



KAHALU`U NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 29

(Heeia Kea, Ahuimanu, Kahalu`u, Waihee, Kaalaea, Waiahole, Waikane, Hakipuu, Kualoa

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2012 KEY PROJECT

CALL TO ORDER: Chair David Henkin called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. **with a quorum of 8 (eight) members present.** Note – this 15-member Board requires eight (8) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

Members Present – Gregory Geboski, Lee Gomes, David Henkin, Rocky Kaluhiwa (arrived 7:11 p.m.), Ken LeVasseur, Matt Longfellow, Clifford Loo, Amy Luersen, Art Machado (arrived 7:08 p.m.), Flora Obayashi, Lucy Salas (arrived 7:08 p.m.), and Alice Taum (appointed tonight).

Members Absent – Yvonne Nelson and Brian Nuss.

Vacancies – There is one seat vacant in Subdistrict 1 (Kualoa-Hakipu`u-Waikane-Waiahole).

Guests – Lt. John Vines (Honolulu Police Department), Steve Nagata, Randy Grune (Governor's Representative); Field, Peter, Karen, and Ben; Capt. Robert Cates (Honolulu Fire Department), Helene Uyemura, Jody Solbach (Tradition House); August Ka`awa, Clayton Hee, and Thomas Charles (RAM); Mell Larenty; Maj. Allan Crouch and Tiffany Patrick (USMC), George and Marie Samudio, Forest Frizzell (Mayor's Representative), Mike Sakata (Council Chair Ernie Martin's Office staff), Councilmember Ikaika Anderson, JD Aweau (Councilmember Ikaika Anderson's staff), Representative Jessica Wooley, and Gloria J.P. Gaines (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

INFORMATIONAL SESSION:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Capt. Robert Cates reported the following:

- **Statistics for December 2011** – Included 3 structural, 1 rubbish, and 2 vehicle fires; 47 medical emergencies, 1 search/rescue, and 8 miscellaneous calls for service. There were no major or unusual incidents reported.
- **Fire Safety Tip** – In an emergency, it is critical that first responders quickly identify the correct location. Fire, building, and United States postal codes and City ordinances state that property owners shall place their house numbers so it is legible and readily visible from the street. This will assist the Honolulu Fire Department and other first responders to quickly locate your home in the event of an emergency. If your property is difficult to locate and/or access, provide 911 dispatchers with additional information to assist them in locating your property during an emergency.

Honolulu Police Department (HFD) – Lt. John Vines reported the following:

- **Statistics for December 2011** – Included 2 assaults, 4 auto/motorcycle thefts, 7 burglaries, 1 graffiti offense, 9 theft offenses, and 15 thefts from automobiles.

At 7:08 p.m., Members Machado and Salas arrived; **ten (10) members present.**

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. **Illegal Fireworks** – A resident was concerned about the bomb-like sounding fireworks she heard on New Years Eve. It is difficult for HPD to determine where the sound originates. Residents were encouraged to call 911 when you hear sounds like that because it is a police matter. However, in order for an arrest to



be made for illegally setting off fireworks, the officer must see the person in possession lighting the illegal fireworks. Otherwise, illegal possession rules may still apply.

2. Passing on Shoulder – Member Loo raised a concern about a group of motorcycles passing vehicles on the shoulder on Kahekili Highway near the Hygienic Store on Sundays at 5:30 p.m.

FILL VACANCIES:

Subdistrict 1 (Kualoa-Hakipu`u-Waikane-Waiahole) – There were no nominations or volunteers to fill the vacancy.

Subdistrict 4 (‘Ahuimanu) – Resident Alice K. Holt Taum introduced herself and her address was verified by Neighborhood Assistant Gloria Gaines as a resident of ‘Ahuimanu. **There being no other nominations or objections, Ms. Taum was appointed to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 4 (Ahuimanu), 10-0-0 (AYES: Geboski, Gomes, Henkin, LeVasseur, Longfellow, Loo, Luersen, Machado, Obayashi, and Salas; NAYS: None; ABSTENTIONS: None).** A short recess was called and the Oath of Office was administered by Neighborhood Assistant Gaines. The meeting resumed; **11 members present.**

At 7:11 p.m., Member Kaluhiwa arrived; **12 members present.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Henkin announced the following:

Next Meeting – The next Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 meeting is Wednesday, February 8, 2012, 7:00 p.m., at KEY Project, 47-200 Waihe`e Road.

Waikane Valley Impact Area Restoration Advisory Board (WVIA RAB) – The Marine Corps’ WVIA RAB meeting to discuss clean-up options will be Thursday, January 12, 2012, 7:00 p.m., at Waiahole Elementary Cafeteria.

Safe Routes to School Workshop (SRSW) – The SRSW is Friday, January 20, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Kapi`olani Community College, Tamarind Room. Contact: saferroutes@pathhawaii.org or 808-326-7284.

Kahekili Highway Widening Project – The O`ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization included the Kahekili Highway widening project into the long term regional plan.

Crosswalk at Coral Kingdom – The State Department of Transportation (DOT) investigated the community’s request for a flashing pedestrian crosswalk and found that the pedestrian volume count was low and did not warrant the need for such device. DOT also claimed the accident history data from 2005-2009 showed no pedestrian accidents, but made no mention of the recent accident that prompted the Board’s concern.

‘Ahuimanu Gardens – The City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will be working with the ‘Ahuimanu Gardens association to rectify the association’s notice of violations for painting curbs red at driveways. DTS has placed “No Parking” signs instead.

Governor’s Representative – Mr. Randy Grune is the Deputy Director of DOT’s Harbors Division and read a message from Governor Neil Abercrombie. Mr. Grune was available for questions.

RESIDENTS’/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Rezone Request – A resident wanted to know how to subdivide her two-acre Ahaolelo Road property. Vice Chair Luersen will meet with resident to explain the rezoning process and review the City’s zoning map with her.

Merge Sign on Kahekili Highway – A resident requested installation of a merge sign at the Haiku/Kahekili Highway intersection northbound to give motorists advance notice that all lanes will merge into one. Governor’s Representative Grune will look into this matter.

Councilmember Ikaika Anderson – Councilmember Anderson reported the following:

- City Reapportionment – If the recommended boundary changes remain unchallenged, Council District 3 will extend from Makapu`u to ‘Ahuimanu. Councilmember will assign JD Aweau of his staff to attend the Board’s regular monthly meetings to assist the community with any concerns.

- 3Talk Meetings – Monthly 3Talk meetings will include the Kahalu`u community in the rotation with Waimanalo, Kailua, and Kane`ohe. The first 3Talk meeting for Kahalu`u is tentatively scheduled for April 2012.

Replacement of 7-11 Store at Intersection of Kamehameha and Kahekili Highways – Vice-Chair Luersen will review the draft environmental assessment for a Special Management Area permit (SMA) to replace the Kahalu`u 7-11 and discuss at the Board's February meeting.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION (Continued):

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – A representative or report was not available.

Marine Corps Base Hawai`i (MCBH) – Maj. Allan Crouch reported the following:

- Hours of Operation – Mondays through Thursdays from 7:00 a.m. to midnight; Fridays from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Sundays and holidays. On Saturday, January 14, operations will be from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- January 2012 Events: January 8th-18th – FA-18 Hornets will be based at Marine Corps Air Station Kane`ohe Bay while they support Lava Viper, a battalion-sized exercise conducted on Hawai`i Island from January 8 through February 2, 2012; January 9th – Tsunami Ready Award presented at a ceremony on base by NOAA to both MCB Hawaii and the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31; January 14th – 6th Annual Pyramid Rock Body Surfing Championship will be held starting January 14 through 15, 2012, 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with holding period going on through February 19, and is open to the public.
- Deployments – Deployed units include 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 and the United States Navy's VP47 "Skinny Dragons", as well as other detachments and augmentees.
- Announcements – For more information about Friends of K-Bay (golf and bowling), contact MCCS at 254-7638. A pass is only for the person who requested it. Any concerns about access to K-Bay, please call the PAO or protocol at 257-8863.
- Kane`ohe Bay Air Show – The Kane`ohe Bay Air Show is planned for September 29-30, 2012, and will include the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels.
- Career Opportunities – For more information about career opportunities at MCB Hawaii, please visit the MCCS site at www.mccshawaii.com or call 254-7632.
- Noise Complaints – For noise complaints or other concerns, please call the PAO at 257-8832/8838 as soon as possible with the date and time of the incident. If you leave a message, please consider leaving your name and phone for a reply.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Late Night Operations – Chair Henkin raised a concern about the noise from FA-18's flying late at night over the residential community and would like to know if this operation could be done at the Hickam Air Force Base. Major Crouch stated that it was cheaper for the Marines to base the jets at a Marine Corps facility than to pay rent to the Air Force. Member Kaluhiwa added that she is irritated with the jets. Member Machado stated he Chairs the Military Civilian Council and will address these concerns at the next meeting. It was also mentioned that there was no press release informing residents of the night flying. There will be a representative from MCB Hawaii on KHON 2 morning news tomorrow, January 12, 2011 to talk about the jets.
2. Public Comment on Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Stationing MV-22 Ospreys – Vice Chair Luersen raised a concern about public comments on the EIS bouncing back due to a confusing email address. Major Crouch stated that comments that were submitted late were accepted.
3. Recognition – Member Lee acknowledged all military troops and expressed her appreciation for their sacrifice for our country.

Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council (KBRC) – Member Art Machado reported the following:

- KBRC was not able to accomplish anything this past year due to the lack of a chairperson and that the Governor needed to appoint someone.

- At the Board's February meeting, a representative from the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) will provide the Board with an update on the proposed rules for Ahu O Laka.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Nighttime Activities on Reef – Member Kaluhiwa made a complaint to DLNR about people spending hours on the reef at night with lanterns, but did not get any response.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Machado reported Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Allocation of \$1,281.00 beginning July 2011. November, 2011 expenses were \$69.98 for printing and postage for agenda and minutes, leaving a current balance of \$840. 12. The Board did not meet in December, 2011 and therefore, no expenses were recorded. The report was filed.

REPORTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Mayor's Representative – Forest Frizzell reported the following:

- 'Ahuimanu Gardens – A map was available to residents concerned with the placement of the "No Parking" signs in 'Ahuimanu Gardens.
- Missing Rocks in He`eia – The Department of Facilities Maintenance (DFM) was not able to locate where rocks had been removed from the makai shoulder of Kamehameha Highway near He`eia Kea Harbor. DFM was encouraged to contact member Kaluhiwa, who is willing to walk the areas of concerns with a DFM representative.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Kahalu`u Stream Task Force – The concern was whether the streams in Kahalu`u will be cleaned. The makai side of Waiahole Stream was cleaned and efforts are being coordinated to clean the mauka side. The City is focusing on clearing channels on the makai side of Kamehameha Highway because it is clear that those channels are the City's responsibility.
2. Kahalu`u Lagoon – Member LeVasseur is concerned about cleaning the debris from the Kahalu`u lagoon. The community is willing to work with the City in clearing the broken branches that are stuck in the lagoon and further towards the mouth of the stream. Is it possible for the City to assess the debris problem in the Kahalu`u Lagoon?
3. Stream Erosion – A resident raised a concern about protecting her property from further stream erosion. Members suggested that she contact the City's Department of Planning and Permitting, State Commission on Water Resources Management, and the Army Corps of Engineers to determine which permits would be required.

Council Chair Ernie Martin – Michael Sakata reported the following:

- Guardrail Replacement – The Division of Road Maintenance replaced guardrails on November 21, 2011.
- Pulama Road Bypass – Funds for the Pulama Road Bypass project have been encumbered, so the project is still moving forward. The title search of all affected properties should be completed February 2012. Mr. Sakata will inform Chair Henkin of when this project is in position to move forward so the Board can take action.
- Sink Hole – BWS is meeting with a constituent to discuss a sink hole near the resident's property.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. City Council Districts – Mr. Sakata will get clarification as to when the new Council District boundaries will take effect.

Senator Clayton Hee – A representative or report was not available.

Representative Jessica Wooley – A representative or report was not available at this time.

PRESENTATIONS ON COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

Update on Tradition House Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Application – Mr. Jody Solbach stated they now have non-profit status, but cannot yet accept donations as a 501(c)(3). Tradition House does not accept residents who are violent or sex-offenders. Most residents have had drug or alcohol problems.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Parking – Parking spaces are limited to staff only. Residents do not own vehicles. Parking is located on the property. Member Machado added that he lives near the Tradition House home and has not experienced any negative impacts; only good.
2. Members' Comments – Member Salas stated that the government should be supportive to half-way homes.
3. Living Conditions – There are four bedrooms and eight residents. Tradition House needs a CUP because of the number of unrelated people living together. The CUP would allow a group living facility of 12 unrelated individuals. A resident raised a concern that not all of the rooms have the proper building permits, but Mr. Solbach stated that all rooms are permitted.
4. Smoking – A resident was concerned about second hand smoke from residents smoking outside the home, but had no complaints about the current operations.
5. Noise Concerns – A resident was concerned about potential noise from the facility, but had no complaints about the current operations.
6. Drug Testing – A resident was concerned with the facility doing its own drug testing and said that it should be done by a third party.
7. Zoning – The property is zoned as Residential-5.

RAM Program – August Ka`awa reported the RAM program is no longer considering the Mapele Road site for a group living facility, but instead want to use it only for farming, including aquaponics. There are currently 5 people residing on the property with the owner, who is old and frail. Some of the people are living in a temporary structure to keep an eye on the property. RAM currently has three or four more months on its lease for the Mapele Road property and are looking to extend. The people living at the property have stopped domestic arguments and drug dealing late at night in the Mapele Road area.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Compliance with Zoning – Luersen stated that RAM needs a CUP if five or more unrelated people are living at the Mapele Road site. People should be living only in the house and not in the storage structure. RAM's activities at the Mapele Road property must be limited to what is allowed within Agriculture-2 zoning.
2. Gates – A resident suggested that, rather than have people living illegally on the property, RAM simply lock the gates at night.
3. Acknowledgement – Member Obayashi expressed her appreciation for Pastor Akana's ministry restoring lives of the local boys and men from the community. She also appreciated RAM taking care of the Mapele Road property as well as the security RAM has provided for the back road farming areas.

Alternative to Address Traffic on Kahekili Highway – Member LeVasseur provided a power point explaining an alternative to solve the traffic problem on Kahekili Highway. This alternative would “keep the country, country” and would cost less than widening or contra-flow of Kahekili Highway. The power point will be posted on the DOT's www.KahekiliHighway.com website.

- Morning Traffic, Likelike Bound – At the Kane'ohe end of the Kahekili gulch, the flow of traffic from the Kahuku/gulch direction needs to match with the three lanes of Kahekili, Likelike bound, at the Ha'iku Intersection. Right now there are only two lanes from Kahalu'u meeting three lanes in Kane'ohe. It will greatly reduce morning traffic if three lanes meet three lanes at the Ha'iku Intersection.
- Afternoon Traffic, Kahuku Bound – In the Kahuku direction, the new dedicated right turn lane at East Hui 'Iwa (the first shopping center entrance intersection) needs also to allow traffic to proceed forward. This will allow two lanes to pass through the intersection. Repeating this design with the next right turn intersection (West Hui 'Iwa) will allow two lanes to pass through both of the Hui 'Iwa intersections. The protected left turn lanes in the Kane'ohe direction will prevent interference with the two traffic lanes' ability to pass through in the Kahuku direction.

- Keep the Country, Country - In order to "Keep the Country, Country"; the length of road between Ha'iku Road and East Hui Iwa needs to be one lane each way at the bottom of the gulch as it currently is. The length of this short stretch of single lanes in both directions is negotiable; it just needs to exist to keep the highway defined as a two-lane highway. This will help in hindering the vicious cycle of congestion relief, more development, and more congestion that will ruin the country environment of Kahalu'u.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Bottlenecks – Member Gomes stated that this plan will still bottleneck at each place that cars have to merge into one lane.
2. Express Buses – Vice Chair Luersen suggested that, before implementing any engineering solutions, DOT look at non-engineering solutions like express buses to the University of Hawai'i and park-and-ride facilities. The traffic is an issue when school is in session. When not in session, traffic is not an issue. Adding express buses is a solution that can be done immediately and will relieve traffic congestion.
3. Alternatives – The DOT Supplemental EIS will likely consider two alternatives, one for widening and one for contra-flow. Member LeVasseur has also offered his alternative.
4. Board Action – Member LeVasseur asked to place this item on next month's agenda for the Board to take action after reflecting on the alternative.

The agenda was taken out of order to hear a report from Representative Jessica Wooley.

Representative Jessica Wooley – Representative Wooley reported as follows:

- Legislative Session – The legislative session will start next Wednesday, January 18, 2012, and each representative can introduce 10 bills. are being introduced.
- Vulnerable Users Bill – Representative Wooley introduced the first new bill of the 2012 session to increase penalties for drivers who hurt vulnerable users such as pedestrian, cyclists, and emergency responders.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Task Force on Foster Care – Vice Chair Luersen encouraged Representative Wooley to look at a task force focusing on allowing children to stay in foster care until 21 years of age, rather than being kicked out at 18.

At this time, Chair Henkin relinquished his gavel to Vice Chair Luersen for the following:

Proposal for Shared-Use Path along Kahekili Highway – Member Henkin provided members with a copy of the proposed resolution urging DOT to construct a shared-use (bicycle and pedestrian) path along Kahekili Highway from Temple Valley shopping center to the Hygienic Store (*See Attachment 1 Resolution*). Since DOT has a 120' right-of-way, building the path would not preclude any of the widening or contraflow alternatives under consideration. The path could be built quickly, providing jobs and improving the quality of life for area residents. DOT performed a survey that showed strong support for a path among residents all the way from Kane'ohe to Kahana. If the proposed resolution is passed, Chair Henkin will meet with State DOT

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Cost – There is \$1.6 million for design and construction in the State DOT capital improvement project budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.
2. Path to Kahalu'u Regional Park – The safest route for children heading to the Kahalu'u Regional Park should be around the lagoon.

Machado moved and Kaluhiwa seconded that the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board No. 29 support the "Resolution Urging Hawai'i Department of Transportation to Construct a Shared-Use Path along Kahekili Highway". The motion WAS ADOPTED, 11-0-0 (AYES: Geboski, Gomes, Henkin, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Longfellow, Loo, Luersen, Machado, Obayashi, and Taum; NAYS: None; ABSTENTIONS: None).

Vice Chair Luersen returned the gavel to Chair Henkin.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS: The consensus of the Board was to take up the following agenda items at the January 11, 2012 meeting, if presentations were ready: a presentation by DLNR regarding Ahu O Laka and KBRC, SMA for replacement of Kahalu`u 7-11, Makahiki Challenge (5K obstacle mudrun) at Kualoa Ranch, Board action on the Kahekili traffic alternative, proposals for use of the Board's publicity budget, and recommendations for City capital improvement projects.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: **Kaluhiwa moved and Geboski seconded that the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 approve the November 9, 2011 regular meeting minutes. The motion WAS ADOPTED, 11-0-0 (AYES: Geboski, Gomes, Henkin, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Longfellow, Loo, Luersen, Machado, Obayashi, and Taum; NAYS: None; ABSTENTIONS: None).**

COMMITTEE REPORT: Transportation and Safety Committee Chair LeVasseur stated the Kahalu`u Lagoon is owned by the City. The other committees had no updates to report.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Submitted By: Gloria Gaines, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed By: David Henkin, Chair

Attachment 1 Resolution:

RESOLUTION URGING HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TO CONSTRUCT A SHARED-USE PATH ALONG KAHEKILI HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, a shared-use (bicycle and pedestrian) path along Kahekili Highway between East Hui `Iwa Street and the Hygienic Store would improve the quality of life in the Kahalu`u community by providing:

- A safe route for our keiki to get to school and to the Kahalu`u Regional Park;
- Recreational opportunities that promote healthy lifestyles; and
- Options for residents to get around our community without having to add another car to traffic

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Department of Transportation's existing right-of-way along Kahekili Highway between East Hui `Iwa Street and the Hygienic Store is wide enough to accommodate both a shared-use path and any of the highway widening/contraflow options currently under consideration;

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Department of Transportation's Capital Improvement Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 includes \$1.6 million for design and construction of shared-use paths along Kahekili Highway; and

WHEREAS, design and construction of a shared-use path could proceed expeditiously and would provide construction jobs during this period of economic recovery;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 urges the Hawaii Department of Transportation promptly to undertake the design and construction of a shared-use path along Kahekili Highway between East Hui `Iwa Street and the Hygienic Store.

Copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Governor Neil Abercrombie, the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation, State Senator Clayton Hee, and State Representative Jessica Wooley.