



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, AUGUST 11, 2010

KEY PROJECT

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Henkin called the meeting to order at 7:03 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, Leatrice (Lea) Gomes (7:12 p.m. arrival), David Henkin, Keliko Hoe (7:15 p.m. arrival), Arthur (Art) Machado Jr., Francis (Rocky) Kaluhiwa (7:18 p.m. arrival), Ken LeVasseur, Clifford Loo, Brian Nuss, Lucy Salas, and Mark Valencia

MEMBERS ABSENT: Greg Geboski and Elwin Spray

GUESTS: Ernie Martin (Mayor's Office), Major Alan Crouch and Second Lt. Diann Folsum (Marine Corps Base Hawai'i Public Affairs Office), Lt. James Causey (Honolulu Police Department), Captain William Ralston (Honolulu Fire Department), Representative Jessica Wooley, Barry Usagawa (Board of Water Supply), Michael Sakata (Councilmember Dela Cruz's Office), Daniel Anthony, Andrew Choy, Kawehi Ryder, Ben Shafer, Dianne Stevens, John White, Kurt Mench, Joe Robinson, Mary Chanel-Benjamin and Bambi Wong (Neighborhood Commission Office)

CITY GOVERNMENT REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Capt. William Ralston reported the following information:

- 1) July 2010 Statistics – There were 17 fires: 5 rubbish, 2 structures, 7 wildland, and 3 vehicles; 104 medical emergencies, 15 search and rescue, and 28 miscellaneous calls.
- 2) Community Relations Safety Tip – A home fire escape plan is an integral part of your family's safety; create one and practice it with your family. Install working smoke alarms in every home level and each bedroom, identify a meeting place outside, ensure two exits from every room, sleep with room doors closed to minimize smoke, ensure all windows can be easily opened from the inside, and once outside, call 911.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Waikane Stream – No report was available regarding an apparent fire at the site.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. James Causey distributed District Four's Regional Patrol Report, which reports the following information (Beats 471/472):

July 2010 Statistics – There were 2 simple assaults, 9 burglaries, 3 property damages, 29 motor vehicle collisions, 13 thefts, 39 arguments, 2 aggravated assault, 11 fireworks violations, 7 harassments, 7 loud parties, 22 parking violations, 1 robbery, 19 suspicious circumstances, 9 suspicious vehicles, and 8 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Brawls – A fight at 'Ahuimanu Bridge involving about 20 people was witnessed at around 9:00 p.m. on July 14, 2010. HPD was called; the caller felt very threatened that the 'mass brawl' was near his home. HPD reported it was unusual for a 'mass brawl' in a neighborhood environment. There was no current report available; callers dissatisfied with HPD's response should ask to speak to a supervisor. Another brawl was reported at the Hygienic Store. The community is fearful as these brawls continue to arise. Statistics should show the precise locations where incidents occur.

(Gomes arrives at 7:12 p.m.; nine members present)

- Waiahole Valley Road – Concerns about young persons drinking and breaking bottles toward the end of the road.



- Home Robbery – A homeowner reported he was robbed and knew who did it; however, does not want to report for fear of retaliation. Elders have been victims of many robberies.

(Hoe arrives at 7:15 p.m.; ten members present)

- Burglary on Lihikai Drive – A concern was expressed that there still has been no information provided about the burglary at 47-022 Lihikai Drive. HPD should do a better job of ensuring follow-up to concerns raised at Board meetings.

(Kaluhiwa arrives at 7:18 p.m.; eleven members present)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

1. Next Board Meeting – The next regularly scheduled meeting was September 8, 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. Tsunami Evacuation Maps – New draft maps were available online at Honolulu.gov and, for the first time, include evacuation areas for Kahalu'u residents.
4. Ko'olaupoko Sustainable Plan (KSP) – A meeting was slated for Thursday, September 9, 2010 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Windward Community College.

RESIDENTS' AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

- Lease to Restore Taro Lo'i in Kahalu'u – The Board of Water Supply has granted a five-year (2009-2014) lease for land on Malumalu Place (end of 'Ahuimanu Road) to restore taro patches and remove invasive species. Call Daniel Anthony at 542-1326 for further information.
- Damage to Property on Kaimalolo Place – Concern about a permitted wall on neighbor's property causing erosion on Kaimalolo Place and City will not take action. This issue was before the Board years ago, and the Board is asked to place the item on next month's agenda.
- Act 76 – Relating to the Kawamoto property on Liholiho street; the Civil Defense has asked neighbors for a current survey to define property lines before the state will take action. The item should be put on the Board's agenda.
- He'eia Kea Harbor – The Pirates of the Caribbean filming process was a disaster; many residents were dissatisfied as precautions and proper use of the pier and bay as promised by the film company was not followed. The State Film Office and Coast Guard should evaluate what went wrong to avoid similar problems in the future.
- KSP – The plan does not include the 3,000 homes/hotel rooms the Envison La'ie project proposes for Malaekahana.
- Citizen Patrol – Kahalu'u's Community Policing Citizen Patrol has been recognized as the best in the state.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION:

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

- 1) Main Breaks (MB) and Potable Production (PP) – There was a break at 47-577 Ahuimanu Road on July 7, 2010; O'ahu potable pumpage for the week ending August 7 was 152.7 million gallons per day.
- 2) Water Conservation – According to a national report; Hawai'i has become the driest state in the nation. Current water levels are on a normal downward trend and BWS will continue to monitor and report. A few simple water tips: do not water lawns between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., check for leaks, take short showers, install water efficient plumbing fixtures, and don't let the faucet run and run.
- 3) Ko'olaupoko Watershed Management Plan – The public review draft will be available in about two months and will be posted online; a meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible.
- 4) You can reach BWS at 748-5041 or log onto the web at www.boardofwatersupply.com.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Water Supply Status – The Punalu'u source reported a decrease; however, Waihe'e storage remains full. Water is drawn from Punalu'u first, providing at least one quarter of the water for the windward side.

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 – For the Month of August:
 - For August 2010: 6; MCBH Operations and Training command changes from Lt. Col. M.P. Antonio to Lt. Col J.P. Pellegrino. 13; hosting Kokusai Gakuin School Students. 13-14; Marines to participate in the Samoan Flag Day memorial ceremonies. 24-30; Navy, Marine Corps and Belt Collins representatives to conduct public scoping meetings for environmental impact statement (EIS) for Osprey Tiltrotor and Huey & Cobra helicopter aircraft training in Hawai'i. 26; Marine Corp Color Guard for memorial dedication to Hawai'i's Civil War Veterans.
 - For September 2010: 25-26; Kaneohe Bay Air Show featuring the Navy's Blue Angels aerial demonstration team and many others, games for the keikis, BayFest music and food. New to the show lineup is Kirby Chambliss, world renowned race and stunt pilot and his Zivko Edge 540 Red Bull aircraft. The show is free to the public. Fireworks will be on Saturday, August 25; car show on August 26. Premium seats are available at www.kaneohebayairshow.com.
- 3) Deployments – Deployed are HMH-363; VP-9, Third Battalion, Third Marine Regiment; plus other detachments and individual augmentees.
- 4) Announcements/Community Notes – 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. MCBH is the largest single employer on the windward side: Approximately 13,000 active duty military, 1,300 civilian employees, 6,000 family members, 25,000 total on base and in the community. More than half a billion dollars is added to Hawai'i's economy by the military: \$350 million in military salaries, \$135 million in civilian salaries and contracts, \$100 million in military construction. The average cost for a single Marine is less than \$60 thousand annually-\$16 thousand less than a soldier, \$20 thousand less than a sailor, and nearly \$30 thousand less than an airman. Planning for an aviation open house to include aircraft noise demonstration and description of aircraft during the week of the air show; confirmation will be passed to the Board.
- 5) Osprey/H-1 Environmental Impact Study (EIS) – The meeting is slated for August 26, 2010; 5:00 p.m. at King Intermediate School. Ospreys will not arrive in Hawai'i until about 2015 or 2016.
- 6) Energy Pilot Program – MCBH is participating in the program to conserve energy in residential housing beginning in September; awarding those residents on base that fall under their energy allowances and charging those who exceed the allowance. Water sources were not included; however, it's a good idea to bring up.
- 7) Public Affairs Officer – Second Lt. Diann Folsom was introduced tonight; she will also be attending Board meetings.
- 8) RIMPAC – The training was completed without any incidents; 14 countries participated with 3 of them as observers.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Open House (OH) – The OH is intended to provide comprehensive information to the public regarding aviation noise; this is the opportunity for the Board and residents while the aircraft are present for the air show. MCBH will consider setting up an additional community meeting at an off-base location that might be more convenient for the public.
- Wave Energy – MCBH has a test program to produce energy from waves. The buoy is from Ocean Power Technology.

Kaneohe Bay Regional Council (KBRC) – A. Machado reported the following information:

Next Meeting – The KBRC's next meeting will be Wednesday, October 6, 2010.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chair Henkin reported for the month of July 2010, the total Appropriated for the new fiscal year was now only \$2,000 (\$1,150 for Operating and \$850 for Publicity). The Operating Account reflected \$42.89 for printing and postage. The Publicity Account balance was \$850, leaving the total Appropriated balance at \$1,957.11. Chair Henkin noted that it did not appear the appropriated amount would be adequate for core Board functions such as paying monthly rental at KEY Project.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Fundraise – The Board may have to hold a fundraiser in order to raise funds. It was unclear whether this would be permitted.
- Meeting – A meeting with acting Mayor Kirk Caldwell will discuss how the Boards are to function with only a \$2,000 budget.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

Mayor's Report – E. Martin took the following concerns:

1. Outreach - Request for outreach and assessment services to persons and/or families that may be experiencing homelessness and living in tents in Kahalu'u near the Hygienic Store.
2. Permit - Inspection of a permitted wall at 47-122 Kaimalolo Place that is encroaching on adjacent lot (47-126 Kaimalolo Place.) Constituent is asserting that the wall is causing soil to erode on her property (47-126 Kaimalolo Place) and further impedes the drainage of water during heavy rains.
3. Trees - Request for trimming of overhanging branches along 'Ahuimanu Road, Melekula Place, and Kamehameha Highway.
4. 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 – Bill 24 relating to amending the land use ordinance; was amended with a deadline of September 9, 2010. Bill 23 relating to farm dwellings is dead. Bill 34 relating to the regulation of fireworks was amended and moved to second reading.
- 2) Agriculture District – The issue will be heard at the August 18, 2010 Council meeting.
- 3) Councilmember Dela Cruz may be reached at 768-5002 or by email dmdelacruz@honolulu.gov.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Fireworks – Councilmember Dela Cruz supported the fireworks bill when it had an exemption for cultural uses; M. Sakata will report on the Councilmember's position on the current version of the bill. It was reported that there are tons of fireworks sitting at Honolulu harbor, enough to last years.

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

Representative Jessica Wooley reported the following information:

- 1) Banyan Tree – Representative Wooley is working with community groups to trim the banyan, as set forth in the community plan, which should help address the illegal activities occurring there. She is also working with Machado and LeVasseur on installing cameras and lights to bring security to the affected by 'druggies' and illegal activities.
- 2) Reach Representative Wooley at 586-8540 or by email at repwooley@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Hakipu'u Learning Center – The community was urged to help the school find a new site.
- Banyan Tree – The Board and community should come up with a plan to submit to HPD Chief Kealoha and City Council. A container of some sort was located at the property which is not helping with curbing the drug activity currently plaguing the area. Homeless was also becoming evident in the area.
- Kawamoto Properties – Thirty nine complaints against Kawamoto are still outstanding. Representative Wooley is working with residents to get state civil defense to address threats to their homes.

PRESENTATIONS:

Proposed Cell Tower at Kualoa Ranch – There was no representative to present information.

- Waiahole-Waikane Community Association (WWCA) – Verizon Wireless (VW) made a presentation to WWCA, which asked for additional information.

- Kuleana – VW should ensure the tower location is not on any kuleana; it should be on land belonging solely to Kualoa Ranch.

Hakipu'u Learning Center (HLC) – L. Hoe reported the following information:

- Status of Eviction –HLC's request for a temporary restraining order was denied two weeks ago and its request for a preliminary injunction was denied on August 10, 2010. HLC has lab sites throughout the community, which it is using to continue instruction for its students; it no longer has a home site, however. The old center now sits empty for the rest of the year and is not efficient use of a state building.
- Potential Home Site – HLC is negotiating with Windward Community College for use of cottages on a site makai of the main campus. It needs about 7,000 square feet of space.
- Enrollment – HLC currently has only 70 students, down by 20 from last year. The school intentionally kept enrollment down due to concerns about the eviction from the home site.

Request to Downzone Property from B1 to Residential at 47-382 Kamehameha Highway – Joe Robinson reported:

- Use – The property was now used strictly for residential use, but is taxed at the much higher rate for business (B-1) property.
- Subdivision – J. Robinson was considering subdividing the property to keep some of it zoned B-1, but wanted input from the Board and community before making a decision.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Neighbors – The closest business use is the new RRR Recycling Center.
- Down-Zoning – Down-zoning has to go through the same process as zoning changes to more intensive use. Sub-dividing the property may possibly need all sorts of permits. The Board recommended that J. Robinson return when he has a more definite plan for the property.

City Ditch at 47-382 Kamehameha Highway – Kurt Mench reported the following information:

The City Department of Design and Construction has agreed to fix the problems with the poorly designed culverts which are damaging his property. No Board action is needed at this time.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The consensus of the Board was to have presentations on the following items: 1) Update on Army Corps of Engineers Clean-Up in Waikane; 2) Windward Ahupua'a Alliance Plant A Native Tree project; 3) Damage to Kaimalolo Place property; 4) Issues with Filming at He'eia Kea Harbor; and 5) Act 76 implementation.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

- June 14, 2010 Special Meeting – The minutes needed to be sent to NCO for website posting.
- July 14, 2010 Board Meeting – The minutes were not yet available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Transportation

LeVasseur recommended adding 'Safety' to the scope of the committee's responsibilities. Chair Henkin adopted the recommendation.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Henkin adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.