



KAHALU'U NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 29

(He'eia Kea, Ahuimanu, Kahalu'u, Waihe'e, Ka'alaea, Waiahole, Waikane, Hakipu'u, Kualoa)

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DRAFT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2010

KEY PROJECT

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Henkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 (arrived 7:14 p.m.), David Henkin, Keliko Hoe, Ken LeVasseur, Leatrice Gomes, Arthur Machado Jr., Francis Kaluhiwa, Lucy Salas, Clifford Loo, Mark Valencia and Gregory Geboski.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Elwin Spray and Brian Nuss

GUESTS: Ernie Martin (Mayor Hannemann's Office), Linda Read (Marine Corps Base Hawai'i Public Affairs Office), Lt. Dave Eber (Honolulu Police Department), Firefighter Darrell Kong (Honolulu Fire Department), Flora Obayashi (Representative Wooley's Office), Michael Sakata (Councilmember Dela Cruz's Office), Barry Usagawa (Board of Water Supply), Brennon Morioka and Jiro Sumada (State Department of Transportation), Lea Hong (The Trust for Public Land), Winnie Wilson (2010 Census), Thomas Charles, Junior Primacio, Richard Lee Fale, Guy Nakamoto, Jerry Kaluhiwa, Gin Carter, and, Mary Chanel-Benjamin (Neighborhood Commission Office)

CITY GOVERNMENT REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Firefighter Kong reports the following information:

- 1) February 2010 Statistics – There were 3 rubbish fires, 1 search and rescue, 31 medical emergencies and 17 miscellaneous calls. The tsunami evacuation warning on February 27, 2010 went well without incident. Residents in low shoreline areas were warned and evacuated on time. Mahalo to the many residents who responded cooperatively.
- 2) Fire Safety Tips – As the Easter holiday approaches, remember that scald burns are the most common injury among children ages four and younger. When boiling eggs for a coloring activity, be attentive to your cooking and children. Do not leave any cooking unattended. Do not leave candles unattended or near drapes and other flammable materials such as artificial grass which is commonly used as fillers for Easter baskets. Also, familiarize yourself with the contents of your children's Easter baskets, small toys can be a choking hazard for young children.

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

Beats 471 & 472 Statistics for February 2010 – There were 4 runaways reported; however 2 were cancelled, 1 terrorist threatening, 1 robbery, 1 protective order, and 13 motor vehicle collisions.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- HPD Website – Currently, the site identifying residents who have been arrested for drinking while under the influence has been removed due to concerns over naming people who have not yet been convicted.
- Use of Firearms on Private Property – A summary of the law will be provided at the next Board meeting.
- Abandoned Vehicle – A stripped vehicle has been reported hidden near hau trees near the He'eia Kea Pier past the bridge traveling Kahuku bound; HPD will remove it.
- Ha'iku State Land – Four boys spotted with a gallon of paint heading for Ha'iku Gardens area. It is advised to call 911 for HPD to handle the situation rather than citizens taking the risk of someone becoming hurt and/or responsible for any liabilities. HPD is authorized to go onto state land to enforce the laws. Many thanks to 96744 group which cleans up graffiti.



- Public Awareness Meetings – Please contact HPD in advance if you want to have an officer on hand to receive information from the public or vice versa. HPD also advises citizens to call 911 to report any suspicious activities. Also, joining a local community police team is helpful.

7:14 P.M. – Member Busch arrives at the meeting. There are 11 Board members present.

FILLING BOARD VACANCIES –

There was no one present expressing Interest in filling the vacancies at this time. There is one vacancy in each of Sub-Districts Five and Six.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- April 14, 2010 is the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting.
- Representative Wooley to hold town hall meeting at Kahalu'u Elementary Cafeteria on March 25, 2010, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- In response to Loo's complaint, the Department of Hawaiian Homelands has begun removing bananas infected with bunchy top virus from the Kapolei area to protect nearby farms.

RESIDENTS' AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

- Hui Iwa Street Calming Measures – Residents were concerned that City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) did not directly contact residents prior to implementing traffic calming projects on Hui 'Iwa. The proposal was before the NB several months ago.
- Hau Trees – On 'Ahuimanu Road and Kamehameha Highway, hau tree branches are overhanging beginning at the entrance of the fishpond; a request was made to trim them.
- Hunting Dogs – Safety concern is expressed regarding the use of hunting dogs at a pig hunting event scheduled at the Kahalu'u Regional Park (KRP) on April 4, Easter Sunday. Perhaps using the Noriko property near the Hygenic Store would work better, away from children at play.
- Signal Timing – A request for the street light signal on Kamehameha Highway at Ha'iku Road to be adjusted to allow more time for left turns; cars are backed-up into the traffic lane.
- Keys for KRP Gate – Someone with the key is opening the gate after park closure hours.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION:

Board of Water Supply – B. Usagawa reports the following information:

- 1) Main Breaks (MB) and Potable Production (PP) – There were no MB in February; and the PP was 148 millions gallon per day for the week ending February 20, 2010.
- 2) Water Main Breaks – No water utility is free of main breaks; BWS works diligently to reduce the number of breaks in the more than 2,000 miles of pipe across the island of O'ahu. BWS has taken several proactive steps towards reducing the amount of breaks; data gathering by BWS's Quality Infrastructure Conservation Initiative is used to determine why different pipes fail. Data collected can be used to develop solutions that can later be incorporated in pipeline design, installation, and/or maintenance. BWS also has a team dedicated to detecting leaks within the water system. BWS crew executes a planned repair job on the break when a leak is detected, fixing the leak before it turns into an emergency main break. BWS is also working on corrosion control methods in an attempt to extend the life of its waterlines. In an ongoing effort to provide a safe and dependable water supply, BWS carefully manages and plans for the renewal and replacement of its infrastructure. For information about main breaks, visit the "publications" section of BWS's website.
- 3) February 25, 2010 Ko'olaupoko Watershed Plan Meeting – Thank you to the approximately 30 attendees at the meeting. The urban population forecast for Ko'olaupoko is pretty stable, though agricultural water use is expected to increase. Efforts are being made to accommodate water use in special areas such as the marshland in Kailua. The minutes to the February 25 meeting are available on the BWS's website. The next meetings, which will be at the subdistrict level and will focus on watershed projects, will occur several months from now.
- 4) You can reach BWS at 748-5041 or log onto to the web at www.boardofwatersupply.com.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Agriculture Land – Agricultural land sometimes experiences water rationing. Potable water is used for agriculture land. The Maunawili ditch refills the 60 million gallon reservoir as needed; leaks to the ditch continue to hamper efforts to keep the reservoir filled. Efforts to repair leaks are ongoing.
- O'ahu Main Breaks – The district has not experienced any breaks in a while. South O'ahu has been a high priority area due to main breaks; an average of 30 breaks per 100 miles. Overall, O'ahu is still under the national average in main breaks with about 21 breaks per 100 miles versus 25 breaks per 100 miles nationally.
- Water Sustainability – About 7-8 million gallons per day is pumped from Ko'olauloa to Ko'olaupoko, which does not have enough sources. The level of the aquifer has dropped since 1974, and, in 1992, the area was designated as a water management area. Concern was raised that almost the entire island is at risk of being over-pumped. The Waiahole Ditch still takes Windward water to the Ewa side.

Marine Corps Base Hawai'i (MCBH) – Ms. Read reports 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: Saturday, March 13, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, March 14, 9:00 a.m. to 1:50 p.m.
- 2) News and Events – March 5, welcomed the Commandant and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps to MCBH and hosted HBO for a screening of "The Pacific" in the theater. March 12, MCBH Job Fair at Kahuna's at the E-Club beginning at noon to 4:00 p.m.; open to the public from 2:00 p.m. only. For further information, call 257-7790. March 12-20, MCBH hosts 100 JROTC cadets from Castle and Ambridge, PA schools. March 13, SM&SP Surf & Turf 5K, open to the public. Log onto www.mccshawaii.com for further information. April 6-8, MCBH will host the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and other guests at an energy fair/symposium; the USDA will be inviting the public. Seating is limited. Upcoming – Air Show and Bayfest, September 25-26, featuring the Navy's Blue Angels aerial demonstration team. Open to the public.
- 3) Deployments – Deployed are Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363; VP-47; 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment; plus other detachments and augmentees. Preparing for their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan is 3/3. Welcoming home HMH-463 this week.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Nu'upia Fishpond – A request for cultural access to the fishpond can be made by submitting an official request on letterhead stating how many are visiting, when and reason for the visit.
- Noise Level Study – A letter containing information on noise studies levels was received from Major Crouch. Valencia expressed interest in receiving information on Single Exposure Levels, rather than Day-Night Averages. MCBH is working to set up a meeting for the community with a noise expert. Major Crouch will provide an update at the next Board meeting.

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

Testimonies/Information – According to the latest report, the legislature may keep KBRC alive, with meetings once or twice a year. There were many testimonies on behalf of saving KBRC. The State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) reports that about \$150,000 is needed in order have representation from the department at the KBRC meetings throughout the year. Perhaps DLNR can just send one representative rather than 10 in order to keep costs down; emails can also be used to circulate information to all DLNR departments. KBRC members serve free of charge to protect Kane'ohe Bay. The KBRC's next meeting is April 7, 2010 at the Windward Community College (WCC) beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Senate Bill 2340 – This bill to extend KBRC is out of the Senate and will move forward to Representative Ito's Water Land and Ocean committee, which is supporting the bill.
- Kapapa Island – Concerns were expressed that DLNR scheduled a meeting at WCC for tonight to discuss guidelines for use of Kapapa Island. DLNR's scheduling decision prevented Board members, including KBRC representative Machado, from attending, thus excluded members of the community with a demonstrated interest in the issue.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Geboski reported for the month of February 2010, the Operating Account reflected \$47.78 for printing and postage leaving the balance at \$1,005.78, the Publicity Account balance remains at \$993, leaving the Appropriated balance at \$1,998.78.

PRESENTATIONS:

2010 Census – W. Wilson reports the following information:

- 1) First Census Information – Census notices will be arriving around mid March to physical addresses only. Non mail box addresses will be physically delivered.
- 2) Ten Simple Questions – The questions are simple and safe to answer; no information will be shared with any other federal, state or county offices. The questionnaires are kept confidential; Census employees have taken an oath keeping all 2010 Census data private.
- 3) Annual Award – Hawai'i needs a complete census to receive its fair share of \$430 billion per year of federal dollars; Hawai'i was undercounted in the last Census, with only 60% returning their forms. Children must be counted, the Census count affects funding for new hospitals, schools, housing and more. Please return the Census forms on time; the 44-cent stamp is already paid for; visiting a home that does not return the Census will cost \$25 per visit.
- 4) Continued Hire and Test – The Census 2010 Bureau continues to invite the public to apply for jobs serving the project. KEY Project is a test site; please log onto to Census2010.com for further information.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Counting the Homeless – The Census 2010 Bureau is attempting, with assistance of local social services and non-profit organizations, to count the homeless.
- Employment with the Bureau – Those being tested and considered for hire will need to be 18 years of age, with U.S. Citizenship generally required, and must attend paid training upon hire. Most positions will begin in May 2010; 1,200 positions are still not filled. Those hired by the bureau will be assigned to a team near their residence.

Left Turn Signal at E. Hui 'Iwa Street and Kahekili Highway (KH) - B. Morioka reports the following information:

- 1) Left Turn Signal – The policy of the State Department of Transportation (DOT) is to move away from permissive left turns on green lights to a controlled left turn arrow, known as a 'protective left.' DOT has been installing left turn signals as it upgrades intersections such as this area. Studies have shown that a protective left signal improves traffic safety.
- 2) Signal Timing – DOT and DTS will continue to monitor the signal and area. The on-demand green arrow timing is set to change when there is a gap in traffic on KH of between 10 to 14 seconds during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. DOT has proposed to reduce this timing to a gap of only seven seconds. In the middle of the night, the longest wait for a left turn should be 117 seconds, even if there is a steady stream of traffic heading Kahuku-bound.
- 3) Accidents – From 2003 to 2007, there were 14 major traffic accidents (\$3000 or more of damage or injury/fatality) at the corner of KH and West Hui 'Iwa, of which 7 involved left turns. In the same time period, there were only three major accidents at the intersection of KH and East Hui 'Iwa, of which only one involved a left turn. DOT suggests, based on national averages, a one to two year wait for a new traffic pattern to take effect. Overall, the traffic pattern in the intersections has improved safety wise.
- 4) Modifications to Intersection of KH and Kamehameha Highway – The project is 98 percent complete. As soon as Hawaiian Electric moves its poles, the roadwork can be finished.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Sensors – There are multiple sensors placed at the intersection including ones right at the stop line of the intersection; this has assisted in smoother right turn traffic with a maximum of a two minute wait only. DOT will check on the sensor coming out of East Hui 'Iwa to turn onto KH, as a resident complained of longer delays.
- Left Turn Lane on KH at West Hui 'Iwa – Drivers frustrated with waiting for the left turn arrow are pulling abruptly into the travel lane to make a U-turn up the road toward Kahuku. This creates a safety problem.

- Safety Measures – DOT understands how waiting for a light to change in seconds can feel like minutes to the driver; however, the national trend of upgrading intersections such as Hui Iwa and KH has proven to be the safest for both pedestrians and drivers.
- Improvements Needed at Intersection of KH and East Hui 'Iwa – The far right side of the Kane'ohe bound lane has a big dip that needs to be corrected. People turning right onto KH, heading toward Kahuku, are using the striped portion of the road as a merge lane, causing a hazard. DOT will look into both situations.

Proposed Conservation Easement on 108 Acres of Fong Plantation at 47-285 Pulama Road – L. Hong reports the following information:

- 1) Conservation Easement – The Trust for Public Land is currently working to acquire a conservation easement at the late Senator Fong's Plantation and Garden located in the ahupua'a (mountain to ocean area) of Ka'alaea in Ko'olaupoko. Placing a voluntary conservation easement over the property will ensure that the property will remain as a tropical garden in perpetuity, with no additional residential or urban development. The conservation easement would not cover a 2-acre parcel fronting on Pulama Road, which would be subdivided out.
- 2) Compensation and Estimated Funding – It is recommended that \$1,100,000 be contributed from the City's Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund, with another \$500,000 from the State Legacy Lands Conservation Fund and \$500,000 from a private foundation.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Market Value – The cost of the easement is based on current market and appraisal value only. A one time payment is due at closing based on the estimates.
- Illegal Dumping – It has been reported, that an illegal land fill is located at the site. Perhaps an inquiry with the City Department of Environmental Services can reveal a record of the illegal dumping.
- Support Motion – **Hoe moved, seconded by Kaluhiwa, for the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board to support the Trust for Public Land's efforts to secure the conservation easement at Senator Fong's Plantation.** The motion **WAS** adopted; 10-0-1. (Aye: Busch, Geboski, Gomes, Henkin, Hoe, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Loo, Salas and Valencia. Abstain: Machado)

Chair Henkin stated that, since Representative Wooley is his spouse, he will relinquish the gavel and Chair to Machado for the next item of business.

Creation of Permitted Interaction Group for Candidate Forum (PIG) –

- 1) PIG Purpose – No PIG was formed for the last candidate forum; however, a PIG would allow more than two members to participate in organizing the event without running into Sunshine Law concerns. Alternatively, the Legislative Committee could set up the forum.
- 2) Support Motion – **Geboski moved, seconded by Hoe, for the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board to form a PIG to plan the candidate forum.** The motion **WAS** adopted; 9-0-2. (Aye: Busch, Geboski, Gomes, Hoe, Kaluhiwa, Loo, Machado, Salas, and Valencia. Abstain: Henkin and LeVasseur)
- 3) PIG Membership – Geboski, Spray, Machado and Nuss will serve on the PIG.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

Mayor Hannemann's Report – E. Martin reports the following information:

- 1) Hui 'Iwa Street /KH Drainage Canal – The makai portion of the canal is owned by DOT, who has been notified to clear the vegetation. The makua portion is owned by Red Tag Development Inc. A formal complaint needs to be filed to have the private owner clear overgrown vegetation.
- 2) Hui 'Iwa Median Project – E. Martin will check on what community outreach DTS did prior to starting the project.
- 3) Wire Mesh Donation – The City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has met with member Kaluhiwa regarding the request. According to Wil Ho of DPR, 150 feet of chain link fence can be donated for the fence project at He'eia Kea. He'eia Kea is under the jurisdiction of the City Department of Facility and Maintenance (DFM) which reported no wire mesh was available.
- 4) Trimming near He'eia Kea – DPR assisted in trimming back the monkey pod tree branches in the vicinity of the flashing yellow light near the long bridge on February 25, 2010.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Ha'iku Road – A request to adjust the timing sequence/length for permissible left turn signal onto Ha'iku Road from Kamehameha Highway near Safeway as it appears that it is causing vehicles to back-up for an extended length of time and distance. Vehicles are also using the 'safety lane' as an access lane.
- Abandoned Vehicle – A request to remove the vehicle abandoned in the hau tree area at Waihe'e Marsh was made.
- Other concerns for the City are noted in Citizens' Concerns.

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

Council Member Dela Cruz's report – M. Sakata reports the following information:

- 1) City Releases 2011 Budget – The City's \$1.82 billion operating budget includes mostly core services. Due to the struggling economy, the capital improvement budget has been trimmed down with most of the money going to the upcoming high capacity transit project. None of the Board's high priority capital improvement projects were included in the initial draft of the budget. Amendments to the budget bill are due March 29.
- 2) Resolutions (Reso) – Reso 09-341 for approval of Plan Review Use Permit submitted by the University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM) to allow implementation of the 2007 Long Range Plan and/or anticipate for development within the next five to ten years with a deadline on April 22, 2010. Reso 10-3 to provide for the acquisition of land for public use for Hau'ula Fire Station replacement and determine and declare the necessity of the acquisition thereof by eminent domain. Reso 10-11 urges the City and the State to initiate a coordinated pilot project to evaluate and reclaim asphalt technologies. Reso 10-14 requests a clear and accurate procedure to determine whether properties improved with two or more homes qualify for the new homeowner property tax class. Reso 10-35 approving the grants of easements to the U.S. Department of Army over the City's Kaukonahua Road between Tax Map Key No. (TMKN) 6-5-002:10 and 25 and TMKN 7-1-001:2 and 3 and Wahiawa Convenience Center. Reso 10-29 urging the State Legislature to enable Counties to provide tax relief for renters.
- 3) Councilmember Dela Cruz may be reached at 768-5002 or by email www.dmdelacruz@honolulu.gov.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Access through KRP Gate – City must permit access through KRP to kuleana land.
- Evacuation Locations – Waiahole Elementary is an evacuation location when Waikane Stream floods and for tsunamis, but the custodian refused to open the school up during the latest tsunami evacuation. Hawaiian Tel's trucks were blocking the Kahalu'u Elementary parking lot during the tsunami evacuation. Since Kahalu'u Elementary is an evacuation location, the trucks should not be there.

Senator Hee's Report – No representative was present.

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

- 1) Community Survey 2010 – According to estimates, the State budget will have a deficit of over \$1 billion by the end of 2011. Representative Wooley is seeking resident opinions with a circulated survey; residents are asked to return surveys by mail or email.
- 2) Taxes – Representative Wooley opposes the Governor's plan to delay tax refunds and proposals to increase the GET. To balance the budget, she is focusing on eliminating tax loopholes and give-aways to special interests.
- 3) House Bills (HB) – Representative Wooley co-introduced HB 2127 to ensure Furlough Fridays will never happen again. HB 2129 will help fight graffiti. HB 2502 will help stop the conversion of vital agricultural lands into urban sprawl. HB 2832 will promote projects to increase the cultivation and use of Hawaiian taro. HB 2500 will fight the spread of alien, invasive species that can destroy Hawaii's agriculture and environment. HB 2794 will promote the use of local produce in public school lunches. HB 2501 will help fight underage drinking and is the result of suggestions by the community leaders at 96744.
- 4) 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.
- 5) 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).

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- House Resolution on Neighborhood Boards – An inquiry was made as to who requested House Speaker Say to introduce HCR 111. Representative Wooley's office returned the call, but has not provided the answer.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The consensus of the Board was to have presentations on the following items: 1) HCR 111, if it is still alive by the time of the April meeting. 2) DLNR implementation of the Kane'ohe Bay Master Plan, if they will attend while the Legislature is in session. 3) New purchaser's plans for former Enomoto property in Waiahole. 4) Status of remediation at Towill property in Waihe'e.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2010 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

The meeting minutes with the following amendment **WERE** unanimously adopted: 11-0-0.
Page 7, under Additions offered by Valencia; replace "Gebosky" with "Geboski"

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parks and Recreation Committee – Machado reports the following information:

- 1) Film Crew – A French film crew made a walk through of the He'eia area with the Community Watch program. It was a successful day with a good turnout of residents. The next Community Watch meeting will be April 1, 2010 at KEY Project. The Community Watch is also seeking assistance from residents, including use of heavy equipment, to clean up KRP on April 17, 2010.
- 2) Drug Education Workshop – The event is slated for April 24, 2010 at Kahalu'u Elementary School between 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please bring a lunch; drinks will be provided. Experts from the UHM as well as attorneys will be on hand for the event. Further information may be found at: www.uh/doc/esq/ed
- 3) Neighborhood Board Banner – Suggestion to find the Board's banner to assist in advertising Board meetings; Chair Henkin will attempt to contact a former member who may have the banner. Also, a suggestion was made to order a second banner; however, the funds may not be available for a second banner.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Henkin adjourned the meeting at 9:54 p.m.

Submitted by M. Chanel-Benjamin

Reviewed by Chair Henkin