



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

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DRAFT – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 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 8 members present**. Note: this 15-member Board requires eight (8) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Marijane Carlos, Bryan Choe, Klement Kondratovich, Ron Lockwood, Larie Manutai, David Nash (arrived at 6:45 p.m.), Timothy Streitz, Raytan Vares, and Masahisa Yamaguchi.

Board Members Absent: Antonia Agbannawag, Tamara Edwards, Juanita Kawamoto, Thomas Tomita, Jay Yano, and Emmanuel Zibakalam.

Guests: Sergeant Jason Nagai (Honolulu Police Department, District 1); Sergeant Allen Ishida (Honolulu Police Department, District 7); Carolee Kubo (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative); Steve Uyeno (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office); Tom Heinrich (Senator Brian Taniguchi's Office); Jeff Pearson (Department of Land and Natural Resources); Clifton Takamura; Janet Inamine; Daisy Murai, Bob Kern, Michael Cacal, videographer (DVDmodo); and Relley Araceley (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): No representative was present and no report was provided.

Honolulu Police Department (District 1): Sergeant Jason Nagai distributed a handout reported the following:

- **November 2015 Statistics:** There was one (1) motor vehicle theft, three (3) burglaries, 15 thefts, nine (9) unauthorized entries of motor vehicles (UEMV), five (5) assaults, one (1) sex assault, zero (0) graffiti offenses, two (2) drug offenses, and 484 total calls for service.
- **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): Sergeant Allen Ishida distributed a handout and reported the following:

- **November 2015 Statistics:** There were six (6) motor vehicle thefts, nine (9) burglaries, 27 thefts, 11 unauthorized entries of motor vehicles (UEMV), and 6,227 total calls for service.
- **Home Security:** Residents are reminded to lock all home entryways, keep gifts out of street view, dispose of gift wrappings and boxes out of public view.
- **21 Step Home Security:** The "21 Step Home Security" handout advises residents to make home addresses easily visible for responding HPD, report broken street light to the City, maintain private hedges and lighting, inform the post office of any trips to avoid over-filling of mail boxes, and more.

Nash arrived at 6:45 p.m. **Nine (9) members were present.**

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: **Reporting of Incidents:** Carlos asked and Sergeant Ishida responded that renters can call HPD to report issues. HPD responds immediately to reports of illegal action and HPD can do a site visit to monitor the situation. Resident Takamura asked and Sergeant Ishida answered that residents should call HPD if there are any public safety concerns and thoroughly explain the situation to the dispatcher.

Governor David Ige's Representative: Jeff Pearson distributed a newsletter and highlighted the following:

- **Newsletter:** Pearson noted the governor's priorities can be found in the newsletter and commented that Washington Place will hold its annual Christmas Open House on Friday, December 18, 2015.

- Boards and Commission: Residents are urged to volunteer to fill vacancies on boards, commissions, and committees statewide. A list of vacancies and an application can be found at <http://boards.hawaii.gov>.
- Health Insurance: Open enrollment began Sunday, November 1, 2015 and will conclude Sunday, January 31, 2016. Individuals currently enrolled under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) will have to re-enroll at www.healthcare.gov.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Director Carolee Kubo of the City Department of Human Resources (DHR) reported the following:

- City Lights Kick-Off: Residents are encouraged to attend the 2015 Honolulu City Lights opening ceremony and parade on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Honolulu Hale. The Kapolei City Lights parade will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2015.
- Trash Disposal: Director Kubo distributed a handout urging residents to participate in keeping neighborhoods clean.
- Ala Wai Park Fountains: The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) recently repaired all three (3) water fountains, but one (1) fountain has been vandalized. A work request has been submitted for necessary repairs.
- Promenade Sprinklers: The sprinklers were fixed and vandalized again. A work repair request has been submitted.
- Ala Wai Bike Path: Prior to 2013, a decision was made to not include lighting in the bike path area. Pedestrians are encouraged to use the sidewalk fronting Kapahulu Avenue.
- Crosswalk Logos: The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) found that crosswalks are installed in accordance with the Manual on the Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), which is approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). "Aloha Oe" was painted across a private driveway fronting the Neal Blaisdell Center as a City pilot project. DTS is reconsidering City policy and may consider a school's request if it is in an intersection near schools in the residential area. Crosswalk sketches should be submitted to DTS for approval prior to installation.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Ala Wai Promenade Posts: A resident suggested reinstallation of removable posts fronting the Ala Wai Promenade as current usage by a neighboring property has degraded the edging. Director Kubo will follow up.
2. Runoff Plate: Carlos noted that a metal plate covering a storm water runoff has been removed on McCully Street near the Ala Wai Promenade. Director Kubo will follow up.
3. Charter Commission: Takamura asked and Director Kubo responded that residents can find contact information for the Charter Commission at <http://www.honoluluchartercommission.org>.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): No representative was present. Chair Lockwood read a report distributed to the Board:

- BWS Christmas Decorations: Trees decorated by BWS will be on display at BWS headquarters as well as at Honolulu Hale during the month of December. A decorated BWS truck will be part of the Honolulu City Lights parade on Saturday, December 5, 2015 as well as the Kapolei City Lights parade on Saturday, December 12, 2015.
- Kapiolani Boulevard Project Update: The first three (3) phases are complete. The new waterline has been installed along Kapiolani Boulevard from McCully Street to Isenberg Street. New waterlines, manholes, fire hydrants, service lights, etc. will be installed during the next two (2) phases from Hausten Street to Date Street and is scheduled to be complete by summer 2016.

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

REPORT ON MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE AT OTHER PUBLIC MEETINGS:

- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO): Manutai reported the Technical Advisory Committee will be meeting Friday, December 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the fifth floor conference room of the Department of Transportation (HDOT) building regarding amendments to Executive Committee bylaws, process review implementation, and recommendations for Transportation Alternative Program project evaluation and prioritization.
- Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO): Choe and Nash reported attending a meeting at HECO on Wednesday, November 18, 2015. Choe reported that HECO averages 1,400 to 1,500 megawatts per month, but output regularly fluctuates due to photovoltaic system (PV) installations. Choe noted HECO's support of electric vehicles. Nash reported HECO will be cutting-off PV installations in three (3) months based on a system metric and only industrial sized systems run by HECO will be allowed after the cut-off date. Nash added that some answers were given regarding the NextEra merger and the difficulty of providing constant electrical flow with differing electrical systems.
- Homeless and Housing Working Group: Manutai reported that health insurance enrollment assistance will be provided at the Palama Settlement from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2015. Kosraean, Marshallese, Chuukese, and Pohnpeian, translators will be available. Vares reported that the Housing and Homelessness Task Force will hold its final meeting for the year on Thursday, December 17, 2015 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in conference room 229 at the Hawaii State Capitol to finalize the 2016 legislative packet.

- Wolf Tales: Chair Lockwood noted the Wolf Tales play on anti-bullying at Kaimuki High School was well attended. A different play is scheduled for March 2016.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS: There were none to report.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi: Steve Uyeno circulated a newsletter and noted that Councilmember Ann Kobayashi could not be present due to participation in the Kaimuki Christmas Parade.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Future Bike Lane Presentations: Nash urged Councilmember Kobayashi to be present for the next presentation regarding bike lanes. Chair Lockwood noted that Councilmember Kobayashi will be participating in the McCully Christmas Parade.

Representative Scott Nishimoto and Representative Scott Saiki: Megan Yoshino circulated newsletters for both Representatives and reported the following:

- Kapahulu-Moili'ili Parade: The Kapahulu-Moili'ili Christmas parade will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2015.
- 2016 Legislative Session: Residents are encouraged to contact Representative Nishimoto's office with suggested legislation to introduce in the 2016 legislative session.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria: Vares circulated Senator Galuteria's newsletter and reported the following: Kupuna Caucus: The Kupuna Caucus will meet on Friday, December 4, 2015 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in conference room 229 of the Hawaii State Capitol to finalize the 2016 legislative packet.

Senator Brian Taniguchi: Tom Heinrich circulated a newsletter and reported the following:

- Legislative Town Hall Meeting: Residents are urged to attend a town hall meeting being held at Mānoa Elementary School on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Representative Isaac Choy and Councilmember Kobayashi will also be present.
- Honolulu Charter Commission: Heinrich urged the Board to consider discussing 13 proposals submitted to the commission regarding the Neighborhood Board system in future Board meetings.
- 2016 Legislative Session: The Board is encouraged to submit legislative proposals to Senator Taniguchi's office.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Meeting Time: Nash asked and Heinrich answered that residents can call the office to setup a meeting time or stop by.

No representatives or reports were available from the following offices: Representative Della Au Belatti, Representative Isaac Choy, and Senator Les Ihara Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ala Wai Canal Project: Chair Lockwood reported a letter regarding the Board's concerns was sent on time to the Army Corps of Engineers. Concerns addressed the Operation & Maintenance Manual for local stakeholders regarding schedule and costs for each retention/catchment area, that catchment areas could become an 'attractive nuisance' for swimming/fishing and the liability problems for these trespassers, eminent domain being used for different properties, and that Ala Wai Elementary School and Iolani School has no protection.

NEW BUSINESS

Old Sewer Tunnel Rehabilitation Project: Chair Lockwood announced the project is scheduled to be complete by March 2016 and will mainly affect Wilder Avenue and Dole Street, but wind may carry odors into the neighborhood.

HOUSEKEEPING:

- Bulky Item: Bulky item pick-up is the third Monday of each month. For bulky item schedules see www.opala.org.
- Ala Wai Canal Dredging: Preliminary planning is underway.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 3, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes: **The November 5, 2015 minutes were APPROVED as drafted 8-0-1 (Aye: Carlos, Choe, Kondratovich, Lockwood, Nash, Streitz, Vares, and Yamaguchi; Nay: None; Abstain: Manutai).**

PRESENTATIONS

BikeShare Hawaii: Ben Trevino (President, Chief Operating Officer) gave a presentation regarding BikeShare Hawaii, a new public bike sharing system. A map detailing the proposed location of bike stations was presented to the Board and Trevino reported the following:

- Bike Station Locations: 150 bike stations are being considered between the areas of Waikiki, Chinatown, Kalihi, and the University of Hawaii at Mānoa, with one (1) bike station installed every two (2) or three (3) blocks, where residents can access public bikes. 13 stations are being proposed in the McCully-Moili'ili Neighborhood Board area.
- Location Factors: Proposed bike stations must be in locations with enough physical space and no competing uses.
- Requested Input from the Board: Trevino requested input from the Board on the proposed station locations and distinct locations that highlight the neighborhood's personality.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Proposed Inventory: Nash asked and Trevino answered that each station will hold approximately 10 bikes. Trevino noted more bikes can be made available dependent on specific area needs or recommendations from the Board.
2. Cost: Manutai asked and Trevino responded that different rate types will be available such as trial, monthly (estimated at \$15-\$20/month), mileage, and duration of use. Trevino noted efforts are being made to ensure the affordability of the system. Manutai asked and Trevino answered that different cities have different costs, but Oahu will be consumer based. Trevino commented the system is very similar to the New York City system and will accept payment through credit cards or a transit card.
3. Requests of the Board: Streitz asked and Trevino reiterated that the request for input from the Board is regarding station sites and locations which highlight the neighborhood's character/identity. Streitz asked how the Board could provide feedback and Trevino responded that the map will be distributed to the Board members and that Chair Lockwood has the contact information.
4. King Street Stations: Chair Lockwood asked and Trevino answered that permission for the proposed King Street station sites have not yet been approved.
5. Three (3)-Wheel Bikes: Chair Lockwood asked and Trevino answered that no "three (3)-wheel bikes" have been designed, but design ideas are still being discussed.
6. Timeline: Manutai asked and Trevino responded that the anticipated launch date is between May 2016 and September 2016.
7. Public Input Period: Vares asked and Trevino answered that public input is encouraged throughout the entire process. Trevino noted that bike share stations are flexible and can be easily relocated.
8. Proposed Map: Chair Lockwood requested the map detailing the proposed station locations be emailed to the Chair for distribution to the Board.

Bike Lanes: Chris Sayers gave an update presentation regarding City bike lanes and reported the following:

- Project Lifespan: The King Street protected bike lane opened in December 2014 and is a two (2) year pilot project. In May 2015 it was converted to a two-way lane and signs were placed for Ewa bound riders.
- King Street Parking Changes: 11 parking stalls have been removed on King Street and "No Parking" restrictions were put in place for early morning and afternoon traffic times fronting Straub Hospital.
- Data Gathering: Different methods have been utilized to count bikes on King Street, Kapiolani Boulevard, Young Street, and Beretania Street. Results show an 88% increase in bicycle ridership and a decrease of bike riders on sidewalks. 89% of riders use the bike lane, 4% in the street, and 7% on the sidewalk. Tube counters are used monthly to gather more data. Riders in the bike lane average 12 to 15 miles per hour. On average a motor vehicle takes 51 seconds longer to travel from South King Street to University Avenue.
- Public Outreach: Sayers noted frequent visits are made to shop owners on King Street to garner input and many endorse the work being done, but some do oppose it. Parking stalls fulfilling Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements have been installed at Thomas Square and 12 more will be installed in the east direction.
- Future Plans: Plans are being discussed to connect the King Street protected bike lane to other bike paths as well as to the rail line. A new bike lane on South Street, from Ala Moana Boulevard to King Street, is being proposed to be built by February 2016 or March 2016. Conventional bike lanes are being proposed for McCully Street. Sayers noted discussions are being held regarding the reconstruction of Halekauwila Street to prepare for the rail system.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Other Neighborhood Boards: Chair Lockwood noted the Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 3 is discussing the bike lane plans for South Street and the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 is proposing a resolution transferring liability from bicycle riders to the companies that rent out the bicycles.
2. Parking Concerns: Nash asked and Sayers answered that parking restrictions were implemented on the Alapai Street end of Ward Avenue. Sayers noted that there are no parking restrictions in the area between Punahou and Isenberg Street, but things can be discussed if traffic becomes an issue. Sayers also noted sight distances have improved since the removal of parking stalls.
3. Pedestrian Incidents: Streitz recommended future updates address bicycle/pedestrian incidents. Streitz asked and Sayers responded that bike ridership has decreased on Young Street and Beretania Street, but no research has been done regarding effects on traffic. Sayers noted ridership on Kapiolani has stayed consistent.
4. Lane Problems and Improvements: Heinrich noted appreciation of on-pavement painted directions, but has concerns with asphalt berms and vehicles in the bike lane. Heinrich encouraged more community meetings to solicit ideas and discussion for future bike project plans. Sayers responded that the Oahu Bike Plan will be updated soon. Sayers noted no asphalt berms are planned for the South Street project.
5. McCully Street Concern: Takamura commented that a bike path on McCully Street would make it more difficult for pedestrians to cross the street. Sayers noted at least two (2) public meetings will be scheduled before work is done.
6. Public Concern: Resident Janet Inamine distributed a handout to the Board. Inamine noted a survey addressing the public's attitude towards using the bike lane. Inamine noted continued concern with asphalt berms as a hindrance to the mobility of disabled and elderly individuals. Inamine commented that businesses have continued to express concerns with losing customers due to limited parking. Sayers reiterated that some business do not approve of the project, but there is overall support from businesses. Sayers noted if 22% of Hawaii's population utilized the bike lane then Hawaii would have the highest bike-road share program in the world. Inamine asked and Sayers clarified research shows bicycle ridership has steadily increased.
7. Emailed Concerns: Chair Lockwood read a list of comments and concerns received over two (2) months regarding bike lanes.

Carlos departed the meeting at 8:05 p.m. **8 members were present.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Noise Committee: Streitz requested the Board not entertain any actions resulting from the special meeting on moped/scooter noise till the February 2016 Board meeting. Streitz noted Senator Ihara Jr.'s office is organizing the Moped Noise Mitigation Working Group and a meeting is planned for Tuesday, December 29, 2015 to finalize an action plan and legislation that may be introduced for the 2016 legislative session. Streitz added that a meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 to publicly announce the plan to address moped/scooter noise. Chair Lockwood reminded the Board that committee meeting notifications must abide by Sunshine Law. Chair Lockwood urged the Noise Committee to involve more public officials.

Parks and Gardens: Chair Lockwood announced that Edwards and Kawamoto will begin attending DPR meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Lockwood announced the following:

- Christmas Parade: The McCully-Moili'ili Neighborhood Board No. 8 will be participating in the Moili'ili Christmas Parade on Thursday, December 10, 2015 beginning at 6:00 p.m. from Kuhio Elementary School.
- Next Regular Meeting: The next regular meeting of the McCully-Moili'ili Neighborhood Board No. 8 will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Washington Middle School cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Submitted By: Relley Araceley, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed By: Stephen Saito, Neighborhood Assistant; Klement Kondratovich, Secretary

Reviewed and Finalized By: Ron Lockwood, Chair