



HAWAII KAI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 1

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DRAFT – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2013 HAHAIONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Greg Knudsen called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with a **quorum of 12 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 (arrived at 7:03 p.m.), Greg Knudsen, Carl Makino (arrived at 7:15 p.m.), Roberta Mayor, Amy Monk, Judith Nii, Elizabeth Reilly, Herb Schreiner, David Tanabe and Gene Tierney.

Members Absent: Maxine Rutkowski.

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

Guests: Senator Sam Slom; Representative Gene Ward and Kendrick Chang (Representative Ward's Intern); Patricia McManaman (Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative); John Chang (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative) Micah Munekata (Councilmember Stanley Chang's Office staff); Lieutenant Clinton Sukekane and Sergeant Mike Miranda (Honolulu Police Department); Captain Jarin Wong (Honolulu Fire Department); Aaron Curtez, Chris Lipscomb and Zachary Smith (BSA); Martha McDaniel (Hanauma Bay); Dick Baker (Friends of Hanauma Bay); Shaun Peck; Ronald Livingston; David Jones (Videographer); and Adam LeFebvre (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Natalie Iwasa arrived at 7:03 p.m.; **13 members present**.

STATUS REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Jarin Wong reported the following:

- **Statistics for April 2013** – There were 2 structure, 1 wildland, 1 rubbish, and 1 vehicle fire, 90 medical emergencies, 9 search/rescues, and 33 miscellaneous calls. There were no major or unusual incidents.
- **Fire Safety Tip** – Compact Fluorescent (CFL) bulbs use less electricity than standard light bulbs, but contain small traces of mercury and can pose a hazard when they break. In such an event, residents were advised to open a window and leave the room for a short while. Visit www.earth911.org for proper disposal information. Home Depot and Lowes accept broken bulbs for disposal.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. **CFL Tubes** – Contain trace amounts of mercury and also should receive proper disposal.
2. **Search and Rescues** – Capt. Wong did not have statistics on rescues from Koko Crater Trail. There have been large south swells recently, contributing to the statistics.
3. **Koko Crater Trail** – A fire truck was observed unable to enter the upper access road, due to the locked gate, and was forced to detour around Lunalilo Home Road. The Hawaii Kai fire station has a key for the gate, but other fire stations may not have it. A helicopter is often employed for rescues from the trail, and while expensive, it is safest for both firefighters and victims.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – District 7 Relief Lieutenant Clinton Sukekane reported the following:

- **Statistics for April 2013** – There were 5 burglaries, 1 robbery, 18 thefts and 5 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV).
- **Tip of the Month: Stop Criminals from Acquiring your Money (SCAM)** – Residents were advised not to allow uninvited guests into their homes, even if they appear to be on official business. When in doubt, call 911.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: **Stray Bullet** – A bullet, perhaps from the Koko Head Shooting Complex, struck a vehicle near Sandy Beach today. HPD is investigating the incident.



Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Lorna Heller was unable to attend the meeting; no report was available.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Neighborhood Board Elections – The Neighborhood Commission Office will be receiving the verified election results on Wednesday, May 29, 2013. All Hawaii Kai Board members will be returning for the upcoming term. The Hawaii Kai community had the strongest voter turnout, although half of what it had been before the switch to electronic voting.

Carl Makino arrived at 7:15 p.m.; **14 members present.**

Makapuu Lighthouse Trail – The State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) is organizing a tour of the scheduled improvements to the lighthouse trail on Saturday, June 29, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. The hike is estimated to last two hours. Everyone is welcome to participate.

David Tanabe – Tanabe announced that he has submitted his resignation, to take effect May 29, 2013. He has served on the Board for four years, but recent obligations have been interfering with Board duties.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Farewell – Tanabe was thanked for his service on the Parks Committee and his work with Koko Crater Trail.
2. New Vacancy – The Neighborhood Board will announce the vacancy in sub-district 9 in the June 2013 regular meeting agenda.

Independence Day at Maunalua Bay Festival – The Maunalua Communities Foundation will know by Friday, May 31, 2013, if there will be fireworks at the festival, as \$7,500 is still needed. Organizations who donated specifically for the fireworks display will have their money refunded if IDMBF is unable to raise the money in time. Residents were encouraged to attend in any case, as there will be great music and events for the whole family.

Lunalilo Home Senior Affordable Housing – A community meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2013, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Oahu Club. Lunalilo Home's Executive Director will give a community presentation about the housing complex and provide an update on the Hale Ka Lae condo project as well.

Abandoned Tire Task Force – Residents were encouraged to contact Eugene Tierney at eugenetierney@me.com with information about any abandoned tires, even in small amounts.

PUBLIC GENERATED ISSUES:

Koko Head District Park – The construction occurring at the park is Malama Maunalua installing a rain garden.

Lunalilo Home Road Water Main Breaks – There have been 10 water main breaks in six months. How is this being addressed? BWS was asked to report on this concern next month.

Koko Head Stables – The Mayor's office was asked to follow up on whether the stable's lease situation has been resolved. It is a valuable recreation outlet for the community

OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – John Chang reported the following:

- Lunalilo Home Road – The street repaving project will occur after the tree beautification project, which began in March 2013. Most of the trees have been removed with approximately 10 remaining. These areas will be replanted with grass. The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will investigate the missing speed sign. DTS indicates they have no problems with the overhead temporary wiring on Lunalilo Home Road.
- Paradise Memorial Park – The current stockpiling work is covered by two permits allowing storage of material to be used in the project. The work was inspected by the Department of Planning and Permitting for compliance. No violations have been found.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Lunalilo Home Road Speed Limit Sign – The sign has been replaced.

2. Lunalilo Home Road Street Lights – It was requested that the overhead temporary wiring be rededicated to underground utilities.
3. Paradise Memorial Park – Later in the agenda, the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1 will be discussing taking action against the stockpiling of construction materials at the site. The recycled asphalt has been producing runoff, which flows into the nearby Maunalua Bay.
4. Lunalilo Home Road Construction – Construction has begun on the gutters as part of the major repaving project. Construction will start in the valley and work toward Kalanianaʻole Highway.
5. Town Hall Meetings – There are no additional Town Hall meetings scheduled at this time, though Mayor Caldwell intends to meet with every community in Honolulu. It was requested that the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board be informed of upcoming Town Hall meetings prior to their regular Board meetings.

Councilmember Stanley Chang (Council District 4): Micah Munekata provided the following report:

- Blighted Properties – DPP is inspecting weed overgrowth on a number of properties in Hawaii Kai. Residents were encouraged to contact Councilmember Chang's office to report blighted properties.
- Illegal Racing – HPD has been performing additional checks for reported vehicle races near Sandy Beach, but has not seen any activity yet.
- Paradise Memorial Park – Councilmember Chang's office is working with DPP and the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board to organize a meeting to discuss the stockpiling issue.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Hawaii Kai Great Lawn – The Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board requested Councilmember Chang's position on protecting the preservation-zoned status of the Great Lawn several months ago and has not received a response. Other legislators have provided their positions on the matter. Councilmember Chang is in a position to vote on a potential zoning change and his opinion would be influential.
2. Gratitude – The Maunalua Triangle Community Association thanked Councilmember Chang's office staff member Michael Leong for his help in getting a local street sign replaced.
3. Paradise Memorial Park – Councilmember Chang helped organize a community meeting with the developers of the Memorial Park in 2012 and it was asked if there are plans to do another one soon. Munekata will follow up. It was noted that the design plans for the cemetery remain unchanged.
4. Blighted Properties – Genshiro Kawamoto is a major violator of the blighted property ordinance in Kahala and a request was made that his properties in Hawaii Kai be monitored as well.

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative – Patricia McManaman was unable to stay, but Chair Knudsen read the following report:

- Legislature – Governor Abercrombie is reviewing hundreds of bills passed by the 2013 legislature, and has invited all residents to express their thoughts on specific measures. Residents were invited to go to www.Hawaii.gov and search for "Contact Governor Abercrombie." The deadline for notifying the legislature of potential vetoes is June 24, 2013. He has enacted several dozen measures this season, including House Bill 411 strengthening the rights of female sexual assault victims to emergency contraception information/access.

Senator Sam Slom (Senate District 8): Senator Slom reported the following:

- Legislature – Governor Abercrombie has signed 85 bills into law. More details can be found at capitol.hawaii.gov. July 9, 2013, is the deadline for signing bills or allowing them to become law without his signature. If a bill is not included on his veto list submitted by June 24, 2013, he cannot veto it.
- Special Session – The Senate is considering a special session to fill a Maui Circuit Court Judge vacancy.
- The Shack – Patrons of the now-closed Waikiki Shack have been frequenting the Hawaii Kai Shack. Constituents have asked if the liquor commission rules are being followed and enforced at the location.
- Bulky Item Pickup – The bulky items have not been picked up in over a week.
- Kamiloiki Elementary School – The school won a \$10,000 award in the HECO Energy Challenge.
- Handi-Vans – Due to maintenance and availability problems, contracting out to private taxis is a consideration.
- Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) – Senator Slom attended a hearing on May 23, 2013, regarding the 2013 audit of DHHL. There were a number of comments relating to mismanagement of funding, favoritism, and failure to follow up on delinquency. Similar questions were raised during their 1994 audit but have not been answered.
- Recess – The Legislature will maintain 8-hour weekday office hours during the recess.

- Neighborhood Board Elections – Senator Slom congratulated all Board members on their re-election and to Paige Altonn for her recent appointment to Representative Gene Ward’s Office staff. Senator Slom extended “best wishes” to David Tanabe.

Representative Gene Ward – Paige Altonn announced that she is Representative Ward’s new Chief of Staff and reported the following:

- Kaiser High School – The Legislature has approved funding for a new track and field, which will benefit a number of surrounding schools as well.
- Great Lawn – Over 2,500 people have signed the online petition to retain the preservation status of the Great Lawn. Representative Ward will be discussing this and other topics at his regular coffee talk and beer summit.
- Scenic Byway – Altonn expressed Rep. Ward’s support for the Hawaii Kai proposal for Kalanianaʻole Highway’s scenic byway designation. Three other highways have submitted proposals.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Dog Walk – The Livable Hawaii Kai Hui will host an informational tent at the Hawaii Kai Dog Walk, and they will encourage community members to sign the petition to retain the preservation status of the Hawaii Kai “Great Lawn.” There is a \$20 entry fee for the walk, which goes to support the Dog Park.

Senator Laura Thielen – Senator Thielen was unable to attend the meeting, but will send staff to represent her at the June 2013 meeting.

Representative Mark Hashem – Representative Hashem was not present at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Motion to Send Letter to State Department of Health, Environmental Health Administration, Relating to Concerns About the Disposal and Stockpiling of Reclaimed Asphalt Paving in Kamilo Nui Valley – Amy Monk drafted a letter expressing concern about the stockpiling at the Paradise Memorial Park site. The letter will request specific information about whether the developers have complied with inspector recommendations and the number of times they have been cited for violations. The letter will ask what the policy is for reclaimed asphalt recycling. Concern was expressed over the possible effects of runoff flowing into the marina and Maunalua Bay.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Parcel Number – It was recommended verifying that the parcel number in the letter is correct.
2. Tax Map Key – The tax map key number starts with three, not two and the property owner should be mentioned in that section of the letter.
3. Other Additions – A wastewater management plan is required. Has it been conducted for the area?
4. Runoff Concerns – Clark suggested deleting the paragraph at the top of page two, as there is little evidence of the harmful effects of erosion runoff with the majority ending up in sewage drains. Tierney suggested retaining the paragraph as it adequately expresses the community’s concern about potential hazards associated with runoff, fearing that asphalt will leach out over time and affect waterways and downstream properties. Chair Knudsen suggested softening the paragraph by changing the word “would” to “could.”

Clark moved to amend the letter by removing the paragraph on the top of page two relating to runoff. The motion died for lack of a second.

Tierney moved and Mayor seconded to add a “bullet point” to the letter specifically requesting a response to the concern about runoff leaching. As there was no opposition, the motion WAS ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 14-0-0 (AYE: Altonn, Clark, Garvin, Grey, Iwasa, Knudsen, Makino, Mayor, Monk, Nii, Reilly, Schreiner, Tanabe and Tierney.)

5. Oily Liquid – Devoting an entire paragraph to the oily liquid applied to the stockpile was suggested. It was recommended leaving it as a bullet point since the DOH has been made aware of the liquid and will be conducting an investigation.
6. Aloha Nui Nursery – The nursery shares a border with the Paradise Memorial Park site and stream beds have been blocked by the collapsed runoff from the site. This has changed the flow of water, which concerns downstream farmers.
7. Department of Planning and Permitting – Although many of these concerns have been raised with DPP previously, there is a new administration and it would be beneficial to give them a reminder.

Tierney moved and Iwasa seconded to send the letter as amended. The motion WAS ADOPTED 13-1-0 (AYE: Altonn, Garvin, Grey, Iwasa, Knudsen, Makino, Mayor, Monk, Nii, Reilly, Schreiner, Tanabe and Tierney NAY: Clark; ABSTAIN: None.)

As there were no objections, the agenda was taken out of order to hear a report from Representative Mark Hashem.

Representative Mark Hashem – Representative Hashem reported the following:

- Tardiness – Representative Hashem apologized for being late as it is his son's first birthday.
- Legislation – Early Childhood Education was adopted in the House and the Senate by a two-thirds majority, and will be on the upcoming ballot as a constitutional amendment for public vote. Representative Hashem noted that the approved program is not a voucher program.
- Employer-Union Trust Fund (EUTF) – Hawaii is taking steps toward paying off unfunded liabilities. A bill was passed to create a task force to plan how much money to put away.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Early Childhood Education – The legislature only approved placing Early Childhood Education on the November 2014 General Election ballot. The previous Pre-Kindergarten program was cancelled due to inconsistencies between school programs. The new system would not technically be a voucher program as it would be up to the individual to decide what they want. However, it could direct public funds to private programs, which some feel could potentially lead to vouchers.

NEW BUSINESS (Resumed)

Board Motion Requesting that Consolidation of Signs on Lunalilo Home Road be Completed in Conjunction with Upcoming Resurfacing of the Roadway – Natalie Iwasa noted that the concern was first raised in a 2009 meeting with then Managing Director Kirk Caldwell. The recent street lighting project tripled the number of poles on the road. Iwasa estimated that at least 14 signs could be consolidated or removed. She offered to take pictures and provide them to the proper authorities.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Consolidation – It was noted that scheduling the sign consolidation with another work project would be cost-effective. This issue was not considered "time-sensitive." It was suggested doing the work at the same time as the tree replanting.
2. Underground Utilities – The Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) has contracted out the repair of underground electrical wiring, and may not be a suitable project to accompany the sign consolidation.

Iwasa moved and Reilly seconded that the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board request that the consolidation of signs on Lunalilo Home Road be completed in conjunction with upcoming resurfacing of the roadway. The motion WAS ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 14-0-0 (AYE: Altonn, Clark, Garvin, Grey, Iwasa, Knudsen, Makino, Mayor, Monk, Nii, Reilly, Schreiner, Tanabe and Tierney.)

Discussion/Action on whether the Board should declare a vacancy in Subdistrict 5 based on the three-absences provisions of the Neighborhood Plan (Sec. 2-14-106) – No action was taken on this item.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parks and Recreation – Herb Schreiner will be meeting with DPR Director Toni Robinson on June 6, 2013 to discuss Hanauma Bay, the Koko Head Shooting Complex and the renaming of the Kamiloiki Skate Park.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Hawaii Kai Dog Park – The Dog Park is on Dept. of Parks land. Schreiner was asked to share the community sentiment regarding the dog park and the Kamehameha Schools proposal.
2. Stray Bullet – It was noted that the stray bullet at Sandy Beach might be relevant to the conversation.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: As there were no objections, the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board APPROVED the Regular Meeting minutes of April 30, 2013.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$38.02 was spent in April 2013, leaving a balance of \$497.90. The report was filed.

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) – Nicole Velasco has been appointed as the new Executive Secretary of the NCO. She attended the Mayor’s Town Hall meeting in Kaimuki. The installation ceremony for all elected Board members will be on June 29, 2013, at the University of Hawaii and the new Board term begins on July 1, 2013.

Haweia Heiau Complex and Keawawa Wetlands – The complex will be open to the public on Saturday, June 8, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. Residents were invited to help with the gardening work if desired.

Liquor License – Roy’s Restaurant is planning to have “extended activity” on July 4, 2013, for Independence Day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Cablecast – Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board regular meetings are cablecast on the 2nd Monday of the following month at 9:00 p.m. on Olelo Ch. 49 (digital only), and repeat on that month’s 3rd Friday and the next month’s 1st Friday at 9:00 a.m. on Olelo Channel 54. Meeting videos can also be seen online at <http://www.olelo.org> under “What’s On?: OleloNet” (search “Hawaii Kai Board”).
- Next Regular Meeting – The next regular meeting of the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board will be Tuesday, June 25, 2013, 7:00 p.m., at Hahaione Elementary School Cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Submitted By: Adam LeFebvre, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed By: K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant,
Rene Garvin, Secretary
Greg Knudsen, Chair