



HAWAII KAI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 1

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2012 HAHAIONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Greg Knudsen called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. with a **quorum of 11 members present**. Note: This 15-member board requires eight votes to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Members Present: Paige Altonn, Robert Clark, René Garvin, Marian Grey, Natalie Iwasa (appointed at this meeting) Greg Knudsen, Carl Makino, Roberta Mayor, Amy Monk, Judy Nii (appointed at this meeting), Elizabeth Reilly, Maxine Rutkowski, Herb Schreiner (arrived 7:36 p.m.) and David Tanabe.

Members Absent: None.

Vacancies: There are three vacancies: One seat in Subdistrict 5, one seat in subdistrict 8, and one seat At Large.

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

Guests: Sen. Sam Slom, Kurt Tsue (Board of Water Supply), Michael Leong (Councilmember Chang's Office), Rep. Mark Hashem, Sarah Fukumoto (Rep. Ward's Office), Patricia McManaman (Department of Human Services and Governor's representative), Lt. Allan Nagata (Honolulu Police Department), Bob Kern, Jeremy Low, Levani Lipton, Raj Rath, Ronald Livingston, Richard Hawkins, Steve Carr, Richard Speer, Nick Wong, Mike Muramoto, Kimo Franklin, Tinkle Malama (videographer), and Adam LeFebvre (Neighborhood Commission Office).

FILLING OF VACANCY:

Subdistrict 5 – Judy Nii announced her candidacy, stating that she has lived in Hawaii Kai for 40 years, and feels that her agricultural background and passion for the community will make her an excellent candidate for Subdistrict 5.

As there were no objections, Judy Nii was appointed by **UNANIMOUS CONSENT 11-0-0 (AYE:** Altonn, Clark, Garvin, Grey, Knudsen, Makino, Mayor, Monk, Reilly, Rutkowski, and Tanabe; **NAY:** None; **ABSTENTION:** None.)

At Large – Richard Speer announced his candidacy, stating that he was in a position to help out with the community, with a background in engineering and having lived seven years in Hawaii Kai.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. **Employment** – Speer currently works for an engineering company that employs 50,000 people worldwide. He has not worked on any local projects in Hawaii Kai.
2. **Community Interests** – Speer's primary interest in the board is public transportation, specifically the recent cut in bus services.

At Large - Natalie Iwasa announced her candidacy, saying she has lived in Hawaii for 20 years and has been very politically active in helping the community. Her main interest in running is to keep government officials on their toes.

Following a vote between the two candidates. **Iwasa won appointment with 10 votes. (IWASA:** Garvin, Grey, Knudsen, Makino, Mayor, Monk, Nii, Reilly, Rutkowski, and Tanabe; **SPEER:** Altonn; **ABSTENTION:** Clark.)

The Neighborhood Assistant administered the Oath of Office to Nii and Iwasa.

Subdistrict 8 – There were no candidates to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 8 (Lunalilo, Mauka).

STATUS REPORTS:

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Allan Nagata provided the following report:

- **Statistics for June 2012** – 9 burglaries, 16 thefts, and 30 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle.



- Car Theft Prevention – Lt. Nagata urged residents to be sure to lock the doors to their parked cars.
- Disaster Preparedness – During hurricane season, residents should keep a supply of water and non-perishable food in the event of a disaster. An informational packet on disaster preparedness was distributed.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Investigation Status – An update was requested on the investigation of an incident in which someone was caught on camera as they were stealing from a vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.
2. Dangling wire – A dangling wire in Hawaii Kai was determined to be the property of Oceanic Cable. They have been notified and will address the issue.
3. Noise Citations – It was requested that noise citations be restored to the monthly crime statistics report.
4. Crime Locations – It would be useful to have the crime locations specified to make pattern identification easier. A number of crimes along Kalanianaʻole Highway raise the question of what areas are being targeted.
5. Maunaloa Bay Independence Day Festival – Lt. Nagata was thanked in advance for his help in coordinating plans and logistics for the fireworks display at Maunaloa Bay.

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – No representative was present.

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

- Main Breaks – No water main breaks were reported in June 2012.
- Water Quality Report – The report will be mailed to every resident by July 1, 2012, and will be available online at www.boardofwatersupply.com.
- Water Conservation Week Contest Winner – The poster and poetry contest was held in partnership with the State Department of Education to promote water conservation and education. John Esteban, a kindergarten student at Kamiloiki Elementary, won 3rd place in the poster contest.
- Kamiloiki Park Water Leak Complaint – BWS repaired the leaky pipe on June 5, 2012.

Herb Schreiner arrived at 7:36 p.m. **14 members present.**

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Independence Day Celebration – Natalie Iwasa organized a bike contest and parade, and invited anyone interested in participating to contact her. Elizabeth Reilly noted that the community festival starts at 1:00 p.m., and there will be a number of entertainment acts. This is a free event for the public, though donations are welcome, and will be accepted even after this year's event is over. The organization is \$30,000 shy of its fundraising goal. It was noted that Kailua will be cancelling their annual fireworks display this year due to lack of funds. Visit www.idmby.org for more information and to donate.

PUBLIC-GENERATED ISSUES:

Candidates:

- Levani Lipton – A Democrat running for State Senate District 25, Lipton comes from Kailua and attended Iolani High School. She ran a foundation for 20 years, and though she worked internationally for a number of years she feels tied to Hawaii community and culture. She says government should be community oriented and less focused on special interests. Education is one of her primary concerns.
- Jeremy Low – A Republican candidate for State House of Representatives District 18, he encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming Republican primary. Low reminded the community that the voter registration deadline is July 12, and encouraged everyone to vote.

PRESENTATION

Impending Sewer Line Work Along Kalanianaʻole Highway at Niu Valley – Jason Lau, Limtiaco Consulting Group, presented on the removal of the temporary sewer pipes beneath Kalanianaʻole Highway at Puuikena Drive, Niuiki Circle, and West Halemau. State policy requires removal of obstacles under roads to facilitate future maintenance. The project will take approximately 6 months, 2 months at each location, with most of the work being done at night from 10:00 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. and consideration being taken to limit noise. The start date has been delayed due to a contractor protest of the awarded bid. Questions and concerns may be directed to Jason Lau at (808) 596-7790.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Direction Distinction – The use of “Mauka” and “Makai” was found confusing in the presentation when “Koko Head” (east) and “Ewa” (west) would be clearer.
2. Duration of the Project – Surprise was expressed over the estimated six-month duration.
3. Necessity of the Project – The removal of the pipe seems unnecessary; demonstrates significant cost with no reward, except that future projects may be expedited by the removal. Combine the project with another so that the community may benefit in some way.
4. Other Road Projects – Lunalilo Home Road will be undergoing re-paving and contractors need to be cognizant of that when they schedule this project.
5. Updates – Board requests updates on the progress of the project.
6. Construction Materials – Past projects left behind construction materials that were then deposited as fill on private land in Kamilonui Valley. The Board requested notification as to where the general contractor plans disposal of the leftover construction materials.
7. Cost of the Project – The project is estimated to cost around \$800,000.
8. Construction Sign Obstruction – Contractors be aware of cyclists when installing construction signs on the shoulder of the highway and keep bicycle lanes clear.
9. State Concern – The Board asked for a State response, as the highway is under State jurisdiction.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

Mayor's Office Representative – Louise Kim-McCoy was not present, but the Mayor's report was provided.

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

- Late Curbside Green Waste Pickup – The Department of Environmental Services (ENV) will be adding 12 new garbage trucks to their fleet, with nine more to come in the future.
- Hawaii Kai Drive Pothole – Assigned to Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) and has been repaired.
- Bus Route 231 – Hahaione Valley has no bus service. On June 28, 2012, the Honolulu City Council Transportation Committee will address this as item 4 of their agenda.
- Remnant Properties – The list of City remnant properties was provided to Board members on June 13, 2012. City Council Zoning Committee has elected to defer the sale of the Haleiwa remnant parcel.
- Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Concerns – DPR contacted Homeless services regarding the homeless population in Koko Head District Park. The leaking pipe at Kamiloiki Park has been repaired.
- State Department of Health (DOH) Radiological Report on Oahu Club Noise – Rutkowski has a copy of the report and will distribute it to the Board.
- Bus Speeding – The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) and HPD are monitoring bus speeds, and Oahu Transit Services (OTS) has been notified and will monitor the situation.
- Line of Sight Parking Issue on Lunalilo Home Road – HPD has determined no line of sight infractions on Lunalilo Home Road, but will continue to monitor.
- Feeding Cats at Koko Head District Park – Assigned to DPR and HPD.
- Barnes and Noble Plastic Bags Dumped in Kamilonui Valley – The manager of the store has been notified and the issue has been assigned to the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP).
- Mariner's Ridge Trail – Kamehameha Schools was contacted about residents' complaints about the hikers.
- Hawaii Memorial Park Presentation – The presentation has been scheduled for July 30, 2012, at Mariner's Cove Clubhouse. The public is invited to attend.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Keahole Street Repaving – When the street was repaved, the crosswalk fronting Hawaii Kai Towne Center was not re-painted.
2. Waterways Report – Chang's monthly report shows that the stockpile at Hawaii Memorial Park has been leaching debris into surrounding waterways. If more fill is added, that will increase the problem. Chang's office contacted the property owner and is awaiting a response to the DOH report. The Board will be notified.
3. Hawaii Memorial Park Presentation – It was hoped that the meeting will be a truly public presentation, as the last meeting seemed to exclude people who were not residents of Mariner's Cove. It was found odd that the presenter didn't want to come to the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board. Distress was conveyed that the buildup of materials at the site was allowed in the first place.
4. Kamehameha Schools Plans – Plans to build a strip mall on Kalaniana'ole Highway without community discussion on noise and traffic concerns, how it will affect the dog park, and many other issues is disturbing. The community needs to be consulted.

5. Portlock Sign – A missing street sign was requested for the entrance to Portlock.
6. Koko Marina Dredging – Material from the dredging may be deposited on the Hawaii Memorial Park property.
7. Barnes and Noble – Although the issue was efficiently attended to, the Board requests information on the names of the General and Sub-Contractors who dumped the materials.

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

- Homeless in Koko Head District Park – The Homeless Services branch of the Department of Human Services (DHS) has conducted outreach in the area, and will continue to go out every two weeks until the issue is resolved. The community was reminded that being homeless is not a crime.
- Hawaii Memorial Park Stockpile – DOH has sent a summary report and Notice of Violation to the responsible contractors (PRM Realty Group) citing the construction material leaching into the marina. Corrective action is required within 20 days of notification, though no monetary penalty has been assigned at this point. The Clean Water Branch of DOH will ensure the contractors adhere to an action plan.
- Old Makapuu Baseyard – Leftover asphalt and silt screening remains at the Kalaniana'ole Highway site. An inquiry has been sent to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).
- Proposed Sewer Line Replacement – McManaman will check with the State Department of Transportation (DOT) for more information.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. City and State Cooperation – The two entities will cooperate for the removal of the sewer line.
2. Hawaii Memorial Park Stockpile – Board requested an update on the stockpile before the July 30 community presentation. Concern was raised about the apparent permanent nature of the temporary stockpile.
3. Warning Light Malfunction – The light at the curve of Kalaniana'ole Highway coming down from Makapuu has been gutted and no longer functions.
4. Sewer Pipe Removal – When was the DOT rule requiring the removal of temporary pipes established? It was suggested that a representative from DOT be invited to address the Board.

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

- Welcome – Congratulations were extended to Nii and Iwasa for their appointment to the Board.
- Sewer Pipe Removal – Slom noted that the rationale behind the decision to remove the pipe is confusing, and Neighborhood Board #2 also questioned it..
- Judiciary Hearing – Slom attended a Senate Special Session to confirm the Governor's State Supreme Court nominee Richard Pollack, who is replacing James Duffy, who was forced to retire at age 70.
- Veto List – The Governor provided his list of potential vetoes. Any bill on the list may be vetoed by July 10. The House and Senate may attempt to override any vetoes by a 2/3 vote, but this outcome is unlikely.
- Maunalua Bay Independence Day Festival – The fireworks display is still \$30,000 short, and Slom encouraged the community to donate, noting Kailua cancelled their display due to lack of funds.
- Reapportionment – Slom noted that, thanks to reapportionment, his portion of Hawaii Kai now falls in Senate District 9 instead of District 8.

Questions:

1. Reapportionment – Knudsen commented that until the November 2012 elections, Slom was still senator for District 8, but Slom insisted that the change to Senate District 9 was already in effect.
2. Smart Parking Meters – Concern was raised over the new meters, as the rates can be easily modified and adjusted. Concern was also raised over the collection of data, but the data is "parking occupancy" statistics to determine effective locations for Smart Meter implementation and no personal data is to be collected. The Transportation Committee will be adding discussion of the meters to their agenda.

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

- Representative Ward's Absence – He could not attend the meeting as he attending a conference in Geneva.
- Hawaii Memorial Park Stockpile – Fukumoto personally viewed the stockpile, and noted that it is very high.
- Kamehameha Schools Shopping Mall Construction – Rep. Ward's office attempted to contact Kamehameha Schools regarding the construction plans, but they have yet to respond. Updates are forthcoming.
- Kalaniana'ole Highway – The Highway is slated for resurfacing up to Lunalilo Home Road in 2013.
- Homeless Woman Under Marina Bridge – A homeless woman living under the bridge will be notified by DLNR she must leave, as the upcoming dredging project will endanger her. HPD will be involved.
- Mariner's Ridge – Signage was installed; hikers are asked to respect the residents. There are no plans to close the trail.

Questions

1. Kamehameha Schools Survey – A survey is being conducted asking people what type of facility should be built on the “Great Lawn” at the entry to Hawaii Kai. Maintaining the lawn was not an acceptable response. It was suggested adding this issue as an agenda item for the July 31 meeting.
2. Board Involvement – Increased Board involvement is always encouraged, as the public will sometimes get a better answer and sooner than a legislator.

Representative Mark Hashem (House District 18) – Rep. Hashem reported:

- New Addition to the Hashem Family – Hashem noted that caring for a newborn is tiring work.
- Kalanianaʻole Highway Resurfacing – When the sewer pipe removal project was announced, the resurfacing was delayed to 2013. There will be an 80% federal match for project funding.
- Freeway Service Patrol – \$1 million was secured for the service which will now extend further East to Koko Head Avenue along H1. There is a 90% federal funding match for the program.
- Disaster Preparedness – Hashem has hurricane preparedness packets to distribute to the public.

Questions

1. Kalanianaʻole Highway Resurfacing – The duration of the resurfacing project is unknown and there will be considerable traffic disruption in the area. In the Board’s Transportation Committee meeting, they learned that the project wouldn’t be put out for bid until February 2013. “Mix 5” asphalt, which is supposed to be better and longer lasting, will be used.

OLD BUSINESS

Koko Head Shooting Complex – Parks and Recreation Committee Chair Herb Schreiner reported that there will be a meeting on Sunday, July 15, 2012, at 2:00 pm with a primary focus on Range safety and renovations. Public-generated concerns will be welcome.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. City’s May 23 Shooting Range Safety Report – Chair Knudsen will distribute the report to Board members.
 2. Bullets Found Outside the Range – Discussion ensued regarding bullets recently found in residential areas, and whether the range is safe. A resident questioned why Chair Knudsen appeared on the news speaking about these issues. Media contacted the Chair requesting interview.
 3. Recommended Safety Improvements – Recommendations from a 2001 report have not been implemented. One recommended safety improvement is to lower the roof awning, preventing weapons from being fired at too high an angle. Parks & Recreation Committee Chair Schreiner stated DPR Director Cabato says there is funding to do this and DPR is willing to work on further improvements.
 4. Agenda Additions – Residents are encouraged to email Schreiner with recommendations for agenda additions for the July 15 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting.
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1. Tree Removal and Replacement Along Lunalilo Home Road and in Mariner’s Cove – Livable Hawaii Kai Hui sponsored a meeting with Stan Oka from City’s Urban Forestry Division. As the paving of Lunalilo Home Road. is completed, the trees will be removed in phases, which may take up to two years. Some trees in Kamiloiki Valley are being removed due to their health or other problems and are not part of this project. Since the project will not begin for some time, an opportunity exists to get information out to the community on maintaining street trees. The meeting was praised as a positive communication exchange.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (as needed):

Transportation and Safety – René Garvin reported that the minutes from the April meeting have been posted, and there will be another meeting scheduled to discuss the DTS/OTS Bus route changes.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. OTS Presentation – It was asked whether or not the Board should have OTS on the agenda if there is nothing new to report. It was suggested that the Board wait for changes to be made, and in the meantime have them appear at the Transportation Committee meeting.
2. Sustainable Communities Plan (SCP) – It was suggested that the Board invite Bob Stanfield to the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board to discuss the East Honolulu SCP.

Environment – Amy Monk announced that Malama Maunalua invites interested residents to come to Lunalilo Home to care for their garden the morning of Saturday, June 30, 2012.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) – Chair Knudsen reported that the State is accepting applications for Hawaii Scenic Byway designations. He suggested that the Board develop a proposal for the Koko Head to Makapuu section of Kalanianaʻole Highway, and that it might be good to work with adjoining Neighborhood Boards.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: The Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board APPROVED the May 29, 2012, regular meeting minutes as corrected by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, UNANIMOUS CONSENT 14-0-0 (AYE: Altonn, Clark, Garvin, Grey, Iwasa, Knudsen, Makino, Mayor, Monk, Nii, Reilly, Rutkowski, Schreiner and Tanabe; NAY: None; ABSTENTION: None.)

Page 3 – Under “Mayor’s Office Representative,” instead of “Hawaiian American Water is designing a replacement system,” it should read “The City is working with Hawaiian American water regarding a replacement system.”

Page 6 – Under “ANNOUNCEMENTS:” it should read: “The next regular meeting of the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board will be Tuesday, June 26, 2012, 7:00 p.m”

TREASURER’S REPORT: \$242.03 spent in May, leaving a remaining balance of \$718.07. The report was filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- New Fiscal Year – The July Neighborhood Board Meeting will be the first of Fiscal Year 2013.
- Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1 regular meetings are cablecast on Olelo the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:00 p.m. on Ch. 49 and the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at 9:00 a.m. on Ch. 54. Meeting videos can also be seen online at <http://www.olelo.org> under “What’s On?: Olelo.Net” (search “Hawaii Kai Board”).
- Next Regular Meeting – The next regular meeting of the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1 will be Tuesday, July 31, 2012, 7:00 p.m., at Hahaione Elementary School Cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Submitted By: Adam LeFebvre, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed By: Marie Richardson, Neighborhood Commission Office;
Greg Knudsen, Chairperson, and René Garvin, Secretary