

HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY
Resident Community Meeting
January 7, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.
Makalapa Community Center

Management Update On Matters Discussed At Meeting Held 8/12/08:

1. There is no visitor designated parking stalls at Puuwai Momi. The few unmarked stalls will soon be marked as “HPHA” and used by the electrical system repair contractor for storage of materials and equipment. No other changes concerning parking stalls is planned.
2. The fence between Makalapa Community Park and Puuwai Momi was repaired in October 2008.
3. According to the Urban Forestry Division, City and County of Honolulu, the contract for tree trimming at the Makalapa Community Park is in process.
4. A new staff member starting soon will address abandoned vehicles on site.
5. Explained procedure for residents who have unauthorized vehicles parked in their assigned parking stall.
6. Electrical distribution system repair work (Puuwai Momi) tentative schedule is as follows:
 - Advertisement starts 2/09/09
 - Pre-bid meeting 2/18/09
 - Bid opening 3/19/09
 - Construction starts 5/09
 - Construction complete 1/10

Management New Business/Concerns:

1. Trash container lids must remain closed due to health and environmental reasons. Signs to be posted at trash enclosures and a memo sent to residents explaining this.
2. Puuwai Momi Resident Association Board nomination and elections are past due. If no action by 1/31/09 by current Board, management will commence process.
3. Encouraged residents to “take back” their community and that solutions start at home.

Resident Concerns:

1. Suggest Manager walk sites and be visible.
2. Suggestion for signs regarding new law prohibiting the drinking of alcohol on in common areas be posted on premises.
3. Complaint about management staff not responding timely to noise disturbances.
4. Discussion of how to get residents involved.
5. “Fear Factor” mentioned pertaining to residents not wanting to get involved in reporting illegal activity to HPD or management.
6. Security cameras mentioned as a possible deterrent against illegal activity.
7. The organization of resident patrols discussed.
8. Grass at Puuwai Momi overgrown. Management response: will have it cut soon.

Honolulu Police Department, District III:

Officer Apuna explained the new law, effective 1/1/09, which makes it illegal to drink alcohol in common areas of public housing project grounds. She explained that the illegal activity needs to be observed by HPD OR if observed by the complainant that individual needs to provide a written statement to HPD and testify at a hearing.

Present at the meeting was C. Taniguchi, C. Hosino, C. Nakamoto, S. Fo, M. Levi, B. Hallett, Senator Sakamoto, Officer Apuna, R. Valluzzi, P. Hall-Ramiro, S. Quinn
Puuwai Momi Residents

Next Meeting: June 2009

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