



WAIANAE COAST NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 24

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014 WAIANAE DISTRICT PARK – MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Johnnie-Mae Perry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **A quorum was established with eight (8) Board members present.** Note-This nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

Craig-mona, gates, perry treasurer

Board Members Present: Calvin Endo, Cedric Gates, Johnnie-Mae Perry, Craig McDonald, and Mona Neill.

Board Members Absent: Robin Grant, James Cowles, and Albert Silva.

Vacancies: None.

Guests: Captain Boswell, and Lieutenant Randy Burges (Honolulu Police Department), Lieutenant Colonel Derrick Cheng (U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division), Daniela Arriaga (Neighborhood Commission Office Staff). Al Frenzel, Louis Galdeira (Councilmember Kymberly Pine's Office Staff), Alice Greenwood, Rita K Martin, Cynthia Rezentes, Ian Santee (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Office Staff), Scot Suizo (Honolulu Fire Department), Leland How (Board of Water Supply), Marlen Sommers, Mike Freitas, Alan Yonan (Star Advertiser), Representative Jo Jordan, Rita K. Martin, Regina Paahana, Mitch Dmowowski (EURUS energy), Dawn N.S. Chang (NextEra Consultant), Eddy Moses, Jesse Marshall (NextEra), Robert Isler (Hawaiian Electric Company).

Pule/Pledge of Allegiance/Hawaii Pono'i: Chair Perry welcomed everyone to the Board meeting. Endo led the pule, Neill led Hawaii Pono'i, and Silva led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Scot Suizo reported the following:

- **March 2014 Fire Statistics:** There was one (1) structure fire, five (5) wild land fires, three (3) rubbish fires, one (1) vehicle fire, 144 medical emergencies, five (5) search and rescues, 45 miscellaneous emergencies, and 204 total incidents reported.
- **Fire Safety Tip to Plan Escapes from Fires:** Residents were encouraged to have a working smoke alarm in every bedroom and hallway of the home and to call 911 from outside the home in the case of an actual fire. It was reported that residents should ensure all doors and windows can be opened easily as well as practice home fires drill twice a year with household members and children.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant Randy Borges and Captain Boswell reported the following:

- **April 2014 Crime Statistics:** There were 30 motor vehicle thefts, 54 burglaries, 218 thefts, 78 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV), and 6,594 total calls for service reported.
- **Safety Tip on Seat Belts:** HPD's safety tip of the month is to wear a seatbelt while driving in a vehicle. All occupants must be wearing a seatbelt, or the driver will be cited.
- **Neighborhood Watch Program:** Last month the HPD held a neighborhood watch meeting at the Kapolei station. Starting in May 2014 there will be a series of informative meetings. Boswell reported that burglaries are down 24% and vehicle break-ins are down 21% from 2013. Crimes have continued to go down since 2012; HPD attributes a large part of the crime decrease to the neighborhood watch. Boswell noted that watches are a proactive way to reduce crime and criminals have attested that they do not like to go to where there are known neighborhood watch groups.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. **Informational Meetings:** Neill asked for more information on HPD's informational meetings. Boswell reported that meeting will offer crime avoidance tips and are open to community input.



2. New Waianae Police Station Update: Boswell answered for Neil that the new police Station is scheduled to be completed by 2015 and answered for Gates that improvements to the new police station will include a new tank for fuel which will lessen fuel leak chances. Boswell indicated that HPD hoped to implement a station 9 in the future in addition to station 8.
3. Waialae Police Station Layout: Gates requested community access to the new Police Station layout. Boswell will follow up.
4. Makaha Security Watch: A resident from the Makaha Civic Club and the Makaha Security Watch thanked HPD for the recent decrease in crime.
5. Thank you: A special thank you went out to Officer Joseph Tamorero who worked with the community to reduce crime on the Waianae Coast.
6. Neighborhood Watch: Gates asked for contact information from Joseph Tamorero for the public to participate in the community policing team. Tamorero reported the number is 351-5650.

Announcements:

- Recess: Chair Perry announced the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 will be recessing in June 2014. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at the Waianae District Park from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- Town Hall meeting: Chair Perry announced Mayor Kirk Caldwell will have a town hall meeting on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 in Nanakuli at Nanaikapono Elementary School from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Chair Perry encouraged the community to attend and to bring written questions for the Mayor.

U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division: Lieutenant Colonel Derrick Cheng reported the following:

- The 8th Theater Sustainment Command: The 8th Theater Sustainment Command currently has two (2) units deployed and 170 personnel deployed in support of overseas contingency operation and off- island missions.
- 130th Engineer Brigade: Approximately 140 soldiers from the 130th Engineer Brigade Headquarters and 175 soldiers from the 65th Engineer Battalion are deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.
- The 2cnd Stryker Brigade Combat Team: The 2cnd Stryker Brigade Combat Team is deploying to the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California for a month and a half. The training increases the level of readiness of the more than 3,500 soldiers deployed.
- 25th Infantry Division Support to Regional Exercise: During the month of May, the 25th Infantry Division is supporting several regional exercises in New Zealand, Australia and the Philippines.
- 25th Infantry Division Change of Command: In May 2014 The 25th Infantry Division will bid farewell to Major General Kurt Fuller, who will relinquish command to Major General Charles Flynn.
- U.S Army Garrison- Hawaii Change of Command: In May 2014 The U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii will bid farewell to Colonel Daniel Whitney, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii commander who will relinquish command to Colonel Richard Fromm.
- Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony: The U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii will hold its annual Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony on Monday, May 26, 2014 at Schofield Barracks Post Cemetery at 10:00 a.m.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Fort Bennett Competition: A community member congratulated two (2) lieutenants from Schofield Barracks for their participation and best ranking titles received at a recent 60 hour competition held at Fort Bennett.
2. Military Ban on Tattoos: A community member requested a short summary regarding the military's bans on tattoos. Cheng will follow up at next month's meeting

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Leland How reported the following:

- Main Breaks: There were no main breaks reported for April 2014.
- Safety and Security: In April 2014, copper thieves broke into a BWS reservoir twice in one (1) week and stole copper wiring, which caused damage to the operating system and a water outage for a portion of the Kalihi area. It is illegal to trespass onto BWS property and reservoir sites. Board of Water Supply (BWS) asked the community to report any suspicious activity to HPD or notify BWS security at 748-5911.

- Water Matters Customer Newsletter – Starting April 2014, a new customer newsletter will be inserted into BWS customer water bills. The inaugural issue contains important information about BWS's water system plans for the future and how to check for water leaks. Readers can also visit the BWS website or call the department to find out more details at 748-5041.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Construction on Farrington Highway: How answered for Gates that the current construction on Farrington Highway going into Makaha is a storm drain project and not a BWS project.
2. Crime Prevention: McDonald asked what BWS does for crime prevention at their facilities. How responded that BWS facilities have video surveillance, alarms and sensors for monitoring theft.
3. Environmental Services: A resident indicated the majority of water charges were from Environmental Services and not BWS.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Ian Santee reported the following:

- City News: Santee referred to the May 2014 City newsletter that included updates about the Maunaloa Bay comfort station reopening, town hall meetings, and Mayor Caldwell's priorities.
- Town Hall Meeting: Mayor Caldwell will be having a town hall meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at the Ewa Beach Elementary School cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, May 28 at Nanaikapono Elementary School at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Bike to Work Day: Bike to Work Day is on Friday, May 16, 2014.
- Grant in Aid: Since 2013 the City has set aside 5% of general fund revenues into Grant in Aid. The City encourages all organizations to apply through the Grants in Aid process to become eligible to receive City funding that will support their cause.
- Sludge Dumping: To date the violation has not been corrected by the owner and civil fines continue to accumulate. If the lack of response continues and the violation is not corrected, then the City will place a lien on the property and place a possible restriction on the violator's driver's license renewal.
- City Bus Funding Cuts from 2012: After a series of service changes and funding cuts for City Buses in 2012 some negative effects were reported such as overcrowding of buses and lengthier trips. Positive effects reported were bus route extensions
- Funds for Sidewalks in the Waianae Community: No funds have been specifically allocated to fix sidewalks in the Waianae community but the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) has in-house resources to perform sidewalks repairs. Damaged sidewalks can be reported to the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP). If it is determined that repairs are needed, then a work request will be submitted to DFM for repair.
- Speeding in Front of Leihoku Elementary School: In response to concerns from last month's meeting regarding speeding in front of Leihoku Elementary School, HPD has since issued citations around the area and will continue to monitor the location during pick up and drop of times. In addition, the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will conduct a study on the area and inform the board of findings by the October 2014 Board meeting.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Summer Fun Programs: Gates inquired into information on funding for summer fun programs. Santee will follow up and encouraged residents to attend the Mayor's town hall meetings to inquire about summer fun and other City programs.
2. Speeding Near Leihoku Elementary School: A resident noted that despite HPD's efforts, speeding still continues in front of Leihoku Elementary School; Santee will follow up.
3. Costs of Parks: Chair Perry requested information on total tax costs of repairs and maintenance for parks; Santee will follow up.
4. Four Way Stop: Neil recommended installing a four way traffic stop instead of the current two way traffic stop at the intersection of Jade Street and Lahina Street as a way to mitigate speeding problems; Santee will follow up.
5. Makaha Elementary School Speeding: Neill requested that speeding at Makaha Elementary School be addressed in the same way speeding was addressed at Leihoku Elementary School.
6. City Buses Speeding: A resident expressed concern over City buses speeding in Makaha. It was reported that on Lawaia Street there is also a problem with buses pulling out and making drivers pull off road to make room.

7. Bus Program Cuts: A resident inquired into specifics on the \$7 million in cuts for bus funding and inquired exactly how it was allocated; Santee indicated that there were no specifics reported other than the cuts increased heavy ridership. Santee will follow up with further specifics.
8. Bus Drivers Commended for Excellent Service: A community member commended City bus drivers for their excellent service and stated that Oahu had one of best bus systems in the world.
9. Rail Tax: A community member expressed concern over the high amount of funding collected from the rail tax and noted that the tax collected should have instead been spent on services for the community. It was also stated by the community member that if it was unfair tax payers on other Hawaiian Islands have to pay for Oahu's rail project.
10. Lahina Street Speeding: A resident expressed concern over cars speeding on Lahina Street in Makaha.
11. Hawaiian Sovereignty: A community member expressed support of Hawaiian Sovereignty for Native Hawaiians.
12. Cross Walks: A resident reported the community is in high need of crosswalks. Gates clarified that last month's concern regarding sidewalks near Ko'Oolina was actually a comment about crosswalks. Gates reported that crosswalks were needed on Farrington Highway by Waimanalo Gulch.
13. Low Income Housing: A resident suggested more low income housing for residents instead of affordable housing.
14. Kaupuni Park Comfort Station: A resident reported the comfort stations at Kaupuni Park are in poor condition and encouraged Mayor Kirk Caldwell's administration to keep funding for the park in the City budget. It was noted the Waianae Valley Homestead Association meets at the park but cannot use the public restrooms because of poor conditions.
15. Sprinkler Flooding at Parks: A resident expressed concern over water being wasted from sprinkler flooding at parks. Neil expressed concern about over watering and inquired about the gallons used and amount of times parks are watered per month.
16. Comfort Stations: A community member expressed concern over sanitation problems occurring at City parks such as Pokai Park and stated that some of the sanitation issues were the result of homeless families with children living out of comfort station areas.

Councilmember Kymberly Pine's Representative: Louis Galdeira reported the following:

- Illegal Grading: In response to illegal grading occurring on the Waianae Coast, Councilmember Pine introduced legislation to restore environmental justice throughout Oahu's communities. Bills 35, 36, and 37 were drafted with input from Leeward Coast community leaders and public policy advocates and developed in response to recent illegal stockpiling occurring throughout Leeward Communities. Councilmember Pine's proposed bills will add strict penalties and a 500% increase in civil fines of up to \$10,000 a day for repeat offenders and in some cases criminal charges will apply.
- Route C: Councilmember Pine contacted the Board Chair of the Oahu Transit services about recent the public's concern over Bus Route C. Currently passengers are being dropped off at Punchbowl instead of Alamoana.
- Bill 69: Bill 69 relating to Bus advertising will generate funds for City buses without raising fares or property taxes. Advertising restrictions will be enforced.
- Website: For further information and input on bills, please contact Councilmember Pine's website at www.councilmemberpine.com.

Questions, Comments, and Concerns Followed:

1. Life Guard Station Cuts: A resident expressed concern that the City would be cutting one of the Leeward Coast lifeguard stations and encouraged Councilmember Pine to act on the issue. It was noted that cuts were unacceptable and lifeguards will be needed during the upcoming summer of 2014.
2. Environmental Services: A resident noted there are problems with Environmental Services charging for 80% of water and that the averaged survey of 2.5 residents per household is inaccurate.
3. Bill 69 relating to Bus Advertising: A community member inquired into Council Member Pines' position on bus advertising. Chair Perry indicated Bill 69 would be addressed later in the night's agenda.
4. Illegal Dumping Hearing: A community member announced there would be a hearing that will cover environmental justice and illegal dumping at Kapolei and encouraged the community to attend the meeting because the important issue affects everyone in Hawaii. Galdeira reported testimony could be sent to his email at lgaldeira@honolulu.gov.

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative: Chair Perry indicated that the Governor's Representative William

Aila was not available to make that night's meeting; Chair Perry read the following report:

- Announcement: Governor Abercrombie applauds the State Legislature for passing bills to increase Hawaii's minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour and to preserve open space and access surrounding Turtle Bay.
- Minimum Wage: Each year since taking office, the Governor has strongly advocated for increasing the minimum wage to provide the lowest paid workers with the economic stability and security. Hawaii's minimum wage earners have not had a raise from \$7.25 an hour since 2007.
- Turtle Bay: The result of the recent development restrictions for Turtle Bay Hotel will protect pristine coastlines from development, and provide open space and access for residents and visitors.
- Bill Review: Now that the legislative session is over, hundreds of bills will be under review by the Governor's office, the Attorney General's office, and relevant departments as they make their way to his desk for signature.
- House Bill 2275 (Act 26): Governor Neil Abercrombie has already signed House bill 2275 (Act 26) which is a measure that increases the protection of homeowners against predatory mortgage rescue fraud.
- Senate Bill 2768 (Act 76): Governor Neil Abercrombie has already signed Senate Bill 2768 (Act 76) which is a measure that makes kindergarten mandatory for children who will be at least five (5) years of age on or before July 31 of the school year, unless otherwise exempt.
- Website: As the bill review process continues, the Governor invites the public to express thoughts on specific measures. Go to governor.hawaii.gov and click on "Contact Us." Be sure to indicate the specific bill.

Senator Maile Shimabukuro: Chair Perry indicated that a representative for Senator Maile Shimabukuro was not able to attend the night's meeting; handouts were provided to residents.

Representative Jo Jordan: Representative Jo Jordan reported the following:

- Crossover: Representative Jordan expressed apologies for not being able to attend the Waianae Neighborhood Board's March 2014 and April 2014 meetings and indicated crossover and finance meetings had been in session during those dates. Representative Jordan passed out reports to board members.
- Clean and Sober Measure: Representative Jordan thanked the community and board for support of the clean and sober measure and indicated that the measure had passed.
- Preschools- Representative Jordan indicated that Maile Center Preschool spaces are still open for applications and encouraged parents to sign up early for admission. The center will hold 12 new preschool classrooms and 240 seats are available.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Town Hall Meeting: Representative Jordan answered for Neill and Gates that her next town hall meeting was tentatively scheduled for June 24, 2014 at Waianae District Park.
2. Preschool: A resident expressed concern over Governor Neil Abercrombie's position on preschool and stated a child's educational success depends on both parent involvement and preschool. Representative Jordan indicated there will be a constitutional amendment in regards to having to pay for preschool services.
3. Fishing Licenses: A resident expressed concern about a proposed measure that would have required residents to apply for commercial fishing licenses for recreational fishing. Representative Jordan indicated the measure died before session and added that many local fishermen spoke against the measure at the State Legislature.

Representative Karen Awana: There was no representative available; there was no report provided.

BOARD BUSINESS/ACTION

Approval of March 3, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes: **Endo moved and Neill seconded to approve the March 3, 2014 regular meeting minutes as circulated. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 5-0-0 (Aye: Gates, Neill, Perry, Endo, and McDonald).**

Approval of April 1, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes: **Endo moved and Neill seconded to approve the April 1,**

2014 regular meeting minutes with the following corrections. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 5-0-0 (Aye: Gates, Neill, Perry, Endo, and McDonald).

Page 1: The date should read April 1, 2014.

Treasurer's Report: Endo read the April 2014 financial statement. A total of \$74.16 was spent in April 2014, leaving a remaining balance of \$383.21 The report was filed.

Former Board Member Resignation: Chair Perry reported that former board member Leilani Kaalakahi-Sylva had received a three absence letter and notified the Neighborhood Commission Office's (NCO) she had since moved off island and resigned from the board.

Discussion and Board Action on the Neighborhood Commission Office's (NCO) Three (3) Absence Notification Letter to Board Member Robin Grant: Chair Perry indicated Grant had received a three (3) absence letter from the NCO, but Grant was unable to attend the night's meeting to explain the absences. Chair Perry reported Grant had indicated her intent to stay on the board via email.

Chair Perry asked for a motion to vacate Grant's seat on the Waianae Coast Board.

Endo moved and McDonald seconded to vacate Grant's seat on the Board.

Discussion:

1. Defer: Gates suggested deferring the item so Grant could explain her absences at the next Board meeting.
2. Terms: Chair Perry indicated that after June all acquired absences would be swiped clean, and noted there was another year left on the term. Chair Perry added there may be other residents interested in filing the position.
3. Service: Neill recommended that the board vote to vacate the seat so other residents may be appointed.

Chair Perry called for the question.

A show of hands vote was taken. **The motion to vacate Grant's seat on the board was NOT ADOPTED 4-1-0 (Aye: Endo, McDonald, Neil, Perry; Nay: Gates)**

Quorum: Chair Perry clarified for Neill that quorum was established with five (5) members present to take action and vote, but there was not a quorum of five (5) votes for the motion to be adopted.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell Town Hall Meeting: Chair Perry noted Gates, McDoanld, Neil, and Perry would attend the next upcoming Mayor's Town Hall meeting.

Amendment to Demand Letter- Hawaii Kai Marina Dredging Project- Sludge: Chair Perry indicated the community and Board worked together to draft a demand letter requesting Waianae become a federally protected environmental justice zone.

Gates moved and Neil seconded to approve the demand letter with the following corrections. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0-0 (Aye: Gates, Neill, Perry, Endo, and McDonald).

Page 1: soil should read spoils.

Alternate for Al Frenzel: Chair Perry asked for volunteers from the board or community to serve as an alternate for Al Frenzel at Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) meetings. A community member volunteered and coordinated information with Frenzel.

Endo moved and Gates seconded to approve the community member as an alternate. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0-0 (Aye: Gates, Neill, Perry, Endo, and McDonald).

Bill 35: Councilmember Pine's office staff, Louis Galdeira reported Bill 35 relates to stockpiling of soil restrictions.

Bill 36 and Bill 37: Galdeira indicated Bill 36 and Bill 37 relate to grading without a permit, grading violations, as

well as penalty enforcements.

Bill Package: Galdeira indicated the bill package was created to protect at risk communities from the burden of hazardous waste dumping. The package will increase illegal dumping fines by 500%. A minimum civil fine of \$1,000 dollars per day will be cited for violations. There will be double the amount penalties for repeat dumping violations. Illegal stockpiling violators may also be court ordered to restore land to original condition. The restrictions will also protect mom and pop companies, residents or accidentals. There is also restrictions for stockpiling on agriculture land.

Questions, Comments, and Concerns Followed:

1. **Cooperators:** A community member asked if the bill applied to cooperators who are approved by soil and water conservation districts. The community member expressed concern that cooperators should be considered when making bills. Galdeira will follow up with Councilmember Pine before the next Council meeting.
2. **Agriculture Land:** Chair Perry supported the bill package with the stipulation that dumping restrictions should not be limited to only agriculture land. Chair Perry noted that there is other land that needs to be preserved. Residents Greenwood with the Concerned Elders of Waianae, and Frenzel concurred and noted residential, country and natural land needs to be conserved as well. Galdeira indicated Bill 37 is specific to agricultural land and will follow up on the requests.
3. **Testimony:** Galdeira encouraged residents to submit written testimony regarding the bill package to lgaldeira@honolulu.gov. Chair Perry noted hand written testimony would be accepted as well.
4. **Violation Fees and Funding:** Galdeira indicated funding from violation fees will go back to the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP). The fees will help fund future enforcement.
5. **Enforcement:** A resident inquired how the restrictions will be enforced if violators change company names or ownership names.

Endo moved and McDonald seconded to support Bill 35. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0-0 (Aye: Gates, Neill, Perry, Endo, and McDonald).

Endo moved and McDonald seconded to support Bill 36. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0-0 (Aye: Gates, Neill, Perry, Endo, and McDonald).

Endo moved and Neil seconded to support Bill 37. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0-0 (Aye: Gates, Neill, Perry, Endo, and McDonald).

Chair Perry indicated the Waianae Neighborhood Board No. 24 vote of support for Bill 35, 36, and 37 would be reported at the Full Council meeting held on Wednesday, May 7, 2014.

Bill 69 Relating to Bus Advertising: Galdeira indicated Bill 69 was drafted as an opportunity to generate funding for bus service improvement.

1. **Concession Stands:** Neill recommended implementing soft drink stands or concession stands at bus transit areas to generate bus funding. Galdeira responded the Board could make a resolution to include concession stands for bus services on the Leeward Coast.
2. **Opposition to Bus Advertising:** A resident expressed concern that bus advertising was in poor taste. Frenzel indicated tax payers already pay for 30% of bus funding and encouraged the board not to support Bill 69.
3. **Commercial Bus Advertising:** Galdeira noted advertising is allowed on commercial buses.
4. **Funding from Advertising Inside Buses:** Gates inquired into the amount of funding generated from advertising placed inside City buses. Galdeira will follow up.
5. **\$7 Million in Bus Funding Cuts:** A resident expressed concern over the reported \$7 million bus funding cuts and reported to be unhappy with RAIL.
6. **Support of Bus Advertising:** Galdeira indicated Councilmember Pine is in favor of Bill 69 with the intent of increasing funding for bus services. Resident Greenwood expressed support of Bill 69 because the added funding will help commuters get to their destinations more efficiently.

Board Discussion:

- **Opposition:** Chair Perry indicated not to support the bill because advertising will only be affordable for large companies and not local companies. Chair Perry noted that City bus advertising was not in

alignment with Hawaii's culture.

Chair Perry asked for a motion relating to Bill 69. Endo noted that because Perry had shared her opinion before the vote, then the voting would be unfair. No motion was made.

- Discussion: McDonald reported to be against Bill 69 because of the challenges that may come up over what types of advertisements would be considered appropriate. Gates indicated not to support the bill based on the community's concerns and noted there were other funding options available. Neil reported that concession stands at Punchbowl and King Street could generate large amounts of bus funding.

Chair Perry asked for a motion relating to Bill 69. No motion was made.

Bill 9 Relating to Refuse Fees: Galdeira indicated Bill 69 proposed a \$10 monthly City trash collection fee.

Board Discussion:

- Opposition: Chair Perry indicated not to support the bill and added the fee will only increase illegal dumping. Chair Perry recommended that the \$10 fee should go to manufacturers and not citizens. McDonald, Endo and Neil all reported not to support the bill.

Point of Order: A resident questioned a point of order and stated board discussion should not come before a formal motion was made and encouraged the board to vote on the bills discussed. Neighborhood Assistant Arriaga concurred that before a board vote discussion should follow a motion.

Endo moved and Gates seconded not to accept Bill 69 or 9. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 5-0-0 (Aye: Gates, Neill, Perry, Endo, and McDonald).

COMMUNITY/ BOARD CONCERNS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Easter Event: A resident thanked the community for participating in the recent Easter Event held by Ark of Safety at Waianae Intermediate School. It was reported that many Waianae Coast community members and vendors participated.
- Waianae High School Graduation Announcement: The Waianae High School graduation will be Friday, May 23, 2014. It was recommended guests arrive early. Congratulations went out to all graduating seniors and it was additionally reported many graduating seniors are college bound.
- Candidate Forum: An announcement was made that there would be an upcoming Waianae Coast candidate forum put on in conjunction with Olelo. The tentative date was reported as Saturday, July 12, 2014.
- Parks: Resident Greenwood responded to a concern from earlier in the night regarding homeless individuals in parks. Greenwood noted some of the problems at parks were also created by other residents and that generalizations should not be made on any one individual or group.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- EURUS Energy America Corporation Proposal of a 200 Acre Photovoltaic (PV) Farm: The item was deferred until further notice.

NEW BUSINESS:

Solar Farm Presentation by Next Era Energy: Eddy Moses, Jesse Marshall and Dawn N.S. Chang presented the following information via Power Point presentation:

- Proposal: A 15 mega watt solar farm proposed for use on seventy five acres of agriculture land (classified as Ag E) located on the mauka side of sustainable farmer, Mr. David Wong's property. Operations are planned to begin in 2016 after which energy will be sold to HECO for 17 cents per kilowatt. The solar farm will be visible from Pokai Bay.
- Timeline: The initial proposed total operational timeline is 20 to 25 years; timelines for operation can be extended. Land will go back to agricultural use at the end of the project.
- Recycling of Panels: Expired panels will be recycled, resold, or removed off island.
- Archeological Survey: NextEra is conducting an archeological survey to address historic preservation.

- Biological Assessment: Currently, no habitats have been found to be threatened by the project.
- Wetland Assessment: NextEra is researching potential adverse affects on wetlands; no adverse affects have been found as of yet
- Jobs: 75 construction jobs were estimated to be offered. It was reported the project team will try to hire local Waianae residents.
- Outreach: NextEra has met with elected officials, neighborhood boards, adjoining landowners, Native Hawaiian cultural stakeholders, and City and County officials as a part of ongoing community outreach.
- Community Benefits: It was reported revenues generated from the project will help to expand property owner David Wong's sustainable farm and piggery; Wong uses no fertilizer or pesticides in his farming.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Battery system: Moses answered for Neill that the project's current design does not include a battery system because batteries are costly and do not make economic sense for HECO.
2. Underground Utility Lines: Chang answered for Chair Perry that utility lines are projected to be used underground on the makai side of Farrington Highway. Chang indicated if lines were built mauka side then deep drilling under Farrington Highway would be required.
3. Power Poles: Moses answered for Chair Perry that one (1) to two (2) new power poles will be added on the makai side of Farrington Highway. Chair Perry expressed concern that the power poles were not depicted in the project's drawings and asked for better clarification and accuracy. Chang indicated future power poles were still being coordinated with City and County. Moses answered for Chair Perry that the projected power poles would be the same height and size of current poles, but if the lines were located on the mauka side of Farrington Highway then additional large poles would be required.
4. Traffic: A resident expressed concern that future construction may add to traffic problems on Farrington Highway. Chang indicated that NextEra plans to minimize traffic impacts.
5. NextEra Operations in North America: Moses answered for a resident that NextEra is one of the largest renewable energy suppliers in North America. NextEra owns and operates 700 facilities throughout California, New Mexico, Arizona and New Jersey.
6. Windmills: Moses indicated for a community member that NextEra has windmills on other Hawaiian Islands. It was noted by the resident that windmills were unpopular with Hawaii residents.
7. Residential: A resident expressed concern that the proposed solar panels will be located near residential areas.
8. High Voltage: A resident expressed concern over the lack of research on toxicity and long term effects from solar panels; additional concern was expressed that solar farms are armed with signs stating areas are dangerous and contain high voltage.
9. Solar Proposals for Waianae: A community member noted there were several solar companies looking to house their operations in Waianae and warned that being selective was important because long term ramifications were unknown.
10. Support of Property Owner David Wong's Sustainable Farming: Several residents spoke in support of the project and of the property owner, David Wong's sustainable farm. Residents spoke unanimously on Wong's good standing in the community; it was stated several times by various community members that Wong's sustainable farm and piggery are some of the most reputable on island. It was noted that Cornell University is looking into future study of Wong's farming practices. Many community members expressed support of continuing sustainable farming in Waianae. Chair Perry concurred and noted that the community was in unanimous support of Wong, but Chair Perry noted to have reservations regarding the solar farm project itself.
11. Location: Several community members expressed support of the project because panels will be located in an isolated location and protected by a gulch.
12. Natural Resources: A resident reported Waianae is repeatedly selected for solar projects because the west side of the island receives more sun than other areas. The community member indicated therefore the Waianae community should receive benefits such as air conditioning for schools or affordable solar panels for rooftops. Chair Perry and several residents expressed concern that placing the industrial solar farms along the mountainside would result in giving up limited agriculture land.
13. PV Panels: A community member expressed concern that local home owners would not be able to put up solar PV panels on their homes once the solar farm was in operation because of possible over saturation.
14. Presentation/ Representative: Several residents commended the culturally sensitive presentation gave by Dawn Chang in consulting with the community on the project
15. Expansion: Chair Perry inquired if there were plans to expand the solar farm. Perry noted Wong may have previously committed to limiting the solar project to only 75 acres.

16. Vendors: Chair Perry inquired into Wong's vendors. Wong noted the piggery sold directly to the local community; Wong indicated the piggery has yet to sell to companies such as Whole Foods because the farming facility does not hold the amount of pig pens required.
17. Internships: Chair Perry recommended that Wong provide farming internships for high school students.
18. Labeling: Chair Perry encouraged Wong to label products to indicate they were produced in Waianae.
19. Poly Silicon Technology: Gates inquired if health studies had been done. Moses answered the project proposes the use of poly silicon technology and the footprint is small.
20. Radiation: Gates expressed concern over potential radiation. Moses indicated the project will use standard utility scaled equipment with no microwave high frequency emissions. Representatives from NextEra indicated that the proposed solar farm panels will be no more dangerous than household PV panels.
21. Hydroponic Systems: Gate recommended implementing hydroponic farming systems in the soil underneath the panels.

McDonald moved and Endo seconded to support the proposed NextEra Solar Farm Project located on the property of Mr. David Wong.

Discussion: Defer: Gates suggested deferring Board action until a presentation was made by HECO.

The motion to support the proposed NextEra Solar Farm Project located on the property of Mr. David Wong was NOT ADOPTED 3-0-2 (Aye: Endo, McDonald, Neill; Abstain: Gates and Perry).

VIDEOGRAPHER STOP FILMING AT 10:00 P.M.

Neighborhood Assistant Daniela Arriaga departed the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Minutes taken from 10:10 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. were completed and finalized by Chair Perry

Hawaiian Electric Presentation on Proposed Kahe PV Project: Robert Isler presented the following:

Bob Isler of Hawaiian Electric explained the purpose of the company's proposed photovoltaic (PV) project at its Kahe Generating Station. If approved, the project would lower electric bills for all customers. The cost of building and operating this system is about one-third less than of the cost of using oil to produce power. It would also help meet Hawai'i's renewable energy goals. Hawaiian Electric requested a waiver from the competitive bidding framework (a waiver is required for projects larger than 5 MW). This would allow customers to more quickly benefit from more low-cost renewable energy and reduce project costs by enabling us to use federal tax credits which may be reduced or eliminated in the future.

Major approvals for this project are currently pending. Hawaiian Electric must obtain a Special Management Area (SMA) permit, which includes an environmental review, public hearings, and a Honolulu City Council decision. Additionally, the project must be approved by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Hawaiian Electric plans to file an application in October 2013 and expects a decision by the end of 2014. The company anticipates construction for the project to begin around mid-2015 and to be operational in early-2016.

Mr. Isler explained that Hawaiian Electric owns the entire Kahe Valley and that this proposed project is designed to be built on about 50 acres of property next to the Kahe Generating Station on the Nanakuli side. The panels will be 4' x 2' and will be installed on racks angled at about 20 degrees that will be about 6' tall. About a dozen inverter power stations will also be installed on the property as part of the project to convert the direct current (DC) electricity produced by the panels to alternating current (AC), which is the form transmitted by the electricity grid. There will also be a 46 kV transmission line (500 feet overhead and 300 feet underground) that will connect the project to the generating station.

The main potential construction impacts include dust and erosion, which will be mitigated with best management practices. Noise and traffic are not anticipated to cause impacts to the community. Project life impacts include stormwater runoff, which will be mitigated with seepage pits, as well the possible impact on plants and animals, which are being reviewed. To mitigate the visual impact of the project, Mr. Isler showed visual renderings of a Hawaiian Electric landscape restoration project. Mr. Isler said this project is part of a prior Hawaiian Electric commitment to the community, in which a contractor is restoring landscaping on an approximately 35-foot wide by 3,000-foot long portion of the Kahe property along Farrington Highway. The landscaping project will involve the installation of native and Polynesian-introduced plants consistent with the native ecosystem of dry coastal areas

on Oahu while obscuring the view of the PV panels from Farrington Highway. The contractor working on the landscaping project will help to maintain the vegetation.

In addition to the Cultural Inventory Assessment component of the Environmental Assessment, Hawaiian Electric also conducted an Archaeological Inventory Survey of 160 acres of Kahe property to identify cultural sites. Several sites were identified, but only three were found to have historical or cultural significance. One of the sites near the project area was determined to be a fishing shrine, which will be preserved. The project will be fenced and be setback from the identified area. The other two sites outside the project area were determined to be gun turrets from the World War II era.

NEW BUSINESS- CONTINUATION:

Hawaiian Electric Presentation on Proposed Kahe PV Project

The purpose of the project is to lower customer's monthly bills and fuel cost. Renewable energy goals is to reduce fuel cost by 15% by 2015; 25% by 2020 and by 40% by 2030.

The Draft Environmental Assessment has been completed. Archaeological inventory has been identified and dotted with red flags. Various native plants will be part of the landscape.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Native Plants: Ulu trees will be part of the landscape.
2. Weight Station: Partnership with HDOT and land availability
3. Power: HECO produces 60% and independent partner's produces 40%. Current rate .32 cents per kilowatt hours.
4. Community Benefit: Increase community benefit to the community and not to increase rates.
5. Health Concerns: Solar farms may be harmful to the community in the future.

The Nanakuli-Maili Neighborhood Board No. 36 has not taken a position on this project, therefore, the appearance of HECO to the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 was only a presentation. NO ACTION BY THE BOARD.

A representative from the City's Department of Transportation Services (DTS) highlighted the improvements to TheBus and TheHandi-Van services which will be effective on July 1, 2014.

TheBus:

- One free transfer slip with paid cash fare.
- Transfer is valid for 2 hours (more time for long-distance trips)
- Rider can use the transfer slip for up to 2 connections.
- Transfers not valid for return trips or round trips.

TheHandi-Van:

- TheHandi-Van will take ride reservations up to 2 days in advance instead of 7 days.
- The goal: More timely and improved service
 - Fewer "just-in-case" reservations.
 - Fewer incidents of service delays and unnecessarily long ride times that result when vans are sent to pick up someone who forgot to cancel their trip.
- Last year, approximately 71,000 trip reservations resulted in a cancellation or a no-show by the customer.

For more information of both services call 768.8396 or go to TheBusStop@honolulu.gov

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Complete Streets: Project unknown to presenter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/NOMINATION OF MEMBERS:

- Deferred in the interest of time.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

- As noted on the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 will RECESS IN JUNE 2014.
- The next Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at the Waianae District Park – Multi Purpose Room, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 P.M. by Chair Johnnie-Mae L. Perry.

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Reviewed and Finalized by: