DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2010
HAHAIONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Greg Knudsen called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with a quorum of 13 members present and announced that tonight’s meeting was being "live streamed" online at Makakilo.com. Note - This 15-member Board requires eight (8) members for a quorum and to take official action.


Members Absent - Wayne Levy (notified).

Vacancy - One Seat for Subdistrict 8 (Lunalilo Park, Mauka).

Guests - State Senator Sam Slom, State Representative Gene Ward and Jame Schaedel (Representative Gene Ward’s Office staff), Matt Prellberg (Representative Lyla Berg’s Office Staff), Acting Mayor Kirk Caldwell, Councilmember Rod Tam; Lt. Arthur Kurosu, Sgt. Roy Hayamoto, and Officer Mark Mitchell (Honolulu Police Department, District 7); Capt. Wong (Honolulu Fire Department); Moani Wright-Van Alst (Board of Water Supply), Nick Blunk (Hawaii Bicycling League), Jeremy Low, Lee Mansfield (Hawaii American Water Company), Lori Wingard, T.J. Lane, Natalie Iwasa, Tom Yamabe (Farmer), E. Kwock, Robin Bond, John Browning, Stanley Chang, Rich Turbin (Waialae/Kahala Neighborhood Board No. 3); Chris Baron, Steve Camara, Peter Kay and Kevin Mulkern (Kuli‘ou‘ou/Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No. 2); Liz Uhr, Carl Higashi, Mei Lan Hee, Karen Knudsen, Wyatt Kam, Bill and Judy Kern, Joe Pandoife, Peter Carlisle (former Prosecuting Attorney), Philmund Lee, Don Huff, Liz Graham, Shari Floyd Berinobis, Robert Schmidt, Chuck Prentiss (Kalua Neighborhood Board No. 31), Bill Souza, Panos Prevedourous, Khis De Jean, Beth-Ann Kozlovich, Makani Christensen, Ivonne Cardenas and Bob Farrell (Videographers, Makakilo.com); and K. Russell Ho, Marie Richardson, Gloria Gaines and Aisha Wang (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

FILLING OF VACANT POSITION: Subdistrict 8 (Lunalilo Park, Mauka) - As there was no volunteer, this item will be deferred to the next meeting. Chair Knudsen asked the public to help publicize this vacancy.

STATUS REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) - Capt. Wong reported the following:
- Statistics for August 2010: Included 1 structure, 1 rubbish and 7 wildland fires; 59 medical emergencies, 6 search and rescue calls and 21 miscellaneous alarms, which include broken hydrants and false alarms. There was 1 major incident, a brush fire in Kalama Valley on July 4, 2010, involving 14 fire companies.
- Fire Safety Tip - A well-prepared and practiced home fire escape plan is an important part of the family’s safety and may save the family’s lives. Having an advanced warning sound from a working smoke alarm increases the family’s ability to exit safely and quickly. Fire can quickly fill a home with toxic smoke, thus creating a dangerous environment. Prepare by: Installing and maintaining working smoke alarms, preparing and practicing a fire escape plan, identifying a meeting place outside, ensuring that family members know two ways to exit every room in the home, and, once safely outside, call 911 immediately.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD), District 7 - Officer Mark Mitchell reported the following:
- Statistics for August 2010: Included 9 burglaries, 17 thefts, 17 unauthorized entries of a motor vehicle (UEMV) and 21 noise citations issued. The monthly safety tip was about the “Child Booster Seat” law. Contact the Community Policing Team at www.honolulupd.org/patrol/d7.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - Moani Wright-Van Alst reported the following:
- Water Main Breaks - There was a break tonight. It was a 12-inch pipe on Hahaione Street.
- Conservation Tips - Hawaii has become the driest state in the nation, according to the National Weather Service, and will continue to experience below normal rainfall for the remainder of summer. While
Oahu’s drinking water supply comes from groundwater sources, as contrasted to surface water on the neighbor islands, BWS is continuing asking everyone to conserve and use the water needed, but not to waste it. Current water levels are on a normal downward trend, which happens every summer. A few simple water conservation tips: Don’t water lawns between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., check for leaking plumbing fixtures and toilets, install water-efficient plumbing fixtures, take shorter showers, and don’t let the faucet run and run. More tips are available on-line at www.boardofwatersupply.com.

PUBLIC GENERATED ISSUES:
1. Honolulu Century Ride - Nick Blunk of the Hawaii Bicycling League announced the annual Honolulu Century Ride will be held on Sunday, September 26, 2010. Minimum traffic interruption will occur throughout Hawaii Kai.
2. Hawaii Kai “Dump” - Judy Sobin presented photographs of a “dump” where people have discarded rubbish behind the Park and Ride. This was referred to the attention of Acting Mayor Kirk Caldwell.
3. “Walk to School” Day - Natalie Iwasa announced that children are encouraged to participate in “Walk to School Day” on Tuesday, September 28, 2010. Also, Iwasa questioned why the cost has risen to $4 million for the State Department of Transportation’s project to add a right turn lane from Keahole Street to Kalanianaole Highway, and expressed disappointment that the project was for cars to go faster but would increase risk for bicyclists and pedestrians.
4. Hawaii American Water Company (HAWC) Project - Ian Arakaki of Limtiaco Consulting Group reported that the HAWC project was underway and it would continue through the end of the year with lane closures. Call Arakaki at 596-7790 ext. 26. Makani Christensen reported that there were several sewage spills when he was “out in the water.” Lee Mansfield of HAWC responded that these sewage spills were not coming from their project, but were from storm drain run-off.

Recess was called at 7:23 p.m.

CANDIDATES FORUM: Moderator Beth Ann Kozlovich

Candidates for Honolulu Mayor Special Election: Kirk Caldwell, Peter Carlisle, Khis De Jean, Philmond Lee, Panos Prevedouros, and Rod Tam. (Calvin Griffin and John McLeod did not participate.)

Candidates for Honolulu City Council, District 4: Shari Floyd Berinobis, Stanley Chang, Makani Christensen, Frank De Giacomo, Carl Higashi, Jeremy Low, and Rich Turbin.

Agenda resumed at 9:50 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion/Action on a Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board Resolution Opposing the 50% Budget Cut Imposed on Neighborhood Boards by the Neighborhood Commission Office - As the Fiscal Year 2011 budget was re-instated to Fiscal Year 2010 levels, this item was not discussed.

APPROVAL OF JULY 27, 2010 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: The Board APPROVED the July 27, 2010, regular meeting minutes as circulated by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 12-0-0 (AYE: De Giacomo, Garvin, Grey, Isgar, Knudsen, Makino, Monk, Reilly, Rutkowski, Schreiner, Tanabe and Weller).

Corrections to the May 25, 2010 regular meeting minutes -
- Page 2, under East Honolulu (EH) Baseyard, it should read, “Chair Knudsen asked whether Caldwell’s letter is the “official” position on the EH study or should the Board expect a letter from the BWS Director, also. Kessler will follow up on this matter for the Board.”
- Page 2, under Intermittent High Water Pressure Readings, it should read, “Intermittent High Water Pressure Readings – In response to a resident’s concern for intermittent high water pressure readings (160 to 175 psi), which followed after a recent water main break near his home, Kessler stated that the average water pressure is between 50 and 60 pounds.”

Corrections to June 29, 2010 regular meeting minutes -
- Page 2, under PUBLIC GENERATED ISSUES: Lights in the Park, it should read, “Natalie Iwasa reported the lights at the Kamiloiki Neighborhood Park have been switched back to a manual timer.”
• Page 3, under Hawaii Kai Street Lighting Project, it should read, “For clarification, the City, not the Board, stopped the project at Wailua Street.”

SECRETARY/TREASURER’S REPORT: Secretary/Treasurer Maxine Rutkowski reported the Operating Balance was $800.00 and $50.63 was expended for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes, leaving a balance of $749.37. With no expenditures for videotaping, the Publicity Balance remained at $1,200.00. The Treasurer’s report was filed. Chair Knudsen added that the Fiscal Year 2011 budget was re-instituted to Fiscal Year 2010 levels of over $4,000.00. Chair Knudsen asked the Neighborhood Commission Office if it would honor the Board's motion to hire Makakilo.com to videotape 10 of the 11 Board meetings at $250.00 each. He received no response yet.

OTHER BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Board Member Announcements -
• Hanauma Bay Fees - Board member Grey reported that there was no one on duty to collect fees at Hanauma Bay after 3:00 p.m. This would mean loss in revenue to the City.
• Meeting with Representative Gene Ward and State Department of Land and Natural Resources Director Laura Thielens - Vice Chair Reilly will report next meeting.
• Variance Request by Hawaii Kai Marina - The public hearing is set for Thursday, September 23, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. They are requesting a variance for the boat trailer parking area.

Board Chair Announcements -
• Letter from the Neighborhood Commission Office - Chair Knudsen received a letter from the NCO informing him that the Board is in violation of the 2008 Neighborhood Plan for creating the office of Secretary/Treasurer. This item will be discussed at the next meeting. Knudsen said options include naming Rutkowski as Treasurer and leaving the Secretary position vacant, filling both positions separately, or challenging the NCO by leaving the situation as is, since the Neighborhood Plan allows boards to create officer positions as needed. In the NCO letter, Executive Secretary Rae Gee said if the Board took no action, “any action taken by the Board with the new officers may be null and void since the officers will not have been properly elected,” which Knudsen considered to be a threat.

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS:
• Next Meeting - The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 28, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at Hahaione Elementary School Cafeteria. It will include a Candidates Forum featuring East Honolulu candidates for the State Legislature and Oahu candidates for the State Board of Education.
• Olelo Broadcasts - 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.
• Bulky Pickup Dates (4th Wednesday of the Month) - September 22, 2010, and October 27, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Submitted by:
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Neighborhood Assistants

Reviewed by:
Greg Knudsen
Chairperson