



## WAIPAHU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 22

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2020 FILIPINO COMMUNITY CENTER**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chair pro-tem Saniatan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **A quorum was established with 14 members present.** Note: This 19-member Board requires 10 members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

**Board Members Present** – Rito Saniatan, Maureen Andrade, Martin Burke, Jayton Chang, Cory Chun (arrived at 7:10 p.m.), Connie Herolaga, Darryl Macha, Richard Oshiro, Randall Sebastian, Chuck Wheatley, John Petriches, Jennifer Cornwell, Kent Jiang, Matthew Weyer and Cody Rex.

**Board Members Absent** – Ruffalynne Villanueva, Nelson Sua, Dionisio Guillermo and Sy Cullen.

**Guests:** Deputy Director Ed Manglallan, Department of Facility Maintenance – DFM, (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative), Donna Klapakis, Major Matthew Neter (Military Services-599th Army Transportation Brigade), Deputy Director Morris Atta, Department of Agriculture - HDOA (Governor David Ige's Representatives), Rock Riggs (Senator Mike Gabbard's Office), Aaron Ho, Councilmember Ron Menor (Councilmember Ron Menor's Office), Dion Mesta, Councilmember Brandon Elefante (Councilmember Brandon Elefante's Office), Johnny Reid (Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit – HART), Patrick Watson (Honua Consulting), Antonio Ipalari, Augusto Concepcion (The Meadows), Nathan Chang, Edwin and Brenda Mariano, Francis and Natlynn Cunningham, Coren Barros, Val Teves, Michael and Debbie Vilorio, Gail Jennings, Louise Prestidge, Kelly Uyeda, David Sanchez (Residents and Guests), and Naomi Hanohano (Neighborhood Commission Office).

**INTRODUCTIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS** – Those present introduced themselves.

#### **FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** – Not present. No report.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD)** – Not present. No report

**Military Services:** Major Matthew Neter introduced himself and reported:

- **Visitor Restriction** - U.S. Army Hawaii is currently under a temporary visitor restriction policy. Only visitors who provide an essential service such as child care or educational support are allowed on post. People who are authorized medical care or have Commissary privileges can still use those facilities.
- **COVID-19** - For Army COVID-19 information, check out the COVID-19 page on the garrison website with updated information on safety measures, closures/openings, travel and visitor policies, etc. Just visit the garrison website: [home.army.mil/hawaii](http://home.army.mil/hawaii) and click on the red COVID-19 box at the top of the page.
- **Helicopter Hotline** - If you would like to report loud or low-flying Army aircraft call 656-3487. You will be asked for time, place, and number of aircraft. For any other complaints, call the Army public affairs office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 656-3159.

#### **RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS: None**

**Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative** – Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) Deputy Director Ed Manglallan reported the following:

- **Survey:** "Mayor Caldwell would like community members to know of a new island wide project and opportunities to support O'ahu becoming more climate ready. The Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency has initiated a climate adaptation strategy project, which was identified as Action 28 of the community-developed O'ahu Resilience Strategy. Board members have received a 1-page project sheet and are encouraged to visit the project website, [www.climatereadyoahu.org](http://www.climatereadyoahu.org), to participate in the intro survey and upcoming virtual community meetings. If the board is interested in a presentation on the project, please email [climateready@honolulu.gov](mailto:climateready@honolulu.gov)."

- Department of Design and Construction (DDC) Projects for Waipahu:
  - Erosion Control Improvements - Aiki Street & H1 Overpass Contech Engineering, Inc. \$229,20
  - HFD Thurston Fire Training Center Air Conditioning System Improvements MJ Construction Inc, \$360,500
  - HFD Waipahu Maintenance Facility Air Conditioning System Improvements CC Engineering & Construction, Inc. \$408,800
  - Kupuna Loop and Kupuohi Street Lighting Improvements Paul's Electrical \$29,700
  - Patsy Mink Central Oahu Regional Dog Park Artech Construction \$635,540
  - Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park (CORP) Softball Field LED lighting Improvements Paul's Electrical \$932,700
  - Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Parking Lot Expansion Peterson Bros. \$2,686,997
  - Rehabilitation of Localized Streets, Phase 23 (Waikele Area) Road Builders \$3,758,804
  - Waipahu Swimming Pool Deck Bonding Improvements Ted's Wiring \$147,973

Questions, comments, concerns: Appreciation: Board member Andrade thanked Manglallan for recent cleanups in the Waipahu area.

**7:10 p.m. Board member Chun arrived to the meeting. There are now 15 Board members in attendance.**

Councilmember Ron Menor – Councilmember Menor reported:

- End of Term: Councilmember Menor noted that this is his second to the last appearance at the Board because his term will be ending in January 2021.
- Pandemic Aid Programs: Councilmember Menor also noted the various programs that the City and County of Honolulu has to assist the residents and businesses on Oahu.
- Resolution 20-246: Councilmember Menor noted that he recently introduced the resolution Urging the Governor to Implement Important Safety Measures to Ensure the Safe Reopening of Hawaii to Transpacific Travel and Tourism to keep Hawaii residents safe while revitalizing our local economy.
- Recognition: Councilmember Menor noted that three Waipahu High School (WHS) academies received top recognition as National Model Academies, two of them with distinction by the National Career Academy Coalition (NCAC) which recognizes college and career academies.

Questions, comments, concerns: Citing the Surgeon General: Board member Burke noted his concern that the Surgeon General is up for court action for a citation he received when he was on Oahu and feels it is a bit harsh. Councilmember Menor responded that it is out of the Council's hand and it is up to the courts.

Councilmember Brandon Elefante – Councilmember Elefante noted that his newsletter was sent out electronically and reported:

- Farewell and Welcome: Councilmember Elefante gave his farewell to outgoing Councilmember Anderson and welcome to interim Councilmember Alan Texeira who will fulfill the remainder of the term.
- Resources for Financial Assistance During the Pandemic: Councilmember Elefante noted several resources for assistance to those who may have been affected by the pandemic including the Small Business Relief and Recovery Fund, the Rent and Utilities Assistance Program and partnering with the University of Hawaii to provide free job training. More information is available at [www.oneoahu.org/resources](http://www.oneoahu.org/resources).
- Abandoned Boats: Councilmember Elefante noted that he has been working with the Department of Customer Services (CSD) to remove abandoned boats on city streets that has been reported to his office.

Questions, comments, concerns: WHS Accreditation: Board member Herolaga asked if there was any information about the Annual Accreditation of WHS. Councilmember Elefante noted that information may be in Councilmember Menor's report.

Governor David Ige's Representative – Deputy Director Morris Atta reported:

- Capitol Connection Online: Please download and review the most recent copy of the Capitol Connection for an overview of the latest developments in State government. <https://governor.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/EDITNEW2OCT-FINAL-2020-Capitol-Connection.pdf>
- Three (3) Pillars: Governor Ige described the three (3) pillars of the Hawai'i Pandemic Action Plan — protecting public health, reviving the economy and strengthening our community — with hopeful signs for the State of Hawaii.

- The State is offering several new programs to help residents meet basic needs and provide more COVID-19 information for the public:
  - The Rent Relief and Housing Assistance Program
  - The Lost Wages Assistance program
  - A new state dashboard to monitor the state's COVID-19 situation
  - The CARES program contact info to isolate and quarantine.
- State added Partner: Diagnostic Laboratory Services (DLS) has been added to the list of eight (8) other Trusted Testing Partners list for Inter-County Travel
- Department of Education (DOE) Questions: Deputy Atta noted that the answers to questions about schools can be found on the DOE website and he will email the link to the Neighborhood Assistant.

Questions, comments, concerns:

1. Payment: Board member Herolaga asked who pays for the pre-travel test. Deputy Atta noted that he will follow up and report back.
2. Housing Assistance Program: Board member Chang noted his concern about the program that started on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 but as of Saturday, October 17, 2020 only two percent of the CARES Act money has been allocated but the State stopped accepting applications and asked when will the program start up again. Deputy Atta noted that he will follow up and report back.
3. Quarantine: Resident Patrick Watson asked if out of state travelers would be exempt from the 14-day quarantine if they have a negative Covid-19 test prior to arriving in Hawaii and how they will be tracked. Deputy Atta noted that visitors have the option to test prior to arriving in Hawaii but is not sure how they will be tracked and he will follow up and report back.

Senator Clarence Nishihara – Senator Nishihara was not present. No report.

Senator Mike Gabbard – Rock Riggs distributed a newsletter and reported:

- Bill 59: Senator Gabbard submitted testimony in support of Bill 59 which asks for the expansion of the City's Community Gardens program.  
Meetings: Senator Gabbard will participate in two virtual meetings, on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 with the State Climate Change Office and on Friday, October 30, 2020 regarding the Red Hill Fuel Tanks. Please contact his office for more information and links to the meetings.

Representative Roy Takumi – No report available

Senator Michelle Kidani – No report available

Representatives Ryan Yamane, Henry Aquino and Ty Cullen – The reports of Representatives Yamane, Aquino and Cullen were distributed.

## REPORTS

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – A written report was distributed.

Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) – Johnny Reid read the report for October 2020:

- Construction Progress:
  - The full 20-mile, 21-station rail system is 59.3% complete.
  - West Oahu Stations Group (Kualaka'i, Keoneae, Hono'ulu'uli) is 99.7% complete.
  - Farrington Highway Stations Group (Ho'ae'ae, Pouhala, Halaulani) is 98.4% complete.
  - Kamehameha Highway Stations Group (Waiawa, Kalauao, and Halawa) is 96.3% complete.
  - Kamehameha Highway resurfacing is 97.8% complete.
  - Airport Guide way and Stations Group (Makalapa, Lelepaua, Ahua, and Kahauiki) is 76.1% complete.
  - City Center Utilities Relocation (CCUR) is 5.9% complete.

Through early November, Dillingham Boulevard, between Middle Street and Mokauea Street, will continue to be 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 Kaka'ako and Ala Moana along portions of Halekauwila, Queen and Kona Streets.

- Dillingham Corridor Status: The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) has been notifying area residents and businesses of the upcoming removal of controlled access (traffic controls, cones,

directional signage) that is currently in place along Kamehameha Highway/Dillingham Boulevard between Laumaka Street and Mokauea Street. The controlled access is being removed as HART further develops its utility relocation design plans. HART's contractor is currently returning the road and pedestrian surfaces to a full level of service by mid-November 2020. This includes removal of steel plates, backfill of holes and levelling of services. Business/residential sidewalk and pedestrian access will return to full functionality. Some measures may be temporary (asphalt vs. concrete). Traffic lane striping will be renewed as required, and HART will be responsible for maintenance of the corridor until construction resumes. When construction resumes, controlled access will be reinstated.

- P3 Update: The City has decided to withdraw from the P3 procurement for the City Center. It is now incumbent on HART to weigh the options available and decide whether to proceed with the P3 procurement or explore an alternate procurement. Given that all procurements that HART undertakes are governed by State law, HART is working closely with its Board, the State Procurement Office and the City's Department of Corporation Counsel to determine the best path forward.
- Information: For more information, please visit HART's website at [www.HonoluluTransit.org](http://www.HonoluluTransit.org). You can also call HART's 24-Hour Project Hotline at (808) 566-2299 or email us at [info@honolulutransit.org](mailto:info@honolulutransit.org).
- Announcements: Patrick Watson updated the community about some of the rail stations that has been turned over to the HART and various lane closures for continuing rail work.

Questions, Comments, Concerns: Contingency Fund Balance: Board member Oshiro noted that according to the Thursday, July 23, 2020 meeting minutes he asked a question about the contingency fund balance and where will HART go for funding. Reid noted that the contingency fund has a balance of \$567 million and \$222 million has been allocated but does not have the answer for the second part regarding funding.

Patsy T. Mink Central O'ahu Regional Park (PTM CORP) Advisory Committee: Board member Burke reported: The Advisory Committee has been in recess since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. There are currently no plans to reconvene as long as the pandemic threat remains.

Waipahu Community Foundation: Board member Burke submitted his written report as follows: The Waipahu Community Foundation is a 501.c(3) non-profit corporation that provides grants in aid to qualified organizations operating within the Waipahu community (96797 ZIP code). Its fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30. Grants include two categories, Annual and Quarterly. Applications for Annual grants must be received by the first Friday of June. Quarterly grant applications must be received by the first Friday of June, September, December and March respectively. At its Quarterly meeting Thursday, September 24, 2020, the Foundation Board of Directors approved grant requests totaling \$10,000. Since its inception in July 1992 total Foundation grants awarded to qualifying Waipahu organizations amount to \$3,005,658.43. The deadline for submitting quarterly grant applications for the 3rd quarter Fiscal Year 2021 (Jan-Mar 2021) is December 4, 2020. The Board plans to meet on Thursday, December 17, 2020 to review the applications. Grant applications and instructions, including eligibility criteria, are available from the Waipahu High School administration office or may be downloaded from the Bank of Hawaii web site ([https://www.boh.com/files/foundations/Waipahu\\_Grant-Application\\_Form\\_201112.PDF](https://www.boh.com/files/foundations/Waipahu_Grant-Application_Form_201112.PDF)). The policy governing the award of grants is stated in the aforementioned Grant Application and Review Forms.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) – Board member Weyer reported that OMPO had a virtual meeting on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 and the next meeting will be Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. which will also be done virtually.

Storm Water Utility Project – Board member Weyer reported that Phase 1 is complete and is now moving on to Phase 2. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2021. Weyer also noted that residents' rate will vary. For more information please visit the storm water website.

Reports of Board Member Attendance at Other Meetings – None.

## BOARD BUSINESS

Approval of the Thursday, June 25, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes –

**Burke moved and Macha seconded the motion to approve the Thursday, July 23, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was APPROVED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 15-0-0 (Aye: Andrade, Burke, Chang, Chun, Cornwell, Herolaga, Jiang, Macha, Oshiro, Petriches, Saniatan, Sebastian, Rex, Weyer, and Wheatley. Nay: None, Abstain: none).**

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Macha reported a balance of \$313.78

Chair's Report – Chair Saniatan noted that his picture and title as the Waipahu Neighborhood Board Chair was used by a political candidate without his authorization or knowledge and immediately notified the NCO.

PRESENTATIONS:

The Meadows at Royal Kunia Condominium Project – Augusto Concepcion and Tony Ipalari noted the following:

- The Meadows at Royal Kunia Condominium is comprised of 13 different units. Each unit has several members aside from a single unit that has only one owner and also has a designated signatory.
- The Condominium Property Regimes (CPR) owners tried to use the land only for its intended and zoned purposes (zoned Preservation - General). Our intent is to make the area more pleasing to the community and give more appeal to our neighbors.
- We correct immediately if there are notices of violations from the HFD due to overgrown vegetation and from the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP). Without vehicle access to the property, it is very hard and difficult to maintain it with DPP and HFD codes. Once we have vehicular access, it will be even better for us to make improvements to the land.
- If we don't enter and occupy our land, it will surely become overgrown of weeds, poses a fire hazard, possibly become a place for homeless to congregate – therefore it is for the best interest of everyone, including our neighboring homeowners, to have us manage and maintain the property.
- The plans and comments for the access application has been resubmitted through our Civil Engineer, Ty Dempsey of Dempsey Pacific, which whom he is expecting for the City to respond before the end of this month.
- The Association has also engaged in the services of Attorney Michael Sweetman and John T. Hyatt of Law Offices of Einwechter & Hyatt. Any legal inquiry should be addressed to them.

Questions, comments, concerns:

1. Documents: Board member Andrade asked what was promised in the documents for access to the land and where are the documents, is it still with Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP). Concepcion noted that it is still with the DPP.
2. Plans Submitted: Board member Petriches asked if The Meadows has submitted plans to DPP. Petriches also noted his concern with parking problems such as Paradise Lua parking on the sidewalk and that he knows that plans that had been submitted three (3) years ago has not been approved. Concepcion noted that they have submitted plans to request access to their land and does not have an answer about Paradise Lua.
3. Exempt: Resident Brenda Mariano noted that she pays dues to the Royal Kunia Association and is also concerned about Paradise Lua parking on city sidewalks to service the waste for the Meadows. Mariano also noted that the Meadows is a preservation urban zone should not be exempt from getting building permits. Concepcion noted that their board is working on it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular meeting of the Waipahu Neighborhood Board No. 22 is on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fil-Com Center. Next month's meeting is being held on the third Thursday of the month due to the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Submitted by: Naomi Hanohano, Neighborhood Assistant  
Reviewed by: Lindon Valenciano, Neighborhood Assistant