



HAWAII KAI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 1

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DRAFT – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014 HAHAIONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Greg Knudsen called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. with a quorum of 12 members present. (Note: This 15-member Board requires eight (8) votes to establish quorum and to take official Board action.)

Board Members Present: Rene´ Garvin, Marian Grey, Natalie Iwasa, Greg Knudsen, Carl Makino, Roberta Mayor, Amy Monk, Judy Nii, Elizabeth Reilly, Maxine Rutkowski, Herb Schreiner, and Eugene Tierney.

Board Members Absent: Paige Altonn and Robert Clark.

Vacancies: There is one vacancy in Subdistrict 9.

Guests: Lieutenant Maurice Asato and Sergeant Gary Sunada (Honolulu Police Department), Rian Adachi (Board of Water Supply), Tim Houghton (Mayor Kirk Caldwell’s representative), Michael Leong (Councilmember Stanley Chang’s office staff), Senator Laura Thielen, Senator Sam Slom, Representative Mark Hashem, Kristina Gilbertson, Elevila Giles, Glenn Uyeshiro, Marjorie Zigler, Carl Strouble, Ronald Livingston, Richard Baker, Larry Adams, Richard Hawkins, Matt Gleib, Diane Gleib, Adrienne King, Trevor Ozawa, Paul Allen, Nick Billatek, and Jenilea Michaela Heath (Neighborhood Commission Office).

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS: The Board members introduced themselves at this time.

STATUS REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): No representative was present; no report was provided.

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

- May 2014 Statistics: There were 4 motor vehicle thefts (MVT), 5 burglaries, 16 thefts, 11 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV), and 5,731 total calls for service.
- ATM Safety Tips: A handout was provided regarding safe use of ATMs such as staying in lighted areas at night and avoiding large cash withdrawals.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Neighborhood Watch: Lieutenant Asato answered Garvin that information regarding District 7 Neighborhood Watch could be obtained by emailing the HPD office.
2. Wildfire: Although Honolulu Fire Department was not present, Knudsen thanked HFD for recently extinguishing a wildfire near Makapu‘u Lighthouse Trail and remarked that use of the HFD helicopter was an effective and efficient use of resources.

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

- Main Breaks: There were three main breaks in May 2014. Two were on Hahaione Street, on May 1st and 2nd, 2014, caused by a contractor working in the area. The third break was at 1246 Honokahua Street on May 14, 2014.
- Water Rates: Customers are reminded that effective Tuesday, July 1, 2014, the monthly billing charge increases from \$7.70 to \$8.44 per month. The water rate will go from \$3.68 to \$4.03 for 1,000 gallons of water. The increase is necessary to keep the water system in good working order, minimizing breaks and unplanned emergency repairs.
- Water Quality Reports: BWS conducts thousands of tests on water sources and the distribution system to ensure that municipal water meets or exceeds all federal and state water standards. These test results are shared with customers in the annual BWS Water Quality Report, which will be mailed to all customers on July 1, 2014. Copies of the report and additional water quality information will also be available on the BWS website or by calling BWS at 748-5080.



Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Rate Increase: Knudsen thanked BWS for a more timely update regarding rate increases than in the past.

FILLING OF BOARD VACANCY: Chair Knudsen opened the floor to candidates for the vacancy in Subdistrict 9. There were no candidates at this time, so the item was deferred to the next meeting. Knudsen suggested there might be a need to distribute flyers to recruit candidates for this vacancy.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open House: Reilly announced an open house at Hawea Heiau and Keawaawa Wetlands on Saturday, July 12, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Dept. of Land & Natural Resources will be making a video at the site.

Algae Clearing: Monk announced that Malama Maunalua is hosting a Huki on June 26, 2014, to remove invasive algae from Maunalua Bay. For information or to sign up contact them at malamamaunalua.org.

Road Races: Resident Peter Born announced the Tin Man race on Sunday, July 27, 2014, beginning at 5:45 and ending around 10:00 a.m. More information can be found by emailing tinmanhawaii@hawaii.rr.com. Also, the Dick Evans Road Race on Sunday, August 31, 2014, will start at 5:30 a.m. from the Hawaii Kai Costco and circle around the entire island, ending at Kalama Valley around noon the same day. Information can also be found on the Dick Evans Road Race Facebook page. Both races will involve lane closures and signs will be posted a week before the races.

Ka Iwi Walk/Run: Knudsen announced that Hui Nalu's 2nd annual Ka Iwi Walk/Run will take place on Sunday, October 5, 2014, beginning at Sandy Beach and continuing along the coast to Maunalua Bay Beach Park.

PUBLIC-GENERATED ISSUES

Hanauma Bay: Bob Kern, Hanauma Bay volunteer, reported attendance at the education program has dropped dramatically since it was changed to Sundays. He noted that the City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) is studying a new lighting system for the parking lot. Dick Baker, president of Friends of Hanauma Bay, noted that no line-item list for the \$850,000 Hanauma Bay budget has yet been made available. They thanked Livable Hawaii Kai Hui for the opportunity to discuss the bay on Olelo.

Koko Crater Stables: Resident Kristina Gilbertson noted that the lease for Koko Crater Stables expires at the end of September 2014, and asked the status of the lease renewal. Reilly invited her to meet with the Friends of Koko Crater Stables to discuss concerns and noted that she is not aware of the lease going to bid as of yet.

At 7:28 p.m. a recess was called to allow a Candidate Forum with candidates running in the August 9, 2014, primary race to represent City Council District 4. The participating candidates were Natalie Iwasa, Trevor Ozawa, Carl Strouble, and Tommy Waters. (The forum can be viewed on the meeting's Olelo video.) The meeting was recalled to order at 8:35 p.m.

Other Candidates:

Susan Halvorsen is a candidate for the District 18 seat in the State House of Representatives. She introduced herself as a mother of three and has worked as a social worker with the State Department of Health for the last 12 years. Halvorsen works to improve the quality of life for the severely disabled.

Chris Stump introduced himself as a candidate for the District 17 seat in the State House of Representatives. He has worked in many countries and learned that we must respect our resources. He wants the state to reinvest in our children.

OLD BUSINESS

City Council Resolution 14-22: Reilly explained that the report was only received from the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) last week and that Councilmember Chang has agreed to delay its inclusion on his committee agenda until September 2014 to allow time for discussion. Reilly noted that the report simply gives the chronology of the stockpiling and states that all actions were permitted. Reilly questioned whether there is a land plan approved. Increasing stockpiling with no plan is becoming an islandwide issue. She added that DPP recommends enforcement of a stockpiling timeline, but does not suggest what the timeline should be. Knudsen

asked that the Board's Environment Committee and Planning and Zoning Committee to hold a meeting in July to provide input for discussion at the Board's July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

City Council Resolution 14-91 (CR 14-91) – Marjorie Zigler, a member of the Commission for Clean Water and Natural Lands (CWNL), filled in for Laura Kaakua, Trust for Public Lands. Zigler sought Board support to oppose City Council Resolution 14-91. CR 14-91 proposes a charter amendment to divert conservation funds from the Honolulu Clean Water & Natural Lands Fund for city park improvements. Zigler said the fund is small, with about \$4 million allotted annually. Three East Oahu properties have been served by CWNL funds: Hawea Wetlands and Heiau Complex, the Paiku Ridge project, and the Aina Haina Nature Preserve. The recently passed City budget includes \$60-70 million for parks, including Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs). Zigler noted that both parks improvements and the CWNL fund are worthwhile programs, however, neither would truly benefit from the movement of monies from the CWNL fund to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) budget. She said voters approved the CWNL fund specifically for land conservation and acquisition. The fund leverages private, state, and federal money. Zigler noted that park improvements should be a part of the DPR budget and money should not be taken from land conservation for parks projects.

Tierney moved and Schreiner seconded that the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1 oppose Council Resolution 14-91. Discussion followed:

1. Amount Diverted: Knudsen asked how much is currently in the fund and how much would be diverted to parks projects. Zigler answered that the fund currently has about \$2 million dollars. For a time the fund had a \$19 million surplus, but most of it has now been obligated. Part of the fund was used for the acquisition of the Turtle Bay conservation easement. She noted that an accurate accounting of the fund was not available at this time.
2. Commission: Zigler explained that the commission for the CWNL fund is advisory, but expenditures of the fund must meet the commission's priorities.
3. Educating City Councilmembers: Iwasa noted that she supports the motion and asked how best to educate Council Chair Ernie Martin about pending commitments of the fund.
4. Spending: Zigler explained that in June 2014, the Council approved spending of over \$7 million of the CWNL fund, which is just under two years of the fund's total allotment. The fund includes money for a part-time staff person, however actual processing of the funding is handled by administration staff.
5. Merits of Parks: Monk asked if any other suggestions had been made for parks funding, noting that parks are years behind in maintenance and repairs in all districts. Zigler stated the Commission for the CWNL fund does not dispute the merits of parks, but that the fund is already quite small and was created for a specific purpose. Taking money away from the CWNL fund for parks will not serve either program.
6. Purpose of Funds: Schreiner noted that it is important to ensure money is used for its intended purpose. Garvin added that it seems that new laws are made too often in order to get around the intended purpose of an original law. Makino added that by opposing the resolution, the Board does not intend to appear anti-parks.

The motion for the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1 to oppose Council Resolution 14-91 was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 12-0-0:(AYE: Garvin, Grey, Iwasa, Knudsen, Makino, Mayor, Monk, Nii, Reilly, Rutkowski, Schreiner and Tierney.) Knudsen will draft a letter in opposition of CR 14-91 to be sent to all City Council members.

Subdistrict 8 Three Absences: The Board selected to take no action concerning these absences.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS

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

- BWS Rate Increase: BWS will be increasing water rates, as previously reported. City sewer rates will also increase for those who have City services.
- Hanauma Bay: The City's Fiscal Year 2015 Capital Improvement Projects budget includes \$850,000 for Hanauma Bay for design and construction and equipment, with \$750,000 specifically for construction.
- Homelessness: HPD has increased monitoring in Hawaii Kai for homeless individuals.
- Light Sequencing: Light sequencing at the intersection of Ainakoa Street and Kalaniana'ole Highway has been retimed. A follow-up study will be done when school is back in session.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Beach Signage on Wawamalu Beach near Kealahou Street: Knudsen noted that the only new signage related to no dumping, not driving on the beach, and a standard list of prohibited activities in City parks, and that the prohibited activities sign was facing the ocean on the back of another sign and was barely visible. None directly relate to homeless camping or sleeping in cars. Houghton will follow up.
2. Playground: Knudsen noted that the Kalama Valley District Park playground equipment is in disrepair. Houghton will follow up with DPR.
3. Sandy Beach Improvements: Iwasa requested that the Board be given information as to what Sandy Beach improvements were requested. She also requested follow-up on the status of a stop line so faded that cars are not stopping. Houghton will follow-up.
4. Highway Signal Lights: Schreiner noted that traffic light sensors would create a problem along Kalaniana'ole Highway if handled as they were in the Hawaii Kai repaving projects. Houghton noted that the State plans to replace them quickly as work is finished.

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

- Repair Coordination: A concern regarding coordinating road maintenance and waterline repairs was reported to BWS and the City Department of Environmental Services (ENV).
- Traffic Signals: A concern regarding traffic signals at the Hahaione and Pepeekeo Street intersection was given to the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS).
- Bus Routes: DTS will do a traffic study on traffic safety on Wainiha Street for the redirected bus routes.
- CR 14-22: Councilmember Chang will ask questions on behalf of the Board regarding CR 14-22 in tomorrow's committee meeting and defer decision making to the September 17, 2014, meeting.
- Weeds and Camping: A concern regarding weeds hiding homeless camps at Maunalua Beach Park near the Kalaniana'ole Highway bridge has been given to the State Department of Transportation (HDOT).
- CR 14-91: CR 14-91 has been deferred in committee for further review.
- Committee Agenda Items: The Styrofoam Ban and Plastic Bag Ban bills will be discussed at tomorrow's committee meeting.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Plastic Bags: Tierney shared concerns that biodegradable plastic bags are also problematic.
2. CR 14-91 Deferral: The committee chair acknowledged public concerns and deferred the resolution.

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

- Kalaniana'ole Reconstruction: McManaman explained that the Kalaniana'ole Highway project is not a simple repaving project, but a full reconstruction, costing over \$14 million. Up to 12 inches of asphalt will be removed and replaced. Improvements will be made to landscaping, guardrails, irrigation, and more, in line with the vision to repair major corridors in Honolulu. HDOT acknowledges the imposition on the community; over 71,000 cars travel along that strip of highway daily. For more information, email pmcmanaman@dhs.gov, or visit hidot.hawaii.gov. HDOT also has Facebook and Twitter pages.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Completion Date: McManaman answered Schreiner that February 2016 is the anticipated completion date for the reconstruction.
2. Hotline: McManaman will follow up for Garvin regarding a project hotline.
3. Timeline: Iwasa noted that the Lunalilo Home Road repaving took a few months and asked why a four-mile stretch would take two years. McManaman reiterated that the project is not simply repaving, but full road reconstruction.
4. Construction Debris: Reilly asked that the Board be informed of post-construction debris disposal sites.
5. Project Details: Knudsen noted that DOT said two lanes would be closed in the project area from West Hind Drive to Hanauma Bay with contra flow, but no crossover areas or schedules were specified. He asked, what will DOT do where the highway narrows to four lanes and then two? Knudsen requested that HDOT provide more detailed information and timetables.

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

- Kalaniana'ole Reconstruction Project: Senator Slom noted that 90% of recent calls to his office have involved the highway project. Kuliouou-Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No. 2 has tried to arrange a

meeting with HDOT to discuss the project, but HDOT is currently understaffed and unable to send a representative. No hotline will be available for the project.

- Homelessness: Senator Slom noted that homelessness is an increasing problem in the area.
- Veto List: Governor Abercrombie named 10 possible bills to veto, including SB2682 regarding financial disclosure by board and commission members, which the Senate and House hmp4passed unanimously.
- State Budget: Senator Slom voted against the State budget, stating that it was bloated as well as imprudent. He also noted that the General Obligation Bonds spending was unconstitutional and Governor Abercrombie had to change this.
- Native Hawaiian Hearing: Senator Slom attended a U.S. Department of the Interior three-hour hearing on government relations with Native Hawaiians. There was much passion but no united group position, although his sense of it is government involvement is not wanted.

Senator Laura Thielen – Senator Thielen reported the following:

- Outreach: Senator Thielen explained she spends time doing outreach and education during the interim between sessions to increase public participation
- Boards and Commissions: The State has over 170 boards and commissions with citizen volunteers. She said volunteering is a good way for citizens to get involved in government. Residents who are interested in information on participating can call her office at 586-0041.
- Financial Disclosures: Board and commission members are required to file financial disclosures, but not all disclosures are available to the public. Other public officials are required to make public financial disclosures. Members of boards and commissions with major financial impact should be required to make public financial disclosures so residents may determine if there are conflicts of interest. For example, Senator Thielen noted the UH Board of Regents is responsible for millions of dollars in contracts. One nominee for Department of Land and Natural Resources, she recalled, worked for an entity doing subdivisions and condominiums, profiting from the development of luxury homes on agriculture lands.

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

- Boards and Commissions: Representative Ward noted that even the State Ethics Commission does not have to file public financial disclosures, so the bill to require disclosures should not be vetoed.
- Highway Reconstruction Time: Representative Ward agreed that two years of construction is a long time and believes the Kalaniana'ole Highway Task Force should be reactivated.
- Vandalism: One of Representative Ward's banners was vandalized, as were several others. This vandalism is new and unacceptable behavior.
- Beer Summit: Former Governor Linda Lingle will be the featured speaker.

Representative Mark Hashem - Representative Hashem had to leave and no report was available.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 27, 2014, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – This item was deferred because the minutes were completed too late by the Neighborhood Commission Office.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rutkowski reported a remaining balance of \$159.21. The report was filed.

OTHER BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS: Knudsen noted that the Neighborhood Commission Office's participation in community outreach instead of service for existing Boards might be an agenda item at some point.

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board is Tuesday, July 29, 2014, 7:00 p.m., at Hahaione Elementary School Cafeteria.
- Cablecasts: Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board regular meetings are cablecast 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 7:00 a.m. on Olelo Ch. 49. Meeting videos can also be streamed on www.olelo.org under "What's On?: OleloNet" (search "Hawaii Kai Board").

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Jenilea M. Heath, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed by: Rene Garvin, Board Secretary

Reviewed and Finalized by: Greg Knudsen, Chairperson