



## HAWAII KAI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 1

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### **DRAFT – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014 HAHAIONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Elizabeth Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. achieving quorum with 12 members present. (Note: This 15-member Board requires eight (8) votes to establish quorum and to take official Board action.)

Board Members Present: Paige Alton, Robert Clark, Rene Garvin, Marian Grey, Natalie Iwasa, Roberta Mayor, Amy Monk, Judith Nii, Elizabeth Reilly, Maxine Rutkowski, Herb Schreiner, and Eugene Tierney.

Board Members Absent: Greg Knudsen and Carl Makino

Vacancies: There is one vacancy in Subdistrict 9.

Guests: Firefighter 1 Glen Nakamura (Honolulu Fire Department), Lieutenant Maurice Asato (Honolulu Police Department), Rian Adachi (Board of Water Supply), Tim Houghton (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative), Kendrick Chong (Representative Gene Ward's office staff), Uyen Vong (Representative Mark Hashem's office staff), Michael Leong (Councilmember Stanley Chang's office staff), Senator Sam Slom, Jennifer Barra (Senator Laura Theilen's office staff), Miles Lawson, Mia Mizobe, Charlene Mizoni, Carla E. Connell, Richard Hawkins, Rico Moreno, KatieRose Moreno, B. Hampton, Richard Baker, Annmarie Kirk: Bernard Chang, Ellen Dobashi, Ronald Livingston, Jerry Joslm, Gary White, Lori White, Jenilea M. Heath (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

### STATUS REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Firefighter 1 Glen Nakamura reported the following:

- February 2014 Statistics: There were 0 fires, 48 medical emergencies, 7 Search and rescues (1 at the Koko Head Trail), 31 miscellaneous calls and 2 downed trees.
- Fire Safety Tip – Children & Burns: Create a "kid-free zone" in the kitchen around stoves, ovens and hot items. Keep pans on back burners. Preschoolers and kindergartners are more likely to play with matches and lighters so it is important to keep lighters, matches and smoking materials out of children's reach.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Maurice Asato reported the following:

- February 2014 Statistics: There were 3 motor vehicle thefts (MVT), 3 burglaries, 20 thefts, and 15 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV).
- Home Burglary Prevention Checklist: Visit [www.honolulupd.org](http://www.honolulupd.org) for HPD's checklist.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Carnival Statistics: It was answered for Schreiner that a copy of the HPD statistics from the Hawaii Kai Carnival was sent to Board members. No major incidents occurred.
2. Statistics Map: A map of the district will be sent to all Board members per Grey's request.
3. Total Incidents: It was clarified for Altonn that a total of 5,496 calls occurred in District 7 during the month of February, but not all of those are specifically listed on the Board's report. There should be a link on the website for the complete report.
4. Grandma Scam: It was noted for a community member that when a resident receives a call or email from an unknown person, especially if they request private information such as bank accounts, the resident should give no information, hang up or delete the request and, if desired, report the request to HPD.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Rian Adachi reported the following:

- Main Break: An eight (8) inch main broke on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at 924 Uwao Street.
- Telephone Scam Warning: There is a telephone scam with customers receiving calls from an individual claiming to be from BWS and demanding immediate payment of a balance or water service will be disconnected. Unfortunately, some have complied with this demand. To verify whether money is due, call



BWS at 748-5030. BWS does not call customers requesting payment and collect payment all in the same phone call. A customer contacted for overdue payment is asked to call 748-5030 to make a credit card payment. BWS also does not call outside regular business hours.

- BWS Personnel: BWS personnel are properly credentialed, wear official BWS uniforms, and drive BWS vehicles.. If approached, residents should call HPD or BWS at 748-5041.
- Fix-a-Leak Week: March 17 to 23, 2014 is National Fix-a-Leak Week. Residents are encouraged to check for leaks and fix them promptly. This helps to save water, lowers water bills and prevents potential damage to homes. For more information call 748-5041 or visit [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).

FILLING OF BOARD VACANCY: Vice Chair Reilly opened the floor to volunteers for the vacancy in sub-district 9. There were no volunteers at this time.

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dog Walk: Vice Chair Reilly noted that the Hui 'Ilio Hawaii 10th annual Hawaii Kai Dog Walk will be held on Sunday, June 1, 2014 starting and ending at the Hawaii Kai Dog Park.

Community Work Day: Reilly also announced a community workday at the Keawawa Wetland and Hawea Heiau Complex, on Saturday, April 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Visit [www.hawaiikaihui.org](http://www.hawaiikaihui.org).

Bike Month: Iwasa noted that May is Bike Month and, to celebrate, a Bike to School Day will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2014. Visit [www.cycleonhawaii.org](http://www.cycleonhawaii.org) for more information.

Pearl City Hearing: Iwasa announced that the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) would be holding a hearing on Friday, March 21, 2014 at Mission Memorial Conference Room on Transit Oriented Development Plans for the Aiea-Pearl City area. All residents can submit testimony.

Algae Removal: Monk announced that Malama Maunalua is holding a "Huki" event to remove the build-up of algae in Paiko Bay on Saturday, March 29, 2014. For more information or to volunteer, visit [www.malamamaunalua.org](http://www.malamamaunalua.org).

Earth Day: Altonn announced Representative Ward's 6th annual Earth Day Ka Iwi Cleanup, to be held on Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. at Sandy Beach. The event is co-sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 101. Meet at 8:45 am at Alan Davis wall.

Disaster Preparedness: Nii noted that the Hawaii Kai community has no disaster preparedness plan and suggested the Board create a committee to take up the issue.

### PUBLIC-GENERATED ISSUES

Budget Issues: Resident Dick Baker raised concern about Hanauma Bay funding and asked why no monies from the Hanauma Bay Fund have been proposed.

Golf Course Dangers: Resident Charlene Mizoni raised concern about an incident 2 weeks ago when she was driving in the right-hand lane on Hawaii Kai Drive and a golf ball hit her passenger side windshield, where her daughter was sitting. While waiting for HPD to arrive, a second golf ball flew past the car. Mizoni reported that her calls to the golf course have not been returned. Michael Leong of Councilmember Stanley Chang's office suggested she bring the issue up at the Board meeting. She has learned that other residents have had similar experiences. Vice Chair Reilly noted that she will get Mizoni's contact information and the issue will be further discussed at a future Board meeting.

Livable Hawaii Kai: Annmarie Kirk thanked the Board for their steadfast support since 2007 to save Hawea Heiau along with five (5) acres of cultural and historic land. The land also holds an old coconut grove of which one coconut tree is a 2013 grand champion of its species. This same coconut palm has made it to the finals in the national March Madness Big Tree Contest by American Forestry. The heiau and wetland is open to the community on volunteer workdays held every second Saturday from 8:30 to 11:30 am. There will be a Mad Hatter Party, a benefit for Hawea Heiau Complex and Keawawa Wetland, on Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Oahu Club. Go to [www.hawaiikaihui.org](http://www.hawaiikaihui.org) for more information.

## PRESENTATION:

Kaiser High School: Lane Woodall presented on behalf of the Kaiser Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) annual fundraiser. The event, called "Welcome to Cougar Country", will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2014. There will be a keiki fair from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., food trucks on site from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Natural Vibrations in concert from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The PTSA apologizes in advance to the neighbors for the loud music, which will be done by 8:30 p.m. This event will be on the Kaiser High School campus and admission is \$15. Everyone is welcome.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: White Elephant Sale: It was answered for Altonn that there will be a white elephant sale at 3:00 p.m.

## OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Deputy Director of the Department of Environmental Services Tim Houghton reported the following:

- Maunalua Bay Bathroom: DPR has reported that the Maunalua Bay project is on schedule for mid April 2014 completion.
- Road Repairs: Rehabilitation of Unit 25, which includes Lunalilo Home Road, Wailua Street, Hawaii Kai Drive and Mariner's Cove, is ongoing. Repairs to Hahaione Street are in the planning and design phase.
- Parks: The Kamiloiki Community Park Recreation Building roofing project has gone to bid and should begin on Tuesday, April 1, 2014. The Koko Head District Park Multipurpose Building improvements will go to bid on Wednesday, April 30, 2014. The Niu Valley Neighborhood Park Playground Structure is going into the design and construction phase. The Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve Master Plan project is also in progress.
- Grass Replacement: The issue of grass replanting on Lunalilo Home Road following the street lighting project remains open. The City is investigating further.
- Tree Removal: Urban Forestry removed the trees on Lunalilo Home Road. Replacement trees have been selected and planting will begin once the roadwork is completed. New trees have been planted in the parks.
- Wainiha Street Bus Route: The Department of Transportation (DTS) will be on the Board's agenda in April or May and will discuss the changing of the bus route along with their presentation.
- Drainage Ditch: The drainage ditch on Maniniholo Street was cleaned on March 19, 2014.
- Traffic Calming: DTS will follow up regarding traffic calming measures in Hawaii Kai.
- Bulky Item Pick-Up: Bulky items were confirmed collected in the Hawaii Kai area in February 2014. In Hawaii Kai collection is on the fourth Wednesday of each month. January had 5 Wednesdays, which may have led to confusion. Residents may call the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) at 768-5220 for any assistance.
- Water System: The contractor is currently installing a new 12-inch water line under Hahaione Street. Completion is expected in November 2014.
- Overnight Campers: The Department of Parks and recreation (DPR) is working on appropriate signage to prevent sleeping on Sandy Beach.
- Derelict Home: The owners of the derelict home on Lunalilo Home Road have been fined, though the fine has not been paid. Legal assistance is being pursued.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Handi-Van: Houghton will follow up regarding information on changing Handi-Van regulations.
2. Fines: Reilly noted that the owners of the land where asphalt was dumped were fined over \$200,000, but were only required to pay a small percentage. Reilly noted that the homeowner of the derelict house should be allowed a similar courtesy.
3. Reflective Lines: Houghton will follow up for Tierney regarding the reflective lines on Lunalilo Home Road, which do not coincide with the "dots" and is confusing for motorists
4. Hanauma Bay: Houghton will follow up for Grey regarding an email sent from Hanauma Bay for an event unrelated to the Bay.
5. HECO Box: Iwasa expressed concern regarding a HECO transformer inside the cemetery fence, preventing access. Houghton will follow up.

6. Ramp: Houghton will follow up on Iwasa's request for an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramp on Lunalilo Home Road near the skate park.
7. New Siren: Altonn thanked Houghton for the new emergency siren in Hahaione.
8. Playground Slide: Houghton will follow up on resident Ron Livingston's inquiry about replacement of the damaged slide at Kamiloiki Park.

Councilmember Stanley Chang – Michael Leong provided a handout and presented the following:

- ADA Ramp: Leong spoke with DTS and Department of Design and Construction (DDC) and an ADA ramp will be installed at the crosswalk by Kamiloiki Park with funds from the fiscal year 2014 (FY2014) budget.
- Metal Targets: Leong has submitted a request with DPR to follow up regarding effectiveness, rules, and elevation questions about metal targets at the shooting range.
- Oil Containers: A report had been submitted about the spill potential of oil containers at Maunalua Bay Beach Park. The issue was forwarded to the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).
- Street Light: A burnt-out streetlight was reported on Hawaii Kai Drive and assigned to the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM).
- Hawaii Kai Carnival: Concerns about permits for the Hawaii Kai Carnival were forwarded to the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP).
- Traffic Sign: The issue of the upside down traffic sign at Wailua Street and Lunalilo Home Road was forwarded to DFM.
- Collapsed Roof: The owner of the home with a collapsed roof on Lunalilo Home Road has been contacted and is in discussion with DPP.
- Congratulations: Councilmember Chang's office offered congratulations to Livable Hawaii Kai Hui for their success with protecting Hawea heiau and Keawawa wetland and their conservation plan.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Cleared Weeds: Reilly thanked Councilmember Chang's office and the landowner bordering Mariner's Cove (road to proposed cemetery) for facilitating clearing the weeds which had been problematic for residents.
2. Signs: Leong answered for Garvin that DFM should be contacted for concerns regarding street signs.

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative: Pat McManaman reported the following:

- Revenue: Although the Council of Revenues projected no revenue growth for this year, 5% growth is projected over the next year. There is no projected decline in the economy. The report shows that short-term growth has slowed, but Hawaii's economy is growing.
- Increases: Increases are projected for the construction industry and employment has expanded by 4% over a two (2) year period.
- Budget: The Governor's 6-year budget is still balanced and on track, despite the changed revenue projections. The Governor remains committed to his pledge to build a strong system of reserves for the State.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Bike Lane: McManaman will follow up for Iwasa regarding rough paving in the bike lane along Kalaniana'ole Highway needing attention before the repaving.
2. Employment: Iwasa requested a breakdown of the budget income on line. McManaman will follow up.

Senator Sam Slom – Senator Slom provided a handout and reported the following:

- Medal of Honor Ceremony: The State's Medal of Honor ceremony began 8 years ago to honor military service members with ties to Hawaii killed in service to their country. In 2006 approximately 75 to 100 service members were honored and this year only 4. He looks forward to the time when there are none.
- Legislative Session: Second crossover is April 10, 2014 and the last day of the session will be Thursday, May 1, 2014.
- Economy: Senator Slom disagreed with Governor Abercrombie about the state of the economy, noting that the economy is doing poorly and the tourism industry is in decline. Senator Slom also noted that Governor Abercrombie's budget is not balanced.
- Hawaii Health Connector (HHC): Monday, March 31 is the deadline to sign up for the HHC. Senator Slom has filed for a federal investigation, noting that HHC funding has not been accounted for and should be audited.

Senator Laura Thielen: A written report was provided.

Representative Gene Ward – Representative Ward provided a handout and reported the following:

- Haweia Heiau: Representative Ward congratulated Livable Hawaii Kai Hui for their work with Haweia Heiau and the conservation land and thanked the landowner, who had planned to build a luxury condo on the land.
- Coqui Frog: An alert has gone out to all nursery owners, shipping companies, airlines, and others dealing in transport that fines will be coming for any invasive species found in deliveries, especially the invasive Coqui Frog. There are also issues with fire ants and a fungus that attacks Ohia trees.
- Hawaii Kai Carnival: Representative Ward thanked E.K. Fernandez for bringing benefits to Kaiser High and expressed concern for the precedent that using preservation land might set.
- Resolution 14-20: Representative Ward provided copies of a letter he sent to the Honolulu City Council regarding Resolution 14-20, dealing with preservation (P-2) land.

Representative Mark Hashem – Uyen Vong provided a written handout and reported the following:

- Kaiser High School Funding: The Governor has released \$4.8 million for design and construction of a girls' locker room and designs for track and field replacement.
- Art at the Capitol: The Art at the Capitol event will be held on the first Friday in April, on April 4, 2014 from 4:40 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The doors to most legislative office, including those of the Governor and Lt. Governor, will be open to the public for viewings of the public art.
- OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 14-20: Iwasa reported that she researched P-2 land and found many permitted uses on these lands. Resolution 14-20 only relates to P-2 land overlapping State urban land. Iwasa was unable to find a list of all of the properties on the island that would be affected. This item will be kept on the next meeting agenda for further discussion.

## NEW BUSINESS

Hawaii Kai Carnival: Reilly introduced Donna Smith, Vice President of EK Fernandez Events. Reilly noted that Smith would only provide a short presentation on the carnival today and that further discussion and/or action by the Board is on the April agenda. Reilly clarified that EK Fernandez attending the meetings are a condition set forth by the city's DTS. Smith read a written report and gave a brief history of EK Fernandez Events. She explained that the Hawaii Kai event was successful and embraced by the community. Thirty thousand people attended the carnival over the 2 weekends and several non-profits were involved. Due to weather, the rides and games closed early on Saturday and opened late on Sunday of the first weekend. There were no problems with parking, safety or traffic. A 700-foot long fence was installed along Kalaniana'ole Highway and the sides of the carnival to prevent pedestrian problems. There was some noise associated with the event, though the rides closed at 11:00 p.m. and the music stage faced toward the ocean. In response to complaints about the grass being damaged, Smith noted that the grass grows back at Punahou School and Magic Island, where similar carnivals are held. The only permits required were a temporary building permit for tents and electrical rigging and a food permit, along with permission from the landowner. Overall, Donna stated she believes that the Hawaii Kai community was supportive of the carnival. EK Fernandez is considering holding another Hawaii Kai Carnival next year in the same location, in 2015.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Area Name: Annmarie Kirk clarified that "kuapa" is a type of Hawaiian fishpond, not the name of the area where the carnival was held. She also noted that the land is not fill, but part of historic Maunaloa.
2. Fundraising: Resident Doreen Adams noted that the event had been marketed as a fundraiser for Kaiser High School but EK Fernandez garnered a profit from the event. Smith explained that multiple non-profits provide services at EK Fernandez events and are able to fundraise through those services. Smith was not certain which non-profits benefitted and will report on this next month.
3. Advance Notice: Adams objected to the community not being informed prior to the event, seeing it as a lack of respect. Smith responded that advance notice is not required but they will do so in the future.
4. Carnival Preparations: Resident Dick Baker noted that preparations for the carnival began months in advance and he couldn't imagine Fernandez not being aware of the Foodland proposal and community reaction. It is important to have a sense of the community and take it into consideration.
5. Successes: Resident Ron Livingston noted that the carnival had been a success; the children in the community enjoyed it and there were no related problems with pedestrians or parking.

6. Misinformation: Reilly clarified that despite the stated success of the event by Donna and attendees, that there remain questions and disappointments about how the planning was handled. Reilly also noted that misinformation had been reported regarding direct benefactors and cited a letter received from the principal of Kaiser H.S. clarifying that the carnival was not a sanctioned Kaiser High School event.
7. Great Lawn: Tierney noted that if another property in the area had been used, there would have been less opposition to the event, as that land is preservation land.
8. Opposition: Schreiner explained that the carnival was enjoyable but the planning was not handled well and upset residents. The community seemed divided between support and opposition to the event and some residents thought it should have been held on the Kaiser High School campus. Smith explained that over the last 10 years EK Fernandez carnivals have been proposed at Kaiser High School, but were turned down by prior principals.
9. Timing: Kaiser High might like to return to the tradition of a carnival there. It was noted that the timing of the carnival, just before Kaiser's "Welcome to Cougar Country" fair, was unfortunate and another example of poor planning.
10. Area Development: Altonn noted that the Great Lawn where the carnival was held has been proposed for development in the past, which is vehemently opposed by the Hawaii Kai community. Altonn also noted that other event planners present to the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board before their events, even though it is not required for permitting.
11. Community Benefit: Altonn asked what benefits the Hawaii Kai community saw from the carnival, noting that area companies made no money as a result of the carnival. Smith responded that the benefits of carnivals are not always monetary and include chances for families to have fun together as well as entertainment for the community. The parent of a Kaiser High School student stated the lack of community profits was not important and that the children, who are the future of the community, enjoyed the event. He added that the community was brought together by the Hawaii Kai carnival.
12. Coach Rich Miano: Multiple community members expressed appreciation for Kaiser High School football coach Rich Miano and his good work with the team members and the Kaiser High School community.
13. Grass Refurbishing: It was noted that at Punahou School and Magic Island grass is usually re-seeded after carnivals. Smith stated she will be involved in assuring grass is restored.
14. Football Benefit: It was noted that the Hawaii Kai Carnival was not held as a benefit for the Kaiser High School football team, but that donations will be made to the team from one of the non-profits at the event. The football team will be volunteering to help replant the grass.
15. Permits: Iwasa noted that copies of the carnivals permits were available for review by residents. There was concern about the land being P-2 preservation land and potential ongoing commercial activity.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2014 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: This item was postponed until the April 2014 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no reports.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Rutkowski reported a total of \$33.89 spent in February 2014, with a remaining balance of \$262.93. The report was filed.

OTHER BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were none at this time.

#### CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board is Tuesday, April 29, 2014, 7:00 p.m., at Hahaione Elementary School Cafeteria.
- Cablecasts: Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board regular meetings are cablecast the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the following month at 9:00 p.m. on Olelo Ch. 49 (digital only), and repeat on that month's 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday and the next month's 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at 7:00 a.m. on Olelo Ch. 49. Meeting videos can also be streamed on [www.olelo.org](http://www.olelo.org) under "What's On?: OleloNet" (search "Hawaii Kai Board").

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Submitted by: Jenilea Heath, Neighborhood Assistant  
Reviewed by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant  
Reviewed by: Rene Garvin, Board Secretary  
Reviewed and Finalized by: Elizabeth Reilly, Vice Chair