



HAWAII KAI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 1

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (Draft) HAAHIONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Greg Knudsen called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.; a quorum was present with 12 of 15 members. Knudsen welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year and made the following announcements: a) Neighborhood Assistant Russell Ho is out and NA Marie Richardson will be filling in for him; and b) notified the Chair that Robert Clark and David Tanabe will not be in attendance tonight.

Members Present – Matt Dirks, Rene Garvin, Steve Geimer, Marian Grey, Jeanette Hanson, Aaron Isgar, Norma Kehrberg, Greg Knudsen, Wayne Levy, David Livingston (left at 8:30 p.m.), Carl Makino, Elizabeth Reilly and Gary Weller.

Members Absent – Robert Clark (notified), David Tanabe (notified).

Vacancies – None.

Guests – Lucy Akau, Liz Matthews, Christa Gerlich, Lori Arizumi (East Oahu Sun), Linda Vannatta (Founder, Citizens for Safe Hiking); Maj. Robert Green, Capt. Jerald Wojcik, Lt. Calvin Tong, Sgt. Asato and Ofc. Mark Mitchell (Honolulu Police Department); Councilmember Charles Djou and Dylan Nonaka (Staff), Thomas Yamabe II (Kamilonui Farm), Natalie Iwasa, Bob Kern, Pam Kam, Senator Sam Slom, Ronald Livingston, Charlotte Farmer (Senator Fred Hemmings Office), Sidney Quintal (Director, City Department of Enterprise Services / Mayor's Representative), Capt. Robert Thomas (Honolulu Fire Department), Su Shin (Board of Water Supply); Representative Gene Ward, Francisco Figueiredo and Makani Christenson (Staff); Bob Farrell and Ivonne Cardenas (Videographers, Makakilo.com), Cindy Giorgis (Principal, Hahaione Elementary School), Justin Mew (Principal, Niu Valley Middle School), John Sosa (Principal, Kaiser High School), Abby Seth Mayer (Governor's Representative / Director, Office of Planning), Phil Asterman, Inga Gibson (U.S. Human Society) and Kawehi Yim (Hawaiian Human Society), Marie Richardson (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 25, 2008 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: The November 25, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes were APPROVED AS CIRCULATED by unanimous consent, 12-0-0 (Aye: Dirks, Garvin, Geimer, Grey, Hanson, Isgar, Kehrberg, Knudsen, Levy, Makino, Reilly, and Weller.)

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT: Jeanette Hanson reported: 1) As of November 30, 2008, the Operating balance was \$1298.62; \$87.91 was expended for printing and postage of agenda and minutes, leaving a closing balance of \$1210.71. The Publicity balance was \$1,540.50; \$209.50 was spent for videotaping October's meeting. The Refreshment balance remains at \$120. 2) For December 31, 2008, the beginning balance was \$1210.71. The Publicity balance remains at \$1,540.50 and the Refreshment balance expended \$6.75, leaving \$113.25. The Treasure's report was filed.

STATUS REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department – Capt. Thomas reported:

- Statistics included – 2 kitchen and 2 rubbish fires; 55 medical, 2 search/rescue and 15 service calls; and New Year's was very loud with no fire calls.
- Fire Safety Tip – Fire, Building, and U.S. Postal Codes, along with City ordinances, state that all property owners shall place their house numbers so that they're readily visible from the street, which assists HFD and other first responders to locate an address more quickly in case of emergency.

Honolulu Police Department – The District 7, East Honolulu's report was circulated and the following officers were introduced: Capt. Jerald Wojcik, Lt. Calvin Tong, Sgt. Asato and Ofc. Mark Mitchell. Major Green proceeded to highlight the following:

- District 7's website is www.honoluluupd.org/patrol/d7, and contains the January 2009 statistics and monthly comparisons of burglaries, car break-ins and thefts.



- Statistics have decreased across the board and the Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) knows most of the people committing the burglaries and incarcerates them; burglaries are expected to decrease.
- HPD continues to ask everyone to remain vigilant especially during the day and encouraged people to call 911 anytime.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Concerns were shared about trash and abandoned vehicles at 585 Hahaione Street; there was also a request for a speed trailer. Maj. Green will drive by tonight to check on the abandoned vehicles. If it is abandoned and has been marked, within 24 hours notification to the Abandoned Vehicles Division will follow to a scheduled pickup. Regarding the speed trailer request, Maj. Green will follow-up with enforcement and have officers out in force.
2. It was reported that speeding is a concern in the area, but several neighbors have noticed more police presence and are appreciative of the visibility of officers. Maj. Green reported over 5,000 speeding citations issued. If it is a problem in a specific are, HPD will try to add more officers.

Board of Water Supply – Su Shin reported:

- An 8-inch leak occurred on December 20, 2008 on Kahena Street and the leak was repaired and water restored.
- A main break happened this past Friday evening at Koko Marina Shopping Center. The crews worked through the night and water was restored the next morning. It was an unusual situation in that the water pipe ran onto private property (Chevron), and water was restored to Chevron later.
- General Water Announcements: Power Outage – The recent island-wide power outage is a reminder to prepare and plan in advance for an emergency. During an emergency, stay tuned to media reports to hear information from the BWS. Generally, keep water use to a minimum during a power outage, use only for drinking and sanitation purposes, because all of the BWS's pumps use electricity to pump water up to the reservoirs. Until power is restored, the water remaining in the community reservoirs is all the water available to residents. New Year's Resolution – A suggested New Year's resolution is to decrease water usage by two, five or 10 percent, since it will save money and help to conserve Oahu's precious water supply. Three simple steps to decrease water usage include (a) installing a low-flow fixture in the shower, saving three to 28 gallons of water day, per five-minute shower; (b) filling the sink with water to wash dishes instead of keeping the tap running, saving 25 gallons of water; and (c) visiting www.boardofwatersupply.com to find more tips. The 2009 Conservation Calendar – The calendar was distributed and available to the public.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. An inquiry asked if the power outage had been longer, at what point the water would be no longer potable. Shin replied that it is 100% potable because it from ground water sources. All of Oahu uses ground sources that are pumped to the reservoirs and then fed elsewhere via gravity. However, during prolonged outages and should the water run out, it cannot be refilled.
2. If a natural disaster should occur, the State will be able to pull resources from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) to try and keep basic levels of services.
3. In response to the inquiry of why the water tasted fluorinated after an outage, Shin was not certain but thinks it could be related to meeting State and Federal drinking water standards. Shin will have to talk the water quality division and report back next month.

SPECIAL REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS:

International Baccalaureate Program in the Kaiser Complex – Rene Garvin, Education Committee Chair, introduced the principals of the Kaiser Complex. Principals Cindy Giorgis of Hahaione Elementary School (Primary Years Program), Justin Mew of Niu Valley Middle School (Middle Years Program), and John Sosa of Kaiser High School (Diploma Program) discussed their schools' plans to implement the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program curriculum in the Kaiser Complex, grades Kindergarten to grade 12. The Power Point presentation focused on three concepts: a) international mindedness that goes beyond local and national; a second language; b)

holistic education of four traditional cores plus four cores that includes physical education, world language, arts and technology; and c) communication of non-verbal, verbal, written and mathematics.

The aim of all IB learner programs is to develop internationally minded people who recognize common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, to help to create a better and more peaceful world. The learner profiles strive to become inquirers who are balanced, thinkers who are caring, communicators who are reflective, and risk-takers who are principled, knowledgeable, and open-minded. The learner profile directs schools to focus on the development of the whole person. Developing an international perspective which is a critical element of, and is central to, the program; it must begin with encouraging each student to consider the point of view of someone else in the same class. By sharing experiences in the classroom setting and beyond, students can develop their awareness of, and sensitivity to, the experience of others beyond the local or national community.

The five areas of interaction, or contexts for learning, provide: a) Approaches to learning – represent general and subject-specific learning skills, and a focus on teaching students how to learn and helping students find out about themselves as learners; b) Community and service – considers how a student engages with his/her immediate family, classmates, and friends in the outside as a member of these communities through effective planning and teaching; c) Health and social education – delves into the range of human issues that exists in human societies, such as social structures, relationships and health; d) Environment – considers how humans interact with the world at large and the parts we play in our environment; and e) Human ingenuity – deals with the way in which human minds have influenced the world; i.e., in the way we are, think, interact with each other, create, find solutions to and cause of problems, transforms ideas and rationalize thoughts. It also considers the consequence of human thought and action.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Currently Hawaiian history, culture and language are being taught statewide on a regular basis. But in response to the inquiry whether Hawaiian language could be considered language B in the IB curriculum, the response was that because Hawaiian is not considered an international language, it was preferred that a more internationally known language be chosen.
2. With regards to physical aspects of the program, a question was whether there is a physical education component in place to address overweight or obese students in grades 11 and 12. Sosa noted it will be incorporated into the diploma program and there is an array of PE classes provided as well.
3. There is nearly 35% or about 325 students in the freshman class and that more interest may force the program to get to all 9th and 10th grades students. At the diploma level, the hope is to start with 50 students and build from there. Currently, there are about 85 students taking regular placements tests and Sosa personally hopes those numbers will build to 100 students.
4. There are only two schools implementing the diploma program. This year, Campbell High School is the first public school, although the private Mid-Pacific Institute has had this program about 15 years. Giorgis said Le Jardine Academy, a private school on the Windward side, and Iroquois Point Elementary are going through the process of implementing the program.
5. It was questioned whether other school complexes have thoughts of implementing this program; it was noted that the program is rigorous, requiring a lot of training, rethinking and deep discussions of the school, its teachers, and community.

No Child Left Behind – Sosa briefly explained the process in that overall scores of the students are classified into groups of ethnicity, income, etc., and the schools are judged based on how well the students do. The school has developed a plan of talking to students about motivation and school pride, etc. While the school did not make adequate yearly progress this year, it plans on turning that around. This year, Kaiser did not score well enough in math; Chair Knudsen noted one year, Kaiser met all performance standards, but fell short in participation.

Ka Iwi Part II – Reilly introduced Abby Seth Mayer, Director of the State Office of Planning, who continued the overview of State Land District Classifications within the Hawaii Kai Region. In November, Mayer focused on State-owned lands makai of Kalaniana'ole Highway. This month, Mayer focused on lands mauka of the highway, including lands that are privately owned.

Mayer gave a brief overview and history of the State Land district classifications in the Hawaii Kai region. The General Plan Development Petition was highlighted concerning two parcels in particular on the mauka side.

State Land District Classification – The mauka lands in P-2 (preservation) are classified as General Preservation. The entitlement process through the City covers certain uses; their term is labeled “Urban Fringe” in east Honolulu. The major land owners include the State’s Department of Hawaiian Homelands, Kamehameha Schools, the City and two private-owned parcels. The focus tonight, relates to the two parcels that have changed ownership within the last year, and nothing is known about their building intentions. The two parcels total approximately 184 acres that move up the valley along the golf course over the ridge and back down to Queen’s Rise.

Reclassifying State Lands and Not the Privately Owned Lands – The private property owner has certain rights under the law for entitlement. And for the State and or the City to step in and remove such entitlement, a certain process must be followed. It is also the intent of the new property owners to show their goals, and the State, given the current budget situation and liability, does not want to proceed without due care. The State does feel the land should move into conservation lands and be managed by the State Department of Natural Land and Resources. This situation dates back to the 1960’s, when the lands were originally designated as Resort Lands. The key facts are a) preparing a petition within the State Office of Planning; b) the time factor; and c) whether or not an Environment Impact Statement/Assessment is required; DLNR is looking to the State Office of Environment Quality Control for a ruling on this matter.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. The former landowner was represented by Attorney William McCorrison and Mayer did not know who is representing the new landowner; also, the proposal of the former landowner is no longer on the table.
2. In the petition process, it would be beneficial for the Board to support a resolution on the reclassification, in addition to a resolution in support on the Council level. And during the hearings process with the State Land Use Commission (LUC), public comment and testimony, written or in person is also welcomed and encouraged. The Board will be kept informed during the process.
3. It was agreed that it would be a great benefit to find some level of settlement. If a land trust or the Trust for Public Lands becomes involved as advocates, methods of preserving land for perpetuity may be implemented. Mayer is always available as a general resource to help explore; if necessary, he will recuse himself if any legal complications should arise.
4. A comment noted how gratifying to see how far the group has come in its efforts to protect the Queens Beach area. There is a great need for vigilant cooperation and participation; there was consensus for protection of the land, and that Mayer’s assistance is welcomed.

Chair Knudsen reiterated the need to keep vigilant and updated on the status.

Member Livingston left at 8:30 p.m. during the above portion of the meeting; 13 members were present.

PUBLIC GENERATED ISSUES:

Bicycle Safety Training Course – Natalie Iwasa announced having attended a 24-hour training course on bicycle safety which was sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists; she will soon be able to teach parents and others the course. The course is 45 minutes to nine hours and can be held in a parking lot. If interested, contact Natalie Iwasa at 396-7721.

Noise Resolution – Bob Kern, of Makiki, has come to share a concern about noise and there are three neighborhood boards that have passed resolutions in that respect. Kern wanted to encourage consideration of a similar resolution. Kern will provide copies of the resolutions and contact information to interested persons. The Board has heard testimony on the noise issue and the item will be taken up at the February meeting.

Feral Chicken Concern – Bruce Chapman, resident of Kuapa Isle, was concerned about the noise from feral chickens at the Hawaii Kai Park & Ride. The removal efforts are greatly appreciated but continuing efforts by the City to remove all the chickens was encouraged. Chapman is open to any help and suggested using a type of feed that would inhibit the reproductive ability of the chickens. Others have recognized the same concern as well.

Citizens For Safe Hiking (CFSH) – Linda Vannatta introduced Inga Gibson, Hawaii State Director of the Humane Society of the United States, and Kawehi Yim, of the Hawaiian Humane Society, and gave an update on the legislative efforts to make hiking trails safer. The focus is on a resolution to convene a working group to explore the safe use of hunting dogs on public hiking trails; a recommendation from the working group will be made to the legislature for action next year. A draft copy of the resolution has been given to David Tanabe, of the Board's Parks & Recreation Committee. Vannatta also shared a story of a longtime resident (Laura Thompson) of Nui Valley, and her experience several weeks ago with loose hunting dogs on her property. The dogs were described as wearing the wide collars typical of hunting dogs and were in distress because of starvation and or injury; often Thompson could hear the hunting dogs barking on the mountain behind her home. This is an example of how unregulated use of barking dogs in Hawaii not only affects the safety of hikers on public hiking trails but also residents who live near hunting areas.

Gibson has worked with CFSH and other groups to advocate the protection of animals. The concern is not only of hikers' pets but pets that have been injured by hunting dogs that have trespassed onto private properties. A resolution is expected to be introduced within the next couple weeks.

Yim reiterated that some of the same concerns had been raised to the State Department of Land and Natural Resources in recent statewide community meetings of the comprehensive outdoor recreational plan. Both hunters and animal advocates were present. The problem was the mixed use of Hawaii's trails for hunters and hikers and their companion dogs. Hunters are concerned about the public coming into hunting areas and the hikers were concerned about running into the hunters and their dogs. Gibson and Yim look forward to discussion at the February meeting on the resolution.

Chair Knudsen announced that there has been prior communication with a representative of the pig hunters and in all fairness, this matter will be noticed for formal discussion at a future Board meeting, likely in February.

Animal Care Foundation (ACF) – Frank De Giacomo representing the ACF noted that several good points were raised relating to the problems with hunting dogs on the hiking trail. Often when trying to regulate the situation, the trouble increases. He suggested taking a proactive approach by allowing DLNR to do their job by seeking enforcement of current laws already in place, and encouraging DLNR to get proper funding and manpower to so they can do their jobs better. He asked the Board when considering hunting borders to think of their effectiveness. On another note, a young piglet is looking for a home for family membership only and not for consumption. The piglet's mother was killed by a hunter, and often the piglets are left to starve and die. If there are any interested families, contact the Animal Care Foundation at 396-3333.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative – Sidney Quintal, Director of the City Department of Enterprise Service, departed early without giving his report. The Board opted to move on.

Councilmember Charles Djou – The report was distributed earlier and the Councilmember proceeded to highlight: 1) He introduced a resolution in support of Ka Iwi. Secondly, the informal opinion of Corporation Counsel on whether the Board may petition with the Land Use Commission for intervening status, the answer is 'no.' This Board, as an entity, cannot petition for intervening status; however, Board members, as individuals, can petition and retain their own Counsel. 2) The shift of the rail away from Salt Lake Boulevard. 3) Relating to fireworks, he is hoping to pass legislation urging the State legislature to regulate fireworks. 4) He is looking forward to passing a resolution to ask President Obama to reconsider the decision on the former Kaneohe Marine Sgt. Rafael Peralta who was killed in action in Fallujah, Iraq. Sgt. Peralta was awarded the Navy Cross, but Djou feels there is good reason to consider him for the Medal of Honor. 5) Djou is optimistic his bill relating to driving and using electronic devices will pass legislation. 6) Djou's office will follow-up on the feral chicken issue. 6) He announced Dylan Nonaka as his new Chief of Staff.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. A comment noted the possibility of amending legislation to stop people from watching DVD players in the front seats of the car. Djou's position is that it is unsafe and he will continue to advocate for the restriction.
2. Regarding Ka Iwi, Djou understands the State is going to initiate a petition and he will push a Council resolution to support the State's action. Now, the question is whether any opposition is anticipated by other councilmember's.

3. In the last several years, a flat out ban on using cell phones while driving has been introduced numerous times, and none of those bills ever passed for numerous reasons. He will continue to introduce bills to ban text messaging and playing video games while driving.
4. There was encouragement to check with the Animal Care Foundation for more information regarding chicken feed to lessen reproductivity. Djou noted that in a limited and controlled environment, that type of feed could work. However, in a natural environment where there is a possibility of encountering an endangered species, that could do more harm to the environment than just ridding feral chickens.
5. Reilly will need to submit to the State a copy of the written statement from Corporation Counsel with their formal opinion relating to the petition request for intervening status on Ka Iwi; Djou will forward a copy of Corporation Counsel's opinion to Reilly.
6. There were complaints about tax dollars going to pay lobbyists for rail.

Governor Linda Lingle's Representative – Abby Seth Mayer, filing in for Russ Saito, highlighted the following from Governor Lingle's Neighborhood Board Update: 1) Governor Lingle delivered her 2009 State of the State Address on January 26, 2009. 2) The State unveiled the \$4.2 billion, six-year Highway Modernization Plan. 3) The State launched the "Recreational Renaissance" initiative that aims to provide recreational opportunities across the state. 4) Governor Lingle seeks public input on list of Supreme Court nominees provided to her by the Judicial Selection Commission to fill a vacancy on the Hawaii State Supreme Court which was created by the retirement of Associate Justice Steven Levinson. Public comments may be sent via email to governor.lingle@hawaii.gov or by fax at 808-586-0006. All comments should be submitted by the close of business on Friday, January 30, 2009.

Senator Sam Slom – Senator Slom was present earlier and circulated his report.

Senator Fred Hemmings – The Senator's report was distributed and Charlotte Farmer highlighted the following: 1) Legislation will be introduced this session to make fractional ownership of homes in residential communities illegal. It is the senator's belief that it is not in the best interest of the community to offer partial ownership of residences with an exception for members of the same family. 2) Hemmings worked with Reilly and Mayer to proportion Ka Iwi as conservation land for perpetuity. 3) Letters were sent today to Hawaii public schools under threat of closure and members of the State Board of Education to plea that those schools be converted to charter schools. Hemmings supports saving the two charter schools included on the closure list.

Comments followed:

1. It was pointed out how fiscal challenges are creating the need to consolidate certain schools and how it makes no sense to turn over one inefficient operation to another inefficient operation. Charter Schools, on a per student basis, drain a good deal of State resources. They are not an excellent model of economic efficiency.
2. Senator Hemmings was thanked for his role in the work on the Ka Iwi issue.

Representative Gene Ward – The representative highlighted the following items from his report: 1) Governor Lingle will initiate land reclassification of State-owned land on the Ka Iwi scenic shoreline from urban to conservation. Ward thanked the Governor for being sensitive to the needs of the Hawaii Kai community. 2) The Makapuu Lighthouse Trail must be maintained for access by the U.S. Coast Guard. 3) Two key projects for Hawaii Kai and part of the Governor's Recreational Renaissance program include \$8 million for Maunalua Bay and Makapuu Lighthouse repairs and renovations. 4) Coqui Frog Townhall meeting: Monday, February 9, 2009 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Hahaione Elementary; Makani Christenson will head that effort. 5) Ward's legislative staff includes: Lori Wingard, Chief of Staff; Community Liaison, Francisco Figueiredo. 6) "Keep the Valley Valley" bumper sticker contest was created by Ward's Office to bring attention to Save Kamilonui Farmlands.

Chair Knudsen would agenda a presentation on the Coqui Frog issue for February's meeting.

Representative Lyla Berg – No representative was present; a report was available.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion/Action on "Bill 6" relating to Bed and Breakfast Homes – Gary Weller reported that Phyllis Young was in support of this bill. However, there is confusion about the difference between a TUV (transient vacation units) and B& B (bed and breakfast).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning and Zoning – Gary Weller will give an updated report at the next meeting.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) – Greg Knudsen

OTHER BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Board Member Announcements: 1) Referring to tonight's meeting, Gary suggested changing the time limit for presenters be revisited and changed to seven minutes.

Board Chair Announcements included:

- Neighborhood Board Elections and Paperless Ballots – a) Deadline to submit application for the Neighborhood Board Elections is February 20, 2009. Contact the Neighborhood Commission Office at 768-3710 for more information or log on to their website. b) Voting will be entirely online in late April or May. C) For elected Board members the term will run from July 2009 to June 2010.

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, 2009, at the Hahaione Elementary School cafeteria, 7:00 p.m.
- Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board regular meetings are broadcast every Tuesday of the month at 9:00 p.m. on Olelo Channel 54. Check TV listings to confirm schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: Without any objections, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Submitted by

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