



MAKIKI/ LOWER PUNCHBOWL/ TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 WEBEX

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Pro Tem Ian Ross called the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. **Quorum was established with 14 members present.** Note: This 17-member Board requires nine (9) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Members Present: Roy Agustin, Katie Chang, Nathaniel Char, Elena Farden, Richard Kawano, Paul Klink, Chuck Lee, Fred Nakahara, Ian Ross, Piikea Kalakau-Baarde, John Steelquist, Christopher Tipton, Susan Lai Young and Myles Ritchie.

Members Absent: Sam Mitchell, Tana Cambe and Charles Carole.

Guests: Lieutenant Bryan Taniguchi; Captain Larry Moore; Tom Heinrich (The Office of Brian Taniguchi); Senator Sharon Moriwaki; Councilmember Carol Fukunaga; Kevan Wong (The Office of Mayor Kirk Caldwell); Representative Della Au Belatti; Khara Jabola Carlous (The Hawaii State Commission on Status of Women); Keith Kurahashi and Art Gladstone (Hawaii Pacific Health); Calvin Say, Ronald Higa and Benhur Baldevarona (Residents); Casey Ishitani (Neighborhood Assistant).

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): A representative was not present. No report was given.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): HPD Lieutenant Bryan Taniguchi provided statistics for August 2020 which can be found at <http://www.honolulupd.org/information/index.php?page=crimemapping>.

Questions, comments and concerns followed.

1. 311 Number: Chang inquired about the function of 311 and the HPD representative responded that it serves as a non-emergency number for City and County of Honolulu issues.
2. Prospect Street: Young raised concern regarding the a near fatal vehicular incident on Prospect Street. HPD will provide updates as the investigation is ongoing.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair: Tipton nominated Ross. There were no other nominations.

There was a unanimous vote for Ross (Agustin, Chang, Char, Farden, Kawano, Klink, Lee, Nakahara, Ross, Kalakau-Baarde, Steelquist, Tipton, Young and Ritchie). **Ross was Elected as Chair.**

Vice Chair: Steelquist nominated Chang. There were no other nominations.

There was a unanimous vote for Chang (Agustin, Chang, Char, Farden, Kawano, Klink, Lee, Nakahara, Ross, Kalakau-Baarde, Steelquist, Tipton, Young and Ritchie). **Chang was Elected as Vice Chair.**

Tipton Moved and Klink Seconded to maintain the remaining officers. The Motion was ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0 (Aye: Agustin, Chang, Char, Farden, Kawano, Klink, Lee, Nakahara, Ross, Kalakau-Baarde, Steelquist, Tipton, Young and Ritchie; Nay: None; Abstain: None).

Char was Elected as Secretary. Farden was Elected as Treasurer. Klink was Elected as Second Vice Chair.

INITIAL CONVENING BOARD BUSINESS

Meeting Date/Time/Place: Chair Ross inquired if there were any suggested changes to the Regular Meeting Date/Time/Place, which would be the third Thursday of the Month from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Makiki District Park.

Farden Moved and Ross Seconded to maintain the current Meeting Date, Time and Place for the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 Regular Meetings. The Motion was ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0 (Aye: Agustin, Chang, Char, Farden, Kawano, Klink, Lee, Nakahara, Ross, Kalakau-Baarde, Steelquist, Tipton, Young and Ritchie; Nay: None; Abstain: None).

Rules of Speaking and Oral Testimony: Chair Ross inquired if there were any suggested changes to the Rule of Speaking and Oral Testimony.

Klink Moved and Steelquist Seconded to maintain the Rules of Speaking and Oral Testimony. The Motion was ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0 (Aye: Agustin, Chang, Char, Farden, Kawano, Klink, Lee, Nakahara, Ross, Kalakau-Baarde, Steelquist, Tipton, Young and Ritchie; **Nay:** None; **Abstain:** None).

Olelo Broadcast: Chair Ross inquired if there were any suggested changes to maintaining Olelo Broadcast. Hearing none Chair Ross inquired if there were any Motions. Hearing no Motion, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

Committee Arrangement: Chair Ross inquired if there were any suggested changes to the Committees.

Char Moved and Tipton Seconded to maintain all current Committees. The Motion was ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0 (Aye: Agustin, Chang, Char, Farden, Kawano, Klink, Lee, Nakahara, Ross, Kalakau-Baarde, Steelquist, Tipton, Young and Ritchie; **Nay:** None; **Abstain:** None).

Recess Scheduling: Chair Ross inquired if there were any suggested changes to the recess schedule.

Tipton Moved and Char Seconded to recess in December 2020. The Motion was ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0 (Aye: Agustin, Chang, Char, Farden, Kawano, Klink, Lee, Nakahara, Ross, Kalakau-Baarde, Steelquist, Tipton, Young and Ritchie; **Nay:** None; **Abstain:** None).

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

City Councilmember Ann Kobayashi: There was no representative. No report was given.

City Councilmember Carol Fukunaga: Councilmember Fukunaga reported that a recent traffic accident on Prospect Street will result in appropriations to mitigate speeding in Makiki.

Question, comments and concerns followed.

1. Traffic Concerns: Tipton inquired if any a red light camera proposal will proceed and Councilmember Fukunaga responded that photo-imaging options are being explored and that 500 thousand dollars have been appropriated for speed mitigation measures. Klink raised concerns regarding the interface being usable for HPD citations.
2. Illegal Dumping: Chang raised concerns regarding illegal dumping in the Makiki area.
3. Fiscal Situation: Kawano raised concerns regarding the fiscal impact of shutdowns during the pandemic. Councilmember Fukunaga responded that Mayor Kirk Caldwell has allocated 50 to 70 million dollars of expenditures from Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) funds for the City and County of Honolulu.
4. Monster Home: Klink raised concerns regarding a possible monster home being developed at the corner or Prospect Street and Pele Street.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Kevan Wong of Mayor Caldwell's office reported the following.

1. Homelessness: Residents expressed concerns regarding mentally ill homeless individuals in the Makiki area near Makiki District Park and Wilder Avenue. The Office of Housing (HOU) reported that the Institute for Human Services (IHS) outreach workers visit the reported area multiple times on a weekly basis. They have built rapport with many encountered in the area and will continue to do so in hopes that the individuals encountered will accept services. HOU must also respect individuals' constitutional rights, including their right to decline these offerings. Outreach providers are very skilled at persuading people to consider options, but it still remains the decision of the homeless person as to whether they will accept services or not.
2. Domestic Violence: A resident inquired about domestic violence situations at the corner of Makiki Street and Wilder Avenue. The Board had inquired regarding HPD response time. HPD responded that it normally takes approximately 3.26 minutes for officers to respond to Priority 1 type of calls for services; i.e., arguments/domestic arguments, in-progress calls, etc. From Wednesday, January 1, 2020 to Tuesday, June 30, 2020, officers responded to one (1) domestic argument type of call at Wilder Avenue and Makiki Street.
3. 1421 Pensacola Street: The Board expressed concern about further fires at the remnants of 1421 Pensacola Street, which has caught fire during the pandemic and damaged neighboring homes. Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) reported that an inspection showed fire and smoke damage to a one (1) family detached dwelling. A courtesy letter regarding the fire damaged structure was sent to the property owner on

Wednesday, April 15, 2020, to repair or demolish the structure and to secure the property from the general public. If the property owner does not comply within 120 days from the date of the above-mentioned letter, a Notice of Violation will be issued and may result in subsequent fines.

Question, comments and concerns followed.

1. 1421 Pensacola Street: Tipton inquired about the status of the abandoned house at 1421 Pensacola Street and responded that he will get back to the Board.
2. Emergency Proclamation: Resident Hailama Farden requested that social distancing and social gathering stipulations be relaxed in Mayor Caldwell's Emergency Proclamation, stating that parents should be allowed to gather at parks and beaches with their children. Tipton raised that residents are allowed to go to the water but are not allowed to gather on the sand. Kawano inquired when swimming pools will be reopened. Resident Andy Sexton raised that the Emergency Proclamation must clarify the difference between a parent and caregiver. Chair Ross raised concerns regarding elderly residents who require caregiver assistance for outdoor exercises. Klink clarified that licensed caregivers are allowed to assist their patients during outdoor activities.
3. Surge Testing: Tipton requested updates for more COVID-19 testing after State of Hawaii surge testing results.

STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

Senator Brian Taniguchi: Tom Heinrich of Senator Taniguchi's office reported the following.

- Unemployment: Senator Taniguchi serves on the Unemployment Committee. Payouts for claimants are pending and residents can visit the State of Hawaii site at <https://labor.hawaii.gov/ui/contact/>. Heinrich added that Makiki residents may reach him at t.heinrich@capitol.hawaii.gov.
- Department of Labor: The new director of the Department of Labor has been formally announced as Ann Isako, replacing former director Murakami.
- Legislative Activities: The Senate will be in special session from Monday, October 5, 2020 to Tuesday, October 6, 2020 regarding the eight (8) Judicial appointments. Karen Nakasone has been appointed. Senate review and hearings will be on Thursday, October 1, 2020.

Senator Sharon Moriwaki: Senator Moriwaki reported that although a Bill was vetoed the services for furloughed female employees will continue.

Questions, comments and concerns followed.

1. Homelessness: Chang requested that the definition of "chronically homeless" be changed to adapt to the number of homeless individuals at Makiki Shopping Center.
2. CARES Funds: Lee inquired about the status of CARES Funds and Senator Moriwaki responded that the Senate can allocate the funds for spending but the administration must execute it. Tipton inquired what happens to unspent CARES Funds by 2021 and Senator Moriwaki responded that it will be refunded to the Federal government.

Representative Sylvia Luke: A representative was not present. There was no report.

Representative Della Au Belatti: Representative Belatti reported the following.

- Travel: The tentative date for the State of Hawaii reopening to tourists is Thursday, October 15, 2020.
- Bills: The veto deadline for Legislative Bills was Tuesday, September 15, 2020. Domestic violence Bills have passed. Senate Bill 126 was passed to sweep unspent CARES funds toward unemployment claims.
- Pandemic Relief: Representative Belatti reported that the House will continue to ensure that housing relief funds are deployed to claimants during the pandemic.

Questions, comments and concerns followed. Covid-19 Pandemic: Chang inquired about the metrics regarding Covid-19 infection rates and Representative Belatti responded that the House Special Covid-19 Committee determined that while the pandemic will be lengthy the City and County of Honolulu cannot sustain another shutdown. Lee requested metrics for success with reducing infection rates. Kawano inquired if more testing will result in more numbers of infected and Representative Belatti responded that treatment will need to improve. Resident Tom Heindrich responded that residents may monitor House and Senate financial expenditures during the pandemic at hawaiidata.org.

Governor David Ige's Representative: Lynn Araki Regan reported that newest issue of Capitol Connection is available at <https://governor.hawaii.gov/category/capitol-connection/>.

Questions, comments and concerns followed. Evictions: Farden requested metrics regarding eviction moratoriums. Klink reported that some property owners are evicting residents to move in family and friends. Tipton raised concerns regarding evicted residents posing further Covid-19 infection risk.

Congressman Ed Case: There was no representative. No report was given.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Legal Aide: Calvin Say reported that Legal Aide can be used to assist with the eviction moratorium.

Ala Wai Flood Project: Resident Dave Watase reported that a Resolution is being drafted for changes to the Ala Wai Flood Project.

Fountains at Makiki: Resident Thor Kamaka reported that Fountains of Makiki at 1332 Lunalilo Street received multiple safety concerns from neighboring residents. There have been reports regarding squatters and illegal activity at the property.

1548 Liholiho Street: Chang reported that there have been instances of loitering and illegal activity at 1548 Liholiho Street.

NEW BUSINESS

Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board: Keith Kurahashi and Art Gladstone presented plans for renovations to Straub Medical Center. Hawaii Pacific Health presented the plans to King Manor and through feedback moved construction of elevators to the garage to maintain resident views.

Questions, comments and concerns followed.

1. King Manor: Chang praised the consultation of King Manor.
2. Concerns: Kawano raised concerns regarding the low angled presentation which he claimed hides the actual size. Resident Paris Cordero voiced objection to the project.

Community Safety, Wellness and Cohesion

Covid-19: Hearing no objection, Chair Ross deferred this item.

The Hawaii State Commission on Status of Women: Khara Jabola Carlous reported that calls regarding domestic violence and femicide (sex-based hate crimes) has increased and calls regarding victims seeking shelter have increased by 68 percent during the pandemic. The Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women has selected Makiki as a femicide-free zone. Chair Ross shared a Resolution to support the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women's femicide-free zone.

Tipton Moved and Char Seconded to Adopt the Resolution to support the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women's femicide-free zone.

Discussion: Chang and Agustin raised concerns regarding the lack of actionable language in the Resolution.

The Resolution was ADOPTED BY MAJORITY VOTE, 12-0-2 (Aye: Char, Farden, Kawano, Klink, Lee, Nakahara, Ross, Kalakau-Baarde, Steelquist, Tipton, Young and Ritchie; Nay: None; Abstain: Agustin and Chang)

Evictions: Farden reported that Governor Ige extended the eviction moratorium to Wednesday, September 30, 2020. A Resolution to extend the moratorium for another six (6) months was passed.

Homelessness: This item was deferred.

Complete Streets: Tipton reported that the Pensacola Street bicycle lane will be completed by the end of September 2020. Steelquist raised concerns regarding potential lost revenue due to its construction and Tipton responded that businesses along the lane provided feedback resulting in parking spaces remaining. Young raised concerns regarding lost resident spaces.

Hearing no objections, Chair Ross inquired if the Board would defer the remaining Agenda Items and Move for Adjournment, due to time limits being exceeded.

Tipton Moved and Char Seconded to Adjourn the Meeting. **The Motion was ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0 (Aye:** Agustin, Chang, Char, Farden, Kawano, Klink, Lee, Nakahara, Ross, Kalakau-Baarde, Steelquist, Tipton, Young and Ritchie; **Nay:** None; **Abstain:** None)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2020, 1527 Keeaumoku Street at 6:00 p.m.

Broadcast: The meetings can be viewed on Olelo FOCUS 49 at 9:00 p.m. on the first Friday of the month and again on the first and third Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Casey Ishitani, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Jackson Coley, Public Relations

Final approval by: