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The next step

Despite valiant efforts by our administrative staff, **Sandy Pope** and **Brandi Nagamine-Rodillas**, who contacted every owner who did not respond, *we failed to reach a quorum* at the March 30th Annual Meeting of the Association of Apartment Owners of Honolulu Park Place. Only 47% of the membership was present either in person or by proxy.

In spite of all owners of record being mailed a packet of materials about the Annual meeting, plus a reminder in the last monthly newsletter, and a sign posted in the lobby, there still was no quorum.

How do we now proceed?

For the expired terms of directors **Trappeur Rahn** and **Craig Williams**, there is an automatic extension of one year, as they are both willing to continue.

That leaves one vacancy on the Board. There will be a special Board of Directors meeting on April 13 for the purpose of filling the vacancy, for which there are two candidates. This should only take a few minutes.

After that meeting is adjourned, a regular Board of Directors meeting will be held where the first order of business will be to appoint a chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer.

The rest of the evening will proceed like previous meetings, where any owners present can address the board, followed by the agenda, and an 'Executive session', if required.

It does mean that next year, there will be six vacancies on the Board. The Board is there to represent and support YOU, the members of the Association, to ensure that we continue to maintain the high standard of living we enjoy at Honolulu Park Place.

Maybe you've seen that TV commercial

in which a woman says that she lost her husband a few years ago and to make ends meet in Honolulu where costs are high, she has listed a room in her home with Airbnb.

According to the company's website, "Founded in August of 2008 and based in San Francisco, California, Airbnb is a trusted community marketplace for people to list, discover and book unique accommodations around the world — online or from a mobile phone or tablet."

There are people who swear by Airbnb instead of staying in a conventional hotel; in fact, there are over 100 million Airbnb users and 640,000 hosts.

Is Airbnb allowed to operate at Honolulu Park Place? Here is an excerpt from the Declaration of Condominium Property Regime:

F.1. Uses Other Than Residential Use Prohibited. The Apartments shall be occupied and used only as private dwellings by the respective Owners thereof, their tenants, families, domestic servants and social guests, and for no other purpose. **The Apartments shall not be used for timesharing, as such term is defined in Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 514E, nor shall the Apartments be rented for transient or hotel purposes, which as defined as (a) rental for any period less than thirty (30) days, or (b) any rental in which the occupants of the Apartment are provided customary hotel services such as room service for food and beverages, maid service, laundry and linen or bell-boy service. Subject to the foregoing limitation regarding residential use and to the prohibitions on timesharing and transient or hotel uses, the Owners of the respective Apartments shall have the absolute right to lease such Apartments subject to all provisions of this Declaration, provided, however, that (a) all leases shall be in writing, signed by the Owner, or Owner's representative and the tenant, (b) all leases shall have a term of not less than thirty (30) days, and (c) no leasing of less than an entire Apartment shall be allowed.**

Violators of this policy are subject to removal from Honolulu Park Place.



“How many times should I push the elevator buttons to equal the same calories as taking the stairs?”

HPP Security Staff

Arnel Espinosa

With 11 years of service at Honolulu Park Place, Arnel Espinosa is the third longest-serving security guard. He appreciates the opportunities to contribute to maintaining a safe and pleasant environment for residents and their guests. Another aspect of work which he enjoys is the spirit of “brotherhood” among his co-workers. He works the graveyard shift (10pm to 6am), so some residents may not have occasion to see him regularly.



Born in the Philippines, Arnel immigrated to Hawaii with his family at the age of seven. He grew up in Kalihi and graduated from Aiea High School. His employment record includes over 20 years of experience in the security industry at hotels, condominiums and companies. He enjoys taking trips to Las Vegas, and is a staunch fan of the Green Bay Packers.

Arnel’s goal is to continue to improve his skills set as a security officer and to serve the HPP community to the best of his ability. *-Interview by Mimi Yoshikawa. Photo credit: Gary Everest*

Garage Reminders

The speed limit in the garage is 5 mph! This is S-L-O-W! Turn on your headlights when driving in the garage. Ensure that your vehicles display parking stickers. Keep your parking stalls clean.

Please be considerate—there is **no parking** near the elevator lobbies. These areas are not loading zones.

A massage? Why not?

Right here in the building!

Stan Sugai, 10 am to 5 pm, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday. Phone 808-536-6979.

Susan Lovinger, phone 808-342-6402. Mondays and Wednesdays, 4 pm-9 pm; Saturdays, Noon to 6 pm. By appointment only. \$50/hour massage; \$80/hour & half. Gift certificates are available.

Did you know?

Honolulu Park Place is located on the corner of Beretania Streets and Nu‘uanu Avenue. Did you know that it was here that a fire to eradicate bubonic plague was started and became the **Chinatown fire of 1900**?

“By 1900, Chinatown—bustling as ever—was jammed with dilapidated and flimsy wooden structures, plagued by poor sanitation, periodic flooding, dense living conditions and rat infestations. Such conditions practically invited an outbreak of bubonic plague. December 12, 1899 You Chong, a bookkeeper for Wing Wo Tai’s business on Nu‘uanu Avenue, died of the plague. By the end of December, nine more cases of plague were reported. To clear contaminated areas, the Board of Health set 41 controlled fires, cleaned and disinfected buildings, burned garbage, filled old cesspools and dug new ones.

“On January 20, 1900, another planned fire cleansing was begun at Beretania between Nu‘uanu and the old Kaumakapili Church. This time wind gusts spread the fire to the church and from there flames leapfrogged all the way to the wharf. The huge fire burned 17 days, destroying 38 acres and 4,000 homes (mostly Chinese and Japanese). After the disaster was brought under control, the Board of Health successfully set an additional 31 controlled fires. Four months later, Honolulu was deemed plague-free.”

From the website HawaiiHistory.org

Real Food Cafe

Did you know that the parents of **Chef Heidi Anderson** owned a restaurant and her step-dad was a butcher? Her grandmother lived on a farm where they raised their own cattle, grew vegetables and did a lot of canning during the winter. It’s no wonder then, that Heidi has been around the kitchen all her life and loves good food.

Heidi also specializes in food photography and takes professional photos for restaurant websites. That’s why her food looks so good!

The Real Food Cafe is open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 11am-2pm and 5-9pm. Call Heidi at **271-7052**, for your catering needs, personal chef services, wine pairing dinners and for off-the-menu items.

It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness.

Charles Spurgeon

