



HAWAII KAI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 1

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES HAHAIONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Greg Knudsen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of nine members present. Note - This 15-member Board requires eight votes to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

Members Present – Robert Clark (arrived 7:03 p.m.), Matt Dirks (arrived 7:06 p.m.), René Garvin, Marian Grey, Jeanette Hanson, Aaron Isgar, Norma Kehrberg, Greg Knudsen, Wayne Levy, David Livingston (arrived late), Carl Makino, Elizabeth Reilly (arrived 7:04 p.m.), David Tanabe, and Gary Weller.

Members Absent – Steve Geimer (notified).

Guests – C. Matthews, Liz Matthews, Lori Arizumi (East Oahu Sun), John Hanson, Natalie Scoles, Vanessa Fox (Hawaiian Humane Society), Jeffrey Krantz, Courtney Krantz, Ann Marie Kirk, Clyde Kaimaloha, Steven Geshell, Donna Lipman, Andy Kikuta, Linda Iwamoto, June Friendsuttult, Diane O'Reilly, T. Arakawa, Alan Price, Linda Vannatta (Citizens for Safe Hiking); Maj. Robert Green, Lt. Gary Lum Lee, Sgt. M. Asato, Ofc. K. Takamiya and S. Foreman (Honolulu Police Department); Councilmember Charles Djou and Dylan Nonaka (staff), Thomas Yamabe II (Kamilonui Farm), Natalie Iwasa, Colleen O'Handley, Brad O'Handley, Chuck L. Teikis, Mitch and Suzanne Wright, Roland E. Maurer, Mark Cluney, Ron Takahashi, Billy Robello, Nalu Kukea, Dan Quinn (Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Parks), Jeannine Johnson, Rodney G. Jose and Rodney Oleari (Pig Hunters Association of Oahu), Elizabeth Uhr, Rep. Lyla Berg, Sen. Sam Slom, Charlotte Farmer (Sen. Fred Hemmings Office), Gordon Bruce (Mayor's Representative), Capt. Craig Roberts (Honolulu Fire Department), Sue Shin (Board of Water Supply); Rep. Gene Ward, Francisco Figueiredo and Makani Christenson (staff); Bob Farrell and Ivonne Cardenas (Videographers, Makakilo.com), Ann Marie Kirk (Livable Hawaii Kai Community Hui), Alyssa Miller (Malama Maunaloa); Dan Quinn (Department of Land and Natural Resources), Ralph Bishop, Eric Miyamoto, Marie Richardson (Neighborhood Commission Office).

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 27, 2009 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Not available; deferred to the next meeting.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT: Jeanette Hanson reporting for January 2009 in the Operating account, an expense of \$62.35 for printing/postage of agenda/minutes and lei, leaving a balance of \$994.41. The Publicity account had no expense, leaving the balance at \$1,540.50. The Refreshment account remains at \$113.25. The Treasurer's report was filed.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Capt. Craig Roberts reported:

- January 2009 Statistics – 3 structural and 1 rubbish fire; 49 medical emergencies, 3 search/rescues and 21 miscellaneous alarms for service.
- Fire Safety Tip: Smoke alarms save lives and are an important part of a home fire escape plan. Properly installed and maintained smoke alarms have contributed to an almost 50% decrease in fire deaths. According to the National Fire Protection Association, 65% of reported home fire deaths in 2000 - 2004 resulted from fires in homes that had no or inoperable smoke alarms. An estimated 890 lives could be saved each year if all homes contained working smoke alarms.
- Smoke Alarm and Fire Safety Tips: 1) Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement. 2) Test smoke alarms at least once a month or as directed by the manufacturer. 3) Replace smoke alarm batteries once a year or as directed by the manufacturer. 4) Practice your home fire escape plan. 5) Designate a safe meeting place outside your home.



Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Maj. Green circulated the monthly report highlighting the report with District 7's email address and website, a district map of police beats, and overall property crimes show a decrease however, burglaries show a slight increase; and the community is encouraged to remain vigilant and call HPD.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Safety Concern, Corner of Kalanipuu St. and Lunalilo Home Rd. – A truck is parked daily blocking the view of residents exiting that corner. No parking signs were suggested on both sides of the south exit of Kalanipuu St. from the driveway to corner. Chair Knudsen referred this matter to the Mayor's representative Gordon Bruce. Maj. Green also noted that vehicle may be in violation and a course of action can be taken.
- 2) Commending HPD & HFD – For their involvement with the January 2009 incident at Koko Crater. Police officers were also in the fire helicopter providing security until specialized services division arrived on the scene. The response was excellent for what appeared to be the best resolution of the situation.
- 3) Semi Trucks Parked in Residential Areas – For commercial trucks over 10,000 pounds, the limit for parking is four hours (the limit is 24-hours for regular vehicles). No overnight parking is allowed.
- 4) Extended Families with Multiple Cars – HPD was asked about many cars of extended families parked near street corners in the community. Call 911 if this is happening; officers will respond and take action if the vehicle is parked on a crosswalk, blocking a fire hydrant, the street corner, blocking a driveway, etc.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Su Shin reported:

- Main Breaks – No water main breaks were reported since the last meeting.
- New BWS Head – Wayne Hashiro, previously the City's Managing Director, has joined BWS as the new manager and chief engineer.
- Xeriscape Workshops – Workshops are held each month at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden geared toward community education about conserving water outdoors. Scheduled workshops are: (a) February 28, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – adults learn how to make organic pesticides; and (b) March 21 and May 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – learn how worms can turn food waste into organic fertilizer at the worm workshop. Call 748-5363 or email tours@hbws.org to register for classes.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCY IN SUB DISTRICT 7: Chair Knudsen announced that David Livingston (Sub district 7) will be resigning from the Board due to scheduling conflicts. He has served many years doing an excellent job. Anyone living in Sub District 7 area is eligible; the vacancy will be posted on next month's agenda.

PUBLIC GENERATED ISSUES:

Bicycle Safety Class – There will be three bicycle safety courses by Natalie Iwasa at Bishop Museum for the YMCA's "Healthy Kids Hawaii Day" on April 18. The one-hour courses are at 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. There is no charge for the course, and admission to the Bishop Museum is free for the April 18 event.

Feral Chickens – A resident of Kuapa Isle reported that the feral chicken situation and noise extends from the Hawaii Kai Park-and-Ride to Kuapa Isle. He urged the City to stay on top of the situation and continue the eradication effort. He was referred to the Mayor's representative for assistance.

HB1310 and SB367 – A member of the Livable Hawaii Kai Community Hui expressed concerns about HB1310 and SB367 that directly affects Maunalua Bay. HB1310 would allow commercial thrill crafting on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, which is in direct opposition to a 1980s measure to not have thrill crafting in the bay. Other concerns included: the health, noise, and pollution of the bay; effects on fish; lack of community participation in the process. SB367 would affect the duration of permits. There should be fair opportunity for discussion, and the community is asking the Board to help.

Representatives from the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) will hold a community meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at Kamiloiki Elementary School from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to address the Recreational Renaissance bill and Maunalua Bay.

Feral Cats – A resident expressed concern about the smell of feral cats at a Hahaione condo; and another concern at the corner of Keahole Street and Hawaii Kai Drive relating to the condition of the construction wall next to the Hale Alii property.

Restoration of Maunalua Bay – A member with Malama Maunalua, a community-based initiative to restore Maunalua Bay, shared concerns about HB1310 and SB367 as it relates to Maunalua Bay. 1) There is an existing Maunalua Bay recreation plan in place. Changes need to be part of a community process; this bill should be deferred. 2) Environmentally, Malama Maunalua recommends that DLNR do an environmental study of recreational impacts at Maunalua Bay. Interested persons were encouraged to attend the DLNR meeting on May 3, 2009; and these bills (HB1310 and SB367) can also be tracked on the legislative website.

Jet Ski Operator – A jet ski business, operating in Maunalua Bay for the last 15 years, does not want to cause any negative impact on the community. The negative publicity from the 1980s happened when there was no recreational management whatsoever. Hawaii laws governing jet skis are very stringent and considered one of the toughest in the nation. Since the implementation of recreational management, this particular operation has been considered one of the safest; it would be near impossible to get liability coverage if any serious accidents had been experienced. Regarding SB367, its intention is to be fair and equal to other boating businesses operating in Hawaii. Jet ski and parasailing operators are the only ones subjected to the rules where the permits are up for auction after 20 years of doing business.

Other testimonies were noted and the Chair reiterated no discussion or debate, only testimonies.

- Jet Ski Owner/Operator – favored SB367, noting it does not affect anything that does not already exist in Maunalua Bay. This bill is only intended to remove a 20 year-term maximum placed on their business, and, from a business standpoint, level the playing field. This Jet Ski operation provides 25 full-time jobs and brings thousands of tourists to the shopping centers, small businesses, and restaurants each year. The hope is to keep an open mind when addressing the concerns and come to a mutual understanding.
- Paddle Board Resident/Operator – reiterated on the previous comment supporting the idea of working with the community, and concerned about the environment as well. And the issue relating to erosion stems from a magnitude of things; and the jet ski/standup paddle boarders are always helping people in danger and are good stewards of the resources. Communication is encouraged between the community and business operators because they, too, live and work here.
- Weekend Recreation – A longtime resident questioned how is it that commercial businesses get 20 days of a month and resident families only get only nine days to play in the bay; and what about the erosion of the shoreline and reefs?

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative – Gordon Bruce introduced himself and gave a brief background of his last four years with the City. He is up for re-confirmation as director of the City Department of Information Technology, and has 30-years of experience in the information technology industry. Bruce looks forward to working with this Board and community and asked assistance by filling out the Mayor's concern form, which will help to bring more clarity to the concerns (location, street names, etc.) and will ensure that a follow-up happens.

It was stated that the Board has an established procedure of communicating by email. Bruce will email the forms to the individuals for a response. Bruce proceeded to respond to the concerns from the previous month:

- Sensor loops on the ewa side of Hawaii Kai Drive at Keahole Street were paved over – The Department of Transportation Services reported that the sensors are active and working; there is no ordinance or law that requires they be visible; an overlay would not affect the operability.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Bicycle Safety Resolution – The resolution noted that the City will be aware of and not pave over sensor loops because bicyclists cannot see them. The question was, if the City cannot put pavement cuts where the sensor loops are, can they paint boxes around the loops. The only way to trigger the sensor is being directly on the loop. Bruce repeated the question for verification and will follow-up next month.
- 2) Article About Neighborhood Boards – A question asked if there was more information relating to the Star Bulletin article where Mayor Hannemann mentioned streamlining neighborhood boards. Bruce knows only what was mentioned in the mayor's State of the City Address.
- 3) "Tech Tip" of the month – Log on to the www.honolulu.gov and click "online services" to submit an online request to have an abandoned vehicle removed, and also look at other online services provided.
- 4) Online Technology – The recent Neighborhood Election application period was poorly run in that information had not been updated on a timely basis; and since going into online technology, it should have been sharper. Bruce replied that the process of the last neighborhood board election was a pilot project to identify what works and what needs improvement.
- 5) Mayor's Concern Form/Streamlining Neighborhood Boards – A request that the forms be given to Board members. Regarding streamlining the neighborhood board process, a request that consideration be given to the number of people who are disenfranchised by the online technology process.

As noted by the Mayor's rep, the purpose of the pilot project was to identify what would be the volume of people that would elect to vote online, and the turnout was low. But it is something that would have not been known had the NCO not done the pilot.

- 6) Upcoming Election – Hearing the turnout of the pilot program, the comment referred to the upcoming election that the pilot project does not justify the online election. In reply, Bruce had not heard that the upcoming election would be 100% online.

Councilmember Charles Djou's – Kendall Amazaki distributed the Councilmember's report highlighting:

- On the Council Agenda – a) Reconfirmation of the Mayor's Cabinet; b) Bill 67 relating to banning of text messaging while driving; and c) Resolution 09-029 CD1, State's petition to reclassify state-owned land on the Ka Iwi shoreline.
- Upcoming Meetings – Council committee meetings are scheduled for March 3 through 6, 2009.
- Feral Noise Chicken/Cat Issue – The Councilmember's office will work with the Mayor's office to initiate something to address the feral chicken noise issue.

Governor Linda Lingle's Representative – Russ Saito circulated the Governor's Update and reported the following:

- Governor Off-Island – Governor is in Washington D.C. interacting with President Obama's administration.
- Initiatives to Upgrade Infrastructures – Three initiatives include the highways, airport, and parks and harbors modernization plans.
- Signage at Makapuu – Request for signage (lock your valuables) at Makapuu Light House Trail parking lot and roadway. The Department of Transportation is willing to do that, but is asking feedback from the Board. This was a request from a public concern, and the Board has yet to consider a position.
- Notice to Proceed – Road improvement of the left turn lane from Kalaniana'ole Highway to Hanauma Bay received its "notice to proceed."
- Lunalilo Home Road – The additional right turn lane onto Kalaniana'ole Highway from Lunalilo Home Road did not qualify for federal stimulus funding.
- Traffic Improvement – The project for two right turn lanes at Keahole Street onto Kalaniana'ole Highway will proceed.
- Traffic Signal LED Improvement – On Kalaniana'ole Highway from Ainakoa Street to Hawaii Kai.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Relating to a bicycle safety issue, work on Kalaniana'ole Highway to align the guard rail across from Koko Marina Shopping Center had stopped. The request asked for a follow-up on the project; Saito will verify.

Senator Sam Slom – Senator Slom distributed his report and highlighted on the following:

- HB444 Civil Unions – Hearing started at 9:00 a.m. and 1467 individuals have signed up to testify.
- Coqui frogs – Department of Agriculture is investigating the reported Coqui frog issue at Hawaii Kai Drive.
- Continuous Power Outages – The Senator will be talking with the Public Utilities Commission and Hawaiian Electric Company about the power outages in the Hawaii Kai area.
- Recreational Renaissance – The Senator is opposed and will vote no to fees relating to the recreational renaissance and Ka Iwi.
- SB367 Relating to Thrill Crafts – The Senator explained while most have not read the bill, he introduced it on behalf of the business owners who live in this community for the purpose of looking at the policy particularly as it relates to the permitting process. The introduction was in January, in the beginning of the Legislative session, two weeks before this Board's meeting. The Senator has asked several times if there are any bills/actions this Board would like for him to represent.

Chair Knudsen announced that SB367 and HB1310 will be heard tomorrow at 2:45 p.m., in Room 229 at the State Capitol.

Senator Fred Hemmings – Senator Hemmings' written report was circulated. See the Senator's representative, Charlotte Farmer, to convey any questions.

Representative Gene Ward – The Representative's report was circulated and he proceeded to highlight on:

- Small Business Conference – Rep. Ward and Sen. Slom both co-chaired the Small Business Conference and introduced bills HB1310 and SB367 to begin initiation of dialogue between the government and the people. He urged the public to attend the March 3, 2009 public meeting by DLNR.
- Ka Iwi Shoreline – An ongoing discussion to designate Ka Iwi a wilderness area and keep it in preservation.
- Bumper Sticker – Contact Ward's office to get the "Keep the Valley Valley" bumper sticker.
- Coqui Frogs – To be discussed later on the agenda.
- House Concurrent Resolution 65 – Calling for an odor mitigation plan for the wastewater treatment plant.
- Neighborhood Board Resolution – Ward will be writing a resolution to keep the Neighborhood Boards just that, Neighborhood Boards.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Relating to the thrill crafting bill, Rep. Ward reiterated that it will be heard by the Senate committee tomorrow.

Representative Lyla Berg – Representative Berg's report was circulated highlighting the following:

- Legislative Information – On page 2, gives instruction on how to send-in testimony and how to track bills online; refer to the key links for instructions.
- HB1310, Relating to Maunaloa Bay – In conversation with the chair of the Water, Land and Ocean Resources committee, it was noted that there was no testimony in opposition, so the bill advanced.
- Wailupe Elementary School – Testimony was submitted to the Consolidation Task Force to consider other perspectives when making the decision regarding the future of the school.
- List of Bills – Included was a list of bills that Rep. Berg introduced and co-sponsored in the 2009 Legislative Session.
- Charter Schools – Are state public schools, but are not governed by the Department of Education; best understood as non-traditional educational settings where innovative teaching and curricula can be developed and implemented.
- East Oahu Sun – The newspaper reported that Niu Valley Middle School's candidacy was accepted for the International Baccalaureate Program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion/Action to support the State's Petition to Reclassify its lands in Ka Iwi from Urban to Conservation – Reilly moved, Tanabe seconded on behalf of the Hawaii Kai community, the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1 supports the State of Hawaii, through its office of state planning, to petition with the State Land Use Commission, to reclassify from urban to conservation, state-owned land on the Ka Iwi shoreline. Furthermore, the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1 supports the Council of the City and County of Honolulu in their efforts through Resolution 09-29 to support the office of state planning's petition. Hearing

no objections, **the motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 13-0-0.** (AYE: Clark, Matt Dirks, Garvin, Grey, Hanson, Isgar, Kehrberg, Knudsen, Levy, Livingston, Makino, Reilly, Tanabe, and Weller.)

Discussion/Action on Proposed User Fees at Ka Iwi Scenic Shoreline Park and Other Effects of DLNR's "Recreational Renaissance" on Ka Iwi and Maunaloa Bay – Dan Quinn with the State Parks Division of DLNR. gave a brief opening presentation in that the goal, challenge, and strategy of the Recreational Renaissance is to provide a comprehensive plan. The upgrading and funding through a combination of new, non-tax revenues and limited, modest fees by generating \$240 million in capital improvement funding over five years. This will be supported by general obligation bonds, developing new revenues from commercial and industrial rents on state lands, and limited non-resident user fees to pay debt service on \$200 million in General Obligation Reimbursable bonds.

The Recreational Renaissance bill (HB980) addresses improvements for land-based and boating recreational areas; it does not include fees for entry. For Ka Iwi, the plan is to reconstruct the lighthouse road, which is failing in different spots, and for park and trail improvements. For Maunaloa Bay, there is a \$4 million CIP envisioned for work that includes; channel improvements, launch ramp replacement, new boat wash down area, new loading dock, new comfort station, new revetment at canoe club area, and parking and roadway improvements.

On collection of non-resident user fees (residents would be free with local ID), the state is looking at single-entry-point parks and places where access can be controlled. The only state park where a fee is currently collected is Diamond Head Park at \$5 per vehicle and \$1 per walk-in; this is the proposed fee, except possibly \$3 per car at Nuuanu Pali. Many state parks are heavily used by out-of-state visitors; this is a way to address the impact of that use. Entrance fees are used in many park areas. The entrance fee process approval is separate from the bill and will have to go through an administrative rule process by the state

The Chair added that HB980 presents a financial plan that is dependant on fees. DLNR has very publicly stated its intention to impose fees at Ka Iwi. It was hoped that DLNR, after reassessing the calculations, would conclude that it was not feasible to do fees at Ka Iwi based on the low number of non-residents who used the Makapuu Lighthouse Trail in 2007. This is according to data used to determine which sites would be selected to impose fees.

Chair Knudsen read the motion: **to oppose the imposition of user fees at Ka Iwi Scenic Shoreline, including Makapuu Lighthouse Trail, and to support the removal of Ka Iwi from the list of state parks affected by House Bill 980 (Recreational Renaissance); Weller moved on the motion and Grey seconded.** Discussion followed focusing on the argument that there should not be user fees at Ka Iwi. Another concern referred to its points of entries, that the area was purposely kept wilderness and inline with the natural landscape, and that the Ka Iwi master plan does not make concessions for user fees. An inquiry was made as to whether the community would have an opportunity to express concerns about user fees at the March 3, 2009, DLNR meeting, and relating to the perception that discussion on user fees is being intentionally avoided.

Quinn noted that statewide presentations on the Recreational Renaissance are commencing. He assured the Board that DLNR is only trying to meet the legislative timeframe, that Ka Iwi is not a focus for development, and there is no hidden agenda.

A question was asked about when the community will have an opportunity to speak in open forum to the effects of this bill on Ka Iwi. Others expressed frustration for being disregarded and avoided, on how to get Ka Iwi removed from the CIP list in HB980, and on how imposing user fees during this economic time is wrong. An objection when the question was called asked to hear from the community before proceeding with the vote. Following comments focused on opposition to user fees, a suggestion to look at enforcement of illegal activities and monitoring such situations at Maunaloa Bay and other state parks, and keeping an out eye out for red flags and false promises. **The Board proceeded to a vote and the motion was ADOPTED, 12-1-0 (AYE: Matt Dirks, Garvin, Grey, Hanson, Isgar, Kehrberg, Knudsen, Levy, Livingston, Makino, Reilly, Tanabe, and Weller. NO: Clark).**

Discussion/Action on Hawaii Kai Noise Pollution – Due to technical difficulties, Ralph Bishop asked that his presentation be deferred to a subsequent meeting.

Discussion/Action on Safe Use of Hunting Dogs on Public Hiking Trails – Linda Vannatta, founder of Citizens for Safe Hiking, gave a brief recap of HRC60 that calls for a working group to explore the safe use of hunting dogs on hiking trails. Currently, the rules are such that hiking dogs are on-leash and hunting dogs are off-leash, and tend to attack the pets of the hikers. This is an effort to begin dialogue on making hiking trails safer for hikers and pets.

This is a major concern, a complicated issue with a positive approach. Chair Knudsen read the motion: **to support House Concurrent Resolution 60, which requests the University of Hawaii at Manoa, College of Social**

Sciences, Public Policy Center and Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution to convene a working group to explore the safe use of hunting dogs on public hiking trails; and that the working group should include in the dialogue representatives from: 1) DLNR; 2) Honolulu Police Department; 3) Citizens for Safe Hiking; 4) Hawaiian Trail and Mountain Club; 5) Hawaii Dog Foundation; 6) Hawaiian Humane Society; 7) The Human Society of the United States; 8) The Nature Conservancy; 9) The Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter; 10) The Hawaii Hunting Associations; and 11) The Oahu Pig Hunters Association. Tanabe moved and Livingston seconded. Vannatta was thanked for her work on this effort noting the importance of an unbiased entity to facilitate this effort. It is also noted when going into discussion with the working group that everyone is treated fairly and an amiable solution is the outcome.

Comments followed: 1) The Hawaiian Human Society is in support of HRC60, calling for a working group and urged being a part of a constructive discussion and process. 2) A representative of the Pig Hunters Association expressed concern about their dogs as well. It was explained that when the hunting dogs encounter hiking dogs, the hiking dogs tend to bark at the hunting dogs, thereby drawing attention of their location to the other hunting dogs. But to avoid any problems in the mountains, it was suggested to leave hiking dogs at home or refrain them from barking when they encounter a hunting dog. Hunting dogs are equipped with tracking collars and are not left in the mountains. It was also recommended that hikers attend safety classes as is required of pig hunters in order to obtain a hunting license; and to wear orange clothing. **The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 13-0-0 (AYE: Clark, Matt Dirks, Garvin, Grey, Hanson, Isgar, Kehrberg, Knudsen, Levy, Livingston, Makino, Reilly, Tanabe, and Weller).**

Discussion/Action on Recent Koko Crater Rock Slide – Gordon Bruce, Mayor’s representative, reported that it is City and County parks land, and that an engineer was sent to inspect the rock that fell and determined that there is no risk at this time; however, the City is going to continue to monitor that particular site.

It was noted that there was some reaction from residents who live below the fall and that it had been an issue of concern for many years; and in what manner has this been conveyed to the residents. Rep. Ward reported that inspection reports indicated that the City will continue to monitor the site weekly; Bruce will follow-up.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) A resident, who lives below the rock fall, explained that there are various other boulders that are huge. A heavy rainfall is feared that could soften the grounds. If observing the section from Kalanipuu Street between 813 and 825, it is scary. It is very concerning and the hope is that this matter will be handled proactively and not reactively.
- 2) A request for response is what the cost to the City would be to remove that threat completely; Bruce will look at and address the entire situation.

Presentation on Coqui Frogs in East Honolulu – Makani Christenson wanted to increase community awareness of Coqui frogs, an invasive species that could invade Hawaii Kai. The noise made by the frogs is detrimental. Because full disclosure is required when selling property, the frogs’ noise has caused property values to depreciate. The community is encouraged to spread the word and to partner with area schools.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Christenson was appointed by Rep. Ward as Coqui Frog “Chairman of the Board;” contact Christensen at (808) 780-1253 before 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Residents were encouraged to capture the Coqui frog. Citric acid has been known to be used; lime works, but is not recommended. Residents are encouraged to call the Pest Hotline for help to rid the problem.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Relations – Jeanette Hanson called Costco in reference to the gas station and was told that they are still looking at options and there is no plan in place at this location.

Education – René Garvin added: 1) To the record that she attended a Coqui frog presentation and that on the Big Island, the Coqui frog issue is so bad that tourists are checking out of their hotels and people cannot sell their houses. So, the idea is to catch them. 2) Announced that Kaiser has a free Parent Project from March 2 to May 4,

2009; to help parents with difficult or out-of-control adolescents. For information, go to: www.parentproject.com/ or call the PCNC at 394-1200.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) – Greg Knudsen attended the Citizen Advisory Committee for a briefing on a major state initiative for transportation. Refer to www.hawaii.gov/dot/highway/modernization for information and statistics. Knudsen found it interesting. However, he was skeptical that the highway improvements would cost every taxpayer \$172, but the state says it will increase the flow of traffic and save a half hour a day; which equates to a dollar value of about \$1800 per individual.

There were no other reports for the following; Parks, Transportation, Communications, Environment, and the Planning and Zoning committees.

OTHER BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Board Member Announcements – None.

Board Chair Announcements

- Neighborhood Board Elections – Knudsen was hoping to mention the final list of those running for this Board. The list that has been posted online is not current and there is still no certifiable final list. But, given what is posted at this time; all those who are seated and chose to run for re-election will be elected without opposition; unless there are more applications. Knudsen read off the list of all those being re-elected in the at-large and subdistrict races; so far, two vacancies are showing in Subdistricts 4 and 8.
- David Livingston will be leaving end of this meeting and was recognized for his participation. Livingston really enjoyed working with the Board.
- Correspondence – None.

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, 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 OIelo Channel 54. Check TV listings to confirm schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Submitted by Marie Richardson, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by Greg Knudsen, Chair