



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, DECEMBER 8, 2010

KEY PROJECT

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Henkin called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with 7 members present. Note – This 15 member Board requires eight (8) members for a quorum and to take official Board action.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Leatrice (Lea) Gomes, David Henkin, Keliko Hoe (7:20 p.m. arrival), Francis (Rocky) Kaluhiwa, Ken LeVasseur, Clifford Loo, Brian Nuss (7:17 p.m. arrival), Greg Geboski, and Mark Valencia.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Elwin Spray, Lucy Salas, Ned Busch, Art Machado, Jr.

VACANCIES: There is one (1) vacant seat opened in Sub-District 5, and one (1) vacant seat opened in Sub-District 6.

GUESTS: Forest Frizzell (Mayor Carlisle's Representative), Sgt. Scott Whittington (Marine Corps Base Hawaii Public Affairs Office), Lt. John Vines (Honolulu Police Department), Captain W. Ralston (Honolulu Fire Department), Michael Sakata (Councilmember Reed Matsuura's staff), Dianne Stevens-Poire, Rick Towill, Georja Skinner (State Film Office), Walea Constantinou (City Film Commissioner), Wayne Yoshioka and Ty Fukumitsu (Department of Transportation Services (DTS)), Chad Taniguchi and Bob Bengtson (Hawaii Bicycling League (HBL)), Barry Usagawa (Board of Water Supply), Dean Harvest (Neighborhood Commission).

CITY GOVERNMENT REPORTS:

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

- 1) November 2010 Statistics – There were 8 fires, 2 rubbish, 26 medical emergencies and 1 search and rescue for a total of 37 calls for service.
- 2) Community Relations Safety Tip – Dried Christmas trees, wreaths, and other natural decorations are extremely flammable. Remove them from your home as soon as possible, and consider recycling your tree at a participating green waste center in your area.
- 3) Fireworks – Leave the fireworks to the pyrotechnic professionals, and enjoy the fireworks displays offered by various communities on New Year's Eve. As a reminder, the law states that children under the age of 18 shall not possess or have access to fireworks, matches, and/or lighters, except under adult supervision. Leftover fireworks are potential fire hazards and can be a great temptation for children to play with unsupervised. For safe disposal, call 911, and the Honolulu Police Department will dispatch a patrol officer to your location to collect your unused fireworks.

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

- 1) November 2010 Statistics – There were 7 assaults, 3 burglaries, 6 thefts, 1 drugs/narcotic, 1 motor vehicle theft, and 5 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles for a total of 23 written cases by HPD.
- 2) Community Safety Tip – Please secure items by locking vehicles before leaving the parking lot anywhere; Windward Mall reports vehicle break-ins, don't leave any gifts, packages in plain view and always shop last for the most expensive gifts.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) You can access the new, interactive crime mapping on HPD's website: www.hpd.org.
- 2) U.E.M.V. (unauthorized entry of motor vehicle) means: a theft from a vehicle.

FILLING BOARD VACANCIES – Sub Districts (SD) Five and Six each have one (1) vacancy. There were no vacancies filled.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Next Board Meeting – The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, January 12, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. at KEY Project, 47-200 Waihe'e Road.
- 2) Draft Ko'olauloa Sustainable Communities Plan – Deadline for comments is December 15, 2010. Submit comments to Helber, Hastert & Fee Planners, Inc. by mail (733 Bishop St., Suite 2590, Honolulu, HI 96813), email (info@hhf.com), or fax (545-2050).

RESIDENTS' AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

- 1) Koolaupoko Watershed Management Plan: Public review draft can be found online at www.hbws.org/cssweb.
- 2) Waihe'e Place Grading Update: Rick Towill reported he was pretty much done with the landslide material, Waihe'e Ridge is compacted in place, and there will be aggressive planting and shaping on the Kahalu'u side over the next couple of months. For additional information, please contact Rick Towill at 479-5947.
- 3) Member Art Machado: He is currently in the hospital; please remember him in your prayers.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION:

Board of Water Supply: Barry Usagawa reported the following:

- 1) Main Breaks and Potable Production – There was an 8" water main break on Nenehiwa Place. Potable production for the week ending November 27th, was 139 millions gallons used per day (mgd).
- 2) Water Conservation Calendar – The Board of Water Supply's (BWS) 2011 Water Conservation Calendar features artwork and poetry from the winners of BWS water conservation contests held earlier this year and also includes coupons and helpful information from calendar & contest sponsors. Calendars will be available to the public at the BWS's main building at 630 South Beretania Street during normal business hours beginning on December 13th.
- 3) 2011 Water Conservation Poster & Poetry Contest – The poster contest is open to students in Kindergarten through 6th grade, and the poetry contest is open to students in grades 7- 12. This year's contest theme is "Me He Ahupua'a - Mai Uka I Kai, E Malama Wai (As an Ahupua'a —from Mountain to Sea, Conserve Water)", focusing on educating island keiki about the importance of water conservation, sustainability and resourcefulness. Winning entries will win cash prizes and be featured in the 2012 Water Conservation calendar. The deadline to enter these contests is Wednesday, March 16, 2011. More information is available at www.boardofwatersupply.com or by calling 748-5041.
- 4) Happy Holidays/Honolulu City Lights – BWS and other City departments will participate in various Christmas activities this holiday season. Decorated Christmas trees & lights will be displayed at both Honolulu and Kapolei Hale all during December. City Lights Christmas parades will be held downtown on December 4th and in Kapolei on December 11th. Check out the BWS's annual Christmas light display fronting our building on South Beretania Street.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) BWS averages about one main break per day. The goal is to keep main breaks to less than 400 per year, which is on par with other large water districts. BWS has 200 miles of pipes, often in brackish or salty water. Breaks are usually fixed within a day, and repairs can run as much as \$50,000 (e.g., for a break under a state highway). Pipes up to 16 inches in diameter can be replaced with PVC, but PVC can crack. Pipe valves are all metal.

Member Nuss arrived at 7:17 p.m.; 8 members present.

Marine Corps Base Hawai'i (MCBH) – Sgt. Scott Whittington reported the following information:

- 1) Marine Corp Air Station (MCAS) Hours of Operation – Mon-Thurs, 7 a.m. — 12 midnight; Fri, 7 a.m. — 10 p.m.; Sat, 8 am, — 5 p.m.; closed on Sundays and holidays. Exceptions: Saturday Dec. 11, 8 a.m. — 10 p.m., Sunday Dec. 12, 8 a.m. — 11p.m. The runway will be closed Dec. 15, 2010 — Feb. 15, 2011. This means there will be a "No Fly" for jets only; helicopters will continue to operate.
- 2) "Net Zero" Energy House — The base commander's residence had its grand opening today as a completely energy self-sufficient house.

- 3) December 2010 Events – December 10: U.S. Marine Forces Pacific Band will play at the 3rd Annual Na Mele o na Keiki (Christmas for kids) concert event at the Blaisdell Concert Hall — free and open to the public; Marines will collect for Toys for Tots at the entrance. December 11: Marines supporting the Waimanalo Christmas Parade; Headquarters Battalion commander will be the Guest of Honor. December 22: Marine/Navy color guard supporting the Diamondhead Classic Basketball Tournament.
- 4) Deployments – Deployed are HMH-362; 2nd Battalion, 3rd Regiment and Combat Logistics Battalion 3 in Afghanistan; plus other detachments and individual augmentees. VP-9 returned recently and VP-4 is deployed in their place. 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment returned yesterday.
- 5) Toys for Tots – This year's Toys for Tots coordinator is Staff Sergeant Arriaga at 257-7147. Contact him if you wish to place a drop box in your business, to find drop boxes in your area, or to nominate a family to receive donated toys. More information on Toys for Tots can be found at: kaneohe-bay-hi.toysfortots.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/toysfortshawaii. All toys collected in Hawai'i, stay in Hawai'i.

Member Hoe arrived at 7:20 p.m.; nine members present.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chair Henkin reported for the month of November 2010, Operating account balance was \$968.29 and our current expenses are \$34.02, with a remainder of \$934.27 The publicity account balance was \$1,483 with no expenditures, leaving a total appropriated balance of \$2,417.27.

PRESENTATIONS ON COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

Honolulu Century Ride: Wayne Yoshioka (DTS), Ty Fukumitsu, (DTS-Traffic), and Chad Taniguchi (HBL) reported the following:

This presentation was a debriefing from DTS and HBL for the board and community to give their input on the 2010 Honolulu Century Ride, which used a new route: outbound on Kamehameha Highway (Hwy), return on Kahekili Hwy, and an aid station at He'eia Park (instead of King Intermediate). W. Yoshioka commended HBL and the Board for trying to seek solutions and invited further discussion to address safety and community concerns for the 2011 Century Ride. There was a lengthy discussion and the following are some of the highlighted concerns that were related regarding the 2010 Century Ride:

- 1) Riders (bicyclist) were not staying to the right side of the road and were often riding several abreast.
- 2) Riders were traveling in the middle of the road.
- 3) Riders were not allowing vehicles to pass on approach.
- 4) The route should be using Kahekili Hwy in and out rather than Kamehameha Hwy since Kamehameha Hwy has no shoulder and even one-way use by the Century Ride causes extreme traffic delays for residents.
- 5) HBL had concerns about congestion on Ha'iku Road to get in and out of the aid station at He'eia Park and about the safety of the left turn from Kahekili Hwy onto Ha'iku Road.
- 6) Even though HBL had flagmen to assist, there were still problems with too many riders.
- 7) DTS needs to reconsider the crossing over of the riders at major key intersections.
- 8) If Kamehameha Hwy is going to be used next year, put the Aid Station at King Intermediate School for the outbound and He'eia park for the inbound.

Kaluhiwa moved and Gomes seconded to Recommend that the Honolulu Century Ride use Kahekili Hwy. for both in- and outbound routes in 2011 and not use Kamehameha Hwy. Chair Henkin said he shared the community's concerns about use of Kamehameha Hwy but intended to vote against the motion because he wanted the Board to participate in further discussions with HBL and DTS before taking a position on the 2011 Century Ride. **Motioned failed 6-3-0.** (AYE: Gomes, Hoe, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Loo, and Valencia. NAY: Geboski, Henkin, and Nuss.)

Filming at He'eia Kea Harbor: Georja Skinner (State Film Office) and Walea Constantinou (City Film Commissioner) reported the following:

- 1) Due to Johnny Depp's popularity, large crowds were drawn to filming of Pirates of the Caribbean, causing problems with traffic and parking. The State Film Office took that problem to heart and has worked with DLNR Harbors to prevent a repeat. For the latest production, the City Film Commission was monitoring traffic every day. Feedback has been positive.
- 2) The State has addressed problems with harbor permit holders accessing their slips and the boat ramp.
- 3) The production company is making every effort to work with the community, but due to scheduling, it is not always possible to notify the board in advance per the Sunshine Law and get on the monthly agenda.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Even if production companies do not have enough advance notice to get on the board's agenda, they can always show up at board meetings and make announcements, as the Journey 2 crew did. In addition, production companies should email board members directly to provide notice of upcoming activities. Board members can then notify their neighbors and relay concerns.
- 2) Filming at He'eia Kea Harbor is creating a lot of jobs for local people.

Vans Triple Crown Surfest at Kualoa Ranch, February 2011 – For the second consecutive meeting, the Surfest promoters failed to show after requesting to be placed on the agenda.

Top Capitol Improvement Project (CIP) Priorities: The board brainstormed priorities for the 2011 City Budget for CIP. **Geboski moved and Kaluhiwa seconded that the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board No. 29 request the following CIP for the 2011 City Budget, in order of priority:**

1. **Rehabilitation of Kamehameha Highway and roadside as needed between Hygienic Store and Haiku.**
2. **One lane bridge at head of Ahilama (off of Mapele). Replace with box culvert for two lane crossing.**
3. **Purchase sections of private roads in Kahalu'u Bypass as needed to make the bypass safe. (Ahaolelo, Mapele, Ahilama, Lamaula and Pulama Roads).**

The motion **WAS** adopted; 8-0-1. (AYE: Geboski, Gomes, Henkin, Hoe, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Loo, and Nuss. ABSTAIN: Valencia.)

OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

Mayor Peter Carlisle's Report: Mayor's Representative Forest Frizzell, who is the new Deputy Director of Information Technology, introduced himself to the board and reported the following:

- 1) Street Light at Intersection by Bridge at Mapele Place/Rd. – There was no response at this time regarding this installation. Additionally, the Board was told a year ago that a light was not warranted at the area. The Board was requesting a street light further uphill on Mapele Pl/St at that time.
- 2) Request to Clear Floodway/Drainage Canal Adjacent to Kahekili Highway – Kahekili Highway is under the jurisdiction of the State, Department of Transportation (DOT). DOT's contact information is 587-2150.
- 3) Request to Remove Abandoned/Stolen Vehicles from Ahaolelo Road – Officer J. Kapapa investigated and found that the vehicles have been taken care of. Officer Kapapa did make periodic checks in the area for abandon or stolen vehicles but with negative results.
- 4) Wall at 47-122 Kaimalolo Place – The Department of Planning and Permitting reiterates its prior response that alleged damage from the wall is a private matter.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) The stream channel near Wailehua Road is overgrown and threatens to flood the road all the way to the Sunshine Art Gallery.
- 2) Concerns were expressed regarding difficulties registering a boat trailer on-line.
- 3) Concerns were expressed regarding erosion on the mauka side of Kamehameha Hwy between the long bridge and He'eia State Park.

Valencia retired at 9:19 p.m.; eight (8) members remained.

United States Representative Mazie Hirono – No representative was present.

Councilmember Reed Matsuura: Michael Sakata, staff member for Councilmember Reed Matsuura reported the following:

- 1) Transition – On November 8th, the City Council appointed Reed Matsuura as Councilmember to fill the remainder of the term of former Councilmember Donovan Del a Cruz, who is now with the State Senate. Today was Councilmember Matsuura's last Council meeting. Ernie Martin will be sworn in as the new Councilmember for District II on January 3, 2011.

- 2) Parking for He'eia Kea Harbor – The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) acquired the property across from the pier for a park, not parking. It is up to the State to secure adequate parking for the harbor. Access will be controlled until a nature park is developed.
- 3) Waikane – DPR secured signs from the Army Corps and will install them. Logs have been removed from Waikane Stream, and there is no flooding hazard at this time.
- 4) Bill 60 – The Council is considering a bill to set fees for camping at City parks.

Senator Clayton Hee – No representative was present. Reach the senator at 586-7330 or by email at senhee@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Representative Jessica Wooley – No representative was present. Reach Representative Wooley at 586-8540 or by email at repwooley@capitol.hawaii.gov.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The Board's consensus was to place on the next agenda the following item, subject to the Chair's right to modify as needed: Identification of road crossings of streams that present flooding concerns. Information from an informal discussion of this topic will be used for a future formal discussion with representatives from the State, City and possibly the Natural Resources Conservation Service. In addition, Kaluhiwa will contact the Chair if there is someone available to discuss the installation of the first ahupua'a sign, scheduled for January or February at Mokapu. Finally, the Board requested that Representative Wooley provide an update on efforts to get Genshiro Kawamoto to respond to neighbors' concerns about hazards.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

October 13, 2010 Meeting Minutes: **Kaluhiwa moved and Loo seconded the approval of the October 13, 2010, regular meeting minutes. The motioned was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY by a vote of 8-0-0.** (AYE: Hoe, Henkin, Gomes, Loo, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Nuss, and Geboski.).

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Henkin adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

Submitted by: Dean Harvest
Neighborhood Commission

Reviewed by: David Henkin