



NORTH SHORE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 27

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2013 HALEIWA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFÉTERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Mike Lyons called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **Quorum was established with 13 members present.** Note – This 15-member Board requires eight (8) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present – Leif Andersen, Moana Bjur, John Hirota, Roberts “Bob” Leinau, Michael Lyons, Blake D. McElheney, Antya Miller, Jacob Ng, Kathleen Pahinui, Carol Phillips (arrived at 7:29 p.m.), William “Bill” Quinlan, Warren Scoville, Thomas Shirai, and Patrick Vega.

Board Members Absent – Tammy Ann Escorzon.

Vacancies – None.

Guests – Arlene Kawahakui; Jack and Tonya Reid; Kent Fonoimoana (Koolauloa Neighborhood Board No. 28); Allen Nekota; Reed Matsuura (Councilmember Ernie Martin’s Office); Stew Ring (Mokuleia Community Association); Jill Komperda; Thomas Young (Board of Water Supply); Lieutenant M. Boyce (Honolulu Police Department); Carolyn Unser (First Wind); Captain Dan Johnson (8th Military Police Brigade); T. J. Cuaresma; Kalani Fronda (Kamehameha Schools); Cindy Vaillancourt (Representative Lauren Cheape’s Office staff); Fire Fighter 3 Joseph Estrera Jr. (Honolulu Fire Department); Mark Yonamine (Mayor’s Representative); Representative Richard Fale; and Kazuaki McArthur (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

PLEDGE OF AGLEGIANCE: Shirai led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and Hawaii Pono.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Fire Fighter 3 Joseph Estrera Jr. reported the following;

- **April 2013 Statistics:** Included 2 wild land fires, 9 rubbish fires, 2 vehicle fires, 51 medical emergencies, 7 search and rescues, and 20 miscellaneous calls for service.
- **Safety Tip:** The risk of wild land fires increases as summer approaches. Make a 30-foot wide fire break by clearing vegetation and clutter around all structures. If your property borders an area where a wild fire could occur, consider the need for fire department access in case the fire approaches your home. Have an emergency preparedness plan available. Consider the route you would take and other preparations in case you need to evacuate.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

Presentation: Estrera Jr. was invited to stay at the meeting to hear an item later on the agenda pertaining to the location of the new Waialua Fire Station.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant M. Boyce reported the following;

- **April 2013 Statistics:** Included 3 auto thefts, 4 burglaries, 2 graffiti cases, 22 theft cases, 1 auto theft recovery, 262 alarm calls, 124 dropped calls, 149 nuisance calls, 189 miscellaneous service calls.
- **HPD Staffing:** There is a minimum of four (4) officers assigned to the North Shore at any given time. If there is a delay in response time, officers may be attending to priority calls around the district.



Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Murder: It was asked and clarified that there were no recorded murders included in the statistics. It was suggested including murder and drug statistics in the monthly report. Boyce noted that the statistics reported are the same statistics reported to other Neighborhood Boards in the district. Boyce noted that compiling special statistical categories for each Neighborhood Board area could become time consuming.
2. Unattended Death: It was noted that there was an unattended death that occurred recently. It was also noted that the individual had three (3) stab wounds to the neck.
3. Palakai: It was noted that the Board requested additional enforcement at Palakai. It was asked and clarified that there is currently no update on the increased activities in Palakai. It was noted that illegally parked vehicles are blocking the roadway and making it difficult for emergency responders to attend to calls. It was requested that an update on HPD's activities in Palakai be provided in future reports.
4. Parking Violations: HPD was thanked for addressing the parking violations at Velzyland.

Mayor's Representative – Mark Yonamine congratulated the newly elected Neighborhood Board members on behalf of Mayor Caldwell.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Left Turn Lane: An update was requested on the decision on the proposed left turn lane from Kamehameha Highway into the area near Matsumoto Shave Ice. It was noted that the Board submitted a letter in opposition to the turning lane.
2. Leaving Service: It was suggested the Mayor congratulate Neighborhood Board members who have served instead of those that have yet to.
3. Waiialua Corporation Yard: A presentation on the Waiialua Corporation Yard was requested.
4. Mayor Visit: It was asked if the Mayor had plans to visit the North Shore. Yonamine noted that Mayor Caldwell has recently finished a round of town hall meetings. However, Mayor Caldwell intends to schedule future meetings with communities that were not visited during the initial round of meetings. It was noted that the community is willing to take the Mayor on a tour of the district to identify areas with flooding issues. It was noted that the North Shore area has the highest rate of flooding incidents on the island.
5. Haleiwa Special District: It was noted that the Board does not support the left turn lane from Kamehameha Highway. It was noted that projects located within the Haleiwa Special District do not have to follow urban traffic standards.
6. Alii Beach Park: It was noted that the stop sign at the exit of Alii Beach Park needs to be replaced, the parking lot and red curbing needs to be repainted, and the tennis court lighting needs to be replaced.
7. Harbor Entrance: It was reported that the entrance to the Alii Beach Park Boat Harbor is blocked. It was noted that the entrance is blocked due to a large pothole. It was noted that the State is working with a contractor to fix the problem. Concern was raised that the entrance has been blocked for five (5) months. It was expressed that the process needs to be expedited immediately.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Thomas Young reported the following;

- Water Main Break: 12-inch water main break occurred in April 2013, at Pupukea. The main was installed in 1962.
- Water Conservation: Residents are encouraged to look at ways to conserve water. Some ways BWs helps to conserve water is by utilizing the Internal Leak Detection Program and providing training on the Rain Barrel Program. Community members are invited to visit the Halawa Xeriscape garden and participate in the workshops provided. For more information on water conservation, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Aquifer Water: It was asked what percentage of water from the aquifer leaks off into the ocean. Young to follow up.
2. Service Fee: Concern was raised regarding the \$7 service fee charged to customers each monthly billing cycle. It was expressed that the fee is unjustified and unfair. Young to follow up on the breakdown of the fee.
3. Population Cap: It was asked if BWS has population cap set to ensure that they can service all customers. Young noted that the State Water Commission works with developers to determine if a development is appropriate. It was noted that if the State Water Commission approves a development, BWS installs infrastructure to provide service.

Phillips arrived at 7:29 p.m.; **14 members present.**

Councilmember Ernie Martin – Reed Matsuura circulated a newsletter and reported the following;

- Bills: Bill 25, CD1 relating to the smoking ban at public parks has been passed by City Council and has an effective date of January 1, 2014. Bill 28 relating to a ban on smoking at official bus stops has been passed by City Council and will be referred back to committee for public comment.
- Capitol Improvement Projects (CIP): Included in the newsletter is a list of CIP projects for the district.
- Sunset Beach Community Association: The following concerns were brought up by the Sunset Beach Community Association:
 - Constituents have complained about vehicles parking in the beach right of way along Ke Nui, Ke Wena, and Ke Iki Streets. HPD has been apprised of the situation.
 - A constituent complained about vehicles parked too close to the Kaunala Street/Kamehameha Highway intersection. HPD has been apprised of the situation.
 - City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Director Toni Robinson has been informed about the substandard conditions of the Pupukea Beach Park restrooms.
 - A constituent complained about trash not being picked up at Chun's Reef on Kamehameha Highway. The area is privately owned and the City will not retrieve trash from the private area.
 - HPD and DPR are monitoring illegal campers at Pupukea Beach Park.
- North Shore Neighborhood Board: The following concerns were brought up by the North Shore Neighborhood Board:
 - Waialua Park and Ride parking lot was re-striped on April 25, 2013.
 - The yellow blinking light at the Kaukonahua Road/Farrington Highway intersection has been restored.
 - HPD and DPR have been removing illegal campers from Alii Beach Park.
- North Shore Chamber of Commerce: The following concerns were brought up by the North Shore Chamber of Commerce:
 - Due to concerns about the condition of the right of ways on Highways, the Division of Road Maintenance will provide temporary repairs by June 2013.
 - Due to concerns about low hanging tree branches, tall plants, and shrubbery along the Waialua Beach Road Bike path, the City will be cutting so pedestrians do not need to walk on the roadway.
- Oahu General Plan: The final draft of the Oahu General Plan is anticipated to be submitted to the Planning Commission by the end of Summer 2013. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and submit City Council by Fall 2013.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Boat Harbor Pothole: Councilmember Martin was thanked for assisting to resolve the pothole problem at Alii Beach Park Boat Harbor.

2. Paala Road: It was asked and clarified that the paved portion of Paala Road has been leased to and is maintained by the City. However, Kamehameha Schools owns the property on which the Road sits. Kamehameha Schools is responsible for cutting back the vegetation on the side of the paved roadway. It was asked if the City has contacted Kamehameha Schools to remind them of their responsibility. Matsuura to follow up.
3. Funding: Councilmember Martin was praised for getting funding for projects in the district. The community was encouraged to support bills for projects in the district.
4. Waiialua Fire Station: It was asked and clarified that a location for the new Waiialua Fire Station has already been selected.
5. Budget Hearing: It was asked and clarified that the next City budget hearing is set for June 5, 2013.
6. Oahu General Plan: It was asked if the Oahu General Plan Committee would be visiting Neighborhood Boards. Matsuura noted that the committee is looking to hold several community meetings; however, a time schedule has yet to be set. It was suggested the community submit public testimony to the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP).
7. New Parking Lots: It was asked and clarified that a new parking lot will be built behind and below Leong Highway, near the old Dole property.
8. Thompson Corner: It was asked and clarified that the blinking light at Thompson Corner had been replaced.
9. Bike Paths: It was asked clarified that the Waiialua bike paths are lower on the City's priority list. The City has placed a focus on bike paths in town for the time being. Matsuura noted that bike paths need to be between eight (8) and 10 feet in width. It was noted that the private property adjacent some of the roads may need to be condemned in order to install bike paths. A Board member noted that it would probably be easier to condemn land on the North Shore than in town.
10. Skate Park: It was asked and clarified that skate park improvements would most likely not include a shade for users.
11. Haleiwa Bus Stop: It was asked when the bus stop in Haleiwa would be replaced.

Treasurer's Report – Leinau read the Treasurer's report and noted expenditures of \$61.55 in March 2013 and \$36.89 in April 2013. The report was filed.

US ARMY REPRESENTATIVE 8TH MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE: Captain Dan Johnson reported that the July 4 festivities will be free and open to the public. Additional information is forthcoming. The community was asked to keep deployed soldiers in their prayers.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

Color Guard: The army was thanked for providing the color guard for the Waiialua Lions Club Memorial Day event.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The approval of the March 26, 2013 regular meeting minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

AGENDA REQUESTS:

Proposed Waiialua Fire Station Location – Quinlan noted that the location for the new Waiialua Fire Station has already been chosen. It was expressed that HFD should report to the Board on the reasoning behind the new location. Concern was raised that the distance from the previous location could affect the response time. An example was given that if Haleiwa were to account for 80% of the stations calls, the new station should be located closer to Haleiwa.

Quinlan moved, and Miller seconded to invite HFD to the next meeting to provide a presentation on the new Waiialua Fire Station.

Discussion followed;

1. Study: It was noted that a study was previously conducted that determined that Waiialua is the best location to be able to address emergencies on the North Shore.
2. Board Vote: It was noted that the Board previously voted to have the fire station in Waiialua. It was expressed that community needs to know exactly where the fire station is located.
3. Hearing: It was noted that the new fire station will be discussed by the City Council on June 5, 2013.

Leinau called for the question, and Pahinui seconded. The call for the question was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 14-0-0 (Aye: Andersen, Bjur, Hirota, Leinau, Lyons, McElheney, Miller, Ng, Pahinui, Phillips, Quinlan, Scoville, Shirai, and Vega).

The motion to invite HFD to the next meeting to provide a presentation on the new Waiialua Fire Station was ADOPTED, 12-0-0 (Aye: Andersen, Bjur, Hirota, Leinau, Lyons, Miller, Pahinui, Phillips, Quinlan, Scoville, Shirai, and Vega Nay: McElheney and Ng).

Traffic Light Issues Kamehameha Highway Haleiwa and McComb Gate Schofield – Andersen raised concern of the traffic light times at Wilson Crossing and McComb Gate. It was noted the McComb Gate light was modified as part of the Karsten Thot Bridge repair project; however, the light was never changed back.

Andersen moved, and Pahinui seconded to discuss the retiming of traffic lights at Wilson Corner and McComb Gate at the next meeting.

Discussion followed;

1. McNair Gate: It was clarified that the gate is McNair Gate; not McComb Gate.
2. Board Jurisdiction: It was noted that Karsten Thot Bridge is out of the Board's jurisdiction. It was clarified that the Board may discuss items outside their Board district area.
3. Kamehameha Highway Lights: It was expressed that traffic lights along Kamehameha Highway are evenly timed.
4. State Jurisdiction: It was noted that McNair Gate is under State jurisdiction. It was suggested Matsuura follow up.

Phillips called for the question, and Pahinui seconded. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED 14-0-0 (Aye: Andersen, Bjur, Hirota, Leinau, Lyons, McElheney, Miller, Ng, Pahinui, Phillips, Quinlan, Scoville, Shirai, and Vega).

The motion to discuss the retiming of traffic lights at Wilson Corner and McComb Gate at the next meeting FAILED, 7-7-0 (Aye: Andersen, Leinau, McElheney, Miller, Phillips, Quinlan, and Scoville Nay: Bjur, Hirota, Lyons, Ng, Pahinui, Shirai, and Vega).

BOARD BUSINESS:

Agricultural Plan for the North Shore and Wahiawa – A representative was not present.

Homelessness Committee – Pahinui reported that the next committee meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., at the Waiialua Community Association Club Room.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

1. Pele and Hiiaka: It was reported that the English translation of the Hiiaka translation by Nathaniel Emerson is flawed. It was noted that the chant speaks of the history of Hiiaka and the areas of Waiialua and

Wahiawa. Concern was raised that the English translation replaces Waialua and Wahiawa with Kalapana and Holei. It was noted that the error has not been addressed in years.

2. Waialua Beach Road Bike Path: A community member noted she and her husband have been caring for the Waialua Beach Road Bike Path; however, due to age and declining health, her husband can no longer care for the bike path. Community members were invited to help care for the bike path in clearing vegetation. It was expressed that the City does not do a good job of maintaining the area.
3. Holei: It was reported that Holei is not about Pele and Hiiaka.
4. Kupuna Home O Waialua: It was reported that Kupuna Home O Waialua has a bad history; however, the new resident manager is taking measures to improve the facility. An open house is planned for July/August 2013. Volunteers are welcomed to help revitalize the facility and surrounding areas. It was noted that the Friends of Waialua is willing to assist.
5. Waialua High School Agriculture Program: It was noted that Waialua High School is looking to improve its Agricultural program in working with master gardeners. Plans are to open the green house and hold community classes.
6. First Wind: Carolyn Unser introduced herself as the new First Wind representative to the Board. It was reported that First Wind awarded two (2) national scholarships to North Shore students.
7. First Wind Production: It was asked and clarified that windmills have been operational since November 2013.
8. Scholarship Criteria: It was asked and clarified that a third party is used to award the First Wind Scholarships. It was noted that the scholarships are open to students nation-wide.
9. Ukoa Pond: It was asked and clarified that crews are slated to construct a fence around Ukoa Pond.
10. Community Give Back: It was asked and clarified that First Wind gives money to local non-profit organizations as a community give-back.
11. Water Use Meeting: Concern was raised regarding the lack of attendance at the last water use special meeting.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard – A representative was not present; a report was not provided.

Governor's representative – A representative was not present; a report was not provided.

Senator Clayton Hee – A representative was not present; a report was not provided.

Representative Richard Fale – Representative Fale Reported the following;

- End of Session: The legislative session has finished.
- Pay Increase Resolution: A resolution opposing the pay increase for elected officials did not pass. All elected officials will receive a pay increase in July 2013.
- Constitutional Amendment: There will be a constitutional amendment on the next election ballot to dedicate public funding for private institutions to provide day care. If passed, the measure will cost the state \$22 million in the first year and more than \$100 million every year thereafter. Fale expressed that the measure was rushed and not properly vetted in the legislature.
- Fees and Tax Increases: Fale was able to stop a few of the proposed fee and tax increase bills. Fale noted he applied for a part time job and waited in line with 40 other applicants for the same job. Fale is opposed to fee and tax increases.

- Waialua Elementary School: With the exception of electrical work, all construction on Waialua Elementary School is anticipated to complete by the end of June 2013. Electrical work will be completed as soon as the Hawaiian Electric Company is able to replace a transformer.
- Awarding Contracts: Fale is looking into introducing a bill that would have the State consider past performance instead of just awarding contracts to the lowest bidder. It was noted that poor performance costs the State extra time and money.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Waialua Elementary School Construction: Concern was raised that some of the promised projects to Waialua Elementary School would be cut. It was requested that Fale follow the situation closely.
2. Pro Bowl: It was requested something be done to keep the Pro Bowl in Hawaii permanently.
3. Safest School: It was noted that Honolulu Magazine ranked Haleiwa Elementary School, and Waialua High School amongst the safest schools in Hawaii.
4. Turtle Bay: Fale was thanked for submitting the resolution to have the Governor weigh in on the Turtle Bay project. It was noted that private investors are interested in funding the project. Fale raised concern of using public monies on Turtle Bay when there are children attending schools in substandard conditions. It was noted that the community has done a good job of working on a consensus plan with Turtle Bay.
5. Natural Resources: Concern was raised of natural resources being depleted due to lack of oversight. Concern was also raised that measures like the Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement (DOCARE) are passed with no way of funding the division. It was suggested finding a way to fund existing programs before creating and funding new programs. Fale concurred.

Hirota departed at 8:55 p.m.; **13 members present.**

Representative Lauren Cheape – Cindy Vaillancourt circulated newsletter and reported the following;

- Session Bills: Roughly 2900 bills are introduced each legislative session. Only 10% are usually passed.
- Bills: An update of bills is included in the newsletter.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Agricultural Preservation: It was noted that Castle and Cooke has placed 220,000 acres of land for sale. It was expressed that agricultural lands need to be preserved.
2. Farming Education: It was expressed that children need to be taught how to farm early. It was noted that farming may be an option for children who decide to not attend college.
3. Truck: Concern was raised of laws regarding riding in the back of pickup trucks. It was noted that it is a country lifestyle to do so.
4. Lahilahi Webb: Lahilahi Webb was recognized for her contributions to the community.
5. Agricultural Programs: It was noted that Waialua used to have some of the top Future Farmers of America (FFA) programs in the nation. It was suggested more be done to improve such programs. It was noted that Kahuku High School has a good agricultural program; however, Waialua High School needs to improve their program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Waimea Valley Concerts: Waimea Valley will have three (3) concerts over the summer. Tickets are \$35 for all three (3) concerts. Call Waimea Valley for more information.

2. North Shore Chamber of Commerce: The North Shore Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a plantation history event on June 22, 2013. Food and music will be provided. Tickets are on sale now.
3. Evacuation Practice Drill: There will be an emergency evacuation drill on June 1, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., at Waialua High School. Participants are encouraged to bring their emergency packs.
4. Hanapaa Big Game Fishing Tournament: There will be a captain's meeting on June 21, 2013 at the Alii Beach Park Harbor. The tournament will run from June 22 to 24, 2013.
5. Next Meeting: The next North Shore Neighborhood Board meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., at the Haleiwa Elementary School Cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Submitted by: Kazuaki McArthur, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Nola Frank, Neighborhood Commission Office staff; Mike Lyons, Chair.