



## WAIANAE COAST NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 24

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015**

### **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 six (6) 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, Rene-Andre DeRosa, Al Frenzel, Cedric Gates (arrived at 7:45 p.m.), Johnnie-Mae Perry, Albert Silva, and Kellen Smith.

**Board Members Absent:** Robin Grant and Craig McDonald.

**Guests:** Lieutenant Farrel Sojot (Honolulu Police Department), Captain Ryan Fernandez and Firefighter K. Abley (Honolulu Fire Department), Lieutenant Colonel Will Griffin (U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division); Keoni D. Mattos and Kauai G.O. Hilo (Board of Water Supply); Ian Santee (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Office staff); Geanine Kahalewai (Senator Maile Shimabukuro's Office); Shondell Palacio (Read To Me International); Jean Butel (Children's Healthy Living); Arlina Wong (Parent Leadership Training Institute); B.S. McEwen; Louis Albrecht; Randy Bartlett; Ed Burke; Kawika Nahoopii; Karen Awana; Greg Gomes; Jack DeFeo; James Manaku Sr.; Richard Landford; Shirley Landford; Paul O. Paaaina; Dee Puduah; Lori Snyder (Neighborhood Commission Office).

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

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD):** Firefighter K. Abley reported the following:

- **February 2015 Fire Statistics:** There were 7 rubbish fires, 174 medical emergencies, 74 good intent calls, 17 false calls, and 1 unusual incident.
- **Cooking Safety Tips:** Cook only when alert. Keep watch of what is cooking, and turn off the stove if stepping away. Keep dish towels, paper towels, and potholders away from the stove. Avoid cooking in loose clothing; loose sleeves can easily catch on fire. Keep hot items away from counter or table edges. If a fire has started, go outside, call 9-1-1, and stay outside.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD):** Lieutenant Farrel Sojot reported the following: **February 2015 Statistics:** There were 28 motor vehicle thefts, 54 burglaries, 157 thefts, 41 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV), and 6,630 total calls for service.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: **District 8 Boundaries:** Lieutenant Sojot clarified for a community member that the statistics were for District 8, from Waianae to Kapolei.

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

- **Malama Makua Cultural Access:** Malama Makua's next scheduled cultural access dates are Saturdays, March 7, 2015 and March 21, 2015.
- **Training:** Training began on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 and will end on Thursday, March 5, 2015.
- **Earth Day Festivals:** United States Army Garrison Hawaii (USAG-HI) is requesting exhibitors for the upcoming Earth Day festivals throughout April 2015. Call 656-3103 by Friday, March 6, 2015 if interested.
- **Makua Marine Study:** A public meeting will be held for the Army Makua Marine Study on Thursday, March 5, 2015 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Waianae High School. For more information about the study visit [www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/makua](http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/makua).
- **Hawaii Army Weekly:** Email [editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com) to receive a free electronic subscription of the Hawaii Army Weekly.

**Board of Water Supply (BWS):** Keoni D. Mattos reported the following:

- **New Representative:** Mattos introduced Kauai G.O. Hilo as the new BWS representative for the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24.
- **Main Breaks:** There were no main breaks for February 2015.
- **Telephone Scam:** BWS customers are being targeted in an attempt to fraudulently collect money. Anyone who receives unexpected and/or aggressive phone calls in reference to a past due bill should not give

any information to the caller and should call the BWS for verification. To protect yourself from scams that may use water bills as a lure, know your account status, understand BWS collection procedures, safeguard your personal information, and hang up on suspicious callers. Call 9-1-1 and BWS at 748-5000 to file a report for suspicious activity.

- National Fix-a-Leak Week: Monday, March 16, 2015 through Sunday, March 22, 2015 is National Fix-a-Leak Week. Residents are encouraged to check for property leaks by using leak detection dye tablets.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Makaha Valley Flood Study: Frenzel requested the status of the Makaha Valley Flood Study, and inquired if the results would be accessible to the public.
2. Stairway to Heaven: Chair Perry voiced support for removing the Stairway to Heaven path accessibility, as BWS or the taxpayers should not be liable for injuries from the stairs.

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

- Ti Leaf Collection: The Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts (MOCA) and the Honolulu Zoo are asking for donations of ti leaf to help repair the hale la'i. Hundreds of leaves will be needed, and green, yellow or brown leaves with stems may be dropped off in plastic bags at the Honolulu Zoo entrance.
- Crosswalk Stickers: The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will begin placing stickers on crosswalk signal poles to inform pedestrians about crosswalk safety.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Project Management Report Request: Frenzel reminded Santee of a request from January 2015 that the Board be provided a copy of the Project Management Oversight Contractors report. Santee will follow up.
2. Alternative Rail Technologies Request: Smith informed Santee of the motion from February 2015 in which a letter was sent from the Chair requesting the Transportation Chair Councilmember Joey Manahan coordinate a public presentation about alternative rail technologies.

Councilmember Kymberly Pine's Representative: Kathy Davenport provided a handout and reported the following:

- Roads and Parks Legislation: Councilmember Pine introduced two (2) bills related to roads and parks.
- Secondary Access Status: The secondary access road is in the long term planning stage, and the DTS is estimating a completion date of 2035.
- Summer Fun Status: Councilmember Pine believes Mayor Caldwell will release funds for Summer Fun.
- Hire Leeward: The third annual Hire Leeward Job and Career Fair will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at the University of Hawaii (UH) West Oahu campus. Free business seminars will be held.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Affordable Housing: DeRosa disclosed that he represents Kahumanu as its developer for transitional affordable housing, and requested Councilmember Pine's plans and target areas for transitional affordable housing.
2. Leeward Bike Path: Smith inquired about the status of the Leeward Bike Path.
3. Affordable Housing Definition: Smith asked what was considered affordable housing. Davenport referred to a presentation where Ho'opili Development representatives explained affordable housing.
4. Adopt-A-Park Contact: Frenzel voiced concern about a friend that wants to paint, mow, and water the parks but is having trouble coordinating with the Department of Parks and Recreation to give him permission. Davenport recommended contacting her at [Kathleen.davenpo@honolulu.gov](mailto:Kathleen.davenpo@honolulu.gov) or 768-5089.
5. Rail: Frenzel recommended Councilmember Pine survey the community on the continuation of rail. Chair Perry suggested Councilmember Pine provide highlights of rail updates in her newsletter.
6. Secondary Access Road: Chair Perry voiced concern that if a proposed pole on Farrington Highway fell, the road to exit Waianae would be blocked. Chair Perry requested that Councilmember Pine advocate for the opening of the secondary access road.
7. Legislation Request: Chair Perry requested that the newsletter include legislation introduced by Councilmember Pine.

## CHAIR'S REPORT

Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Hearing: Chair Perry noted that the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) held a meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2015 about a proposed Hawaiian Electric solar farm in Waianae; the Hawaiian Electric Company has agreed to hold a meeting in Waianae at 6:00 p.m. The date has yet to be determined.

Certificate: The Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) presented a certificate of appreciation to the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board (WCNB) No. 24. Chair Perry acknowledged Al Frenzel for representing WCNB No. 24 at the OahuMPO meetings.

#### COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neighborhood Board Election Candidates: Chair Perry announced the names of the WCNB No. 24 candidates for the 2015 Neighborhood Board election.

Farrington Highway Intersection Improvements Project: Chair Perry announced a Farrington Highway Intersection Improvements Project information meeting that will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Nanaikapono Elementary School. For more information call the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) at 587-2160.

Wildfire Input Meetings: Chair Perry announced that the Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization's upcoming Wildfire Input meetings will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Nanaikapono Elementary School, and Thursday, March 12, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Waianae District Park. For more information contact Ilene Grossman at 885-0900.

Disaster Preparedness Workshops: Chair Perry announced that the Waianae Coast Disaster Readiness Team's Disaster Preparedness Workshops will be held at Waianae District Park on Wednesdays, March 18, April 15, May 20, and June 17, July 15, August 19, and September 16, 2015, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 255-8669 or email arockda@aol.com.

Next Regular Meeting: Chair Perry announced that the next WCNB No. 24 regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at Waianae District Park at 7:00 p.m., and are aired on O'lelo channel 49 every third Monday at 9:00 p.m.

Agricultural Community Events: De Rosa announced the following events: the next Mouna Day hosted by Mouna Farm Arts and Cultural Village will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2015. Kahumana Organic Farm and Café hosts a First Friday event on the first Friday of every month with movies and music.

West Point Acceptance: Endo reported that his son had been recently accepted into the United States Military Academy at West Point, and encouraged high school seniors to strive for excellence in their academic careers.

Emergency Access Roads: A community member inquired about who to contact to request emergency access roads be open. Frenzel answered that there are several keys, HPD must be called, and the access will not be opened right away. The roads will only be opened in a natural disaster. Richard Langford, chair of the Nanakuli-Maili No. 36 Transportation Committee, noted that he is asking that all access roads be opened when the Farrington Highway construction begins.

Art Request: The Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts (MOCA) is desiring to commission a work of art for the Waianae Police Station. The application deadline is Friday, August 7, 2015 and the budget for the project is \$70,000. For more information call 768-4105 or e-mail [tlaittila@honolulu.gov](mailto:tlaittila@honolulu.gov).

Waianae Hall 40th Anniversary: The Waianae Hall celebrated its 40th anniversary by inducting Waianae Coast leaders into their Hall of Fame.

Night Construction: Community member Richard Landford announced a meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 discussing the permission for the HDOT to do night construction on Farrington Highway. Testimony will be received.

**Gates arrived at 7:45 p.m. There were seven (7) members present.**

Eurus Solar Development Concern: A community member voiced concern about the Eurus Solar Development's proposal for land near Kamaile Academy. The community member noted that Eurus is already going onto the property and has not surveyed the nearby landowners about the proposal. Chair Perry noted Eurus has not accepted her invitation for them to provide information to the Board. Gates voiced concern about the lack of outreach to neighbors from Eurus about the solar farm, was in support of holding a special meeting about the

solar development, and encouraged the Board to take a position on the solar development. Perry notes she would put this topic on the next agenda.

Invasive Species: Randy Bartlett from the Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC) reported on the coconut rhinoceros beetle (CRB) and the little fire ants (LFA). Bartlett explained that LFA are found in Mililani Mauka and Waimanalo on Oahu and a handout on how to test for LFA was available. Bartlett noted three (3) CRB had been found in Waianae, explained that the CRB devastated 80% of the palm trees on Guam, and urged residents to get rid of their mulch piles as mulch piles are convivial for CRB larvae.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Coqui Frogs: Bartlett answered for DeRosa that coqui frogs are widespread on the Big Island, and are unknowingly shipped to Oahu.
2. Funding Available for Invasive Species: Frenzel noted funding should be awarded to control the invasive species problem before it has the chance to get out of control. Bartlett noted the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) has \$4 million specifically for invasive species, and the estimate funding needed to eradicate the invasive species is \$8 million a year. Bartlett encouraged the community to help eradicate the problem by checking their yards for infestations.
3. Motion for Next Month: Frenzel requested placing the CRB and LFA on next month's agenda so the Board could vote to send a letter to the City or State.

Cultural Survey: Gates announced that a PVT Land Company survey is being conducted by Cultural Surveys Hawaii regarding raising the elevation of stocking goods from 90 feet to 135 feet above sea level. Gates noted there is already a concern about the air quality if the elevation was raised, but this survey is focusing on the cultural effects. For more information contact Nicole Ishihara from Cultural Surveys Hawaii at 262-9972.

Gates' Washington D.C. Trip: Gates noted that he is traveling to Washington D.C. on behalf of the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (WCCHC) to join the National Association of Community Health Centers to discuss ways to improve the health of the community. Gates will be meeting with one (1) of President Barrack Obama's cabinet members from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and will report about that meeting at the next Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 Housing and Development Committee.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Illegal Alcohol Access: Chair Perry noted the presenter was confused about the date of today's meeting, and was not available to present.

The Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI): Community leader Arlina Wong presented on the PLTI. PLTI is a 20 week course, one (1) day a week, for individuals and parents who have a heart for children's future. Every meeting provides a variety of skills from how to work with diverse groups of children to writing and speaking testimony for bills in the legislature. The first class will finish week 18 of 20, and the graduation of 19 individuals will be held at the Capitol. The Department of Education (DOE) provides some funding but PLTI is not a State program. Each graduate is required to implement a community project, such as a community garden or starting a chess club at a local school. Those interested should contact Arlina Wong at 778-1662.

Early Education Program: Jean Butel from the Children's Healthy Living (CHL) Program provided a handout and reported the following: CHL partners with community members and organizations to make deliberate choices that lead to healthier children. The results of a study that measured the health of children in Nanakuli were released and provided; the results concluded that children are not getting enough sleep and are watching too much television. CHL promotes more activity for children, more sleep, eating more fruits and vegetables, drinking more water, limiting sugar-sweetened beverages, and limiting screen time.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Thank You: Gates thanked Butel for promoting healthy lifestyles and establishing community leaders.

Read To Me International (RTM): Shondell Palacio provided a handout and reported the following: RTM is a program that encourages parents to read aloud to their children for at least 10 minutes every day. RTM is a (3) cycle program every school calendar year. Parents and caregivers can come to this free program and every session they attend, they receive four (4) free books. Palacio shared a poster with information and tips on how to read to children. For more information, contact the RTM offices at 87-790 Kulauku Street Room A118, or call 670-2058. Palacio read the book "I Like Me" by Nancy Carlson.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Location of Meetings: Palacio answered for Gates that the current RTM session is being held at the learning center at Maili. A previous session was held at the transitional shelter in Maili. RTM is willing to work with other existing programs to add reading to their program.
2. Reading Tips: Palacio answered for Frenzel that the reading tips can be found at [www.ReadToMeIntl.org](http://www.ReadToMeIntl.org).
3. Funding: Palacio answered for DeRosa that RTM is self-funded.

Hoopono Mamo: Chair Perry noted that the representative was off-island and was not available to present.

#### BOARD BUSINESS/ACTION - Part One (1)

Approval of Tuesday, February 3, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes: **Endo moved and Silva seconded to approve the February 3, 2015 regular minutes. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0** (DeRosa, Endo, Frenzel, Gates, Perry, Silva, and Smith.)

Treasurer's Report: Endo read the February 2015 financial statement. The expenditures for postage and printing was \$46.94, leaving a balance of \$332.84. The report was filed.

SB774/HB509 Relating to the Protection of Taro: Chair Perry noted that as of Thursday, February 12, 2015, SB774 passed second reading. **Gates moved and DeRosa seconded that the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 support SB774/HB509 Relating to the Protection of Taro.** Discussion followed:

- Support: DeRosa thanked Smith for testifying for SB774 and encouraged Board members and community to support SB774.

**The motion that the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 support SB774/HB509 Relating to the Protection of Taro was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0** (DeRosa, Endo, Frenzel, Gates, Perry, Silva, and Smith.)

SB1325 Relating to Waste Management: Chair Perry noted that as of Monday, February 2, 2015, SB1325 was referred to committees. **Gates moved and Endo seconded that the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 support SB1325 Relating to Waste Management. The motion was ADOPTED by VOICE VOTE, 6-0-1** (AYE: DeRosa, Endo, Frenzel, Gates, Perry, and Smith. ABSTAIN: Silva).

SB770 Relating to Transportation: Chair Perry noted that as of Wednesday, January 28, 2015, SB770 was referred to committees. **Silva moved and Gates seconded that the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 support SB770 Relating to Transportation. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0** (DeRosa, Endo, Frenzel, Gates, Perry, Silva, and Smith.)

#### MONTHLY REPORTS - Part Two (2)

Governor David Ige's Representative: A representative was not present and a report was not provided.

Senator Maile Shimabukuro: Geanine Kahalewai provided a handout and reported the following:

- Evacuation Sites: Kahalewai noted there were only two (2) certified evacuation sites on the island, and none were in Nanakuli or Waianae.
- Air Conditioning Pilot Program: GreenPath Technologies donated a solar air conditioning demo unit to Waianae High School. The DOE has been tasked to address the problem of hot classrooms.
- Deputy Chair William Aila Jr.: The Senate Hawaiian Affairs (HWN) Committee confirmed William Aila, Jr. as the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) Deputy Chair.
- Public Information Meeting: HDOT will be holding an informational community meeting regarding the Farrington Highway Intersection Improvements Project on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Senator Shimabukuro is in support of night work and requests the community to support a fifth contraflow lane.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. SB769/ SB770 Related to Transportation: Kahalewai answered for Frenzel that SB769 and SB770 must be heard by the end of next week in order to stay alive. Frenzel encouraged the community and board members to contact the Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee to request the bills be heard.
2. Sack N Save Turn Lane: Gates requested implementing a turning lane at Sack N Save.
3. Cost of Contraflow Lane Study: Kahalewai answered for Chair Perry that the fifth contraflow lane study would cost \$70,000. Chair Perry voiced concern about losing beach land that is currently overly utilized,

voiced concern about the cost of acquiring land constructing the fifth lane if approved, and suggested using the money to implement guardrails or to extend the express lane westbound in the morning.

4. Paper Cost: Kahalewai answered for Chair Perry that there is a period of five (5) days with no limit to the amount of bills that can be introduced, the limit is five (5) per day after that period. Chair Perry voiced concern about the taxpayer cost of paper for all of the bills. Kahalewai noted that for the last six (6) years the Senate has gone paperless and bills are online.
5. SB769 Amended: Gates noted that he testified in support of SB769 and that the Senate Transportation chair and committee members amended the bill to include the study of all alternatives.
6. Education Funding Concern: Endo referred to the air conditioning demo and voiced concern that in the past, funds appropriated for specific schools have been reallocated.
7. William Aila Jr. Appointment: Endo voiced concern that Governor Ige did not appoint William Aila Jr. to keep his Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) position, and noted that Governor Ige needs to appoint someone with experience in the critical department.
8. Staggering Work Hours: A community member suggested that government employees stagger their work hours to alleviate traffic. DeRosa answered that parents want to work during the time their children are at school, and mentioned legislation that would encourage businesses give their employees one (1) telecommute day a week. Endo noted this has been suggested but many people do not want to change.
9. Opposition of the Rail Tax: Frenzel noted he was talking as a community member when he says that he would like the Senator to oppose the General Excise Tax (GET) increase. Chair Perry agreed.

Representative Jo Jordan: A representative was not available and a report was not provided.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education: Endo announced the next Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 Education Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at Waianae High School. Endo encouraged the community to review the legislation related to education.

Intergovernmental Affairs and Human Services: Endo announced the next Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 Intergovernmental Affairs and Human Services Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Waianae High School.

Hawaiian Affairs Committee: Smith noted the next Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 Hawaiian Affairs Committee will be held on Friday, March 27, 2015 at Waianae District Park from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Organic food will be provided at 5:00 p.m.

Housing and Development Committee: Gates noted the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 Housing and Development Committee meeting will be held on Monday, March 30, 2015. Topics include the Eurus solar development and a report from Gates' trip to Washington DC.

Parks and Recreation: Gates noted the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held on Monday, March 30, 2015 around 7:00 p.m. Topics include the Makaha Beach Park Master Plan resolution, Kaupuni Park, and a Waianae District Park recreation room. **Gates nominated Joanna Ramos as a Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 Parks and Recreation Committee members. The nomination was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0** (DeRosa, Endo, Frenzel, Gates, Perry, Silva, and Smith.) Gates answered for DeRosa that he voiced the removal of the no parking sign at Pokai Bay issue to Councilmember Pine's office and is waiting for an update.

Transportation: Frenzel noted a joint Transportation Committee meeting with Nanakuli will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Maili Community Park. Endo voiced concern that there was no community member at the Nanakuli Transportation Committee meeting to voice concern about the issue of the removal of the bus stop at Ko Olina.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. by Chair Perry.

Submitted by: Lori Snyder, Neighborhood Assistant  
Reviewed by: K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant  
Reviewed and Finalized by: Johnnie-Mae Perry, Chair