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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2009 HAU'ULA COMMUNITY CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Junior Primacio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with **a quorum of (8) members present.** Note— This 11 member Board requires six (6) members for a quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Richard Fale (arrived at 7:10 p.m.), Moana Kalua'u, Norman Kaluhiokalani, Dotty Kelly-Paddock, Jimmy Leonardi, Dee Dee Letts, Creighton Mattoon, Kela Miller and Junior Primacio.

Board Members Absent: John Elkington and Les Steward.

Vacancies: There are no vacancies at this time.

Guests: Marvin Iseke, Fran Corcoran (Kahuku Library), Diana Hoppe, Didi Herron (Punaluu Community Association), Barbara Kahana (Hauula Community Association), Firefighter Edwin Nishi (Honolulu Fire Department), Peter Padoozle, Jackie Burke (WesPac Fishery), Ella Abe (Honolulu Community Action Program), Reed Matsuura (Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz's office), Lieutenant John Vines (Honolulu Police Department), Ella Siroskey (Kahuku Medical Center), Cynthia and Lewis Prescott, Max and Sam Kwon (Boy Scout Troup 212), Glenn Yasui (Department of Transportation), Ivan and Yolanda Keoho, Gerry Nihipali (Lae Community Association), John Caneda, Bryan Mick (Mayor's Representative), Kathryn Heath, Barry Usagawa (Board of Water Supply), John Olszowka, Captain Mario Munroy (U.S. Army), Leland S.M. Ribac (Neighborhood Commission Office).

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Firefighter Ed Nishi reported the following information;

1. **Fire Statistics:** Company statistics for September 2009 included; Hauula Station: 2 structure fires, 1 wildland fire, 4 rubbish fires, 19 medical emergencies, 1 search and rescue and 2 miscellaneous calls; Ka'a'awa Station: 2 structure fires, 2 rubbish fires, 15 medical emergencies, 5 search and rescues and 3 miscellaneous calls; Kahuku Station: 2 wildland fires, 2 rubbish fires, 17 medical emergencies and 1 miscellaneous call.
2. **Fire Safety Tip:** When selecting Halloween costumes, ensure they are flame-resistant, made of lightweight fabric, brightly colored, and clearly visible. A natural mask of cosmetics is better than a mask that may restrict breathing or vision.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. **Search and Rescue Statistics:** It was questioned if the search and rescues involved adults or children; Nishi noted there aren't specifics on the statistics, however may include ocean rescues as well as hiking rescues.
2. **Wildland Fires:** It was questioned and clarified that the wildland fires are not maliciously set, and may have been caused by residents burning trash in their yards.

Board member Fale arrives at 7:10 p.m. A quorum of nine (9) members present.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant John Vines reported the following information;

1. **Crime Statistics:** 4 simple assaults, 13 burglaries, 2 drugs/narcotics, 4 family offenses, 26 motor vehicle collisions, 8 property damages, 1 rape, 1 robbery, 25 thefts, 7 threatening and 9 unauthorized entrance to a motor vehicle (UEMV).



2. Unusual Incidents: 1) On Tuesday, September 22, 2009 a collision occurred resulting in a road closure near the Crouching Lion Inn. 2) Tuesday, September 29, 2009 an 18 year-old male was robbed by an unidentified male suspect at Hukilau Beach Park.
3. Vinelink.com: The State has completed a website, www.vinelink.com, where residents may update themselves with recent crimes committed by a specific person. The website was made to keep residents abreast of recent court hearings and or convictions of a committed criminal.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Motorists 'Burning Rubber': Concern was raised regarding motorists 'burning rubber' at Kekela Beach; Vines noted to call HPD as soon as it is observed so that officers may have a better chance of catching them in the act.

Mayor's Representative: Bryan Mick reported the following information;

1. Bus Shelter Location Kahuku High School: The City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will be moving the bus shelter to the current bus stop that was moved due to construction.
2. Delivery of Green Waste: As of September 16, 2009 no green waste deliveries will be available at the windward green waste drop off location. Residents are encouraged to use the Kapaa Transfer Station for green waste.
3. American Disabilities Act (ADA) standards: Regarding the request that Punaluu Beach Park be equipped to ADA standards; the City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) and the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will work together to achieve the requests. Currently there are no current capital improvement project (CIP) funds for these types of projects.
4. Kokololio Beach Park Gates: When the park was under construction, the Board requested that the park gates be closed at night to prevent late night loitering. DPR is willing to consider a recommendation from the Board to stop locking the gates at night.
5. Construction Signs at Kahuku High School: All construction signs that remain near Kahuku High School are currently under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation (DOT).
6. Board Member Absence: Section 2-14-106 of the Neighborhood Plan requires that when a Board member accumulates three absences in a calendar year the Board places on the agenda and takes up the matter of declaring the seat vacant. There is no exception for military services in the Neighborhood Plan, however the Board may consider this fact before voting the seat vacant.
7. Different Speed Limits: The section along Kamehameha Highway between Cackle Farm and Gunstock Ranch, which has two different speed limits, is under the jurisdiction of DOT.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Kokololio Gate: Concern was raised of the possibility that the Kokololio Beach Park gate will be opened later. Residents noted that the parking lot is already being used as a hangout spot and would get worst once the gate is opened to a later time.
2. Green Waste Drop Off: Whether the Laie Transfer Station will be accepting green waste; Mick will follow up.
3. Punaluu Beach Park Clarification: It was clarified that the request was for an ADA stall in the bathhouse and not an ADA parking stall.
4. Hauula Community Park: A copy of the Hauula Community Park assessment report was requested as well as what the City park standards are.
5. Speed Limit Clarification: The speed limit concern between Cackle Egg Farm and Gunstock Ranch should be directed to the State Department of Transportation for clarification.

Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz: Reed Matsuura reported the following information;

1. Advanced Budget Requests: The Neighborhood Boards in Council District 2 are asked to begin prioritizing community projects to be included in fiscal year (FY) 2011 budget. This year's funding was secured for the Hauula Community Park and Punaluu Beach Park. Boards are asked to pick two project ideas before the end of November.
2. Property Tax Relief: Councilmember Dela Cruz introduced two pieces of legislation to help relieve the burden of low and fixed-income taxpayer's. Bill 71 (2009) and Resolution 09-286 were highlighted in the Councilmember's monthly report.
3. Important Legislation: Deferred legislation of interest included; Bill 67 the banning of shark tour operations on Oahu, Bill 69 prohibiting sleeping, sitting, or lying down on public sidewalks, and Resolution 09-267 requesting the City conduct a feasibility study for recycling incentive programs.
4. Kahuku District Park Master Plan: The DPR is willing to review and update the Master Plan of 1983. DPR suggests that Chair Primacio contact Mr. Hilton Lau, Kahaluu Complex Supervisor at 233-7314 to start the process.
5. Laie Sewer and Water: The City Department of Environmental Services (ENV) has not responded to a complaint regarding the increase in sewer rates for Laie and the rest of the island of Oahu.
6. Paratransit Card and Bus Passes: The City Council adopted a Bill that amended the free bus pass for paratransit card holders. It is now one dollar per bus ride or annual bus pass for \$30 annually or \$60 for two years.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Increase in Water Bill: It was questioned and clarified that there has been a general increase in water bills throughout the island of Oahu and not only in Laie.
2. Bill 55: A community member requested that the Mayor and City Council look into revisiting proposed bill 55 (2008) which would have eliminated bus fare costs for senior citizens and paratransit users.
3. Budget Requests Timely: It was questioned and clarified that the earlier the budget requests get submitted, the chances are better to make it into the budgeting process. Chair Primacio noted that this will be discussed in committee at the November regular meeting.
4. Beach Erosion: Community members pointed out that beach erosion is prevalent at Hauula Beach Park; Matsuura explained there have been studies to slow beach erosion; however it is very difficult to stop the erosion process.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Barry Usagawa reported the following information;

1. Main Break Report: No water main breaks in September. Oahu's portable pumpage rate was at 166 million gallons per day (mgd).
2. Wildfire Prevention: The BWS works closely with HFD to ensure efficient and reliable water service to save lives and property; and supports HFD's efforts to prevent wildfires on Oahu because these wildfires take a toll on our drinking water supply. An informational brochure was available to explain how you can join the effort to protect our island's watershed and forests.
3. Water Conservation Tips: Participate in supporting projects that remove invasive plants, join community watershed partnerships and educate others of the importance to watersheds. Conserving water every day reduces the need to use ground water which is essential for healthy watershed forests and ecosystems.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Sustainable Communities Water Plan: The status of the Sustainable Communities Water Plan was requested; Usagawa noted the plan is still with DPP, however will follow up with additional details.
2. Possible Dip Tank Location: As part of the Hawaiian Council Kaluhiokalani volunteered his service in locating a possible dip tank location for the BWS. He is aware of native Hawaiian sites of importance; Usagawa welcomed the help, noting that an environmental assessment (EA) will be done.
3. Double Billing: A community member voiced concern with the Board of Water Supply double billing residents in a single month, explaining that he had to resolve the matter with BWS himself.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: Several concerns were raised at this time;

1. Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council: Jackie Burke provided brochures and information about the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council. The Council welcomes information and community input as to what the community feels the council should be doing. For more information visit www.wpcouncil.org.
2. Nuclear Submarines: A concern was the possibility of several nuclear submarines being docked in Hawaiian waters. The community member will be requesting that an environmental impact study (EIS) be done prior to any additional docking.
3. Sunset Market Possibilities: A community member raised concern with the current economic situation, and encouraged all residents that may have local goods and services to work with the Sunset Market.
4. Olelo at Kahuku High School: A concern regarded the refinancing of Olelo at Kahuku High School. Residents are encouraged to visit www.olelo.org for more information.

APPROVAL OF JULY 30, 2009 SPECIAL MINUTES AND SEPTEMBER 10, 2009 REGULAR MINUTES: The September 10, 2009 regular meeting minutes were approved with corrections;

- Entire Document: Removal of Board members Moana Kaluau from voting. Kaluau was absent for the entire September 10, 2009 regular meeting.
- Page 2: HFD: Possible New Station: Replace information with 'It was clarified that there may have been a site picked for the new Hauula fire station and the site has not been made public as of this date.'
- Page 2: Mayor's Representative: Punaluu Disability Access: Include 'and a designated stall in the bathhouse.' at the end of the sentence.
- Page 3: Kokololio Beach Park: Last section should read; 'this will alleviate campers and community members from parking their cars on the side of the road to avoid them being blocked inside the park for the evening.'
- Page 3: Councilmember Dela Cruz: Privately Owned Streams: First sentence should read; 'Sakata reiterated the fact that portions of streams on privately owned land, are the responsibility of the property owners to maintain.'
- Page 3: Councilmember Dela Cruz: Hauula Community Park: Include; 'Kelly-Paddock will get feedback from the Hauula Community Association and provide it to the Councilmember's office.'
- Page 3: Proper Speed Limit Signage: Include; 'was made by a Board member' after 'A request.'
- Page 3: Board of Water Supply: Include 'that residents' before 'stay tuned.'
- Page 3: Water Pump Locations: Clarify, Maakua Valley and Kaluanui.
- Page 4: Punaluu Wells: Information should read; 'It was clarified that the Punaluu wells are not gravitationally operated; however they are still tied to the reservoir, and can sustain only one day worth of water during a power outage in an emergency.'
- Page 4: Decision Made: Include; 'Several Board members agreed that the decision made was premature.'
- Page 4: Sunshine Law: Include 'other' between 'Several Board.'
- Page 4: Petitions Against Envision Laie: Include 'contained' before 'over 4,000 signatures.'
- Page 5: Corrections of July 9, 2009 minutes: Replace 'moku lii' with 'moko lii.'
- Page 5: Committee Chair Assignments: Clarify 'There was no committee description for the Education Committee.'
- Page 6: Windward Retreat Center: Last sentence should read; 'Letts noted that the Windward Retreat Center has received its lease from the Department of Land and Natural resources and will next have to go to Council for a Special Management Area (SMA) Permit-Minor for the project.'

- Page 6: Community Request Answered: Include, ' Stating that they were responding to a community'.
- Page 6: Kahuku Community Association and Kahuku Village Association: include, 'would not be in compliance with Board policy.' Prior to the last sentence.
- Page 6: Motion: Include 'and the Kahuku Village Association' after (KCA).
- Page 7: Congresswoman Mazie Hirono: Include, 'However it was reported that she had toured the area and met with several community members and others regarding the Punaluu Watershed Alliance.'
- Page 7: Kamehameha Highway Stripping: Information should read, 'The roadway of Kamehameha Highway near Puhuli Road in Kaluanui requires proper striping; the area has been known to have accidents occur due to poor visibility.
- Page 7: Continental Pacific EA: Last sentence should read, 'The Board is aware that one of the two existing use permits (EUP) was awarded to Continental Pacific, while the second EUP was not.
- Page 7: Next Community Meeting: Last sentence should read, 'No decision to close the school has been made thus far.'
- Page 8: Marine Corps: Questions: Clarify those personnel who check in visitors may be civilian and therefore may not be in uniform.
- Page 8: Brigham Young University Family Day: Include 'Laie Board members.'
- Page 8: Community Reports: Include: 'Ka'a'awa: School report given earlier.'
- Page 8: Punaluu: Include, 'He also noted that DOT had not invited the Punaluu Community Association to the ground breaking.'
- Page 8: Kahuku: Replace 'Primacio' with 'Leonardi.'

The following proposed corrections were not accepted for approval to be included in the regular meeting minutes of September 10, 2009;

- Page 1: Military Service: Last sentence, 'A member of the Board noted that when Fale's unit was contacted they stated they discourage personnel from taking these types of positions for this reason.'
- Page 4: Decision Made: Last sentence, ' It was made without benefit of all of the comments that members of the public wanted to make. Kelly-Paddock noted that Hauula had met and was not in favor of the plan.'
- Page 4: Board Member Disclosure: 'Concern was raised about conflict of interest issues as four of the Board members voting in favor received paychecks from the proposing entities.'

The approval of the special meeting minutes of July 30, 2009 was deferred to November 2009. Letts and Miller were selected to work through the special meeting minutes by November 2009.

BOARD BUSINESS: Proposed Sprint/Nextel Facility at Kahuku High School: Chair Primacio reported that the Kahuku Community Association (KCA) supported the proposed Sprint/Nextel facility at Kahuku High School. Leonardi noted that the Kahuku Village Association (KVA) also supported the project. In conjunction with last month's motion to support the project pending KCA and KVA's decision, the Board supports the project.

The motion taken on Tuesday, September 10, 2009 read; **Mattoon moved and Letts seconded to conditionally support the Sprint Field Light Pole project pending the support of the Kahuku Community Association (KCA). The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0,** (Aye: Elkington, Kaluhiokalani, Kelly-Paddock, Leonardi, Letts, Mattoon, Miller, Primacio and Steward.)

South Punaluu Bridge Report: Glenn Yasui of the State Department of Transportation (DOT) reported;

1. Project Description: The South Punaluu Bridge will be re-done by Hawaiian Dredging as an estimated \$15 million project. The project will take an estimated 500 working days, with a slated completion date of September 1, 2011. The bridge will resemble the Kokololio Bridge.
2. Notice to Proceed: The State was given the notice to proceed on August 26, 2009. Additional signs have been placed in Punaluu forewarning residents of the project.
3. Contact Information: For more information on project details or complaints during construction, contact Alex Oshiro at 233-5430.
4. Kaipapao Bridge: The re-designing of Kaipapao Bridge is nearly 60% completed. This project is slated to commence in the late 2010 timeframe.

5. South Kohala Bridge: The restructuring of the South Kohala Bridge remains in its early stages, this project is estimated to begin in the 2010 time frame.
6. Kawela Bay Bridge: The Kawela Bay Bridge does require maintenance, which is a constant priority for the DOT. Maintenance of all bridges throughout the island remains a 'never ending' project.
7. Up to Date: Yasui explained that the DOT will try to keep the Board updated with information as it arrives.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Kahuku and Kii Bridge: Regarding the maintenance of the Kahuku and Kii Bridges; Yasui explained that the DOT can only work within their parameters at this time.
2. Flooding Concerns: It was questioned and clarified that the DOT does take into consideration the possibility of flooding for each bridge as it is designed and constructed.
3. Residents Informed: The residents of Punaluu have been informed of upcoming projects, and will continue to be notified through proper signage as the project date nears.
4. Construction Timeline: The South Punaluu Bridge is estimated to take 500 days; however this is an estimated timeline and the contractor may make progress and finish quicker than anticipated.
5. Waihole and Waikane Stream: Concern rose regarding the destruction of the Waihole and Waikane streams due to improperly placed bricks; Yasui noted that this has been brought to his attention and will bring it back to the Department.
6. DPP Requirements: It was questioned why DPP requires only a 100 year flood life, while certain housing developments require a 500 year flood life.
7. Speed Limit Signage: Concern was raised regarding the improper speed limit signage between Cackle Egg Farm and Gunstock Ranch; Yasui to follow up.

City and County of Honolulu Recycling Efforts: No report available at this time.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Kalua'u read the September 2009 Treasurer's Report, highlighting a current expense of \$60.30 due to printing and postage, and a current Operating Balance of \$1,275.41. The report was filed.

Elected Officials:

Congresswoman Mazie Hirono: No report available at this time.

Governor's Representative: Chair Primacio reported that Kaulana Park is not in attendance tonight, however he provided brochures regarding the H1N1 virus and vaccination process.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Governor's Representative Absence: Several Board members voiced concern regarding the absence of the Governor's Representative for the past few months. Issue regarding the State are always brought up with no follow up. It was suggested that the Board send a letter requesting a new Governor's Representative.

State Legislators: No report available at this time.

Committee Chair Reports: The following committee's were deferred at this time; Housing, Cultural Affairs, Parks & Recreation, Planning and Land Use, Health & Welfare, Public Safety/Transportation, Water and Education.

CIP/Public Works: It was reminded that the Board will be discussing the two advanced budget request projects of choice at the November 2009 meeting.

Public Information: Miller announced that Laie Shopping Center is accepting food and monetary donations to support the relief efforts in Samoa following the devastating tsunami.

Department of Education (DOE): Lea Albert reported the following information;

1. Furlough Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ): The DOE has developed a FAQ website specifically designed to address the furlough issue. Schools will experience their first furlough day on Friday, October 23, 2009. A total of 17 days this fiscal year will be furloughed; all being instructional days for students.
2. Kahuku High School Athletics: Alberts announced that the Kahuku High School Football and Volleyball Team will be going to the Oahu Interscholastic Athletics (OIA) championships this year.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

FAQ Website: A Board member applauded and thanked the DOE for establishing the Furlough FAQ website, noting that it answers a lot of questions that the Governor does not.

Turtle Bay Resort Status: Chair Primacio reported the following information;

1. Occupancy Rate: The hotel is currently operating at an 80.5% occupancy rate, which is very good for a hotel outside of Waikiki.
2. Kuilima Drive: Kuilima Drive is nearly complete and is in its final stages of construction. The road is slated for completion by the end of 2009.

Kahuku Medical Center: Ella Siroskey reported the following information;

1. Emergency Room Facelift: The Medical Center moves forward with the Emergency Room facelift project; designs being looked are at to provide American Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.
2. Lights Installed: New lights have been installed throughout the Medical Center; all six lights should be completely installed by next week.
3. New Furniture: The Medical Center is expecting new furniture for the upper levels above the Emergency Room on Tuesday, November 17, 2009.
4. Emergency Generator: An emergency generator has been acquired and installed. This generator is able to power the Medical Center in the event of a power outage during a natural disaster.

Continental Pacific's Environmental Assessment: Chair Primacio noted that he will remove this agenda item from future agendas until otherwise needed.

Ka'a'awa Elementary School: Letts announced the next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2009. The working group will be finalizing sections of the outline for the final recommendation.

Board member Kaluhiokalani retired from the meeting at 9:10 p.m. A quorum of eight (8) members present.

Kahuku Community/School Library: Fran Corcoran reported the following information;

1. Book Mobile Status: The Book Mobile will begin service Monday, October 12, 2009. A pamphlet was provided noting the proposed Book Mobile route; the stops at the Kahuku Elderly Housing and Laie Shopping Center has been cancelled at this time.
2. Retrofitting in December: The Kahuku Library will be retrofitting the interior of the library in December 2009; closures during the retrofitting are apparent, and will be announced closer to that time.
3. Monthly Events Calendar: A calendar of events for both October and November 2009 were provided. Events included Cake Decorating on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 a Craft Fair on Saturday, November 21, 2009. The community was encouraged to participate.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Library Cards: It was questioned and clarified that patrons using the Book Mobile must have a library card. Residents that do not have a library card may obtain one at the Library or the Book Mobile.

Marine Corps/U.S. Army: Captain Mario Munroy reported the following information;

1. Domestic Violence Awareness: October marks the month for domestic violence awareness. During the month of October several advertised programs and issues educating residents of domestic violence awareness and prevention.
2. Make A Difference Day: Residents are encouraged to participate in the 'Make a Difference Day' on Saturday, October 24, 2009. Military volunteers will be going through the community and helping residents with home projects.
3. School Partnership Program: The Army has completed over 2,000 hours in community service programs in the School Partnership program. FY 2010 funds should be released by the end of October 2009.
4. Deployments: Over 2,000 soldiers of the 25th Infantry Aviation Brigade are currently deployed, and soon an additional 8,000 soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Combat Brigade will deploy by November 2009.
5. High School Musical Program: Residents interested in watching the Military's rendition of High School Musical on November 19-28, 2009, please see Captain Munroy following the meeting.

Correspondence: Chair Primacio received correspondence from the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) notifying Neighborhood Boards of the revision of all Board boundaries. The Koolauloa Neighborhood Board boundaries will remain the same.

Community Reports: Kahuku, Ka'a'awa, Punalu'u and Laie were previously reported.

Hauula: Kelly-Paddock reported the following information;

1. Hauula Parks Improvements: A meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at Hauula Elementary School at 7:00 p.m., to discuss Hauula Parks, community input is greatly welcomed.
2. Draft Invitation to Nature Conservancy: As discussed during the September 2009 regular meeting, a draft invitation to the Nature Conservancy was published. Chair Primacio noted that the invitation should request Nature Conservancies presence in January 2010; Neighborhood Assistant Ribac will distribute the invitation.
3. Fanger Estates: The Fanger Estate has obtained its application for construction. At the last Hauula Community Association meeting, many residents were delighted to know that the Estate is moving forward. However, concerns reiterated that the Estate must follow the law when building.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The following announcements were made at this time;

1. Next Board Meeting: The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hauula Community Center.
2. Census Bureau: The Census Bureau will be providing a presentation at the November 12, 2009 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted By:

Leland S.M. Ribac
Neighborhood Assistant