



ALA MOANA-KAKA'AKO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 11

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2016 MAKIKI CHRISTIAN CHURCH

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Ryan Tam called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. **Quorum was established with five (5) members present.** (Note – This nine (9)-member Board requires five (5) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.) Chair Tam welcomed everyone to the Neighborhood Board meeting and thanked the public for participating in good governance.

Board Members Present – William Ammons, Roy Bumgarner, Rodney Chang, John Horvath (arrived at 7:10 p.m.), Larry Hurst, and Ryan Tam.

Board Members Absent – Duane Komine and Michael Zehner.

Vacancy – There was one (1) vacancy in Subdistrict 1.

Guests – Cindy McMillan (Governor David Ige's Representative, Office of the Governor); Noelle Wright (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative, Mayor's Office of Economic Development); Councilmember Carol Fukunaga, Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, Francis Choe (Councilmember Ozawa's Office), Acting Captain Brent Takemoto (Honolulu Fire Department), Sergeant Lyle Fleck (Honolulu Police Department), Michelle Foyt, Pat Lee (Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation), Bob Armstrong, Dexter Okada, Franklin Chung, Kathryn Henski, Zoe Tanaka (Videographer), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office).

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Acting Captain Brent Takemoto reported the following:

- May 2016 Fire Statistics – There were 1 structure, 0 wildland/brush, 0 nuisance, and 0 cooking fires, and 13 activated alarms (no fires); 213 medical emergencies, 2 motor vehicle collisions with pedestrians, 7 motor vehicle crash/collisions, 0 mountain rescues, 3 ocean rescues, and 5 hazardous materials incidents. There were no unusual incidences.
- Fire Safety Tip – Hurricane Season – HFD encourages every family to take the necessary steps to prepare for the hurricane season that runs from June 2016 to November 2016. Everyone should have a plan in place, a survival kit, and a way of staying informed on impending disasters. Additional information can be found on the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Emergency Management (DEM) website at www.honolulu.gov/dem.

At 7:10 p.m. Horvath arrived at the meeting; **six (6) members present.**

Honolulu Police Department (HPD), District 1 – Sergeant Lyle Fleck reported the following:

- May 2016/April 2016 Statistics – There were 12/18 motor vehicle thefts, 16/7 burglaries, 144/150 thefts, 34/57 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV), 16/16 assaults, 3/2 sexual assaults, 3/2 graffiti cases, and 49/47 drug offenses. There were a total of 6,841/6,604 calls for service.
- Pedestrian Safety – Sergeant Fleck distributed tips for pedestrians and motorists.
- Preventing Unauthorized Entries into a Motor Vehicle (UEMV) or Car Break-ins – Parking tips included always locking the car, keeping the car neat, and concealing valuable items and shopping bags, especially around Christmas, by putting them in the trunk, then driving to another stall. Park in a well-lighted visible area, increase security with an alarm or steering wheel anti-theft device, and be sure that motor vehicle registration information is hidden.

Comments followed: Top Ten List – A resident requested the Top 10 list of establishments that required police responses. Sergeant Fleck was not aware of such a list. Hurst added that the Neighborhood Board used to have a committee that followed Liquor Commission enforcement, which needed improvement and that he would serve on the committee again.

FILLING OF VACANCY IN SUBDISTRICT 1 – (Boundaries – Beginning at the junction of King Street and Kalākaua Avenue, southeast along Kalākaua Avenue to Kapi'olani Boulevard, thence west along Kapi'olani Boulevard to

Ke'eaumoku Street, thence northeast along Ke'eaumoku Street to King Street, thence southeast along King Street to Kalākaua Avenue.) As there were no volunteers, Chair Tam deferred this item to the next meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Conservation Congress Update – Ala Wai Canal Closure – Jason Redulla, Deputy Chief for Law Enforcement, Department of Land and Natural Resources, reported that the IUCN World Conservation Congress will be held from Thursday, September 1, 2016 to Saturday, September 10, 2016 at the Hawai'i Convention Center. This will be the first time this worldwide organization will hold its Congress in the United States. This gathering of 8,000 to 10,000 attendees will host many high-ranking VIPs. Due to increased security, on Thursday, June 9, 2016, a request was made to close the Ala Wai Canal from the Ala Moana Boulevard Bridge to the Kalakaua Avenue Bridge. From the Kalakaua Avenue Bridge to Kapahulu, the Ala Wai Canal would remain open for the public and canoe clubs. Law enforcement would be evident and there will be signage.

Comments followed:

1. Road Closures and the Ala Wai Promenade – Both areas were under the City and County of Honolulu (C&C) jurisdiction.
2. Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Training Exercises – Redulla expected no trouble from RIMPAC as to Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) enforcement and no trouble from foreign governments concerning closure for vessels.
3. More Comments – Redulla added that there will be no swimming, no stand-up paddlers, and no kayaks. It may not necessarily be a 24-hour closure. Hurst asked if security would be like in Vietnam, where they would shoot at anything floating by. Redulla noted that they wanted to provide a "safe zone." Chair Tam asked if there was any need for a resolution of support. Redulla responded that a resolution was not necessary.

33rd Annual Dick Evans Memorial Road Race (via Ala Moana Boulevard) – Chair Tam mentioned that the Hawaii Bicycling League (HBL) was not able to attend tonight's meeting, but the annual Dick Evans Road Race will start at 5:45 a.m. on Sunday, August 21, 2016. Starting in Hawai'i Kai, the cyclists will ride to Honolulu to Central O'ahu, around the North Shore and back to Hawai'i Kai.

RESIDENTS' AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS – There were no concerns.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health and Public Safety – First Vice Chair Larry Hurst acknowledged the HPD handout on pedestrian safety and read the following report:

"I was the third car back patiently waiting, stopped before King in the usual afternoon mauka-bound Pi'ikoi traffic, when there was movement in my rear-view. From dead-stop the white small SUV/MPV behind me was abruptly turning into the right-turn-only lane, the driver a pale young man with short red hair and beard, who evidently did not look first and came close to hitting a "Joe-Lunch pail" bicyclist in the turn lane. As the vehicle passed me, I noticed the Hawaii Bicycling League graphics on its side, and I thought how ironic, if the cyclist had been killed. Obviously, seeing the elderly couple using the crosswalk, the cyclist stopped in the street at the crosswalk demarcation, but obviously, not even looking for pedestrians the driver passed around the bicyclist and stopped in the crosswalk, fortunately missing the couple by 10-feet and then blocking their progress. Still on the red, the couple there confused, and the cyclist in the blind-spot, the driver made a sudden unsafe turn onto King, into the traffic made heavier, since the bike-lane addition – all reckless actions typical of a "Johnny-Road-Racer" cyclist. In about thirty seconds that driver violated four traffic laws and jeopardized three or more lives. If anyone had been killed or injured, I would gladly have been a witness for prosecution.

Now having witnessed this terrifying incident, I will view with askance any opinions expressed by the HBL."

Comments followed: Kathryn Henski and her family were members of the Hawaii Bicycling League (HBL) and took exception to Hurst's comments.

Citizens Patrol – Hurst had no report.

Community Relations – Duane Komine was not present, but Horvath reported on the 10th Annual Friends of Kewalo Basin clean-up of Kewalo Basin on Saturday, June 18, 2016. There was a large turnout.

Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) – Chang reported the following:

"The next HCDA board meeting is on July 6, 2016 at 9:00 am in the HCDA Kaka'ako Office located at 547 Queen Street, Honolulu, HI 96813.

A public hearing is set for 1:00 p.m. that same day where the board could render a decision on the Kewalo Basin Harbor improvements, which was deferred at its last meeting.

The public comment period for the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Kaka'ako Makai Parks ended this week. It is expected to take a few months to incorporate the comments into the final EIS. They hope to have the EIS completed by the end of the year.

The public can view the draft EIS in the link: <http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/draft-eis-for-kakaako-makai-parks/>.

Eventually, this EIS will be used to guide the redevelopment of the parks; however, none of the proposals contained within have been finalized or approved for building."

Legislation – Committee Chair Zehner was not present and there was no report available.

Parks and Water – Chair Tam reported the following:

- Board of Water Supply (BWS) Report – Main Break Report – There were two (2) main breaks in May 2016:
 - Tuesday, May 3, 2016, a six (6)-inch cast iron main break at 1550 Rycroft Street.
 - Tuesday, May 24, 2016, a six (6)-inch cast iron main break at 458 Keawe Street.
- 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 the annual water quality report, which will be mailed to all customers by July 1st. Digital copies of water quality reports and additional water quality information will also be posted on the website, www.boardofwatersupply.com.

If there are any questions about this report, contact the BWS Water Quality Division at 748-5080.

- BWS Water Waste Hotline – The hot summer months are right around the corner. Home water use typically rises during the summer, so the BWS would like to remind all residents to be vigilant and avoid wasting water. There are a few simple things to save water:
 - Check for property leaks;
 - Avoid watering lawns between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; and
 - Turn off the tap while brushing teeth or shaving.

If water is being wasted – a broken water pipe, a malfunctioning irrigation sprinkler, a faucet left running, or something similar, consider contacting the BWS Water Waste Hotline at 748-5041 or contactus@hbws.org. Board of Water Supply employees will then follow up on the problem and ask that it be corrected.

For more tips on how to conserve water, visit the BWS website at www.boardofwatersupply.com.

- Pensacola Water System Improvement Project – RMY Construction, Inc. is currently working on Pensacola Street between South King Street and Kapiolani Boulevard to install new fire hydrants. Motorists and area residents are advised to expect roving lane closures that involve closing at least two (2) traffic lanes at a time on Pensacola Street between South King Street and Kapiolani Boulevard during working hours. Lane closures for the project are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. On street parking will be impacted at various times and locations. This important project will improve water service reliability to residents and businesses in the area. Questions and comments may be directed to the project's Construction Manager at 321-1879. Information about the project is also available at www.boardofwatersupply.com.

Parks – Next month Bumgarner will submit a resolution to convert a City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) park (Kawaihao Mini Park) into a Dog Park. Currently maintained by the Imperial Plaza AOA, the 10,000 sq. ft. park needs a \$10 to \$15,000 chain link fence. There are liability and funding issues, but the AOA will continue to maintain the park.

Kuleana Kaka'ako Community Association (KKCA) Update – Chair Tam reported that the KKCA had discussions about connecting Ala Moana Beach Park (City) with Kewalo Basin (State).

Transportation Committee – Ammons deferred to Pat Lee, Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART), who reported the following:

- Recovery Plan – The Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) signed in December 2012, is the contract between the City, HART and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to build a 20-mile, 21 station system with 80 train cars in exchange for the \$1.55 billion federal grant. However, with the anticipated budget shortfall, the FTA has sent a letter to HART and the City on June 6, 2016 requiring a "recovery plan" by August 7, 2016 as cost and schedule far exceed the amounts and time line described in the FFGA.

- Six (6) Options – Given projected cost of upwards of \$8 billion, and projected revenue of \$6.8 billion, there is a potential deficit of at least \$1 billion. Without additional revenue, other options need to be considered until funds are available to complete the entire project. One may have read about the six (6) options presented to the HART board: build to Middle Street as planned, plus the guideway only to Ala Moana Center without the seven stations in between; build to Middle Street, and continue with express buses or BRT; build to Middle Street and then continue to Ala Moana Center with a light rail at-grade system; build the project as far as funds allow, by deferring building some stations; seek more public-private partnerships, or change the alignment to Nimitz Highway.
- Pros and Cons – Each of these options have pros and cons, and some are not feasible, like the light rail option or Nimitz highway. Options may save on the initial cost but impact ridership, add other costs and increase the final cost to build the remainder of the 20-mile project at a later time. Some could delay the project if additional environmental studies are required.
- The Future – To be clear, HART's position is to proceed as planned with the full 20-mile, 21 station project. Once the cost, revenue, ridership and schedule calculations are done, recommendations will be offered to the board to consider, then the board would make a recommendation to the City Council. The Federal Transit Administration could approve the recovery plan if they deem it to be a "fully functional" option, that is, that ridership is sufficient to justify the federal subsidy. The FFGA would also need to be amended. The City administration has asked for an extension of time to provide the FTA with the recovery plan by June 1, 2017.
- For general project information, traffic updates, meeting notices and more information, visit the website www.honolulutransit.org, call the project hotline at 566-2299 or email a question at info@honolulutransit.org.

Homelessness Committee – Committee Chair Ammons reported the following:

"The City plans to turn a four (4)-story industrial building in Iwilei into the first "all-in-one" homeless project of its kind in the islands that will provide showers, laundry machines, two (2) floors of permanent housing, and social services pertaining to mental illness and alcohol and drug abuse.

Three (3) City Council members took a five (5)-day trip to Seattle, Washington to come up with ideas on how to reduce Honolulu's homeless population, including establishing a centralized "crisis solutions center" for mentally ill and addicted homeless people."

Ammons suggested they should have taken the State Homeless Coordinator, Scott Morishige, and law enforcement people. Ammons noticed that government needs to focus more on the planning part and more enforcement, as the homeless are returning. Hurst suggested that the government take care of the mentally ill, who have nice homes. Ammons noted that was another issue.

REPORTS OF MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE AT OTHER MEETINGS

Neighborhood Commission (NC) – Chair Tam attended the Neighborhood Commission (NC) meeting last night, Monday, June 27, 2016. The Neighborhood Board passed a resolution last month, concerning resident aliens' voting requirements. This measure did not proceed. Adding eligible voters, not on the active voters' list, will be on the August 2016 agenda. The NC will hold public hearings on this issue and the NC hopes to align Neighborhood Board elections with State Elections in 2020.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Noelle Wright distributed the O'ahu News and reported that there were no concerns from last month. Wright announced the following:

- Mango Jam – Mango Jam Honolulu will be on Friday, July 22, 2016 from 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 23, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Frank F. Fasi Civic Center at Honolulu Hale, 530 S. King Street. Free admission and parking. Mango Days, a recollection on stage, with Brother Nolan, Al Waterson, and friends; live entertainment, craft booths, food booths, beer garden, and Farmers' Market.

Comments followed:

1. Two (2) Months Ago – Hurst mentioned for Department of Transportation Services (DTS) the 808 parking signage and delivery trucks parking on Sheridan Street.
2. Nine (9) Street Lights out on Pensacola Street for a Month – Hurst added for Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) that eight (8) street lights were out due to the BWS Pensacola Street Improvement Project and requested them to be turned on.

3. Ala Wai Golf Course Expansion – Resident Franklin Chung went to a Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 meeting and was concerned about the denial of the Ala Wai Golf Course expansion project. Chair Tam noted that this issue was out of the Ala Moana/Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board No. 11 district and Mayor's Representative Wright will speak with Chung outside of the meeting.

Councilmember Carol Fukunaga – Councilmember Fukunaga distributed the newsletter and reported the following:

- Homelessness – Councilmember Fukunaga agreed with Board member Ammons about City and State cooperation on the homeless issue. The group had invited the Governor's Homeless Coordinator, but there was a scheduling conflict. They will reschedule another trip. Also, other Councilmembers have been studying other models in other cities, for example the "urban rest stop" concept. There is about a two (2) year period from hearing an idea to implementation.
- Bill 61, Relating to Industrial Lands – Councilmember Fukunaga distributed a handout on Bill 61, which was compiled with Councilmember Kobayashi, the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS), and the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA).

Comments followed: Bill 61 – Hurst asked if Councilmember Fukunaga and Councilmember Kobayashi thought Bill 61 was a good idea. Councilmember Fukunaga mentioned that Bill 61 helped small business owners in Kaka'ako. Hurst would support Bill 61.

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

- City Budget – The City Council passed the City Budget on Wednesday, June 1, 2016. There were funds for sewers and parks and \$20 million for the homeless.
- Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART)'s \$1 Billion Shortfall – Councilmember Kobayashi was very concerned about Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) borrowing money and the burden on the taxpayers. After the construction costs are paid, there are still the operating costs which depend on ridership and are paid by the taxpayers. Since 2005 Councilmember Kobayashi has been worried about the financial plans and lack of information. HART is depending on City-backed bonds.

Comments followed: Solution – A resident asked Councilmember Kobayashi about her views. Councilmember Kobayashi wanted strong leadership that will stick to sound financial plans.

Councilmember Trevor Ozawa – Francis Choe noted that Councilmember Ozawa's newsletter was available and that he likes to follow Councilmember Kobayashi and Councilmember Fukunaga, as they cover everything in their reports. Choe was available to hear concerns.

Comments followed: Shopping Carts – A resident asked about shopping carts. Choe added that Bill 33, relating to shopping carts, has not been scheduled for a hearing, but maybe in July or August 2016.

State Representative Tom Brower – Representative Brower was not present and the newsletter was available.

State Representative Scott Saiki – Kay Yasufuku Tam distributed a report and was available for questions.

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

State Senator Brickwood Galuteria – No representative was present and a report was provided.

Governor David Ige's Representative – Governor Ige's newsletter Capitol Connection was distributed and Cindy McMillan encouraged everyone to read it online to save on printing and paper costs. McMillan reported the following:

- Air Conditioning – As mentioned in the news, Governor Ige's initiative to cool the schools has hit some obstacles on contracting.
- Homelessness – Governor Ige is working on this issue and redistribution of State resources.
- Hurricane Season – As Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) and Honolulu Police Department (HPD) mentioned, each year, it is Hurricane Season from June to November and everyone is encouraged to be prepared.

Comments followed:

1. Hurricane Season – Chair Tam noted that there is an Emergency/Disaster Preparedness Training in the Announcements section of the agenda.
2. House Bill (HB) 2604 CD1, Relating to Acquisition of Real Property – Chair Tam asked if Bill 2604 was on Governor Ige's "veto list." A resident mentioned that Bill 2604 was not on the "veto list," but it will become law without Governor Ige's signature.

OLD BUSINESS – There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Resolution in Support of Requiring Sufficient Notice Prior to Finance Committee Hearings at the Legislature – Chair Tam talked with Board member Zehner and noted that Board resolutions are good for one (1) term and he will place this item on the next agenda for discussion and action.

Consider Resolution Regarding Bill 61, Relating to Industrial Lands in Kaka'ako – Bill 61 is to preserve and promote industrial uses in Kaka'ako in areas designated as Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) zones. Ammons added that Kaka'ako is transitioning from industrial to residential and this bill seems to be prolonging the inevitable. Chair Tam noted that the Central Kaka'ako Industrial Zone would have an exemption.

Hurst moved and Ammons seconded that the Ala Moana/Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board No. 11 supports Bill 61, CD2.

Discussion followed. A resident mentioned a larger property. Councilmember Fukunaga noted that the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) staff and Board determine the properties. Chair Tam asked about the 10-year property tax exemption. Councilmember Fukunaga explained the details, then after 2027, it sunsets. A resident was in favor. Chair Tam disclosed that he works for the rail project. **The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 6-0-0 (AYE: Ammons, Bumgarner, Chang, Horvath, Hurst, and Tam; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

Consider Resolution Regarding House Bill (HB) 2604 CD1, Relating to the Acquisition of Real Property – Chair Tam gave some background information. It was previously reported that House Bill (HB) 2604 CD1 would pass without Governor Ige's signature. There was no Board resolution.

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

Approval of the May 24, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes – **Ammons moved and Bumgarner seconded that the Ala Moana/Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board No. 11 approves the May 24, 2016 regular meeting minutes. As there were no corrections or objections the Ala Moana/Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board No. 11 ADOPTED the May 24, 2016 regular meeting minutes as circulated by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 6-0-0 (AYE: Ammons, Bumgarner, Chang, Horvath, Hurst, and Tam; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Horvath reported that \$30.37 was spent in May 2016, leaving a remaining balance of \$179.74. The Treasurer's report was filed.

NOTICE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Koolaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan – The public hearing for this community plan for the North Shore/Laie area will be on Wednesday, July 6, 2016, 1:30 p.m. at the Pali Golf Course.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Preparedness Training – The FEMA training is set for July 9, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the HCDA Community Meeting Room. Registration is at – sharonmoriwaki@gmail.com. So far, 18 people have signed up and they need 25. Hurst showed a tool to get out of an elevator and suggested that everyone carry a flashlight.

Liquor Commission Hearings – There Liquor Commission hearings are at 4:00 p.m., at 711 Kapiolani Boulevard, 6th Floor.

Pau Hana Park Ala Moana (1687 Kalakaua Avenue) – The hearing will be on Thursday, July 7, 2016.

Artistry Events Center and Lounge (461 Cooke Street) – The hearing will be on Thursday, July 21, 2016.

Foodland Farms and The Bar (1450 Ala Moana Blvd) – The hearing will be on Thursday, July 21, 2016.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Monthly Broadcasts – Monthly broadcasts of the Ala Moana/Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board No. 11 meetings are on 'Ōlelo 49 on the first and third Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. and every second Sunday at 6:00 p.m.
- Next Meeting – The next regular meeting of the Ala Moana-Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board is scheduled for Tuesday, July 26, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at Makiki Christian Church located at 829 Pensacola Street. No loitering on Makiki Christian Church grounds after 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business before the Board, Chair Tam adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Submitted by:
K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:
Sam Wolff, Public Relations Assistant

Reviewed by:
Roy Bumgarner, Secretary and
Ryan Tam, Chair