



## DIAMOND HEAD / KAPAHULU / ST. LOUIS HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 5

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### DRAFT REGULAR MEETING WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.

ALA WAI GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE BALLROOM – 404 KAPAHULU AVENUE, HONOLULU, HI 96815  
AND ONLINE VIA WEBEX

Video Recording of Meeting:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ulzxHc\\_wie4&list=PLfqRwVpRroolsFSNpDzklm59N89aI2XyQ&index=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ulzxHc_wie4&list=PLfqRwVpRroolsFSNpDzklm59N89aI2XyQ&index=1)

Google Drive Folder: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1WKnOJqdvqoRuGhJ7E9rg5u7AtruuZZZn>

**1. CALL TO ORDER – [0:00:03]:** Chair Welch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. **Quorum WAS established with 9 members present.** This 15-member board requires 8 members to establish a quorum and to take official board action.

Board Members Present: Winston Welch (Chair), Arleen Velasco (Vice Chair), David Beutel (Secretary), Julia Allen, Rafia Hasina, Angie Knight (joined at 6:02 p.m.), Michelle Matson, Anthony Miranda, Margaret Murchie, Laura St. Denis, and Linda Wong (joined at 7:14 p.m.).

Board Members Absent: Bruce Wong and Kendric Wong.

Guests: Fire Captain Elden Tanaka and Fire Fighter Cameron Mandaguit (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Steven Ono and Lieutenant Aaron Miura (Honolulu Police Department); Steven Norstrom (Board of Water Supply); Lisa Yamamoto (Kapi'olani Community College); Ashley Bare (Hawai'i Wildfire Management Organization); Department of Community Services (DCS) Director Anton Krucky (Mayor Blangiardi); Nathan Serota (Department of Parks and Recreation); Director Roger Morton (Department of Transportation Services); Mike Buck (Crisis Outreach Response and Engagement); Tasha Luke (City Council Chair Waters); Kylie Tokujo (Councilmember Nishimoto); Ryan Aguilar (Governor Green); State Senator Les Ihara, Jr.; State House Representative Ikaika Olds; Grace Benson, Leolani Iwaki, Laura Ruby, Audrey Abe, Daisy Murai, Dylan Davis, and Samo Rozman (Residents/Guests); Curtis Hayashi (Neighborhood Commission Office). **Note: Name was not included if not legible or stated for the record. Approximately 33 total participants joined the meeting.**

### **2. PUBLIC SAFETY MONTHLY REPORTS – [0:00:40]**

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD), Waikīkī Station – [0:00:42]: Fire Captain Tanaka and Fire Fighter Mandaguit provided the report, including fire and emergency incidents for May 2025. HFD launched the Incident Trend Dashboard and the Fire Response Search Tool at <https://fire.honolulu.gov/news-and-info>. The Incident Trend Dashboard gives residents easy access to five years of emergency data by neighborhood, including fire, rescue, medical, and hazardous materials incidents. With interactive maps and charts, the dashboard helps communities better understand emergency trends in their areas. The Fire Response Search Tool replaces the previous Response Mapping Tool, which is no longer supported and was recently taken offline. This tool enables individuals and entities to look up specific emergency incidents in which they have an interest in or may have been involved in or affected by. This tool also enhances transparency and provides residents with efficient and direct access to incidents in a secure and accessible format. Should you have questions, please email the HFD's Public Affairs & Media Liaison at [HFDNHB@honolulu.gov](mailto:HFDNHB@honolulu.gov).

- Report: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1H-qcL5y0txA6w6sTbzs1sAT0O-pSsCeK/view?usp=sharing>
- Request for Information: <https://fire.honolulu.gov/requests-for-information>

**Angie Knight joined the meeting at 6:02 p.m.; 10 members present.**

Questions, comments, and concerns regarding the Fire Response Search Tool, wildfire management, nuisance fires on the beach, and basic life support certification for fire fighters followed – [0:03:10].

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) District 6 – Waikīkī/Kapi'olani Park/Diamond Head – [0:06:31]: Lieutenant Ono provided the report and highlighted:

- May 2025 Statistics: There were 10 robberies, 13 burglaries, 121 thefts, 15 unauthorized entry into motor vehicle (UEMV) incidents, 42 assaults, 1 sex crime, 3 bikes/skateboards on sidewalk citations, 3 speeding citations, 2,058 parking citations, 8 loud muffler and prohibited noise citations, 93 citations and 19 arrests for park closures, and 4,216 calls for service. For info and resources, visit <https://www.honoluluupd.org/information>.

Questions, comments, and concerns regarding loud muffler and prohibited noise enforcement followed – [0:07:58].

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) District 7 – Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights/East Honolulu – [0:08:43]: Lieutenant Miura provided the report and highlighted:

- May 2025 Statistics: There were 10 motor vehicle thefts, 9 burglaries, 7 thefts, 11 unauthorized entry into motor vehicle (UEMV) incidents, and 5,892 calls for service.
- Security tips for businesses (alarms, lighting, avoid working alone, noting a suspect's description, and calling 911).

**3. FILLING OF BOARD SEATS – TWO VACANCIES IN SUBDISTRICT 2 (KAPAHULU, EAST ALA WAI) – [0:10:34]:** Chair Welch asked if the resident who wanted to fill a vacant board seat was in attendance. Neighborhood Assistant Hayashi responded that the resident was present and lives in Subdistrict 3. There were no nominations, so the two seats remain vacant.

**4. PUBLIC INTEREST REPORTS AND EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS – [0:11:45]**

Board of Water Supply (BWS) Report – [0:11:49]: Steven Norstrom provided the report, including one main break at 3124 Monsarrat Avenue and the BWS water quality report. Each year, BWS mails customers an annual report on the quality and contents of drinking water. Effective Tuesday, July 1, 2025, the BWS will be providing this report on a biennial basis, issued in July and December of each year. The report is available online at [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com). For more information and to request a translated copy, please call the BWS Communications Office at (808) 748-5041.

- Report: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bGZQPLApPscFmklsFNYbN4RL7ABpS747/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bGZQPLApPscFmklsFNYbN4RL7ABpS747/view?usp=drive_link)

Questions, comments, and concerns regarding Red Hill water concerns (BWS water supply is not connected with the United States Navy water system), Monsarrat Avenue water project (<https://www.boardofwatersupply.com/news-events/news-and-updates/news-releases/2025/monsarrat-avenue>), and sidewalk easement followed – [0:12:40].

Kapi'olani Community College (KCC) Updates – [0:15:29]: Chair Welch announced Carol Hoshiko was reassigned and will no longer provide KCC updates to the Diamond Head Neighborhood Board. Lisa Yamamoto (<https://www.kapiolani.hawaii.edu/departments-directory/chancellors-office-dir>) shared that Carol Hoshiko moved to the University of Hawai'i System office. Yamamoto will be representing KCC for the upcoming months and asked if anyone had concerns related to KCC.

Chair Welch asked Yamamoto if there was a specific report and Yamamoto responded there was no report. Questions, comments, and concerns regarding the KCC Farmers' Market relocation followed – [0:16:43].

Announcements of Public Events, Parades, and Upcoming Activities Impacting the Public: Chair Welch skipped this agenda item.

2024 Hawai'i Ocean Quality Report – Summary of Surfrider's Test Report – [0:19:35]: Velasco shared information about the 2024 Hawai'i Regional Water Quality Report (<https://hawaii.surfrider.org/bwtf>).

Surfrider Reef Safe Sunscreen Guide – [0:20:50]: Velasco shared information about the Surfrider Foundation's Reef Friendly Sunscreen Guide and asked people to read their sunscreen ingredients. St. Denis asked about zinc and Velasco responded.

Deep Sea Mining Educational Material – [0:21:30]: Velasco shared information about her deep sea mining concerns ([https://docs.google.com/document/d/11jptSqsISa2JrwkAnFD14sRCJ\\_ihZMphvOrm1p\\_m8l0/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/11jptSqsISa2JrwkAnFD14sRCJ_ihZMphvOrm1p_m8l0/edit?usp=sharing)).

Announcements of Public Events, Parades, and Upcoming Activities Impacting the Public – [0:22:33]: Secretary Beutel asked Chair Welch if he skipped this agenda item. Chair Welch returned to this agenda item. Murchie mentioned there are upcoming parades and block parties.

**6. PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS OPEN FORUM – [0:24:32]**

Parks Subcommittee – [0:22:34]: Miranda wanted to call a meeting of the Parks Subcommittee. Chair Welch suggested Miranda to work with Parks Subcommittee co-chair Murchie. Matson asked Miranda for the purpose of the meeting. Miranda responded that he would like to discuss dog parks.

Dog Parks – [0:27:24]: Audrey Abe shared an input letter on which parks in the neighborhood should allow leashed dogs. Abe raised concerns about interference by dogs at Kapāolono Park. Board members Welch, Velasco, and Murchie responded to Abe's dog park comments.

- Input Letter: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SdUnTI3iTWLnCli4cveZ1wlpfH7xJsK\\_/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SdUnTI3iTWLnCli4cveZ1wlpfH7xJsK_/view?usp=sharing)
- DPR Dog Park Letter to Neighborhood Boards:  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KQjjKRj6zj58BSLMT9Pz8lYMiOEqSUBB>

Ala Wai Bridge Project – [0:33:06]: Laura Ruby attended a Waikiki Neighborhood Board meeting to share her concerns about the Ala Wai Bridge project. Ruby attended Mayor Blangiardi's Town Hall on Thursday, June 5, 2025 and Managing Director Michael Formby responded to Ruby's concerns about the Ala Wai Bridge project. Murchie mentioned that she also participated in the Mayor's Town Hall and raised Ala Wai Bridge project concerns.

Community Garden – [0:38:28]: St. Denis requested information about establishing a new community garden in Palolo.

Cats and Roosters – [0:39:19]: Hasina raised concerns about feral cats and roosters in the Palolo Stream. Matson shared concerns about a "rooster problem."

Traffic Island on Kapahulu Avenue by Charles Street – [0:40:14]: Welch raised concerns about vehicles hitting the traffic island on Kapahulu Avenue by Leonard's Bakery and requested the City to paint the traffic island yellow.

## **6. PRESENTATIONS – [0:40:41]**

Hawai'i Wildfire Management Organization (HWMO) upcoming workshop – [0:40:50]: Ashley Bare ([ashley@hawaiiwildfire.org](mailto:ashley@hawaiiwildfire.org)) shared information about HWMO and its upcoming workshop on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Kaimuki Middle School cafeteria. HWMO has been a non-profit for about 25 years and participates in the Firewise program started by the National Fire Protection Association for neighborhoods to address fire prevention and safety.

- Workshop: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Y3KS3O94UiGkW26qESGKkMxr5CCHU6mn/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Y3KS3O94UiGkW26qESGKkMxr5CCHU6mn/view?usp=drive_link)

Questions, comments, and concerns regarding HWMO's funding source, collaboration with HFD and government agencies, fire mitigation plan, wildfire recovery, and Diamond Head fire issues followed – [0:42:46].

## **7. CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU REPORTS – [0:47:34]**

Mayor's Representative – [0:47:34]: Department of Community Services (DCS) Director Anton Krucky provided the report and shared the following information:

- Newsletter: <https://www8.honolulu.gov/mayor/newsletter>
- Erosion Along Diamond Head Coastline: Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 205A and Revised Ordinances of Honolulu Chapters 25 and 26 discuss what kind of development can occur within the coastal zone and shoreline setback. The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) has not received requests for repairs relating to condominium buildings with undermined foundations in the Diamond Head area. The extent of the repair and the proximity to the shoreline would determine the types of approvals that would be necessary to repair existing structures. For more information about the City's approach to adapting to sea level rise, please visit the City's climate adaptation strategy, Climate Ready O'ahu, specifically Strategy 5 (Strengthen climate resilience of beach and wetland ecosystems through preservation and restoration) and Strategy 11 (Reduce flood risk and coastal erosion by directing development to safer and higher ground): <https://www.resilientoahu.org/climatereadyoahu>. The City's Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency (CCSR) does not perform coastal property inspections. You may wish to contact the State Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands, which is responsible for overseeing beach and marine lands out to the seaward extent of the State's jurisdiction: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/occl>.
- Roadway repaving request for South King Street from University Avenue to Kapiolani Avenue
- No left turn request at 1029 Kapahulu Avenue
- Traffic Calming and Safety Infrastructure: DTS reported that quick-build crosswalk improvements cost roughly \$25,000 to \$50,000 per location. The following are rough costs for the various traffic safety treatments, based on recent projects and construction bids: raised crosswalk (\$25,000 to \$50,000), delineator pedestrian refuge island (\$30,000 to \$35,000), delineator curb extensions (\$25,000 to \$30,000), quick-build solar-powered rectangular rapid-flashing beacons (\$40,000+). The concrete pedestrian refuge island on Kapahulu Avenue at Charles Street was constructed as part of a larger curb ramp improvement project by the Department of Design and Construction. Direct construction costs were nearly \$50,000. DTS does not paint concrete traffic islands yellow, but DTS can add more reflective features if there are concerns about visibility. The City received a federal grant to install quick-build improvements, including solar-

powered RRFBs, at uncontrolled crosswalks along high-injury corridors, including Kapahulu Avenue. These improvements have not yet been fully designed but are currently planned at six busy crosswalk locations. DTS will provide more information to the Board as the project progresses.

- TheBus Routes Servicing the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood: Please visit <https://www.thebus.org> and select "System Map" to view TheBus routes servicing communities throughout Oahu. Bill 45 (2025), introduced by the City Council on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, includes DTS' proposed amendments to ROH § 15B-2.4, relating to baggage (<https://hnlidoc.hawaii.gov/hnlidoc/measure/3353>). Proposed amendments to the transit fare structure are presently under review by the City Administration. DTS is still in the process of amending a contract to allow open payments so that riders are able to pay with their credit cards and phones. The proposed target for implementation is March 2026, but subject to change.
- Diamond Head Road Traffic Safety Concerns: HPD District 7 (East Honolulu) Day and Night patrols conducted speed limit enforcement on Diamond Head Road using LIDAR speed guns. During their enforcement efforts, no violations were observed. Officers will continue to patrol the area and increase their presence to deter motorists from speeding and to promote traffic safety. DTS is proposing to install an All-Way Stop at the intersection of Diamond Head Road and Makalei Place. The layout is currently being finalized and will be submitted to the Department of Facility Maintenance for installation. DTS is also considering the installation of raised speed tables at the intersection of Diamond Head Road and Coconut Avenue/Hibiscus Place. This installation will be carried out by the Hawai'i Department of Transportation. However, since the City is currently prioritizing school zone locations for speed humps and raised crosswalks, this site will be addressed after the school-related installations are completed.
- Dog Parks: Please contact Nathan Serota directly at [nathan.serota@honolulu.gov](mailto:nathan.serota@honolulu.gov) to coordinate any scheduling or if you have further questions and concerns regarding dog parks.
- Contact the Mayor: <https://www8.honolulu.gov/mayor/contact-the-mayor>
- Career Opportunities at the City & County of Honolulu: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/honolulu>

Questions, comments, and concerns regarding the collapsed sidewalk at Queen's Beach, erosion along Diamond Head coastline, Kaimana Beach shower repair, 2025 Neighborhood Board election, immigration, traffic concerns, fire concerns, illegal parking, feral cats and roosters, and the Ala Wai Golf Course followed – [1:03:18].

**Linda Wong joined the meeting at 7:14 p.m.; 11 members present.**

City Council Chair Tommy Waters, City Council District 4 – [1:28:50]: Tasha Luke ([tasha.luke@honolulu.gov](mailto:tasha.luke@honolulu.gov)) provided the report, including Chair Waters' newsletter and legislative updates regarding the city budget and HPD dispatch radio communications. Should you have any questions, call (808) 768-5004 or email [tommy.waters@honolulu.gov](mailto:tommy.waters@honolulu.gov).

- Webpage: <https://www.honolulucitycouncil.org/district4>

Questions, comments, and concerns regarding ocean safety and the Kaimana Beach showers followed – [1:30:14].

Councilmember Scott Nishimoto, City Council District 5 – [1:34:34]: Kylie Tokujo ([kylie.tokujo@honolulu.gov](mailto:kylie.tokujo@honolulu.gov)) provided the report and highlighted the Honolulu City Council's passage of the city budget. Should you have any questions, call (808) 768-5005 or email [scott.nishimoto@honolulu.gov](mailto:scott.nishimoto@honolulu.gov).

- Webpage: <https://www.honolulucitycouncil.org/district-5-scott-nishimoto>

Questions, comments, and concerns regarding the Honolulu City Council's proposed leadership changes (<https://hnlidoc.hawaii.gov/hnlidoc/measure/3380>) followed – [1:35:10].

## **8. FEDERAL & STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS – [1:41:35]**

U.S. Congressman Ed Case – [1:41:35]: No report.

U.S. Senator Brian Schatz – [1:41:35]: No report.

U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono – [1:41:35]: No report.

Governor Josh Green's Representative – [1:41:46]: Ryan Aguilar ([Ryan.Aguilar@hawaii.gov](mailto:Ryan.Aguilar@hawaii.gov)) shared Governor Green's newsletter and responded to questions from the May 2025 meeting, including the road rerouting project near Laniakea slated for completion in spring 2026, weekly road closures at <https://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/roadwork/oahu>, Mobile Food Service was authorized in Diamond Head State Monument beginning in 2005, Diamond Head Citizen Advisory Committee, state office contact information, and water quality.

- Newsletter: <https://governor.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Ke-Ala-Hou-Newsletter-June-2025-FINAL-1.pdf>



- Report:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Vd8NAw3dhGmKeeiLHt8XIKaQwWEmrLg04TWakNKU5j/edit?usp=sharing>

Questions, comments, and concerns regarding the Diamond Head Citizen Advisory Committee, erosion concerns, federal government impacts, and Ala Wai Boat Marina water quality followed – [1:49:15].

State Senator Stanley Chang – [2:03:08]: No report.

State Senator Les Ihara, Jr. – [2:03:21]: Senator Ihara shared legislative updates regarding Governor Green’s intent-to-veto list (<https://governor.hawaii.gov/newsroom/office-of-the-governor-news-release-gov-green-releases-intent-to-veto-list>).

Questions, comments, and concerns regarding legislators voting with reservations, historic preservation, Ala Wai Boat Harbor water quality, and coastal erosion followed – [2:05:55].

State Senator Carol Fukunaga – [2:25:56]: No report.

State House Representative Tina Nakada Grandinetti – [2:26:03]: No report.

State House Representative Jackson Sayama – [2:26:13]: No report.

State House Representative Andrew Garrett – [2:26:19]: No report.

State House Representative Ikaika Olds – [2:26:20]: Representative Olds shared legislative updates, including the passage of HB 943 relating to homelessness (homeless triage bill) and e-bike bill. Should you have any questions, call (808) 586-8515, email [repolds@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repolds@capitol.hawaii.gov), and subscribe to newsletter updates at <https://mailchi.mp/capitol/email-sign-up>.

Questions, comments, and concerns regarding the e-bike bill on Governor Green’s intent-to-veto list followed – [2:27:45].

## **9. BOARD BUSINESS – [2:53:32]**

Chair’s Announcements – [2:53:32]: Chair Welch announced that June 2025 is the last month of the 2023-2025 Neighborhood Board term and there will be several vacant seats to be filled in July 2025. Welch will serve as Chair Pro Tem at the start of the July 2025 Neighborhood Board meeting when the election of officers occurs.

Board Committee Reports – [2:36:24]:

Environment – [2:36:24]: No report.

Parks & Recreation – [2:36:25]: Chair Welch noted the committee is planning to hold a dog park meeting.

Planning & Zoning – [2:36:49]: Matson raised concerns about a potential development on Kanaina Street and shared that there are no updates from the developer.

Traffic & Public Safety – [2:38:42]: Chair Welch noted that regular Traffic & Public Safety meetings with DTS should occur.

Board Subdistrict Reports – [2:39:26]:

St. Louis Heights Subdistrict 1 – [2:39:27]: Allen provided the report and shared concerns about evacuation plans in the case of an emergency. The St. Louis Heights Community Association will meet on Monday, July 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at Hokuani Elementary School.

Kapahulu Subdistrict 2 – [2:40:18]: Miranda provided the report and requested an update from the Ala Wai Golf Course.

Diamond Head Subdistrict 3 – [2:42:50]: Linda Wong raised concerns about the Kaimana Beach showers, the Dillingham Memorial Fountain, and requested an update from Dr. Charles “Chip” Fletcher (State of Hawaii) about climate change.

Reports of Board Members Attending Other Board and Public Meetings – [2:45:49]: Matson thanked outgoing board member Hasina and welcomed her to future Diamond Head Neighborhood Board meetings. Murchie attended a Waikiki Neighborhood Board meeting. Chair Welch and another board member attended a Neighborhood Commission meeting.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – [2:51:19]: Chair Welch expressed his opposition to the board meeting minutes and suggested running board meeting minutes using ChatGPT or Otter.ai artificial intelligence. [2:52:15] – **Secretary Beutel MOVED and Miranda SECONDED to approve all meeting minutes listed on the meeting agenda.** Matson expressed her opposition to this motion. **Chair Welch postponed this agenda item to the July 2025 meeting.**

1. Thursday, March 14, 2024
2. Thursday, September 12, 2024

3. Thursday, October 10, 2024
4. Thursday, November 14, 2024
5. Thursday, December 12, 2024
6. Thursday, January 9, 2025
7. Thursday, February 13, 2025
8. Thursday, March 13, 2025
9. Thursday, April 10, 2025
10. Thursday, May 8, 2025

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS – [3:00:52]**

- A. Chair's Report: Forthcoming meeting agendas and general announcements. To request a meeting agenda item, please contact Chair Welch and copy Curtis Hayashi at NCO at least 2 weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.
- B. Next Meeting: The next Neighborhood Board No. 5 regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ala Wai Golf Course Club House Ballroom, and online via Webex.
- C. 'Olelo Broadcast (<https://olelo.org/tune-in>): The Board meetings can be viewed on Channel 49 at 9:00 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of the month and at 2:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month.
- D. Reporting Neighborhood Issues: Visit <https://www.honolulu.gov/csd/concern> or use the Honolulu 311 App (<https://honoluluhi.citysourced.com>) to report neighborhood issues.

**12. ADJOURNMENT – [3:01:17]: Chair Welch adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.**

Submitted by: Curtis Hayashi, Neighborhood Assistant, Neighborhood Commission Office

Reviewed by: Dylan Buck, Community Relations Specialist, Neighborhood Commission Office

Finalized by: