



KAHALU'U NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 29  
*(Heeia Kea, Ahuimanu, Kahalu'u, Waihe'e, Kaalaea, Waiahole, Waikane, Hakipuu, Kualoa)*

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**DRAFT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2010  
KEY PROJECT

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Henkin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with a quorum of 10 members present. Note – This 15 member Board requires eight (8) members for a quorum and to take official Board action.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ned Busch, David Henkin, Elwin Spray, Ken LeVasseur, Leatrice Gomes, Arthur Machado Jr., Francis Kaluhiwa (arrived 7:10 p.m.), Brian Nuss, Lucy Salas (arrived 7:10 p.m.), Clifford Loo, Mark Valencia and Gregory Geboski.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Keliko Hoe.

**GUESTS:** Ernie Martin (Mayor Hannemann's Office), Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz, Major Alan Crouch (Marine Corps Base Hawai'i Public Affairs Office), Lt. John Vines (Honolulu Police Department), Firefighter Corey Lau (Honolulu Fire Department), Jason Misaki (State Department of Land and Natural Resources); Flora Obayashi (Representative Wooley's Office), Michael Sakata (Councilmember Dela Cruz's Office), Mahealani Cypher, Zeilyn Zakahi, Lisa Nagatoshi, Amy Luersen, Guy Nakamoto, and Mary Chanel-Benjamin (Neighborhood Commission Office)

**CITY GOVERNMENT REPORTS:**

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Firefighter Lau reported the following information:

- 1) January 2010 Statistics – There were 6 fires, 57 rescues, 2 hazardous conditions, 7 service, 4 good intent and 2 false calls. There were no firework related incidents on New Year's Eve.
- 2) Fire Safety Tips – Smoke alarms save lives and are an important part of a home fire escape plan. Since the late 1920s, properly installed and maintained smoke alarms have contributed to an almost 50 percent decrease in fire deaths. According to the National Fire Protection Association, people are twice as likely to survive a home fire if there is a working smoke alarm. An estimated 890 lives could be saved each year if all homes contained working smoke alarms. Please make sure your family is safe during a fire; have working fire alarms in your homes. Practice home fire escape plans and designate a safe meeting place outside your home.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Medical Calls – Emergency calls should always be at 9-1-1; the dispatcher will route your call to the needed responders. Medical calls will be routed to the closest Emergency Medical Services (EMS) available.
- Waikane Valley (WV) Incidents – Those vehicles that are illegally entering the valley by moving the barriers to enter and flipping their vehicles will need to report to HFD rescue units. Some vehicles have known to become stuck in ditches in the valley.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. Vines distributed District Four's Regional Patrol Report, and provided the following information:

- 1) Statistics for January 2010 – There were 3 rapes, 41 burglaries, 138 thefts, 7 robberies, 14 motor vehicle thefts, and 14 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle.
- 2) Incidents – There was a bicycle collision critically injuring a 10 year old. A rape incident which occurred at Restaurant Row in downtown Honolulu was reported in the Kahalu'u district.
- 3) Contact – For further information regarding crime in Windward Oahu, or to take action, as part of a Neighborhood Security Watch or Citizens' Patrol, please call 262-6555.

7:10 P.M. – Members Kaluhiwa and Salas arrive at the meeting. There are 12 Board members present.



Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Home Break-In Incidents – Some are reporting criminals are parking their vehicles down the road from the target homes; be aware of suspicious activities as some are occurring on Saturdays.
- Underage Drinking – It is reported that about 2,500 under-18 aged people attended a concert by the Waikane fruit stand, and many were witnessed consuming alcohol during the concert. The matter will be presented to Officer Duane Samson for review. The concert had a special duty police officer, which means it had a permit. Residents should make their concerns known to the City. Private parties are usually hard to control especially when uninvited guests show up with alcohol, then this becomes the responsibility of the homeowners.
- Illegal Parked Vehicles and Boats – There is a weight limit on boats parked on the streets; all boats also have to be placed on wheels if parked on the streets and must be moved every 24 hours. Vehicles blocking sidewalks will be cited.
- Gun Shot Concerns – Residents have been hearing gunshots coming from the area of Waiahole Homestead Road. A permit is needed for the use of a shotgun to hunt on preservation land; however, if used on private agricultural land, the gun only has to be used in a safe manner and of course guns need to be registered with the State. The complaint is currently being handled by HPD; and a suspect has been made aware of community concerns. HPD will share firearms law information at the next Board meeting.
- Speeding Vehicles – Speeding continues to be a hazard along 'Ahuimanu Place. HPD made note to patrol the area.
- Illegal Off-Road Problems in WV – WV is under the jurisdiction of the federal government; however, HPD has concurrent jurisdiction and can respond to complaints in WV.

**FILLING BOARD VACANCIES** –

- There was no one present who expressed interest in filling vacancies at this time. There is one vacancy in each of Sub-Districts (SD) Five and Six.
- Chair Henkin noted the Neighborhood Commission is considering proposed changes to the Neighborhood Plan to allow the Board to convert the SD vacant seats to At-Large seats in order to fill vacancies.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** –

- February 10, 2010 is the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

**RESIDENTS' AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS:**

- Kahalu'u Elementary School Robotics Team (KESRT) – The STEM Program gave the opportunity to the KESRT to make a presentation to the State Department of Transportation (DOT) on hazardous conditions at the crosswalk at Kahekili Highway and Waihe'e Road. Seven students involved found the crosswalk barely visible to the eye and prevented an accident by contacting Representative Wooley and DOT. State officials met with the KESRT which then prompted DOT to repaint the crosswalk. Congratulations to KESRT, which performed well at the Lego Team Competition.
- Development at Malaekahana and Turtle Bay – Concerns are mounting against the proposed developments due to the lack of infrastructure, which will affect everyone on the Windward side including the traffic congestion the projects would create.
- He'eia Pier and Park (HP) – There is a concern that someone is removing rocks from the side of the road near the pier that potentially will create a narrower roadway as well as erosion. A request for wire mesh for community efforts to repair the fence at HP. Also, request for trimming of branches that impair the visibility of the flashing light fronting the long bridge at He'eia Park.
- Lile Place – There is a concern regarding series of water hoses going into the stream at the end of Hui 'Iwa Road. The hoses seem to be about 300 to 400 feet in length leading from a yard near the stream as some kind of diversion.
- Hui Iwa Street/Kahekili Highway – Cleanup request of overgrowth at Hui 'Iwa Street drainage canal at the section off of Kahekili Highway. Also, request for cleanup of pile of branches on sidewalk that is an eyesore and fire risk.

**INFORMATIONAL SESSION:**

Board of Water Supply – B. Usagawa provided the following information via email:

- 1) Main Breaks (MB) and Potable Production (PP) – There were no MB in January; and the PP was 145 millions gallon per day.
- 2) Conservation, Xeriscaping and Rain Barrels – An estimated 50 percent of water consumption of the average single family home on O'ahu is used outdoors, most of which is used to water yards. Conserve water by considering using xeriscaping (e.g., growing drought tolerant plants, using mulch and proper irrigation). Using rainwater system catchments can also conserve water by using it for non-drinking activities. In partnership with The Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden, the BWS hosts several water conservation workshops. A catchment class on February 13, 2010 is filled; however, log onto the BWS's website for future classes and information. Garden Workshops are as follows: February 20, 9:40 to noon; March 20 and April 3, 10:00 a.m. to noon. Please call 748-5363 to register or email [tours@hbws.org](mailto:tours@hbws.org).
- 3) You can reach BWS at 748-5041 or log onto to the web at [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).

Marine Corps Base Hawai'i (MCBH) – Major Crouch circulated MCBH's newsletter and reported the following information:

- 1) Hours of Operations – Monday through Thursday: 7:00 a.m. to midnight. Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sundays and Holidays the base is closed. Exceptions: February 17 and 18, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. February 19, 5:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. February 20, 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 2) News and Events – February 7-9, 'MudOps', train and track in the mud to clear out weeds for native birds' use. February 15, 'Sounds of Freedom Division' at Great Aloha Run. February 20, Swamp Romp, open to the public, register at [www.mccshawaii.com](http://www.mccshawaii.com). February 26-27, MARFORPAC Band hosting Hawaii Music teachers. March 5, USMC Battle Color Detachment Performance at MCBH Pop Warner football field at 9:30 a.m. March 11, will be other school performances at 10:00 a.m. Both performances are open to the public.
- 3) Upcoming – Air Show and Bayfest, September 25-26, featuring the Navy's Blue Angels aerial demonstration team. Open to the public.
- 4) Deployments – Deployed are Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463; VP-47; 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Regiment; plus other detachments and augmentees. HMH-363 is preparing for their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan, along with 3/3.
- 5) Noise Study – MCBH does not have a good noise expert on-island. It is unclear when the most recent noise study, which was done in 2008 and includes modeling for the V22 Osprey, will be publicly available.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Training Aircrafts – Landing patterns are over the bay. MCBH's air space includes land, but aircraft generally must remain at least 1,500 feet above populated areas.
- Munitions Cleanup at Waikane Valley – MCBH continues to investigate cleaning up unexploded ordnance with the goal of returning the land back to the Kamaka family. However, it is uncertain whether the studies will show that cleanup is feasible.
- Community Meeting on Noise Studies – Major Crouch will continue to try to set up a community meeting to permit concerned members of the public to get a better description of how noise modeling is done from someone with expertise in modeling, though the meeting may have to be via video conferencing.
- Nu'upia Fishpond – A request for cultural access to the fishpond will be considered.

Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council (KBRC) – A. Machado reported the following information:

Sunset Date – A. Machado meet with Mike McCartney who will work with Senator Hee to try to remove the sunset date for KBRC. The legislature is considering a bill to have the council meet annually rather than quarterly, but this would not provide an adequate voice to the community. If KBRC lacked quorum at one meeting, nothing would happen for two years.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Spray reported for the month of January 2010, the Operating Account reflected \$44.03 for printing and postage leaving the balance at \$1,053.56, the Publicity Account balance remains at \$993, leaving the Appropriated balance at \$2,046.56.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club (HCC) Ahupua'a Boundary Marker Project – Mahealani Cypher reported the following information:

- 1) Project Description – The project is a collaborative effort among three HCC in Ko'olaupoko, Kailua, and Waimanalo to help educate and raise public awareness as to the number and variety of ahupua'a located in Windward O'ahu. The goal is to install ahupua'a boundary markers identifying the beginning and ends of each of the 11 ahupua'a of Ko'olaupoko moku, including Kualoa, Hakipu'u, Waikane, Waiahole, Ka'alaea, Waihe'e, Kahalu'u, He'eia, Kane'ohe, Kailua and Waimanalo.
- 2) Project Objective – To establish location and boundaries by researching and identifying the traditional boundaries from Kualoa to Waimanalo and work with the State and County agencies to facilitate and install modest signage.
- 3) Print Materials – Materials are being developed and will be distributed on each of the ahupua'a giving brief histories of how the system worked in ancient times. Materials will be available at libraries, HCC, government agencies, visitor industries and the public.
- 4) Project Contact A subsequent project, not yet funded, would involve establishing teams of kupuna and college student from each of the ahupua'a to conduct community awareness programs. Please visit online at: [www.koolaupokohcc.org](http://www.koolaupokohcc.org). Kaluhiwa, Hoe and Henkin are members of the Ko'olaupoko HCC.

Proposed Rules for Kapapa Island – DLNR representative Jason Misaki reported the following information:

- 1) Rules and Guidelines – DLNR has updated its wildlife sanctuary rules, which was last done in the 1950's. Previously, many sanctuaries, including Kapapa, did not have established rules. The new rules were established to preserve and maintain the island as habitat for nesting seabird and plants and for cultural uses.
- 2) Camping Permits – DLNR is meeting informally with stakeholders to establish guidance for permits for use of the island. Access will be allowed if not detrimental to the habitat. There will be no camping allowed in certain areas of the island and no overnight camping. There will be also no dogs allowed as they have been known to disturb bird nests.

## Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Community Input – Residents raised concerns that DLNR failed to involve the public prior to establishing its rules. The only public hearing was in Waikiki. Misaki said fishermen were being consulted for input on guidelines for permits. The rules have already been established and will not be changed.
- KBRC – DLNR failed to make a formal presentation to KBRC on the new regulations or proposed guidelines, even though issues related to use of the bay are its mission. The community is urged to attend the next KBRC meeting on April 7, 2010.
- Hawaiian Civic Clubs (HCC) – Ko'olaupoko HCC also expressed disappointment about DLNR's failure to consult them prior to adopting regulations of the island use. According to DLNR, protocol was followed and rules being enforced now are long standing ones throughout the entire island of O'ahu.
- Enforcement – DLNR will be enforcing rules and offering public education; many birds are dying on the island due to disturbances from other animals and dogs as well. Board members felt it was an insult to KBRC, HCC, Neighborhood Boards, and the public to not have been included in the process. Agenda notices should have been sent out for public input and awareness. The legal newspaper notice announcing the public hearing may not have reached many. DLNR had good intentions; however, poor judgment on their part continues to upset the community. The community involved for decades in managing Kane'ohe Bay deserves a chance to comment. DLNR should have consulted the Kane'ohe Bay Master Plan, which specifically addresses use of Kapapa Island.

(Spray left at 8:55 p.m.; eleven members present).

- Support Motion – **Machado moved and Kaluhiwa seconded for the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board to send DLNR a letter of concern relating to its failure to involve KBRC and the community in establishing rules for Kapapa Island. Gomes moved and LeVasseur seconded for an amendment to include in the letter that DLNR should notify by electronic mail (emails) and/or individual contact those community members who have been actively involved in issues related to Kane'ohe Bay. Both motions WERE adopted unanimously; 11-0-0. (Busch, Geboski, Gomes, Henkin, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Loo, Machado, Nuss, Salas, and Valencia)**

Community Efforts Addressing Drug Problems – Machado reported the following information:

- 1) Be Vigilant – There are over 60 residents who are members of the Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW). “Mahalo” to vigilant community members and HPD for answering the call of duty each time. The project has been a success throughout the community.
- 2) The next event will be on March 6, 2010 meeting at KEY Project at 8:30 a.m. A film crew from France will be on hand to film the cleanup of vegetation at Kahalu’u Regional Park that can hide drug-related activity.
- 3) About six different NSW have formed. A new Waiahole NSW group will be starting up.
- 4) A NSW workshop will be held on March 27, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at KEY Project.

### **OFFICIALS’ REPORTS:**

Mayor Hannemann’s Report – E. Martin reported the following information:

- 1) Waihe’e Marsh Clean-Up – A request to the State Department of Public Safety to have prisoners assist with cleaning is pending, but state projects get priority.
- 2) Review of Ko’olaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan – The City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) is conducting its 5-year review of the plan, including development plans in the areas to be in consistent with the plan as a whole. A public review draft should be available in either March or April 2010.
- 3) Jurisdiction and Repairs of Kamehameha IV Road (K4R) – According to the City Department of Design and Construction Land Division, K4R from H-1 to Pio Place is City-owned with a few patches with unknown owners. Pio Place to North School Street (NSS) is privately owned, and from NSS to Likelike Highway, only the widening portion is city owned. A title search is being sought. The City has already responded to requests to repair potholes on K4R.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Kahekili Highway (KH) – The Board requested if the left turn arrow from KH onto E. Hui ‘Iwa Street could be changed due to complaints that the red arrow prevents left turns even when no traffic is headed towards Kahuku. There is no safety need for this inconvenience, especially late in the evening. The Board requests both City Department of Transportation (DTS) and State Department of Transportation (DOT) to address the issue.
- Hui ‘Iwa Drainage Canal Overgrowth – A request for assessment and clean-up of overgrown vegetation in the drainage canal running through Hui ‘Iwa Street, particularly at the cross section off Kahekili Highway.
- He’eia Park (HP) – A request to the City for donation of surplus wire mesh fencing for community service project to repair the fence at HP, to trim branches that impair the visibility of the flashing yellow light fronting the long bridge in HP, and to investigate the removal of rocks along Kamehameha Highway near He’eia pier.

United States Representative Hirono’s Report – No representative was present.

Council Member Dela Cruz’s report – M. Sakata reported the following information:

- 1) City Budget – The City faces an estimated \$140 million shortfall, beginning in March, the City Council will be looking at programs and services to cut and also consider raising parking, permits, and City park fees to name a few being considered.
- 2) City Bills – BILL 6; an ordinance relating to real property tax assessments and bill 7; relating to City parks passed second reading.
- 3) Hui ‘Iwa Traffic Calming – The traffic calming median project has begun.
- 4) Accident Message Board – HPD put in its fiscal year 2011 budget a request for a message board to alert motorists about accidents on Kamehameha Highway.

Senator Hee’s Report – No representative was present.

Representative Wooley's Report – F. Obayashi reported the following information:

- 1) Budget Shortfall – Representative Wooley seeks community input on how to address the budget shortfall, including ideas on changes to the way the State spends and collects tax dollars.
- 2) House Bills (HB) – HB 2127 requires the State Department of Education to provide a minimum of 190 instructional days in each school year. HB 2129 requires a person convicted of criminal property damage involving graffiti to not only remove the graffiti within 30 days of sentencing, but also take responsibility for graffiti within 100 yards of the site of the offense for two years, or reimburse property owners for costs incurred for removing graffiti in the same area, for the same duration. HB 2128 temporarily streamlines the State procurement process, which will enable projects to be implemented quickly, creating jobs for our residents. HB 2502 will help stop the conversion of vital agriculture lands into urban sprawl. HB 2832 will promote projects to increase the cultivation and use of Hawaiian taro. HB 2500 will help fight the spread of alien, invasive species that can destroy Hawaii's agriculture and environment. HB 2718 will extend the success of last year's House Bill 921, now law, to allow not only the state civil defense, but also the county civil defense, to take action to eliminate safety hazards for residents. HB 2720 will empower the counties to prohibit and/or set fees for all fireworks and will increase enforcement of fireworks laws. HB 2719 will require DLNR to meet with the community before deciding to privatize the operation or management of a State park. HB 2794 will promote the use of local produce in public school lunches. HB 2794 will help fight underage drinking and is the result of suggestions by the community leaders at 96744.
- 3) Upcoming Town Hall Meetings – At Hau'ula Elementary School on Thursday, March 4, 2010 and on March 25, 2010 at Kahalu'u Elementary School; both begin at 6:00 p.m.
- 4) www.RepWooley.com – Representative Wooley has put a priority on making sure she informs the community of issues at the Capitol. She wants the community to have the opportunity to communicate with each other and ways to find help if needed. As a result, she worked with staff to create the website to serve the community; she is now also on Facebook and she occasionally Twitters. Please check it out and give her comments. She can also be reached at her office (Room 327), via telephone (586-8540), and via email (repwooley@gmail.com).
- 5) Committee Assignments – Representative Wooley is Vice-Chair of the Agriculture Committee and a member of the Finance Committee, Economic Revitalization, Business and Military Affairs Committee, and Tourism, Culture, and International Affairs Committee.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Neighborhood Board Support – Machado thanked Representative Wooley for getting Act 76 passed to protect residents from hazardous conditions on their neighbor's land. State Civil Defense has followed up on a complaint about Kawamoto's property and found that 39 neighboring homes are unsafe due to threats from falling trees and water runoff. DLNR's forestry department is now involved. Kawamoto's lawyer has contacted residents to ask them to identify priorities addressing hazards. Because of Act 76, action is finally being taken.
- Banana Contamination – According to a resident; the State Department of Hawaiian Homelands is allowing the planning of bananas infected with the bunchy top virus in Kapolei, which could ultimately wipe out or destroy healthy banana tree growth.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

- The consensus of the Board was to have presentations on Census 2010 and the left turn signal at Hui Iwa Street and to discuss forming a Permitted Interaction Group to organize a candidate forum for the upcoming election. In addition, Chair Henkin was asked to look into presentations on either the Western Pacific Fisheries Management Council's program for nearshore fisheries or DLNR's Recreational Renaissance proposal, depending on which seemed timely.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 9, 2010 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**

- The meeting minutes with the following additions were adopted: 9-0-2. (Aye: Geboski, Gomes, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Loo, Machado, Nuss, Salas, and Valencia. Abstain: Busch and Henkin)

- 1) Additions offered by Geboski:

Transportation Committee Report – Concerns over an earlier discussion of the left turn timing at the KH and Hui Iwa intersections were raised. **Spray moved and Geboski seconded for the Kahalu'u**

**Neighborhood Board to oppose the continuing left arrow only lights at the turn from KH onto Hui Iwa Street and asks that they be returned to the general left on green light.** The motion **WAS** adopted unanimously; 10-0-0. (Hoe, Salas, Gomes, Loo, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Nuss, Spray, Geboski, and Machado)

Education Committee Report – **Spray moved and Geboski seconded for the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board to support the continued funding of school bus transportation for public school students. This motion is to be submitted to the Department of Education and the Board of Education.** The motion **WAS** adopted unanimously; 10-0-0. (Hoe, Salas, Gomes, Loo, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Nuss, Spray, Geboski, and Machado)

**Geboski moved and Spray seconded for the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board to oppose the continuation of so-called 'Furlough Fridays' for public school students and that schools receive adequate funding. This motion is to be submitted to the Department of Education and the Board of Education.** The motion **WAS** adopted unanimously; 10-0-0. (Hoe, Salas, Gomes, Loo, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Nuss, Spray, Geboski, and Machado)

**ADJOURNMENT** – Vice Chair Machado adjourned the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

2) Additions offered by Valencia:

On page 3, under "Aviation Report," insert at beginning "Valencia expressed his frustration that despite the Board's request for the maximum decibel level of flight noise (and its frequency) over a year ago, the information has not been forthcoming. L. Reed replied that..." At the end, add "Geboski said that the Board had requested this information and that Valencia should not have to pursue this individually."

3) Addition of M. Sakata to list of guests.

(Valencia left at 9:56 p.m.; ten members present).

### **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 13, 2010 MEETING MINUTES –**

January 13, 2010 Meeting – The meeting minutes **WERE** unanimously adopted with the following amendments, 10-0-0 (Busch, Geboski, Gomes, Henkin, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Loo, Machado, Nuss, Salas, and Valencia)

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- Page 3, under Maximum Decibel Levels, strike out "with scientifically determined averages" and insert "from computer models". Also, strike out "of maximum noise data points", and insert "of noise at the site".
  - Correct spelling of "LeVasseur" throughout.

Nuss announced he will not be able to make the March Board meeting due to a work conflict. A suggestion was made for the Board to update the Board picture on the NCO website, perhaps in April 2010.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Henkin adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Submitted by M. Chanel-Benjamin

Reviewed by Chair Henkin