



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, APRIL 14, 2010

KEY PROJECT

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Henkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of 9 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, Ken LeVasseur, Arthur Machado Jr., Francis Kaluhiwa (arrived 7:17 p.m.), Clifford Loo, Elwin Spray, Brian Nuss, Mark Valencia and Gregory Geboski.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Keliko Hoe, Lucy Salas, and Leatrice Gomes

GUESTS: Ernie Martin (Mayor Hannemann's Office), Major Alan Crouch (Marine Corps Base Hawai'i Public Affairs Office), Officer James Causey (Honolulu Police Department), Captain Eugene Alvarado (Honolulu Fire Department), Flora Obayashi (Representative Wooley's Office), Michael Sakata (Councilmember Dela Cruz's Office), Barry Usagawa (Board of Water Supply), Sam Lemmo (Department of Land and Natural Resources), Jerry Kaluhiwa, Diana Burg, Liz Pearson, Chris Loomis, Dick Wainwright and George Seaver (Mapele Way Residents); Thelma Salen, Charles & Carol Noland; Kelly, Lilo and Leolani DeLima, Kurt Favella, Rick Towill, Tracy and Daniel Naipo, Theresa Adams, Jory, Alexis, Jehnna, Jaymille, Joselyn, Amber, Eley, and Elijah Elroy, Amy, Nani & Ray Kalawe, Corey Lau, Winston Lum, Amber, Patrick, Isaiah, and Danette Panatigan, Darlene Medeiros, Shawn Gorion, Jewel Kaleohano, Gail, Sophia and Raquel Enos, Kamuela Ponimoi, Leah Cabrido, Kamalei, Erin and Kamakani Abalos, Jory McElroy, Cameron McKeague (Ekalesia Foundation of Jesus Christ); Zanette Ho, Kalani, Nani, Charlene and Eric Kamanu; Emerson, Trina, Keanu and Joshua Chang; Tom Rosser; Jennifer Nakamura, Rudy Pagaduan, Marian Kanoho, Keith & Cheryl Ryder, Alfred Kanoho Jr., Leona Balinbin, Ernest & Joanelle Chang, Duke Paoa, Isaako Maiava, Barry & Sarah Naone, Sally Amina, and, Mary Chanel-Benjamin (Neighborhood Commission Office Staff)

CITY GOVERNMENT REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Capt. E. Alverado reported the following information:

- 1) March 2010 Statistics – There were only 2 vehicle fires, and 34 medical emergencies and 10 miscellaneous calls.
- 2) Fire Safety Tips – Summer family picnics and outdoor events will soon be upon us; thirty three percent of cooking grill fires starts on an exterior balcony or enclosed porch. Fire departments nationwide respond to an average of 7,900 home fires involving outdoor cooking and/or barbecue grills each year. The following are helpful precautions when cooking on a grill: do not leave your cooking grill unattended when in use, keep children and pets three feet from cooking grills when in use, use only starter liquids recommended by the grill manufacturer to facilitate the initial coal burning process, allow coals to completely cool by saturating them with water before disposal in designated fire-safe areas, propane gas can quickly develop into a large colorless cloud that is ignitable, therefore, use the ten to five rule when igniting gas grills - if the grill does not light within ten seconds, turn off the gas but keep the lid open, wait five minutes before repeating.

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

- 1) March 2010 Statistics – There were 39 arguments, 3 simple assaults, 2 auto theft recovery, 9 burglaries, 1 drug offense, 3 driving under the influence, 10 family arguments, 2 harassments, 6 property damages, 21 motor vehicle collisions, 8 runaways (3 cancelled), 2 rapes, 7 thefts, 1 threatening, and 4 unauthorized entry into motor vehicles.



- 2) Safety Tip – Many vehicle break-ins are also resulting in home burglaries; some residents store their home security information in their global position system (GPS) in their vehicles or cell phones. The stored GPS information allows burglars to know when you are not at home. Please do not store your home security information in your GPS.
- 3) Firearm Use on Private Properties – Lt. Causey reported that target practice on private is allowed if precautions are taken, however, firing towards a populated area or a roadway is illegal. Further information can be shared at the next meeting.

FILLING BOARD VACANCIES –

- Current 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.
- Candidate for Board – Spray announced that a resident may be present during the May 12, 2010 Board meeting to fill a vacancy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- 1) Next Board Meeting – The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2010 at KEY Project beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) Kahalu'u Regional Park (KRP) – This community service workday is slated for Saturday, April 17 beginning at 8:00 a.m.
- 3) Drug Problem Workshop – This security workshop is slated for Saturday, April 24 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Kahalu'u Elementary Cafeteria.
- 4) Safe Routes to School Poster Contest – The deadline for this contest is Friday, April 30; further information is available on the web at www.hawaiipedalpower.com.
- 5) Kapapa Islet Community Meeting – This stewardship meeting is slated for Wednesday, April 21 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Windward Community College (WCC),
- 6) Department of Human Services (DHS) – DHS is seeking public input for services needed in the areas; a meeting to gather input is slated for Thursday, April 15 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at KEY Project.
- 7) City Council Budget – The Council is proposing to cut its operating budget possibly affecting the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO); public support is needed for the hearing scheduled to take place on Wednesday, April 21 at Honolulu City Hall beginning at 2:00 p.m.

RESIDENTS' AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

"Healing Our Spirits Worldwide" Event – An event is being planned for September at Kualoa involving a cultural festival with traditional activities such as weaving, taro and canoe making, etc. The island of Maui currently has an event planned; groups are seeking a gathering on O'ahu and would like the Board to place the item on a future agenda. The Board will consider this as an agenda item. For more information, contact Tom Rosser at 548-9933.

7:17 P.M. – Member Kaluhiwa arrives at the meeting. There are 10 Board members present.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION:

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

- 1) Main Breaks (MB) and Potable Production (PP) – There were no MB in Kahalu'u in March; PP was 141 millions gallon per day for the week ending April 3, 2010.
- 2) Ko'olau Poko Watershed Management Plan – The City and BWS along with consultant Townscape Inc will be conducting a second round of public sub-district meetings. Community feedback regarding preliminary management projects and strategies; the next meeting for the Kahalu'u sub-district will be Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at KEY Project beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- 3) You can reach BWS at 748-5041 or log onto to the web at www.boardofwatersupply.com.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Waihe'e Tunnel Tours – Tours of facilities have been scaled back due to budget constraints and security concerns. However, calling BWS at 748-5000 to request a tour is still possible.
- Drought – Hawai'i is currently in a category D0 drought condition (least severe classification), with forty percent of average rainfall this winter due to El Nino. BWS does not currently anticipate a need for voluntary water conservation measures, but nonetheless urges residents to continue to conserve precious water.
- 'Ahuimanu Stream – A concern was raised regarding two plastic makeshift pipes leading out of the stream into a backyard at the northeast end of Hui 'Iwa Street; BWS will check for records if this activity is legal. The stream area in question was not on agriculture land.

Marine Corps Base Hawai'i (MCBH) – Major A. Crouch 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.
- 2) News and Events – April 16; Days of Remembrance Holocaust observance at the Chapel, call 257-7776 for further information. April 17; Earth Day Expo including a recycling competition, entertainment, vendor booths, and education opportunities, further information available at www.mccshawaii.com/earthday. April 20; Windward Council meeting at Koa Malina O'Club. April 22; Volunteer Recognition Ceremony on base in Kahuna's Enlisted Club Community Ballroom. April 24; Aloha Boy Scout Council's Makahiki will include Marine static displays. April 25; ANZAC Memorial at Punchbowl Cemetery will include a Marine firing detail. April 29; Military Appreciation Month Opening Ceremony, Marines will be part of a Joint Service Color Guard. May 8; Headquarters Battalion Sprint Triathlon; open to the public, further information can be found at www.mccshawaii.com.
- 3) Coming Attractions – Air Show on base featuring the Navy's Blue Angels aerial demonstration team and many others, games for the kids, Bay Fest music and food. Event is open to the public during the event slated for September 25-26, 2010.
- 4) RIMPAC – Training at Bellows Beach will most likely take place during the month of July when the beach is not open to the public. The exercises take place June 1 through August 2, 2010.
- 5) Deployments – Deployed are HMH-363, VP-47; First Battalion, Third Marine Regiment; plus other detachments and augmentees. Preparing for their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan is 3/3. Welcoming home HMH-463 after seven months in Afghanistan and a detachment from Third Radio Battalion after their 10-month Afghanistan deployment. Also welcomed home a detachment from HSL-37 after their 8-month deployment.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Community Meeting on Noise – MCBH has identified a noise expert on the East Coast who can demonstrate air noise modeling; however, the equipment is not ready for a community meeting at this time. The equipment should be available in a couple of months.

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

- 1) Repeal of KBRC Sunset – For the sake of those who use Kane'ohe Bay, the public is asked to urge Governor Lingle to sign SB 2340, which repeals the sunset of the KBRC. KBRC's assistance in managing Kane'ohe Bay helps the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) keep costs down. There is no need for so many DLNR staff to attend KBRC meetings.
- 2) DLNR Regulations – DLNR has not sought community or KBRC input in setting new regulations for Kane'ohe Bay. DLNR held a meeting regarding Kipapa Island the same night as the Board's last meeting, preventing concerned community members including the Board's KBRC representative, from attending. DLNR also awarded the lease for He'eia State Park to a private organization with little community input. These are some examples of DLNR failing to work with the public.
- 3) Kane'ohe Bay Master Plan (MP) – The MP represents over 1,000 community working hours fighting against the commercial take-over of Kane'ohe Bay. It should be implemented.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Spray reported for the month of March 2010, the Operating Account reflected \$44.49 for printing and postage leaving the balance at \$ 961.29, the Publicity Account balance remains at \$993, leaving the Appropriated balance at \$1,954.29.

PRESENTATIONS:

Waihe'e Place Grading Update:

- 1) Current Project – Since the City put a stop to restoration work two years ago, R. Towill has had to come up with new plans to restore the hill. A couple of months ago, he got a conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, which involves experimenting with different grasses and installing 275,000-gallon water tanks, all of which has been costly for him. When the fill is completed, R. Towill will hydromulch in phases. The goal is to complete the project by the end of 2010.
- 2) DLNR – According to S. Lemmo (DLNR), the restoration project was issued an open-ended permit in the 1970's, following a major landslide in 1969. The Towills offered to fix the situation and were allowed commercial use of the excavated material to pay for the project. Because the permit lacks any end date, DLNR cannot order R. Towill to complete work by any particular date; however, DLNR is trying to work with R. Towill to complete the project. DLNR is relying on the City's grading experts for assistance in continued inspection efforts to ensure proper restoration of the hillside and has been told the work is being done properly. Reach DLNR at 587-0377 for further information.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Erosion Control – It has been a challenge to control the loose dirt; plants have been placed at the lower north end of the slope to stabilize the hillside. The City lifted the stop work order and has recently inspected the project; the City holds the permanent permit which controls the work permit for R. Towill to continue the restoration work.
- Timeline – According to R. Towill, by September/October 2010, grassing of the restored hillside should be underway.

Ekalesia Foundation of Jesus Christ (EFJC) at 47-181 Mapele Way:

- 1) EFJC – The property was acquired in 1995 and, in 2002, the building occupying the land was built. EFJC proposes to hold church services at the home serving about 50 members, most of whom are related. It is estimated less than 20 vehicles will travel in and out of the property, and all vehicles will park on-site. The group has been active in the community with feeding the homeless, assisting with security watch and tending to the needy with donated supplies. The group has begun holding small bible study groups at the home; however, no large church services are being held yet while a use permit is pending. The proposal includes Sunday services between 9:00 and 11a.m., the planting of native plants such as taro to sustain the land and continued support for the local community. It was also noted that current gatherings at the home have taken place without any problems; the group also is praised for ridding the many drug dealings and abandoned vehicles in the area. The church was open to drafting liability waivers to protect neighboring landowners and will ensure its septic system can accommodate the use. The group is seeking the community's support; members are looking forward to continuing God's work which is an opportunity to strengthen community support.
- 2) Opposition – Several homeowners reported that seven out of 10 parcel resident owners oppose the church's proposal. Opposition to the issuance of the use permit for a church concerns them due to the following: The sewage disposal for this use permit requires a commercial aerobic unit which the property does not have, and Mapele Road does not conform to City standards, a reason why the City has refused to accept the road. The roadway leading to the property is narrow, unlit and dangerously curved. Roadway liability concerns worry the neighbors, who share ownership of the private roadway; and most owners are concerned about having unhindered access to their properties. Property owners purchased, with the expectation of a quiet and rural agricultural neighborhood. The area is zoned agriculture two (AG2) where many native plants dwell; another worry is that increased vehicles on this roadway will also bring destruction to the area's natural surrounding.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Community Support – Members of several other churches and their pastors were on hand to give support for the proposal; the majority of attendees at the Board meeting supported the church. It was noted that church gatherings of long ago began with such family gatherings from the mountain to the sea; the proposal fits with the need of the community to cultivate the local culture.

- Minor Permit – The group is seeking a minor conditional use permit which does not require a public hearing; however, the group wanted to follow the right channels and hope to gain the blessing of the community and the Board. The property proposed sits on 2.5 acres of land; one parcel on Mapele Way remains unoccupied. EFJC proposes that the use permit expire and the property revert to agricultural use if the property is ever sold. In addition, EFJC proposes that the church would be limited to the existing house.
- Motion – **Machado moved seconded by Kaluhiwa for the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board to table the EFJC's proposal to a future meeting, giving EFJC time to provide further information for the Board's consideration.** The motion **WAS NOT** adopted; 6-1-3. (Aye: Henkin, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Machado, Nuss, and Valencia. No: Spray. Abstain: Busch, Geboski and Loo)

RECESS CALLED – A recess was called from 9:20 to 9:25 p.m. to allow the public to exit the meeting.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

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

- 1) Hui 'Iwa Street Median Project – The City Department of Transportation Service (DTS) gave notice of the project through several different outlets as required; advisory and project signs were posted, contractor newspaper advertisement, as well as letters sent to each affected resident, agency, business and fire and police department. A petition signed by area residents showed their concern requesting a permanent traffic calming solution. This led to a City Resolution No. 06-319 urging DTS to install the measure.
- 2) Hau Trees – Overhanging tree branches lining 'Ahuimanu Road and on Kamehameha Road are scheduled for trimming in April.
- 3) KRP Concerns – The City issued a permit for a group to erect one canopy for the hunting event on Sunday, April 4 at the park. The canopy and scale was for the weighing of pigs harvested by the participants of an island-wide hunt. The hunt required its participants to have a valid hunting license and to comply with all DLNR regulations. No hunting or guns were allowed at the park; dogs were allowed only in a kennel or restrained on or in vehicles. There was no livestock, so the event organizers did not even need a permit from the City.
- 4) Keys for KRP Gate – The City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will reconfirm with the City Department of Corporation Counsel about the rights of kuleana land owners to manage the access gate to their properties.
- 5) Waihe'e Marsh Derelict Vehicle – The vehicle has been removed.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- KRP – The pig hunting event on Sunday, April 4, disrupted other events at the park; a tent was erected over a sidewalk, impeding pedestrian traffic. To avoid conflicts with Easter events, the pig hunting event should have taken place at the canoe halau.
- Ha'iku Road Streetlight – The light closest to Safeway in both directions is causing a backup for an extended length of time and distance. Vehicles are using the safely access lane due to the backup. DTS will investigate.
- Trash Accumulation – A request to remove trash, dead trees at the Waihe'e marsh on the makai side and at the four-way stop at the canal entrance at Hui 'Iwa Street sidewalk.
- East Hui 'Iwa Street - A concern was raised about the left turn arrow from Kahekili Highway; the light seems to be stalling without cross traffic.
- Speeding Vehicles – A concern was raised about continued vehicle speeding at the corner of 'Ahuimanu Loop down to the parked big boat.
- Street Lights – Derelicts who park their cars along Kamehameha Highway past He'eia Kea pier have been shooting out the streetlights; a no overnight parking sign is needed.

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

Council Member Dela Cruz's Report – A monthly report was circulated; M. Sakata highlights the following information:

- 1) Full City Council Action Items – Third Reading included Bill 8 to regulate shopping carts in the parks maintained by the City. Bill 7, regulate tents in the parks maintained by the City, and Bill 1, relating to street

usage permit fees. Second Reading included Resolution 08-232, CD1 to initiate amendments to the Revised Charter of the City 1973 relating to voting and conflicts of interest of Councilmembers; Bill 10, CD1 to adopt the Ko'olau Loa Watershed Management Plan of the BWS. First Reading included Bill 14 relating to the Legislative Budget for FY 2010-11; Bill 15 relating to the Executive Operating Budget and Program for FY 2010-11; Bill 16 relating to the Executive Capital Budget and Program for FY 2010-11. Residents are urged to call 768-5009 to ask Councilmember Garcia, the Budget Chairperson, to support bills relating to the budget and especially the capital budget covering the Board's high priority capital improvement projects.

- 2) Councilmember Dela Cruz may be reached at 768-5002 or by email www.dmdelacruz@honolulu.gov.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Bill 15 – This bill proposes to cut the NCO and all Neighborhood Board budgets; anyone wishing to offer support testimonies should fax their testimonies in or sign up to speak at the full council meeting on April 21, 2010 by 2:00 p.m. Councilmember Dela Cruz was asked for his position on the cuts.
- Public Office – The Neighborhood Plan (NP) does not prohibit any Board member or officer from becoming a candidate for elective office; however, if the candidate is elected or appointed to an elective public office, he/she must then resign from the Board prior to assuming such office. The Boards and members should not use the official Board title or membership to endorse, engage, and support a candidate for elective public office. Some members needed to be reminded to refrain from violating the NP.

Neighborhood Assistant, M. Chanel-Benjamin left the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Senator Hee's Report – No representative was present.

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

- 1) School Furloughs – Representative Wooley attended a press conference with Save Our Schools to try to end Furlough Fridays.
- 2) Pending Legislation – Representative Wooley supports bills to promote renewable energy and agriculture, to eliminate deductions for political contributions, and to prevent layoffs of neighbor island Department of Human Services employees.
- 3) Boy Scouts – Representative Wooley and the rest of the State House recently recognized the Ko'olau District on the occasion of the Scouting centennial.

10:05 P.M. – Member Valencia left the meeting. There are 9 Board members present.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The consensus of the Board was to have presentations on the following items: 1) Recommendations from the PIG regarding the Candidate Forum and 2) use of the Board's publicity budget.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 10, 2010 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

The meeting minutes **WERE** unanimously adopted: 9-0-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Henkin adjourned the meeting at 10:18 p.m.

Submitted by M. Chanel-Benjamin

Reviewed by Chair Henkin