



HAWAII KAI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 1

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2009
HAHAIONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Greg Knudsen called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. with **a quorum of 14 members present**. Note - This 15-member Board requires eight members for a quorum and to take official Board action.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Clark, Matt Dirks, René Garvin, Steve Geimer, Marian Grey, Aaron Isgar, Norma Kehrberg, Greg Knudsen, Wayne Levy, Carl Makino, Amy Monk, Elizabeth Reilly, David Tanabe, and Gary Weller.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeanette Hanson (notified absence).

VACANCIES: None.

GUESTS: Russ Saito (Governor Linda Lingle's Office, State Department of Accounting and General Services, Comptroller), Senator Sam Slom, Gordon Bruce (Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Office, Department of Information Technology, Director), Councilmember Charles Djou and Kenny Amazaki (Councilmember Charles Djou's Office), Sgt. Susan Medeiros, Sgt. Maurice Asato and Ofc. Keith Takamiya (Honolulu Police Department); Capt. Robert Thomas (Honolulu Fire Department), Moani Wright-Van Alst (Board of Water Supply), Natalie Iwasa, Chuck Lileikis, Colleen Lashway (Hawaii Kai Public Library), Stanley Chang, Lori Arizumi (East Oahu Sun), Suzanne Wright, Donald Huff, Bob Farrell and Ivonne Cardenas (videographers, Makakilo.com), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office).

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2009 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: No minutes were available.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 28, 2009 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: No minutes were available.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT: Chair Knudsen read the Treasurer's report. The previous Operating Balance was \$910.81. With \$57.39 expended for the printing and mailing of the agenda/minutes, the closing Operating Balance is \$853.42. The previous Publicity Balance was \$1,290.50. With \$500.00 expended for the videotaping the Board meetings, the closing Publicity Balance is \$790.50. The Refreshment Balance remained at \$113.25. The Treasurer's report was filed.

STATUS REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department - Capt. Robert Thomas reported: 1) April 2009 statistics - 56 medical emergencies, 4 search/rescue, and 9 miscellaneous service calls; 1 wildland and 1 structure fire. There was one major incident and nine units responded. 2) Fire Safety Tip - Wildland fire risks increase as summer approaches. Make a 30-foot wide firebreak by clearing vegetation and clutter around all structures. Have an emergency preparedness plan ready in case of emergency evacuation. Consider the need for fire department access.

Honolulu Police Department - Sgt. Maurice Asato distributed the monthly report and reported: 1) 23 noise citations were issued. 2) The handout listed several tips when using an Automatic Teller Machine (ATM).

Comments followed: 1) Residents observed drivers speeding at 50 miles per hour in a 25 mph zone on Lunalilo Home Road and requested more control of speeding. 2) There is no breakdown of the type of noise citations that were issued, but citations are usually issued for loud "boom boxes" and mufflers. 3) Natalie Iwasa added that May 12 was "Bike to Work Day."

Board of Water Supply - Moani Wright-Van Alst reported: 1) There were two water main breaks in May 2009. 2) 2009 Water Conservation Week Poster and Poetry Contests - BWS expressed mahalo and aloha to the nearly 3,500 student artists and 200 poets who participated in the 2009 Water Conservation Week Poster and Poetry contests. Their art and poetry creatively depicted simple ways to conserve water. The winners have been announced and were honored at an awards ceremony by Mayor Mufi Hannemann. A list of winners, online art



gallery, and short video are at www.boardofwatersupply.com. The posters and poems will be on exhibit at Kahala Mall from June 1-12, 2009. 3) 2009 Detect-A-Leak Week – June 7-13 - The BWS's 19th Annual Detect-A-Leak Week encourages customers to check for property leaks and repair them promptly. Leak detection efforts are simple ways to save water and save money. Throughout the week, free toilet leak detection dye tablets may be picked up at City Mill stores, Satellite City Hall, or the BWS's Lobby on Beretania Street. From June 1-15, customers may enter to win a free home leak detection by filling out an entry form at the BWS web site.

Comments followed: 1) Check water meter for leaks. 2) BWS meter reading is done electronically.

PRESENTATION:

Hawaii Kai Public Library - Colleen Lashway, Head Librarian, presented: 1) Some of the services provided by the library include children services, young adult services, and adult services, for example, how to use the Internet to access the Hawaii State Library catalogue. The HKPL has a long-standing relationship with the Hawaii Kai Lions and other groups. The Friends of the Hawaii Kai Library has a summer reading program. 2) Regarding governance and the 10% cut in budget, there is a hiring freeze, no expansion of the 39 hours and no funds for books. The Board of Education sets policy and hires the State Librarian. To view other libraries and their hours, visit www.libraries.org. Fines go to libraries where paid. Purchased books money goes to the Friends of the Library and the libraries apply for projects funding. If the public sends money directly to the Hawaii Kai Public Library, then it will get a "Thank you" note and a tax deduction. The Legislature passed a budget and the Library Administration cut 10% or \$2.9 million in book purchases.

PUBLIC GENERATED ISSUES:

- 1) Donald Huff commented that the Kaiser High School Performing Arts Department is very good and deserves more funding. Another resident agreed. On the Department of Education budget, the Performing Arts Center is low priority. At Nanakuli High and Intermediate, the school improved its cafeteria "theater" with funding from the Disney Company.
- 2) Natalie Iwasa commented that the selection of the playground equipment for Koko Head District Park had no public input. Department of Parks and Recreation did not come before the Board or change the type of equipment. It may not be age appropriate for the younger users. Tanabe will follow up with DPR.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

Mayor's Office representative - Gordon Bruce reported: 1) Regarding the March 13, 2009, Koko Crater boulder inspection report, copies of the report were provided earlier to Representative Gene Ward and on May 4 to the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board Chair. 2) Regarding the reported broken glass on Lunalilo Home Road, Lunalilo Home Road was swept last week. Division of Road Maintenance has a tentative schedule of twice a month sweeping in the Hawaii Kai area. However, this is contingent on the availability of resources. The street sweeping schedule is not posted online. 3) A resident and Gary Weller requested that a white or yellow center-line be painted on Kamilo Street. The Department of Transportation Services will conduct an investigation which may require site assessments, research, and traffic history and data analysis. DTS will inform the Board of the status of their investigation by August 2009. 4) DTS conducts and finances a quarterly chicken round up in the Hawaii Kai Park and Ride. The next one will begin June 2, 2009. The quarterly schedule is as follows:

QUARTER	PHASE I (TRAPPING)	INCUBATION (HATCHING PERIOD)	PHASE II (TRAPPING RESUMED)
1	09/02/08-09/16/08	09/17/08-10/13/08	10/14/08-10/28/08
2	12/02/08-12/16/08	12/17/08-01/13/09	01/14/09-01/28/09
3	03/02/09-03/16/09	03/17/09-04/13/09	04/14/09-04/28/09
4	06/02/09-06/16/09	06/17/09-07/13/09	07/14/09-07/28/09

The current tally of trappings since January 1, 2009:

DESCRIPTION	JANUARY TRAPPING	MARCH TRAPPING	TOTAL
ROOSTERS	11	8	19
HENS	9	11	20
CHICKS	7	12	19
EGGS	10	27	37

DTS has invited Greg Knudsen and Jeannette Hanson to contact them regarding the establishment of a Hawaii Kai community group to assist in the effort to control the chicken population in Hawaii Kai. The DTS contact person for this effort will be Glenn Moir at 768-8370 or gmoir@honolulu.gov. 5) Regarding the surveyors at the Mariner's Cove, Department of Design and Construction has a project to rehabilitate roads in Mariner's Cove under design. Estimated advertisement for bids will be in summer 2010. 6) Regarding the sewers on Kalaniana'ole Highway, DDC confirms there is a project going out to bid (article in today's Honolulu Advertiser). 7) Regarding the Village Green apartments, previous Notices of Violation 2009/NOV-03-131 and 2009/NOV-04-052, dated March 19, 2009, and April 13, 2009, respectively, were issued for the sidewalk area being cracked and uplifted by roots of private trees. Both damaged locations are approximately nine feet (9') by fifteen feet (15') in size. Inspector Pam Roberts met with the Resident Manager of the Village Green Apartments, on site, spray-painted the damaged area white, and personally showed him the area of damage that needs to be repaired. 8) Regarding Paul's Electric violating parking laws and damaging City curbs while working on the street lights on Lunalilo Home Road. DDC stated that they have a project to upgrade the street lights along Lunalilo Home Road. They stated that if their contractor damages the City road, the contractor needs to repair it.

Comments followed: 1) The Board thanked the City for the Kuliouou sewer project report. 2) Contact the Humane Society about birth control for chickens. 3) A resident wanted a second gray rubbish bin and wanted to trade a blue or green bin for a gray. Call complaints to 768-4381 or complaints@honolulu.gov. 4) Regarding Paul's Electric, call HPD for safety issues. 5) There was an auto crash in October and both drivers claimed seeing a "green light" on Lunalilo Home Road and Hawaii Kai Drive. The Mayor's representative will follow up.

Councilmember Charles Djou reported: 1) Ikaika Anderson was sworn in as the new City Council member. 2) Bill 42 will be placed "on hold" in his Committee on Executive Matters and Legal Affairs. People can still argue with him. 3) Most Councilmembers agree on the Shark Resolution banning shark baiting and tours. 4) He is in favor of continued expansion of curbside recycling over buying more land for landfills. 5) The vehicle weight tax will probably go to five cents per pound. It used to cost about \$35 when he first was elected to about \$160 now. 6) The "Bed and Breakfast" Bill is held up in Councilmember Rod Tam's Zoning Committee. 7) He will follow up on the "Dave Matthews" bench in Ka Iwi.

Comments followed: The vehicle weight tax and gas tax goes to the highway funds, but sometimes go to other projects.

Governor's Office representative - Russ Saito reported: 1) On the widening and re-striping at Hanauma Bay for left turn lane. After hearing of a pedestrian hazard at the site, Department of Transportation trimmed the brush within two days. 2) Construction of the right lane on Kalaniana'ole Highway from Keahole Street to Hawaii Kai Drive will start after school starts in the fall. 3) Laura Thielen, Director of Department of Land and Natural Resources, offered to come to explain the Recreational Renaissance. 4) Over Memorial Day weekend, DLNR enforced boating rules at the Kaneohe sand bar. 5) Ka Iwi is before the Land Board. 6) The Governor's newsletter highlighted that the Governor invites public comments on legislation as she has until July 15 to sign, veto, or allow the measures to become law without her signature; and Swine flu (H1N1 flu) information.

Senator Sam Slom reported: 1) There will be a July Special Session to override any Governor's vetoes. 2) HCR 65 is about odor control for the Hawaii American Water Company. 3) There will be two high school graduations - Kalani on Thursday and Kaiser on Friday. 4) "Karen's Law" Bill, which charges minors who commit murder as an adult, died in conference committee. 5) The State is still collecting the "Cell Enhanced 911" tax although the system is almost finished. The legislature "raided" \$25 million from this special fund, leaving \$9 million dollars. 6) The Federal Transportation Administration is spending money on older transit projects first, then on newer projects, and lastly for new start-ups such as Honolulu Rail Transit Project. Federal funds have many restrictions. 7) On Thursday the Council of Revenues will make downward projections.

Senator Fred Hemmings - No representative or report.

Representative Gene Ward reported: 1) He will try to abide by the time limits. 2) The Neighborhood Board elections had military-level security. He agrees with not limiting the Neighborhood Board system by combining Boards or charging fees. 3) A shark information briefing was held at the State Capitol. 4) The control of Coqui frogs lost funding on the Big Island and there are more Coqui frogs in Hawaii Kai. 5) There is an odor mitigation meeting scheduled and an Odor Mitigation and Monitoring Task Force is being organized. 6) Kamilonui Valley farmers begin lease negotiations in 11 months. 7) An additional measure exempting a tax on ethanol failed to pass and will add around 10 cents per gallon at the gas pump starting July 1. So, the cost of living in Hawaii will rise again. The 28% increase in the hotel room tax and other tax increases could slow down economic recovery.

Comments followed: 1) Dr. Carl Meyer's shark report is forthcoming, but his findings are disputed. 2) The farmers found out yesterday about the lease negotiations.

Representative Lyla Berg - Newsletter was available.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion/Action to Oppose Councilmember Djou's Proposal (Bill 42) to Charge \$250 to Non-City Entities that Report to Neighborhood Boards More Than Three Times per Year - Chair Knudsen passed the gavel to Vice Chair Reilly. **Knudsen moved, and Weller seconded that the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board agrees with the Neighborhood Commission Office that charging any fee to any entity to speak before a Neighborhood Board four times or more is a bad idea and stifles the free flow of information that is the foundation of our purpose as a public forum. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0 (AYE: Clark, Dirks, Garvin, Geimer, Grey, Isgar, Kehrberg, Knudsen, Levy, Makino, Monk, Reilly, Tanabe, and Weller).**

Discussion/Action on Expenditure for Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board Publicity Materials - **Levy moved, and Isgar seconded that the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board authorizes spending up to \$400 for publicity banners. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0 (AYE: Clark, Dirks, Garvin, Geimer, Grey, Isgar, Kehrberg, Knudsen, Levy, Makino, Monk, Reilly, Tanabe, and Weller).**

Discussion/Action on Expenditure for a Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board Booth at the Independence Day at Maunalua Bay Event - **Isgar moved, and Weller seconded that if the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board is willing to commit volunteer staffing and meaningful activities, then it is authorized to spend up to \$300 for a booth and supplies at the Independence Day at Maunalua Bay afternoon event. The Kuliouou/Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No. 2 would be invited as the Board's guests to share space in the booth. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0 (AYE: Clark, Dirks, Garvin, Geimer, Grey, Isgar, Kehrberg, Knudsen, Levy, Makino, Monk, Reilly, Tanabe, and Weller).**

Discussion/Action on a Resolution Asking Hawaii Kai Residents to Fly the American Flag on July 4 - Chair Knudsen passed the gavel to Vice Chair Reilly. **Knudsen moved, and Kehrberg seconded that in conjunction with Independence Day at Maunalua Bay, the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board encourages our community to show its welcome to our Oahu visitors and pride in our nation by flying the American flag on the Fourth of July. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0 (AYE: Clark, Dirks, Garvin, Geimer, Grey, Isgar, Kehrberg, Knudsen, Levy, Makino, Monk, Reilly, Tanabe, and Weller).**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parks - David Tanabe will follow up with Donna White, Supervisor of the Koko Head District Park, about public input on the playground equipment above tennis courts. 2) Tanabe will also get an update on the summit tramway trail. 3) Summer Fun starts on June 24. Registration is \$25. 4) National Trail Day is June 6.

Education, Transportation, Community Relations, Communications, Environment - No report.

Planning and Zoning - Gary Weller will follow up on questions about the Hale Alii development, and farm lots.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) - Greg Knudsen reported that the Citizen Advisory Committee heard an update on the Honolulu Rail Transit Project.

OTHER BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Board Member Announcements - There were none.

Board Chair Announcements

Update on SB636, Recreational Renaissance Bill - The "Recreational Renaissance" Bill died. "Plan B" still has fees. The Board may invite DLNR Director Thielen to a Neighborhood Board meeting.

Update on Statewide Ban on Shark Tours - Most Senate hearing testimony was opposed, but the media focused on a pro-shark tours study at the North Shore, not Maunaloa Bay. There is illegal chumming in the 3 to 200-mile limit. Chumming can be achieved by blood in water and by electronic devices, emitting low-level frequencies.

Update on Koko Crater Rock Slide - The topography makes a boulder threat unlikely.

Update on Agenda Template for Neighborhood Boards - There are 17 Neighborhood Boards that opposed it. The Neighborhood Commission is still talking about it and wants to set the July agenda. Knudsen filed an Ethics Commission complaint about the agenda template and Bill 42.

Update on Neighborhood Board Elections and Installation Ceremony for Elected Neighborhood Board Members - There was a dismal voter turnout. There were 115,000 pieces mailed out and many uncontested elections. There were 7,289 voters or 6.3% of voters at \$80,000 cost. Last time the elections had a 28% voter turnout. More money needs to be spent on advertising. The results may mean that Oahu is not an electronic society yet. The Board may vote on a resolution at next month's meeting on budget cuts or the Neighborhood Boards. On Saturday, June 20, there will be orientation and installation of Board members for the new 2009-2011 term.

Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board Vacancies in Subdistrict 4 and 8 - Starting on July 1, 2009, there will be vacancies in Subdistricts 4 (Hahaione condos) and 8 (Koko Head Terrace).

Correspondence - There were none.

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 30, 2009, 7:00 p.m., at Hahaione Elementary School Cafeteria.

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: The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Submitted by K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by Greg Knudsen, Chair