



## McCULLY/MO'ILI'ILI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 8

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015** **WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Ron Lockwood called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. A quorum was **ESTABLISHED with 14 members present**. Note: this 15-member Board requires eight (8) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

**Board Members Present:** Antonia Agbannawag, Lindsey Allred, Joseph Bonin, Marijane Carlos, Klement Kondratovich, Serena Kyi-Yim, Ronald Lockwood, David Nash, Ronald Neff, Tim Streitz, Clifton Takamura, Thomas Tomita, Masahisa Yamaguchi, and Emmanuel Zibakalam.

**Board Members Absent:** Mary Jane Feldberg.

**Guests:** Janet Inamine; Lieutenant Baron Lee and Sergeant Jon Castro (Honolulu Police Department); Ronald Borromeo (Board of Water Supply); Mike Kockler (Representative Della Au Belatti's office staff); Johnathan Tungplan (Representative Scott Nishimoto's office staff); Kevan Wong (Representative Scott Saiki's office staff); Bob Kern; James Larson (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's office staff); Christal Whelan; Stacelynn Eli (Senator Brickwood Galuteria's office staff); Raymond A. Lalosin and Nasir Gazdar (McCully Citizens Patrol); Katherine Uehara; Les Yamashita; Laura Ruby (Mo'ili'ili Community Center); Kahele Porter; videographer (DVDmodo); and Stephen Saito (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**FILLING OF VACANCIES ON BOARD:** There were no Board vacancies at this time.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY LIAISON**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD):** No representative was available; no written report was provided.

**Honolulu Police Department (District 1):** Lieutenant Baron Lee provided a handout and reported the following:

- **January 2015 Statistics:** There were 0 motor vehicle theft, 3 burglaries, 9 thefts, 3 unauthorized entries of motor vehicles (UEMV), 4 assaults, 0 sex assault, 0 graffiti, 2 drugs, and 384 total calls for service.
- **Pedestrian Safety Tip:** Be safe and be seen. Wear bright/light colored clothing and reflective material to be visible to drivers. Cross the street in a well-lit area at night. Always walk on the sidewalk, avoid dangerous behaviors, and stay sober. Do not assume that vehicles will stop when pedestrians cross and be sure to make eye contact with the driver. Do not always rely on the pedestrian signals; look both ways before crossing. Look across all lanes you must cross and visually clear each lane before proceeding. Do not wear headphones or talk on the cell phone while crossing.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. **Used Syringe Needles Concern:** Tomita raised a concern of used syringes being found on Waiola Street and Lokahi Street fronting the Boys and Girls Club of Honolulu in January 2015 and requested HPD to patrol the area.
2. **Ala Wai Park Patrol:** Lieutenant Lee answered for Agbannawag that Ala Wai Park is under the patrol of HPD District 7.

**Honolulu Police Department (District 7):** Sergeant Jon Castro provided a handout and reported the following:

- **January 2015 Statistics:** There were 7 motor vehicle thefts, 23 burglaries, 48 thefts, 10 unauthorized entries of motor vehicles (UEMV), and 6,672 total calls for service.
- **Home Security Safety Tip:** Ensure doors and windows are locked before leaving the house. Having outside lighting and a security alarm will provide surveillance and extra security for the home.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Ala Wai Park Incident: Agbannawag requested for more information regarding a car crash at Ala Wai Park during the early morning of Saturday, January 17, 2015. Sergeant Castro replied that HPD cannot provide further information for ongoing investigations.
2. Crosswalk Safety: Carlos commented on an incident where a pedestrian was crossing the crosswalk and a moped driver did not stop for the pedestrian.
3. Burglary/Theft: Neff asked if the increase of burglaries and thefts could be attributed to the start of the semester at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Sergeant Castro replied that the increase of burglary and theft could be attributed to a variety of reasons.
4. Reason for Safety Tips: Sergeant Castro answered for Streitz that HPD have been providing safety tips on their handout in an effort to provide more community safety.

Governor David Ige's Representative: No representative was available; no written report was provided.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Director Carolee Kubo of the City Department of Human Resources (DHR) was not present; a memo for the record was provided and Chair Lockwood reported the following:

- Traffic Light at Coyne Street and University Avenue: The City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) activated the traffic signal at the corner of Coyne Street and University Avenue on Monday, January 26, 2015.
- Faded Red Curbs: The DTS has determined that red curbing is not necessary on Philip Street between Kuikahi Street and Punahou Street at this time. A field check confirmed that the curbing was not previously painted red. DTS only installs red curbing at official bus stops and passenger loading zones. An investigation by DTS also confirmed a double yellow centerline with a lane width of 10 feet in both directions. In accordance with the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH), DTS will install "No Parking Anytime" (NPAT) signs on the mauka side of Philip Street near Kuikahi Street. Call 911 if vehicles are parked illegally.
- Yellow Curbing: The yellow curbing along King Street between Pensacola Street and Piikoi Street bordering the King Street Cycle Track designates that area as a Freight Loading Zone.
- Bike Riders Outside of Cycle Track: In regards to bike riders, according to Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), when a roadway has a useable bike lane, bicyclists must use the bike lane if they are going slower than the normal speed of traffic. There are exceptions to this ruling including preparing for a turn, when passing other bicyclists, when avoiding debris or other hazardous conditions.
- Request for Traffic Light on Kealamakai Street: The DTS previously conducted a study and determined that a traffic signal at the intersection of Kealamakai Street and King Street is warranted. The traffic signal is scheduled to be installed in late-2015.
- Repair of Signs at 2600 Kuilei Street: The City Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) noted that the "Do Not Block Intersection" and "No U Turn" signs were restored and yellow reflectors were installed on Tuesday, January 20, 2015. Tree branches at 2600 Kuilei Street were also trimmed back to improve visibility.
- South Beretania Street Paving Project Update: The City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) should have a project update and revised schedule of the South Beretania Street paving project by the March 2015 Board meeting.
- Hausten Storm Drain Improvement Project: The DDC noted that the Hausten ditch emergency repairs has started construction. The project is expected to be completed by June 2015.
- McCully Bridge Rehabilitation Project: The DDC noted that the McCully Bridge rehabilitation project is scheduled to start in March 2015.
- Ala Wai Community Park Update: Clubhouse renovation is in the design phase for the Ala Wai Community Park.
- 2015 Neighborhood Board Elections: Candidate registration for the 2015 Neighborhood Board elections is due by Friday, February 20, 2015. For more information about the Board system, election or for an online application, visit <http://www.honolulu.gov/nco> or call 768-3708.
- Support the Honolulu Zoo: The Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts (MOCA) and the Honolulu Zoo is asking for donations of ti leaf to help repair the Hale La'i. Hundreds of leaves are required to do repair the hale La'i. Green, yellow, or brown ti leaves with stems may be dropped off in plastic bags at the Honolulu Zoo entrance.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Ronald Borrromeo circulated a BWS newsletter and reported the following:

- Main Breaks: There was an eight (8)-inch cast iron main break at 2450 Coyne Street on Friday, January 9, 2015. The pipe was installed in 1931.

- Construction Project: There is ongoing construction for the Kapiolani Boulevard water system improvement project. Lane closures will remain in effect during construction from Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The second manhole at the McCully Street and Kapiolani Boulevard intersection is expected to be completed by Friday, February 6, 2015. To contact the construction manager, call 799-8744.
- New Customer Parking Procedures at BWS Headquarters: There will be new parking procedures at the Beretania Street BWS headquarters beginning in March 2015. The parking control arms will restrict use of BWS parking stalls to only visitors on official BWS business. This will provide sufficient free parking for BWS visitors, reduce traffic, and create a safer environment. To enter the lot, follow these three (3) steps: 1) press the intercom button to speak with BWS security staff, 2) state the purpose of the visit, and 3) once cleared for entry, the parking arm will rise and customers can proceed to park.
- Water Bill Payments Through Bank of Hawaii (BOH): BWS customers will have the option to drop off water bill payments at any BOH branch on Oahu (excluding store branches) effective Wednesday, April 1, 2015. First Hawaiian Bank (FHB) will no longer be accepting water bill payments after Tuesday, March 31, 2015. To drop off payments at BOH, provide the teller a check and the bill payment stub which must be detached from the bottom portion of the bill. Payments may also be deposited into the Express Teller boxes in BOH's traditional branch locations. Visit [www.boh.com](http://www.boh.com) for a list of BOH locations on Oahu. For more information about various water bill payment options, visit [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com), call 748-5030, or e-mail [contactus@hbws.org](mailto:contactus@hbws.org).
- Water Conservation Contest: BWS began its 37th annual Water Conservation Week Poster Contest and 7th annual Poetry Contest. The 2016 theme is "Water Matters – Conserve it." The poster contest is open to Oahu students in grades Kindergarten through six (6), and the poetry contest is open to Oahu students in grades 7 through 12. The deadline to enter these contests is Wednesday, February 25, 2015. Winners will be announced in May 2015, will receive prizes, and be featured in the 2016 Water Conservation calendar.

Question followed: New Water Bill Payments: Borromeo answered for Kyi-Yim that water bill payments through BOH will start on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 and will end for FHB after Tuesday, March, 31, 2015.

University of Hawaii (UH) at Manoa: No representative was available; no report was provided.

Kamehameha Schools: No representative was available; no report was provided.

**Hearing no objections, Chair Lockwood moved to agenda item, 5. A: "Councilmember Ann Kobayashi."**

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi: James Larson circulated a newsletter and reported the following: Date Street Update: The bid for the Date Street repaving project will open in March 2015.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Real Property Tax: Larson answered for Nash that properties classified as "Residential A" that are used for low income housing would be subjected to a lower residential tax rate for five (5) years given that certain conditions are met. The bill will incentives for rental property owners to provide more low income rental rates and more housing for individuals such as college students.
2. Sand Island Housing Update: Larson answered for Bonin that is not familiar with Mayor Kirk Caldwell's plans for the Sand Island housing project.
3. Date Street Update: Larson answered for Takamura that the most recent response provided is that the bid for the Date Street repaving project will open in March 2015. Larson answered for Kyi-Yim that the contact person is Earl Kobatake and to call 768-8435.
4. Affordable Housing Plan: Larson will follow up with Nash on information of the person in charge on the plans for Affordable housing efforts relating to Ohana housing units.
5. Delays on Rehabilitation of Streets: Chair Lockwood commented that the Kapahulu Avenue and Beretania Street rehabilitation project is to be completed in December 2016 instead of July/August 2015.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

Representative Della Au Belatti: Mike Kockler circulated a newsletter and reported the following:

- Legislative Update: Representative Belatti is the Chair of the House Health Committee. The committee will be holding a hearing on Friday, February 6, 2015 at 8:40 a.m. in room 329 at the Hawaii State Capitol to discuss the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and Leahi Hospital. There will be a committee hearing

on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in room 329 of the Hawaii State Capitol to discuss bills related to Hawaii's medical marijuana laws and the prospects for medical marijuana dispensaries. Lastly, there will be a committee hearing on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in room 325 for the House and Senate Health Committees and Consumer Protection and Commerce committees to hold a joint hearing on the State auditor's official report on the Hawaii Health Connector. To receive email notices for the committee meeting schedules or to track a particular bill, register at [www.capitol.hawaii.gov/login/register.aspx](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/login/register.aspx).

- Additional Meetings: Representative Belatti will be at the McCully-Mo'ili'ili town hall meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the McCully-Mo'ili'ili Public Library; Makiki town hall meeting to be held on Thursday February 26, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Makiki District Park Arts and Crafts Building, and at the Art at the Capitol on Friday, March 6, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. at the Hawaii State Capitol.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Tracking Bills Online: Kockler answered for Nash how to track bills online on the [www.capitol.hawaii.gov](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov) website by using the search boxes. Kockler also commented that the website also notates how each legislator voted in the committee.
2. House Bill (HB) 150 relating to Sunshine Law: Takamura asked for the name of the person who introduced HB 150 relating to Sunshine Law. Kockler replied that Takamura could email Representative Belatti's office at [repbelatti@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repbelatti@capitol.hawaii.gov) or [repbelatti1@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repbelatti1@capitol.hawaii.gov).

Representative Isaac Choy: No representative was available; no written report was provided.

Representative Scott Nishimoto: Johnathan Tungplan reported the following:

- Legislative Town Hall Meeting: Representative Nishimoto will be hosting a legislative town hall meeting at the McCully Mo'ili'ili Public Library on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.
- Free Tax Clinic: There will be a free tax clinic event through the collaboration between the Hawaii Alliance for Community Based-Economic Development and several co-sponsoring Senators and Representatives on Saturday, January 31, 2015. For the schedule of other clinics, visit [www.hawaiiitaxhelp.org](http://www.hawaiiitaxhelp.org).

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Legislators' Voting Records: Nash asked if it is possible to search specifically for Representative Nishimoto's committee votes online. Tungplan answered that it is only possible to search through the archive by years for the committee votes for legislators. It is currently not possible to only search for a specific legislator's vote using the Hawaii State Capitol's website. Nash and Neff agreed that the website should provide that service.

Representative Scott Saiki: No representative was available; a written report was provided.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria: Stacelynn Eli circulated a newsletter and reported the following:

- Kupuna Power Day: The third annual Kupuna Power Day will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Hawaii State Capitol rotunda. The event will be hosted by Senator Galuteria and will provide valuable information for senior citizens.
- 2015 Legislative Session: Senator Galuteria is the Vice Chair of the Water and Land Committee and Hawaiian Affairs Committee. Senator Galuteria is also a member on the Ways and Means, Energy and Environment, Public Safety, and the Intergovernmental and Military Affairs committees.

Questions followed: Senator Galuteria's Place of Residency: Eli answered for Nash that Senator Galuteria lives in Kaka'ako.

Senator Les Ihara, Jr.: No representative was available; no written report was provided.

Senator Brian Taniguchi: No representative was available; no written report was provided.

#### PRESENTATION:

Kaimuki High School Performing Arts Center: Chair Lockwood circulated a flyer and noted that the presenter for the performance of Cinderella (Enchanted Edition) held in February 2015 is sick and is not available to present at this time. Chair Lockwood will list Kaimuki High School Performing Arts Center on the March 2015 Board agenda to have them announce performances held in March 2015.

**Hearing no objections, Chair Lockwood returned to agenda item, 4: "Residents' Concerns."**

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

- Mo'ili'ili Japanese Cemetery: Resident Laura Ruby inquired about who called the City for the weed overgrowth violation found at the Mo'ili'ili Japanese Cemetery.
- Organized Events Traffic Concern: Resident Katherine Uehara inquired how to advise Washington Middle School and the Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii to organize their events at different times to reduce traffic congestion.
- Mongoose Sighting: Tomita noted that there were mongooses sighted around Lokahi Street and Algaroba Street in January 2015.

**Chair Lockwood returned the agenda to order to agenda item, 7: "UNFINISHED BUSINESS."**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

South King Street Bikeway Model Project: Chair Lockwood noted there will be a full discussion on the South King Street bikeway project at the May 2015 Board meeting.

Discussion followed:

- Public Service Announcement (PSA): Kyi-Yim suggested there be a PSA on the South King Street Bikeway to get more bicyclists to use the bike lane rather than the sidewalk. Takamura commented that the City be contacted for more information on the cycle track.
- Appreciation: Nash noted his appreciation for the cycle track.
- One-Sided Bikeway: Tomita commented that the bikeway should not be on both sides of the road for two (2)-way for bicyclists and should be kept to the single lane bike lane for bicyclists.
- Young Street Bike Lane Opposition: Bonin noted that there are more bicyclists on Young Street and stated that he will not support another bike lane.
- Cycle Track Visual Disturbances: Resident Ruby commented that the colors used to paint the markers for the cycle track are visually disruptive and the City should consider using a different set of colors to paint the cycle track.

Mopeds and Scooters — Creation of a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG): **The motion to create a PIG to investigate the concerns with mopeds and scooters in the McCully-Mo'ili'ili Neighborhood Board No. 08 area was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT. 14-0-0 (Aye: Agbannawag, Allred, Bonin, Carlos, Kondratovich, Kyi-Yim, Lockwood, Nash, Neff, Streitz, Takamura, Tomita, Yamaguchi, and Zibakalam).** Streitz will lead the PIG with Carlos and Kondratovich as members. A report will be given at the March 2015 Board meeting and a final report at the April 2015 Board meeting.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Update: Bonin reported that there was a presentation presented by DPP a few months ago on the vision for Keeaumoku Street to construct more buildings.

Ala Wai Canal Project: Chair Lockwood announced that the US Army Corps of Engineers will be releasing its report to Congress next summer.

Kapiolani Hospital Renovations: Chair Lockwood noted that there will be an expected community meeting relating to the Kapiolani Hospital renovations in September 2015.

HPD Policies and Procedures: Chair Lockwood summarized the Board discussion relating to HPD policies and procedures.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Recess: Chair Lockwood noted that two (2) recesses were taken by the Board and there is still a possibility of scheduling a third recess at the next Board meeting.

Old Stadium Park: Resident Nasir Gazdar reported the following:

- History of Concern: Chair Lockwood noted that the issue of salable materials being burned at the Old Stadium Park on South King Street has been notified to the City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and HPD. Resident Gazdar also sent a letter of concern to Mayor Caldwell.
- Update: Resident Gazdar reported individuals who created bonfires at the parking lot of the Old Stadium Park. With the burning of metals and other materials, HPD was contacted numerous times and has not been enforcing the law in the area. The concern is that with these metals burning, hazardous chemicals are emitted into the area and becomes a liability. DPR is supposed to be responsible for the maintenance and cleaning of the Old Stadium Park, but nothing is being done to dispose the salable materials. Resident Gazdar requested that the Board make a resolution or a motion to advise the City to clean up and enforce the law on the individuals who are vandalizing the Old Stadium Park. Resident Gazdar also suggested that the City construct a fence surrounding the Old Stadium Park. Chair Lockwood asked the community for suggestions.

Discussion followed: Allred suggested the community to use the CitySourced Honolulu 311 application for smartphones for the public to report broken street lights, potholes, illegal dumping, and other issues directly to the City. Allred noted that a picture can be included with the report.

**Takamura departed from the meeting at 7:45 p.m. There were 13 members present.**

Committees: There were no reports at this time.

#### HOUSEKEEPING:

Living Age-Friendly: Mayor Caldwell and AARP will be hosting "Living Age-Friendly" at the Japanese Cultural Center from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 7, 2015.

Neal Blaisdell Center Master Plan: The City will be hosting the Neal Blaisdell Center Master Plan workshop at the Blaisdell Center, Hawaii Suites from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2015.

Urban Honolulu—Creating Great Neighborhoods: The Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) will be hosting the "Urban Honolulu" at the Kaka'ako agora from 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Ku Makani, Limited Liability Company (LLC): Ku Makani, LLC is seeking a variance to allow provision of less than the required amount of off-street parking spaces on a substandard lot in the BMX-3 community.

Liquor Licenses: Lounge Aros is seeking a liquor license in an environment where live music and recorded music is provided. The public hearing will be held on the sixth floor of the Pacific Park Plaza on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. Osoyami LLC is seeking a liquor license for a standard restaurant bar. The public hearing will be held on the sixth floor of the Pacific Park Plaza on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Anna O' Brien's Liquor License: Anna O' Brien's is seeking an extension on their liquor license on Sunday, February 15, 2015 and will be using their parking lot as a venue for a wedding reception from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The parking lot on 2440 South Beretania Street is anticipated to be used as an alternative parking site. The liquor license will allow alcohol service at the rear of the Anna O' Brien's building until 7:00 p.m. All music will conclude at 7:00 p.m. and all customers will be invited inside the premise.

Walgreens: Walgreens of Hawaii, LLC is seeking a liquor license for their store on 2919 Kapiolani Boulevard, suite 288 for general retail. Chair Lockwood noted that the liquor commission may deny or restrict the liquor license for establishments that are located within 500 feet from any private or public school.

Walk Audit: Board members participated in a walk audit with Dan Burden in the Kapiolani Boulevard area to discuss safer means of transportation.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

December 2014 Minutes: **The December 4, 2014 minutes were ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 13-0-0 (AYE: Agbannawag, Allred, Bonin, Carlos, Kondratovich, Kyi-Yim, Lockwood, Nash, Neff, Streitz, Tomita, Yamaguchi, and Zibakalam).**

**Takamura returned to the meeting at 8:09 p.m. There were 14 members present.**

January 2015 Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Allred reported that the January 2015 expenditures were \$50.58 with a remaining balance of \$268.41. The report was filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no committee reports at this time.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regular meeting of the McCully-Mo'ilili Neighborhood Board No. 8 will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2015, 6:30 p.m. at the **Washington Middle School cafeteria.**

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted By: Stephen Saito, Neighborhood Assistant I  
Reviewed By: Uyen Vong, Neighborhood Assistant I  
Reviewed and Finalized By: Ron Lockwood, Chair