



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

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2015 WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Ron Lockwood called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. A quorum was **established with 12 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, Marijane Carlos, Bryan Choe, Tamara Edwards, Juanita Kawamoto, Klement Kondratovich, Ron Lockwood, Larie Manutai (arrived at 6:46 p.m.), David Nash, Timothy Streitz, Thomas Tomita, Raytan Vares (arrived at 6:39 p.m.), Jay Yano, and Emmanuel Zibakalam.

Board Members Absent: Masahisa Yamaguchi

Guests: Firefighters Nicolas Hayler, Gordon Villa, Chris Cuyho, and Ryan Bump (Honolulu Fire Department); Sergeant Matthew Kurihara (Honolulu Police Department, District 1); Lieutenant Maurice Asato and Sergeant Allen Ishida (Honolulu Police Department, District 7); Carolee Kubo (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative); James Larson (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office); Senator Les Ihara Jr.; Clifton Takamura; Les Yamashita; Keoni May; Janet Inamine; George West and Michelle Matson (Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5); Robert Finley (Waikiki Neighborhood Board No. 9); Serena Kyi-Yim; Matt Yim; John Clements; Catherine Camp and Stacy Clayton (Kamehameha Schools); Chris Lethem; Derek Chow (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers); Carty Chang (Department of Land and Natural Resources); videographer (DVDmodo); and Jordan Ozaki (Neighborhood Commission Office).

Rules: At this time, Chair Lockwood read the Board rules as stated on the agenda.

FILLING OF VACANCIES ON BOARD: There were no vacancies on the Board.

### PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY LIAISON

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Firefighter Nicholas Hayler reported the following:

- September 2015 Fire Statistics: There were 2 structure fires, 4 cooking fires, and 7 activated alarms. There were 91 medical emergencies and 7 motor vehicle collisions.
- Safety Tip: Consider a fire resistant artificial Christmas tree. Natural trees should be fresh. Cut off at least a half-inch at the bottom of the trunk to allow the tree to absorb water. Electrical decorations should be Underwriter's Laboratory-approved. Do not overload extension cords.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Traffic Signals: In response to a resident's question, Firefighter Hayler reported that not all traffic lights are equipped with a device that allows HFD to change the traffic light during an emergency.

Vares arrived at 6:39 p.m. **13 members were present**

Honolulu Police Department (District 1): Sergeant Matthew Kurihara reported the following:

- September 2015 Statistics: There were 5 motor vehicle theft, 5 burglaries, 20 thefts, 8 unauthorized entries of motor vehicles (UEMV), 4 assaults, 1 sex assaults, 1 graffiti offense, 1 drug offense, and 543 total calls for service.
- UEMV Safety Tips: Residents should lock their car doors, stash shopping bags and valuables out of sight and conceal all items before parking, park in a visible location, increase the safety of a car with vehicle alarms or steering wheel locks, and ensure vehicle registration and insurance are hidden.

Honolulu Police Department (District 7): Lieutenant Maurice Asato distributed a handout and reported the following:

- September 2015 Statistics: There were 14 motor vehicle thefts, 16 burglaries, 38 thefts, 14 unauthorized entries of motor vehicles (UEMV), and 6,877 total calls for service.
- Drive Wise Hawaii: Drive Wise Hawaii promotes mature driver safety in collaboration with AARP and AAA-Hawaii.

Manutai arrived at 6:46 p.m. **14 members were present.**

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. HPD Car Lights and Speed: In response to a question from a resident, Lieutenant Asato noted that the officer's car speed or use of lights will depend on the situation.
2. Expired Safety Check: A resident asked and Lieutenant Asato explained that vehicles can be cited or towed if the car does not have the proper registration or a valid safety check. The resident reported a truck without proper license plates or a valid safety check parks in a "no parking" zone near Kuikahi Street and Citron Street.
3. Community Policing Team: Resident Clifton Takamura asked and Lieutenant Asato replied that residents can contact the East Honolulu Community Policing Team to get involved in neighborhood watch activities.

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) reported the following: Fountains: Fountains at the Ala Wai Community Park were repaired. Kapiolani Community College (KCC) was informed about broken fountains on the campus.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Sprinklers: Carlos reported that sprinklers are still broken along the Ala Wai Canal Promenade.
2. Lighting: Choe reported inadequate lighting on the Ala Wai bike path near Kapahulu Avenue and Date Street.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Dean Seki reported the following: Winter and Spring Weather Forecast: Due to effects of El Nino weather, BWS is asking all residents to conserve water. Find seven (7) easy ways to conserve water at [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Ala Wai Manor: Carlos asked about water shut off at Ala Wai Manor. Seki will follow up and contact Chair Lockwood.
2. Traffic: Kawamoto reported an increase in traffic near Fern Street and McCully Street due to construction.

University of Hawaii (UH) at Manoa: No representative was available; this item was deferred.

Chair Lockwood acknowledged those at the meeting who have served in the military.

#### REPORT ON MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE AT OTHER PUBLIC MEETINGS:

- Special Meeting on Moped and Scooter Noise: Streitz gave an overview on the special meeting held on Thursday, October 29, 2015. HPD officers, officials from the State Department of Transportation (DOT), elected officials, the Board, and members from the community participated in the discussion. Carlos acknowledged chairs from other neighborhood boards who were present at the meeting.
- UH Architecture Class: Streitz reported on the UH architecture's class' Old Stadium Park redesign project. Streitz distributed a handbook the students used to develop ideas for the park.
- Going Green Recycling Event: Edwards noted the involvement of students in the recycling event.
- Wolf Tales: Lockwood noted that 4,500 students attended the Wolf Tales play on anti-bullying.
- Homeless and Housing Working Group: Tomita noted his attendance at the Housing and Homeless Working Group meeting on Thursday, October 29, 2015. Topics of discussion included the homeless bill of rights, taxes, safe zones, rent control, taxes, and state financing for housing. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 24, 2015.
- Kaimuki High School Mural: Chair Lockwood noted that there will be an unveiling of the Mele Mural at Kaimuki High School on Friday, November 6, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.
- Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) Resources: Chair Lockwood announced that the Neighborhood Plan, Sunshine Law training, Board Member Guidebook, Department of Planning (DPP) Neighborhood Board Information Handbook, and other resources can be found at [www.honolulu.gov/nco/resources](http://www.honolulu.gov/nco/resources).
- Charter Commission: Chair Lockwood reported that 130 amendments to the City Charter have been submitted to the Charter Commission. Ten proposals relating to neighborhood boards or NCO were submitted. Visit <http://honoluluchartercommission.org/submitted-proposals> to view submitted proposals.
- Medicare Open Enrollment: Chair Lockwood announced that the Medicare open enrollment period runs until Monday, December 7, 2015. Beware of Medicare scams, and do not give out Medicare ID numbers over the phone.
- Laulima Fundraiser: Chair Lockwood announced that a Laulima fundraiser will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2015. Volunteers are sought for the event.
- Literacy Fair: Chair Lockwood announced that a literacy fair will be held at Kuhio Elementary School on Saturday, November 7, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Let's Move! Initiative: Nash noted he attended a meeting on First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! Outside initiative.

- Trails: Nash noted his involvement in the Na Ala Hele Advisory Council. The program allows stakeholders to become engaged in trail management and program implementation.
- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO): Manutai reported attendance at the OahuMPO meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2015. Elizabeth Fisher from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) discussed ways to fund bike projects through federal grants. There will be a meeting on TheBus and Handivan services on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at the State Capitol Auditorium at 9:45 a.m.
- Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Public Listening Session: Zibakalam reported his attendance at the PUC meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2015.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS: Neighborhood Commission: Vice Chair of the Neighborhood Commission and Chair of the Waikiki Neighborhood Board No. 9 Robert Finley congratulated the Board on their active participation in the community.

### ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi: James Larson circulated a newsletter and a letter to Derek Chow regarding the Ala Wai Canal Project.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Hospital Beds: Tomita asked about a decrease and shortage in hospital beds at state hospitals.
2. Bill 68: Streitz asked and Larson noted he would follow up with the neighborhood assistant on the Board's position and thoughts on Bill 68.

No representatives or reports were available from the following offices: Representative Della Au Belatti, Representative Isaac Choy, Representative Scott Nishimoto, and Representative Scott Saiki.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria: Vares circulated Senator Galuteria's newsletter and reported the following:

- Judicial Nominees: The Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee approved two (2) nominations to the state Circuit Court and a third nominee to the Honolulu District Court. The full state Senate will hold a special session on Friday, November 6, 2015 to consider the nominees.
- Kupuna Caucus: The Kupuna Caucus will meet on Friday, November 6, 2015 to consider legislation for the 2016 legislative session.

Senator Les Ihara, Jr.: Senator Ihara commented on the special meeting on moped and scooter noise. Senator Ihara noted the following: The City could adopt rules for mopeds, as mopeds are not under covered under current muffler laws. HPD could train officers to better visually identify altered mufflers.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Altered Mufflers: Resident Keoni May commented that altered mufflers can be obvious.

Senator Brian Taniguchi: A written report was circulated.

### PRESENTATIONS

Kamehameha Schools: Catherine Camp and Stacy Clayton from Kamehameha Schools spoke about the Moiliili Education and Innovation Initiative (MEII), an educational and retail project located in the Varsity Center property. Clayton and Camp reported the following: The MEII three-(3) year pilot program will focus on engaging students in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), innovation, and entrepreneurship, and will feature cultural and commercial activities. Construction will begin in February or March 2016.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Career Pathways: Carlos asked and Camp answered that MEII will help students of all grade levels explore various career pathways, especially in emerging industries.
2. Expansion: Kawamoto asked and Camp noted that if successful, the program could expand beyond Honolulu, but primarily, MEII will focus on linking the community colleges, UH, charter schools, public schools, and private schools in the area. The space will be a collaborative, educational space.
3. Website: Manutai asked and Camp answered that as the project is in the beginning planning stage, there is no website as of now. Contact Camp or Clayton for more information.
4. Parking and Transit: Agbannawag asked about parking and transportation. Clayton and Camp noted that they are working with UH to utilize the Rainbow Shuttle.

5. Redevelopment: Zibakalam asked if the project is separate from redevelopment plans in the Moiliili area. Clayton noted MEII is the educational component of the redevelopment in the area.
6. Programs: Resident Bronson Silva raised a concern about the use of space, and asked about benefits to Native Hawaiian students. Camp noted that MEII programs will be designed to increase high school and college graduation rates, and community college transfer rates into four (4) year programs.
7. Family Services: A resident suggested that programs be directed towards helping families. Camp noted that programs can be integrated with community and social programs.

Ala Wai Canal Project: Carly Chang, Chief Engineer of DLNR and Derek Chow from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers distributed a handout and reported the following: In conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DLNR has been working for the past 15 years to reduce riverine flood risks in the Ala Wai watershed. The proposed plan to mitigate the potential impact of floods will cost between \$170 million and \$200 million to construct. Features throughout the watershed will be designed to collectively provide flood protection. The feasibility report will be submitted to congress for their authorization for funding. Comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) are due on Monday, November 9, 2015.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Walls: Carlos asked and Chang noted that the project will avoid impact on historic walls. The proposed four-(4) foot wall near Ala Wai Boulevard will provide access in and out of the canal, and the aesthetics of the wall will be addressed in the design phase.
2. Maintenance: Vares asked about maintenance costs and Chang noted that the estimated maintenance costs will be about \$1 million per year, and will be the responsibility of the State or the City.
3. Natural and Cultural Resources: Kawamoto asked about impact on natural and cultural resources. Chang discussed the use of Natural and Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and field experts in avoiding, minimalizing, and mitigating impact of the project.
4. McCully Street Bridge: Tomita asked and Chang stated that the current plan has no impact on the McCully Street Bridge.
5. Costs-Benefits: In response to Agbannawag's question, Chang noted that \$20.3 million is the average expected annual benefits with a 50-year life project. The costs of damages to structures, contents of the structures, and emergency services are considered by congress, however there are additional benefits not included in the \$20.3 million estimate.
6. Coordination: In response to Zibakalam's question, Chang noted coordination with other City and State construction projects through the Ala Wai Watershed Partnership. The U.S. Corps of Engineers will be hiring a private contractor.
7. Tsunami: Nash asked and Chang noted that the project is not a part of tsunami mitigation.
8. Cycling: Nash noted that good design may improve cycling along the Ala Wai Canal and Chang noted that there is nothing in the project design that would prohibit future bridges over the Ala Wai Canal.
9. Wall Heights: Streitz asked about the 1% Annual Chance Exceedance (ACE) in relation to the wall heights. Chang noted that to minimize wall heights in the canal, the amount of water must be reduced through the retention basins.
10. Pumping Stations: George West, Chair of the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/ St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 asked about the pumping stations. Chang noted that the pumping stations will help to pump water from localized flooding into the canal.
11. Climate Change: A resident asked if climate change was factored into the flood magnitude calculations. Chow discussed probability and predictive models that were used to generate scenarios.
12. Other Options: Michele Matson of the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 and President of the Oahu Parks Conservancy asked if engineers considered constructing a water reservoir in a central location, or the water flow of the underground waterways. Chow noted that using the Kapiolani Park area as a flood retention basin would not mitigate the flood effects on structures along Kapahulu. Other mitigation plans were considered but would have had great impact on real estate, aesthetics, public safety, and create murky water issues.

Carlos departed the meeting at 8:45 p.m. **13 members were present.**

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ala Wai Canal Project: Chair Lockwood noted he will compile comments on the project to submit to the US. Army Corps of Engineers.

Parks Committee Permitted Interaction Group (PIG): Edwards noted the PIG established the goals and mission of a parks committee. A sign-up sheet was available for interested community members. Streitz commented that the Ala Moana-Kakaako Neighborhood Board No.11 set up a PIG to investigate pedestrian crosswalks.

OahuMPO: This item was previously discussed.

Kapiolani Medical Center Renovations: This item was previously discussed.

58th Annual Lion's Club Parade: Chair Lockwood designated Zibakalam as the lead person in organizing Board participation in the parade.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Resolution on Bill 68: Streitz read a proposed resolution on requesting the City to use the Oahu Bike Plan for the process of bicycle master planning in Honolulu. A copy of the resolution may be found at the end of these minutes.

**Streitz moved and Nash seconded that the McCully-Mo'ili'ili Board No. 8 adopt the resolution.**

Discussion followed:

1. Clarification: Zibakalam asked for clarification on the language in the resolution. Nash noted reasons for adoption of the resolution. Nash commented that Bill 68 would slow down the process for approving bike lanes and waste City Council's time.
2. Redundancy: Streitz noted that public infrastructure maps (PIM) are reserved for large projects and that Bill 68 would create redundancy and confuse the public, as there are proper avenues already in place for public participation.

**The motion was ADOPTED 10-2-1, (Aye: Choe, Edwards, Kawamoto, Manutai, Nash, Streitz, Tomita, Vares, Yano, and Zibakalam; Nay: Agbannawag and Kondratovich; Abstain: Lockwood).**

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

September 3, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes: **The September 3, 2015 minutes were ADOPTED as amended, 13-0-0 (Aye: Agbannawag, Choe, Edwards, Kawamoto, Kondratovich, Lockwood, Manutai, Nash, Streitz, Tomita, Vares, Yano, and Zibakalam; Nay: None; Abstain: None).** Amendments: Page 5: Under "UH Manoa Urban Planning Class Meeting" should read "UH Manoa *Architecture* Class Meeting."

Treasurer's Report: This item was deferred.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: This item was deferred.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Lockwood announced the following: The next regular meeting of the McCully-Mo'ili'ili Neighborhood Board No. 8 will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Washington Middle School cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Submitted By: Jordan Ozaki, Neighborhood Assistant I  
Reviewed By: Uyen Vong, Neighborhood Assistant I;  
Klement Kondratovich, Secretary  
Reviewed and Finalized By: Ron Lockwood, Chair

## RESOLUTION

### REQUESTING THE CITY TO USE THE OAHU BIKE PLAN FOR THE PROCESS OF BICYCLE MASTER PLANNING IN HONOLULU

WHEREAS, the Honolulu City Council is considering Bill 68 (2015) to add bikeways on public infrastructure maps, of which Chapter 4, Article 8, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH), requires each map to be individually adopted by Council with no corresponding update of content required, and the contents of which are intended to reflect *major* public infrastructure projects that impact adopted growth policies or needed public facility policies; and

WHEREAS, the Council has stated the intent of the Bill is to address a lack of community and Council input on bikeway projects; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the King Street Cycle Track Pilot Project, which commenced in December 2014 and is an example of a bikeway, falls within McCully-Moiliili and offers its residents an equitable and safe alternative to commute; and

WHEREAS, the City Department of Transportation Services and various community groups, including the Hawaii Bicycle League and graduate students of the University of Hawaii-Manoa Department of Urban and Regional Planning, have provided frequent presentations, updates, and information to the McCully-Moiliili Neighborhood Board No. 8 prior to, during, and following the site selection and construction of the King Street Cycle Track; and

WHEREAS, the Board meetings are open to the public, aired on Olelo, and its meeting agendas and minutes are made available to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Board meetings provide a convenient and efficient venue for resident concerns to be heard and addressed, including on bicycle infrastructure such as the King Street Cycle Track; and

WHEREAS, the Oahu Bike Plan, dated 2012, is mandated to undergo Council-approved updates every five years (Section 2-12.1(e), ROH) and offers a transparent, comprehensive approach with a documented public/community participation process to address bicycle infrastructure on Oahu, including McCully-Moiliili; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the McCully-Moiliili Neighborhood Board No. 8 states its concerns about a duplicative process that unnecessarily adds more government bureaucracy to an existing process by including bikeways on public infrastructure maps, which has potential to decrease public participation within McCully-Moiliili and the broader community as a result of a fragmented process and the questionable status attributed to redundant planning efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board supports the ongoing nature of the public outreach process offered through the mandated updates of the Oahu Bike Plan, while it notes there is no provision for public infrastructure maps to be updated and, most importantly, be consistent with Plan updates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests any improvements to the bicycle planning and implementation processes to be integrated into the existing efforts of the Oahu Bike Plan to facilitate a streamlined system that considers all bicycle infrastructure and which allows for a full understanding of its connectivity and impacts in the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests that updates to the Oahu Bike Plan, and in particular the infrastructure delineated in Attachment A showing the McCully-Moiliili neighborhood, be presented at its public meetings to solicit community feedback; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honolulu City Council as testimony on Bill 68 (2015), the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, the Department of Transportation Services, and the Neighborhood Commission Office.

INTRODUCED BY:

David Nash

Tim Streitz

Board Members

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

October 29, 2015

This resolution was ADOPTED by the McCully-Moiliili Neighborhood Board No. 8 at the November 5, 2015 regular meeting, 10-2-1