



HAWAII KAI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 1

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012 HAHAIONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Greg Knudsen called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with a **quorum of 14 members present**. This 15-member board requires eight (8) votes to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Members Present: Paige Altonn, Michael Bomhoff, Robert Clark, Réne Garvin, Marian Grey, Greg Knudsen, Carl Makino, Roberta Mayor, Amy Monk, Elizabeth Reilly, Maxine Rutkowski, Herb Schreiner, David Tanabe and Gary Weller.

Members Absent: None.

Vacancies: One (1) seat vacant in Subdistrict 8 (Lunalilo, Mauka).

Introduction of Board members: Board members introduced themselves at this time.

Guests: Senator Sam Slom, Senator Pohai Ryan, Laura Thielen (Office of the Mayor/Agricultural Liason), Marti Townsend (Kahea), Capt. G. Yielia and FF1 Greg Nakamura (Honolulu Fire Department), Richard Hawkins (Colony Marina), Kurt Tsue (Board of Water Supply), Annie Ha'o, Harold Stone, Michael Leong (Council Member Stanley Chang's Office staff), Sarah Fukumoto (Representative Gene Ward's Office staff), Pat McManaman and Randy Baldemor (Governor Abercrombie's Representative), Sgt. Johnny Agoo (Honolulu Police Department), Natalie Iwasa, Sam Slom (Senate District 8), Larry McElheny, Kimo Franklin (Malama Maunaloa), Tinkle Malama (Videographer), Marie Richardson and Adam LeFebvre (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

FILLING OF VACANCY: There were no volunteers to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 8 (Lunalilo, Mauka).

STATUS REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – FF1 Greg Nakamura provided the following report:

- **Statistics for January 2012** – Included 2 structure, 2 wildland, and 1 vehicle fire; and responded to 55 medical emergencies, 7 search and rescues, and 23 miscellaneous calls.
- **Smoke Alarm Safety Tip** – Smoke alarms save lives and are an important part of a home fire escape plan. Since the late 1970s, properly installed and maintained smoke alarms have contributed to a 50% decrease in fire deaths. An estimated 890 lives could be saved each year if every home contained working smoke alarms.
- **Visible Addresses** – Permanent and visible house numbering of sufficient size and height is critical for emergency responders to quickly identify the correct location. For more information, please refer to the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH), Chapter 2, Section 9.2(d)(2), and the Fire Code of the City and County of Honolulu (ROH Chapter 20, 1997 Uniform Fire Code, Section 901 .4.4.).

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) **Airlift Rescues** – Schreiner asked if there was a charge associated with airlift rescues, for example off of the Koko Crater trail. FF1 Nakamura replied that the service is free of charge.
- 2) **Home Smoke Alarm Systems** – Altonn asked if the fire department would assist in the verification of a home smoke alarm system. FF1 Nakamura didn't have an answer, but look into it. Nakamura mentioned that it may be a good idea to form a monthly class to educate the public on proper smoke alarm installation. Nakamura would ask the HFD Public Relations division if this was possible.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sergeant Johnny Agoo provided the following report:

Statistics for January 2012 – Included 11 burglaries, 15 thefts, 26 thefts from a motor vehicle (UEMV), and 23 noise citations were issued.



Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Kurt Tsue reported the following:

- Main Break Report – Two water main breaks in Hawaii Kai for the month of February – On February 22; an 8-inch main break at 1055 Oilipuu Place at 8:05 p.m. and on February 24; an 8-inch main break at 898 Hokulani Street at 7:37 p.m.
- New Manager & Chief Engineer – The BWS is pleased to announce that Ernest Y. W. Lau has recently been appointed as its tenth manager and chief engineer. For more information on Ernest Lau, please visit our website at www.boardofwatersupply.com.
- Detect-A-Leak Week: March 11 – 17 – The BWS encourages all residents to check for property leaks and to fix them promptly during Detect-A-Leak Week, which is being observed statewide from March 11-17. Free toilet leak detection dye tablets will be available to the public during that week at the BWS Public Service Building at 630 South Beretania Street, at all Satellite City Halls, and City Mill locations. For more leak detection information, call 748-5041 or visit our website, Facebook or Twitter pages:
 - Website: www.boardofwatersupply.com
 - Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/BWSHonolulu>
 - Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/BWSHonolulu>
- Leak Detector Tablets – Tsue also handed out water leak detector tablets to the board and community members present. He mentioned that the tablets were available for free at the Board of Water Supply headquarters on Beretania.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Alternative to the Dye Tablet – Chair Knudsen pointed out that, in the absence of a water leak detection tablet, a drop of food coloring will also suffice. Merely place in the tank, and watch for the colored water to appear in the bowl.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

Mayor's Office Representative / Agricultural Liason – Laura Thielen introduced her dual role tonight as mayor Carlisle's representative and as the agricultural liaison. The agenda was taken out of order to hear her report; her agricultural report was circulated.

- Agricultural Revenue – Statewide agricultural revenue has grown by over \$100 Million dollars (20%) over the past five years. She also noted that, while the amount of agriculturally-designated land is shrinking, the demand for locally grown produce is higher than ever.
- Demand for Local Produce – In response to the potential demand for increased agricultural productivity, an outreach program was started by the mayor. The objective was to interview agriculture workers and food distributors to get an idea for the demand of locally grown produce. It is estimated that the demand is strong enough that farmers could sell three times as much produce in order to meet demand.
- Agricultural Assistance – In order to boost agricultural productivity, the office of the Agricultural Liaison has provided assistance to farmers in a number of ways, including educating agricultural workers about Hawaii tax laws, allowing them to take advantage of a lower tax rate, reduced cost of water fees and building supplies, etc.
- Production Scale – O'ahu is the second largest agricultural-producing island, with revenue only about \$10 million below the Big Island's average revenue.
- Increase in Local – Import Ratio – It is estimated that, due to rising shipping and fuel costs, O'ahu vegetable crops may constitute the majority of local vegetable produce. A local company has already set up a deal with McDonalds, Burger King and Subway to use locally grown vegetables in their products.
- Agricultural Barriers – There are a number of barriers that exist for O'ahu farmers, including the lack of agricultural land, the high property value on rental land, federal building and food safety standards, etc.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Agenda Addition – Chair Knudsen, while appreciative of the report, informed Thielen that next time an agricultural report must be added to the agenda.
- 2) Urbanization – Weller congratulated the council for taking initiative on agricultural matters, as (in Weller's opinion) the council has been favoring urbanization over the emphasis for Hawaii Agriculture.

Mayor's Report – At this time Laura Thielen proceeded to highlight a number of community questions and concerns from the previous meeting.

- Hawaii Kai Park and Ride Concerns – the Office of the Mayor has been in contact with the concerned resident and with Michael Leong in the solving of this matter. The request has been sent as a RISR on February 28 and will be addressed by the appropriate agency.
- Letterhead – The issue is under review by Corporation Council (COR).
- Remnant Parcels – Remnant parcels 1, 2, 3, and abutting 8 have been sold for \$28,600 (as noted by resolution 11-357). The proceeds will be deposited into a “reserve for fiscal stability fund,” similar to a “Rainy Day” fund, only to be used in times of financial duress.
- Bulky Item Pickup – The Honolulu Refuse Yard is experiencing manpower shortages that have resulted in not having enough available personnel to be able to form three-man crews which are required to service bulky sector routes. The yard has been running two (2) weeks behind schedule in being able to service all eight (8) sectors in the Honolulu area. To make up for the shortfall of personnel, a private contractor has been used to supplement the City’s bulky collection services. Revised operational procedures have been put in place that will allow the City to field more three-man crews to aide in bulky collection services.
- Graffiti on a Temporary Structure – A grading permit (GP2011-060-315) exists for the property in question, and pending the receipt of the exact location, the Department of Planning and Permitting will contact the owner and request that they remove the graffiti.
- Koko Head Shooting Range – Effective immediately, no fees will be implemented at the shooting complex until further review of the rules and regulations has been completed and adopted. In response to concerns that the lines are too long at the shooting complex, she stated that announcements are made over the public address system informing the shooters that there is a waiting list and to be considerate of others in line. The shooting complex could open additional lines but increasing this ratio would not be prudent, as public safety becomes a factor and the numbers of range attendants are limited. The ideal ratio of range officers to shooters would be 1:5, but the shooting complex operates at a ratio of 1:10.
- The Esplanade – the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will conduct an investigation on the property, which may require field and site assessments, research, traffic history and data analysis. DTS will inform the board of the status their investigation by the April 2012 meeting.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Koko Head Shooting Range - Schreiner informed Thielen that he met with the Range Master at Koko Head Shooting Range, and provided a handout to Thielen and the members of the board.
- 2) Potholes – Reilly mentioned that she spoke with Mayor’s Representative Louise Kim-McCoy regarding a number of potholes appearing on Hawaii Kai Drive, Lunalilo and Keohole. The potholes have been covered, but have since re-appeared. A hand-drawn map was given to Thielen to mark the locations of the potholes, and was distributed by email to the board members.
- 3) Manhole Covers – Were reported missing from a number of manholes on Hawaii Kai Drive. She alerted the authorities, and praised the City and County for their efficient handling of the situation. Thielen told the board of a new Smartphone app called “Honolulu 311,” which allows users to inform city officials of problems with city property, such as potholes or missing man-hole covers. More information can be found at candohonolulu.gov/apps/14.
- 4) Haleiwa Beach Park Mauka – A member of the community was concerned about the potential sale of the Mauka portion of Haleiwa Beach Park. The resident asked Thielen for more details regarding the park’s potential sale.
- 5) Hawaii Kai Public Facilities – A number of restrooms in Hawaii Kai were found to be locked or in need of repair/maintenance. It was suggested that a private/public partnership be formed to maintain park facilities.
- 6) Hawaii Kai Sewage Management – Weller asked about the current status of Hawaii Kai Sewage management. Currently Hawaii Kai sewage is pumped into the Honolulu sewage lines many miles away, and recently a private sewage treatment facility made the city an offer to handle Hawaii Kai’s sewage.
- 7) Preventing Urbanization – Chair Knudsen thanked Thielen for her continued efforts in the prevention of urbanization.

Council Member Stanley Chang’s Representative (Council District 4): Michael Leong distributed Councilmember Stanley Chang’s monthly newsletter and provided the following report.

- Notes from Previous Meetings – Leong responded to a number of issues brought up at the previous neighborhood board meeting. He stated that his office was currently looking into the Koko Head shooting range issue. His office also expressed interest in looking into a public-private partnership for the maintenance of public facilities. There had been a request for a roundabout at Hahaione, and his office is expecting a resolution to that issue at some point this year. The bulky item pickup issue has been resolved. The traffic light

synchronization issues from Portlock to Ainakoa Street and also on Keahole Street which were addressed in last months meeting have been assigned to the DTS, and he passed the locations of the numerous potholes on the 300 to 500 block on Lunalilo Hold and also the potholes between Keahole and Wailua Street mentioned at the last meeting to the Department of Design and Construction (DDC). According to their report, 209 potholes have been repaired. Leong mentioned that the plan for repaving of Hawaii Kai Drive between Keahole and Wailua has been submitted to the DDC and is awaiting response.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Home District Authority – Reilly asked why council members don't have an authoritative position on matters which directly pertain to that member's district.
- 2) Remnant Properties – Reilly asked if Council Member Stanley Chang would detail the city's reasoning behind the selling of state park land. She asked if the local neighborhoods could be consulted in the sale of such properties. Chair Knudsen asked if there were any parks in the Hawaii Kai district designated as remnant land which could be sold and requested a status update on a small parcel of remnant park land which was considered for sale last month.
- 3) Kawanui Cemetery – Community Member Natalie Iwasa asked for an update on the meeting with McCarsten regarding the cemetery backing Kawanui.
- 4) Real Property Taxes – Iwasa also asked if Leong has completed the responses to the questions asked at the January meeting, specifically the question regarding real property taxes. She mentioned that homeowners have not paid the real property tax for a long time and interest is accruing. She was wondering what the city was doing to address this problem.

Governor's Office Representative – Patricia McManaman provided the following report:

- Budgetary Allocations to Kidney and Liver Foundations – The Governor signed into law house bill 608, which appropriated 1.5 billion dollars to the Queen's medical center to support services to kidney and liver transplants in Hawaii. There was an additional appropriation of 600,000 to the national kidney foundation to maintain their already existing services to chronic kidney disorder treatment. These funds were supplemented by a dollar-to-dollar matching by private partnerships.
- Hawaii Speed Test – The Governor wants to sponsor a state-wide internet broadband initiative, and is currently hosting free internet speed tests to collect data. Community involvement is invited to find out current internet speeds in various neighborhoods. Interested citizens can visit Hawaiispeedtest.net, or go to the governor's website (Hawaii.gov) to find a direct link to the website.
- Questions from Previous Meetings – The governor has discovered funds from a supplemental budget which could be used in the creation of adult education programs. If the budget request is approved, it will be allocated as such. There is a companion bill to House Bill 2046 which was heard and approved by the house finance committee on February 27, 2012 which provides an alternative funding option through tuition payments to be deposited into a special fund for adult education programs.
- Senate Bill 2344 – Senate bill 2344, regarding camping overnight on agricultural land (or other similarly zoned land parcels) is currently held by the senate Water Land and Housing committee. She noted that the bill appears to be dead at the moment, and doesn't seem to have any traction.
- Donations to the Kidney Foundation – The funding amount (\$300,000) to the National Kidney Foundation is contingent on the maintenance of the Chronic Kidney Disease Management Program.
- Senate Bill 2378 – There have been substantive amendments to Senate bill 2378 including the removal of the original proposals to limit eligible applicants.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Budget Reallocation – Reilly lamented the lack of creativity in the reallocation of funding from other city agencies and departments to provide funding for projects such as the undersea cable to connect the neighbor island power supplies, particularly in the removal of funding from Olelo. She asked if McManaman would relay her sentiments to the governor.
- 2) Undersea Cable – Chair Knudsen mentioned that the issue of the undersea cable would be rendered moot if the neighbor island windmill initiative should fail.
- 3) Hawaii Speed Test – Chair Knudsen said that he received no information regarding the speed of his internet connection after having taken the Hawaii Speed Test. Weller noted that the Hawaii Speed Test data is analyzed through mainland servers, the distance of which may affect the data. Weller also mentioned that he would like to know how Hawaii's internet speed compares to other U.S. cities. McManaman responded that the

point of the speed test is the collection of data for the broadband initiative, but would look into the sharing of results with the participants.

- 4) Adopt-a-Highway Remnants – Chair Knudsen noted that, while the adopt-a-highway program was effective in the removal of rubbish from the highway, the orange trash bags in which the rubbish was deposited sat on the side of the highway for over two weeks. Knudsen asked that the city be more efficient in dealing with the bags.

Senator Sam Slom (Senate District 8): Senator Slom distributed his monthly report and highlighted the following:

- Reapportionment – The State Supreme court ruled that a senate seat is to be moved to the big island, and the senate districts must be revised accordingly. The revised reapportionment map would cut most of the Hawaii Kai community out from the rest of Honolulu and place it in the same district as Waimanalo, a community which Senator Slom believes to have little in common with Hawaii Kai. Slom noted that he would vote against the redrawn map in the upcoming vote. The courts also ruled that more than 100,000 deployed military personnel on Oahu would be disenfranchised on account of their being non-permanent residents. In response, both state and federal lawsuits have been filed to allow these military personnel to be counted as living in their respective districts for the duration of their deployment.
- Carl Makino – Carl Makino was unanimously approved for membership on the fatherhood commission by the senate human services committee.
- Senate Accountability Committee – The Senate Accountability committee is currently active, and their first topic of discussion will be the overpayment of State Employee pensions.
- Senate Bill 2012 – Senator Slom reported that senate bill 2012 would authorize \$500 million for necessary repairs to Hawaii roads and schools. While the senate approved expediently approved the bill, Slom suspected that it would have a more difficult time moving through the House of Representatives.
- Senate Bill 2378 – Senator Slom mentioned that he voted no on Senate bill 2378 (the Legacy Land Bill), but that he hadn't heard back from the individuals who had raised the original concerns about the bill. He wasn't certain whether or not the objections had been answered, and invited concerned citizens to contact him with their questions or concerns about the bill.
- Undersea Cable – Senator Slom stated that he continues to oppose the construction of the undersea cable. He entertained visitors from Molokai and Maui, and the general consensus among the locals was that they were not in favor of the wind projects or undersea cabling. Expressed concerns of corruption because the Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) stands to gain greatly from the construction, whether or not it is effective.
- Board of Health Update – Slom reported that, after having met with the Board of Health, he learned that if a person is indigent and dies, the Board of Health will help to reduce funereal costs.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Gratitude for Senator Slom – Reilly expressed her gratitude for Slom's assistance with the Cemetery issue, and mentioned that she could use Senator Slom's help again to expedite reply from the Board of Health in response to her data request in relation to this issue.
- 2) Reapportionment – Chair Knudsen asked Senator Slom specifically what has changed between the old and new reapportionment maps. Senator Slom reported that, while there was a lot of respect for original national boundaries, there are many in the house and senate who oppose the new boundary lines. Slom's district, for example, has drastically changed, and there are numerous instances of gerrymandering.

Senator Pohai Ryan (Senate District 25): Senator Phoi Ryan distributed her monthly report and highlighted the following:

- Reapportionment – Senator Ryan stated that reapportionment has resulted in her district growing in size, and she will be having a committee meeting if her district still covers Hawaii Kai after reapportionment.
- Kalaniana'ole Repaving – Ryan said that the repaving of Kalaniana'ole Highway will be pushed back to 2013, but otherwise there was nothing new to report.
- Legacy Lands Bill – Ryan stated that she now supports the legacy lands bill after having discovered that it was supported by those whom she thought would be opposed.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

District Extractions – Chair Knudsen asked if Senator Ryan's district had some of the extractions, and she replied that it did.

Representative Gene Ward's Representative (House District 17) – Sarah Fukumoto distributed Gene Ward's monthly report and highlighted the following:

- Ward's Absence – Representative Ward expressed his regret that he could not attend the Neighborhood Board meeting, but was engaged in the House Finance Committee marathon session.
- Mariner's ridge hiking trail town hall meeting - She distributed copies of the minutes from the meeting. Fukumoto summarized by saying that there were about 25 people in attendance, and that they are currently engaging in talks with representatives from Kamehameha schools, who report that they are very concerned for their property, especially in regards to erosion.
- Kalama Valley Shopping Center – Ward also had opportunity to speak with Kamehameha schools regarding the use of the Kalama Valley Shopping Center. Fukumoto invited the community to submit input regarding what, if anything, to do with the shopping center. She mentioned that another town hall meeting may be scheduled to aid in the decision, and that she would let the community know when it is being held.
- Pension Article – Ward wanted the community to know that he was preparing a letter to the editor of the Honolulu Advertiser, which recently released a report of the abuse of the Hawaii State worker's pension fund. Fukumoto stated that Ward was unfairly represented in the article, as the article left out important details relating to Representative Ward's time spent in the Peace Corps.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Pension Article – Chair Knudsen expressed his interest in hearing Representative Ward's explanation for the accusations that were made in the Honolulu Advertiser article.

Representative Mark Hashem (House District 18) – No Representative Present

COMMUNITY NEWS: None.

PUBLIC-GENERATED ISSUES:

Hawaii Safe Routes to School Day Challenge – Natalie Iwasa reported that interested parties are invited to provide rides to students traveling home after school on the 4th Wednesday of every month.

Kahea; Hawaiian Environmental Alliance – Marti Talvin reported that Kahea is a society dedicated to the preservation of Hawaiian cultural practices and island resources. She stated that they are particularly concerned about the increasing development in Hawaii. Talvin reported that the society was disturbed by the number of bills being pushed through congress which allowed for the suspension of environmental law. She suspected that there were interests in the government that were working against the interests of the community, and compared the push to develop Hawaii after statehood to the current push for urbanization that Hawaii is currently facing.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- 1) Sustainability Plan – Reilly expressed hope to see more of Talvin considering that the sustainability plan is up for review.
- 2) Industrial Zoning – Chair Knudsen asked if there were any areas in Hawaii Kai that shared similarities with the area which is zoned for industrial development in Waianae. Talvin warned the board to be vigilant, as there are a number of people who are looking to push for more urban development.

Four Way Stop Request – A community member named Harold Stone asked for a four-way stop sign complete with crosswalks to be installed at the intersection of Ainapo and Hahaione Street near his house.

Questions comments and concerns followed: DOT Delay – Chair Knudsen commented that it often takes a long time for road development and improvement projects to be implemented.

Sale of Remnant Property – Larry McElheny reported that there was a large parcel of land adjacent to Hale'iwa Beach Park which is designated as remnant property. McElheny noted that, at more than 3.5 acres, the property is too large to be considered "remnant," and urged the council to oppose the sale of the property. He mentioned that if it can happen on the north shore, it can happen anywhere in Hawaii, including Hawaii Kai.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Adjacent Property Owners – Nearby landowners are allowed to bid on remnant properties, and the majority of the nearby land is owned by Kamehameha schools, and that. It was suggested that the board arrange a meeting with Kamehameha Schools to convince them to bid on the parcel.
- 2) Boutique Hotel – Chair Knudsen mentioned that the construction of a boutique hotel was considered for the parcel in question. McElheny replied that, while he had no problem with the construction of a boutique hotel, the thought of building it on state land is unthinkable.
- 3) Sustainability Plan – Reilly thanked McElheny for coming all the way from the North Shore to attend the Hawaii Kai neighborhood board meeting, and noted that an extension to Haleiwa Beach Park is mentioned in the Sustainability Plan. McElheny advised caution with the Sustainability plan, as he feels that the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) has the tendency to drastically corrupt a good plan.

PRESENTATIONS:

Results of the Rain Garden Project at Kaiser High School – Kimo Franklin of the community based, non-profit organization Malama Maunaloa, reported on the installation of the new rain garden at Kaiser High School. Franklin provided the community in attendance “before and after” pictures of the project. Franklin mentioned that the project was very successful, and that they had no shortage of volunteers with a number of students and community members providing their time and assistance. A company called “Soundscapes” provided help with the landscaping work. The next step will be to put up signage at the rain garden to express how it benefits the community and how it functions. In addition to being aesthetically pleasing, rain gardens serve to reduce storm-water runoff and pollutants from flowing into Maunaloa Bay. Franklin proposed the installation of a number of these rain gardens near schools. They serve as valuable educational tools and community instruments. The design of the rain garden is an exportable model and can be applied to a number of property types. However, it requires a strong community support base to put rain garden projects into effect. If more pilot projects like this one are done, the effect of these rain gardens will be felt by the community. Franklin invited the community to contact him at (808) 395-5950.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- 1) New Website – Monk noted that Malama Maunaloa has a new website, www.malamamaunaloa.org.
- 2) Next Huki – Reilly asked about the next “Huki” in Maunaloa bay. Franklin replied that a number of notable guests will be making an appearance. The purpose of the event will be the harvest of the bay’s evasive algal species.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion/action relating to proposed amendments to the Neighborhood Plan: Chair Greg Knudsen expressed concern over the proposed amendments to the neighborhood plan as suggested by the Neighborhood commission, and highlighted a few for discussion:

- Amendment to allow Neighborhood Board candidates to change races from at-large to their applicable sub-district and vice versa any time before the final candidates list is released on the 17th day after the candidate filing deadline.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Abuse of Power – Chair Knudsen felt that this amendment would allow for deliberate manipulation of elections.
 - 2) Final Deadline – Garvin suggested that the filing deadline should be the final deadline for choosing whether to run at-large or to the candidate’s applicable sub-district. Garvin also ventured that the energy of the Neighborhood Commission would be better spent promoting elections, referring to the poor election turnout last year.
- Amendment to explicitly prohibit sexual harassment in the Board members’ “standards of conduct” section.

Questions comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Necessity of Inclusion – Chair Knudsen questioned why it was necessary to specifically add this amendment. By being specific about one subject, it allows for the abuse of the subjects left un-mentioned. Knudsen favored a general, vaguer approach that can be perceived as all-encompassing. He suggested that, unless this is a pronounced problem in the Neighborhood Board system, or if there is a legal requirement to add this to the plan, then the board should suggest that it be removed.

- 2) Reasoning – Monk ventured that this amendment may have been prompted by the actions of another board's member. Garvin proposed that the board should ask of the Neighborhood Commission why it was added before the board takes any action one way or another.
- Amendment to make an unsuccessful candidate in a Board race ineligible for appointment to that seat if it should become vacant unless there are no other qualified applicants available for the appointment.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Runner-up – Chair Knudsen wondered why the Commission was opposed to a runner-up system. Knudsen commented that it was false to assume that the loser of an election is completely unqualified for the position. Weller commented that if the winner of the election had just over half of the votes, the loser still had the other half of the votes.
 - 2) Reasoning – It was noted that this, too, could have been a response to a past problem.
- Amendment to specify that only the Neighborhood Commission has authority to determine by motion if any Board member should be "immediately" disqualified due to moving out of the district or sub-district from which he or she was elected.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Time Delay – Chair Knudsen noted that, with the difference in scheduling between Neighborhood Commission meetings and Neighborhood Board meetings, it could take months before a member would be dismissed and replaced.
 - 2) Effect of Disqualification – Makino asked what the effect is of a vote from a disqualified member. If the member votes on an item after having been disqualified, does that, in turn, disqualify the vote? Chair Knudsen responded that only the vote of the individual in question is disqualified. Knudsen added that, unless the conflict is known at the time of a vote, it should have no impact on the outcome.
 - 3) Question of Authority – Chair Knudsen wondered why the Neighborhood Commission thought that they were more qualified than the respective Neighborhood Board to determine when a member is disqualified from duty. He posited that the Neighborhood Board in question would be most qualified in that particular determination.
 - 4) Necessity of Change – Mayor noted that the previous wording was adequate, and she felt that no further amendment was required.
- Replacement of the current Chapter 18 regarding Neighborhood Board complaints with a completely new Chapter 18 regarding Neighborhood Board complaints.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- 1) Power Shift – Chair Knudsen commented that the new Chapter 18 may serve to give further power to the Neighborhood Commission, which he felt disrespected the board system as a whole by assuming a lack of ability on behalf of the board.
- 2) Changes Needed for Other Boards – Clark ventured that there may be a number of boards that do not function as cleanly and efficiently as the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board. These amendments may be necessary in helping those boards reach a place of stability, and any changes may not even be applicable to Hawaii Kai. Chair Knudsen agreed that many boards need the help, but felt that the changes would be overkill.
- 3) Defer Judgment – Tanabe commented that very few board members have had a chance to review the proposed changes to the Neighborhood Plan, and suggested that they defer judgment until everyone has caught up.
- 4) Sharing of Power – Garvin commented that the board should propose their own revisions to the neighborhood plan which would promote shared power between the boards and the commission. Chair Knudsen responded that the Neighborhood Commission should only intervene if a board is found to be incapable of solving problems on its own.
- 5) People-Government Divide – Weller lamented that this top-down decision making process is furthering the divide between the government and the people. He reminded the board that the Neighborhood Board System was founded to bring the two entities closer together.
- 6) Public Viewing of Proposed Changes – A member of the community asked if there was an online site where the public can view the proposed changes in the neighborhood plan. She then asked when the vote would be taking place. Chair Knudsen suspected that the vote would take place the day before the next Neighborhood Commission meeting.

- 7) Letter of Disapproval – Chair Knudsen offered to draft a letter to the Neighborhood Commission Office including all board member complaints regarding the revisions to the Neighborhood Plan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no reports available at this time.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: The approval of the November 2011 and January 2012 meeting minutes were deferred until March, 2012

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 30, 2011, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: **As there were no objections the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board APPROVED the August 30, 2011 regular meeting minutes as corrected by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0, (AYE: Altonn, Bomhoff, Clark, Garvin, Grey, Knudsen, Makino, Mayor, Monk, Reilly, Rutkowski, Schreiner, Tanabe, and Weller; NAY: None; ABSTENTIONS: None).**

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2011, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: **As there were no objections the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board APPROVED the September 27, 2011 regular meeting minutes as corrected by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0, (AYE: Altonn, Bomhoff, Clark, Garvin, Grey, Knudsen, Makino, Mayor, Monk, Reilly, Rutkowski, Schreiner, Tanabe, and Weller; NAY: None; ABSTENTIONS: None).**

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurers Report was deferred to later in the meeting pending review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Absent Chair Notification – Chair Knudsen announced that he will be abroad next meeting. Temporary chairmanship was passed to member Elizabeth Reilly pending return.
- Scenic Byway Designations – Chair Knudsen announced that there has been a call for nominations for scenic byway designations. Knudsen suggested that the stretch of Kalaniana'ole Highway leading to Hanauma bay for designation due to its scenic and historical background. Reilly noted that she had already started the application process for scenic byway designation. The deadline for submittal is March 31st, after their next meeting. Reilly also mentioned that she had initiated contact with the Department of Transportation.
- Next Regular Meeting – The next regular meeting of the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1 will be Tuesday, March 27, 2012, 7:00 p.m., at Hahaione Elementary School Cafeteria.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rutkowski reported that the Board was allocated \$3,420 for fiscal year 2012. As of January, 2012, there was a remainder of \$2,244.78. The report was filed.

Questions, comments and concerns:

- 1) Budget Savings – Chair Knudsen suggested that the board handle their own postage in order to preserve the budget.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned 9:47 p.m.

Submitted By: Adam LeFebvre, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed By: Greg Knudsen, Chair