



KOOLAULOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 28

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2015 KAHUKU COMMUNITY CENTER

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Verla Moore called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. **Quorum was established with eight (8) members present.** Note – This 11-member Board requires six (6) members to establish quorum and take official Board action.

Members Present – Michael Foley (appointed at this meeting), Kent Fonoimoana, Burton Greene, Dee Dee Letts, Gaylene Lolofie (arrived at 6:19 p.m.), Creighton Mattoon, Kela Miller, Kerry Moea`i, Verla Moore, Norman Thompson.

Members Absent – none.

Filling of Vacancies – There are two (2) vacancies on the Board.

Guests – Fire Captain Brendan O'Connor (Honolulu Fire Department), Lieutenant John Vines (Honolulu Police Department), Adam LeFebvre (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative), Mike Sakata (Council Chair Ernie Martin's office staff), Representative Feki Pouha and Lupe Piena (Representative Pouha's office staff), Carolyn Unser (SunEdison), Brian Walsh, Louis Prescott, Larry McElheny, Junior Primacio, Deldrene Herron, Sifa Tiueti, Patti Olson, Evelyn Yane, Barbara Kahana, Ben Shafer, Pat McAnally, Elizabeth Rego, and KC Connors (Residents), David Amodo (Videographer) and Neighborhood Assistant Neil Baarde (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Fire Captain Brendan O'Connor reported the following:

- Hau'ula/Kahuku/Ka'a'awa January 2014 Statistics – There were 2 structure, 2 wildland, 6 rubbish, and 3 vehicle fires. 71 medical emergencies, 9 search and rescues, and 19 miscellaneous calls for service.
- Hiking Safety Tips – When planning a hike, inform others of the plans, let someone know which trail the hike will be on, and when one plans to return. If something should go wrong, rescuers will have accurate information on where to start searching. Plan to have enough time to return from the hike and keep a fully charged cell phone. HFD relies heavily on phone contact when trying to locate a lost injured hiker.

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

- January 2014 Statistics – There were 6 motor vehicle thefts, 10 burglaries, 19 thefts, and 16 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV).
- Thefts Safety Tip – Lieutenant Vines noted that thieves have been breaking into cars and asked that the community hide their valuables when going to a shopping center.
- Community Update – Lieutenant Vines announced that the City will be closing Makapu'u Beach Park for renovations.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Statistics – Fonoimoana asked under what statistic animal poisoning would be listed. Lieutenant Vines responded that it would be under "other" and would not be listed on HPD's statistics list.
2. Nuisance Calls – Chair Moore asked what would constitute as a nuisance call. Lieutenant Vines responded that the process is that dispatch becomes the "complaint department" that takes the information which could result in an arrest but will usually be given a warning first.
3. Permit – Greene asked if a permit is required for someone to use an air horn from the back of a truck. Lieutenant Vines responded that depending on the use of the air horn a permit would be required from The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP). Fonoimoana asked and Lieutenant Vines responded that even if it is a non-electrical amplifier, HPD will use discretion depending on the manner it is being used. A resident asked about a party at the park that uses a PA system, and if a permit is required. Lieutenant Vines responded that a permit is required because it could be bothersome.
4. Response Time – Elizabeth Rego asked what an appropriate response time for domestics would be. Lieutenant Vines responded that HPD comes as soon as possible, because it depends on where the closest unit is.

Lolofie arrived at 6:19 p.m.; Nine (9) members present.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 8, 2015 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Miller moved and Moea'i seconded to adopt the January 8, 2015 regular meeting minutes as amended. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-0; (AYE: Fonoimoana, Greene, Letts, Lolofie, Mattoon, Miller, Moea'i, Moore, and Thompson.) Amendments include the following:

- Vacation Rentals – add: funds for renovation “because there are significantly more in the Koolauloa district than in Kailua.”
- Federal Grant – should read: “Connors raised a concern about the Federal Government Grant of \$20 million for education and programs for Native Hawaiians and noted that 27 organizations received the money but it does not look like the Koolauloa area received the money.”
- Malai Kahana – should read: “Melaekahana”
- Health Care Services – should read: “Kahana stated the clinic and the hospital are working together to further good relationships and help with delivery of healthcare services to our community. The Hauula Community Association / Hui O Hauula is applying for a grant to open a teen services center. For more information, contact Dotty Kelly-Paddock at 255-6944.”

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Miller reported a spending of \$39.90 for January 2015, leaving a balance of \$120.69. The report was filed.

SITE SELECTION

Letts moved and Mattoon seconded that the Koolauloa Neighborhood Board No. 28 holds the Neighborhood Board meetings at the Hauula Civic Center. Discussion followed: Letts noted that the venue is free because it is a City and County building, Letts commented that the location is central to the Koolauloa district and it will save the Board money. Chair Moore called for the vote. **The motion was ADOPTED, 6-3-0. (AYE: Mattoon, Letts, Fonoimoana, Greene, Lolofie, and Thompson.) (NAY: Moore, Moea'i, and Miller.)** Chair Moore announced that the next Koolauloa Neighborhood Board No. 28 meeting will be held at the Hauula Civic Center.

SEAT VACANCY NOMINATION/SELECTION

La'ie District – **Miller nominated Michael Foley to fill the vacancy in the La'ie district.** Lolofie and Thompson moved to close the nominations for the La'ie district. No discussion. Chair Moore called for the vote. **Michael Foley's nomination PASSED, 6-3-0. (AYE: Lolofie, Mattoon, Miller, Moea'i, Moore, and Thompson.) (NAY: Fonoimoana, Greene, and Letts.)**

Chair Moore called for a recess at 6:22 p.m. to install the newest board member.

Chair Moore resumed the meeting at 6:24 p.m.; 10 members present.

Hauula District – **Mattoon nominated Barbara Kahana to fill the vacancy.** No discussion. Chair Moore called for the vote. **The nomination for Kahana was NOT ADOPTED, 5-5-0. (AYE: Fonoimoana, Greene, Letts, Mattoon, and Moea'i.) (NAY: Foley, Lolofie, Miller, Moore, and Thompson.)**

Thompson nominated Louis Prescott to fill the vacancy. No discussion. Chair Moore called for the vote. **The Nomination for Prescott was NOT ADOPTED, 5-5-0. (AYE: Foley, Lolofie, Miller, Moore, and Thompson.) (NAY: Fonoimoana, Greene, Letts, Mattoon, and Moea'i)**

The Hauula District vacancy was deferred until the March 2015 meeting.

GOVERNMENT REPORTS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Adam LeFebvre reported the following:

- Neighborhood Board Elections – The deadline to apply is Friday, February 20, 2015. More information on the Boards and the election are available online or by calling 768-3708. The community can also apply online at www.honolulu.gov/nco.
- The Honolulu Zoo – The Mayor's Office of Culture and Arts (MOCA) and the Honolulu Zoo are asking for donations of ti leaves to help repair the hale la'i. Once used for cultural and community events at the

Honolulu Zoo, the thatched roof of the hale has fallen into a state of despair over the years due to nature's elements. The Zoo wishes to bring the structure back to its original state so it can once again be used to benefit the community. Green, yellow, or brown ti leaves, with the stems, may be dropped off in plastic bags at the Honolulu Zoo entrance.

- Sew a Lei for Memorial Day – Memorial Day is on Monday, May 25, 2015. All Hawaii school students grades K-12 are invited to enter the City and County of Honolulu's "Sew a Lei for Memorial Day" Poster Contest, which will run from Monday, January 26, 2015 through Friday, February 27, 2015. The poster will depict lei-making activities or ceremonial actions at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl. For more information contact Alex Ching at 768-3028 or email aching2@honolulu.gov.
- Wind Projects – The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) has neither received nor approved a CUP for a wind farm since 2011.
- Public Utilities Commission (PUC) – The PUC is a State agency which is not affiliated with DPP in any way.
- NCO Email List – The Department of Information Technology (DIT) confirmed that Fonoimoana is listed in the database as kent@trisland.com. It is possible the email was diverted on his end into a folder other than his inbox. If the email provider allows him to designate emails, he may want to designate the City's email of Webmaster@honolulu.gov.
- Puhuli Road – The earthwork activity at the end of Puhuli Road is covered by grading permit No. GP2015-01-0011 and stockpiling permit Nos. GP2014-04-0147, GP2014-04-0148, and GP2014-11-0477. The work is inspected regularly. According to DPP inspections, the work currently complies with the permitted plans.
- Better Advertisement of Board Meetings – The NCO receives limited publicity money, but has made great strides in expanding its use of free social media. The NCO asks anyone who has social media to follow the NCO, links to all of the social media accounts can be found on the website www.honolulu.gov/nco. The NCO is always open to suggestions that people may have to help increase community awareness. Please don't hesitate to contact the NCO with ideas.
- Fallen Stop Sign – The stop sign at Hauula Homestead Road and Hanaimoa Street was reinstalled on Friday, January 16, 2015.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Puhuli Road – Mattoon asked where the dirt is coming from. LeFebvre will follow up.
2. Park Lights – Fonoimoana asked for an update on the Kahuku District Park lights. LeFebvre responded that there currently is no update but will follow up.
3. Agricultural Lands – Fonoimoana noted that he went to the meeting in Downtown, Honolulu on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 and commented that there seems to be a sudden interest in doing the right thing. Fonoimoana asked if it because 2016 is an election year or is an honest attempt to preserve agricultural lands. LeFebvre noted he will follow up. Fonoimoana asked for the upcoming dates for the proposed meetings. LeFebvre noted Fonoimoana's request. A resident asked if the agricultural lands are designated in rural areas. Fonoimoana responded that based on his findings on the view of the City's Map those are the designated agricultural lands.
4. Rescheduling the Bus – Greene asked for the status of adding a bus 55 route. LeFebvre will follow up.
5. Rail Shortfalls – A resident raised a concern about Mayor Caldwell asking for an extension for the Rail property tax that has the least amount of impact on the community and asked what will happen if the General Excise Tax (GET) does not get an extension. LeFebvre responded that the City will go back and think of new ideas that will have the least effect on the community.
6. Kahuku District Park Lights – Elizabeth Rego too raised a concern about the Kahuku District Park lights not being fixed and implied that the City is not focused on rural Oahu, as there is no place for activities in Kahuku at night because the lights have yet to be fixed. LeFebvre responded that rural Oahu should be done but if it is not, look at DPR's website to see the list of priorities. LeFebvre noted that Kamehameha Highway is a State road and commented that changing the lights and fixing the roads take time but will be done eventually. Lupe Piena commented that she has some information in regards to the parks. Letts noted that the community members on that side of the island feel like second class citizens because if Hawaii Kai or Kailua asked, the projects would be fixed already.
7. Water Turbines – Rego asked if the City can use water turbines instead of using the windmills because First Wind always has problems. LeFebvre responded that there is a process and will follow up.
8. NCO Election – Herron asked what will happen if the Neighborhood Board gets in a deadlock over the current seat vacancy on the board, will the public get to vote?. LeFebvre responded that the short answer is yes and noted that the NCO does do public votes. Herron asked if the upcoming election ballots would be mailed or electronically tallied. LeFebvre responded that it will be an electronic submission and will be tallied by Commission.

Council Chair Ernie Martin – Mike Sakata provided a handout and reported the following:

- Kemoeatu Brothers – Brothers and former National Football League (NFL) players, Ma'ake and Chris Kemoeatu made national news last summer when Ma'ake chose to end his career to donate his kidney to his younger brother Chris. City Council honored them for exemplifying 'Ohana and starting a non-profit organization that works to help Hawaii's underprivileged children, named the Kemoeatu Brothers Foundation.
- La'ie Hotel Project – DPP records indicated that the drainage master plan was completed and submitted to DPP on March 15, 2013 fulfilling condition E of Resolution 11-84. DPP is currently reviewing the plan.
- Duckbill at Pokiwai Stream – The duckbill is a check valve that is installed at the end of the pipe, which mainis to prevent sand from entering the pipe. It is designed to allow water to exit the pipe through the valve when the head of water behind the valve is greater than the head on the outlet end of the valve. Regardless of the pipe length, sand should not be able to enter the pipe with the duckbill in place. The original pipe outlet, which extended further out into the ocean, had been identified by the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) as a maintenance problem. The pipe would fill with sand being pushed in by the ocean waves. The portion of the pipe that was in the water was also badly damaged. Instead of extending the pipe, DFM will continue to provide cleaning and maintenance of the pipe to assure it is in working order. It should also be noted that the main drainage way for this area is through the State's bridge on Kamehameha Highway.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Duckbill – Fonoimoana commented that there used to be a 48" inch valve where the duckbill was and that it was used to address the chronic flooding. He further commented that there are no machines under the bridge and that some of the community members are encouraging people to bring shovels to alleviate the situation. Pat McAnally recommended the City remove the duckbill completely and just make the pipe larger and longer. Letts commented that the pipe was a lot bigger before.
2. Kahuku District Park Lights – Moea'i raised a concern about the Kahuku District Park lights and commented that the lights have been out for over two (2) years. Moea'i mentioned that Kahuku had recently sent two (2) rugby teams to Las Vegas, Nevada and commented that lights are needed at the Park. Chair Moore asked if the reason for the delay is either a money or a labor issue and suggested that the community provide the labor. Sakata responded that the budget is not the issue because the Administration allocated \$100,000 but wanted to supplement the allocated funds.
3. Golf Course – Evelyn Lane raised a concern and asked if anything has been built on the golf course. Sakata responded that there was \$9 million approved for funding. Sakata will follow up with more information.

Representative Feki Pouha – Representative Pouha and Lupe Piena reported the following:

- Kahuku District Park Lights – Piena announced that the money was appropriated and noted that Representative Pouha is currently looking for a full replacement of the lights and commented that she will follow up with more information.
- Signage at Kahana Park – Piena noted that the State is working with DLNR to replace the signs at Kahana Park.
- Vacation Rentals – Representative Pouha has spoken to Senator Thielen and they have decided to combine their efforts and will work with Councilmember Ikaika Anderson to solve the issue.
- Waimanamana Bridge – Representative Pouha noted he spoke to Ed Sniffen about the Waimanamana Bridge and commented that they are mindfull of the challenges and will work together.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. House Bill 1384 regarding the pending Kahuku Windmill Project – Fonoimoana commented that the current HB 1384 draft does not help the Kahuku area and requested an updated version of the bill be distributed for comments/review. Chair Moore inquired about the status of the pending project; Representative Pouha responded that only the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been completed. Chair Moore commented, regarding wording of the latest draft, that the language is unclear as to when the 'process' actually begins. Representative Pouha responded that he will send emails, updates and make announcements at the Board meeting. Letts noted that the Bill needs to be clearer. Lolofie thanked Representative Pouha for introducing the Bill and noted that the Board will support the Bill only if it helps the community. Brian Walsh asked if there was a companion Senate Bill. Representative Pouha responded that Senator Riviere sent two (2) companion bills but they did not have any traction.
2. Super Ferry – Rego asked about the status of the Super Ferry. Representative Pouha noted that the bill was introduced but it has not gone anywhere.

3. Wind Turbines – Herron noted that the wind turbines are affecting the animals in the area and noted that those interested should call Dr. Tevita Kaili at BYU and ask how many species of animals have died because of the wind turbines.
4. Bills – Ben Shafer noted that copies of the bills should be brought to the meetings so the community can be well informed. Shafer noted that Germans have been using windmills for a long time and commented that Hawaii needs to do the smart thing and noted that “Corporate America” does not count as “Our People”.
5. Tourism – K.C. Connors asked if the State is asking for money for Rail or for use of the Bus in Kahuku.
6. Vacation Rentals – Connors asked if Representative Pouha is in support of the tax.
7. Water Testing – Connors commented that there are massive spills at Turtle Bay and that the water is not being tested properly.
8. Kahuku Community Association (KCA) Meeting – Fonoimoana invited Representative Pouha to the next KCA meeting and asked to bring copies of the HB 1384. Representative Pouha thanked Fonoimoana for the invitation and said the reason he has not brought any copies yet is because the bill is still ‘fluid’ and in the revision state.

Senator Gil Riviere – No representative was present and no report was provided.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

Punalu'u – Chair Moore announced that the Na Kamalei Site will be closing as of Sunday, March 1, 2015 due to flood mitigation.

Ka'a'awa – No report.

Kahuku – There will be a Kahuku Community Association (KCA) quarterly meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kahuku Community Center. Fonoimoana informed the board/community that KCA has reorganized the Board with Fonoimoana as President and Moea'i as Vice President.

Hau'ula – No report.

La'ie – The La'ie community will be celebrating their 150th anniversary as a community with planned events tentatively scheduled for some time in November 2015. Chair Moore will announce/present a calendar of events at a future meeting. The Hukilau Marketplace will have their Grand Opening on Friday, February 20, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Kahana – Shafer announced that there will be elections for the Kahana Community Association in March 2015; elections will be held at the Kahana Community Association building.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Involvement – Piena said she grew up in the area and since then she has learned a lot, including the value of getting the community involved. She said she and Representative Pouha will try to be more present in the community.

Sun Edison – Carolyn Unser announced that Sun Edison is the former First Wind Solar Project. Unser noted that the maintenance for the project will consist of cranes, rotors, and replacing the pitch bearings. Fonoimoana declared some clippers have gone down and asked who will be replacing them. Unser responded that Sun Edison will be taking over which will include identifying and fixing problems. Lofie asked if Sun Edison will continue providing the same opportunities as First Wind regarding community benefits. Unser responded yes, and that she will continue to keep the community and Board informed .

Mother's Against Wind Turbines – Rego announced that the Mother's Against Wind Turbines Facebook page has been updated and noted that the turbines are a bad investment because off all of the issues with the turbines including the killing of different animal species.

Crossing Signs – Evelyn Lane noted that the roads have be repaved but raised a concern about the lack of signs warning motorists about children and the elderly. Lane asked the Board for support to get signs warning motorists to slow down. Chair Moore noted the concern and commented that she will follow up with the concern.

No Development – Larry McElheny raised a concern about bill 47 and noted that he opposes any developments in the Koolauloa area.

Kahuku Library – Connors announced that starting on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 there will be a series on Hawaiian resources, including the topic of \$20 million for Hawaiian education and programs.

Clean Up – Shafer announced that Maunawili Heiau will be hosting a clean up on Saturday, February 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Hauula Community Association (HCA) – Kahana announced that HCA has recently updated their tsunami evacuation zones.

Oceanfest – Kahana announced that Turtle Bay will be hosting their 3rd annual Oceanfest at the Turtle Bay resort.

House Bill 118 – Kahana announced that as Bills are going through the legislation, the community should follow and keep updated with the Bills that are of interest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Free Tax Preparation – There will be a free tax preparation at the Kahuku Library between 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Thursday until Wednesday, April 15, 2015. The tax preparation will only serve 15 people per day.
- Next Meeting – The next regular Koolauloa Neighborhood Board No. 28 meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at the Hau'ula Civic Center, 54-010 Kukuna Road, Hauula.
- Olelo Broadcasting – The regular Board meetings air on the 4th Friday at 9:00 p.m. on Channel 49, and on the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 12:00 p.m. on Channel 54.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Submitted by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed by: Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed and approved by: Chair Verla Moore