



EWA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 23

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2007 EWA BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Kurt Fevella called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBER'S PRESENT: Jeff Alexander, Gary Bautista, Tom Berg, Kurt Fevella, Richard Hargrave, James Moylan, Michael O'Neill, Sai Tagovailoa-Amosa.

MEMBER'S ABSENT: Alisa Bender, Normand Robert, Rey Rodriguez.

GUESTS: Lisa Enanona, Joyce Oliveira (Mayor's Representative, Office of the Mayor), Crescincia Malale, Faiena Tapaoan, Tsabil Samatan, Donetica Balala, Peresi Omeid, Alulardo Balala, Ronnie Bosque, Esperanza Semera, Jessie Valderama, Maria Valderama, Renta Areola, Helen Hange, Benito Lite, Jocelyn Rasquero, Romeo Pierltern, Breene Harimoto (Board of Education, Councilmember Gary Okino's Office Staff), Pio Barleieto, Dee White, Leda Barleieto, Patrick Hange, Gary Oliva, Dick Beamer, Coby Lynn, Ariel De Jesus, Wendy Sefo (Councilmember Todd Apo's Office staff), Deb Luning, Yuell Chandler, Juanita Magaoan, Adelino Corpuz, Anne Atkinson, Dominga Blue, Santiago Blue, Cindy Ranieriez, Mary Serrao, Eusebia Batalon, Olberdo Someia, Pat Lee (HHCTCP), Lisa Enamoto (Haseko), R. Scott Belford, Benvildo Parcuel, Aersenio Dulduygo, Braulio Selga, Claire Somena, Rosie Tabaraner, Romualdo Sotero, Noel Corpus, Joel Sotero, Simcas Pascuel, Jim Propotnick (Governor's Representative), Florendo Selga, Donnalee Fevella, Abigail Fevella, Lt. Jeffery Turschel (Honolulu Police Department – HPD), Cal Sueoka (Board of Water Supply), Sgt. Edgar Namoca and Gale Bracerros (HPD Weed & Seed), Daniel Degrasse (Representative Cabanilla's Office staff), Representative Kymberly Pine, Firefighter Travis Chang (Honolulu Fire Department – HFD – Ewa Beach Station), Elwin Spray (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS: Chair Fevella asked members present to introduce themselves (Alexander, Bautista, Berg, Fevella, Hargrave, Moylan, O'Neill, Tagovailoa-Amosa) and welcomed the community to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting – Chair Fevella asked for additions or corrections to the circulated Ewa Neighborhood Board No. 23 December 14, 2006 Regular Meeting minutes; there were no corrections. **Bautista moved and Tagovailoa-Amosa seconded that the Minutes be approved, and, without objection, Chair Fevella announced the approval of the December 14, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes as circulated, 8-0-0. Aye:** Alexander, Bautista, Berg, Fevella, Hargrave, Moylan, O'Neill, Tagovailoa-Amosa.

Treasurer's Report – Chair Fevella deferred the Board's financial report.

Conduct of Board Members – Chair Fevella asked Bautista to speak on the issue of Board members' conduct and Board vacancies, with Bautista reporting that the opportunity to fill out an application to become a Neighborhood Board member needed to be decided this night since the deadline was the next week, with application forms available on the table in the meeting room. Bautista explained that current Board members are elected to represent three-to-four-thousand community residents and that members should be in attendance at Board meetings, because there is no provision in either the current draft Revised Neighborhood Plan or the Planned changes for an "excused" absence, and, that the attendance should be for the whole meeting, not leaving early as has been done. Bautista stressed that absences or non-presence hurts the community. Bautista read that the following candidates have



filed as of this afternoon (Alexander, Tagovailoa-Amosa, Dr. Dick Beamer, Fevella, Gary Smith, Bautista and Phillip Dowland) and again invited the audience to apply for one of the eleven seats; Chair Fevella also encouraged community registration and stressed that the Commission was being requested to eliminate the two sub-districts and unite the Board as a "96706" board. Bautista described that the current sub-district line is for two sub-districts (using a line on Fort Weaver Road, south of Geiger Road at the golf course property line) with Chair Fevella explaining that the Board's request for the future was to simply have all members be at-large from the whole community as all are from the same community family.

REPORTS BY EMERGENCY AGENCIES

Honolulu Fire Department – HFD – Ewa Beach Fire Station Firefighter Travis Chang reported activity statistics for the month of December 2006, listing eighty-eight emergency calls, which included six fires and fifty-six medical emergencies, with five of those as hazardous conditions calls. He reported the Safety Tip for January 2007 as:

Fire, building and U.S. postal codes, along with City ordinances, state that all property owners shall place their house number so it is legible and visible from the street or road fronting your property. This will assist the Honolulu Fire Department and other first responders in locating your home quickly in the event of an emergency.

Chair Fevella thanked Chang for his report.

Honolulu Police Department – HPD – Lt. Jeff Turschel distributed a monthly crime statistic report for December 2006, which reported beat emergency cases for the Ewa area and the District 8 total arrests. The Ewa beat cases, comparing December/November, were: 2/1 robberies, 44/35 burglaries, 47/42 thefts, 23/27 auto thefts, 25/25 theft from vehicle, 38/30 theft from persons, 3/1 ID thefts, 59/68 motor vehicle collisions, 6/0 DUI, 38/16 CPD, 2/1 drugs and 1866/1863 total calls. The total district arrests were 484/407. As the monthly crime tip, Turschel reported that the definition of an abandoned vehicle is "*A vehicle parked on a public street for more than 24 hours without moving.*" and distributed the phone number for reporting abandoned vehicles as: 532-7700 ext. 250 and the website address as www.honolulu.gov/csd/publicom/fixit.htm Hargrave asked if the burglaries could be identified as to time or to a concentrated location, with Turschel responding that burglaries occur whenever the opportunity is present – at all times during the 24-hour period – although when the residents are absent during the daylight work time as well as when kids are out of school has a number of cases. Turschel suggested a burglar alarm service, costing perhaps \$25 a month, should be considered. Bautista reported that his car was recently burglarized in Waipahu and expressed concern that, although it was raining and he was prepared to wait to assist with the taking of fingerprints, that the officers had seemed unresponsive. Turschel explained that in this case excessive moisture from rain would have eliminated any fingerprints on pebbled surfaces like dashboards or paper and probably from glass, but that Honolulu does not have "CSI" television-show response to auto burglary cases.

HPD Weed and Seed – Sgt. Edgar Namoca distributed copies of the December 2006 monthly statistics for the Ewa Weed and Seed Project and was available to respond to community questions. Chair Fevella reported that he would pass on a question outside of the meeting.

Park Night Closure in all 96706 Area Parks – Chair Fevella reported that the issue of closure of parks had been discussed at the prior week's Board committee meeting. **Berg moved and Bautista seconded that the Ewa Neighborhood Board recommend that the City Department of Parks and Recreation establish a closure for all City parks in the Ewa 96706 community between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. except for those holding Parks issued permits.** Alexander commented that no permits would be issued and that the night use by fishermen and other recreational use would not be permitted, an action he felt was not a proper position for a community group to be advocating. Chair Fevella

reported that the discussion had taken place at the committee meeting, where all Board members were asked to attend, and that the closure meant that night parties in parks would be disallowed, that now those parties generally involve alcohol and are difficult for HPD to control, as well as the trashing of the park facility (including broken bottles and needles) that is found the next morning. Chair Fevella noted that the issue has been discussed over the past number of years, with an original discussion in 1986 but that for the past two year's those involved with the active beach park cleanup and homeless issues have been making the request for the Board to support the park closures. **The vote to recommend that the Ewa Neighborhood Board recommend night closure except by permit was taken, with Chair Fevella announcing that the motion failed 5-3-0 and that the issue would be placed on the agenda for action at the next meeting.** **Aye:** Bautista, Berg, Fevella, Moylan, Tagovailoa-Amosa. **Nay:** Alexander, Hargrave, O'Neill.

Sefo (from Councilmember Apo's office staff) explained that the City's Parks Department considers a park "closure" to mean the chaining of the parking lots, which would go a long way in eliminating the regular late night and all-night parties that are now occurring at some parks. She reported that there had been a number of general community requests to end the partying, and on behalf of the community, requested the Board members to seek information as they reconsider the vote next month; she reported that she and Chair Fevella had visited the parks at night and had talked to fishermen users who were supportive of the night closure. Alexander reported that the results of the closure was being understated and exaggerated; that the result would be that druggies and homeless would take over the parks at night and that fishermen will be denied access. Chair Fevella stressed that need for Alexander and other members to attend the Board's monthly 1st Thursday committee meeting at Asing Park where there has been in-depth discussion on this and other Board-related issues. O'Neill pointed out that the vote had been taken and that discussion should be done before the vote.

Board of Water Supply – BWS – Cal Sueoka reported no recent Ewa-area main breaks and distributed a monthly report, which included a conservation tip on a rebate for low flow toilets, and BWS yearly calendars. He wished belated happy holidays and pointed out that the BWS website has additional tips and announcements: www.boardofwatersupply.com Bautista reported that his toilet has low flow problems and does not clean well, as well as his being concerned that cleaning chemicals should not be used in the low flow toilets; Sueoka said that chemicals can be hung on the sides of the tank with wires or other devices. An audience member commented that metal handle collect salt and cause breakage; Sueoka said the salt should not be internally from the water supply but possibly from condensation and invited specific concerns and questions to be called to the BWS at 748-500. Tagovailoa-Amosa asked if water rates were increasing; Sueoka said a BWS rate increase last year had rates increasing every year for the next several years, although he noted that he had opposed that increase scheme.

Board of Education (BOE) – Berg moved and Bautista seconded that the Board of Education report be added to the agenda under REPORTS, with Chair Fevella ruling that the motion to add to the agenda passed unanimously, without objection, 8-0-0. Aye: Alexander, Bautista, Berg, Fevella, Hargrave, Moylan, O'Neill, Tagovailoa-Amosa. Breene Harimoto (Board of Education member) reported that air conditioning has been given a high priority on the BOE's regular budget listing, that the Campbell High School's ranking of 8th on a state wide list meanings that it has high priority and that the prioritization is based on actual recorded temperatures. He reported additional projects for the Ewa area, including that Ewa Beach Elementray and Ililma Intermediate hold higher air-conditioning priority rankings. Alexander reported that the original high school property is now the Ililma Intermediate School, and that many school properties are aging and facing needed repairs and upgrades. Alexander pointed out that the Ililma property is 40 years old. Hargrave asked if the current planned electrical upgrade for Campbell High would be sufficient for several years, with Harimoto commenting that the funding probably does not project all future needs. Moylan noted that the community knew of the repair need for a number of years with no response from the BOE; he asked how the process could be speeded up. Harimoto reported that the lobbying needed to be to the

legislature who provides funds and to the governor who releases funds and agreed with Moylan that the students need to be included in the explanation of the process. Chair Fevella asked Harimoto to continue to attend and report on issues.

Announcements –

Ewa Community Association – Dee White expressed “thank you” for support of the community’s Christmas Parade, especially to Moylan, Alexander, Chair Fevella and other Board members and the community in general.

Schuler Homes/DRHorton – Robert Bruhl introduced himself and others, including Mike Jones, Dean Oshita and community relation’s manager Senator Wil Espero, and offered to make a presentation at the Board’s next meeting on Ewa housing plans, which are generally in the area bounded by the freeway, North South Road and Old Fort Weaver Road and are to be finished in 2012. Bruhl explained that the permit and approval process would take three to four years, with the Environmental Impact Statement being developed in the first half of this year. He responded to Bautista’s question about a future antennae installation, explaining that he would report back when an agreement had been reached.

Ewa Beach Lions Club – Coby Linn, Ewa Lions Club President, announced the January 20th fundraising event of a chicken sale at the Ewa Beach Shopping Center. Chair Fevella commented that the Lions organization is open to all and welcomes new members, noting that the community service includes the annual Christmas parade and planning for the March 24, 2007 Ewa Beach Sunset on the Plains. Lynn also referenced the recent Christmas Party for Veterans and commented that the success of events such as the recent demolition cars included the participation of many dedicated community volunteers and supporters.

Keoneula Elementary – Moylan announced that the new Ocean Point elementary school would be open the next week, with Haseko committed to having the lights either working at the intersection or else having special duty officers assisting; Moylan thanked Haseko for securing the lights.

Kalealoa Gulch – Chair Fevella reported that the regional drainage plan was being readied for community discussion and that it should be prepared for public hearings within the next few months.

Hawaii State Recycling Program – Yuell Chandler reported that the State of Hawaii recycling redemption program has major flaws, describing how the six cents is collected by the state but that there is a pattern of hurdles that the state has set up to prevent proper redemption. He reported difficulty in the hours that the operation is open, that the site seems to always be running out of funds, that the operators short the count of returned items and that his complaints, both to the site operators and on phone calls to the downtown state office, were not responded to. He asked that the Neighborhood Board follow up, stressing his experience with mainland systems that do not have these types of problems. Chair Fevella reported that the redemption program was a state program and that the senators and representatives were taking notes, and Senator Espero reported that the State Department of Health was looking at changes to the program. Chandler said he didn’t want the issue looked at but that he wanted it solved, with Espero referring Candler to Governor Lingle’s representative Propotnick. Chandler said he called Governor Lingle’s office and got gobble-de-gook, with Propotnick assuring Chandler that he would relay the issue to the proper people.

Varona Village – Berg reported that the Varona Village issue was discussed at the Board’s committee meeting and that there was unanimous agreement that the Board should take a position. **Berg moved and Alexander seconded that the Ewa Neighborhood Board No. 23 support Varona Village residents receiving the same support package as the other Ewa villages and ask that the Mayor, the Governor and the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) act on the**

Board's request. Patrick Ang reported on the background of Varona Village, explaining that the 40 homesites, occupied by some 150 residents, had been skipped over in the conversion of Ewa villages from plantation ownership to individual ownership. He explained that there was confusion with the Varona site as the result of a theft case and the subsequent criminal prosecution of the City employee, which resulted in Varona being put on the sideline and not being funded with the other village conversions, including Kahuku. He reported that the other sites were generally agreed to as allowing purchasing the home sites as-is at 1994 rates, generally paying for the land and the building for a dollar. He explained that the current occupants have not done much in the way of improvements due to the uncertainty, including the promised use of the Ewa Mill for the community, and that now there is the additional desire to build an adjacent mall and rail operation. Chair Fevella said planned future community use of the Ewa Mill is still alive and that it is now being used for storage. Ang reported that every resident had been given documents identifying them as Varona residents but that the next step of purchase need to be followed up. Chair Fevella suggested a public meeting with the government agencies, with Ang suggesting the meeting after the next Neighborhood Board meeting. Sefo reported that Councilmember Apo was familiar with the Varona issue but that community members had not been willing to make a public request for action, explaining that now residents are anxious to be pushing the issue. **Berg discussed the need for adding time for a mailout to the motion with Alexander stressing the need for an action deadline of 90 days; Chair Fevella restated the motion as amended.** Daniel Degrasse introduced himself as a member of Representative Cabanilla's office staff, read a letter of support of Varona Village residents and stated that Cabanilla had offered to coordinate the issue. Chair Fevella recognized several audience members as being involved in the issue, including Chris Malambe and Noel Corpus. **At Chair Fevella's request, Berg restated the motion: The Ewa Neighborhood Board No. 23 requests the Mayor, the City Council, the Federal HUD Director, and the Governor to conduct a public hearing on the matter of Varona Village residents to remain in their homes subject to the terms and conditions as was brokered for Fernandez Village, with the annotation that the hearing be held in the vicinity of Ewa such as D.E. Thompson, Kapolei Hale or Asing Park, and that the hearing to be within 90 days, which passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Aye: Alexander, Bautista, Berg, Fevella, Hargrave, Moylan, O'Neill, Tagovailoa-Amosa.**

Mayor Hannemann's Representative – Joyce Oliveira represented Mayor Mufi Hannemann, distributed copies of the monthly Honolulu Report, and reported that she would be happy to assist with the Varona Village issue. She reported the trimming of trees in the Ewa Village area is continuing, that the caretaker position at Puuloa Park was eliminated several years ago and that direct feedback to have the City's Parks personnel take action to trim the grass should be reported, that restripping in the Ewa Beach area has been ongoing and that the traffic patterns around the Campbell-Ilima schools complex is being studied. Alexander reported that the trimming of trees in the Honouliuli area had been started in August but had stopped without completion, and asked for follow-up. Bautista thanked Oliveira for tree trimming efforts in Ewa Village and asked about development planning, with Oliveira explaining that the City administration will be recommending changing to a 10-year from a five-year review of development plans (DP), with her noting that the DPs are now generally beyond the 5-year point now. Berg noted the need for a light at Renton Road and Roosevelt, with Oliveira saying she will follow up. Chair Fevella noted that the Puuloa Park grass needs to be cut near the fence so that balls can be found there. Gori, Bautista and Berg agreed with the need for the Renton Road light, discussing that because intersection is not lighted, vehicles and pedestrians (especially those from nearby bus stop) are very much at risk. The Berg and Bautista noted that the Renton Road discussion has been on-going with the State, which included noting that the owner Hawaiian Railways had offered to allow a light pole to go in, as well as allowing for an electrical hookup through their site. Chair Fevella explained to the audience that the street had belonged to the Hawaii camp, with DeJesus and Berg agreeing; Oliveira said she would welcome input directly to her.

Alexander left at 9:00 p.m., seven members present.

Belford reported the need for sidewalks in the older Ewa Beach area (Pohakapuna Road), with Oliveira reporting that she would see if an improvement district would be appropriate and that she would provide information at a future meeting. Bautista noted the need to expand the Mahiko Park with Chair Fevella reporting that the issue might be part of the planned meeting of the Ewa Village Association to be held within the month.

Councilmember Todd Apo – Wendy Sefo represented Councilmember Apo, distributed a District newsletter and reported the beginning of plans for a light industrial park (49 acres) to be in the area of the old Ewa Ranch (back gate), off of Geiger Road, noting that it would be a long process and would involve Council hearings. She reported Happy New Year and that the Council had reorganized, with Apo now the Council Vice-Chair and Budget Chair. She reported that the funding for the Mahiko Park planned gym and swimming pool will continue to be sought. Chair Fevella offered congratulations to Councilmember Apo.

Governor Lingle's Representative – Jim Propotnick reported he would follow-up with the recycling redemption issue. Berg asked for a state budget briefing, explaining that the Board has endorsed frontage road and intersection improvements from West Loch to Keaunui Drive, projects that are being advocated by the community. Bautista expressed concern that the Waimanalo Gulch landfill was being allowed to continue and asked that the Department of Health oppose the Waimanalo site; Chair Fevella suggested Diamond Head or Koko Head be considered. Chair Fevella asked for Governor Lingle to recommend to the Department of Education that Campbell High have a higher priority for air conditioning, with Tagovailoa-Amosa agreeing.

Senator Wil Espero – Senator Espero distributed a community report and reported that the longer, full rail line for Kapolei – Ewa – to town is still an option. He reported the need to work for the full funding of the University of Hawaii (UH) West Oahu, although he reported it as being on track. He said the North South Road would be active at the end of 2008, connected to the freeway and reported other 2007 issues as the Kapolei Corporation yard, homeless shelters, education issues and crime. He invited the audience to the Legislature's opening on January 17, 2007. Tagovailoa-Amosa thanked Espero for his rail testimony in support of the extended Ewa route, and included Chair Fevella and Representative Cabanilla. Espero also added Moylan and Tesh Malama as testifiers; Chair Fevella thanked the community members for coming out and being united. Belford and Bautista commented that Chair Fevella's testimony was the most effective.

Representative Rita Cabanilla – Daniel Degrasse represented Representative Cabanilla, distributed a written community report and noted that everyone was invited to the opening day ceremonies. He reported that the expansion of Waimanalo Gulch is not acceptable.

Representative Kymberly Pine – Representative Pine reported that Governor Lingle supported the UH West Oahu construction, thanked Mayor Hannemann for making Ewa a priority at the State Capitol and reported she was on the House transportation committee. Pine reported seeking board members suggestions to the capital improvement projects. Tagovailoa-Amosa suggested a higher priority of Campbell High air-conditioning and noted Pine's absence at the Council hearing on rail transit. Pine said she was not at the rail transit hearing because she was on the mainland, however, she reported her office manager provided testimony.

Announcements –

Candidate application deadline – Bautista reminded the audience to submit Neighborhood Board Candidate applications by January 16, 2007.

Lions Chicken Fundraiser – Chair Fevella reminded the audience of the Lions fundraiser that Saturday weekend.

Varona Village Petition – Chair Fevella reminded the audience that the circulating Varona Village petition needed to be returned to the village group.

Committee Reports – Chair Fevella noted the need for all Board Members to attend the all-committees meeting on the first Thursday at Asing Park at 7:00 p.m. Berg noted that there was a need for the Legislative Committee to consider possible moped legislation due to the noise and safety issues. Bautista reported that he is preparing to report on the planned changes to the current Revised Neighborhood Plan.

Videotaping – As part of the Chair's Report, Chair Fevella asked that the Board consider a motion to support the Campbell High student video program and hire the Campbell High students for the coming months, starting February until July 2007. **Bautista moved and Tagovailoa-Amosa seconded to add videotaping to the January 2007 agenda. Chair Fevella announced that the motion to add the issue to the Board's agenda passed unanimously, 7-0-0. . Aye:** Bautista, Berg, Fevella, Hargrave, Moylan, O'Neill, Tagovailoa-Amosa.

Bautista moved and T-Amosa seconded to have the student group provide videotaping for the Board. Tagovailoa-Amosa commented that the idea was good, and that it also served to bring issues to the school community. **Chair Fevella announced that the motion for the Campbell High School group to videotape from February to July 2007 passed unanimously, 7-0-0. Aye:** Bautista, Berg, Fevella, Hargrave, Moylan, O'Neill, Tagovailoa-Amosa.

Adjournment – **With no other business, Bautista moved to adjourn. Chair Fevella announced that the motion to adjourn passed unanimously at 9:41 p.m., 7-0-0. Aye:** Bautista, Berg, Fevella, Hargrave, Moylan, O'Neill, Tagovailoa-Amosa.

Submitted by Elwin Spray, Neighborhood Commission Office staff