



LILIIHA/ PU'UNUI/ ALEWA/ KAMEHAMEHA HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 14

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020
KALIHI UNION CHURCH**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Pro Tem Wesley Fong called the Liliha/ Puunui/ Alewa/ Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14 regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. **Quorum was established with eleven (11) Board members present.** Note – This 13 member Board requires seven (7) members to establish a quorum and take official board action.

Board Members Present: Bixby Ho, Cora Yamamoto, Ronald Higa, Henry Pang, Wesley Fong, Carole Kaapu, Chance Naauao-Ota, Donald Nitta, Kenneth Huang, Ryan Mandado, Brandon Mitsuda

Board Members Absent: Lisa Solomine

Guests: Lieutenant Ng and Sergeant Kim (Honolulu Police Department); Councilmember Carol Fukunaga; Shirley Templo (Councilmember Joey Manahan's Office); Senator Karl Rhoads; Senator Donna Mercado Kim; Representative Takashi Ohno and Jenna Takenouchi (Takashi Ohno's Representative); Ryker Wada (Governor David Ige's Representative); Kyle Maschhoff and Tim Roe (REHAB), Radiant Cordero, Jan Higa, Rochelle Nagatawa, Jennifer Poepoe, Toba (Residents and Guests); Travis Saito (Neighborhood Commission Office). **Note: name was not included if not legible or on the guest attendance sheet.**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO SERVE FROM JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021 [NP §2-14-120(b)]. The officers to be elected are the Chair, one (1) or more Vice Chairs, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and any other officer(s) determined to be needed to conduct the board's business.

Chair – Chair Pro Tem Fong opened nominations for Chair of the Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14.

Mitsuda nominated Fong for the position of Chair, Fong accepted the nomination. Fong WAS ELECTED to the position of Chair by MAJORITY VOTE; 10-0-1 (AYE: Fong, Higa, Ho, Huang, Kaapu, Mandado, Mitsuda, Naauao-Ota, Nitta, Pang and Yamamoto; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: Fong).

Vice Chair – Chair Fong opened nominations for Vice Chair of the Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14. Ho nominated Mitsuda, Mitsuda accepted the nomination. Nitta nominated Kaapu, Kaapu accepted the nomination

Vice Chair deferred to Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14 August 2020 meeting to the lack of Majority Vote.

Secretary – Chair Fong opened nominations for Secretary of the Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14.

Mitsuda nominated Naauao-Ota for the position of Secretary, Naauao-Ota accepted the nomination. Naauao-Ota WAS ELECTED to the position of Secretary by MAJORITY VOTE; 10-0-1 (AYE: Fong, Higa, Ho, Huang, Kaapu, Mandado, Mitsuda, Nitta, Pang and Yamamoto; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: Naauao-Ota).

Treasurer – Chair Fong opened nominations for Treasurer of the Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14.

Mitsuda nominated Huang for the position of Treasurer, Huang accepted the nomination. Huang WAS ELECTED to the position of Treasurer by UNANIMOUS CONSENT; 11-0-0 (AYE: Fong, Higa, Ho, Huang, Kaapu, Mandado, Mitsuda, Naauao-Ota, Nitta, Pang and Yamamoto; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FORUM

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – No representative present. No report given.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant Ng and Sergeant Kim reported the following:

- May 2020 Statistics – There were 8 burglary incidents, 4 motor vehicle thefts, 29 general thefts, 17 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV), and 1,415 total calls for service.
- June 2020 Statistics – There were 3 burglary incidents, 5 motor vehicle thefts, 25 general thefts, 20 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV), and 1,534 total calls for service.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed

1. Gratitude – Ho expressed gratitude for HPD during the time of the pandemic.
2. Homeless Encampment – Nitta raised concerns with homeless encampment enforcement.
3. Consistent Reporting – Huang inquired the reasons for consistent reporting of crimes for the month of May and June 2020.

MEETING DETERMINATION-DATE/TIME/LOCATION (JULY 2020 to JUNE 2021)

Mitsuda moved and Kaapu seconded the Motion to meet on the second Monday of the month at the Ma'ema'e Elementary School Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. The Motion WAS CARRIED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT; 11-0-0 (AYE: Fong, Higa, Ho, Huang, Kaapu, Mandado, Mitsuda, Naauao-Ota, Nitta, Pang, and Yamamoto; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).

DETERMINATION OF BOARD RECESS SCHEDULE (AUGUST 2020 to JUNE 2021)

Huang moved the Motion to recess in November 2020. The Motion WAS NOT CARRIED by no second Motion.

Mitsuda moved and Ho seconded the Motion to recess in June 2021. The Motion WAS NOT CARRIED by lack of MAJORITY VOTE; 3-5-3 (AYE: Ho, Mitsuda, Naauao-Ota; NAY: Higa, Huang, Mandado, Nitta, Yamamoto; ABSTAIN: Fong, Kaapu, Pang).

Mitsuda moved and Yamamoto seconded the Motion to recess in December 2020. The Motion WAS CARRIED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT; 11-0-0 (AYE: Fong, Higa, Ho, Huang, Kaapu, Mandado, Mitsuda, Naauao-Ota, Nitta, Pang, and Yamamoto; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).

REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OLELO BROADCAST PROGRAM

Mitsuda moved and Kaapu seconded the Motion to participate in the Olelo broadcast program. The Motion WAS CARRIED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT; 11-0-0 (AYE: Fong, Higa, Ho, Huang, Kaapu, Mandado, Mitsuda, Naauao-Ota, Nitta, Pang and Yamamoto; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).

ADOPTION OF ORAL TESTIMONY RULES

Mitsuda moved and Ho seconded the Motion to adopt the above oral testimony rules. The Motion WAS CARRIED by MAJORITY VOTE; 10-1-0 (AYE: Fong, Higa, Ho, Huang, Kaapu, Mandado, Mitsuda, Naauao-Ota, Pang, and Yamamoto; NAY: Nitta; ABSTAIN: None).

MOTION TO RETAIN COMMITTEES, SUBCOMMITTEES, & THEIR MEMBERSHIP – No motions were made.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS No residents'/community concerns.

REPORTS OF MEMBERS ATTENDANCE AT OTHER MEETINGS

Chinatown – Higa noted a handout regarding litter and homelessness issues from Chinatown.

FILLING OF VACANCY IN SUBDISTRICT 5 – There were no volunteers to fill the vacancy.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – No representative was present. Report was given:

- Follow up on Concerns:
 - Telephone Leaning Poles – Responding to previous requests, Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) or Hawaiian Tel is responsible for the removal of the poles.

- Repaving Roads – Responding to previous requests, Department of Transit Services (DTS) stated depending on the availability of funding as part of the Rehabilitation of Streets project, City residential roads have been resurfaced by Department of Design and Construction (DDC) contract about every 17 to 20 years, arterial roads have been resurfaced about every 15 years and major roadways have been resurfaced about every 12 years. Recently the City began using a pavement management system that utilizes data gathered from road condition surveys that identify each segment of City maintained roadways' pavement condition index (ratings of 0 to 100 with higher numbers indicating better condition roads and lower numbers indicating poor condition roads) that help prioritize roadways needing resurfacing work. The City has also begun implementing a Pavement Preservation program that utilizes slurry seal and seal coat pavement treatment processes that extend the life of the pavement surface by reducing water infiltration that contributes to pavement deterioration and pothole conditions.
- Trench Repair on Liliha Street and Ekekela Place – Responding to previous requests, On March 17, 2020, a Board of Water Supply (BWS) crew investigated a sinking trench at 2289 Liliha Street. The BWS has contracted a paving company to repave the sunken trench. A BWS crew will continue to monitor the condition until the contractor performs the final paving of the trench. If there are any questions, please contact Michael Fuke at 748-5505
- Abandoned Vehicles Palama Street – Responding to previous requests, Department of Customer Services (CSD) noted on 5/27/20, the complaint was reissued to another inspector, who then initiated his investigation the same day. Upon returning on 5/28/20, he then noted both vehicles were abandoned and therefore notified the tow contractor to remove vehicles.
- Maui Street No Parking Sign and Traffic Study – Responding to previous requests, The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) recently investigated a request to extend the existing "No Parking 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM Monday to Saturday" parking restriction on Maui Street between Liliha Street and Stream Drive. DTS contacted the Department of Environmental Services (ENV), and their staff member confirmed that their refuse trucks had difficulties turning left from Maui Street onto Stream Drive due to parked vehicles on Stream Drive. However, ENV noted that there were no trash pickup issues on Maui Street. To alleviate the refuse pickup issue on Stream Drive, DTS will be extending the existing parking restriction on the makai/Koko Head corner to the makai property line of 2509 Stream Drive and has issued a work order (Legal Paint and Sign Work Order No. 13486) to the Department of Facility Maintenance. This extension will help to facilitate the left turn maneuvers for the refuse trucks from Maui Street onto Stream Drive. HPD has been apprised for this action. Please inform the residents that they may also assist the HPD by continuing to contact HPD whenever parking violations are observed. In addition, please clarify intersection of Maui and Liliha streets so that DTS may conduct a traffic study.
- Child Care – Responding to previous inquiries, CSD stated the City does not sponsor any programs for early child care. Property is leased from the City; however, the program located at the Early Childhood Center is operated by Seagull Schools.
- Tilted Road Sign on Rooke and Wylie – Responding to previous requests, Road crew checked on the leaning post and found the concrete base to be cracked. A new post is scheduled to be installed after the 811 One Call underground utility clearance has been completed and the area has been cleared for excavation work.
- Vegetation Growth below Natsunoya and Judd Street – Responding to previous requests, Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) noted to provide an exact location of the vegetation overgrowth. Property owners are responsible for the maintenance of the road shoulder abutting their property to the road pavement per City ordinance. Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) Residential Code Enforcement Branch enforces this ordinance. Lolena Street extends from Iholena Street to Kula Street and does not intersect with Judd Street. Natsunoya Teahouse is located on Makanani Street.

District 6 Councilmember Carol Fukunaga – Councilmember Fukunaga reported the following:

- Bill 66 – Introduced Bill 66 to address the City Auditor's findings that the DPP does not effectively manage building permits and inspections relating to Monster Homes. Proposed (CD)1 amendment focused on enforcement by (a) requiring civil fines to accrue from the date of the notice of violation, (b) prohibiting DPP from reducing fines, (c) requiring that the plan review revision fee be tripled if the revisions result from failure to follow approved plans.
- Bill 42 – In hearing on Wednesday July 15, 2020 by the Zoning Committee will have Monster Homes built in neighborhoods restrictive covenant that are applicable to the sub-division.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Fireworks Ban – Chair Fong expressed concerns about large fireworks in the neighborhood. Fukunaga noted focused on being safe during the pandemic and contact HPD for firework bomb explosions.
2. Traffic Improvement – Nitta inquired what is the plan traffic improvement and speeding enforcements.
3. Bus Stop Screens – Ho inquired about bus stop screens and how timing will be reliable when the buses arrive.
4. Rent Relief Program – Kaapu inquired about the rental relief program and if it is City or State.
5. Bus Rest Stop – Mitsuda expressed concerns at the bus rest stop location from Namauu Drive on Liliha Street. Mitsuda noted motorists leaving Namauu Drive have no sight around the bus.
6. Permitting and Planning Process – Pang inquired clarification on permitting and planning process on this legislation and needs more prior notification for the requirements.

District 7 Councilmember Joey Manahan – Shirley Templo circulated a newsletter reported the following:

- COVID-19 Information – Templo stated for COVID-19 information and assistance visit www.councilmembermanahan.com

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Updates – Chair Fong expressed gratitude for updates from Councilmember Manahan
2. Illegal Dumping – Pang inquired about camera surveillance on North Kuakini Street and Alaneo for illegal dumping.

13th Senatorial District Senator Karl Rhoads – Senator Rhoads reported the following and outlined multiple Capital Improvement Projects (CIP):

- Ma'ema'e Elementary School – CIP of \$4.3 million was released to Ma'ema'e Elementary School to finance construction for the renovation or expansion of a basketball court that would include covering for Ma'ema'e Elementary School.
- Kawanana Middle School – CIP of \$100,000 was released to Kawanana Middle School to finance design and construction for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements.
- Maluhia Hospital – CIP of \$29,065 was released to Maluhia Hospital for replacement of their walk-in freezer.
- Vote by Mail – Reminder that upcoming elections this year will be vote by mail. Ballots will be mailed out to registered voters this month.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Mail in Ballots – Chair Fong inquired the time for mail in ballots. Rhodes responded at least a week prior to Election Day on Saturday, August 8, 2020.
2. Drop Boxes – Ho inquired who made the location for drop boxes. Rhodes clarified it is a split between the City and State and the office of elections.
3. Translators – Ho inquired if there are translators for voting. Rhodes clarified to ask Language Access for the proper language and contact Office of Elections.
4. Signage – Yamamoto inquired if there will be signage for closed voting sights.
5. Sessions – Huang inquired if there is a need for Senate special sessions. Pang inquired if the Legislature not only the Senate should go year round instead of the current five (5) months out of the year.
6. Schools – Mandado inquired about schools reopening plan. Rhodes expressed concerns with COVID-19 cases and unclear about school's preparedness.

14th Senatorial District Senator Donna Mercado Kim – Senator Kim reported the following:

- Office – Senator Kim's office is able to reply to emails and answer phone calls.
- Honoring Breene Harimoto – Kim honored Breene Harimoto who passed away and served the residents of District 16.
- Special Committee – Special committee on COVID-19 on Wednesday, July 29, 2020.
- Trans-Pacific Travel – Trans-Pacific travel of mandatory 14-day quarantine extending from Saturday, August 1, 2020 to Tuesday, September 1, 2020.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Business – Chair Fong inquired if the Governor is working with legislation to open businesses.
2. Schools – Ho inquired if students are exempt from going to school if parents feel unsafe. Kim clarified schools are working with the community to have an alternative idea of partial in class and online learning.

3. Different Locations – Mandado inquired with different locations besides schools for more safe and social distancing. Kim noted there are various situations being considered at this time.
4. Bill 1676 – Nitta expressed concerns with red lights and inquired if the community will have to wait two years for the program. Kim clarified it is a polite program for two (2) years to see if it will be beneficial. Kim noted the pilot programs are in certain locations and not every intersection.

District 27 House Representative Takashi Ohno – Jenna Takenouchi Reported the following:

- Hawaii Public Housing Authority and Lanakila Senior Center – In early discussion rebuilding senior center and combining office centers.
- Construction – Pali Highway staging area construction continued on Pauoa Road off ramp.
- Liliha Library – Delay in construction with contractors not being available and vandalism that has taken place. Projected to be finished by the end of the year on the availability of funds.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Construction Delays – Huang inquired the reasons for Liliha Library construction delays if construction workers are considered essential during the pandemic.

District 28 Representative John Mizuno – No representative was present. No report was given.

Governor's David Ige's Representative – Ryker Wada reported the following:

- Capitol Connections – This month's Capitol Connection highlights COVID-19, Reopening Air Travel and Hurricane Preparedness.
- Trans-Pacific Travel – Governor Ige extended the Mandatory 14-day quarantine from Saturday, August 1, 2020 to Tuesday, September 1, 2020.
- Hurricane Season – Hurricane Season currently in active and prepare accordingly.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Travel Exempt – Chair Fong inquired about travel exemptions for Hawaii.
2. Informed – Ho expressed gratitude being informed with the Governors information during the pandemic.
3. Opening Economy – Nitta expressed concerned about opening economy and where funds will come from without Tourism.
4. Schools – Mandado inquired if the Superintendent is involved with the governor about reopening of schools.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – A report was submitted that stated the following:

- Main Break Report: There were two (2) main breaks in June 2020:
 - Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 2151 Hillcrest Street
 - Friday, June 12, 2020 at 1626 Kealia Drive

PRESENTATIONS

REHAB – Tim Roe, REHAB Hospital of the Pacific (REHAB) reported the following:

- Expansion of Services: Roe noted REHAB has been a proud member of the community for over 65 years in the very early stages of development of preparing expansion of services. Roe noted there are 500 employees, volunteers and business opportunities local product and services and continue to grow on it and systems. Roe noted it is one of the largest health care providers in the state of Hawaii serving over 11,000 with serious injury or illnesses. Continuing to plan and work with city agencies to expand our facilities and services. Roe noted REHAB will add more services including housing for the elderly and disable providing transition rehabilitation services. Roe noted to present further updates in the following months with expansion of services.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Current Services – Chair Fong inquired what will happen to current services and would REHAB be in conflict with St. Francis Hospital. Roe clarified it will add more services and overlap the needs of current services. Roe noted taking into consideration what other health care facilities are planning to do there will be no conflict at all.
2. Location – Ho inquired the consensus of REHAB's location if it is staying or relocating. Roe responded it is staying at the same facility and continuing to recommit services to the community.
3. Written Plan – Huang suggested adding a written plan so the community can review. Roe noted it is in early stages with DPP and wanted to address the Board first.

Mitsuda exited the meeting at 8:44 p.m.; ten (10) members were present.

HOLO Card – Presenter: CJ Johnson, City & County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services (DTS) reported the following:

- HOLO Card – Johnson noted that the HOLO Card will be a transit charge card that will allow residents to place money in an account in order to use public transportation. Johnson noted that it will allow for people to transfer their funds from a previous card onto their new card if their card get lost. Johnson noted that more information can be found at <https://www.holocard.net/>. Johnson noted that the DTS is attempting to phase out older pass features for the HOLO Card.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Monthly Employee Passes – Kaapu inquired if monthly employee passes will be discontinued. Johnson clarified the HOLO Card monthly will be sent to your address and the employer will add the payment to the account each month.
2. Fares – Ho inquired if there are changes to the age of riders and rush hour times. Johnson noted there are Senior passes will have to go to a further process with identification at satellite city halls for HOLO Cards.
3. Handicap Placard – Ho inquired if City and County placards will be discontinued. Johnson noted it is a complicated process and want to make it streamlined and DTS is working so everyone is included in this process.
4. Fare – Chair Fong inquired bus fare and price of Senior Cards. Johnson noted \$2.75 per ride or \$5.50 for a day pass and Senior annual pass is \$35.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020

Kaapu moved and Ho seconded to approve the Monday, March 9, 2020 meeting minutes. Hearing no objections, the Minutes WERE APPROVED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT:10-0-0; (AYE: Fong, Higa, Ho, Huang, Kaapu, Mandado, Naauao-Ota, Nitta, Pang and Yamamoto; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).

UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS

- Monster Homes Status – Chair Fong noted report given in Councilmember Fukunaga report.
- Na Pueo Park – Councilmember Fukunaga
- School Street – Redevelopment Project – Kaapu noted a virtual meeting regarding discussions about the Lanakila Senior Center and Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) and rebuilding HPHA offices above Lanakila Senior Center.
- Liliha Library Status and Temporary Venue – Chair Fong noted for further updates with Representative Takashi Ohno
- Homeless at Lilokulani Gardens – Enforcement – Randy Leong/Representative Takashi Ohno – No representative was present. No report was given.
- Future Fireworks Ban and Enforcement – Chair Fong noted report given in Councilmember Fukunaga report.

NEW BUSINESS

Red Hill Fuel Tanks – Federal Resolution – Brandon Mitsuda/Representative Ed Case – No representative was present. No report was given.

Future Fireworks Ban and Enforcement in NB 14 District – Chair Fong noted report given in Councilmember Fukunaga report.

Leaning Telephone Poles Removal – Randy Leong – Report Given in Mayors Representative Report.

Schedule of Road Repaving – Randy Leong – Report Given in Mayors Representative Report.

Complete Streets – Liliha and Kalihi – Carole Kaapu/Henry Pang

1. Comments and Suggestions - Kaapu noted DTS is taking comments and suggestions to produce a draft plan for Kalihi Complete Streets.
2. Bike Lanes – Pang noted future developments of bike lanes that inter-connects the city.

Sidewalks – Cora Yamamoto noted hearing meeting has passed and there will be more in the future.

Resolution in Support of HPD and HFD

Ho moved and Nitta seconded with withdrawing Chair Fong's Resolution and replaced it with Yamamoto's Resolution in Support of HPD and HFD. Hearing no objections, the Motion WAS CARRIED.

Discussion followed:

1. Revisions – Yamamoto included revisions to the resolution in various sections.
2. Mayor and City Council – Ho noted to include the Mayor and City Council in the resolution.
3. Further Discussion – Mandado expressed concerns with the draft and suggested further discussion into the resolution. Huang suggested amending sections of the resolution.
4. National Events – Chair Fong clarified the support of HPD and HFD was due to recent national events.
5. Revisions (continued) – Chair Fong suggested to make revisions before the August 2020 meeting.

Kaapu moved and Naauao-Ota seconded tabling the Resolution in Support of HPD and HFD to the next Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14 August 2020 meeting. The motion WAS CARRIED by MAJORITY VOTE; 9-0-1 (AYE: Fong, Higa, Ho, Huang, Kaapu, Naauao-Ota, Pang, and Yamamoto; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: Mandado).

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Maluhia – No representative was present. No report was given.

St. Francis – No representative was present. No report was given.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center – No representative was present. No report was given.

Other Non-Profit Organizations – No representative was present. No report was given.

BOARD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report – **Due to timing and hearing no objections, Chair Fong passed Treasurer's Report to August 2020 meeting.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14 regular meeting will be scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2020, 7:00 p.m. location to be announced.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Submitted by: Travis Saito, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Jackson Coley, Public Relations Assistant