



WAIANAE COAST NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 24

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009 WAIANAE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum of eight (8) members present. Note this nine (9) member Board requires seven (7) votes to adopt a motion.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Akiona, Calvin Endo (arrived at 8:25 p.m.), Jo Jordan, Jacqueline Kahaleoumi-Spencer, Maralyn Kurshals, Suzanne Leonida, Johnnie-Mae Perry, Albert Silva, Frank Slocum.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

VACANCY: There were no vacancies at this time.

GUESTS: Faith Arakawa (Waianae Library), Cynthia Rezendes (Nanakuli-Maili Neighborhood Board member), Jolyn Ballenti, B.L. Pang, Captain Gordon Tamarra (HFD), Lieutenant Jeff Bruchal (HPF), Moani Wright (BWS), Don Hutton, Tulu Toa (WCO), John DeSoto (Makaha Hawaiian Civic's Club), Jeffrey Cudiamat (Mayor's Representative), Fred Dodge, James Manaku Sr., Dan Quinn (DLNR), Sony Pierce and Deelilah Dee Bile (WCO), Kioni Dudley (Friends of Makakilo), Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai, Patty McDougall (EPA/CARE), Leslie Kahihikolo, Captain Logan Veath (Army), Leland S.M. Ribac (Neighborhood Commission Office staff.)

WELCOME/PULE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/HAWAII PONO'I: Chair Jordan welcomed everyone to the meeting. Kahaleoumi-Spencer provided the pule, with Slocum leading in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Silva leading in Hawaii Pono'i. Following Hawaii Pono'i a moment of silence was heard to remember Waianae High School Educator Asa Yamashita.

MONTHLY REPORTS PART 1:

HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT (HFD): Captain Gordon Tamara reported the following report;

- Statistics for the month of February 2009 include; 32 fires, 90 medical emergencies, and 32 miscellaneous calls.
- Fire Safety Tip: According to the U.S. Fire Administration, cooking fires are the leading cause of house fires and fire injuries nationwide. Do not leave cooking food unattended; if you must leave the kitchen, turn off the heat and take a spoon or oven mitt to remind yourself of the food on the stove.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Perry noted she is awaiting information regarding the fire regulations and number of children requirements for schools and classrooms.
- Perry questioned which department is responsible for notifying the public of traffic blocks in spill situations; Tamara noted it is a joint effort of HFD and the private company.

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT (HPD): Lieutenant Jeff Bruchal reported the following report;

- Statistics for the month of February 2009 include; 0 murder, manslaughter, and sex assaults, 1 robbery, 16 burglaries, 18 unauthorized entrance to a motor vehicle (UEMV), 4 auto thefts, 31 thefts, 14 property damages, 31 motor vehicle collisions (MVC), 625 total arrests, and 5,838 calls.
- Captain Message of the Month: Recreation vehicles such as All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's), dirt bikes and mini bikes are illegal on any public roadway, or public beach. The penalty is citation, arrest and confiscation. Drive akamai on all roadways.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:



- Perry questioned the number of light poles knocked down by MVC's and questioned HPD's role in a gas spill, such as one that happened in the past week; Bruchal noted he would not know the specifics of each MVC, and the Lieutenant on duty when the spill happened, enforced the safety of everyone affected as well as informed KSSK Radio of the impending traffic, and provided several follow up calls, following the incident.
- Several community members applauded and recognized HPD for their increase in presence and ticketing against speeding motorists.
- It was noted that prostitution via the internet website Craigslist is becoming a problem in the United States Mainland; Bruchal noted it is not problem in Hawaii. HPD conducted a truancy sweep and caught 52 juveniles from Waianae High School and 10 from Nanakuli High School.

DLNR/DOCARE: No report at this time.

U.S. ARMY: Captain Logan Veath reported the following information;

- A celebration will be held on March 12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. celebrating the return of the 2nd Stryker Brigade. 3rd Brigade is currently deployed for another eight months.
- There will be multiple gate closures during March 4-18, 2009. For more information contact 656-3159.
- The public comment period on the Draft Marine Resource Study Field Sampling Results and Risk Assessment will continue until March 14, 2009. A copy of this plan may be obtained at the Hawaii State Library, Kapolei or Waianae Public Library.
- A community meeting will be held on March 9, 2009 at the Nanaikapono Elementary School to discuss the cultural site list.
- The Adopt a Soldier program is in need of volunteers, for more information contact 655-8132.
- Coffee with Joe is open to the public every Wednesday morning at Tropics on Schofield Barracks at 10:00 a.m. This is a good chance to talk story with returning soldiers.
- The Army's Joint Venture Education Program includes 55 schools island wide, 22 of these schools have received \$5,000 for projects. For more information contact 655-9818.
- The Army is working with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) in preserving Oahu's environment. For more information and a list of upcoming events contact 656-7641.

ORDNANCE REEF UPDATE: Hudson Kekaula provided several maps and a written report highlighting;

- The Ordnance Reef Coordinating Council met on February 24, 2009 at Kapolei Hale, where five issues were identified between the Department of Defense (DOD) and regulators. The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will produce a consolidated plan.
- The Remedial Investigation (RI) schedule; the contract was awarded in September 2008. DOD will modify the University of Hawaii and Environet contract in March 2009, winter sampling to occur in April 2009, summer sampling in August 2009, and the report due in December 2009.
- The goal is to determine whether the munitions pose a hazard to human health and environment.
- The Technology Assessment Project of the Remotely Operated Underwater Munitions Recovery System (ROUMRS) will assess the effectiveness of the technology and result in the recovery of the majority of munitions to a depth of 120 feet at Ordnance Reef. The contract was awarded in March 2009, and field work is expected to begin 9-11 months after the notice to proceed.
- The survey areas was expanded both South and North of Maili Beach. The contract was awarded in September 2008 and field work is scheduled for February 2009-January 2010. 60 propellants were found last week; the community is encouraged to turn in all propellants found.
- A draft plan for disposal options is currently under review by the Army. USACE will address required permits if any, and a contract needs to be in place before the technology assessment.
- The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) have a current study to research, if there is a release of propellants, where would it go.
- The Hawaii Undersea Military Munitions Assessment (HUMMA) field work began this week, and will consist of three weeks.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Perry reiterated a past request to have a letter and signs mailed and placed in the Waianae Comprehensive Center warning residents of the current dangers of the propellants.
- Kurshals inquired where the funding is coming from; Hudson explained it is Army funding.

- A community member suggested the shallow buoys be marked with a warning sign, as divers and beachgoers may be curious and touch the buoys.

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

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

- Phase 1 Project is nearly complete. The 24 inch water main is completely installed except one small section. Next week the BWS will be 'spot checking' the roadway, so specific detours and/or blocks are unavailable. The contra-flow lane will remain open.
- Project 1 Phase A continues, and is currently at Haleakala and Nanakuli Avenue. The project work is between 8:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. The contra-flow lane is also in place to alleviate traffic.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- It was inquired where the water is flushed; Wright noted the BWS works very close with the Department of Health (DOH) to ensure the pipes are flushed the right way and disposed of correctly.
- A concern was raised regarding the roadway quality due to construction; Wright replied the entire span of both projects will be paved over to address the issue, following completion.
- It was noted a cultural specialist is monitoring both projects on a daily schedule, ensuring no Native Hawaiian artifacts or burials be disturbed.

BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE): No report at this time.

KALAELOA ADVISORY TEAM (KAT) UPDATE: No report at this time.

BOARD BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF MARCH 3, 2009 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA: Kurshals moved and Perry seconded to approve the March 3, 2009 regular meeting agenda. The motion was AOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0, (Aye: Akiona, Jordan, Kahaleoumi-Spencer, Kurshals, Leonida, Perry, Silva, and Slocum.)

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 6, 2009 AND FEBRUARY 3, 2009: Kurshals moved and Perry seconded to approve the January 6, 2009 regular meeting minutes. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0, (Aye: Akiona, Jordan, Kahaleoumi-Spencer, Kurshals, Leonida, Perry, Silva, and Slocum.)

Kurshals moved and Perry seconded to approve the February 3, 2009 regular meeting minutes with the following corrections;

- Page 2: Ordnance Reef Update: Questions: Last Bullet: Replace "treatment signs" with "warning signs."

The motion to approve the February 3, 2009 regular meeting minutes with the said corrections, was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0, (Aye: Akiona, Jordan, Kahaleoumi-Spencer, Kurshals, Leonida, Perry, Silva, and Slocum.)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chair Jordan read the Treasurer's Report highlighting a current expense of \$96.18 due to printing and postage, with a current balance of \$2,167.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES: At this time, 8:05 p.m. Chair Jordan relinquished the gavel to Vice Chair Silva, for the remainder of Committee reports.

EDUCATION: No report at this time.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: No report at this time.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Chair Jordan reported the next meeting will be held next Thursday; March 12, 2009 at the Waianae Neighborhood Community Center at 7:00 p.m. Items on the agenda include Keawaula permit pilot project, and the night closure of Lahilahi Beach Park, to which she requested the presence of John Desoto.

PLANNING AND ZONING: Akiona noted he will be recessing, in hopes to encourage the number of participants.

ECONOMIC & DEVELOPMENT: No report at this time.

TRANSPORTATION: Perry reported the next meeting will be held next Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at the Waianae District Park. Items on the agenda include the Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) and the new utility pole installation in Nanakuli. Perry noted 28 utility poles were knocked down from vehicle collisions. At this time, 8:15 p.m. Vice Chair Silva returned the gavel to Chair Jordan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Several announcements were made at this time.

- Public comment period on the Draft Marine Resource Study Field Sampling Results and Risk Assessment for the Makua Military Reservation (MMR) continues until March 14, 2009.
- The first Transit Oriented Development Plan workshop will be held on March 18, 2009 at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) Hale Pono'i Building in Kapolei, beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- If you witness graffiti being done to any HECO electrical boxes, please contact HPD and 543-7685.
- The Board of Education will host a community meeting on March 16, 2009 at Nanaikapono Elementary.
- Community members were encouraged to attend the Makaha Hawaiian Civics Club meetings, which are held every second Wednesday at the Waianae District Park.
- There will be no mailed out ballots for the Neighborhood Board elections, please be noticed that elections may be held electronically on-line, there are various internet locations open to the public for free.
- A Narconon Hawaii affiliate announced their arrival and location in Kapolei. A brief history was given noting Narconon's success rates and ability to provide a non-drug method and out patient program for rehabilitating narcotics victims.

Board member Calvin Endo arrived at 8:25 p.m. A quorum of nine (9) members present.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS: Several community concerns were voiced at this time;

- Kioni Dudley on behalf of The Friends of Makakilo, raised concern regarding the proposed houses and loss of Grade "A" farm land, of the Ho'opili Project on East Kapolei. A brochure was produced, indicating traffics will worsen due to the increase of homes and vehicles. A petition was circulated, and more information may be accessed at www.stophoopili.com.
- Perry noted concern regarding the lack of protestors at the State Capitol when the Hawaiian Ceded Lands issue was being heard, compared to the abundance for the Civil Unions Bill.
- Faith Arakawa of the Waianae Public Library raised concern with the possible closure of the library due to increased budget cuts and shortfalls due to the economy. Arakawa urged residence to write their Legislators and use the public library.
- A community member suggested the shallow buoys presented by Hudson Kekaula be marked with warning signs to ensure beach visitor safety.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Board member Leonida retired from the meeting at 8:50 p.m. A quorum of eight (8) members present.

DLNR PROPOSED RECREATIONAL RENAISSANCE PLAN: Dan Quinn of DLNR provided a written report, explaining the proposed Recreational Renaissance Plan, highlighting this is a re-birth in the way we care for our land and ocean recreational spaces, our natural and cultural resources, and the residents and visitors at Hawaii's State Parks, small boat harbors, boat ramps, hiking trails natural area reserves, forest reserves and beaches.

- The Plan includes improvements in revitalizing infrastructure, routine repairs and maintenance and security, and enrichment in education.
- DLNR Recreation Renaissance Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) include; Kaena State Park and the Waianae Small Boat Harbor.
- It was noted that DLNR will be lucky to receive 1% of the State budget, and will have to maintain and operate all existing structures and parks.

- Quinn explained to put this is a nut shell, the Recreational Renaissance Plan is designed that DLNR may have the needed funds to operate and maintain all State Parks, structures, resources.
- House Bill 980 is currently with the State House Finance Committee at the State Legislature.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Chair Jordan requested to elaborate on the funding issue of DLNR; Quinn explained ten years ago the department had \$9 million to operate the specified areas, currently they are being operated with \$6 million. Quinn furthered the appropriation of the upcoming fiscal years will cut lifeguards at Keawaula.
- Kurshals questioned the extent of repairs; Quinn noted many of the areas are in need of reconstruction, several photographs were provided to show the decrepit and dilapidated structures.
- A community member questioned how the residents can get involved; Quinn urged everyone to write their local legislators and request they support the Recreational Renaissance Plan.

KA WAI OLA O WAIANAE MOKU PROJECT: Leslie Kahihikolo and Patty McDougall reported;

- The purpose of the project is to investigate human activities in and near community streams that are having a negative impact on subsistence fishing and creation use of Waianae Coast shore waters.
- Streams of interest include; Nanakuli Stream, Ulehawa Stream, Kaupuni Stream, and Makaha Stream.
- The program will conduct business on a current \$93,000, and is slated for March 2010. The program will then submit for a Level II Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) grant for \$300,000.
- Project activities include; formation of partnerships, formation of advisory committees, stream walks, compiling data, developing an action plan, and creation of a video documentary.
- The community as a whole will benefit from this project including; the reduction of exposure to toxic pollutants, and the engagement of youth in intermediate and high schools.
- Project-funded partners include; The Pacific American Foundation, Chaminade University, Makaha Studios, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- For further information contact Kahihikolo at 728-7991 or kwaiola@thepad.org, or McDougall at 375-5879. The website, www.thepaf.org/kawaiola should be working in the next weeks.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Silva noted the program should look at the Maili Stream, as it could be used for comparison data.
- Endo inquired if the High Schools were contacted; Kahihikolo noted both High Schools were informed and have interest in the project.
- Kurshals questioned if an advisory committee is being formed; McDougall explained the program is looking to have an advisory committee of residents from each ahapua'a will be formed.
- Perry noted unhappiness with the fact that Makaha Studios was chosen to film and document the program; Kahihikolo noted it was a matter of contacts and who committed to the project; Chair Jordan expressed thanks for choosing Makaha Studios, as it is a community based business.

MONTHLY REPORTS PART 2:

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Jeoffrey Cudiamat introduced himself as the Acting Director of the Department of Facility Maintenance, and noted he will be the new Mayor's Representative for the Board.

- The trash at Maili Point was removed by the Department of Environmental Services, they will continue the pick up services as well.
- Clarification was requested for the foliage at Waianae Valley Road; it was noted the location is directly across 85-870 Waianae valley Road.
- The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will work with the Department of Community Services (DCS) to clear the stream bed at Lahilahi Park.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Mauna Lahilahi Beach Park requires maintenance; this is located next to the Hawaiian Princess Apartments on Lahilahi Street.
- Trash has once again acquired on Farrington Highway at Maili Point and needs to be removed.

- The Tamura's Bus Stop sitting bench has been moved, and needs to be put back. Two benches were put there and one was moved.
- A "bend in road" sign needs to be placed on Waianae Valley Road. The turn is very dangerous and has been the location of several accidents.
- The Bus Stop at the Nanakuli McDonalds should be moved further town bound at the Kaiser Clinic. It is safer for pedestrians to get on and off the bus from the Kaiser Clinic location.
- What is the cost of the Mayor's monthly news letter as it would be prudent to save funds by printing.
- Foliage as you exit the Waianae Convenience Dump requires maintenance as it is blocking the line of sight for vehicles.

COUNCILMEMBER TODD APO: Chris Garth provided Councilmember Apo's written report, noting the Mayor has submitted the proposed budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010. There are proposed Real Property tax hikes; Council is looking to lower these tax raises. Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) are largely advised by the Board, so if the Board could possibly look into providing a list of CIP's for the community.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Perry offered her condolences to the late Councilmember Barbara Marshall's family, noting her excellence in journalism and in the City Council.

OFFICE OF UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE MAZIE HIRONO: No report at this time.

GOVERNOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: Dan Quinn, standing in for Russell Tsuji, provided the Governor's written report, and was available for questions.

SENATE PRESIDENT COLLEEN HANABUSA: No report available at this time.

REPRESENTATIVE MAILE SHIMABUKURO: No report available at this time.

REPRESENTATIVE KAREN AWANA: No report available at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Submitted By:

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