



WAIANAE COAST NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 24

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2009 WAIANAE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of six (6) members present. Note, this nine (9) member Board requires five (5) votes to adopt a motion.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Calvin Endo, Jo Jordan, Suzanne Leonida, Johnnie-Mae Perry, Albert Silva, Frank Slocum.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Akiona, Jacqueline Kahaleoumi-Spencer, and Maralyn Spencer.

GUESTS: Ken Gilbert and Melvin Kaku (DES), Breene Harimoto (BOE), James Manaku Sr., Cynthia Rezendes, Rogene Moeck, Kris Meyer, Robin Heath, Cathie Alana, Kimo Kelii, Kaiawe Makanani, John DeSoto, Eric Hirano, Morris Atta and Ken Kawahara (DLNR), Meiko and Suji Shintani (Hawaii Alstar), Melva Aila, Delilah Dee Brittle and Sonya Pierce (WCO), Tulu Toa, Captain Lance Okai (HFD), Major Mike Johnson (HPD), Laura Pitolo, Moani Wright-Van Alst (BWS), Ronald Dodge, Ron Sullivan, Kapua Kelli Koa (WVHCA), Representative Karen Awana, Representative Maile Shimabukuro, Doug Oringer, Leland S.M. Ribac (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

WELCOME/PULE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/HAWAII: Chair Jordan welcomed everyone to the meeting. Endo provided the pule with Slocum leading in the Pledge of Allegiance and Silva leading Hawaii Pono'i.

APPOINTMENT OF OMPO REPRESENTATIVE: Chair Jordan opened the floor for volunteers to serve as the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) representative, noting meetings are held once a month in Honolulu during the workday. Seeing no volunteers, Chair Jordan moved this agenda item to the end of the meeting.

MONTHLY REPORTS PART 1:

HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT (HFD): Captain Okai reported the following information;

- Statistics for the month of December 2008 include; 210 total responses, which consist of 21 fire related calls, 90 medical alarms, and 99 miscellaneous responses.
- Fire Safety Tip: Fire, building, and U.S. postal codes and City ordinances state that property owners shall place their house number so that it is visible from the street, which will assist first responders in locating houses quicker and more efficiently.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- A community member questioned if HFD uses a Global Positioning System (GPS) device; Okai replied they do use a GPS; however it does not get them to the exact location, but will provide a general area.

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT (HPD): Major Johnson provided a printed statistic sheet, which was made available to all. HPD is still looking for community members who are interested in starting either a Neighborhood Security Watch program and/or a Citizens Patrol group.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Slocum questioned if the sex offenses were committed by registered sex offenders; Johnson noted the specific case was done by a family friend of the victim.
- A community member voiced concern and sought suggestions for delinquent and mismanaged teenagers, noting that several community members sent to the Kapolei Police Department for aid, and was turned away; Johnson explained the Juvenile Services Department (JSD) may be of assistance and can be reached at 692-4252.



- Several community members voiced their frustration with today's youth and teenagers, noting the HPD provides only empty threats and lack action.
- A community member thanked HPD for their speedy response to an illegally parked vehicle near Lahilahi and Farrington Highway.
- A community member raised safety concerns for Lahilahi Beach Park where a teenage girl was raped twice in one day.

DLNR/DOCARE: No report available at this time.

U.S. ARMY: No report available at this time.

U.S. ARMY 25TH ID LIGHT: Captain Logan Veath reported the following information;

- Prayers go out to soldiers and family of the 2nd and 3rd Brigades, as they are either deployed or just returning home from their deployment.
- The Army is thoroughly reviewing the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Study (SDEIS) and comments that have been submitted, afterwards a final EIS will be completed.
- The Army is working with the State and will be meeting to discuss possible environmental preservation possibilities throughout Oahu and the entire State.
- The Oahu Army Natural Resources Program (OANRP) continues to work on protecting Oahu from invasive species and will be working with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), if you would like to volunteer for these projects contact Kim Welch at 656-7641.
- Should residents have complaints regarding noise and/or dust, contact Kayla Overton at 656-3159.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- A community member questioned if Makua Valley is needed, if the Army has conducted or will conduct community meetings to identify cultural access roads, and if the Army intends to repair damaged roadways at Makua Valley; Heath noted the 2nd and 3rd Brigade did not train in Makua Valley before deployment due to the fact that the DEIS was being completed, and will follow up on the other questions.
- A community member questioned if the Military was taken care of when the December blackout occurred; Heath replied the Military was prepped to move any needed families should the blackout been longer, and back up generators were used at specific locations.

ORDNANCE REEF UPDATE: Hudson Kekaula reported the U.S. Army continues with its six initiatives to remove munitions from the ocean. The six initiatives in action at this point include; munitions remedial investigation, technology assessment, community outreach, munitions disposal efforts, the Maili Beach propellant survey, and the ocean current study which will be done by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

U.S. NAVY NAVMAG PEARL HARBOR: No report available at this time.

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY (BWS): Moani Wright-Van Alst reported the following information;

- During an emergency, such as the December 2008 island wide power outage, stay tuned to media reports. As a general rule of thumb, keep water use to a minimum, because all BWS's pumps need electricity to operate.
- Current project Phase 1 lane closures include the far right Honolulu-bound lane of Farrington Highway east of Laaloa Street.
- Working hours are between 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. The contraflow east of Laaloa will be in place.
- Part 1, Phase A lane closures include: Wednesday, January 7, 2009 one mauka Makaha bound lane on Farrington Highway, Thursday, January 8, 2009 both Makaha bound lanes on Farrington Highway (the Honolulu bound lanes will be contraflowed), and Friday, January 9, 2009 one mauka Makaha bound lane on Farrington highway.
- Road closures on Tuesday and Friday, January 6th and 9th, traffic will not be allowed to turn left or right to Nanakuli Avenue from Farrington Highway.
- The contractor is planning on beginning to install the new 24 inch waterline around January 20, 2009. When this work begins, the BWS will be working on the makai side of the road between Haleakala Avenue and Black Rock, which will result in one town bound lane and two town bound lanes closed.

- Call 748-5310 or visit www.boardofwatersupply.com to find the most updated construction project information and weekly lane closure information.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Perry thanked Wright-Van Alst and the BWS for their continued work in the district, noting she feels the traffic is worth the troubles for the work being done.
- Slocum questioned why the water in his residence tastes awful; Wright Van-Alst noted a BWS field worker can check the pipes up to the property line; however corrosion of the pipes within the residence may be the case, and should be checked.
- A community member expressed the construction being completed by the BWS will not be the last, noting the Makahiwa Hills development is being planned; Wright Van-Alst noted BWS does not construct developments, and does not plan any further work in the near future.
- A community member expressed frustration, noting she sat in traffic for nearly one hour, traveling at 2-3 miles per hour through the construction zone; Wright Van-Alst will bring this back.
- A community member suggested the placement of police officers near Nanakuli Avenue to direct traffic at the traffic lights, during the early morning hours; Wright Van-Alst noted the suggestion.

BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE): Breene Harimoto provided the following information;

- Two new BOE members as well as a Board of Education Chair were welcomed to the BOE.
- The BOE continues to address the budget cut constraints, without directly cutting back on necessities from schools. A suggestion was made to close smaller schools, and will be looked into with greater detail.
- In recent weeks Governor Linda Lingle has released some capital improvement project (CIP) funds to local schools, these monies will come into great use facing these hard economic times.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Perry suggested several ideas including; schools that have not met adequate yearly progress (AYP) scores should meet with schools that have met the AYP numbers, military branches such as the Navy and Army should be utilized in the schools, the Waianae Elementary School sign needs to be replaced, and the Library sign is no longer there.
- Endo noted some schools have not met AYP in three years and questioned if the BOE plans to completely restructure these facilities; Harimoto noted the BOE is not planning at this time to totally "reconstruct" these schools as is done in the mainland where the entire faculty is changed, and noted the BOE will consult the community before this is done.
- A community member voiced support for smaller local schools and expressed concern in keeping them open, noting these schools most likely have higher AYP scores.
- A community member does not agree with the Spending Commission's suggestion to increase BOE and DOE pay.
- A community member voiced concern of the State's conduct of budget cuts, noting his grandson reiterated the fact that prisons are treated with better care than local schools.
- A community member requested he would like to meet the new Complex Superintendent as she was introduced to the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board.

KALAELOA ADVISORY TEAM (KAT) UPDATE: Chair Jordan noted the KAT has not met for several months, and will keep the Board posted on future meetings.

STATE CIVIL DEFENSE: Edward Teixeira of the State Civil Defense provided a power point presentation illustrating the damage of the December 2008 heavy rains. The presentation depicted specific flood zoned areas, residences near stream beds that have been flooded, as well as flooded roadways in the Waianae area. Teixeira noted the main issue facing the residents and affected homeowners now; involve debris removal and financial assistance towards property damage. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved Oahu for assistance, and can be contacted at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). There is a process before getting federal assistance and your damaged property will have to be assessed before assistance is given. Teixeira noted if debris removal is needed the State Civil Defense may be of assistance and present at this meeting are both City & County of Honolulu Department of Emergency Management (DEM) Director Melvin Kaku and Ken Gilbert, and State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) representatives Eric Hirano and Morris Afta. Teixeira

noted that he has whole heartedly taken the Waianae Coast to the heart and will try to do as much as he can to aid the residence.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Perry questioned if getting access to the damages stream beds and homes are a problem; Teixeira noted the problem is due to the fact that majority of the damaged areas are privately owned, and the State Civil Defense is not allowed to just 'walk on the property'. Perry noted that she is sure residents will welcome the aid in these troubled times, and feels it is much needed as the financial burden on these families will become cumbersome in the near future.
- Silva noted in the past the plantations would volunteer their services to clear the stream beds in the area, which in point would keep their patches carefully watered; Silva also noted he would like to volunteer if possible to map out the areas prior to the flood, which may be helpful in cleaning the affected areas, and prevent future flooding in the area.
- Several community members offered their private residency's and stories of damages their homes were inflicted with during the heavy rains; Teixeira noted each of the affected homes and residents can contact the FEMA foundation at the previously given number and see if they are eligible for assistance.
- Chair Jordan noted that as uncanny as these stories may seem, it has been an ongoing issue and problem for local families in the Waianae Coast, this was not the first time residents have been hit hard during the rain storms.
- Teixeira thanked the State and City representatives and Government Agencies for their support in getting the FEMA assistance and again reiterated for everyone that has been affected by the storms to contact FEMA and get the assistance they require.

BOARD BUSINESS/BOARD ACTION:

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 6, 2009 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA: Endo moved and Silva seconded to approve the January 6, 2009 regular meeting agenda. The motion was ADOPTED, 5-0-1, (AYE: Endo, Jordan, Leonida, Perry, Silva; ABSTAIN: Slocum.)

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 2, 2008: Silva moved and Endo seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes for December 2, 2008. The motion was ADOPTED, 5-0-1, (AYE: Endo, Jordan, Leonida, Perry, Silva; ABSTAIN: Slocum.)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chair Jordan deferred this item until the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES: At this time, 9:35 p.m. Chair Jordan turned the gavel to Vice Chair Silva.

EDUCATION: Endo reported the next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 4:00 p.m., at Waianae High School, and will discuss several issues including BOE budget cuts and individual school issues including students enrollment and teacher concerns.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: No report available at this time.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Chair Jordan reported the next meeting will be held on Thursday January 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss several issues including the Keawaula permit pilot project, primitive camping at Makua Beach Park, and potential City clean ups of parks and homeless.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- A community member raised concern regarding runoff that may have been present at the PVT Landfill, he has been informed that harmful chemicals may have spilt over into the surrounding area, and suggests this issue be taken up in the Health and Safety Committee.
- A community member questioned the Board's position in closing Lahilahi Beach Park; Chair Jordan explained that when the Waianae Coast and Nanakuli-Mailii Neighborhood Board's were joint, the Board supported closure of all beach parks on the Waianae Coast, however it may be up to the Director of the City & County of Honolulu's Department of Parks and Recreation to specifically request the Board's support for Lahilahi Beach Park. Chair Jordan noted this issue will be taken up at the next Parks and Recreation committee meeting.

PLANNING AND ZONING: No report available at this time.

ECONOMIC & DEVELOPMENT: No report available at this time.

TRANSPORTATION/OMPO: Perry reported the next meeting will be held on January 13, 2009, and plans to hold the Transportation Committee meetings every second Tuesday of the month, starting at 5:30 p.m. Perry went on to explain that she cannot fulfill the OMPO representative position due to her full-time day job.

The gavel was returned back to Chair Jordan at this time, 9:45 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Several announcements were made at this time;

- Public comment period extended until February 6, 2009 on the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEIS), for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project. Contact the City & County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services (DTS) at 566-2299.
- Neighborhood Board elections 2009 candidate application forms are available to download and print at www.honolulu.gov/nco, and must be returned or postmarked by February 20, 2009.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: T-Mobile Communication Facility on Paheehee Ridge: Doug Oringer explained T-Mobile is proposing to construct a cellular communications facility in the southwest portion of the property on Paheehee Ridge. The property is owned by the State of Hawaii Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL). Oringer went on to explain that he was seeking public input of any cultural and/or historical impact or past cultural structures that may be impacted. Available records indicate that no structures were ever developed on the property and no permanent structures located in the immediate vicinity are there except a 30 foot wooden utility pole. A DEIS was sent out on December 10, 2008 and allows a 30 day comment period.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Perry questioned how long this project has been running; Oringer noted the project has been in the planning stages since 2005, and the structure that is being proposed will be made to look like the already standing 30 foot pole, which has very little visual impact to the mountain side. As for a letter by DHHL, at the proposed time there was no agreement; Oringer will follow up on a letter.
- Perry also noted the Homestead Association has, in the past, objected to the installation of an antenna on Paheehee Ridge, and noted the comment period of this particular project should be extended; Oringer noted an extension is a very possible option for community members.
- A community member questioned if surrounding residents were contacted or asked for input; Oringer replied a letter was sent out to residents and the Homestead Association.
- A community member noted their family are residents in the area and have not been contacted; a member of the Homestead Association also noted she has not heard of this project, and invited them to present to the Homestead Association, where members may be able to provide cultural input; Oringer noted the project was presented two years ago with those members of the Homestead Association.
- A community member inquired if a community benefits package; Oringer noted T-Mobile is very active in the community and could possibly look into a community benefits package as an option.
- Chair Jordan noted it is obvious that the community has not been properly informed and there seems to be an abundance of input Chair Jordan suggested the public comment period to be extended and T-Mobile visit the Homestead Association before they close their EIS date.

The Neighborhood Assistant (NA), Leland S.M. Ribac, left the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Submitted By:

Leland S.M. Ribac
Neighborhood Assistant

MONTHLY REPORTS PART 2:

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE:

COUNCILMEMBER TODD APO:

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE MAZIE HIRONO:

GOVERNOR'S REPRESENTATIVE:

SENATE PRESIDENT COLLEEN HANABUSA:

REPRESENTATIVE MAILE SHIMABUKURO:

REPRESENTATIVE KAREN AWANA:

ADJOURNMENT:

Submitted By:

Jo Jordan
Chair