



EWA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 23

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**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, March 12, 2020
EWA BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair 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 –John Rogers, Kathleen Foote, John Clark III, Amanda Rathbun, Mitchell Tynanes, Jason Locke, Sam Puletasi, Mikaela Callahan, and Penelope Parnes (arrived at 7:06 p.m.).

Board members absent – Lynn Robinson-Onderko

Guests – Captain Cody Racoma (Honolulu Fire Department-HFD), Danny Hayes (MCBH), Representative (Councilmember Ron Menor's Office), Louis Galdeira (Councilmember Pine's Office), Representative Rida Cabanilla (Representative Rida Cabanilla's Office), Rodney Boucher (Red Cross), Marc Davis (Malama Academy), Leroy Lui (808 Clean Ups), Steve Vendt (Hawaiian Railway Society-HRS), Celestine Maldonado (UNA:USA Hawaii), Lisa Enanoria (Haseko Homes), Kevin Rathbun, Fid Limani, R Martinez, Gary Bautista, Mike Plowman, Doris Cole (Residents and Guests), Naomi Hanohano and Travis Saito (Neighborhood Commission Office).

Rules of speaking: Board member John Clarke III read the rules of speaking.

Introductions – The Board members introduced themselves.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Racoma reported the following:

- **March 2020 Statistics:** There were 2 Wild land/Brush fires, 2 Nuisance fires, 2 Cooking fires and 4 Activated Alarms (no fire). There were 117 medical emergencies, 3 Motor Vehicle Collision with a Pedestrian, 4 Motor Vehicle Crash/Collision and 1 Hazardous Materials Incidents.
 - **Safety Tip: Home fire sprinklers**
 - Home fire sprinklers respond quickly and effectively to fire, often extinguishing the fire before the department arrives.
 - Home fire sprinklers can save lives and property from fire.
- Some fire sprinkler myths:
- **Myth:** All fire sprinklers will go off at once.
 - **Fact:** Fire sprinkler systems are designed so the closest sprinkler head to the fire is activated.
 - **Myth:** They cause a lot of water damage.
 - **Fact:** Typically, sprinklers utilize 13 to 18 gallons of water per minute. Firefighting hoses flow at least 160 gallons per minute.
 - Having fire sprinklers in your home is like having a fire fighter in your home 24 hours a day ready to extinguish a fire!

7:06 p.m. Board member Parnes arrived to the meeting. There are now 9 Board members in attendance.

Questions, comments, concerns followed:

- **Location of collisions:** Board members Rodgers and Clark asked where the motor vehicle collision with pedestrians occurred. Captain Racoma mentioned they happened near Ewa Makai and Kapolei Middle Schools around 7a.m. near the crosswalks. Possible causes for motor vehicle collision with pedestrians may have been by sun, distractive driving, and biking along the crosswalks.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) District 8 – No representative was present. No report available.

Ewa Weed and Seed (W&S) – Chair Tynanes Read the following report:

- Statistics for February 2020: There were 917 citations by W&S Officers which includes 103 speeding, 719 miscellaneous infractions and 198 parking violations.
- Neighborhood Security: Citizen Patrol Walks 8, Members present 69. NSW Meetings: Groups 9, Member present 58.
- 311 App: Officers have been responding to and addressing numerous 311 App complaints ranging from parking complaints to homeless issues. Officers have continued to address night time park closure issues at Oneula Beach Park, Ewa Beach Community and Puuloa Parks.

BOARD ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING:

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Rogers reported a remaining balance of \$ 80.67.

Approval of Thursday, February 13, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes – **Foote moved and Parnes seconded the motion to approve the Thursday, February 13, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was passed unanimously by a vote of 9-0-0 (Aye: Tynanes, Clark, Foote, Rathbun, Parnes, Rogers, Callahan, Puleyasi, and Locke. Nay: none, Abstain: none).**

3 Absent letters: Chair Tynanes announced that board member Aki will resign. His seat is now vacant for anyone willing to run for board in next month's meeting.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS/COMMUNITY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Red Cross: Resident Rodney Boucher announced Red Cross volunteers are needed to support our communities in times of need. Many jobs in logistics and sheltering at the warehouse naval base. They are moving to the Waikele tunnels because it is more safe and convenient for location purposes. Asking anyone in the community and red cross volunteers to help. Red Cross are also bringing CPR and AED training locally from the Leeward Coast to Waipahu.
2. Kupuna Health and Safety Fair: The fair will be cancelled on Friday, April 3, 2020 at Ewa Mahiko Park because of the current situation of COVID-19.
3. Renton Road/Fort Weaver delineators: Resident Gary Bautista wanted to know the status of the delineators on the corner and suggested DTS look into the matter of 7 (seven) delineators that need to be replaced. The city and county replaces one but more are quickly broken again. Gray Bautista suggested concrete posts and have traffic cameras look to find out the license plates to see who broke the delineators.
4. Puuloa Gun Range Shoreline Stabilization Project – Resident Mike Plowman wanted to address corrections to his presentation last month. Stated land immediately on mauka side does not belong to the FAA, but the Department of the Navy. Environmental Assessment (EA) Completed on November 14th 2019 and the MCBH has no intention of more.
5. Senate Increase tax bill: Board member Clark read an article about a senate bill passed mentioning any heads of household income over \$54,000 will be increased.
6. Meetings: Board member Rogers announced Parks Committees will meet March 19th 6pm at the Ewa Public Library and several public meetings which could affect Ewa residents including meetings regarding the Farrington Highway Corridor Project for hidot.gov for community input.
7. Fort Weaver Road Repaving: Board member Rogers noted the HDOT has informed that the repaving project will be delayed until April 2020.
8. Other Announcements: Board member Rogers reported the Haleiwa Metric Century Ride hosted by the Hawaii Bicycling League (HBL). The event will take place on April 26, 2020 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with distances of 10km, 20km, 30km and 60km. The ride will start at Kaiaka Bay Beach Park.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS:

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) – Puuloa Gun Range Shoreline Stabilization Project –
Community Relations Officer Danny Hayes reported:

- EA Concerns: Made notice of availability on website. Reviewed and evaluated the concerns. Made notice of availability on the newspapers and a website. Project will close out first phase off the environmental analysis and no construction as of yet.
- MCBH Press Release: The United States Marine Corps (USMC) prepared the Pu'uloa Range Training Facility Shoreline Stabilization's Final Environment Assessment (EA) and is announcing the available of the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act, the USMC provides notice that a FONSI has been prepared, based on an EA,

for the proposed shoreline stabilization at Pu'uloa Range Training Facility, O'ahu, Hawai'i. The FONSI considers findings from consultations conducted pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and the Essential Fish Habitat provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, regarding potential impacts of the proposed project upon cultural resources, endangered species, and essential fish habitat. The Final EA and FONSI are available for viewing or download at: <https://www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/Resources/Featured-Information/Puuloa-Shoreline/>

- Operating hours: The range start time 0700 even though the loudspeaker is earlier than the operating hours. Hayes will let command know there's confusion the community and needs more clarification on when the range officially starts.
- Noise complaints: Hayes mentioned the officer in charge corrected the individual at the time for noise disturbances around 0530.

Questions, Comments, Concerns:

1. Homeless Encampment: Board member Foote mentioned last month's Board member Rogers noted a problem with a large homeless encampment along the bike path if is there any action MCBH can take involving on the encampments. Chair Tynanes and Board member Rodgers noted it was on State and Navy jurisdictions. Hayes answered it can speak on the behalf of the ranges land if there are encampments. They are unable take action on the Navy's behalf and will forward the information to the Navy.
2. PA system volume: Living half a mile away from the range, Resident Mike Plowman asked on what is the volume policy on PA system. Hayes will check the officer in charge to make sure there is not a change of volume in the PA system. Hayes does not want to disturb the community and will check in with the officer in charge to make sure loud speakers are in safe sound levels.

Mayor's Representative – Unable to attend, Chair Tynanes read the following report:

- Bill 11 (2019): Board member Rogers again request that the Mayor releases the funds for Bill 11 relating to the bikeway improvements and West Loch Bike path restoration.

Office of the Mayor Response: While the project is supported by the administration, the funds were not included in the approved budget, and the administration is unable to accommodate council-added funding requests. We will work to ensure that funding is available in this year's balanced budget.

- Follow up requested: Board member Clark was not satisfied with the answer provided by DTS and wants a time frame of when the crosswalk will be installed. (see below)
Feb 2020) Papipi Rd. crosswalk: Responding to previous inquiries
Board Member Clark raised concern that the crosswalks going across Papipi Rd. was supposed to be completed at the end of the year. He asked when would the project be finished?
DTS: There is no funding currently available to implement the more capital-intensive recommendations in the 2016 Complete Streets Study. However, we are working with the Blue Zones project to identify a potential Complete Streets Quick Build project near a Kapolei-Ewa school. There is potential for this project to implement pedestrian crossing improvements fronting Ewa Beach Elementary School.
The Department of Transportation Services: DTS will review again and report back to the board.
- North Road Traffic Calming Device needed: Chair Tynanes is requesting 3 raised crosswalks on North Road and a traffic calming device on Kehue street due to a speeding problem that has already resulted in a death. Kehue street residents wants something done.
The Department of Transportation Services: Response: DTS will conduct an investigation and report to the board.
- Traffic Signal Light Study needed: Resident A.G. Garcia noted that the signal light on the corner of Renton and Fort Weaver Roads needs to be addressed. He says that the green light for Renton is less than 30 seconds but the green on Fort Weaver is more than 3 minutes backing up the Renton Road traffic back to Park Row. He feels a study is needed for the timing of that signal light.
The Department of Transportation Services Response: DTS monitored the intersection and saw the traffic congestion. DTS adjusted the signal timing along Renton Rd.
- Grass needs cutting: Board member Rogers noted that the grass needs cutting at all of Old Fort Weaver Road & Farrington Hwy between Fort Weaver Rd and Kualakai Pkway. Rogers is concerned that the tall grass makes it dangerous for pedestrians or vehicles that needs to pull over.

The Department of Facility and Maintenance Response: DFM road crews have started maintenance of Farrington Highway. Equipment repairs to the specialized Tractor Mower were needed and work will resume when equipment returns. Maintenance is tentatively scheduled for February/March 2020. Old Fort Weaver Road is scheduled to commence in April/May 2020 or sooner pending resource availability.

- Missing & Damaged signs in Ocean Pointe/Kamakana: NSW coordinator Todd Levine noted damaged sign at Kaiwawalo St. and Waipaa St. and a missing "No Parking" sign on Keoneula Blvd. by the golf course bridge. (This is also a follow up)
The Department of Facility and Maintenance Response: Per DTS, the street name signs and post at Kaiwawalo Street and Waipaa Street were recently repaired by a contractor. Replacement of the missing No Parking symbol sign on Keoneula Blvd. near the golf course bridge, makai side, will be scheduled as resources become available.
- Oneula Beach Park:
What is the SMA process? Why is it required? Is it required for both projects? How long will it delay the project(s) start?
Is an additional EA required? If so, for which project?
If an additional EA is required, how long will it delay the project(s) start date(s)?
Will there be a period of public comment accompanying the EA process? How will comments be collected? Will there be community meetings?
Will the requirement for an EA allow the public the opportunity to re-prioritize the listed Phase 1 and Phase 2 projects without adverse effect to the timeline or funding?
The Department of Design and Construction Response: In summary, the answers we received at the meeting were that the Master Plan did not include an EA or SMA for the erosion project and as the irrigation project and erosion project are interconnected, and EA and SMA would be required. The EA and SMA cannot be performed jointly; however, the SMA can be done immediately following the EA. The estimated cost is @\$500K and the delay is 8-10 months. It was a bit unclear if the community could provide input during the EA process that could include the substitution of an already identified Master Plan Phase 1 or Phase 2 project covered by the existing EA

Announcements:

2020 Census: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 has been declared Census Day. By April 1, you will receive an invitation in the mail to participate in the 2020 Census. The goal of the Census is to count everyone once, only once, and in the right place. Every year, billions of dollars of federal funding goes to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data. \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year which equals to about \$2,500 per individual.

If you do not mail in or complete an online survey, a Census worker will visit you at your residence to get the needed information. You can take a look at the questions you'll be asked on your 2020 Census form by visiting <https://2020census.gov/en/about-questions.html>. If you still have questions about a Census worker's identity, or for more information on the Census, you can call 800-992-3530 or visit www.2020census.gov. You can also pick up an informational brochure at the information table.

Councilmember Kymberly Pine – Louis Galdeira distributed a newsletter and highlighted:

- Letter: Galdeira read Councilmember Pine's letter to the community which highlighted the COVID-19 virus for O'ahu's vulnerable homeless population on basic hygiene. Last year she appropriated \$21 million in Capital Improvement funding to give to each of the nine council districts \$2.3 million to address homelessness as it best suits in their district. One way this money can be spent, with money already set aside, is to provide more mobile hygiene stations for O'ahu's homeless. A hygiene center provided by the city would assist this population in ensuring they live in sanitary conditions. Each district on O'ahu needs the green light from the City Administration to use these funds to acquire mobile hygiene centers.
- Council Budget: Galdeira noted that Councilmember Pine is working on the budget for Fiscal Year 2020 and if someone has a request please call or email him with their request. His contact information is on the front of the newsletter or they can email Councilmember Pine directly at kmpine@honolulu.gov.
- Funds: Galdeira stated he will also look into the \$5.3 million funds of Papipi complete streets.

Questions, comments, concerns followed:

1. Crosswalk: Board member Clark noted his concern with the crosswalk on Papipi Road and when will it be installed. Clark asked if the delay has anything to do with the complete streets plans. Schools are getting more crowded and families are moving in. Galdeira noted that could be answered by the Mayor's Representative and had funds and now we don't. They are working with DTS and Blue Zones are the last resort to get something moving. There is engagement with DTS on Blue Zones there is but no engagement to the Papipi Road project which is concerning

and would like to look into for grassroots support to make it happen.

2. Hau Bush Status: Board member Parnes asked about the status of irrigation and erosion projects at Hau Bush. From both DPR and DDC was no actual answer and what the status was. She also mentioned what is needed to move forward and how much additional funding is needed. Galderia responded they will have a meeting within the next week about that with both DPR and DDC what is to be expected and want decisions from the council to the neighborhood board to the parks committee to let them know during budget season.
3. Urgency: Chair Tynanes expressed the urgency of Papipi crosswalk for safety. Galderia also agreed with having it a priority of the mayor to paint the crosswalks and to continue the conversation going forward.
4. Price for Crosswalk: A resident also expressed concern on how much a crosswalk would be and Galderia estimated to be about \$20,000.

Councilmember Ron Menor – Representative of Ron Menor distributed a newsletter and highlighted:

- Bill 56 (2019) CD1: Update to this bill to establish a pilot program at James Campbell High School and Kapolei High School to provide subsidized bus passes for students to attend off-campus or after-school internships. The bill passed out of the budget Committee on February 26, 2020 and is poised for passage at the March 18, 2020 Council meeting.
- Milken Educator Award: Ewa Makai Middle School Teacher Miki Cacace was awarded a Milken Educator Award for her exceptional educational talent and accomplishments. The surprise announcement was made in front of the entire student body at a special ceremony on March 10, 2020 at Ewa Makai Middle School. Miki Cacace is being awarded a \$25,000 cash prize and new opportunities to broaden her educational impact at every level.

Questions, comments, concerns followed:

1. Project Suggestions: Board member Clark asked while in budget season what types of projects could be requested as a Capital Improvement Project (CIP). If the Board unanimously agrees along with the Parks Committee says to both Councilmembers Menor and Pines, the top priority is building a public pool in Ewa Beach will it be possible to build it? What would be the response be for Councilmember Menor and Councilmember Pines? Parks Committee mentioned they do have a resolution for a pool. Board member Roders will write an email to Menor for an update on the resolution.
2. Grateful: Board member Clark also grateful for Menor for the things he has done for the community.
3. Hono'ulu'uli Wastewater: Resident Todd Lavine wants to know the construction update what is included and not included at the Hono'ulu'uli wastewater treatment base yard.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Oryn Nakamura was not present. Chair Tynanes read the report.

- Main Breaks: There was one (1) break for the month of January 2020
 - On Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 91-2119 Kamakana Street.
 - 42nd poster contest 2020 conservation week poster contest for a water sustainable future.

Department of Education (DOE) – No representative was present. No report available.

Governor David Ige's Representative – No representative was present. No report available.

Senator Kurt Fevella – No representative was present. No report available Working on more resolutions to be passed and introduce. Requested for DOT raised road stops crosswalk on North Road and also Kehui Street.

Senator Mike Gabbard – No representative was present. No report available.

Representative Ty Cullen – No representative present. No report given.

Representative Bob McDermott – No representative was present. No report available.

Representative Rida Cabanilla – Read reports on Resolutions and Bills:

- H.R. NO. 57: Requesting The department of Health to prioritize the containment and control of covid-19 to those with a high probability of contracting and dying from the virus, such as residents of care homes, nursing homes and adult foster homes, their caregivers and people with known comorbid medical conditions.
- H.R. NO. 100: Requesting the United States Marine Corps to prepare an environmental impact statement for the shoreline stabilization project at the Puuloa Range Training Facility and urging the Marine Corps to consider alternative approaches to coastline management.
- H.B. 1950: Supporting HB 1950 for the department of transportation to conduct a study on the feasibility of a private-public partnership to design, build, and operate an underwater tunnel for vehicle traffic to provide a more direct connection between west Oahu, Leeward Coast and Ewa to and from downtown Honolulu.

- COVID-19 Funds: Cabanilla also mentioned there are funds available to help with the spread of COVID-19.

Questions, comments, concerns followed:

1. Tax Increase Bill: Board member Clark wanted to know the start threshold on the earning level on who will have the tax increase. Cabanilla answered most likely another 60 days from now. It determines on the demand what is on the budget. She will report back next month with more information.
2. COVID-19 Information: Resident Sam Biles concerned about the lack of information in public areas for the elderly and homeless population on what to do if you get sick where to go to receive hand sanitizer and soap. Cabanilla answered she agrees with the concern and will meet with the Health Department and Department of Human Services on these issues.

Cabanilla also added there is 160 million dollars for COVID-19 and it needs implementation how the funds will be used. Chair Tynanes also suggested having the City or State create more awareness about COVID-19 by having information on pamphlets, commercials, radio, and/or social media.

PRESENTATIONS:

Child Care Facility Expansion Request – Not here at the time on the agenda.

Hawaii Perspectives Report – Public opinion survey about social issues and affordable housing of local communities last year. Serious considerations of people leaving Hawaii. Highlight issues and talk to many communities on this level.

Questions, comments, concerns followed:

Appreciation: Board member Foote thought the Hawaii Perspectives Report was informative and interesting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Parks – Co-Chairs Rogers and Parnes – The next Parks Committee meeting is March 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Ewa Beach Public Park. Hau Bush repaving and road construction will start on April 1st. Irrigation and erosion projects statues postpone until next month's meeting.
- Education – Chair Clark – Reminder graduation season coming up and wishes for more parental engagement among Middle and High School students.
- Transportation – Chair Aki – Resigned, Board member Rodgers will be chair now. Repaved the road on Renton.
- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Citizen's Advisory – Chair Rogers noted that OMPO recently completed the Central Oahu Plan study which now available on the OMPO website. Chair Rogers recommends that everyone take a look at the plan. Finding about Farrington Highway study. In the future to help future studies for traffic to move along.
- Public Safety/Community Outreach – Chair Robinson-Onderko- Not present, No report available.

Child Care Facility Expansion Request – Marc Davis arrives for presentation.

Seeking for a conditional use permit-minor. According to the Department of Planning and Permitting (DDP) needing to make a presentation to the neighborhood board letting the community know that are trying to obtain a Group Child Care License. Group Child Care Home: Undergo same rules and regulations of any licensed Child Care Facility. Allows licensing for up to 12 children. Licensed and regulated by the state and very few on the island of O'ahu due to strict zoning regulations.

Background Information: Wife currently operates a family child care home, located in Ewa Villages area, next to Ewa Villages Golf Course. Current license allowing up to care up to 6 children. 2 of those 6 children are their own. Wife holds a degree in Elementary Education, and is also a qualified Preschool Teacher.

Mission and Vision of Malama Academy: Is to Glorify God, with his words, as our strong foundation. To love, nurture, and encourage all children to reach their fullest potential.

Impacts on the community: Providing working families in the Ewa & Kapolei area with high quality state licensed child care. Program focuses on early childhood education, which has been shown to improve physical, cognitive, emotional, and social development in young children. Prepares children to enter Kindergarten. No known negative impacts.

Additional Information:

- Driveway holds up to 6 cars.
- Live on a non-congested road.
- Drop off times ranges from 7:00-8am
- Pick-up times range from 3:00-5:30pm
- Families drop off and pick up at different times within the times above.
- Yard is completely enclosed

- The end of our driveway has a gate for extra security.
- Did get adjoining neighbor's approval for the childcare home along with signatures to attend this neighborhood meeting.

Website: Photos and more information at www.malamaacademy.com or search Malama Academy in your social media.

Questions, comments, concerns followed:

1. Child care capacity: Board member Clark asked if it needed to have additional staffing for max capacity of 12 children for the new license. Davis mentioned his wife has an educational background will continue to have care with up to 12 children with previous experience as a teacher. When also receiving the new license, it will allow them to hire additional staff if needed. Davis also responded public school classrooms are typically 25-30 students to one teacher.
2. New age group: Board member Clark asked what is the age group for the Childcare is. Davis mentioned 3-5 age group for a proper learning level.
3. Changing of licenses: Board member Foote wants them to succeed and to do well, concerned about business plan and how it changes from current license to the new license. Davis responded they have a soiled preschool curriculum base they follow and will not the change too much.
4. State oversight: Board member Foote also asked about if there are any state oversight in their Childcare Facility. Davis responded there are random visits with the State and food program. They have healthy balance meals and regulated from the State.

Parnes moved Rogers seconded to get motion of Child Care Facility Expansion Requisition The motion was passed by a vote of 6-1-2 (Aye: Tynanes, Clark, Rathbun, Parnes, Puletasi, and Rogers Nay: Foote, Abstain: Callahan and Locke).

Committee reports continued

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Economic Development – Chair Clark Haseko Update - No report. All current information is available via Haseko website. Board Member Clark asked if Haseko can also add future updates on the website. Lisa Enanoria answered that all information is updated regularly via Haseko website and not able to report future plans at this time.

Announcement:

- **Next Regular Board Meeting:** Next Regular Meeting is April 9, 2020
- **Olelo:** Regular Board meetings are broadcasted every first Sunday at 6:00 p.m. and every second and fourth Friday at 10:00 a.m. on Olelo digital channel 49.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Submitted by: Travis Saito, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Neighborhood Assistant