



ĀLIAMANU/SALT LAKE/FOSTER VILLAGE/AIRPORT NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 18

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020** **THIS MEETING WAS HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Chace Shigemasa called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. **Quorum was established with six (6) members present.** Note: This nine (9)-member Board requires five (5) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present – Chace Shigemasa, Joe Omura, Chandra Kanemaru, Amanda Lacar, Patti Igawa, and Dennis Egge.

Board Members Absent – Larry Baird, Len Pepper, and David Yomes.

Guests – Director Jim Howe, (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative, Honolulu Emergency Services Department); Jo Ann Uchida Takeuchi (Governor David Ige's Representative, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs); Dinna Schwiering and Radiant Cordero (Councilmember Joey Manahan's Office); Senator Glenn Wakai; Representative Aaron Ling Johanson; Representative Linda Ichiyama; Christine "Chris" Kinimaka and David DePonte (Department of Accounting and General Services); Harry Cho (Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation); Mark Kikuchi (Department of Transportation Services); Chris Naylon (Neighborhood Commission Office). **Note: Name was not included if not legible or on the guest attendance sheet.**

Roll Call of Board Members – Chair Shigemasa carried out a roll call and confirmed that the Board had quorum with six (6) members present.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – No representative was present; no report was provided.

Honolulu Police Department District 3 – (Pearl City for Foster Village) – No representative was present; no report was provided.

Honolulu Police Department District 5 – (Kalihi for Salt Lake/Āliamanu) – Officer Malloy was present; the following report was given:

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. **Pualoa Road Homeless:** Chair Shigemasa asked about a homeless encampment Pualoa Road and how to address the concern. Officer Malloy noted his concerns about the encampment and stated that there are jurisdictional concerns in that region. Officer Malloy noted that the HPD works with the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) to clear encampments and other assistance organizations. Officer Malloy noted that this region is under Navy jurisdiction. Officer Malloy noted attempts to have Navy personnel participate in the clearing process and stated a lack of Navy participation. Officer Malloy noted that the homeless concern is persistent within this region.
2. **Unemployment Rate:** Omura asked about the worsening unemployment rate and if HPD will have a focus on violent crimes. Officer Malloy noted that the rise in crime is related to the increase in drug use and poverty. Officer Malloy noted that HPD does not have the personnel for increased police patrols. Officer Malloy noted that additional information can be found online at <http://honolulupd.org/information/index.php>. Officer Malloy noted the HPD's coordinated community efforts with security watches.
3. **COVID-19:** Omura asked for community information related to public safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. Officer Malloy noted the need to work with the government to determine a solution for COVID-19 and asked the community to follow Stay-at-Home Orders.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & CONCERNS – No events or concerns were reported.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Aloha Stadium Authority/Department of Accounting & General Services – New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District (NASED): Chris Kinimaka, Public Works Administrator for the Department of Account and General Services (DAGS), was present by telepresence and reported the following:

- Update: Kinimaka reported that the project is 50 percent complete with the funds procurement process and noted that they will be creating a short list of contractors before bringing a plan to the community. The project will complete an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) before giving the community a presentation during the public comment period. Dr. Watson noted the concerns about iwi in the region. Dr. Watson noted their cultural impact assessment of the region, which includes interviews of the cultural practitioners, kumu hula, and residents of the region. Dr. Watson showed the community concept art of Alia Pa'akai and the story of Hi'iaka and Pele coming to Oahu from Kauai. For more information, visit the NASED website at <http://nased.hawaii.gov/>.
- Events: Andrews noted that the Aloha Stadium's event operations are on a pause but stated that they will remain involved with food drives and surge COVID-19 testing.

Rail Transit Project – Harry Cho, Public Involvement Officer for the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART), was present by telepresence and reported the following:

- Construction Updates: The full 20-mile, 21 station rail system is 58.8% complete. West Oahu Stations Group (Kualaka'i, Keone'ae, Honouliuli) is 99.9% complete. Farrington Highway Stations Group (Ho'ae'ae, Pouhala, Halaulani) is 98.1% complete. Kamehameha Highway Stations Group (Waiawa, Kalauao, Halawa) is 95.9% complete. Kamehameha Highway resurfacing is 97.8% complete. Airport Guideway and Stations Group (Makalapa, Lelepaua, Ahua, Kahauiki) is 74.1% complete. Core Systems work is 68.7% complete. Cho noted that there have been some delays during the COVID-19 pandemic with the construction due to slowed material deliveries. Cho noted the installation of protective barriers on pillars along the system and stated that the barriers are meant to protect drivers from high speed or reckless collisions.
- City Center Utilities Relocation (CCUR): The CCUR is about 4.8% complete, continues day and night utility relocation work to make way for the guideway and station structures. Currently, Dillingham Boulevard between Middle Street and Mokauea Street is under controlled access, which means one east-bound and one west-bound lane is open to traffic. Work also continues in the Chinatown/Downtown area along Nimitz Highway, as well as work through Kakaako and Ala Moana along portions of Halekauwila, Queen and Kona streets.
- Business Outreach Programs: HART encourages businesses along the rail alignment to take advantage of HART's business outreach programs. These programs are designed to assist businesses affected by rail construction. Alternate Business Access Program – HART created fliers and posters to notify customers about alternative access routes to impacted businesses. These items are produced free of charge and includes custom information for each business. "Open for Business" and Access Signage - HART branded custom signage to assist businesses during construction with "Open for Business" or "Access Here" signs. "Shop & Dine of the Line" – Website program for businesses along the rail alignment to announce discount specials.
- Elliott Street Intersection Overnight Closures: Beginning Monday, September 14, 2020 alternating lanes and turn movements entering and exiting Elliott Street from Nimitz Highway will be closed to support overhead guideway construction activities for one week. Access to businesses will be maintained at all times. 1) The right turn pocket entering Elliott Street from Nimitz Highway eastbound may be closed. Personal vehicles will be able to execute the right turn onto Elliott Street from the outside through lane. Large trucks will be detoured to Catlin Drive for a U-turn to access Elliott Street. 2) The left turn from Elliott Street onto Nimitz Highway westbound may be closed. Motorists exiting Elliott Street wanting to access Nimitz Highway westbound will be detoured to Catlin Drive for a U-turn. The left turn from Nimitz Highway westbound onto Elliott Street may be closed. Motorists wanting to access Elliott Street will be detoured to Valkenburgh Street for a U-turn. 3) The right turn pocket exiting Elliott Street onto Nimitz Highway eastbound may be closed. Motorists exiting Elliott Street will be able to turn right onto Nimitz Highway eastbound from the through lane. The left turn entering Elliott Street from Nimitz Highway westbound will be open.
- Contact Information: For more information, please visit the HART website at www.honolulutransit.org. You can also call the HART 24-hour project hotline at (808) 566-2299, or email a question to info@honolulutransit.org.

Military – U.S. Naval Facilities – No representative was present; Chair Shigemasa gave the following report:

- Update: Chair Shigemasa noted that Flint delivered the requested items for Baird to Ohana Baptist Church.
- Rim of the Pacific Exercises (RIMPAC): Chair Shigemasa noted that this will be the 27th Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC) held in August 2020 and stated that there will be 25 nations participating in the exercises.
- World War II (WWII) Memorial: Chair Shigemasa detailed the End of WWII event that was recently held and stated that the guests for the event were limited due to COVID-19. The event included a flyover of WWII era planes and F-22 Raptors.
- Hurricane Season: Chair Shigemasa noted that hurricane season began on Monday, June 1, 2020 and ends on Monday, November 30, 2020. Chair Shigemasa noted that the Navy has prepared for hurricane season and other natural disasters.
- Red Hill Fuel Storage System: Chair Shigemasa noted that public outreach events for the Red Hill Fuel Storage system have been postponed due to COVID-19. Chair Shigemasa noted that the Navy still has a permit to operate the system. Chair Shigemasa noted that the water is clean and safe; there are no leaks or breaks in the system.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – No representative was present; no report was given.

Government Agencies – Jeremy Lee, Department of Design and Control (DDC), was present; the following report was provided.

- Salt Lake Widening Project Update: Lee noted that Phase 3 of the Salt Lake Widening Project will be between Ala Lilikoi Street and Maluna Street. Lee reported that the project will expand the roadway from a two-lane road to a four-lane road along the one (1) mile stretch. Lee noted that there will be the inclusion of a parking lane on the mauka side of the roadway. Lee stated that there will be a center median-lane for turning. Lee noted that the project will include the installation of a bike lanes and 8-foot wide sidewalks along both sides of the roadway. Lee noted that there will be a retaining wall installed on the Navy's section of the project for community safety. Lee detailed a timeline to the community that would include a final design being completed for the project by Fall 2020.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Parking: Egge asked if there will be community backlash due to change in parking. Lee noted that their design allows for street parking. Chair Shigemasa asked and Lee noted that the lack of parking along the Makai side of the project is due to the Navy's security concerns. Chair Shigemasa asked and Lee noted that the project is using Alternate D for the plan. Chair Shigemasa asked and Lee noted that the property on the Makai side of the project is either Navy or Department of Education (DOE) land. Lee noted that there will be parking lanes along the Mauka side of the project.
2. Jurisdiction: Egge asked if the Board could get legislative support in changing the region's jurisdictional concerns. Lee noted an easement with the Navy and an agreement for landscaping. Lee noted that the property line adjustments are anticipated.
3. Fire Hydrants: Egge asked and Lee noted that the sidewalks would allow for fire hydrants. Lee noted that the fire hydrants will remain in the same locations as the current utility infrastructure.
4. Notices: Omura asked if notices will be sent out to the public. Lee noted that they have sent out notices and are in the process of sending out more. Omura asked and Lee noted the attempts to complete notice dissemination in a couple weeks. Omura asked and Lee noted that they are still awaiting approval before a construction period is advertised. Kanemaru asked if there will be any additional community meetings and Lee noted that there will not be any additional meetings. Lee stated that they can give the Board a presentation. Omura asked that the item be on their November 2020 agenda. Chair Shigemasa suggested working with regional legislators on the concern and stated that the item will be on the agenda.
5. Timeline: Lacar asked and Lee noted that the project is expected to take three (3) years.
6. Additional Funds: Lacar asked if there will be any additional federal funds for the project and Lee noted that there may be funds allocated from the State of Hawaii and COVID-19 relief funds.

Schools – No representative was present; no report was given.

CITY ELECTED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

City Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Jim Howe, Director of the Honolulu Emergency Services Department (HESD), was present by telepresence and reported the following:

- Homeless Encampments: Director Howe noted that the Pualoa Road region must be enforced by the Navy unless the City and County of Honolulu garners permission to enforce upon the region. Director Howe detailed the City and County of Honolulu's efforts to get services to the homeless individuals and noted that some of these individuals are resistant to services. Director Howe noted that a mass coordinated enforcement might be needed, similar to cleanups in the Waianae region. Director Howe detailed how activating a region can deter from homeless encampments. Director Howe noted conversations about stabilization beds which would allow for these individuals to get services over 72-hour periods instead of taking them to the emergency room or jail. Director Howe noted the need to get these individuals services and tools during the upcoming legislative sessions.
- Bulky Item Collection Project: The Environmental Services (ENV) reported that the address does not exist, but ENV believes this inquiry is pertaining to 5333 Likini Street. Each individual address within a multi-unit residential building may schedule up to five (5) bulky items and two (2) metal appliances per appointment. AOAOs have the option to schedule appointments for the entire building with the initial limits set at 20 bulky items and eight (8) metal appliances per appointment. In this case, the Property Manager of 5333 Likini Street contacted the Refuse Division and requested an increased to 35 bulky items and eight (8) appliances per appointment which was approved. Should you have any questions or concerns, please call the Refuse Division at 768-5220.
- Regional Construction Projects: Director Howe noted that there are a few construction projects being completed in the region and stated that the Salt Lake Boulevard Bridge rehabilitation project is underway. Director Howe noted that this project was given a notice to proceed in November 2018. Director Howe noted that the Salt Lake District Park Rock Fall Mitigation project has recently received a notice to proceed in August 2020.
- Crime: Director Howe noted that the City and County of Honolulu has a Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act website that details the program's spending. Director Howe noted the desire to allocate the rest of the CARES Act funds for the community.
- Contact Tracing: Director Howe noted that the City and County of Honolulu is starting to conduct contact tracing and stated that the City and County of Honolulu is attempting to hire 200 to 300 individuals to assist with the process.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. CARES Act: Omura asked where the CARES Act funds came from and how they are being used. Director Howe noted that the City and County of Honolulu and State of Hawai'i were given separate allotments of money. Director Howe stated the efforts to coordinate with the State of Hawaii and spend the funds prudently. Omura asked and Director Howe noted that there is a plan for the funds which they are attempting to follow.
2. Small Businesses and Landlord Legislation: Chair Shigemasa asked about new legislation and taxes for landlords and small businesses. Director Howe noted that the legislation is still being heard by the City Council and he noted that the legislation is being considered.

City Councilmember Joey Manahan – Dinna Schwiering, Councilmember Manahan's representative, was present by telepresence, and reported the following:

- Household Hardship Relief Program: Households that demonstrate economic hardship due to COVID-19 can receive up to \$2000 a month for: rent payments, mortgages, and utilities. There is an additional \$500 a month that could be received for childcare services.
- Small Business Relief and Recovery Fund: Schwiering reported that this fund would reimburse business for loss of profits during Stay at Home Orders and assist with improving COVID-19 health standard practices.
- Rent Relief and Housing Assistance Program: Schwiering reported that this program would assist the community members that need assistance with rent and housing due to COVID-19.
- COVID-19: Schwiering noted their work with the community service provider in an attempt to offer free masks and COVID-19 testing to the community. Schwiering noted that Friday, September 11, 2020 and Monday, September 14, 2020 will have free testing at Aloha Stadium.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Landlord Legislation: Omura asked about landlord compensation during COVID-19 from the government. Schwiering noted concerns about giving tax breaks due to the need for tax revenue. Omura noted that landlords will have increasing concerns about inability to pay for property upkeep during these times due to their high age demographic. Schwiering noted that the City Council will have a session on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 and asked for Omura to testify.

STATE ELECTED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

State Governor David Ige's Representative – Jade Butay, Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT); was present by telepresence and reported the following:

- COVID-19: Director Butay reported that the State of Hawaii is in support of the City and County of Honolulu's surge testing. Director Butay noted that there has been a successful turnout for the H-3 and Honolulu International Airport testing sites. Director Butay noted that there will be a surge test for all dock and harbor workers on Monday, September 14, 2020 and stated that the surge testing is a preliminary test that does not require quarantine.
- Follow-Up: Childcare: The DOE reported that while they do not provide childcare for teachers, that some schools have allowed some teachers to exchange children and siblings in order to have their own children within similar schedules.
- Special Needs Students: The DOE reported that all special needs students should have been receiving services since the school closure in March 2020. The DOE is extending services to these students whether they are able to complete distance schooling or if they need in-person services.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: CARES Act Funds: Omura asked for additional information on the use of CARES Act funds. Director Butay noted that the State has received a separate pot of money and stated that most of the funds have been used on unemployment payments and budget shortfalls.

State Senator Glenn Wakai – Senator Wakai was present by telepresence and submitted his report electronically to Chair Shigemasa.

- Regional School Update: Senator Wakai reported the cancelling the use of the Acellus program for distance learning for regional schools.
- Surfing Advisory Committee: Senator Wakai detailed his desire to create a Surfing Advisory Committee and the upcoming vote in regards to the Hawaii Surf Museum.
- Rental Assistance Program: Senator Wakai noted the rental assistance program that can offer up to \$2000 a month.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Regional Schools: Omura asked and Senator Wakai noted that some of the regional schools have changed to a different online schooling service. Omura asked if private sector, charter, and public schooling systems are working in conjunction with one another to determine the best method for distance learning. Senator Wakai noted that there is no cohesive method being used for distance learning and stated that he does not believe that there is a one-size fits all method for teaching.

State Representative Aaron Ling Johanson – Representative Johanson was present by telepresence and submitted his report electronically to Chair Shigemasa.

- Rental Assistance Program: Representative Johanson reported on the rental assistance program and stated that recipients must: being a current and full-time Hawaii resident, have proof of rental, demonstrate a loss of income due to COVID-19, and demonstrate that your household's income does not exceed current Average Median Income (AMI) for the region.
- Lost Wages Assistance Program: Representative Johanson noted that payments for the Lost Wages Assistance Program will begin in October 2020 and detailed that this is a separate program from existing unemployment programs.

State Representative Linda Ichiyama – Representative Ichiyama was present by telepresence and submitted her report electronically to Chair Shigemasa.

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Distribution Program: Representative Ichiyama reported that residents can apply to receive PPE at <https://hawaii-medical-alliance.myshopify.com/>. Representative Ichiyama noted that these PPE are part of \$61 million allocated for the distribution of PPE to high-risk residents and businesses. The program has spent roughly half of their allocated funds.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS / ON-GOING PROJECTS

Salt Lake Boulevard Widening Project: This item was previously covered during the meeting.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Parking: Egge asked that the curb lanes are painted along the project, similar to Likini Street. Egge noted that these markings would separate the roadway and the parking. Chair Shigemasa noted the importance of following the law and not allowing residents to walk in the middle of the road.

Salt Lake District Park Swimming Pool & Master Plan: This item was previously covered during the meeting.

Salt Lake Waterway Stream Maintenance: Due to a protected avian mating season, the Honolulu Country Club cannot clear the region of any vegetation within the waterway.

New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District (NASSED) Update: This item was previously covered during the meeting.

Honolulu Bulky Item Collection Update: This item was previously covered during the meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT – Omura asked that Flint is informed of the homelessness issues within Navy Lands.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Naylor reported that he would disseminate the information to the Board.

BOARD REPORTS

Special Projects: Chair Shigemasa and Omura are responsible for special projects.

Environment: Omura is responsible for environmental issues.

Public Safety: Yomes is responsible for public safety issues.

Transportation: Baird is responsible for transportation issues.

Parks and Recreation: Pepper is responsible for parks and recreation issues.

Senior Citizens: Igawa is responsible for senior citizen issues.

Emergency Preparedness: Egge is responsible for emergency preparedness issues.

Education, Health & Human Services: Kanemaru is responsible for education, health, and human services issues.

Legislation: Lacar is responsible for legislation issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next Āliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village/Airport Neighborhood Board No. 18 regular meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Virtual Zoom Meeting.
- B. Videotaped Board meetings are aired on `Olelo Channel 49 on the 4th Saturday of the month at 9:00 p.m.; and the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at 7:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT – As there was no further business before the Āliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village/Airport Neighborhood Board No. 18, Chair Shigemasa adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Submitted by: Chris Naylor, Community Relations Specialist

Reviewed by: Brandy Clark, Neighborhood Assistant

Final Review by: