

Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board Meeting

COUNCILMEMBER JOEY MANAHAN

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Councilmember Joey Manahan has introduced three resolutions that will soon go through a full Council meeting and assigned to a particular Council committee:

Resolution 13-83:

BULKY ITEMS

This resolution requests that the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) assess methods to reduce the improper disposal of bulky waste on public streets and sidewalks. It is stated that bulky items should be placed on streets in a way to not impede vehicular traffic or pedestrian use, and bulky items should be placed the evening before the scheduled pick-up day. The penalty for such violations is a fine ranging up to \$250 but nothing greater to the owner of property or association of apartment owners. Moreover, the resolution requests that ENV assess measures that could reduce the improper disposal of bulky waste including increasing penalties for violators, increasing enforcement of existing laws and ordinances, increasing frequency of collection, and collecting bulky waste from businesses.

Resolution 13-84:

HART AGENDAS

The resolution is urging the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) to solicit and hear public testimony after each agenda item presentation. The current practice of HART committees is to solicit and hear public testimony only prior to the presentation of all agenda items. The resolution will create more transparency between the public and HART and allow the public to respond to information brought up during the presentation in a timely and relevant fashion. This will help guarantee that HART answer questions beginning and after all of HART's presentations and to create better transparency between the public.

Resolution 13-85

PVs FOR CITY POOLS

This is a resolution requesting that the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to research, analyze, and determine the cost benefits of installing photovoltaic water heating systems at the City's swimming pools. Photovoltaic systems convert clean, free, and abundant energy source, and solar radiation into direct current electricity that can be used to power an entire electrical system. The application of PV systems will be in lines with "Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative" which began in January 2008. The resolution asks DPR to identify a strategy and examine the long-term benefits of phasing in the use of a PV system to power the comprehensive electrical needs at all City parks.

City & County Information

- Fire, Police, Ambulance, Illegal dumping: **911**
- Bus and Handi-Van operations: **768-8300**
- Refuse collection, bulky items, damaged trash bins: **832-7840** or **www.opala.org**
- Report an abandoned vehicle: **733-2530** or **www3.honolulu.gov/csdavcomplaints/**
- Report a pothole: **768-7777**
- File a complaint with City's complaint office: **768-3481** or **complaints@honolulu.gov**
- Report cracked, uplifted, or obstructed sidewalks: **768-8159**
- Motor vehicle registration and drivers licensing: **533-4324** or **532-4325**
- Barking dogs: **911** or **946-2187**
- Complaints about rowing roosters (Animal Haven): **779-7791** or **report it to 911**
- Complaints about public trees: **971-7151**
- Complaints regarding satellite city halls: **532-7747**

For more information, phone numbers and links, please go to www.honolulu.gov

Board of Water Supply's Billing System in Process of Change

At the April 24th Budget Committee Meeting, resolution 13-62 which urges the Board of Water Supply (BWS) to implement a billing program that does not increase costs to rate-payers. Ernest Lau, the managing director of the Board of Water Supply spoke on behalf of BWS and explained the issues concerning the history of billing and the concerns that the department would face if resorting back to the old billing plan. Firstly, the charges in the resolution (\$3.20) were not the actual charges, instead the effective charge is \$6.40 which is reflected on their website. Furthermore, the effective charge does not take into consideration the charge for customer service fees - in which the director admits that there should be a change in the language regarding the "billing charge" to "customer charge." Additionally the Board of Water Supply has done studies regarding how to efficiently budget their monies and concluded that they should change their customer programming software. The programming software is being updated and has increased the department's expenditures; the cost to go back to the bi-monthly charges will only hinder their progress.

For Your Information

- City's Department of Facility Maintenance's Division of Road will continue to provide temporary pavement repairs. For concerns regarding repaving of streets, please contact the Pothole Hotline Number at 768-7777 or the form on Honolulu.gov under the "Report a Pothole" red link.

- Keehi Lagoon Sewer Pipe Leak: City's Department of Environmental Services is in the process of repairing the sewer line. They know there is a small leak but it is in a submerged part of the sewer line and they will need to do a bypass rather than try to repair it underwater, much like the Ala Wai bypass. They are trying to expedite the procurement process but it may take a while.

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Neighborhood Board Ballot Passcodes Sent to Voters



The above is the photo-link that you will click when you go to the Neighborhood Commission Office's site.

The Neighborhood Commission Office has mailed passcodes to 180,000 eligible voters who may cast ballots online for contested seats on the 2013-2015 Neighborhood Boards.

Voters may use the codes to cast ballots on their own computers from April 26 to May 17. The City will also make computers available to the public for voting during this period, on the second floor of the Mission Memorial Building beside Honolulu Hale and in Kapolei Hale's Conference Room D, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays until voting ends on May 17.

Voters who can't access the Internet or the public computers may cast ballots by telephone using information included in the mailing. Election results will be announced shortly after voting concludes. Newly elected board members assume office on July 1, 2013.

Candidate profiles and photos are posted at www1.honolulu.gov/nco.

For more information, visit the NCO website at www1.honolulu.gov/nco or call 768-3716.

Kalihi Valley NB candidates list:

(Source: www1.honolulu.gov/nco/2013canlist.htm)

Melba Amaral
Devin B. Donahue
Kevin Furutani
Fausaga Mafi
Michael Hiroshi McDonald
Jack R.A. Nagaishi
Jory Watland
Christopher J. Wong
Arvid Tadao Youngquist