



KOOLAULOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 28

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 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 seven (7) members present**. Note—This 11 member Board requires six (6) members for a quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present: John Elkington, Dotty Kelly-Paddock, Jimmy Leonardi, Dee Dee Letts, Creighton Mattoon, Kela Miller, Junior Primacio and Les Steward (arrived at 7:40 p.m.).

Board Members Absent: Richard Fale, Moana Kaluau and Norman Kaluhiokalani.

Vacancies: There are no vacancies at this time.

Guests: Marvin Iseke, Arlene Taheu and Josephine Bird (La'ie Point Community Association), Barbara Kahana (Hau'ula Community Association), Lieutenant John Cheong (Honolulu Police Department), John Olszowka, Kent Fonoimoana (Department of Education), Louis and Makolo Prescott (Scout Troop 212), Captain Ed Kealoha (Honolulu Fire Department), Paul Comeau, KC Connors, Steve Hoag (Hawaii Reserves Incorporate), Debbie Hippolite Wright (Brigham Young University Hawaii), Fran Corcoran (Kahuku Library), Mike Sakata (Councilmember Dela Cruz's office), Kathryn Heath (Hau'ula Community Association), Barry Usagawa (Board of Water Supply), Representative Jessica Wooley, Senator Clayton Hee, Linda Read (Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Leland S.M. Ribac (Neighborhood Commission Office).

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Kealoha reported;

1. Fire Statistics: Company statistics for October 2009 included; Ka'a'awa Station: 5 medical emergencies, 3 search and rescues and 3 miscellaneous calls; Kahuku Station: 1 wildland fires, 2 rubbish fires, 1 vehicle fire, 11 medical emergencies, 2 search and rescue and 5 miscellaneous calls; and Hau'ula Station 4 rubbish fires, 18 medical emergencies, 1 search and rescue and 4 miscellaneous calls.
2. Fire Safety Tip: This holiday season, consider a fire-resistant, artificial Christmas tree. If you purchase a natural tree, choose one as fresh as possible, keep it hydrated and away from heat sources. Use noncombustible materials for decorations.

Questions, comments and concerns;

Illegal Fireworks: Concern raised regarding the frequent bombardment of illegal fireworks throughout the district; Kealoha explained that on several occasions permits have been attained to allow the use of aerial fireworks in the district, however if residents believe illegal fireworks are being used to contact HPD.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant Cheong reported;

Crime Statistics: 9 simple assaults, 9 burglaries, 3 driving under the influence (DUI), 30 motor vehicle collisions, 1 sex assault, 25 thefts, 11 unauthorized entrance to a motor vehicle (UEMV), total of 617 calls.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Statistics Comparison: According to the Uniform Crime Reporting system, UEMV have increased by 23%, thefts by 3% and a decrease in auto thefts by 8%. A total increase in crime by 6% was also shown.
2. Districts and Sectors: It was clarified that Windward Oahu is considered District 4.



3. 'No Parking' Sign Needed: Residents raised concern regarding Hau'ula Loop Trail, and the fact that tourists should not be parking in that area due to a high probability that their vehicle will be broken into.

Mayor's Representative: Chair Primacio noted the Mayor's representative was unable to make it tonight, but has responded to several concerns; Miller provided the responses;

1. Punalu'u Beach Park: American Disability Act (ADA) improvements for Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) facilities are prioritized by size and usage of the park. At this time, DPR priorities have been on improving the accessibility of the most highly used District Parks. If funds permit, DPR will work with the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) on this request.
2. Green Waste Site: Green waste may be taken to the La'ie Convenience Center at 56-020 Kamehameha Highway, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Sunday.
3. Consideration Bill 55: Previously, due to an oversight in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH), HandiVan Eligibility card holders were prohibited from having both a HandiVan Eligibility card and a discounted bus pass.
4. Uniformed Park Closures: DPR's recommended closure hours are 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., however adjustments may be made within the community. DPR will consider a recommendation submitted in writing by the Neighborhood Board.

Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz: Mike Sakata reported;

1. Hau'ula Fire Station: The Councilman has received the environmental assessment (EA) for the Hau'ula fire station, and is currently under review.
2. Kamehameha Highway Concerns: Requests have been placed to address the traffic concerns at 54-290 Kamehameha Highway. No response has been given yet, but the Board will be kept updated.
3. Bill of Interest: Several bills noted in the Councilman's monthly report included; Bill 55, a new homeowner classification bill and Bill 61, relating to meeting facilities in industrial districts.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Kahuku and Ki'i Bridge: Concern raised regarding the cleaning of the gullies under Kahuku and Ki'i bridges, during the upcoming rainy season; the bridges may be flooded and cause great danger.
2. Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Items: Hau'ula has selected a project for possible CIP funding; the item will be discussed later in the meeting during committee reports.

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

1. Main Break Report: No main breaks to report. Oahu's pumpage rate was 162.5 million gallons per day (mgd), week ending November 7, 2009.
2. General Water Announcements: Fire hydrants play an important role in the BWS's efforts to provide safe and dependable water service. BWS has installed and is responsible for the maintenance of more than 20,000 fire hydrants on Oahu. Only BWS and the Fire Department are allowed to take water from hydrants, further information on fire hydrants can be found at www.boardofwatersupply.com.
3. Halawa Xeriscape Workshops: Visit the BWS website to find out more about the classes offered at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden. November workshops include; rain barrel water catchments, the un-thirsty kalamungay tree, and holiday xeriscape wreath making.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Xeriscape Workshops: It was questioned and clarified that at both rain barrel and kalamungay xeriscape workshops, patrons may be able to take the barrel and tree home.

2. Hau'ula Watershed Upkeep: It was clarified that BWS does rely on residents to keep an eye open for anyone defacing the property. A security company does regularly check the area for perpetrators.

Board member Les Steward arrived at 7:40 p.m. **A quorum of eight (8) members present.**

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

1. Waikane Flooding: A concern regarded the issues surrounding Waikane. A letter to the editor was read noting the frustration of neighboring residents and the fact that this issue has been ongoing for several years and no mediation has been conducted.
2. Olelo Contract Renewal: During the Olelo contract renewal process, residents have the opportunity to voice suggestions to Oceanic Cable of what Olelo can do for the community. The Board and community is urged to write Oceanic Cable, urging proper funds be given to Kahuku High School's media program.
3. Turtle Bay Jurisdiction: It was questioned and clarified that Turtle Bay is within the Kahuku boundaries, and that Kahuku Community Association (KCA) may be contacted regarding issues against Turtle Bay.
4. Department of Education (DOE): Several community members requested an update by DOE at the upcoming January meeting. The community would like to know what is being done within the DOE.
5. La'ie Point: Traffic signals at La'ie point have been destroyed by speeding motorist, and the community would like to have them replaced. Concern was also raised with the increasing number of fisherman that have been defecating on the rocks and reef.
6. Stop Lights in La'ie: Request that the stop lights in La'ie be synchronized and shortened, residents seem to be waiting long periods of time before the light allows them to go.

APPROVAL OF JULY 30, 2009 SPECIAL MINUTES AND OCTOBER 8, 2009 REGULAR MINUTES: Letts thanked Miller for their joint efforts in clarifying some aspects in the July 30, 2009 special meeting minutes. There are a few minor differences that Letts noted she does not feel are major. Letts also noted that the petition documents noted in the minutes are available at the Neighborhood Commission Office. **Letts moved and Miller seconded to approve the July 30, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes as circulated. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0. (Aye: Elkington, Kelly-Paddock, Leonardi, Letts, Mattoon, Miller, Primacio and Steward.)**

Mattoon moved and Leonardi seconded to approve the October 8, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes with amendments. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0, (Aye: Elkington, Kelly-Paddock, Leonardi, Letts, Mattoon, Miller, Primacio and Steward.)

- Page 1: Guest List: Include, 'Steve Hoag (Hawaii Reserves Incorporate).
- Page 4: BWS: Question 1: Replace; 'Sustainable Communities Water Plan' with 'Ko'olauloa Watershed Management Plan.'
- Page 5: Corrections Page 7: Correct 'Kamehameha Highway Striping'.
- Page 6: South Punalu'u Bridge 5: Replace 'South Kohala Bridge' with 'South Kahana Bridge'.
- Page 7: Kahuku Medical Center 2: Clarify, 'all six driveway lights'.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Census Bureau 2010: Darrell Travis reported;

1. U.S. Census: The census is a count of every individual in the U.S. taken every ten years as mandated by the Constitution. The census determines how many representatives go to congress from each state. It also indicates how federal monies are distributed.
2. Previous Counts and Effects: Hawaii is the third lowest represented state in the country. When disasters hit, the numbers in the census determine the amount of relief supplies and monies go to the particular area affected.
3. Child Counts Important: Children are often unaccounted for in the census. They are the most important for the development of schools in developing areas.

4. Time Line: The census questionnaire will be out in March 2010 and it is requested that residents complete it as soon as possible. Census Day will be observed on April 10, 2009.
5. Possible Occupations: The census is aggressively recruiting people specifically for the area they live, because they are trusted. The positions are temporary ranging from 2-10 weeks. A 30 minute test with 28 questions will be administered to all those that apply. The age requirement is 18 years old.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Un-Notified Residents: Concern raised that in the last census several residents were not contacted by mail or by community workers; Travis noted that the goal this year is to get 100% of residents counted, and apologized if residents did not get contacted last time.
2. No Mailing/Physical Address: Residents that have no mailing or physical address will still be eligible to take the census through census centers or by physical counters.
3. Available Positions: Approximately 3,000 local jobs will become available beginning in 2010. A handout was provided noting the available position descriptions.
4. Possible Census Centers: The Census will look into several possible census center locations, including public schools, the Polynesian Cultural Center (PCC), and Brigham Young University (BYU).
5. Military Count: It was clarified that all military personnel that reside in Hawaii will be counted in the census.

Kahuku Community Fund: Board member Letts reported;

1. First Advisory Committee: Founded in 2006 the first advisory committee placed \$100,000 from the James Campbell Estate into an endowment to fund community grants in perpetuity. Each advisory committee has struggled with the question of whether to place more or all of the funds into endowment to allow for substantial community grants in perpetuity.
2. Major Projects: Major projects in Kahuku are usual discussion items at most meetings with some supporting the flexibility of allowing large projects and others wanting to put more funds into endowment.
3. 2010 Request for Proposals (RFP): All RFP's for community grants should be out in early December.
4. Board of Governors: The Hawaii Community Foundation Board of Governors ensures the charitable purpose of the fund is met. The Board also appoints the Advisory Committee members.
5. Past Recommendations: In total funds awarded in the past amount to; 2007: four grants totaling \$24,342, 2008: eight grants totaling \$63,180, and 2009: six grants totaling \$29,150. A list of specific recipients was also provided to the community.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. After Funds are Granted: Once granted, the Hawaii Community Foundation Board of Governors ensures that the funds are being used properly. The Advisory Committee does receive reports from the Board of Governors, notifying them of any discrepancies.
2. Denied Grants: If a request is denied, the proposal may be re-submitted; the submitter is also provided a write up explaining why the grant was denied.
3. Outside of Kahuku: Discussions have been in place suggesting that the funds be expended through the ko'olauloa district and not just Kahuku, however no decisions have been made to finalize this suggestion.
4. Personal Projects: Should a project come before the Advisory Committee which involves one of the members, that member shall excuse themselves from all discussions and votes pertaining to that project. Some members of the Committee have been known to support 'pet' projects.

5. Community Input: It was questioned if community members were allowed participation in decision making by the Advisory Committee, Letts will follow up.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Miller read the October 2009 Treasurer's Report, highlighting a current expense of \$48.71 due to printing and postage, and a current Operating Balance of \$1,226.70. The report was filed.

Elected Officials:

Congresswoman Mazie Hirono: No report available at this time.

Governor's Representative: No report available at this time.

State Legislators:

Senator Clayton Hee: Senator Hee reported;

1. Pokiwai Clean-Up: Community members were invited to participate in the pokiwai cleanup on Saturday, December 12, 2009.
2. Flooding Issues: Funds have been appropriated for flood mitigation in the district. The Army Core Stream Study is also near completion and will be reviewed by the Senator.
3. Bridge Concerns: Several bridge repairs are in the planning phases. The Senator did note that he is aware of the issues surrounding several of the bridges in the community.
4. Layoff Counts: As a continued concern throughout the State, an estimated 11,000 employees will be laid off by the end of 2009. The economic issue remains one of the top priorities in the State.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Ka'a'awa Flooding Issue: Concern was noted that cement blocks that were once used to obstruct off terrain vehicles near Waikane Stream are now in the stream and could cause flooding during the rainy season.
2. Possible Signage: Residents voiced concerns regarding the traffic caused when areas of the district became flooded. Due to the 'one way in, one way out' road structure, residents suggested possible signage be bought and utilized when areas are underwater.
3. General Flooding Concerns: Several residents and Board members voiced concern with flooding issues and the need of maintenance under bridges and at open water ways. Residents urged the Senator to push flood mitigation measures in the district before areas become inundated by flood waters.

Representative Jessica Wooley: Representative Wooley reported;

1. Upcoming Legislation: Residents are welcomed to contact the Representative's office with ideas of legislation. The upcoming session will open in January 2010.
2. Education Concerns: The economic and educational concerns remain top priority of the House and Senate. The decisions made between the Governor and Unions were made following the 2009 legislature, however it has been noted that both houses are willing to negotiate if the circumstances are right.
3. Capitol Improvement Project (CIP) Funds: Federal CIP funds are currently available; Wooley will provide a complete list of funds available to those interested.

Committee Chair Reports: The following did not report at this time; Cultural Affairs, Parks and Recreation, Planning and Land Use, Public Information, Health & Welfare, Public Safety/Transportation and Education.

Housing: Elkington reported;

Sand Bags Available: It was clarified that sand bags are available at BYU Hawaii for \$0.50. Sand may be taken from the Hawaii Reserves Beach location in La'ie during times of an emergency.

CIP/Public Works: Mattoon reported;

1. Upcoming Budget Requests: With the upcoming 2011 City Budget, Councilmember Dela Cruz has requested that each Neighborhood Board in his district select two CIP projects of choice.
2. Hau'ula Community Park: It was suggested that Hau'ula Community Park be brought to City standards and reclaim approximately 10 acres of surrounding wetlands and become a proper community park. It was noted that HCA has already met with DPR representatives and have discussed parking issues at the park.
3. Kahuku District Park: It was suggested that Kahuku District Park also be completed and finally brought to district park standards. The district park has been a long standing project in the community and has never been fully completed.

Letts moved and Mattoon seconded to select the standardization and completion of both Hau'ula Community Park and Kahuku District Park as Capital Improvement Projects. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0, (Aye: Elkington, Kelly-Paddock, Leonardi, Letts, Mattoon, Miller, Primacio and Steward.)

Public Information: In response to the earlier concern regarding Olelo Community Media at Kahuku High School, **Elkington moved and Miller seconded to write a letter to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs requesting funding of Olelo at Kahuku High School. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0, (Aye: Elkington, Kelly-Paddock, Leonardi, Letts, Mattoon, Miller, Primacio and Steward.)**

Water: Letts reported;

Watershed Management Plan: The community is awaiting the Ko'olauloa Watershed Management Plan to go before Council; Usagawa of the BWS will keep the Board updated.

Department of Education (DOE): No report available at this time.

Kahuku Medical Center: No report available at this time.

Ka'a'awa Elementary School: Letts reported the working group is currently drafting their report. It seems that under Chapter 38, there are no reasons to support closure of Ka'a'awa Elementary.

Kahuku Community/School Library: Fran Corcoran reported;

1. Furlough Wednesdays: Libraries state wide will experience 15 days of furlough on Wednesdays instead of Fridays. The furlough days will begin in the month of December.
2. December Activities: Residents are welcomed to participate in a Holiday Music Festival on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, a Holiday movie on Tuesday, December 15, 2009, and keiki story time on Thursday, December 3, 2009.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Furlough Wednesdays: A concern that libraries are not closing uniformly with schools on Furlough Fridays; Corcoran noted that libraries wanted to remain open on Furlough Fridays to give students somewhere to go.

Marine Corps: Linda Read reported;

1. Hours of Operation: Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m.-12:00 midnight, Friday 7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Sunday and Holidays closed. Several exceptions may be made.
2. News and Events: 1) U.S. Marine Corps celebrated its 234th birthday on Tuesday, November 10, 2009. 2) Marines will provide ceremonial Color Guards for Several Veterans' Day remembrances: Oahu Veterans' Council Memorial Ceremony, Wahiawa Veterans' Day Parade and State Veterans' Cemetery. 3) Jillian

Sentell, a 362 Marine Spouse, will be recognized as Navy League's Key Spouse at the Mayor's Office on Friday, November 27, 2009. 4) Klipper Memorial and recognition of Carol Shimada's 65 years of federal service will be held on Monday, December 7, 2009.

3. Base News Articles: The HFD recognized two sailors and a Marine Corps police officer for their actions during a fire incident on August 18, 2009. The article was made available for those interested in reading.
4. Habitat for Humanity: Marine and Sailors from MCBH will be in Waimanalo on Thursday, October 29, 2009 to volunteer at a Habitat for Humanity house.
5. Toys for Tots: Campaign kicks off their season of giving by collecting toys for the less fortunate keiki in Hawaii; for more information call 216-3295.
6. Homecomings and Deployments: Deployed are Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, plus other detachments and augmentees. Homecomings include 3rd Marine Regiment HQ, 2nd Battalion 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Battalion 3rd Marine Regiment and 3rd Radio Battalion detachments.

Correspondence: No report available at this time.

Community Reports: Ka'a'awa, Kahana and Kahuku were previously reported.

Hau'ula: Kelly-Paddock reported;

1. Hau'ula Community Park: The Hau'ula Community Coalition wants to initiate a partnership to use the \$275,000 for materials to the community park. The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has already noted that they would be willing to work in the partnership.
2. Christmas Activity: The Hau'ula Community Association (HCA) is planning a Christmas activity on Saturday, December 12, 2009; anyone wishing to assist can contact Kalua'u at kaluaum@yahoo.com.
3. Against Envision La'ie: HCA opposed writing a letter in support to the Envision La'ie Project. Majority of the HCA members voted in opposition to the Envision La'ie Project.
4. Hau'ula Kai Shopping Center: A letter has been sent to the Weinberg Village Foundation regarding needed improvements to the shopping center.
5. Hau'ula Elementary School: The community is concerned about the education of their children, the school remains in reconstruction phases. Several community members are willing to work with the school to make significant changes and improve the current school's status.

La'ie: Elkington reported;

1. La'ie Community Association (LAC): Regular meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month. Latest discussions included available funding opportunities in the legislature; the LCA plan to meet with local legislators to see what funds may be available.
2. La'ie Park: Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings will be held in January 2010 between La'ie residents and DPR. Meetings will most likely be held at the Cannon Activity Center, specific dates and times to be announced.
3. Farmers Market: All residents are welcomed to partake in the farmers markets held every other Saturday.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Influx of Out-of-State Students: A residents raised concern with the possibility of 700 students moving onto and around the BYU Hawaii campus; Elkington clarified that the 700 number is false and the usual student increase at the beginning of the semester is around 25-80 students.

Punalu'u: Mattoon reported that volunteers cleared areas of overgrown brush this past week; however trees that were cut down remain in the area. The plan calls for re-planting of trees in the cleared area.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Several announcements were made at this time;

1. Next Meeting: The Board will recess in December 2009. Next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hau'ula Community Center.
2. Happy Holidays: Board and community members shared a warm happy holidays to all.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted By:

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