



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, MAY 12, 2010

KEY PROJECT

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Henkin called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with a quorum of 8 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, Keliko Hoe, Arthur Machado Jr., Francis Kaluhiwa, Clifford Loo, Elwin Spray (arrived 8:30 p.m.), Brian Nuss (arrived 8:12 p.m.), Lucy Salas, and Gregory Geboski.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Valencia, Ken LeVasseur, 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 Darrell Kong (Honolulu Fire Department), Representative Jessica Wooley, Michael Sakata (Councilmember Dela Cruz's Office), Guy Nakamoto, Shirley Kaluhiwa, Tom Rosser, and, Mary Chanel-Benjamin (Neighborhood Commission Office)

CITY GOVERNMENT REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Capt. Darrell Kong reported the following information:

- 1) April 2010 Statistics – There were 6 fires; 2 rubbish, 2 structures, 1 wildland and 1 vehicle; and 30 medical emergencies and 1 search and rescue.
- 2) Fire Safety Tips – Summer months usually usher in hot weather and dry vegetation conditions, bringing higher risks of wildland fires. The following are helpful safety precautions: prepare and practice a fire escape plan; clear a 10 to 30 feet wide fire break by clearing around all structures, this clearing will help as a survivable space; and remove combustible debris from around and rooftop of buildings to prevent fire from spreading. At the first sign of a wildland fire, call 9-1-1 immediately, be alert and watchful for the fire's progress, and prepare to evacuate, close all entrance doors and all openings that would allow embers to access a building's interior, and thoroughly water down the structure's roof. If you witness someone starting a fire or behaving suspiciously, make a mental or documented note that would assist officials in apprehending the alleged arsonist. Call 9-1-1 to report any suspicious activity.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Cooking Fire – Reporting any type of excessive smoke at anytime of the day or night is safer than waiting for a home to become engulfed in a fire, when it is too late. Some smoke may become a health hazard which HFD will ask the homeowner to put the cooking fire out or contain the smoke to resolve the hazard to neighbors. There were three reports of smoke on Waiahole Homestead Road last month.

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

April 2010 Statistics – There were 33 arguments, 2 simple assaults, 2 auto theft recovery, 4 burglaries, 1 drug offense, 2 driving under the influence, 14 family arguments, 3 harassments, 4 property damages, 14 motor vehicle collisions, 5 runaways (1 cancelled), 8 thefts, 4 threats, and 7 unauthorized entry into motor vehicles.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Firearm Use on Private Agriculture Land – There is no law against fire practice, as long as the firearm is registered and is not fired towards any other homes or the public area. The State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) has an enforcement division that investigates such complaints. Please call DLNR at 643-3567 to report incidents. A recent eviction on Waiahole Homestead Road involved illegal firearms; DLNR says a witness has to come forward identifying the firearm user. Continuous target practice may raise health issues due to excessive lead on that land. The State Department of Health is responsible for such matters.



- Burglary at 47-022 Lihikai Drive – A recent burglary is being investigated. No details were available.
- Kahalu'u Regional Park (KRP) – A large gambling gathering (shooting dice) at the entrance of KRP in a parked truck was reported. HPD should have responded to a reported call; however, if there were more serious priority calls, HPD may have responded late and missed the gathering. HPD will notify plain clothes officers from the Crime Reduction Unit.

FILLING BOARD VACANCIES – Sub Districts (SD) Five and Six each have one vacancy each.

A resident stepped forward to fill a vacancy; however, after a review of her residence, she lived in SD Four and did not qualify to fill a vacancy. The Board thanked her for attending the meeting tonight and offering to volunteer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- 1) Next Board Meeting – The Board was considering a recess for the month of June 2010; if one is called, the next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2010 at KEY Project beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) Kahalu'u Citizens Patrol Meeting – A meeting to focus on the drug problems in our community is slated for Thursday, May 13, 2010 at KEY Project, at 6:30 p.m.
- 3) KRP Clean Up Project – Kahalu'u Citizens Patrol will be cleaning up KRP beginning at 8:00 a.m. on June 19 and July 17, 2010. Contact Art Machado for more information.
- 4) Military Ordinance Clean Up – The Waikane Valley Restoration Advisory Board will meet at Waiahole Elementary School cafeteria beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19, 2010.
- 5) Conference of Chairs – The event is slated for June 5, 2010 at Kapolei Hale between 9:00 a.m. and noon. Two Board members are allowed to attend the conference.
- 6) Pali Lanes – The grand opening of Pali Lanes is slated for Saturday, May 15, 2010, beginning at 11:30 a.m.
- 7) Military Month – The 'Aloha to Our Military Ohana' parade and post parade festivities is slated for Saturday, May 22, 2010 in Waikiki beginning at 9:00 a.m. from Fort DeRussy to Kapiolani Park via Kalakaua Avenue. Food, refreshments and Honolulu Zoo entrance fees will be complimentary for active duty military and their immediate families.
- 8) MCBH Community Services – Learn about the procurement process and how to bring your products and business on base. Information briefing and reception is slated for June 8, 2010 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Club at Koa Malina on base. Please call 257-2651/54 or log onto www.mccshawaii.com for further information.

RESIDENTS' AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Bills 23 and 24 – Concerns were raised about proposals to limit the size of residences on agriculture land. The bills would amend the Land Use Ordinance to ensure that agriculture-zoned lands are used for their intended agriculture purposes rather than being lost through the development of so call 'gentlemen's farms'. This bill has been deferred to May 27 by the City Council.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION:

Board of Water Supply – B. Usagawa was unable to attend tonight's meeting; Chair Henkin reported the following information:

- 1) Main Breaks (MB) and Potable Production (PP) – There were no MB in Kahalu'u during the month of April; PP was 145 million gallons per day for the week ending May 1, 2010.
- 2) 2010 Detect a Leak Conservation – BWS recently celebrated its detect a leak week during May reminding customers on O'ahu to use water as needed without wasting water. According to the U.S. EPA, the average American home can waste more than 10,000 gallons of water every year from running toilets, dripping faucets, and other household leaks. The most common household leaks are in toilets. For a detailed handout or to watch an instructional video on how to check your property for leaks, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com.
- 3) 2010 Water Conservation Poster and Poetry Contest – Mahalo to more than 2,500 student artists and 250 poets who participated; artwork and poetry selected were on display at Honolulu Hale until May 15 before moving displays to Pearlridge Uptown from May 18-29, Kahala Mall from June 1-12, Kapolei Hale from June 15-26, and Windward Mall from June 29 to July 10, 2010. A full list of winners and an online gallery may be found also at BWS's website.

- 4) You can reach BWS at 748-5041 or log onto to the web at www.boardofwatersupply.com.

Marine Corps Base Hawai'i (MCBH) – Major Alan 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 – May 14-16: hosting the Ko'olau District Boy Scouts of America Camporee. May 16-28: hosting F-16 fighters from the New Mexico ANG. May 30: participating in joint service color guard for Vietnam Veteran's Ceremony at Punchbowl; Col Rice will be the guest speaker at the Pacific American Foundation's Roll Call of Honor. May 31: Marine Color Guards will participate in the Mayor's and Governor's ceremonies at the Punchbowl and State Cemeteries as part of Memorial Day observances. June 8: Industry Day; learn about the procurement process and how to bring your business, product or service on base. Register online at www.mccshawaii.com; for more information, call 257-2651/2654.
- 3) Blue Angel's Aerial Team/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 free to the public during the event slated for September 25-26, 2010. Shuttle buses from the parking area will be available to and from the event gate. Applications are now being accepted to provide food service to an audience of approximately 100,000 people; deadline to apply is May 30, 2010.
- 4) RIMPAC – Training at Bellows Beach will take place during the month of July after the July 4th weekend; the beach will not be open to the public for the next two weekends. The exercises take place June 23 through August 1, 2010.
- 5) Deployments – Deployed are HMH-363, VP-47; First Battalion, Third Marine Regiment; plus other detachments and augmentees.
- 6) Announcements – MCBH's Facebook and Twitter sites are up and running. Some roadways on base were currently undergoing pipe replacements.
- 7) In The News – Realistic enhancements to training facility at Bellows; Marine deaths in motor vehicle accident on Friday.
- 8) Contact – Personnel Office: 254-7632, www.mccshawaii.com; Human Resources Office: 257-1377, www.usajobs.gov.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- MCBH Rugby – Currently, MCBH has no formal team.
- MCBH Jet-Noise Update – MCBH has located a subject matter expert to discuss noise modeling issues with the community and is working on setting up a community meeting.
- Donated Furniture – Last year, MCBH donated 300-400 pieces of furniture to local non-profit organizations. Col. Rice established this program to support local non-profits rather than send good furniture to the landfill.

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

KBRC Steering Committee – While the Legislature repealed the sunset of KBRC, the Council will formally meet only once per year. A Steering Committee is being formed to make recommendations to DLNR and the Governor on a semi-annual or quarterly basis. The first Steering Committee meeting is tentatively set for July 6, 2010, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Windward Community College. Machado's term as a liaison to the Board expires the end of July 2010.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- DLNR – The Board has extended invitations to DLNR/DOCARE to attend Board meetings; usually without success.
- Kane'ohe Bay – It was suggested the Board continue to support the efforts along with the many local groups such as Civic Clubs to ensure safety for the bay. The Board unanimously agreed to place the vote on the agenda tonight rather than wait until July to appoint Machado as Board liaison to KBRC; however, a two-third quorum was not present at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Chair Henkin reported for the month of April 2010, the Operating Account reflected \$369.66 for printing and postage leaving the balance at \$ 961.29, the Publicity Account balance remains at \$993, leaving the total appropriated balance at \$1,954.29.

PRESENTATIONS:

Culture Gathering and Canoe House Construction at Kualoa in September 2010 – Tom Rosser presented the following information:

- 1) Waikiki Event and Conference – ‘Healing Our Spirit Worldwide’ is the theme for the sixth gathering of an international forum and movement focused on alcohol and drug abuse issues and programs in Indigenous communities throughout the global community, which is planned to take place in Waikiki from September 3-10, 2010. New Mexico and Canada previously hosted the event, which happens every four years. The event will entail invites to many island cultures throughout the Pacific including Tahiti, Tonga, Samoa, New Zealand and Fiji to name a few. This gathering’s mission is to radiate the wisdom of our kupuna (elders) and the aloha of the land and the indigenous people of Hawai’i.
- 2) Na Wa’a Kuloa Festival – The event is planned for the month of September 2010 and will coincide with Healing Our Spirit Worldwide. The event’s purpose is to revive, share and encourage the living knowledge and hands-on skills connected with the wa’a (canoe), including building, paddling, sailing, and navigation. The festival organizers propose to build a canoe hale (house) at Kualoa. The hale will be built in the traditional way, without nails. The Kane’ohe Bay Master Plan calls for five canoe hale.
- 3) Permits and Funding – Event permits are currently being sought with the City. The event is not intended to be a tourist event but historical for the Hawaiian Islands offering great value to all participants. Funding was currently being sought to meet deadlines.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Location of Canoe Hale – The event is seeking to work with local residents; further information will be shared at the next KRBC meeting. The proposed hale location was by the small fish pond on the border between Hakipu’u and Kualoa. It was suggested that the hale could be located at KRP, but concerns were raised that canoes need access to open water. The hale will be a permanent structure to be used by the community as a learning center.
- Host Families – Local churches, schools, clubs and families are currently being sought to assist with hosting attendees from other Pacific islands.

8:12 P.M. – Member Nuss arrived, nine Board members present.

OFFICIALS’ REPORTS:

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

- 1) Tree Trimmings – Hau trees in ‘Ahuimanu were trimmed. The City will monitor and trim as needed.
- 2) April 4, 2010 KRP Events – The City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) issues permits on a first come basis; the pig hunter’s permit preceded that of the Easter service permit. DPR cannot discriminate among users in issuing permits, as long as applicants follow proper procedures. The pig hunt permittee complied with the park rule prohibiting dogs and required them to remain in the vehicles during the pig weigh-in. DPR was not aware that a canopy blocked a pedestrian sidewalk and will address similar concerns with future permit holders.
- 3) Left Turn on Ha’iku Road – Concerns for vehicle backup and blocking of the safety lane should be called in to the City at 768-8387. The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) monitored the intersection, including during the weekend, but did not find excessive traffic back-up.
- 4) No Parking Signs – DTS reported that concerns about vandalized signs on Kamehameha Highway (KH) near He’eia Kea Pier (HKP) should be reported to the State by calling 586-0034, since KH is a state highway. It was noted that this section of KH is actually city-owned.
- 5) Waihe’e Marsh and Hui ‘Iwa Trash – The City hauled tires from the marsh location on May 5; however, trash at the Hui ‘Iwa four way stop disappeared, leaving the areas cleaned up for now.
- 6) Vehicle Speeding – HPD monitored ‘Ahuimanu Loop by the parked big boat and has not yet observed any violations. HPD will continue to monitor.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Roadway Signal – Request to assess and adjust the timing sequence and length of signal lights fronting King Intermediate School during non-peak traffic hours. Present situation during the evening hours causes the red light to be activated during periods when no cross traffic exists. The suggestion was made to have the signal flash yellow late at night.
- Jurisdiction Verification – E. Martin to verify jurisdiction for No. 4 concern regarding the no parking signs on KH near HKP.

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) Transient Accommodation Tax (TAT) – The legislature did not take away the City's share of the TAT. If it had, the City would have been left with a \$25 million dollar budget shortfall that would have had to be filled by cuts to many programs including the NCO and DPR. However, despite the counties maintaining their TAT, Budget Chair Nestor Garcia made no promises that cuts and tax increase would not be made.
- 2) Budget – The City has until June 9, 2010 to submit a balanced budget or adopt Mayor Hannemann's budget without revisions. Currently, the City operating budget has not passed second reading.
- 3) Full Council Action – The April 21, 2010 meeting actions included: Bill 23 relating to agriculture land to amend the land use ordinance to ensure that zoned lands are used for intended agriculture purposes rather than being lost through the development of so-called 'gentlemen's farms'; Resolution 10-56, CD1 urges the United States congress to support the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act (Akaka Bill). Testimonies can be submitted to Council in writing.
- 4) Councilmember Dela Cruz may be reached at 768-5002 or by email www.dmdelacruz@honolulu.gov.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) – The Board's top CIP priorities – improvements to Waihe'e Road and the pedestrian/bicycle circulation study – are in the current draft of the CIP budget. The May 24, 2010 Council meeting was the next hearing for all CIP requests.

8:30 P.M. – Member Spray arrived, 10 Board members present.

A suggestion made to vote on Machado's appointment as liaison to KBRC since 10 Board members were now present.

Motions – **Busch moved, seconded by Geboski, to place the vote on the agenda tonight.** The motion **WAS UNANIMOUSLY** adopted. **Busch moved seconded by Kaluhiwa for the Kahalu'u NB No. 29 to appoint member Machado as Board liaison representative to the KBRC until further notice.** The motion **WAS also UNANIMOUSLY** adopted; 10-0-0. (Hoe, Salas, Henkin, Loo, Busch, Machado, Kaluhiwa, Nuss, Spray, and Geboski)

Senator Hee's Report – No representative was present.

Representative Wooley reported the following information:

- 1) 2010 Session Bills Passed – HB 2832, relating to taro security funding, will allow the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to seek available federal, state, county or private funding to restore taro cultivation. HB 2775, relating to agriculture, will establish provisions for importation and possession of plants, animals, or soil that require a permit. HB 2129, relating to graffiti, requires convicted taggers to remove graffiti from the damaged property within 30 days of sentencing and also to take responsibility for removing graffiti within 100 yards of the site of the offense for two years. HB 921 will help families with 999-year leases keep their land by forming land trusts. Mahalo to all residents and Board members in assisting Representative Wooley with bills relating to district businesses and projects.
- 2) 2010 State Budget – The next couple of years will be a struggle to balance the budget, while keeping jobs and sustaining funding for vital community services and programs.
- 3) CIP – Despite the budget crisis, the district got funding for several important infrastructure projects.
- 4) Reach Representative Wooley at 586-8540 or by email at www.repwooley@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Kawamoto Properties – Machado thanked Representative Wooley for getting Act 76 passed to protect district residents from threats on neighbors' properties. Because of the law, Machado received a visit from Genshiro Kawamoto regarding the tree overgrowth problems plaguing about 39 homes in the district.
- Local Labor – Concerns were raised about the effect on the cost of living from a recent law requiring construction projects to use 80 percent local labor.
- State Tax Refunds – The Legislature passed a bill to require 2011 refunds to be back on schedule. In 2010, the Governor's plan would give refunds to corporations on time, but delay refunds for working families.

- Bananas on Kapolei Hawaiian Homestead land – Banana trees with bunchy top have sprung up again; the trees may need to be uprooted to avoid spreading diseases to other trees.
- Kaneohe Unemployment Office – The office is reported to be overcrowded usually on Mondays. There are still many unemployed as businesses continue to struggle through many layoffs.

BOARD PRESENTATIONS:

- 1) Board Recesses – **Spray moved seconded by Kaluhiwa for the Kahalu'u NB to recess for June 2010.** The motion was **ADOPTED**; 9-1-0. (Ayes: Busch, Henkin, Hoe, Kaluhiwa, Loo, Machado, Nuss, Salas, and Spray. No: Geboski). The Board deferred voting on recesses for fiscal year (FY) July 2010-Jun 2011.
- 2) NB Meeting Facility, Monthly Facility Fee, Meeting Date and Time – **Geboski moved seconded by Kaluhiwa for the Kahalu'u NB to continue meeting at KEY Project on the second Wednesday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m., and to continue to pay \$65 per month for facility rental monthly use for FY2010-11.** Spray disclosed that he was a Board member of KEY Project. The motion was **ADOPTED** by 9-0-1 consent. (Aye: Busch, Geboski, Henkin, Hoe, Kaluhiwa, Loo, Machado, Nuss, Salas. Abstain: Spray)
- 3) PIG Formation for Candidates' Forum(s) – Chair Henkin disclosed that he is married to Representative Wooley and relinquished the gavel to Vice Chair Machado to chair this portion of the meeting. Loo was appointed to join the Forum PIG. The PIG recommended that the Board hold two forums: one for candidates for City offices and another for Federal and State candidates. The PIG further recommended using FY2010 publicity funding to advertise the event(s), if possible. The Board will hold a special meeting in June 2010 to vote on the PIG recommendations, and then give notice to the NCO to prepare the mail-out. All candidates should be invited including the Hawaiian Affairs Office candidates; however, it was suggested to not hold a joint forum with other Windward Boards as there would be too many candidates. The PIG suggested September 2 and 9, 2010 for possible dates to hold the forums for Federal and State candidates and City candidates, respectively. **Geboski moved seconded by Loo for the Kahalu'u NB to appropriate its balance of \$993 Publicity Funds to hold the 2009-10 candidate forums including publicity materials such as banners, flyers and the mail-out.** The motion was **ADOPTED** by 9-0-1 consent. (Aye: Busch, Geboski, Spray, Hoe, Kaluhiwa, Loo, Machado, Nuss, Salas. Abstain: Henkin) Machado relinquished the gavel back to Chair Henkin.

9:50 P.M. – Member Salas left the meeting; nine members remained.

- 4) Expenditures for FY2009/10/11 – The Board had this opportunity to look into video taping monthly Board meeting to air on public 'Olelo channels; each month video taping charges range from \$200 to \$250. Broadcasting on 'Olelo helps to publicize the Board for those unable to attend the meetings. There were concerns that video taping could affect meeting momentum, discourage residents from participating and lose the currently informal setting. **Machado moved seconded by Geboski for the Kahalu'u NB to consider video taping.** The motion **WAS NOT** adopted; 6-3-0. (Ayes: Geboski, Henkin, Hoe, Loo, Machado, Nuss. No: Busch, Kaluhiwa and Spray). **Machado moved seconded by Spray for the Kahalu'u NB to look into video taping the candidates' forums.** The motion **WAS ADOPTED** unanimously; 9-0-0. (Geboski, Henkin, Hoe, Loo, Machado, Nuss, Busch, Kaluhiwa and Spray)

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The consensus of the Board was to have presentations on the following items: 1) Decision-making on the recommendations from the PIG regarding the Candidate Forum, 2) Hawai'i Bicycling League Century Ride; and 3) Planned future use of former Enomoto Property in Waiahole.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 14, 2010 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Henkin adjourned the meeting at 10:02 p.m.