



## WAIANAE COAST NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 24

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2014** **WAIANAE DISTRICT PARK – MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Cedric Gates called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. **A quorum was not established with four (4) Board members present.** Note: This nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

**Board Members Present:** Calvin Endo, Al Frenzel, Cedric Gates, and Craig McDonald.

**Board Members Absent:** Robin Grant, Johnnie-Mae Perry, and Albert Silva.

**Vacancies:** There was one (1) Subdistrict 1 vacancy and one (1) Subdistrict 2 vacancy.

**Guests:** Lieutenant Bryan Iwane (Honolulu Police Department), Captain Ryan Meada (Honolulu Fire Department), Lieutenant Colonel Will Griffin (U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division), Leland How (Board of Water Supply), Louis Galdeira (Councilmember Kymberly Pine's Office Staff), Ian Santee (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative), William Aila Jr. (Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative), Representative Jo Jordan, Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Representative Karen Awana, Amy Asaum (HIS), Charles Strickland, Cynthia Rezentes, BS McEllen, Jack De Feo, James Manaku Sr., Richard and Shirley Landford, Lokana Keliikoa-Pua, Doug Zitek, Greg Gomes, Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai, Melva Aila, and Lori Snyder (Neighborhood Commission Office Staff).

**Pule/Pledge of Allegiance/Hawaii Pono'i:** Vice Chair Cedric Gates welcomed everyone to the Board meeting. Endo led the pule, while Vice Chair Gates led Hawaii Pono'i and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**FILLING OF BOARD VACANCY:** This item was deferred to the next Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 regular meeting.

#### **MONTHLY REPORTS: Part one (1)**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD):** Captain Ryan Meada reported the following:

- **September 2014 Fire Statistics:** There were 5 wildland fires, 4 structure fire, 3 rubbish fires, 3 vehicle fires, 150 medical emergencies, 4 search and rescues, and 89 miscellaneous emergencies.
- **Fire Safety Tip:** Ensure Halloween costumes are flame-resistant, made of lightweight fabric, brightly colored, and clearly visible to motorists. Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape. Keep the length of costumes short to prevent tripping. A natural mask of cosmetics is better than a mask that may restrict breathing or obscure vision. Children should carry a flashlight to light their way.
- **Natural Disaster Preparedness:** HFD encourages every family member to take necessary steps to ensure their family is prepared for a natural disaster, and more information can be found at [www.honolulu.gov/dem](http://www.honolulu.gov/dem).

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD):** Lieutenant Bryan Iwane reported the following:

- **September 2014 Crime Statistics:** There were 31 motor vehicle thefts, 63 burglaries, 217 thefts, 60 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV), and 7,518 total calls for service.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. **Public Safety Problems:** Lieutenant Iwane noted for a community member that public safety problems should be reported by calling 911.
2. **Robberies Targeting the Elderly:** Vice Chair Gates voiced concern that robbers are targeting elders outside of banks.
3. **HPD Approach:** Vice Chair Gates noted a community member was angry by the way he was approached by HPD while fishing.
4. **Speeding:** Vice Chair Gates noted that a community member observed cars speeding on Kaukamana Street.

**U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division:** Lieutenant Colonel Will Griffin reported the following:



- Makua Cultural Access: Malama Makua's next scheduled cultural access dates are Saturday, October 11, 2014 and Sunday, October 26, 2014.
- Tropic Lightning Week: Tropic Lightning Week will be held from Monday, October 6, 2014 to Thursday, October 9, 2014. The public is invited to the events on Thursday, October 9, 2014.
- Living History Day: Living History Day will be celebrated at the Tropic Lightning Museum on Saturday, October 11, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The public is invited to this free event.
- Veterans Day Event: Soldiers from Schofield Barracks will be participating in a Veterans Day event.
- Ohana Program: Soldiers worked with the Kamaile Academy School to repaint roofs, improve conditions of the school, and continue the partnership with the school.
- Hawaii Army Weekly: To receive a free electronic subscription of Hawaii Army Weekly, email [editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com).

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- Army Downsizing Information Request: Lieutenant Colonel Griffin responded to Defeo's request for information about army downsizing. There was a public comment period after the completion of the Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment (SPEA). There will be another community listening session before a final decision is made around the end of January 2015. Defeo requested a representative from the Army be present at an information briefing on Tuesday, October 14, 2014.
- Downsizing Concerns: Endo voiced concern about the United States security if downsizing occurred, especially since there is a new North Korean leader. Defeo noted the downsizing would not leave Hawaii unprotected, but was a matter of budgeting. A community member described other problems along with the new North Korean leader that are affecting the soldiers.
- SPEA Public Comments: Vice Chair Gates asked if public comments related to the SPEA were available online. Lieutenant Colonel Griffin will follow up.
- Fuel Dumping: A community member voiced concern about an airplane dumping fuel from the coastline to Barbers Point.

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

- Main Break: There was an eight (8) inch main break on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 on Kawili Street.
- Workshop Schedule: Upcoming Halawa Xeriscape Garden Workshops include a Neem Tree Workshop on Saturday, October 18, 2014, Rain Barrel Catchment on Saturday, October 25, 2014, and Economical Aquaponics on Saturday, November 8, 2014. Call 748-5363 or email [workshops@hbws.org](mailto:workshops@hbws.org) to register.
- Mulch Workshop: As of July 2014, BWS is no longer offering free mulch at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden. A Simple Backyard Composting workshop will be held in February 2015 to educate the community about an alternative to using commercial mulch.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Meter Replacement: Community member James Manaku, Sr. requested replacement of BWS meters for more accurate readings.

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

- City News: Santee referred to the October 2014 City News which included topics such as an affordable housing strategy and an update on Mayor Caldwell's priorities.
- Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Concerns: The Department of Customer Services (DCS) noted it is difficult to recruit workers for the permanent employment positions at the DMV, but they will do their best to ensure the Satellite City Hall in Waianae runs smoothly.
- ID Registration: To make an appointment for a road test online over the internet, an individual can go to the Waianae office and make the appointment at the counter or use the computers at the Hawaii public libraries.
- Light-Emitting Diode (LED): All City-owned street lights will be replaced with new LED street lights. The replacement work is estimated to take place at the end of 2015 or early 2016.
- Homelessness: The sit-lie bills are not intended to address the issue of homelessness, but to keep public spaces in Waikiki sanitary and open for all to use. However, the Caldwell Administration is taking great strides towards helping Honolulu's homelessness with a variety of bills which will address affordable housing needs and establish permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless.
- Stop Sign: The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) is currently conducting an investigation on a possible stop sign at Lahaina Street and Jade Street. DTS will inform the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 of the status of their findings by November 2014.
- Housing First Statistics: According to the Office of Housing (HOU), there are 100 chronically homeless individuals. Housing First will target the Waianae Coast, Downtown/Chinatown, and Waikiki. Chronically

homeless individuals are defined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

- Solar Panels: An inquiry regarding the Aina Haina Public Library photovoltaic panel damage and the responsible agency for its repairs should be directed to the Hawaii Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).
- City-owned Buildings: The Office of Housing reported that the City has not sold the 12 City-owned affordable housing buildings.
- Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Director: DPR Director Michele Nekota could not attend the October 2014 Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 regular meeting. To schedule a meeting with Director Nekota, call 768-3003.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Satellite City Hall: Frenzel requested Waianae Satellite City Hall be open four (4) days a week instead of two (2) days.
2. Homelessness Statistics: Frenzel noted the statistic of 100 chronically homeless individuals seemed incorrect, and should be closer to 400 homeless individuals.
3. Fishing in Parks: Community member Richard Landford voiced concern about fishing hooks getting caught on individuals at the parks by fisherman, and inquired if fishing was allowed off of Pokai Bay in designated swimming areas
4. DMV Employment: A community member inquired how to apply for a position at the Waianae Satellite City Hall, and noted there are Waianae community members available for employment. Santee noted open positions are posted on the City and County of Honolulu Human Resources website.
5. Parks: A community member voiced concern about signage and lack of trash cans at Kaupuni Neighborhood Park, and requested crosswalks on the streets leading to parks. Frenzel requested an update of Waianae park improvements. Vice Chair Gates requested a speed limit sign at Pokai Bay.
6. Swimming Pool: A community member voiced concern about drownings in the ocean, and requested a swimming pool at Waianae District Park. Frenzel agreed.
7. Landscaping: A community member requested the bushes get trimmed at the Waianae District Park to create a safer environment.
8. Vendors at Parks: A community member inquired about if a permit is needed for vendors to sell at a park.
9. Park Painting: Santee noted for a community member that a work order has been created to repaint red curbs at the Pokai Bay parking lot. A community member requested handicap parking spots be relocated closer to the shoreline.
10. Gym Light: A community member requested a light be placed in the corner of the Waianae District Park gym basketball courts.
11. Affordable Housing: Vice Chair Gates inquired if the City's affordable housing buildings were for sale. Santee will follow up. Vice Chair Gates noted many residents need more affordable rentals rather than affordable housing, and also requested the specific HUD requirements that define chronically homeless.
12. First Aid Certification: A community member requested City employees receive First Aid training as soon as they are hired.

Councilmember Kymberly Pine's Representative: Louis Galdeira provided a handout and reported the following:

- Grants in Aid (GIA): Non-profit organizations will have the opportunity to submit their applications for the City's GIA fund during the Request for Grant Proposals period beginning on Monday, November 17, 2014.
- City Council Meeting: The next City Council meeting will be held at the Honolulu Hale Council Chambers on Wednesday, October 8, 2014.
- Hire Leeward: Visit [www.hireleeward.com](http://www.hireleeward.com) for information about job vacancies.
- Contact: Councilmember Pine's office can be reached at 768-5001, [kmpine@honolulu.gov](mailto:kmpine@honolulu.gov), or [www.councilmemberpine.com](http://www.councilmemberpine.com).

## COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Civil Defense Training: There will be civil defense training on Wednesday, October 22, 2014. If interested, contact Al Frenzel at [al@makaha.us](mailto:al@makaha.us). Volunteers are needed to assist in responding to community disasters.

Internet Cafe: Frenzel announced that Waianae Internet Cafe, located on 87-132 Farrington Highway, is open Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The cafe is operated by a non-profit organization and charges about \$1.00 for one (1) hour of internet use.

Waianae High School Football: Endo announced the Waianae High School Junior Varsity football team will be playing on Friday, October 17, 2014 against Mililani High School. Waianae High School Varsity football team will be playing on Saturday, October 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. against Aiea High School.

Homelessness: A community member noted many homeless need to help themselves in order to earn just wages to support themselves and their families. The community member encouraged schools for adults to job-related skills.

Army Downsize Meeting: De Feo announced that there will be an information briefing, discussion, and question/answer session on the proposed Army downsizing on Oahu, held at the Waianae District Park Multi-Purpose Room on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Candidate Forum: De Feo requested a candidate forum with District 44 representatives to educate the community. A community member noted the Waianae Valley Homestead held a candidate forum, thanked the candidates that attended, and encouraged the community to vote.

Committee Meeting: Landford invited the community to attend the Nanakuli Transportation Committee meeting.

Kaupuni Stream Fishing: Community member Amy Asaum, residing near Kaupuni Stream, voiced concern about fishing activities occurring along the stream around 1:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m.

Welcoming Assembly: A community member noted there are animals being killed in the community and asked for a contact to call for removal of dead animals.

Sand Scraping: A community member noted the City has not been scraping the sand at the beaches.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Institute of Human Services (IHS): This item was deferred to the next Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 regular meeting.

Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (WCCHC): Amy Asaum, Education Director at WCCHC, reported on the Waianae Health Academy. The Waianae Health Academy is in year two (2) of a \$1.4 million grant with Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). This program has successfully trained hundreds of students with vocational education in health career fields, and has partnered with the University of Hawaii at Hilo to provide a Bachelors of Science degree in nursing. There are currently 13 students enrolled and WCCHC is accepting applications for the program. WCCHC has designed programs that allow high school students to gain experience in a medical career setting before going to college. WCCHC is now hiring three (3) support staff members, and to view those open positions, visit [www.wcchc.com](http://www.wcchc.com).

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Scholarships: Frenzel asked if Asaum was aware of the scholarship opportunities for the nursing program through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) department. Asaum noted she encourages students to apply to any scholarship opportunity available.
2. High School Programs: Vice Chair Gates asked for more information about the Waianae High School health clinic program initiative. Asaum noted the program services would include health education and dental services. Vice Chair Gates thanked WCCHC on behalf of the Waianae Coast community for their services.
3. Department of Education (DOE) Liability: McDonald asked about the DOE's stance on liability issues regarding the high school program.

#### BOARD BUSINESS/ACTION: Part one (1)

Approval of September 2, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes: This item was deferred to the next Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 regular meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Endo read the September 2014 financial statement. The expenditures for postage and printing was \$31.24, leaving a balance of \$647.57.

#### BOARD BUSINESS/ACTION: Part two (2)

Environmental Justice Legislation: Louis Galdiera noted that the third and final hearing for three (3) bills introduced earlier this year will be heard on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 during a full council meeting in the Honolulu Hale Council Chambers. Environmental Justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all communities in the development, implementation, and enforcement of laws, regulations, and policies affecting the communities' natural resources. Galdiera reported an update on Bills 35, 36, and 37:

- Bill 35, Relating to Stockpiling of Soil: Bill 35 regulates stockpiling on agriculturally-zoned land. Since January 2014, an amendment was created to strengthen Bill 35. Bill 35 describes what an individual can stockpile.
- Bill 36, Relating to Grading Violations and Penalties: Bill 36 increases fines by 500% and up to 1000% for the most serious violations, and imposes stronger penalties including criminal prosecution for repeat offenders. Since January 2014, an amendment was created to make it easier for inspectors to cite violators. Criminal prosecution still remains an option for violations or repeat offenders. The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) can open a criminal case for a violation. Bill 36 also allows farmers to grade without a permit during natural disasters or emergencies. Bill 36 describes the penalties for unlawful stockpiling.
- Bill 37, Relating to Grading without a Permit: Bill 37 increases penalties for grading without a permit. Since January 2014, Bill 37 was amended to allow farmers to grade land in emergencies or create a farming environment.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Testimony: Frenzel asked if the online testimony submissions were considered when amending the bills. Galdiera noted many individuals discuss concerns at Councilmember Pine's office before the testimony is online, and Councilmember Pine's office also reviews the online testimony.
2. Transporter Penalties: McDonald asked if there were any penalties against those aiding in the stockpiling, including transportation. Frenzel inquired about penalties for the generators. Galdiera noted these bills do not address the generators.
3. Farmers: De Feo voiced concern of the affects the bills would have on farmers. Galdiera noted Councilmember Pine worked with many farmers when creating the bills. Representative Awana voiced concern about unintended consequences in the future of farmers losing their land.
4. Thank You: Representative Awana, Vice Chair Gates, and a community member thanked Councilmember Pine for her efforts on creating the bills.
5. Environmental Justice Court: Galdiera noted for Vice Chair Gates that Councilmember Pine was not creating an Environmental Justice Court.
6. Maili Park Work-Out Station: Vice Chair Gates noted that the work-out station at Maili Beach Park was too hot and needed a tent.

#### MONTHLY REPORTS: Part two (2)

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative: William Aila Jr. reported the following:

- Appreciation: Governor Abercrombie expresses appreciation to the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 and members of the community for their partnership throughout his term.
- General Election: Governor Abercrombie encourages everyone to vote on General Election day, Tuesday, November 4, 2014.
- Environmental Court: Last session, the legislature passed a bill asking the Judiciary to set up an Environmental Court.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Harbor Bathrooms: Frenzel requested the Waianae Boat Harbor bathrooms be available to the homeless 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week. Aila Jr. noted there are safety issues but discussion is ongoing.
2. Thank You: A community member thanked Aila Jr. for his presence at the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 meetings, and asked what could be done to keep him as a representative. Aila Jr. noted the new Governor chooses his cabinet members.
3. Environmental Court: McDonald noted if an Environmental Justice Court is established, it should be executed in a responsible manner.
4. Farrington Highway Realignment: Vice Chair Gates inquired about possible EV found at the site of Farrington Highway realignment construction. Aila Jr. noted State Department of Transportation (DOT) found fragments of EV, and concluded that it was brought into the area.
5. Hawoa Estates: Aila Jr. noted for Vice Chair Gates that the closure of the Hawoa estates was due to

vandalism.

Senator Maile Shimabukuro: Senator Maile Shimabukuro provided handouts and reported the following: Legislature: Senator Shimabukuro plans to support a bill from last year's legislative session that would allow charter schools to receive Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Thank You: A community member thanked Senator Shimabukuro for responding to her request of clearing trash at the Waianae Boat Harbor.
2. High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane: Vice Chair Gates requested an HOV lane eastbound and westbound during peak hour traffic starting from Makaha through Nanakuli.

Representative Jo Jordan: Representative Jo Jordan reported the following:

- Makaha Watershed: Governor Abercrombie released \$500,000 for the Makaha Watershed Restoration.
- School Upgrades: Waianae Intermediate School is receiving electrical upgrades totaling over \$1 million.
- Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness: The Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness will have a second meeting on Monday, October 20, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in conference room 309 at the Hawaii State Capitol.
- Veteran Identification: As of Wednesday, October 1, 2014 a veteran designation is available on Hawaii driver's licenses, State ID's, and instruction permits.
- Ghostbusters Library Event: The Waianae Public Library will be hosting a free Ghostbusters event on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Keiki Storytime: The Waianae Public Library is offering Keiki Storytime on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. for children up to five (5) years of age.
- Signal Intersection: A letter was attached to the newsletter from DOT regarding a proposal for a full access signalized intersection at Nanakuli Village Center and Farrington Highway. Those interested in moving forward with this proposal should contact DOT.
- Boat Harbor Improvements: Governor Abercrombie released \$300,000 for small boat harbor improvements.
- Parking Lot Repavement: \$2 million was acquired for parking lot repavement.

Representative Karen Awana: Representative Awana circulated a newsletter and reported the following:

- Challenge Academy: Cadets from the National Guard Hawaii Youth Challenge Academy met with Representative Awana at the Hawaii State Capitol.
- Asian and Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus: Representative Awana met with other legislators in Seattle, Washington at their Health Symposium to receive updates on the current status of health in Asian and Pacific Islander communities, the Affordable Care Act Post Enrollment and Health Literacy. Included was a tour of the International Community Health Services, a non-profit health center that provides services in a predominantly immigrant community.
- Open House: An open house was held on Friday, September 26, 2014 featuring Community Learning Centers in Maili which is part of Kamehameha Schools' Ka Pua Initiative.
- Community Driven Disaster Preparedness Plan: Representatives from the Hawaii Hazards Awareness and Resilience Program in collaboration with the Waianae Military Civilian Advisory Council held an orientation to inquire if there was interest in organizing a community driven disaster preparedness plan. Individuals with questions or interest in being a part of the preparedness plan should contact Representative Awana's office.
- Children and Youth Day: Children and Youth Day was held at the Hawaii State Capitol and the surrounding capitol district on Sunday, October 5, 2014.
- Caregiver Conference: Representative Awana attended the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Caregiver Conference at the Japanese Cultural Center on Saturday, October 4, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Gates.

Submitted by: Lori Snyder, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Uyen Vong, Neighborhood Assistant, Reviewed and Finalized by: Cedric Gates, Vice Chair