

## WAIPAHU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 22

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## DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2011 FILIPINO COMMUNITY CENTER

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>: Chair Rito Saniatan called the Waipahu Neighborhood Board (Waipahu NB) meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with a **quorum of 15 members present**. Note - This 19 member Board requires 10 members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

<u>Board Members Present</u>: Edmund Alfonso, Maureen Andrade, Marty Burke, Cory Chun, Sy Cullen, Daniel de Gracia, Lorraine Duhaylonsod, Connie Herolaga, Peter Lee (arrived at 7:23 p.m.), Darryl Macha, David O'Neal, Richard Oshiro, Ilalo Parayno, Rito Saniatan, Blaine Tsugawa, Chuck Wheatley, and George Yakowenko.

Board Members Absent: Bill Kumia and Vai Sua.

## Vacancies: None.

<u>Guests</u>: Harry Williams, Lt. Glenn Maekawa and Sgt. Jensen Okagawa (Honolulu Police Department, District 3-Pearl City), Maureen Tamashiro (Office of Councilmember Ernie Martin), Councilmember Breene Harimoto, Rock Riggs (Office of Senator Mike Gabbard), Ken Sylvester (Office of Councilmember Harimoto), Bonnie Arakawa (City Department of Transportation Services), Lt. Col. Todd Toman (599th TB, Wheeler), Senator Clarence Nishihara, Captain Kevin Browne and Firefighters Sam Chong, Russ Kadooka, and Estee Okumura (Honolulu Fire Department-Waipahu); Alexander Coudeyras, James Coudeyras, Laura Yamamoto, David Y., Keoni D. Mattos (Honolulu Board of Water Supply), Ron Menor (Office of Senator Wil Espero), Allison Andrade and Felicia Durant (Kiewit, Senator Michelle Kidani, Representative Henry Aquino, Joy Yadao (St. Francis), Representative Ty Cullen, Councilmember Nestor Garcia, Frank Atienza, Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

INTRODUCTION: Board members and guests introduced themselves at this time.

7:03 p.m. Board member Cory Chun arrived; 16 members present.

# FIRST RESPONDER REPORTS:

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

- <u>September 2011 Statistics</u>: Included 10 structures, 12 wildland, 7 rubbish, and 4 vehicle fires; 219 medical, 0 search/rescue, and 154 miscellaneous calls; and no major or unusual incidents.
- Fire Safety Tip Fire Prevention Week (FPW) was created after the Great Chicago Fire on October 8-10, 1871. The Fire Marshals Association of North America decided that the anniversary should be observed nationally to inform the public about the importance of fire prevention, Since1992, FPW has bee observed the week of October 9. This year FPW is on October 9-15, and the National Fire Protection Association selected "Protect Your Family from Fire" as the theme, which focuses on keeping you, your family, and the community safe from fire. Each year, nearly 3,000 people die in the U.S. as a result of home fires. In October, children attending elementary schools statewide received a Fire Fighter's Safety Guide 9FFSG). HFD encourages parents to review the guide with their child, practice the fire escape plan, test smoke alarms, and consider the safety tips in the guide.

Questions, comments and concerns: <u>Mahalo</u> – HFD was commended for their quick response to a 4:00 a.m. fire a couple of weeks ago which save the lives of three (3) people.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sgt. Jensen Okagawa reported the following:

- Pedestrian Safety When the "don't walk" hand is flashing don't start to cross the street.
- <u>September 2011 Statistics</u>: Included 18 thefts, 32 burglaries, 32 criminal property damages, 7 sex assaults, 71 thefts (including 1 shoplifting), and 25 unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle (UEMV).



 <u>Media Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Release</u> – Road closures is expected with dignitaries traveling from Waikiki to Ko Olina on November 12, 2011.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

- 1. <u>Crosswalk Timeframe</u> The allotted time for crossing in a crosswalk depends on the intersection.
- <u>APEC Restricted Area</u> (A) Kalakaua Avenue will be an entry control point. However, Kuhio Avenue should be opened. Check the APEC and HPD websites regarding public hotel parking and vehicular access at this time. (B) It was unsure at this time if Kapiolani Boulevard in the area of the Convention Center would be accessible to the public.

Weed and Seed Officer – A representative was not present; report not available.

#### CITY REPORTS:

Chair Saniatan introduced City Managing Director Doug Chin who said he was glad to be at the meeting and highlighted the following:

- <u>Mahalo</u> Board members were thanked for their service noting that the members are a great representative to the community. It was mentioned that the Waipahu is well represented by Councilmember's Nestor Garcia and Breen Harimoto and area legislators.
- <u>Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)</u> Different agencies, such as HPD will be providing updated information as the summit dates get closer. It was advised to check out the City's website which addresses many issues and the most updated accurate information at <u>www.honolulu.gov</u> and click on the APEC button. Social media can be found on the City's twitter or face book sites.
- <u>Trash Pick-Up Delays</u> Due to the base yard being out of commission, some delays have occurred. Gray
  bins have been reaching the end of their life. New bins have been order, but new bins will not be ready until
  winter. According to the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) the gray bin is most important.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

- <u>City Owned Canal Along Kupuna Loop</u> Andrade expressed concern that as the President of the Village Park Association, the Association has been paying a grounds keeper to maintain the growth of plants, etc. along this City owned canal. The association has used their funding many times to repair the fence and gate along this canal. The gates were fixed two years ago, but are currently broken. It was noted if the City has no plans to repair the fence it should be closed because it is a liability to the City. It was noted that requests for investigation services reports (RISRS) have been submitted through Councilmember Garcia's office to no avail.
- 2. <u>Tree Roots</u> Tree roots uplifting sidewalks were reported.

7:23 p.m. Board member Peter Lee arrived; **17 members present.** 

- 3. <u>Crosswalk Request</u> Wheatley requested a crosswalk for the Diamond Head side of Leihoku Street, Ewa side of McDonalds near major bus stops on Farrington Highway.
- <u>Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) Board 2011-2013 Elections</u> Yakowenko express concern that this board has at-large and sub district seats which had enough candidates for a quorum for this election. He thought it was a waste of money to send out ballots.

<u>Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative</u> – A representative was not present.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - Keoni Mattos reported the following:

- <u>Water Main Breaks</u> One water main break reported on September 3 on Awaiki Street.
- Wildfire Prevention and Watershed Protection In the event of a wildfire, the BWS works closely with HFD to provide efficient and reliable water service to save lives and property. Wildfires are devastating to Oahu's natural resources, especially to the watersheds that serve as a collection basin that helps to catch, collect, and store rainwater in the underground sources. If the watersheds ability to collect rainwater is compromised, less rainwater will percolate underground to replenish the ground water supplies. BWS fully supports the Fire Department's efforts to prevent wildfires and encourages residents to do the same by supporting wildfire prevention and watershed protection activities in the communities. The simple

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practice of water conservation assists in watershed protection by reducing the need to use ground water that is essential for healthy watershed forests and stream ecosystems. These collective efforts help to create a sustainable future on Oahu where natural resources are cherished and sustained for many years to come.

Questions, comments and concerns – <u>New Development Requests for Water</u> – The request goes to the City Department of Planning and Permitting and the State Commission on Water Resources before any project is approved and permits issued. The project(s) is not approved if water is not available.

<u>Councilmember Nestor Garcia</u> – Councilmember Nestor Garcia reported the following:

- <u>Mayor's Award Program</u> Recognition was given to City employees for their outstanding accomplishments from July1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 on October 26, 2011.
- <u>Monkey Pod Trees Follow-Up</u> Problems regarding trees will be addressed at a meeting scheduled for Monday, November 28, 2011 at the Waikele Golf Course Clubhouse at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the issue.
- <u>Highway Inn Mural</u> A bran new community mural will be unveiled on the side of the famous Highway Inn restaurant on November 20, 2010.

Questions, comments, and concerns: <u>Damage Caused by Trees</u> – It was reiterated that all issues will be addressed on Monday, November 28, 2011, 10:00 a.m. at the Waikele Golf Course Clubhouse.

<u>Councilmember Breene Harimoto</u> – Councilmember Breene Harimoto reported the following:

- <u>Rehabilitation of Streets Unit 47</u> The Waipio Gentry project is scheduled to be advertised for bid in 2012 on design for Moaniani, Ka Uka, Waipio Uka, Ukee, and Lumikula Streets.
- <u>Rail-Volution Conference</u> Attended the annual Rail-Volution Conference to learn more about smarter growth development associated with mass transit systems. The conference is premised on that as the City continues to move ahead on the rail transit project it is vital that we have a comprehensive vision of how we can connect and improve the communities using policies that will spur smart growth development to benefit future generations.

Questions, comments and concerns: <u>Bill 55 (2011) Noise Control on Public Property</u> – State laws takes precedence over City ordinances. Follow up will be done.

Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project (HHCTCP) – A report was provided.

<u>Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park/Waipio Soccer Complex</u> – Board member Marty Burke reported that the October meeting was deferred. The next meeting is scheduled for the Monday, November 7, 2011 at the Aquatic Center.

<u>Waipahu Community Foundation (WCF)</u> – Board member Marty Burke reported the WCF is a 501C (3) non-profit organization that serves children in the 96797 zip code area. Grant applications are accepted until the first Friday in December. Applications are available at the Waipahu High School Administration office,

<u>Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO), Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)</u> – Board member O'Neal reported that he was unable to attend the last CAC meeting. Due to work he resigned as the Board representative. Chair Saniatan asked for a volunteer. It was noted that a Board representative need not be a board member. If interested contact Chair Saniatan at 688-2222.

Military Services – Lt. Colonel Todd Toman reported the following:

- <u>Volunteer Service Trips</u> The garrison has volunteer trips each month to help protect endangered plants and animal species on army land. General public trips are on a first-come first-served basis. Groups of 10 or fewer volunteers can reserve their own trip in advance. For more information contact Kim Welch at <u>kwelch@hawaii.edu</u>, Army Natural Resource Program at 656-7641.
- <u>Aviation Noise Complaints</u> Call the U.S. Garrison-Hawaii noise concern line at 656-3487 and leave a voice mail with name, contact information, location, date, time, and details of the noise.
- <u>Museum</u> The public is welcome on post to visit the 25th Infantry Division Museum on Schofield Barracks. Enter at Lyman Gate; let the MP's know where you are going, show current license, car registration, safety inspection and insurance to get a pass.

<u>Current Deployments</u> – (1) 25th Combat Aviation Brigade will deploy to Afghanistan early in 2012. (2) The 3rd Brigade Combat Team has approximately 3,500 troops deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. (3) 25th Infantry Division Headquarters and 8th Theater Sustainment command have about 600 and 750 soldiers currently deployed to Iraq, respectively, in support of Operation New Dawn. Both should be back by the end of the years.

Questions, comments and concerns:

- 1. <u>M29's</u> The M29's are here just as a control unit. Other mainland bases are also being considered.
- 2. <u>Helicopter Noise</u> Burke stated that noise from helicopters is the greatest sound in the world. It was reiterated to call the noise hotline with any complaints.

# Other Concerns: None.

# **RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS:**

<u>Attendance-Representative Cabanilla</u> –Yakowenko said that the subject was brought up in the past and a request was made to remove her from the agenda. The representative has not personally attended these Board meetings since September 2006. Representatives from her office have attended meetings infrequently. It was stated that other elected officials attend or send a representative to Board meetings.

# Yakowenko moved, Wheatley seconded that the Waipahu Neighborhood Board No. 22 write a letter to Representative Rida Cabanilla concerning poor attendance at meetings asking for improvement; cc to Speaker of the House Say and the Ewa Neighborhood Board No. 23 chairperson.

Discussion followed:

- 1. de Gracia amended the motion adding the House Chief Clerk; accepted.
- 2. Burke pointed out that the Neighborhood Boards is a City organization, functioning as advisory. He commended state legislators who attend the meetings. The Board cannot mandate a person to attend the meetings; all else is voluntary.
- 3. Oshiro noted he noticed that the name was taken off of this month's agenda and asked if the intent is to remove it from future agendas. He was not sure of the Board's intentions. Chair Saniatan replied that the intention is keep Rep. Cabanilla on the agenda. Several calls to her office have not been returned.
- 4. Burke suggested rather than motion a personal letter be drafted by the chair requesting her attendance.
- 5. Wheatley noted that Section 14-101 of the charter relates only to the City. Rep. Cabanilla is the legal representative for certain Waipahu areas.
- 6. Lee mentioned that the representative voted against Hoopili at a Land Use Commission meeting last week.
- 7. Burke noted that the issue is whether or not to come to board meetings. Legislators are not obligated to attend Neighborhood Board meetings, and commended those who do attend. It was reiterated that the City Charter does not apply to the state.
- 8. de Gracia disclosed that he formerly worked for Representative Cabanilla.

The motion to write a letter to Representative Rida Cabanilla regarding her poor attendance at Board meetings and request that she adequately represent her constituents from Waipahu was ADOPTED, 13-3-1 (Aye: Alfonso, Andrade, Chun, Dyhaylonsod, Herolaga, Lee, Macha, Oshiro, Parayno, Tsugawa, Wheatley, Yakowenko, Saniatan, Nay: Burke, Cullen, O`Neal; Abstain: de Gracia).

# Open to Others:

- <u>Median Strip on Farrington Highway Fronting Don Quiote</u> (A) It was asked and noted that the contractor will soon do improvements to the unmaintained median strip. It was noted that Kiewit has been watering the median and maintenance has started. (B) Kiewit was asked to check the area at the Farrington Highway Bridge needing maintenance.
- <u>Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART)</u> It was commented that HART propaganda brochures are being circulated on how great the rail project is progressing. It was stated that the HART board does not know what they are doing and people are getting more disillusioned with the light rail project. It was requested to place this issue on the Board's November agenda for reconsideration of the Board's support for rail.

- St. Francis Health Care System Joy Yadao reported a decision has been made that the Sisters cannot support and bear the burden of the reorganization of the Hawaii Medical Centers east and west. However, the Sisters are committed to the current health systems and continue to be a resource to the neighborhoods.
- 4. The Hawaii Medical Center will to make decision and communicate with other potential buyers. Both centers are currently open. If there are no buyers the Sisters will help with the transition plan for patients at the Hawaii Medical Center. It was noted that the dialysis center is privately owned.
- 5. <u>Noise Pollution</u> A constituent relayed that this is the third Waipahu Neighborhood Board meeting he has attended. Previous concerns were reiterated about ongoing noise from a recycling center next to his apartment complex. It was stated that Island Recycling is profiting and the tenants should be compensated. The Board was reminded that they represent concerns and problems of Waipahu residents. It was stated that he cannot fight City Hall but the Board can. A Board member gave him a copy of a noise reference from the State Department of Health and suggested filing a lawsuit through Legal Aid.

## BOARD BUSINESS:

<u>Approval of the September 22, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes</u> – **Burke moved O`Neal seconded to APPROVE** the September 22, 2011 regular meeting minutes as amended by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 17-0-0 (Aye: Alfonso, Andrade, Burke, Chun, Cullen, de Gracia, Duyhalonsod, Herolaga, Lee, Macha, O`Neal, Oshiro, Parayno, Saniatan, Tsugawa, Wheatly, Yakowenko) with the following corrections:

- Page 1, Board member present delete, "...Arthur Kluvo..."
- Page 4, Other Concerns item I should read, "...Royal Kunia..."; 1st sentence should read, "...Concerns was raised regarding drivers not making left turns and u-turns at the intersection of Kupuohi Street heading towards Wal-Mart..."
- Page 4, Other concerns, 2 should read, "...attending..."
- Page 5, Structural Hawaii/Jesus Reign Ministry 4th sentence should read, "...however, the set back will be fifteen feet..."

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> – Deferred.

#### Chair's Report:

- <u>Hearing Notice</u> Liquor Commission hearing for the Waikele Country Club's application for live or recorded music is scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 2011, at 4:00 p.m., at 711 Kapiolani Boulevard.
- <u>Taste of Waipahu</u> This event will take place on Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 3:00 10:00 p.m. on Malaekehe Street.
- <u>Frito Lay Hawaii</u> Attended the Frito Lay Hawaii Leadership in energy and environmental Design (LEED) gold certification ceremony at the Waipahu distribution center with Board member Maureen Andrade and Representative Henry Aquino.

# OLD BUSINESS:

<u>Approval of Board November Meeting date change due to the Thanksgiving Holiday</u> – Cullen moved Burke seconded to move accept the meeting schedule circulated and the change of the Thursday November 24, 2011 meeting date to Thursday, November 17, 2011. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 17-0-0 (Aye: Alfonso, Andrade, Burke, Chun, Cullen, de Gracia, Duyhalonsod, Herolaga, Lee, Macha, O`Neal, Oshiro, Parayno, Saniatan, Tsugawa, Wheatly, Yakowenko).

#### NEW BUSINESS: None

#### PRESENTATIONS:

"How to Combat Drug Houses in Our Communities" – Deputy Mark Miyahira presented the following:

- <u>Goal</u> The Goal of Drug Nuisance Abatement is to close down "drug houses" through use of civil lawsuits and civil restraining orders. Out of eleven lawsuits filed, nine have been successful.
- <u>How to Get it Done</u> Prosecutors working with the police and community. Every legal means will be used including targeting the suspected drug dealers and removing them from the drug houses through the use of injunctions, to stop illegal drug activity.
- How Can You Help (a) Use tough love if illegal drug use is found in your family; (b) Be intolerant to ice

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activity in your neighborhood, be vocal and take action. (c) Get involved by joining the local community association and neighborhood security watch. Be the eyes and ears and report observed illegal drug activity to the police. Sign anti-drug neighborhood petitions or letters that are sent to property owners where drug dealers reside. Contact the local councilperson, State Representative or State Senator and let them know what is going on.

- Reality Check It is impossible for the Police and Prosecutors to resolve the drug problem alone. The entire community must work together with law enforcement to stop drug dealing. Law enforcement has limitations regarding what it can or cannot do. Be patient and try to understand that the police must follow due process. The illegal drug problem did not happen overnight. Expect the same amount of time it took for ICE to become a problem for it to be stopped.
- <u>Suspected Drug Dealing in a Neighborhood</u> Do not confront a suspected drug dealer. People under the influence or a narcotic can suffer from hallucinations, paranoia, and other adverse reaction, from drug use. If confronted by a drug dealer or user contact **911 immediately.**
- <u>Information Needed to Help Investigators with a Complaint</u>: (1) <u>Location</u> Location (exact address if possible) or description of location; (2) <u>Suspects Names</u> Full names, any personal information; (3) <u>Description</u> Height, weight, hair color, eye color, complexion, type of clothing worn, ethnic background. (d) Vehicles Licenses plate numbers (state) or any vehicles used by the suspects and description of vehicles such as color, make, two or four door, etc.; (4) <u>Drugs</u> Type of drug that one believes is being sold or used; (5) <u>Activity</u> –Type of activity is happening to make one believe that possible drug dealing is occurring vehicles coming and going, loud parties all the time, people coming and going frequently; (6) <u>Date and Time</u> Note the time the illegal activity is occurring (try to be accurate). (7) <u>Contact Number</u> Complaints can be made anonymously, but a name and contact number can help the investigator. All information is **confidential**.
- <u>Contact Phone Numbers</u>: (1) Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Mark Miyahara (808) 768-6504 or email at <u>mmiyahara@honolulu.gov</u>. (2) Visit <u>www.honolulupd.org/nv/report.htm</u> to report suspicious drug activity. (3) Report online to the Department of the Attorney General at <u>http://hawaii.gov/ag/</u> and click on "Report Drug Activity." (4) Board members were encouraged to share the contact information with the community. (5) Senator Kidani and area representatives will take concerns from the community and forward them to the Prosecutors Office. Each case is on a case by case basis.

Questions, comments, and concerns: <u>Ice Production in Residential Areas</u> – It was asked and noted that it is difficult to guess the number of homes producing ice. It could be a simple application made in a kitchen or bathroom. Possible signs of a drug lab would be the smells from a wet diaper, something like nail polish remover, etc. If a chemistry kit is used with a coffee filter, red residue can be found in the filter or phosphorous from match sticks. A main component used is Sudafed tablets, acetone and other chemicals. Labs are hard to detect because some very sophisticated camera systems outside the home, blackened out windows, do not put out trash or puts out an excessive amount of garbage; lots of different things. HPD has a Laboratory Unit investigating the evidence.

<u>Waipahu Transit Oriented Development (TOD)</u> – Bonnie Arakawa reported in 2008-2009 a series of workshops and advisory meetings regarding rail stations were held to provide direction. The pre-final TOD was printed in 2009 for public review of the stations. Currently, six (6) are planned. Sixty percent of the station planning is complete. The timetable for a City Council decision would be sometime next year. The Board was asked to review the plan again and look at the Waipahu recommendation compared with two years ago. CD's of the plan were provided; the plan can be found on the City's Department of Planning and Permitting website.

# ELECTED OFFICIALS:

<u>State Board of Education</u> – No representative present; or report provided.

<u>Senator Willie Espero</u> – Ron Menor reported the following:

- <u>U. H. West Oahu</u> The facility is scheduled to open in the fall of 2012.
- <u>2012 Legislation Suggestions</u> Contact the Senator with any suggestions.
- <u>Site Visits</u> The Ways and Means Committee make sites visits to the Big Island, Kauai, Maui and Oahu to state facilities and state-funded projects.
- <u>Justice Reinvestment</u> The Senator is a member of the Justice Reinvestment group whose goal is improving public safety through result-based and data-driven management of corrections resources.

<u>Senator Mike Gabbard</u> – Rock Riggs reported the following:

- <u>Craft Fair</u> Kaleiopuu Elementary School will be having a Winter Craft Fair on Friday, November 18, 2011 fro 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Call 675-0266 for more information.
- <u>Listen-Story Meeting</u> The next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2011, Kapolei Starbucks from 9-10 a.m.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

- 1. <u>Wreckage from Japan</u> It was asked and noted that in 2013 20 million tons of wreckage from Japan is expected to appear on Hawaii shores.
- 2. <u>Aina Koa Pono Project</u> It was asked and noted if the Senator supports the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to disallow HECO's partnership proposal. The appeal process must come from Aina Koa Pono.

Senator Michelle Kidani – Senator Kidani highlighted the following:

- <u>Site Visits</u> Along with fellow senators from the Ways and Means committee and staff visited University of Hawaii West Oahu (UHWO) and Nanakuli High and Intermediate School.
- <u>Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)</u> Included in the newsletter is a picture of the senator wearing the unique print design of the APEC Aloha print shirt.
- Domestic Violence Awareness October is domestic violence awareness month.
- <u>Mock Legislative Pre-Conference</u> A Pre-Conference Mock Legislative Assembly was held on October 3, 2011 with students from across the state. Resolutions will be brought to the Secondary Student Conference at the State Capitol from November 30 to December 2, 2011.

Questions, comments and concerns: <u>Employees Union Trust Fund (EUTF)</u> – It was asked about the stabilization of the EUTF and clarified that premature charges are now being made. Some bills have been left on the table.

Senator Clarence Nishihara – Senator Clarence Nishihara reported the following:

- <u>Field Hearing</u> Recently returned with U.S. Representative Daniel Akaka from a hearing relating to safe guarding Hawaii's ecosystem.
- <u>Agriculture Vandalism</u> It was reported that the University of Hawaii's experiment station was vandalized last night.
- <u>Agriculture Meeting</u> An agriculture meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 3, 2011 at the Hawaii Agriculture Resource Center (HARC).
- <u>Hawaii Invasive Species Council</u> As an appointed participant of this council, they are in partnership united to protect the islands from invasive species that threaten the island's environment, watersheds, agriculture, economy and quality of life.
- <u>Cookbook</u> The Friends of Waipahu Public Library cookbooks is now available for purchase.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. <u>Agriculture Vandalism</u> – Opposition was relayed regarding the destruction of food products. It was stated that harsh penalties should be given to the person's responsible.

<u>Representative Henry Aquino</u> – Rep. Henry Aquino highlighted the following:

- <u>Future Legislative Measures</u> Working on future measures, community concerns and attended various opportunities to strengthen his effectiveness as a legislator.
- <u>Frito Lay Receives Gold LEED Status</u> Frito Lay celebrated their Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) gold certification at the Waipahu Distribution Center on October 25, 2011. The certification is awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute.
- Fronds Fronting Waipahu Library It was reported that items left by the homeless are in the fronds. Follow up will be done.
- <u>Waipahu High School Sports</u> Waipahu High School's football team will be playing Pearl City High School for the white division championship at the Aloha Stadium tomorrow night. The softball team has won the white division championship.

<u>Representative Ty Cullen</u> – Rep. Ty Cullen stood on his report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- <u>Three Absence Letter</u> Chair Saniatan announced that he has authorized the neighborhood assistant to out the three-absence letter to Board member Bill Kumai.
- <u>Next Meeting</u> The Waipahu Neighborhood Board's next meeting is scheduled for *Thursday*, *NOVEMBER* 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Filipino Community Center.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> – The meeting adjourned at p.m.

Submitted by: Nola J. Frank Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Rito Saniatan Chairperson