



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, JULY 14, 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, Gregory Geboski, Leatrice (Lea) Gomes, David Henkin, Keliko Hoe, Arthur Machado Jr., Francis (Rocky) Kaluhiwa, Ken LeVasseur, Clifford Loo, Brian Nuss (9:33 p.m. arrival), and Mark Valencia

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lucy Salas and Elwin Spray

GUESTS: Ernie Martin (Mayor Hannemann's Office), Major Alan Crouch (Marine Corps Base Hawai'i Public Affairs Office), Lt. John Vines (Honolulu Police Department), Captain Darrell Kong (Honolulu Fire Department), Representative Jessica Wooley, Barry Usagawa (Board of Water Supply), Michael Sakata (Councilmember Dela Cruz's Office), Guy & Gail Nakamoto, Randy Sprangler, Pete O'Hare, Marcella Granquist, John Goody and Chad Taniguchi (Hawaii Bicycle League), Kurt Mench, Cristine and Derek Reeves, Michael Douglas (Fourth Male Productions Inc.), Georja Skinner (State Film Office), Steve Timpson, and, Mary Chanel-Benjamin (Neighborhood Commission Office)

CITY GOVERNMENT REPORTS:

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

- 1) June 2010 Statistics – There were 2 fires; 1 rubbish and 1 wildland; 38 medical emergencies and 2 miscellaneous calls.
- 2) Community Relations – Cigarette smoking materials are the leading cause of fire deaths in the United States. The latest fire-related fatality on O'ahu was a result of an unattended cigarette. The following are helpful safety precautions: smoke outside, use deep wide ashtrays on sturdy tables, douse cigarette butts and ashes with water or sand.
- 3) Safety Tip – A child playing with a lighter destroyed a family home. Reminder: keep matches and lighters out of children's reach, educate children not to play with matches and lighters, and use lighters designed with child resistant features; however, child-resistant does not mean childproof.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Duties – HFD responds to both fires and any medical emergency calls. The population on O'ahu is aging, requiring more medical services. HFD and first responders assist each other, but HFD does not take the place of the rapid response teams. Stabilizing a patient is the ultimate goal before transport to the hospital.

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

June 2010 Statistics – There were 2 simple assaults, 2 auto theft recovery, 4 burglaries, 3 driving under the influence, 6 property damages, 21 motor vehicle collisions, 8 thefts, 2 threats, and 1 unauthorized entry into motor vehicles.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Lihikai Drive – No information was yet available regarding the burglary at 47-022 Lihikai Drive.



- Sub-Station – A suggestion was made for the City to consider increasing police presence at the banyan tree by placing a trailer to be used by HPD as a sub-station, similar to ones in Kalihi and Kaka'ako. Chief Kealoha would be the one to suggest consideration for such a move.
- Unauthorized Entry Into Motor Vehicle – Second degree charges normally apply to persons who are found to have entered a vehicle (e.g., to sleep inside); first degree charges are for those who search the vehicle and are found having stolen property from the vehicle.
- Workshop – Chief Kealoha will be attending a community forum on Thursday, July 15, 2010 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Ben Parker Elementary School.
- Gambling – At night, people are gathering at the banyan tree to gamble and are challenging RAM members to fights. Social gambling is legal as long as there is no "house" (an individual taking a cut of the stakes).
- Drugs – The 'druggies' running their operations seem to be using keiki with bicycles to deliver drugs. Residents reported He'eia Park also has 'druggie' problems; drug dealings ongoing.

FILLING BOARD VACANCIES – Sub Districts (SD) Five and Six each have one vacancy each. There were no vacancies filled.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS and STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2010-2011 TERM –

Board Chair – **Busch moved seconded by Geboski to re-elect Henkin; Kaluhiwa closed the nominations without objections.** Henkin relinquished the gavel to Vice Chair Machado for the vote. **Henkin was elected Board Chairperson; 9-0-1.** (Ayes: Busch, Geboski, Gomes, Hoe, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Loo, Machado, and Valencia. Abstain: Henkin) Chair Henkin presides over the meeting.

Board Vice Chair – **Gomes moved seconded by Kaluhiwa to re-elect Machado; Kaluhiwa closed the nominations without objections. Machado was elected Vice Chair; 9-0-1.** (Ayes: Busch, Geboski, Gomes, Hoe, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Loo, Henkin, and Valencia. Abstain: Machado)

Board Secretary – **Geboski moved seconded by Busch nominating Kaluhiwa.** However, Kaluhiwa declined the nomination; instead, **Kaluhiwa moved seconded by Busch to re-elect Geboski; Kaluhiwa closed the nominations without objections. Geboski was elected Secretary; 9-0-1.** (Ayes: Busch, Machado, Gomes, Hoe, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Loo, Henkin, and Valencia. Abstain: Geboski)

Board Treasurer – **Kaluhiwa moved seconded by Machado nominating Gomes.** However, Gomes declined the nomination. **Kaluhiwa moved seconded by Gomes to re-elect Spray and closed the nomination without objections. Spray was elected Treasurer by unanimous consent; 10-0-0.** (Busch, Geboski, Machado, Gomes, Hoe, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Loo, Henkin, and Valencia)

Standing Committees – **Machado moved seconded by Kaluhiwa to continue standing committees as is; and to consider reassessing Permitted Interaction Groups on an as needed basis. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent; 10-0-0.** (Busch, Machado, Gomes, Hoe, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Loo, Henkin, and Valencia and Geboski)

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

1. Next Board Meeting – The next regular meeting was scheduled for August 11, 2010 at KEY Project beginning at 7:00 p.m.
2. Candidate Forums – Two forums have been scheduled for the Kahalu'u district; August 19 and 26, 2010 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at KEY Project, 47-200 Waihe'e Road.
3. Aloha 'Aina Earth Day No. 82 – The sponsored event is Saturday, July 24, 2010 beginning at 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Kahalu'u Regional Park (KRP). Curbside pick-up available by calling 239-5777. Tires, paints, hazardous fluids, microwaves, televisions, gas tanks, and motor oil are not accepted. Recycled items benefit KEY Project programs and services. Mahalo to elected sponsor officials: Hirono, Dela Cruz, Wooley, Hee, Tokuda, Anderson, Chong, Ito, as well as local businesses.
4. Kapapa Island – A meeting on the subject will be on August 4, 2010 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Windward Community College.

RESIDENTS' AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

- Hakipu'u Learning Center – The center has received a notice of eviction. Those who want to help the school should call 235-9155.
- He'eia Kea Boat Harbor – The harbor has been in a 'pathetic' state and has not served the community well; a request for the item to appear on the next Board agenda was made.
- City Culverts – A resident stated he has two City easements on his property, one for a City storm ditch built in 1961. The improper construction has resulted in property loss and erosion into Kane'ohe Bay, posing a hazard. The second easement is for a City waste water lateral built in 1993, which is compounding the problems caused by the storm water culvert. These two City easements are accompanied by easement documents; however, what was built does not comply with the requirements in those documents. The resident asked that this issue be placed on the Board's August 2010 agenda, with a request for the City to bring the structures into compliance with the easement documents.

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 during the month of June 2010; O'ahu potable pumpage for the week ending July 3 was 152 million gallons per day.
- 2) Drought – According to the US Drought Monitor, most of O'ahu remains in a D-0 drought (abnormally dry conditions), and East Honolulu-Waimanalo is in a D-2 severe drought condition as of July 6.
- 3) Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House: BWS will be hosting the Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale on Saturday, August 7, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The open house will include free workshops, games and gardening for the family as well as free mulch giveaway. Local nurseries will be offering unthirsty plants at moderate prices. For more information, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com.
- 4) BWS Furlough Information – Business offices will begin observing furlough days beginning in July. Please check BWS's website for furlough schedules which follows the same as the City agencies, with the exception of maintenance, which will be staggered.
- 5) Ko'olaupoko Watershed Management Plan Status – BWS recently completed four meetings in the districts on planned watershed protection projects and received very good comments. BWS is currently writing the public review draft to be released at the end of 2010.
- 6) You can reach BWS at 748-5041 or log onto to the web at www.boardofwatersupply.com.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (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) Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) – Today through Friday, July 30, 2010 in support of RIMPAC, MCBH operations will be available for 24 hours a day. FA-18 aircraft are participating in RIMPAC exercises, although no FA-18 operations are planned after 10:00 p.m.
- 3) News and Events – Now through August 1: Marines from MCBH are participating in RIMPAC 2010. Operations will include weekend training at Bellows Beach, which will not be open to the public during some exercise dates, including the second and fourth weekends of July. More information can be found at www.c3f.navy.mil/RIMPAC2010_Index.html. July 21: Castle High School MCJROTC will participate in training activities at MCBH. August 7 through 13: MCBH will host NJROTC Cadets from Willard High School, Missouri. September 25-26: Kane'ohe Bay Air Show featuring the Navy's Blue Angels aerial demonstration team and many others, keiki games, BayFest music and Taste of O'ahu foods. Rehearsal will be on September 24. There will be temporary restrictions for mariners and pilots. Further information can be found at www.kaneohebayairshow.com.
- 4) Deployments – Deployed are HMH-363; VP-9; 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment; plus other detachments and individual augments.
- 5) Announcements – MCBH's Facebook and Twitter sites are up and running; www.facebook.com/MarineCorpsBaseHawaii. Personnel Office can be reached at 254-7632 and online at www.mccshawaii.com. MCBH Human Resources Office can be reached at 257-1377 or online at www.usajobs.gov.
- 6) Marine Forces Pacific Band – It is believed that, sometime before the 1920s, Marines not assigned as musicians, but having musical talents, collaborated on their off duty time to rehearse and perform for base

dances, social functions and military ceremonies. These events eventually led to the establishment of the band circa 1918. The band itself is one of the oldest American military units in Hawai'i.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Air Show Restrictions – The base will conduct bag checks during the air show for safety.
- Fireworks – During the airshow; Saturday, September 25, will be the only day to expect a fireworks display on base.
- Furniture Donations – MCBH's Environment Department manages donations of used furniture to local charities. Call Captain Derrick George at 257-6920.
- Aircraft Noise Presentation – MCBH is working with the Naval Command Center in Washington D.C; subject matter experts should be available for a presentation either at a Board meeting or an on-base open house. It was mentioned that the public is interested in actual measurements of maximum decibels from plane overflights, not models.

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

1. Next Meeting – Rep. Ito and Senator Hee worked to save the KBRC, which will hold meetings quarterly. The KBRC's next meeting will be Wednesday, October 6, 2010. Subjects of discussion have been mostly how to save the bay and adopting new fishing rules.
2. Membership – The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) has said no Neighborhood Board representative or appointed member can run to be a KBRC officer, precluding Machado from running for Chair.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Scheduled Meetings – DLNR may not be attending all of them. According to the master plan; the governor with the approval of the senate will appoint KBRC members.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Secretary Greg Geboski reported for the month of June 2010, the Operating Account reflected \$41.95 for printing and postage leaving the balance at \$ 375.23, the Publicity Account balance remains at \$993, leaving the total Appropriated balance at \$1,368.23. The previous Appropriated balance was \$1,410.18.

PRESENTATIONS:

Planned Filming at He'eia Boat Harbor – Randy Spangler reported the following information:

- 1) Pirates of the Caribbean Filming – The crew will be on site on a light barge between July 26 and August 10, 2010. The harbor will remain open to the public; however, filming will take over the end of the pier and isolated areas in the harbor.
- 2) Crowd Control – There will be 'no parking signs' on Kamehameha Highway to move traffic along as well as an HPD officer to direct traffic control and secure safety.
- 3) State Film Office – The film industry has brought about \$85 million to Hawaii's economy; mahalo to all involved in securing safety and support while filming at the harbor.
- 4) Kane'ohe Bay – The U.S. Coast Guard will be tracking boaters and clearing the route for any boaters using the bay while the film crew is present. Boaters are asked to abide by some guidelines; however, no boater will be prohibited from using the right of way at the bay. All agencies will be coordinating the movement in the bay during filming; filming will take place during the evening hours, weather permitting.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Community – There was concern not enough notice of the filming was presented to the boating community. The published legal notices printed in the newspaper do not always get the message out to residents; the film office should have done more to reach the community. The Board took a June recess and therefore could not have made the presentation until July. However, the KBRC was made aware of the schedule.
- Harbor/Harbor Master (HM) – Perhaps seeking the HM's assistance would be helpful due to the many boats entering and exiting the bay. Notices were sent out to all registered boat owners; however one present tonight said he did not receive a notice and hopes there will be no problems with utilizing the bay and the pier.

- DLNR Role - DLNR continued to stifle the community's voice on the KBRC and still has not promulgated rules for Kane'ohe Bay.

(Valencia left at 8:20 p.m.; nine members present)

Honolulu Century Bike Ride – Chad Taniguchi, Executive Director of Hawai'i Bicycling League (HBL) reported the following information:

1. Kamehameha Route (KR) to Hygienic Store – This is the route the ride has taken since 1972; changing it now could lose many riders from out-of-state. Many visiting participants found the route along the bay very safe and inviting. In past 29 years, there have been no accidents involving cars.
2. Kahekili Highway (KH) – KH has a bike lane, and 80-90% of it is safe; however, it also has flaws in the roadways that are potentially dangerous to bicyclists. There is a possibility of hiring more HPD and volunteers to man the route and especially to move the traffic along.
3. Ride – HBL asked drivers to consider the value of cycling; driving and cycling with aloha has become a way of life on the islands where both cars and bicycles have equal roadway rights. HBL continues to educate the public and Century Ride participants on the roadway rules and consideration for vehicles as well. Many are promoting cycling as not only a form of recreation and health and now also as a form of transportation.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- KR – This route lacks any shoulder, so using it backs up traffic becoming a safety hazard both for drivers and cyclists. The route also serves He'eia State Park and a busy pier during the weekend. The community has asked both the City and HBL to use the alternate route on KH to bypass the KR; this request continues to be ignored. The community wants its wishes to be respected for the sake of safety for both the community and cyclists. HBL should not opt to place the scenic route over safety precautions. Taking into considerations the many City buses, vehicles, boaters, and residents using the KR, the Ride with a reported 1,000 cyclists should take the safer roadway.
- KH – HBL claimed KH has more safety hazards: potholes, wet gutters, metal manholes, a shoulder that ends suddenly and more traffic. It was reported that the majority of the cyclists during the Ride should reach KH around 7:30-8:00 a.m. C. Taniguchi reported he felt, after a trial cycle ride through KH, that the KR was a more winding roadway which had more attentive drivers and felt much safer. However, at the KR cyclists will have to travel three miles without a shoulder, versus only about a block on KH, so KH was a lot safer. KH can also dedicate a lane to the Ride, compared to the KR, which was only a two-lane highway. Half of the 100-mile route for the Ride is on a two lane highway or roadway.
- Other Concerns – Foreign cyclists have a tendency of riding slow and making intermittent stops along the routes, the City and State should fill potholes and consider re-paving the KR and KH after 20 years, consider riding at night, when fewer cars are on the road, consider lighted signals on route, open the KR to local traffic only, move the King Intermediate aid station, the Ride lacks many safety precautions, canvass of residents along the KR showed most opposed the Ride, and simply hiring roadway sweepers could help make the route safer.
- Motion – The Board considered re-introducing a motion to oppose the KR for the Century Bike Ride; however, Chair Henkin said the Board had previously adopted opposing issuance of a permit for use of the KR, so another vote was not needed unless the Board wanted to change its position. Chair Henkin will contact the City to communicate the Board's opposition to using the KR.

(Nuss arrives at 9:33 p.m.; ten members present)

Proposed Cell Tower at Kualoa Ranch TMK: 4-9-004:002 – Steven Sung reported the following information:

Verizon Wireless (VW) is proposing a new telecommunication facility that will consist of a 106-foot stealth pole resembling a pine tree and equipment cabinets at Kualoa Ranch located at 49-560 Kamehameha Highway. The new site for Verizon Wireless will provide 3G wireless network as well as E-911 service to Kualoa Ranch and surrounding neighborhoods. The facility requires a special use permit. VW took over the project from T-Mobile.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Tower – The Waiahole-Waikane Community Association (WWCA) has had concerns about cell towers. The Board suggested that VW present its proposal to the WWCA first; the Board wishes to defer the subject until after the WWCA presentation. The matter will be placed on the August agenda for action.
- City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) – It takes about two months to get zoning approval and another five months to build. VW's request to appear at this Board meeting will suffice for the request for the permit; however, VW will attempt to make a presentation to WWCA meeting and will return for next month's Board meeting.

Candidate Forums – Chair Henkin relinquished the gavel to Vice Chair Machado. Geboski reported the following information:

1. August 19, 2010 – The first forum will present candidates for City & County offices and the Board of Education.
2. August 26, 2010 – The second forum will present candidates for state and federal offices.
3. Location – The forums are co-sponsored by the KEY Project; the site of both forums.

Chair Henkin resumes the Chair.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

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

1. Timing of Lights – The City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) has been monitoring the left turn arrow at the intersection of Ha'iku Road and Kamehameha Highway during non-peak hour traffic hours. The signals are found to be operating properly. DTS did observe on a few occasions, pedestrians activating the pedestrian button to cross Kamehameha Highway and then j-walking. Once the pedestrian button is activated, the signal lights will change, thus, giving drivers the impression that the signals are changing when there is no cross traffic.
2. Kamehameha Highway – The areas near He'eia Kea pier where cars are illegally parked and signs are being vandalized is under City jurisdiction; HPD will continue to monitor the area. Over hanging trees near the Fish Pond are also in needed of trimming before the start of school.
3. 'Ahuimanu Road – Overhanging tree branches lining the road should be maintained on a regular basis especially during the school year when traffic increases including school buses that occasionally get hit by the branches.
4. Honolulu Century Ride – The Board voted previously not to support the Ride's use of the stretch of Kamehameha Highway between King Intermediate and the Hygienic Store due to the impacts on the community, specifically asking DPP and HBL to avoid the Kamehameha Highway route and to use the KH route. The redirected route to KH can minimize the concerns of the community during the Ride. Another letter stating the Board's opposition to issuance of a permit for use of Kamehameha Highway is forthcoming.
5. Reach the Mayor's office at 768-4141.

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

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

- 1) Bills – A bill that provides an additional \$500,000 for DPP to identify important agricultural lands has been signed into law. Bill 34 relating to the regulation of fireworks has passed second reading and is currently in committee.
- 2) Council Committees – Councilmember Cachola now chairs a new committee on Boards and Chairs, Councilmember Dela Cruz now chairs the Executive Matters committee and Councilmember Donahue chairs the Public Safety committee.
- 3) DTS – The Middle Street Trans rail center and bus routes to feed into the rail routes was allocated \$40 million from federal stimulus money. Providing extended late-night bus service on the Windward side is not on DTS' list of priority projects for stimulus money.
- 4) Councilmember Dela Cruz may be reached at 768-5002 or by email dmdelacruz@honolulu.gov.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Shovel Ready Projects – It was not clear what it means for a project to be ‘shovel ready’ and eligible for stimulus funding; further information needed.
- Bills – The restriction limiting farm houses to 1500 square feet has been taken out of Bill 24, but is still in Bill 23, which is in committee.

Senator Clayton Hee's Report – No representative was present.

Representative Jessica Wooley reported the following information:

- 1) Kawamoto Properties – The community should be commended for assisting with passage of Act 76.
- 2) Vetoes – Governor Lingle vetoed one third of the bills from the last session, and the legislature did not return for a special session to override; the Hau'ula Bill, which will help Hawaiian families keep lands for which they have 999-year leases, will be once again introduced during the next session.
- 3) Hakipu'u Learning Center – The center was given an eviction notice; Representative Wooley is available to assist the school.
- 4) Plants – Kahalu'u farmers report they have been unable to sell fifty percent of their ti plants due to a yellowish color on the leaves, which may be from a virus; Representative Wooley helped secure about \$100,000 for the University of Hawai'i's College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to seek solutions to the blight.
- 5) Banyan Tree Property – Representative Wooley will work with LeVasseur and Machado to try to place close circuit cameras near the banyan tree to deter crime.
- 6) Reach Representative Wooley at 586-8540 or by email at repwooley@capitol.hawaii.gov.

(At 10:15 p.m. NA, M. Chanel-Benjamin left the meeting)

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The consensus of the Board was to have presentations on the following items: 1) Proposed Cell Tower at Kualoa Ranch; 2) Request for City and County of Honolulu to fix ditch on property at 47-382 Kamehameha Hwy to comply with easement document; 3) Request to downzone property from B-1 to Residential, 47-709 Kamehameha Hwy; 4) Aviation Noise at MCBH; and 5) Update on Hakipu'u Learning Center Eviction.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 12, 2010 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Henkin adjourned the meeting at 10:34 p.m.

Submitted by M. Chanel-Benjamin

Reviewed by Chair Henkin