



'EWA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 23

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REGULAR MEETING DRAFT MINUTES THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017 'EWA BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Mitchell Tynanes, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **A quorum was established with eight (8) members present.** Note – This 11-member Board requires six (6) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present – Rodney Boucher, Mitchell Tynanes, Mikaela Callahan, John Clark III, Kurt Fevella, Donald Khun, Lynn Robinson-Onderko, and Ron Hochuli

Board Members absent – Shayne Greenland, Sam Puleasi, and Jessie Weinberger

Guests – Captain Cody Racoma (Honolulu Fire Department); Officer T. Umeno (Honolulu Police Department); Officer Gordon Gomes Jr. (Weed and Seed); Chris Bonilla (Principal, Ilima Intermediate School); Jon Nouchi (DTS, Mayor Caldwell's Representative); Jared Ellis (Council Chair Ron Menor's Office); Kathy Davenport (Councilmember Kimberly Marcos Pine's Office); Senator Will Espero; Charles Izunoto (Representative Matthew LoPresti's Office); Steve Venot (Hawaiian Railway); Pat Lee (HART); Cesar Caoili (Representative Bob McDermott's Office); Kathy Davenport (Councilmember Kymberly Pine's Office); Meg Turner (Senator Mike Gabbard's Office); Oryn Nakamura (Board of Water Supply); Jim Neilmann; Residents: Jacob Mackay, Victor Flint; DVDModo; and Felipe M. Pacquing II (Neighborhood Commission Office).

Introductions – Vice Chair Boucher read the rules of speaking. The members present introduced themselves.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) - Captain Dwayne E.K. Lee reported the following:

- **February 2017 Fire Statistics:** There were 2 fire structures, 4 nuisance fires, 1 cooking fire, and 10 activated alarms. There were 100 medical emergencies, 2 motor vehicle crash with a pedestrian, 6 motor vehicle crashes/collisions, and 1 ocean rescue.
- **Safety Tip: Wildland Fire Prevention:**
 - Clear leaves and other vegetative debris from roofs, gutters, porches, and decks. This helps prevent embers from igniting your home.
 - Remove flammable materials, i.e., dead vegetation and wood piles, from within 30 feet of your homes foundation.
 - Keep your lawn hydrated and maintained. If your lawn is dry, cut it down to reduce fire intensity, Dry grass and shrubs are fuel for brush fires.
 - Have a plan in place if must escape.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Officer Ivan Sanchez from HPD District eight (8) reported that for May 2017 Statistics, there were 67 motor vehicle thefts, 57 burglaries, 182 thefts, and 100 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV). A total of 8,292 calls were placed for service.

Weed and Seed (WS) – Officer Gordon Gomes Jr. distributed a handout and reported the following:

- **Neighborhood Security:** There were 16 citizens' patrols and 19 Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) meetings.
- **Enforcements:** There were 9 for speeding, 32 for miscellaneous infractions, 12 for parking, for a total 53 citations for various violations.
- **Events:**
 - **Junior Golf Program:** This was held at various golf course in the month of May 2017
 - **Bike Enforcement:** This was held at Ilima Intermediate School on Monday, May 8, 2017.
 - **Ewa Makai Middle School Awards Ceremony:** This was held on Thursday, May 12, 2017.
 - **Ewa Hoike Event:** This was held at Ocean Pointe on Saturday, May 20, 2017.

- o Weed and Seed Committee meeting: This was held at Kapolei Station on Tuesday, May 23, 2017.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Traffic Awareness Program: BM Onderko inquired and Officer Gomez replied that the Traffic Awareness Program will start on Friday, June 9, 2017 up to the end of July 2017, every Tuesday and Thursday.
2. Traffic Maintenance: BM Khun thanked the WS for their presence in manning the traffic at Keaunui Drive and Kapolei Parkway.
3. Property Theft: Officer Gomez announced to the community to keep an eye on Campbell High School and Ilima Intermediate School for people loitering there after 5:00 p.m., and call 911.
4. Moped Violations: The Chair inquired and Officer Gomez replied that, as a result of the Moped Laws, there was a drop of Moped violations.

BOARD ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING

Treasurer's Report – Board Member Clark reported a monthly expenditure of \$20.96 for May 2017 with a remaining balance of \$84.11. The report was filed.

Approval of Thursday, June 8, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes: November 10, 2016 regular meeting minutes: BM Boucher moved and BM Onderko seconded the motion to approve the June, 8, 2017 regular meeting minutes. The Motion passed by a UNANIMOUS VOTE, 8-0-0. (AYE: Tynanes, Callahan, Clark, Fevella, Khun, , Robinson-Onderko, Boucher, and Hochuli; NAY: none; ABSTAIN: none).

Aloha to BM Boucher: BM Boucher expressed his appreciation for his opportunity to be with the Neighborhood Board as Vice Chairman, He enjoyed the respect and camaraderie of the Board, but will still attend the Neighborhood Board meetings, this time as part of the community.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Department of Education (DOE) – Chris Bonilla, Principal of the Ilima Intermediate School thanked the Weed and Seed for extending their help in fixing the vandalism and damage done in the school, and appealed to the community that if they see people loitering in the school after 5:00 p.m. to immediately call the police.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Jon Nouchi, the Deputy Director for the Department of transportation (DTS) reported the following:

- Request for Police Presence near Ewa Makai Middle School!: The police offered to assist the school staff with educating students on pedestrian safety via presentations as well as "Safe Driving" sign-waving events.
- Buttons for Pedestrian Crosswalk: The DTS has replaced the broken pedestrian buttons on the crosswalk located at Keaunui Drive and Keonuela Drive.
- Homelessness: The Department of Facility Management (DFM) with the assistance of the HPD asked the two (2) homeless people to vacate the area at North Road near the entrance of the Golf course. The DFM will continue to monitor the area and conduct enforcement as needed.
- Swimming Pool: The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has no plans yet to develop a swimming pool in the Ewa Beach Community, but will keep the request for future reference.
- Road re-surfacing: The re-surfacing of the bus stop located in front of the Ewa Beach Community Library is included in the planning phase of the DTS Bus Stop ADA Access Improvement Project. The construction phase is scheduled to start by June 2018 and be completed by June 2019.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Speed Bump Study: BM Clark requested that a speed study be done at Pahika Road and Renton Drive, which Deputy Director Nouchi will look into.
2. Speed Abatement: BM Boucher inquired and Deputy Director Nouchi replied that he will look into the status of the speed abatement at Hanakahi Street.
3. Trash Bins: BM Fevella reported and Deputy Director Nouchi replied that he will look into the trash bins at the bus stops along Fort Weaver Road, which are either damaged or gone.
4. Lighting at Renton Road: A resident commented Renton Road has poor lighting due to the obstruction of large trees. Mr. Glen countered that these trees are historic sites and should not be removed, to which BM Fevella disagreed because not all trees are historical sites; moreover the trees can be trimmed properly to let the light through.

Councilmember (CM) Kymberly Pine – Kathy Davenport reported the following:

- Appreciation to the Members of the Board: Ms. Davenport conveyed CM Pine's appreciation to the outgoing members of the board, and thanked the remaining Board Members for their continued service.
- 5th Annual Hire Leeward Job and Career Fair: Ms. Davenport announced the said Fair which will take place at the University of Hawaii- West Coast on Saturday, June 24, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Budget Session: Ms. Davenport reported the just concluded budget session for Fiscal Year 2018, among others, are: Papipi Road complete streets implementation amounting to \$5.3 million, the improvement of Oneula Beach Park amounting to \$1million, and improvement of Leeward Parks amounting to \$2 million.
- Oneula Park Sign: Ms. Davenport reported that the signage is on the works.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. \$350Million Bonds: BM Hochuli inquired and Ms. Davenport replied that CM Pine is looking at how to raise the money for the budget.
2. www.HNL.Info Mobile Application: In lieu of the Nixle Application, the City and County has a new mobile application designed to keep the public informed about traffic situations, weather advisories, and events happening around the island.
3. Budget Cut: BM Fevella acknowledged the hard work of Ms. Davenport in helping CM Pine reduce the budget by 22%.
4. Government Services: Mr. Glen expressed his dismay on the poor service of the government despite rise of taxes.

Council Chair (CC) Ron Menor – Jared Ellis just announced to the community to get a copy of the Ewa Monthly Report for June 2017 by Council Chair Ron Menor

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Ewa Makai Middle School: BM Clark thanked CC Menor for presenting Certificates of Merit to Ewa Makai School students who maintained a 4.0 average throughout the school year.
2. Debt Discussion: BM Hochuli commented that there should be a discussion with the community on why there should be increase on debts and fees.
3. Budget Committee Process: Ms. Davenport reported that it starts with the proposal by the Mayor which is presented to City Council for review. The City Council makes rounds of and listens to testimonies. After which another set of budget hearing is done.
4. Transparency: BM Fevella suggested that the Budget Chair should send out the budget hearings to all the Boards for transparency.
5. Community Participation: Mr. Glen commented that CC Menor should set his priorities with community participation.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Oryn Nakamura reported the following:

- Main Break Report:
 - 5/6/2017 – 91-1000 Iroquois Road, Ewa Beach 12" PVC installed 1996
 - 5/7/2017 – 91-801 Kauwili Street, 12" CI installed 1969
 - 5/12/2017 – 91-558 Kilaha Street, 4" CI installed 1972

Annual Water Quality Reports – Each year, the BWS conducts thousands of tests on water sources and distribution system to ensure that municipal water meets or exceeds all federal and state safe drinking water standards. The results of these tests are shared with customers in the annual water quality report which shall be mailed by Saturday, July 1, 2017. Digital copies of water quality reports and additional water quality information is available at the BWS website: www.boardofwatersupply.com

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. BWS Contact Number: BM Boucher inquired and Mr. Nakamura replied that the updated BWS contact number is 748-5000.
2. Lifespan of Pipes: BM Fevella inquired and Mr. Nakamura replied that the average lifespan of water pipes is 50 years.
3. Water Pipes Maintenance: Mr. Glen commented that the BWS is not doing their job in maintaining water pipes.

Governor David Ige's Representative – The Chair noted that the assigned representative has not been attending the Board meetings. He will request the Office of the Governor to appoint another one.

Senator Will Espero – Senator Espero reported the following:

- Appreciation: The Senator thanked the outgoing members of the Board for their services and to the incoming members for their continued support to the community.
- New Classrooms for J. Campbell High School (JCHS): Senator announced the \$27 million appropriation for the construction of a new air-conditioned classroom building at JCHS.
- Senate Bill (SB) 559: The Senator announced the passing of SB 559, which requires the State to expand strategies and mechanisms to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in alignment with the principles and goals adopted in the Paris Agreement.
- Rail Bill: The Rail Bill did not pass. The Senator hopes to have a special session to further discuss the Rail Bill.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Railway System: BM Hochuli commented that he is against the railway project, although there is a need to have more mobility due to increase of population.
2. Shelter Program: BM Hochuli inquired and Senator Espero replied that there is no housing inventory yet, but there is plan to build 22,000 affordable housing units in the next ten (10) years. The need, however, is 60,000 housing units in the next 10 years. The rail system is part of this because the affordable housing units are to be built along the rail stations.
3. Affordable Housing: BM Fevella inquired and Senator Espero replied that the Public Housing Authority is building affordable housing for those below regular income level. An example is the project being done at Dillingham-Liliha area.
4. Accountability on the Rail Issue: BM Clark commented and Senator Espero agreed that, with the big increase on the rail project, accountability can be solved by transparency of spending.
5. Homelessness: BM Fevella commented that there should be drug testing in all shelters in coordination with the State
6. \$27 Million Budget for J. Campbell High School (JCHS): The Chair inquired and Senator Espero replied that the \$12 million budget for JCHS last year is not part of the current \$27 million budget. The \$12 million appropriation was not spent by the Office of the Governor. The Governor has the option to spend part or whole of current \$27 million appropriation by the legislature.
7. Bus Fare Increase: David Aki inquired and Senator Espero replied that increase in bus fares is due to increase of the needs of the people with limited source of revenue.
8. Community Consultation: Mr. Glen commented that the Senator never asked the community what is in their mind nor consulted them to which the senator countered that that is wrong.

Senator Mike Gabbard – Meg Turner circulated a newsletter and reported the following:

- Senate Bill (SB) 808: This Bill refers to an appropriation of \$450,000.00 to the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts (HACD) to improve farm practices, reduce erosions, fight invasive species, and conserve water.
- SB 786: This Bill would change all references to "medical Marijuana" and "medical use of marijuana" to "medical cannabis" in the state law and administrative rules.
- SB 773 Industrial Hemp Briefing: This would improve the existing industrial hemp pilot program law by allowing farmers to apply for hemp licenses year round.
- "Listen Story" Meeting: Ms. Turner invited the community to the "Listen Story" meeting to be held at the Ewa Mahiko District Park, June 17, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Runway Extension: BM Fevella requested the Senator to check on the environmental impact of the extension of the runway at the Ewa beach area.
2. Rail Transparency: BM Hochuli commended Senator Gabbard for giving an update of the rail issue and for advocating transparency. BM Hochuli further requested the senator to pursue more auditing before any further increase of expenses be made.
3. Public and Private Partnership: BM Clark commented that public-private partnership in the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) projects is not beneficial because there is profit involved.
4. Industrial Hemp Effect: BM Boucher inquired and Ms. Turner replied that, aside from being an agricultural product, industrial hemp does not have the same "high" effect compared to marijuana. BM Fevella agreed to the findings that Hemp is better than marijuana.
5. Drainage towards Ewa Beach: Mr Glen asked the senator to re-visit the Haseko Drainage project that runs directly towards the Ewa Beach.

Representative Bob McDermott – Letter to the Governor: No representative was present. Instead, BM Fevella read a letter of Representative McDermott to the Governor, copy of which is attached to the Minutes.

Representative Matthew LoPresti – Charles Izunoto, the representative of Representative LoPresti reported the following:

- Senior Information and Assistance: Mr. Izunoto informed the community about the Senior Information and Assistance Booklet available.
- Nuclear Fallout: Mr. Izunoto reported that, as vice-chairman of the Committee on Public safety, Representative LoPresti proposed a bill that would update disaster preparedness plans and shelters.
- Appropriations: Mr. Izunoto reported the \$27 million appropriation for JCHS and \$77 million appropriation for East Kapolei Middle School.

Questions, concerns and comments followed:

1. \$27 million Appropriation for JCHS: BM Khu inquired and Mr. Izunoto replied that the \$27 million appropriation for JCHS was budgeted by the legislature, but the Governor has the power to release the funds in part, as a whole, or none at all.
2. Maui High School: BM Boucher reported and Mr. Izunoto confirmed that there was a \$63 million appropriated for Maui High School and that the population was not taken into consideration in determining the amount appropriated.
3. Hurricane Preparedness: BM Boucher inquired and Mr. Izunoto replied that one should have two (2) weeks supply for hurricane preparedness.
4. Appreciation: BM Boucher thanked all the legislators and their representatives for their efforts and services in coming to the Neighborhood Meetings.
5. \$12 Million for JCHS: BM Fevella stated and Mr. Izunoto confirmed that although \$12 million was appropriated before for JCHS, it was never released.
6. Nuclear Fallout Preparedness: A resident inquired and Mr. Izunoto replied that there is a need to update the nuclear fallout plan due to North Korea's threat.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Hawaii Red Cross: BM Boucher asked the community for volunteers to the Hawaii Red Cross for disaster preparedness, or to be part of the Disaster Response team. For the one interested, you may contact BM Boucher at his email.
- Ilima Intermediate School Projects: BM Fevella asked volunteers for the repainting of some Ilima School facilities on Saturday, June 17, 2017 starting at 8:00 a.m., and also, there will be a fundraising activity for the Wed and Seeds at Ewa Beach Shopping Center on Saturday, July 1, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to replace the stolen generator at the Ilima Intermediate School. For more information, one may call BM Fevella at 864-4634.
- Hawaiian railway: Steve Venot of the Hawaiian Railway updated the community of the need to repair the rail tracks through the State Department of Transportation (DOT).

BM Clark moved and BM Fevella seconded that a draft resolution be made on the Board's position on the Hawaiian Railway and that the Resolution be included in the agenda for next meeting. The Motion was ADOPTED with a UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7:0:0 (AYE: Boucher, Callahan, Clark, Fevella, Hochuli, Tynanes, and Khun; NAY: None; ABSTAIN). BM Clark shall prepare a draft of the resolution.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation – Honouliuli Wastewater Treatment Plant Secondary Treatment and Support Facilities – James Niermann made a presentation in connection with the application for a permit to be able to complete the secondary treatment. The presentation was likewise done to get public input from the Neighborhood Board to be used to evaluate the Special Use Permit Application and make recommendations to the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu.

Questions, concerns, and comments followed:

1. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): BM Clark inquired and Mr. Niermann replied that per EPA requirement, the Wastewater Treatment Plant must conform to the national standards, and if not met, there will be penalty.
2. Coverage of the Treatment Plant: BM Hochuli inquired and Mr. Nierman replied that the Treatment Plant will service from Central Oahu to the West, covering Ewa, Kapolei, Makakilo, and Waipahu,

3. Projected Budget: BM Boucher inquired and Mr. Niermann replied that the projected budget for the Treatment Plant is \$340 million.
4. Underground Facilities: A resident inquired and Mr. Niermann replied that the facilities at the northern boundary will be underground.
5. Effect of the Treatment Plant: A resident from one of the old Ewa Villages inquired and Mr. Niermann replied that there will be no relocation of the houses. The contractor on the project will see to it that the community will not experience foul smell from the sewer pipes.
6. Project Cost: Mr. Glen commented that, just like the Rail Project, the cost will rise up, and is hoping that the community be informed of a periodic truthful update of the project.
7. Collection of Money for the Project: BM Fevella inquired and Mr. Niermann replied that the matter of collection of fees for the project has not been discussed upon, but will inform the Board as soon as the matter has been decided upon.

Resolution of the Ewa Neighborhood Board No. 23 Supporting the Completion of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project to Ala Moana Center – BM Khun read the resolution.

Questions, concerns, and comments followed:

1. Full Auditing of the Rail Project: BM Hochuli expressed his view against the resolution until a full auditing is made since he does not know what is happening and why the rail is needed. The Chair explained that the resolution is to keep the one-half of one percent from the General Excise tax (GET) as source to fund the completion of the rail and not to get from other sources.
2. Completion of Project: BM Fevella commented that the best source of funding to complete the rail project is from the GET. He further stated that what has been set forth to do should be completed. Mr. Nouchi added that the taxes being discussed in the budget hearing has nothing to do with the funding of the rail project.
3. GET Surcharge: BM Clark commented that the GET Surcharge of one-half percent is not a fair and easy method of funding the rail construction as stated in one of the "Whereas clauses"; moreover, there is no proper auditing and no accountability. Mr. Nouchi, however, stated that there is a constant audit being conducted by the Project Management Oversight Committee (PMOC), and every monthly report is available online.
4. Support on the Rail Project: BM Boucher expressed his support on the rail project, but expressed his dismay of the overpriced cost due to the past management. He further feels that the resolution be re-drafted.

BM Boucher moved and BM Hochuli seconded to adopt the above-mentioned resolution as written. The motion was NOT ADOPTED BY MAJORITY VOTE, 0-6-1. (AYE: None; NAY: Clark, Fevella, Khun, Boucher, Callahan, and Hochuli; ABSTAIN: Tynanes). It was agreed that a new resolution be written.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Transportation: BM Boucher announced the committee meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2017, and a Policy Board Meeting on Saturday, June 24, 2017.
- Parks and Recreation: BM Fevella announced a parks and recreation meeting on June 29, 2017.
- Education: BM Clark announced that Guy Leopard made his presentation on the J. Campbell High School Athletic Facilities to the senior officials of the Governor's office, and the reception was good.
- Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 13, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at 'Ewa Beach Public Library.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Submitted by: Felipe M. Pacquing II, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed by: Dylan Whitsell, Neighborhood Assistant