

Councilmember Joey Manahan: Councilmember Manahan thanked Chair Wong for his involvement in the Kuhio Park Neighborhood Improvement & Planning Project. Councilmember Manahan also introduced several members of his staff including Dennis Arakaki, Shirley Templo and Mitchel Cabrerros.

- Heated Pool and Showers: Following up on a previous concern, the Kalihi Valley Recreation pools are not heated, however the showers are supposed to be heated. The showers have been broken in the past, and since been repaired. However, as it is summer time, the showers will not be heated.
- Roadway Repairs/Beautification: The City is looking to provide roadway repairs and beautification to the area of North School Street and the Kapalama Development. The project does include three departments, the Departments of Facility Maintenance (DFM), Transportation Services (DTS) and Parks and Recreation (DPR). It is hopeful that the departments will coordinate the project and make progress.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Bulky Item Fines: Chair Wong questioned if residents will be fined for items that are not picked up during the scheduled pickup dates. Councilmember Manahan noted that residents will not be fined, and are encouraged to contact ENV if the items are not picked up within a few days.

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative: Brigadier General Joseph Kim reported:

- End of Legislative Session: Bills passed the 2013 Legislature and are under review and on their way to the Governor for signature. Residents may provide comments on specific measures. The Governor has until July 2013 to sign the bills; however, he must notify the Legislature of potential vetoes by June 24, 2013.
- Oahu Highway Priorities: The Director of the State Department of Transportation (DOT) has released his message on Oahu Highway Priority Projects. Included on the list is the Vineyard Boulevard Resurfacing project from Palama Street to the H-1 Freeway on and off ramp.

Senator Donna Mercado Kim: Daniel Holt provided the Senator's report and highlighted that the Legislative Session concluded on May 2, 2013. The Senator's handout highlighted budget allocations for the area including \$250,000 for Kapalama Elementary School and \$10,000,000 for Farrington High School.

Representative John Mizuno: Raytan Vares provided the Representative's report and highlighted:

- State Budget Passed: It was reported that the Legislature passed a balance budget three days earlier than expected. Capital Improvement Project (CIP) total \$3 billion. A total of \$160 million was restored into the Hurricane Relief Fund and \$50 million to the Rainy Day Fund.
- Bills of Interest: Bills that were passed included House Bill (HB) 1430, which appropriates \$400,000 in the fiscal years 2013-2014 to establish and operate a comprehensive service center for deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind individuals. Representative Mizuno introduced his measure.

RESIDENTS' AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS: No residents' or community concerns were voiced at this time.

PRESENTATIONS:

Kuhio Park Neighborhood Improvement & Planning: Monika Mordasini introduced herself and provided handouts depicting the Kuhio Park Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. The first phase of the plan was the revitalization of The Towers at Kuhio Park, which completed in 2012. The project was awarded numerous recognition and awards.

- Choice Neighborhood Planning: The Michaels Development Company in partnership with the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) was successful in their bid for a Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant totaling \$300,000. The award funds the development of a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plan for the area bordered by School Street, Middle Street, Kalihi Stream and the H-1 Freeway.
- Possible Outcomes/Projects: The Choice Neighborhoods planning process will result in a plan to provide residents with more transportation choices, economic stimulation, and an overall safer neighborhood.

- Community Involvement: A list of community partners was included in the informational handout. Notable residents have also become part of several planning committees including Sam Aiona, Chairperson of the Transformation Steering Committee; Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chairperson of the People Task Force; and Councilmember Joey Manahan, Chairperson of the Neighborhood Task Force.
- Contact Information: The project is currently in the planning stages and community members are strongly encouraged to attend the committee and community meetings. For more information or inquiries, residents may contact Mordasini at 691-9446 or Anni Peterson at 888-2880.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Low and High Rise Units: A Board member questioned if several of the housing units will be removed and turned into high rise apartments. It was noted that the project is in the planning phases, and it is uncertain at the time of which buildings may be turned into high rise units.
2. Improve Elementary School: It was noted that the project is also aimed at preserving the presence of the community. It was also noted that Councilmember Manahan is looking to develop a Safe Route to School initiative and is working with DTS on the possibility.
3. Kuhio Park Terrace Project: It was questioned and clarified that the units will most likely remain in the same costs as it currently is. It was explained that there are different levels of costs, due to the fact that families are charged 30% of their income at Kuhio Park Terrace. A total of 150 units are based on income status, and 347 units are public housing units.
4. Affordability of Homes: Several comments were made regarding affordability of homes. It was noted that 58 units are operated without subsidies but are kept at affordable unit prices. The exact prices are determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
5. Overflow of Parking: Concerns were raised regarding the overflow of vehicles parked on the main roads including Hauiki and Kimo Streets. Mordasini noted that parking will be taken into strong consideration. It was also noted current residents are assigned two stalls per unit.
6. Preliminary Planning: It was noted that the project is currently in the preliminary planning stages. Several community and committee meetings will be held in the upcoming months. Board and community members were strongly encouraged to participate and provide their input.
7. Acknowledge Michaels Development: Councilmember Manahan recognized Mordasini and the Michaels Development Company for their work on The Towers and Kuhio Park and the current planning for the revitalization of the neighborhood. Councilmember Manahan will continue to work with The Michaels Development Company on their revitalization plans.
8. Community/Board Participation: Chair Wong thanked Mordasini and Councilmember Manahan. It was noted that the project will hopefully have a trickle down effect on neighboring communities. Chair Wong noted he looks forward to working on the project and future updates. Mordasini noted that a blessing ceremony is being planned in June; Board and community members will be kept informed.

Youth Challenge Academy, National Guard: Youth Challenge Program Coordinator T.S. Tui introduced himself and provided Board members with an informational folder on the Youth Challenge Academy Hawaii. Tui provided a brief history of the program noting that the Waimanalo location was created in 1994 with the help of Congressional Senator Daniel Inouye. The program came before the Neighborhood Board in 2012 requesting Board support of the program. It was noted that there are approximately 20 students from the Kalihi Valley area already in the program. Tui noted that he is again requesting the Neighborhood Board's support for the continuation of the program.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Enrollment Qualifications: It was questioned and clarified that students are between the ages of 16-18 and are at risk of failing or dropping out of high school. Enrolled students, known as cadets, will reside on one of the campuses. Youth with pending court cases cannot be enrolled into the program.