of Work on Wilder Avenue – Resident Bob Kern wanted to know the status of work on Wilder Avenue by the 7-11 store, which was started around four years ago. There is a temporary covering on the roadway but it has never been repaved. DDC replied: The sewer work in this area has been completed, including repaving the trench work. Curb to curb repaving will be programmed for a later date.
- Oahu Avenue Paving (Flood Mitigation) – A resident had asked if the work being done on Oahu Avenue also included flood mitigation after heavy rains. DDC replied: The repaving of Oahu Avenue will ensure positive drainage to eliminate ponding. However, the repaving will not include mitigation of flooding due to heavy rain events.
- Ulu Trees – Resident Helen Nakano, member of the "Be Ready Manoa" disaster preparedness/response committee asked if the parks would be open to growing Ulu trees. The Be Ready Manoa group is promoting the growing of ulu trees as a sustainable food to promote food security. DPR does not allow the planting of fruit trees in parks. The parks are meant for open space, and for passive and recreational activities.
- Bus Stop on Wilder Avenue across Spreckels Street – Kern noted that it appears the work on the curb and sidewalk have been completed, but the moving of the bus stop bench/roof has not been moved back. DFM replied: Investigation of work being performed by DFM crews did not indicate any work in the subject area. A check with Department of Transportation Services (DTS) indicated that the Public Transit Department (PTD) may be involved and DFM recommended that the response be forwarded to DTS-PTD. DTS replied: A new bus shelter will be installed at the site. Although the concrete work was completed weeks ago, the contractor encountered a problem in locating a source for the brackets used to support the bus shelter's structure. The bracket problem has been resolved and he expects to start installing the new shelter during the week Monday, May 25, 2015. The installation is expected to be completed by mid-June 2015. When work on the new shelter is completed, the old shelter will be refurbished and moved to another bus stop.

Comments followed:

1. Chickens – Deputy Director Yamashita will follow up on enforcement of "runaway" chickens.
2. Other Issues – Deputy Director Yamashita noted that she will follow up on the blue light-emitting diodes (LED) lights and other issues mentioned.
3. Wilder Avenue – Kern was not satisfied with the answers and Micki Stash had pictures of the bus stop. Deputy Director Yamashita will follow up.

State Representative Isaac Choy – Representative Choy was not present and no report was available.

State Senator Brian Taniguchi – Tom Heinrich distributed Senator Taniguchi's newsletter. However, there was no verbal report.

Governor David Ige's Representative – No representative was present and no report was available.

Be Ready Mānoa (BRM) – Gregg Nakano distributed a flyer on Cross-Island Community Resilience Network (CICRN) and reported the following:

- Hurricanes – G. Nakano mentioned that a higher than average number of hurricanes is predicted, due to El Nino climate changes. Also, the track of the storms is shifting to northern path. Hurricane season is from June 1 to November 30 each year.
- Cross-Island Community Resilience Network (CICRN) – In order to minimize the impacts of natural and man-made disasters, the Cross-Island Community Resilience Network (CICRN) is helping neighborhoods develop, implement and exercise their disaster preparedness strategies by strengthening communication, coordination and collaboration between stakeholders engaged in disaster risk reduction throughout the State of Hawaii. Hawaii is unprepared according to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)'s "catastrophic planning under the Maximum of Maximum's framework." A disaster that disrupts the tourist industry would result in lost revenues and joblessness across the State at the exact time that Hawaii will need to respond, recover and rebuild. A large percentage of the population engaged in the tourist industry will become unemployed and unable to pay for their food and/or accommodations. Hurricane Katrina and Super Storm Sandy have shown the inability of the federal and state governments to cover all the community's disaster response and recovery needs. Any recovery could take months or years. (Kauai-7 years). The federal, state, and local first responders have repeatedly stated that it is up to local communities to prepare themselves for potential disaster impacts. Be Ready Manoa will host the quarterly CICRN meeting at the Mid-Pacific Institute at Bakken Auditorium on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Contact Gregg Nakano by email at gmnakano@gmail.com, or by phone at (617) 515-1099

Comments followed: Fiscal Set Up – G. Nakano answered for Andersen that he does not know the whole financial set-up for Be Ready Manoa (BRM), but he is a volunteer. BRM was formed to help the Neighborhood Boards and Neighborhood Security Watches (NSW). There are plans to link up with the Sister City program and to join United Nations (UN) efforts for disaster preparedness.

NEW BUSINESS

Manoa Heritage Center Presentation – Margo Vitarelli, Education Director, and Geoff Lewis, architect, gave a brief history of the three and one-half (3 1/2) acre property, which has a botanical garden, a Kualii historic home, and a Hawaiian Kuka'o'o heiau. 75% of the free tours are for school children. The MHC wants to expand and build a new Visitor Education Center with restrooms. The Conditional Use Permit (CUP) minor was approved two (2) times in the past, but now the MHC has applied to revise the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) because the plans have changes in some regards. Previously there had been one large building planned, now the plan is for separate buildings but space for essentially the same uses. There will also be a bus turnaround for buses because they wanted to avoid reversing for safety and noise reasons. As outlined in previous CUPs, the new entrance will be on Oahu Avenue instead of the current entrance on Manoa Rd. The MHC has been a good neighbor.

Comments followed:

1. Litigation – Andersen was concerned about litigation. John Whalen explained that in 1991 the heiau was saved. There were some restrictive covenants, so the height level was lowered. There are still ongoing concerns about the driveway, but there is no ongoing litigation. The first CUP was for the road and the second CUP was for the historical site. There will be no sewer/traffic impact, as there would not be four (4) houses, which is what could be built on the lots per existing zoning. There are plans for only one (1) bus per day.
2. Size of Buses – Tom Heinrich asked the size of the bus. The answer was a school bus.
3. Tours – The tours have been going on for six (6) years with 50 visitors per week for the one (1) hour tour per day. There are two (2) staff members. There are 30 children per tour and only one (1) neighbor had a concern about the driveway.
4. Residential Use Versus Commercial Use – Chun had a concern about "residential use." It was mentioned that the first two (2) CUPs were permitted. Hayes asked about what sort of limits the existing CUP imposes. Lewis answered that there are limits but MHC is nowhere near the limits and does not plan to get near the limits, of about 75,000 visitors per year.

Resolution in Support of the Manoa Heritage Center – Dale Kobayashi offered a resolution in support for the MHC. **D. Kobayashi moved and Chun seconded that the Manoa Neighborhood Board No 7 adopt the resolution submitted by D. Kobayash to support the Manoa Heritage Center.**

Hayes moved and Chun seconded to amend D. Kobayashi's resolution to support the amended Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and to send copies of the resolution to Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), Mayor Kirk Caldwell, and members of the City Council. Discussion followed. Geoff Lewis explained the previous

two (2) Conditional Use Permits. The third CUP would make amendments to create the new Visitor and Educational Center and create the bus turnaround. Andersen was concerned about the driveway issue, which was a private matter with the neighbor. **The motion was NOT ADOPTED, 8-2-0 (AYE: Andersen, Chun, Eads, Gordon, Hayes, Heavilin, D. Kobayashi, and Watson; NAY: Arcate and Bilodeau; ABSTAIN: None).** Nine (9) votes were needed to pass.

Chair Eads and Gordon spoke in favor of supporting the Manoa Heritage Center. The MHC had no intention of expansion. **D. Kobayashi moved and Chun seconded that the Manoa Neighborhood Board No 7 adopt the resolution submitted by D. Kobayash to support the Manoa Heritage Center. The motion was ADOPTED, by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 10-0-0 (AYE: Andersen, Arcate, Bilodeau, Chun, Eads, Gordon, Hayes, Heavilin, D. Kobayashi, and Watson; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

Letter from Representative Isaac Choy, Dated Wednesday, April 1, 2015 – The letter was submitted to Board members at the Wednesday, April 1, 2015 meeting. Chair Eads received a notice from the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) that a complaint was filed with the Neighborhood Commission and for the Neighborhood Board to refer this matter. Chair Eads forgot to remove this item from the agenda. Andersen wanted to hear from Watson. Watson confirmed that Representative Choy had filed a complaint with the NCO to have her removed from the Board. Watson had filed a complaint with House Speaker Joe Souki, who sent her a reply. Also, Darryl Wong had filed a complaint against D. Kobayashi. Watson added that the Ethics Commission noted that the Board should not address this matter.

BOARD ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING

Neighborhood Board Recess in July 2015 – Chair Eads explained that it was a Manoa Neighborhood Board No 7 tradition to recess for the July meeting each year, as it usually falls near the Independence Day holiday. Former NCO Executive Secretary (ES) Tom Heinrich pointed out that the initial meeting of the new 2015 – 2017 Neighborhood Board term has many important items to decide, and the "old" Board cannot obligated the "new" Board with votes, like a vote on recess days. **As there were no objections, the Board took no action on taking a recess for July 2015.**

Treasurer's Report – Chair Eads reported that \$46.71 was spent on the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes, leaving a balance of \$209.67. The Treasurer's report was filed.

Reports from Board Officers and/or Board Members – There was none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Input from Board and Community – There was none.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

RESOLUTION OF THE MANOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE VISITOR EDUCATION CENTER AT THE MANOA HERITAGE CENTER (MHC)

WHEREAS, since 1996, the Manoa Heritage Center (MHC) has endeavored to preserve the natural and cultural history and natural beauty of Manoa Valley; and

WHEREAS, MHC has provided a unique educational experience to students of all ages, free of charge; and

WHEREAS, MHC has provided thoughtful stewardship of the Kuka'o'o Heiau and historic home Kualii; and

WHEREAS, MHC intends to increase such learning opportunities with the construction of a visitor education center; and

WHEREAS, the new visitor education center will provide for expanded educational activities, exhibits, and basic facilities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Manoa Neighborhood Board No 7, to support the mission and goals of MHC and express appreciation to Sam and Mary Cooke for their enormous contributions in preserving the natural and cultural heritage of Hawaii and Manoa Valley.

This resolution was adopted by unanimous consent at the Manoa Neighborhood Board No 7 regular meeting on Wednesday, June 3, 2015.

Submitted by:
Eric Eads, Manoa Neighborhood Board No 7 Chair

Submitted by:
K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:
Uyen Vong, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by Jim Hayes, Secretary and
Eric Eads, Chair