



## KAHALUU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 29

*(He'eia Kea, 'Ahuimanu, Kahalu'u, Waihe'e, Ka'alaea, Waiahole, Waikane, Hakipu'u, Kualoa*

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*"LET US NOT EVER HAVE AN UNHAPPY MINORITY; RATHER, LET US BUILD A COMMUNITY CONSENSUS."*

### DRAFT – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012 KEY PROJECT

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair David Henkin called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., **with a quorum of 13 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, Ken LeVasseur, Matt Longfellow, Clifford Loo, Amy Luersen, Art Machado, Yvonne Nelson, Brian Nuss (arrived 7:45 p.m.), Flora Obayashi, Lucy Salas, and Alice Taum.

Members Absent – None.

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

Guests – James Esaki (BSA Troop 117), John Esaki (BSA Troop 117), Evan Esaki (BSA Troop 117), Judy Esaki (BSA Troop 117), Jadine Urasaki (Deputy Director, Department of Transportation), Jolie Moniz (He'eia State Park Kama'aina Kids), Scott Petritz (He'eia State Park Kama'aina Kids), Steve Nagata, Bill Holbrou (RAM), Clayton Hee (RAM), Captain Darrell Kong (Honolulu Fire Department), Meghan Statts (Department of Land & Natural Resources), Sergeant Scott Whittington (MCB Hawaii'i), Lieutenant John Vines (Honolulu Police Department), Paul Zweng (Ohulehule Forest Conservancy), Council Chair Ernie Martin and Michael Sakata (Council staff), Raphael Harada (BSA Troop 117), Marie Samudu, George Samudu, Robert Richert (RAM), Kevin Killeen, Barry Usagawa (Board of Water Supply); Piliialoha, Kepa and Kapu Gaison (Makahiki Challenge); Forest Frizzell (Deputy Director, Department of Information Technology), Marie Richardson (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

### INFORMATIONAL SESSION:

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

- Statistics for January 2012 – Included 2 wildland and 1 rubbish fires; 42 medical emergencies, 2 search and rescues, and 10 miscellaneous calls. There were no major or unusual incidents reported.
- Fire Safety Tip – Smoke Alarms save lives and are an important part of a home fire escape plan. Since the late 1970s, properly installed and maintained smoke alarms have contributed to a 50% decrease in fire deaths. According to the National Fire Protection Association, 65% of home fire deaths reported between 2000 and 2004 resulted from homes that had inoperable or no smoke alarms. An estimated 890 lives could be saved each year if every home contained working smoke alarms. Do you have working smoke alarms in your home?

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

- January 2012 Crime Statistics – Included 2 assaults, 1 auto/motor vehicle theft, 5 burglaries, 1 robbery, 1 drug/narcotic, 10 thefts, and 11 thefts from automobiles.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Construction Signage at Intersection of Kamehameha and Kahekili Highways – HPD cannot say why the signs are still in place despite the lack of construction activity. HPD is responsible only for enforcement of the law posted on the signs, while the State Department of Transportation (DOT) is responsible for the signs themselves.
2. Traffic Enforcement – A question if there was any way to increase traffic enforcement on 'Ahuimanu Road between the bridge and the highway, as people are often seen speeding in that area.



3. Cutting Milo Trees in He'eia Harbor Area – A resident filed a police report about illegal harvesting of milo trees, some over 50 years old.

**A recess taken from 7:12 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. to take a Board photo for the website.**

FILL VACANCY: Deferred to the next meeting, as there was no interested person at this time to fill the vacancy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board No. 29 – Scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at KEY Project, 47-200 Waihe'e Road.
- Boy Scouts of America – Members of Boy Scouts Troop 117 and Pack 117 were in attendance to earn merit badges. Member Obayashi is recruiting Sea Scouts and needs adults to be trained in safe boating and sailing so they can teach children how to sail. For more information, write to [PastorFlora@yahoo.com](mailto:PastorFlora@yahoo.com). It was also mentioned that it was the 104<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Aloha Council and the 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday of the Boy Scouts of America.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Praise – A member of the community congratulated the board on their dedication to the community.

Public Safety Concern – It was expressed that the community has concerns about a halfway house at 47-351 Mahakea Road boarding a registered sex offender. It was suggested that the property operator should be asked to speak to the board at a future meeting.

House Bill 226 – Is currently in the legislature to establish a Ha'iku Valley Cultural Preserve Commission.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION:

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Barry Usagawa reported the following:

- Main Breaks – None in the Kahalu'u area in January.
- Potable Pumpage - O'ahu potable pumpage at the end of January was 130 million gallons per day.
- New Manager & Chief Engineer – The BWS is pleased to announce that Ernest Y. W. Lau has recently been appointed as its tenth manager and chief engineer.
- Detect-A-Leak Week: March 11 – 17 – Preserving and protecting our most essential resource - our water - is everyone's responsibility. The BWS encourages all residents to check for leaks and to fix them promptly during Detect-A-Leak Week, which is being observed statewide from March 11-17. Checking for and repairing leaks helps save water, lowers your water and sewer bill, and prevents potential damage to your home. During Detect-A-Leak Week free toilet leak detection dye tablets will be available to the public at the BWS Public Service Building at 630 South Beretania Street, all Satellite City Halls, and City Mill locations. Toilet leak detection dye tablets have been provided to Board members and extras are available to the community. For more leak detection information, call 748-5041 or visit our website, Facebook or Twitter pages:
  - Website: [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com)
  - Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/BWSHonolulu>
  - Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/BWSHonolulu>
- The Ko'olaupoko Watershed Management Plan (KPWMP) – Will be submitted to the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) and then will be sent for final approval to the City Council and State Commission on Water Resources Management. Adoption is expected by Summer 2012.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- KPWMP Changes – Luersen asked if any changes had been made to the KPWMP. Mr. Usagawa reported no major changes.

Marine Corps Base Hawai'i (MCBH) – Sgt. Scott Whittington, Public Affairs Office (PAO), gave the following highlights:

- January/February Events – January 29: Marines provided more than 250 volunteers for the pre-game ceremony and Halftime Show at the Pro Bowl and 'Ohana Day; February 9–11: Sundown Ceremony for the CH-53D Sea Stallion to include a 5K flight-line run and a dedication ceremony of a CH-53D at the Pacific Aviation Museum on Friday, followed by a concert Saturday; February 20: Marines providing six water trailers and volunteers for the Great Aloha Run; February 25: MCB Hawai'i hosts the annual Swamp Romp
- Deployments – Deployed units include 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 and the U.S. Navy's VP-47 "Skinny Dragons".
- Announcements – The Osprey/H-1 Draft Environmental Impact Study (EIS) is available on our website [www.mcbh.usmc.mil/mv22hleis/](http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil/mv22hleis/). The final EIS is expected to be released in March.
- Community Notes & Reminders – For noise complaints, call the PAO at 257-8832 or 257-8838 as soon as possible with the date and time of the incident. If you leave a message, please consider leaving your name and phone number for a reply. For more information about career opportunities at MCB Hawai'i, please visit the MCCS site [www.mccshawaii.com](http://www.mccshawaii.com). For more information, call (808) 254-7632.
- Kane'ohē Bay Air Show – Is September 29-30, 2012 and will include the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels.

Kane'ohē Bay Regional Council (KBRC) – Art Machado had nothing new to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Machado reported the following: For Fiscal Year 2012, the Board's budget allocation was \$1,281.00, beginning July 2011. As of February 2012, expenses were \$105.30 for printing, postage for agenda and minutes, and facility rental, leaving a balance of \$697.08. The report was accepted for filing.

#### PRESENTATIONS ON COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

Proposed Department of Land & Natural Resources (DLNR) Rules for Ahu O Laka (Kane'ohē Sandbar) – Meghan Statts, District Manager for DLNR's Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation, provided a report on the proposed rules. On December 9, 2011, the DLNR Land Board approved the new draft rules to go to public hearing. The rules are currently at the attorney general's office under legal review. They would make permanent the emergency rules banning alcohol in vessels or near the Kane'ohē Sandbar/Kane'ohē Bay area for any state holiday three-day weekend. DLNR is hoping to conduct the public hearing have the rules approved prior to Memorial Day weekend.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Limitations – A question why the draft rules applied only to three-day weekends and not every day of the year, as in parks. Statts replied that three-day weekends have a particularly high incident rate, but that the public is free to suggest a blanket ban. Another member mentioned that any nice weekend has the potential to have the same problems as any given three-day weekend.
2. Enforcement – Statts stated that DLNR's Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement (DOCARE) would be responsible for enforcing the proposed rules.
3. Crime Statistics – A member questioned whether there is a real problem and asked for statistics on the rate of violent incidents on Kane'ohē Bay, and how it compared to an average weekend at a bar, for example. While Statts did not have the statistics in front of her, the stats are typically low, with few to no incidents of violence, which she attributed to the DLNR regulations and enforcement.
4. Mud Bogs – Another asked whether these rules would apply to individuals who drive vehicles in Waikane Stream. Statts provided contact information for DOCARE District Manager Guy Chang (808 587-0077), whose jurisdiction covers that area.
5. Rules Update – A member asked about the status of other proposed rules for Kane'ohē Bay. Statts stated that the rules had been approved and were in force for the last four months.
6. Nighttime Enforcement – A concern was raised about a lack of DOCARE enforcement at night. Statts stated that there are budgetary constraints, but that DLNR Chair William Aila (587-0401) was trying to address the issue.
7. Fine – Statts said that any person in possession of alcohol; whether it be beer, wine or liquor, opened or not, will be subject to a fine; the amount of which has yet to be defined.
8. Noise – It was mentioned that members of the community had reported hearing loud noises from the sandbar, and noted that while some consider the sandbar a recreation spot, others consider the area a sacred place. Statts stated that the boating rules currently do not address noise, but the public could suggest adding noise restrictions to the draft rules.
9. City-State Collaboration – It was asked whether HPD and DOCARE collaborate on enforcement. In response, it was noted that such collaboration has been known to happen.

10. Boat Habitation – People cannot legally live on their boats at He'eia Harbor. Statts noted that the Harbor Division has jurisdiction over such rules, and Harbor Master Ernie Choy can be contacted at 233-3603.
11. Follow-up – Contact Statts at 832-3536 should there be further questions or concerns.

Makahiki Challenge – Kefa Gaison presented information regarding the Primo Beer Makahiki Challenge 2012 event, a 5K Obstacle Mudrun, at Kualoa Ranch on Saturday, March 10, 2012. The event would be similar to the military swamp romp and will take place in Ka'a'awa Valley. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Keiki o Ka 'Aina. Following the event, there will be music and alcohol served. Gaison announced that the intention is to make this an annual event. For more information, log onto [www.makahikichallenge.com](http://www.makahikichallenge.com).

Questions, Comments and Concerns followed:

1. Event Scale – Gaison replied that, while the Makahiki Challenge is not as large as other runs, it expects a moderate turnout, with about 150 people already signed up. Gaison had been working with Kualoa, which has had turnouts in the low thousands for similar events.
2. Permits – Gaison said the event had all of the necessary permits.
3. Parking – Gaison replied that there would be parking available on-site and that there will be a sheriff on the road outside to direct traffic.
4. Concert Limit – Another member of the community mentioned that Kualoa Ranch has a conditional use permit with a limit of one concert per year. She wondered if this would be that concert. Mr. Gaison said that he did not know, but there would be music afterwards, and that they would be serving alcohol. He mentioned that they had security, medics, and on-staff designated drivers for use in an emergency.

At 7:50 p.m., Member Nuss arrives; **fourteen (14) members present.**

Special Management Area Permit Application for New 7-Eleven Kahalu'u Store at 47-515 Kamehameha Highway (TMK 4-7-011:006): Amy Luersen provided an overview of the plan for reconstruction. The current plan is to demolish the existing building and replace it with a slightly larger 7-Eleven, and locate it slightly further away from the pumps. The report that she read addressed many of the major concerns associated with the demolition and reconstruction of the building (noise, dust, runoff, etc.). She met with the planner responsible for the project (who couldn't make it to the meeting), who told her that they didn't intend to replace the underground storage tanks. Member Luersen thought that, to be consistent with the Kahalu'u community master plan, the design of the building should be rustic, but the planner informed her that the building will be keeping with the standard 7-eleven design.

Questions, Comments, and Concerns followed:

1. Project Duration – While member Luersen did not have the exact dates in front of her, she said that the project wasn't expected to take very long, though the 7-Eleven will be closed for the duration of construction. The project will have little impact on the traffic flow, as the construction is entirely on-site, and deliveries of construction materials will be scheduled for low-traffic times.
2. Drainage System Improvements – A Community member expressed concern about the "duck pond" that forms at the entrance to the station. Luersen replied that no drainage changes were planned.
3. Traffic Hazards – Another community member was concerned about the traffic flow at that intersection, particularly cars turning left towards Kahekili while customers are turning right into the station. Another community member suggested making the entrance opposite the Hygienic Store an exit-only driveway to help direct the flow of traffic. This suggestion was noted by Member Luersen

**Luersen moved and Obayashi seconded that the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board No. 29 generally supports the redevelopment of the 7-Eleven at 47-515 Kamehameha Highway, but recommends that the applicant (1) modify the exterior design to conform to the Kahalu'u Community Master Plan, which calls for a rustic appearance; (2) improve the drainage at the entrance to the station to avoid ponding; and (3) make the driveway opposite the Hygienic Store exit only. THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED, 13-0-1 (AYES: Geboski, Gomes, Henkin, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Longfellow, Loo, Luersen, Nelson, Nuss, Obayashi, Salas, and Taum; NAYS: None; ABSTENTIONS: Machado).**

Request for Board Approval of Alternative to Address Traffic on Kahekili Highway – At the Board's January 11, 2012 meeting, Member Ken LeVasseur presented a PowerPoint with a proposal for addressing traffic concerns on Kahekili Highway that he believes would "keep the country, country" and would cost less than widening or contra-flow of Kahekili Highway. To let the public know about this alternative, LeVasseur would like DOT to place the PowerPoint on its website for proposed alternatives to address Kahekili traffic.

**LeVasseur moved and Machado seconded that the Board adopt the resolution regarding Kahekili Traffic Congestion attached to these minutes.**

Discussion on the Resolution on Kahekili Traffic Congestion:

1. Non-Engineered Solutions – Luersen expressed concerns about losing the focus on pursuing non-engineered solutions to traffic such as increased express bus service and park-and-rides.
2. DOT Website – LeVasseur stated that, while the proposal's name can be found on the DOT website, the PowerPoint presentation is not posted.
3. Other Community Proposals – LeVasseur didn't know if there were any other proposals submitted to the DOT by community members, but allowed for the possibility, given the website's failure to display information on his proposal.
4. Intended Purpose – The purpose of the resolution is to ask that LeVasseur's proposal be posted on the DOT website; it is not to endorse the merits of the proposed alternative.

**Amendments:** Changed wording of the title of the proposal to read, "**Neighborhood Board No. 29 (Kahalu'u) Resolution on Publicizing a Proposal to Relieve Kahekili Traffic Congestion**" and expanded distribution of resolution to Senator Jill Tokuda and Representatives Ken Ito and Pono Chong.

**The motion was ADOPTED, 9-1-4 (AYES:** Geboski, Gomes, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Loo, Machado, Nelson, Obayashi, and Salas. **NAYS:** Longfellow. **ABSTENTIONS:** Henkin, Luersen, Nuss, and Taum). See Attachment 1.

Proposals for Use of Board's Publicity Budget / Newsletter or Other Public Outreach: Chair Henkin noted that, for budgeting purposes, the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) needs to know whether the board would like to use its Publicity Budget do an annual newsletter. Alternate uses of the Publicity Budget could include 'Olelo taping of board meetings or publicizing a community forum.

Discussion followed focusing on several points:

- Social Media – A suggestion was made that the Board have a Facebook page;
- Demographic Awareness – A member urged consideration of the demographics of the area, and whether area residents would use social media.
- Responsibility of Newsletter Management – Chair Henkin mentioned that operating and maintaining a newsletter is a lot of hard work, and asked the members who would be willing to put in the time and effort required. Several member agreed that few would have the time, and that fewer still would be interested in receiving a newsletter.
  1. Timeline – Asked if there was a deadline to decide whether or not to have a newsletter. Chair and Neighborhood Assistant (NA) affirmed that the NCO needed to encumber the funds by March, with the newsletter costs to be incurred prior to June 30, the end of the Board's fiscal year.
  2. Newsletter format – The NCO provides adequate funds for a newsletter printed on 11 ½ by 17 paper, front and back
  3. Budget – A resident wondered whether the publicity cost would come out of the board budget or would be drawn from a separate fund. NA said that, assuming the board wanted the newsletter, the NCO would grant adequate funds.
  4. Ethics – A concern was expressed about members using the newsletter to promote a specific agenda.

**Obayashi moved, Machado seconded to have the NCO Publicity Budget used for a newsletter. The motion was NOT ADOPTED, 2-5-7 (AYES:** Machado, Obayashi; **NAYS:** Geboski, Longfellow, Nelson, Nuss, Taum; **ABSTENTIONS:** Gomes, Henkin, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Loo, Luersen, Salas)

Discussion on the use of the NCO Publicity Budget for a Candidate Forum for the upcoming election:

1. Recusal – Chair Henkin stated that, due to his relationship with a candidate for office, he would not participate in voting on any matters related to a candidate forum.
2. Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) – Chair Henkin explained that, under the Sunshine Law, the Board could establish a PIG consisting of several board members (less than quorum) to organize a community forum and that the board had done so in the past. Several board members expressed interest in organizing a candidate forum.

**Nuss moved and Kaluhiwa seconded to use the NCO Publicity Budget to publicize a candidate forum. The motion was ADOPTED 13-0-1 (AYES: Geboski, Gomes, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Longfellow, Loo, Luersen, Machado, Nelson, Nuss, Obayashi, Salas, and Taum; NAYS: None; ABSTENTIONS: Henkin).**

Discussion of further details postponed to next month's agenda

Board's Priorities for City's Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Budget for Next Fiscal Year

- Several suggestions were put forward for inclusion in the city's CIP budget:
  - 1) Kaluhiwa suggested that the board prioritize repaving the City-owned portion of Kamehameha Highway, which is sinking. Council Chair Martin noted that the City has already set aside \$150 million to resurface and repave roads throughout O'ahu and that, since there is already adequate funding, there is no need to request CIP funds for Kamehameha Highway.
  - 2) LeVasseur suggested requesting speed humps in 'Ahuimanu to reduce speeding. Council Chair Martin stated that it is best to get a petition from the local residents as there is often opposition to speed humps.
  - 3) A community member mentioned that there is heavy people traffic along 'Ahuimanu Road and suggested that CIP funds be used for sidewalk construction/improvement. LeVasseur noted that 'Ahuimanu Road has room on both sides to park vehicles, and as such there should be enough room to build a sidewalk. It was also noted that the stretch of 'Ahuimanu Road from 'Ahuimanu Place to Henohenoh Street is particularly dangerous as it is curved and vegetated.
  - 4) Chair Henkin mentioned that, for last year's CIP budget, the board had prioritized a Bicycle/Pedestrian Circulation Study, which is also a priority in the Kahalu'u Community Master Plan. Since the study was not included in last year's CIP budget, he suggested that the board prioritize the project for this year's CIP budget.
  - 5) There was another suggestion to design and construct a shared-use (pedestrian and bicycle) path on the west side of the flood control lagoon from the intersection of Kahekili Highway and 'Aha'olelo Road to the Kahalu'u Regional Park. Such a path would connect with the shared-use path that the board asked DOT to construct on the mauka side of Kahekili Highway, between East Hui 'Iwa Street and the Hygienic Store, and, together, the paths would substantially increase the ability of residents to move around the community without having to use their cars

At 9:00 p.m., Member Salas left; **thirteen (13) members present.**

- Chair Henkin recommended that items 3 through 5 be put to a straw poll, and that the items be prioritized by number of votes.
  - Bicycle/Pedestrian Path Circulation study – **received 8 votes**
  - Improved walkway on 'Ahuimanu Road – **Received 0 votes**
  - Shared-use path connecting Kahekili Highway and 'Aha'olelo Road to the Regional Park – **Received 5 votes**
- Chair Henkin suggested putting all three prioritized suggestions into a letter to Council Chair Martin's office to let him decide what the budget will allow. The suggestion was **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, 13-0-0 (AYES: Geboski, Gomes, Henkin, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Longfellow, Loo, Luersen, Machado, Nelson, Nuss, Obayashi, and Taum; NAYS: None; ABSTENTIONS: None).**

REPORTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Mayor's Representative – Forest Frizzell provided the following report:

- Subdividing Property – A question was raised at the previous meeting about subdividing property from one two-acre parcel into two one-acre parcels. DPP provided a detailed response, which is available on request.
- Missing Rocks on Kamehameha Hwy – Member Kaluhiwa expressed concerns last month regarding missing rocks along the shoulder of Kamehameha Hwy at He'eia Kea Harbor. Department of Facilities Maintenance (DFM) staff met with Kaluhiwa on January 27, 2012, and walked the area of concern. Kaluhiwa reported that the homeless people in the area are taking the road shoulder embankment and shoreline rocks and selling them. There appear to be some road shoulder areas that are starting to show signs of early erosion. DFM will perform in-house repairs to the drainage concrete wing wall that is showing signs of deterioration and will back fill the eroded road shoulder areas.

- Debris in the Kahalu'u Flood Lagoon – The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) recently finished a study to identify dredging projects for areas from Kahalu'u to Waialua and funds to carry out projects will be programmed for CIP in Fiscal Year 2013. The study included the dredging of Kahalu'u Lagoon by contract. Clearing of the broken branches in the lagoon by the community is not recommended as it may be hazardous for the volunteers and be a liability for the City.
- Express Bus Service – The board raised concerns about the need for more Express Bus service to downtown Honolulu. Current budget constraints prevent any increases in bus service the near future. When the rail route is implemented, many years from now, buses should be freed to be reassigned to areas of greatest need, including Windward O'ahu.

Other news and developments:

- Honolulu 311 – A mobile app for smartphones which allows users to photograph a problem and send the photograph and location to the City & County of Honolulu for repairs has been released. In its first week, over 300 submissions were received. The app is intended to allow for two-way conversation between the public and the City. Currently, once a suggestion has been submitted, the user will receive email confirmation. At this point, the only information users receive is an updated status, but no real project report. Frizzell noted that it generally takes 30 days to fix a broken streetlight and four months to fill a pothole. Abandoned cars are generally removed quickly.
- Hack-a-thon – produced awesome new apps, such as a Honolulu bus app to help bus users find nearest bus stop and departure times and an "adopt a tsunami siren" app that allows residents to report whether sirens near them are functioning.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. App Revenue – The people who develop apps at Hack-a-thon receive the revenue from their apps. This provides an incentive to maintain and improve the apps.
2. Public City Data – Mr. Frizzell mentioned that his office is striving to make city data more public. He wants to use Smartphones as a medium so that users can receive data in real time.
3. Kamehameha Highway – Obayashi noted that the center line on Kamehameha Highway from the Hygienic Store to St. John's was repainted recently, but is already fading.
4. Underage Drinking – Member Gomes expressed concern over underage drinking parties in her community. She notified the police, but to no avail. Mr. Frizzell mentioned that HPD is meant to deal with crimes in progress, and suggested that she call back when the problem is taking place. Obayashi mentioned a group called Parents and Children Together – a non-profit agency dedicated to stamping out underage drinking.

Governor's Representative – Jadine Urasaki, DOT Deputy Director, reported the following:

- State of the State – On January 23, Governor Abercrombie delivered his second State of the State address before the Legislature. The Governor proposed a number of initiatives that he will be moving forward this legislative session. These include:
  - Emergency appropriations for a \$1.8 million grant to support the National Kidney Foundation of Hawai'i, in light of the closure of two Hawai'i Medical Center hospitals.
  - Investing \$1.4 million to establish Aging and Disabilities Resource Centers to assist kupuna who face the challenges of aging and restricted mobility.
  - Investing \$1 million toward early childhood education and health initiatives.
  - Making the TV and Film Tax Credit permanent.
  - Investing \$5 million toward the preservation and protection of the state's watersheds.
  - Support for an undersea cable to connect our island grids for stable, reliable electricity between islands.
  - Improvements to the criminal justice system, as proposed by the Justice Reinvestment Initiative.
  - Continuing to work with the Legislature to identify and approve Capital Improvement Projects, which will result in construction jobs and address critical infrastructure needs.
- Internet Speed Test – The state has launched a new website that will allow Hawai'i's internet users to determine their computer or electronic device's internet speed. The data collected will assist the state in identifying and closing gaps in service throughout the Islands, as part of the Abercrombie Administration's Hawai'i Broadband Initiative. To take the test, visit: [www.hawaiiispeedtest.net](http://www.hawaiiispeedtest.net).
- Boards & Commissions – Governor Abercrombie has announced that applications are being accepted for service on numerous boards and commissions. The Governor's office oversees more than 160 boards and

commissions. You can apply on your own behalf or recommend qualified applicants. To do so, or read the Governor's State of the State address in its entirety, please visit: [www.hawaii.gov/gov](http://www.hawaii.gov/gov).

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Intersection of Kamehameha and Kahekili Highways – Luersen asked about the status of the construction at the intersection Kahekili and Kamehameha Highways. Mrs. Urasaki promised to investigate for the next meeting. Chair Henkin mentioned that, when last he heard, DOT had intended to put in left turn lanes by Dec. 2010, but in order to do so would need to move the HECO poles. In order to move the lines connected to the poles, HECO needed an aerial easement from the Hygienic Store, which has not yet been secured.
2. Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council - Chair Henkin mentioned that the Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council cannot function because it still lacks a chair. He urged the Governor to appoint a new chair, so the council can then convene.
3. Re-establishment of Governor's Representative – Chair Henkin expressed his gratitude to the Governor for providing representatives to the board's meetings. When there was no Governor's representative, it was difficult for the community to express its concerns or find out important information.

Council Chair Ernie Martin – Council Chair Martin reported the following:

- Pulama Road CIP Project Update – DDC has not yet completed its investigation into who owns the private road. This information is vital in order for the Department of Transportation Services to implement the project.
- Resurfacing – Waikane Valley Road area has been designated for resurfacing, either this year or as part of next year's CIP request.
- Reapportionment Update – A challenge has been filed to the City Council reapportionment map. If the challenge is unsuccessful, then Councilmember Ikaika Anderson's District 3 will extend into 'Ahuimanu, while Kahalu'u will remain in Chair Martin's District 2. Councilmember Anderson is Vice-Chair of the Council and Chair of the Zoning and Planning Committee, so the community will be well-represented.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Resolution 12-13 – The resolution asks the BWS to reevaluate its policy regarding the maximum distance away from a fire-hydrant that a home can be built. The current policy states that, if a home is not within the maximum distance, the homeowner is responsible to install a new fire hydrant or a home-sprinkler system, both of which are expensive. Martin and the council feel that providing hydrants is the City's responsibility, not the homeowner's.
2. Hydrant Maintenance – A member of the community wondered whose responsibility it is to check hydrants. Martin replied that it is the responsibility of the BWS.
3. Foundation Maintenance – A community member wanted to know the status of the hillside that slid in late 2010 and closed Kamehameha Highway. Martin stated that he will investigate the status, but that there have been problems getting the out-of-state owner to repair the problem.
4. Reapportionment – Obayashi asked if the neighborhood board structure would change due to the reapportionment. Martin assured that nothing will change.
5. Bridge near Waihe'e Road – Gomes mentioned that a bar on the bridge leading to Waihe'e Road is falling off.

Senator Clayton Hee – No representative or report was available at this time.

Representative Jessica Wooley – No representative or report was available at this time.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:** The consensus of the Board was to take up the following agenda items at the March 14, 2012 meeting, if presentations were ready: Army Corps unexploded ordnance clean-up at He'eia Kea and Waikane, shoreline setback variance for a seawall at 47-119 Kamehameha Highway (TMK 4-7-19:76 & 80), concerns about Mahakea Road halfway house, status of legislation to establish Ha'iku Valley Cultural Reserve Commission, proposed changes to the Neighborhood Plan, formation of a PIG to set up a candidate forum.

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 11, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Machado moved, Kaluhiwa seconded that the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board No. 29, approve the January 11, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended:**

- Page 6, item 3 under "Questions, comments, and concerns" to the presentation on Alternatives to Address Traffic on Kahekili Highway: Alternatives should read, "Member LeVasseur stated that the DOT Supplemental EIS will likely consider two alternatives ... ."
- Page 6, item 1 under "Questions, comments, and concerns" to Representative Wooley's report: in the second line, delete "kicked" and replace with "aged."

**The motion was ADOPTED, 13-0-0 (AYES:** Geboski, Gomes, Henkin, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Longfellow, Loo, Luersen, Machado, Nelson, Nuss, Obayashi, and Taum; **NAYS:** None; **ABSTENTIONS:** None).

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Preservation of Hawaiian Heritage – Rocky Kaluhiwa reported the following:

- Konane – On February 11, 2012, at the Kane'ohe Beach Park from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For \$15, you get a konane board and bento lunch. Bring 32 white pebbles and 32 black pebbles.
- Heiau Cleanup – On February 18, 2012, help clean up Kukuianiani Heiau in Waikane Valley from 9:00 a.m. to noon.
- Ko'olaupoko Celebration – The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club is partnering with various organizations to honor the "Warriors of Ko'olaupoko," distinguished kama'aina who have fought to "Keep the Country Country":
  - On March 17, there will be a Legendary Places of Ko'olaupoko Scavenger Hunt
  - There will be a Lei day contest
  - There will be a Song Contest, with the subject matter being Ko'olaupoko
  - There will be a small concert at Kualoa Ranch.
  - If interested, the membership to the civic club is \$20 annually.

Military/Civilian Affairs (MCA) Liaison – Art Machado reported the following:

- Machado announced having been elected Vice President of Military Civilian Affairs Board.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Marie Richardson  
and Adam LeFebvre  
Neighborhood Assistants

Attachment 1:

**RESOLUTION ON PUBLICIZING A PROPOSAL  
TO RELIEVE KAHEKILI TRAFFIC CONGESTION**

WHEREAS the Hawai'i Department of Transportation had, a web site created to improve public input for the Kahekili Highway Improvements Project.

WHEREAS the web site includes all available information for the re-evaluation of the 1990 Final Environmental Impact Statement.

WHEREAS the project proposes that the widening of Kahekili Highway include two alternatives to relieve congestion, Widening and Contra-Flow.

WHEREAS the re-evaluation process has encouraged the public to come up with other alternatives and one such alternative was presented at the Charette Part 2.

WHEREAS the third alternative was brief and incomplete and the presenter, Ken LeVasseur, requested that the Charette Part 2 PowerPoint presentation not be put on the web page but instead a more thorough and updated presentation would be submitted later.

WHEREAS the Charette Part 2 PowerPoint presentation was nonetheless put on the web site.

WHEREAS the Hawai'i DOT is concerned that the detailed PowerPoint cannot be substituted for the one presented at the Charette Part 2 because it was not in fact presented at the Charette Part 2.

WHEREAS the Hawai'i DOT is in discussion with the planning contractor of the project, SSFM International, about how to handle the new PowerPoint presentation since it is the result of the Hawai'i DOT and SSFM's encouragement.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Neighborhood Board No. 29 (Kahalu'u) requests that the Kahekili Highway alternative offered in the new, 33 slide PowerPoint presentation by Ken LeVasseur be placed on the web site with an equal status as the two primary alternatives and any other alternatives. That the third alternative be promoted and analyzed equally and that the public be educated about the third alternative as they have been educated about the first two alternatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this action be taken in fairness even though not all Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board members agree that the third alternative will work as proposed and that the analysis will reveal whether the third alternative will work to relieve congestion, to what level of efficiency it will work and what level of impact it will have on the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the importance of this action informing the public that there is a third alternative resides in that the analysis and re-evaluation includes surveys of the community given strong weight in the final analysis. And if the public does not know what the third alternative is, or that one exists, they will be ultimately uninformed in the process of re-evaluation of the 1990 Final Environmental Impact Statement.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED The Neighborhood Board No. 29 (Kahalu'u) requests that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor's Office, Senator Clayton Hee, Representative Jessica Wooley, the Director of the Hawai'i Department of Transportation and the Project Director for the Kahekili Highway Improvements Project.

***ADOPTED by the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 at its February 8, 2012 regular meeting.***