



KAHALU'U NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 29

(He'eia Kea, 'Ahuimanu, Kahalu'u, Waihe'e, Kaalaea, Waiahole, Waikane, Hakipu'u, Kualoa)

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DRAFT – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2012 KEY PROJECT

CALL TO ORDER: Chair David Henkin called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. **without a quorum of six (6) members present.** This 15-member Board requires eight (8) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

Members Present: Gregory Geboski, Lee Gomes (arrived 7:37 p.m.), David Henkin, Rocky Kaluhiwa (arrived 7:05 p.m.), Ken LeVasseur, Matt Longfellow, Clifford Loo (arrived 7:05 p.m.), Amy Luersen (arrived 7:03 p.m.), Yvonne Nelson, Brian Nuss (arrived 7:12 p.m.), Lucy Salas (7:12 p.m.), and Alice Taum.

Members Absent: Art Machado and Flora Obayashi.

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

Guests: Westley Chun (City Department of Facilities and Maintenance); Sgt. Daniel Woodall (USMC); Steven Nagata; Capt. Robert Cates (Honolulu Fire Department); Ethel Serikaku and Charlotte Tsuha (KUMC); Paul Zweng (Ohulehule Forest Conservancy); Byron Ho (Waiahole-Waikane Community Association); Lt. John Vines (Honolulu Police Department); George and Marie Samudio; David Browne; Mike Sousa; Glen Moir and Eileen Mark (City Department of Transportation Services); Jadine Urasaki (State Department of Transportation); Barry Usugawa (Board of Water Supply); John Goody (MACLSS); Clifford Wong; Jeff Overton (Group 70 International); Irene Nakamura; Kyle Okino; Cale Yamed (Kinney Henks); Clifford Lau; Councilmember Ernie Martin and Mike Sakata (Councilmember Martin'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 April 2012 –** Included 4 rubbish fires; 48 medical emergencies, 4 search/rescues, and 5 miscellaneous calls for service. No major or unusual incidents were reported.
- **Fire Safety Tip: Fire Hydrants –** Fire hydrants are the main source of water supply for fire apparatuses responding to fires. In accordance with the Fire Code of the City and County of Honolulu, obstructions shall not be placed or kept near fire hydrants in a manner that would prevent the fire hydrants from being immediately visible and accessible. A minimum three-foot clearance shall be maintained around the circumference of fire hydrants. The Traffic Code of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu states that stopping, standing, or parking is prohibited within 10 feet of a fire hydrant.

At 7:03 p.m., Member Luersen arrived; **seven (7) members present.**

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

- **Statistics for April 2012 –** Included 5 assaults, 7 burglaries, 13 thefts, and 2 thefts from automobiles.
- **Garage Door Openers –** Residents were made aware of thieves breaking into vehicles parked in the driveway and stealing garage door openers to get into the homes. These incidents were reported in East O'ahu.

At 7:05 p.m., Members Kaluhiwa and Loo arrived; **nine members present and quorum was established.**



FILL VACANCY: There were no nominations or volunteers to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 1 (Kualoa-Waikane-Waiahole).

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Henkin announced the following:

- Next Board Meeting – The next regular Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 meeting is June 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at KEY Project, 47-200 Waihe`e Road.
- Special Meeting Agenda – At 10:00 p.m. following tonight's Board meeting is a Special Meeting Agenda for Board action on Permitted Interaction Group recommendations regarding a candidate forum.
- Variance Application – Judd Family at 49-74E Kamehameha Highway in Hakipu`u has applied for a zoning variance to allow two farm dwellings, storage and two driveways. Referred to Board's Planning Chair Amy Luersen.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Waikane Replacement Bridge – Waiahole-Waikane Community Association President, Byron Ho stated the community will be meeting with the State Department of Transportation on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at Waiahole Elementary school from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to inform residents where the bypass should be located while a replacement bridge is built. A follow-up meeting is also scheduled for Thursday, May 31, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to discuss the plans for the replacement bridge.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION:

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Barry Usagawa reported no main breaks in Kahalu`u for April 2012. O`ahu potable pumpage was 135 mgd for the week ending Saturday, April 21, 2012. From 1994 to 2011, water production (i.e., the amount of water produced at the sources) on the Windward side has declined by 35%, largely due to low-flow toilets and other low-flow fixtures. General water announcements followed:

- Impersonation of BWS Employees – BWS alerted the public about reports of individuals claiming to be BWS employees in order to gain access to private property. Individuals are reportedly wearing green t-shirts that resemble BWS employee attire and have been asking residents to allow them in their homes. Residents were reminded that BWS personnel involved in official BWS activities will be properly credentialed, wearing official BWS attire with BWS logo, driving BWS labeled vehicles, and carrying an official City and County of Honolulu badge with the agency identified as BWS. Residents were encouraged to call HPD at 911 if they observe suspicious activity. Call BWS Communications Office at 748-5041 to file an additional report.
- Summer Water Conservation – Residents were reminded to be vigilant and avoid wasting water by checking for leaks, avoiding watering lawns between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and turning off the tap while brushing teeth or shaving. For more tips on saving water, visit BWS website at www.boardofwatersupply.com.

At 7:12 p.m., Members Nuss and Salas arrived; **11 members present**.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Phone Inquiry – Member Salas raised a concern that she was left on "hold" for one hour when calling for a billing question. Usagawa apologized and explained that there is not enough staff to answer the phones. Also, BWS's computer system is currently undergoing improvements to better serve customers.
2. Customer Service – Customers may also email BWS at contactus@hbws.org, but inquiries regarding bill payment must be handled over the phone. BWS sincerely apologizes for the longer wait time customers are experiencing. BWS has been receiving an increased volume of calls. With the current economic situation, more customers are calling to request payment extensions. Additionally, calls last longer as BWS Customer Service Representatives (CSRs) work to assist customers to maintain water service and avoid water shutoffs. BWS will soon be launching a call return option so customers do not have to wait on the line to speak to a CSR. BWS will soon be hiring to add ten more CSRs.
3. Rule/Policy on Leaks – If a customer receives a high bill because they had a leak and has a licensed plumber fix the leak, BWS will grant a one-time waiver of the bill. If further leaks occur, the customer will be responsible for the bill. The policy used to provide for waiver due to a leak once per year, but some

customers abused the policy. BWS is in the process of reviewing this policy to see if it can be made less strict.

4. Water Rate Increase – In December, the water rate increase was approved for the next five years.

Marine Corps Base Hawai`i (MCBH) – Sgt. Daniel Woodall reported the following:

- Hours of Operation – Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to midnight; Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Sundays and holidays. Exceptions: None
- News and Events – May 10 – MCBH supporting Military Appreciation Luncheon, Waikiki. Also a ceremony to redesignate the CH-53 helicopter squadron HMH-363 as Osprey squadron VMM-363; May 13 – Sprint Triathlon held on base; open to the public; call 254-7590 for more information; May 19 – Marines and Sailors with MCBH supporting military appreciation event at Honolulu Zoo.
- Deployments – Deployed units included 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362, and U.S. Navy's VP-47 "Skinny Dragons" F Co.2/3, deployed to Australia.
- Announcements – The draft EIS for the Osprey is available on our website at <http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil/mv22h1eis/>. Final EIS is expected to be completed and released June, 2012.
- Community Notes and Reminders –
 - For noise complaints please call the Public Affairs Officer 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 number for a reply.
 - For more information about career opportunities at MCBH, please call 254-7632 or visit the MCCS site www.mccshawaii.com.
 - Kane`ohe Bay Air Show is planned for September 29-30, 2012, and will include the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels.

Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council – No representative or report was available.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chair Henkin reported a previous balance of \$642.95. Total expenditures for April, 2012 was \$234.27 for printing and postage of agenda and minutes, and facility rental payments for February, March, and April 2012; leaving a current balance of \$408.68. The report was filed.

PRESENTATIONS ON COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

Proposed Bus Service Route Changes for Kahalu`u Area – Glen Moir stated that, due to rising fuel costs, to avoid increasing fares, the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) is planning several service changes for TheBus in June and August of 2012. Some changes are to the frequency of service, and other changes are to routes. Maps of proposed changes to bus Routes 55 and 65 were provided.

- Kahalu`u Bus Services NOT Changing – Peak period frequency and express buses will not change.
- Proposed Bus Service Changes Affecting Kahalu`u – Route 55 to Wahiawa frequency will change from every 40 minutes to every 60 minutes (starting June 2012). Route 65 will no longer serve Kamehameha Highway through He`eia Kea. Instead, from Ha`iku Road Route 65 will use Kahekili Highway, looping back through `Ahuimanu at `Ahuimanu Road, and its frequency will increase to hourly from every 70 minutes. Transfers from Route 65 to Route 55 to the North Shore will no longer occur at the Hygienic Store; instead, such transfers will occur at Kamehameha Highway and Ha`iku Road.

At 7:37 p.m., Member Gomes arrived; **12 members present.**

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. `Ahuimanu Road – Member Gomes was concerned about inadequate room on `Ahuimanu Road for City buses; `Ahuimanu Place should be used instead. DTS was open to suggestions of route changes for Ahuimanu Road.
2. Loss of Service – Member Geboski noted that the proposed changes would eliminate service for residents between `Ahuimanu Road and the Hygienic Store. It was suggested that Route 65 turn on Ahaolelo Road and circle back on Old Ahuimanu Road.
3. Peak Hour Buses – It was noted that many residents along Kamehameha Highway use the bus in the morning and that the capacity of Route 65 is needed during the morning commute. DTS believes that peak hour buses should be able to handle the needs of riders going to town in the morning and return in

the afternoon. If not, DTS will make adjustments. Timetables showing peak hour buses will be available when finalized.

4. Impact on Residents Who Depend on TheBus – Member Geboski raised a concern that, overall, the cuts in service would hurt seniors, the young and the poor, who depend on TheBus
5. He`eia – Member Kaluhiwa requested that DTS not delete Route 65 buses to He`eia. Many people utilizing He`eia Kea State Park and He`eia Kea Pier depend on Route 65 bus, during both peak and non-peak periods. In contrast, there are no residents to pick up along Kahekili Highway from East Hui`Iwa to Ha`iku Road.
6. Data Collected – The study and data for the proposed service changes are available online at www1.honolulu.gov/dts.
7. Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) – Member LeVasseur suggested the Board form a PIG to address the creation of hub and spoke service to address gaps in service.
8. School Bus Cut – Member Gomes stated that the State Department of Education (DOE) is cutting back on school buses for public school students. Moir stated that TheBus is unable to handle capacity of all students since all City buses are on the road during peak periods. Accordingly, DTS is urging DOE not to cut service.
9. Park and Ride – Member Kaluhiwa mentioned that there is a petition supporting a park and ride in Kane`ohe, rather than a transit center. Also, new facilities should be on Aala Street, not Kawa Street.
10. Increased Support for TheBus – Chair Henkin noted that reducing bus service is penny wise and pound foolish. If it is inconvenient for residents to use TheBus, many people will opt to use their cars instead, imposing costs through increased traffic and wear-and-tear on roads. Rather than cut bus service to make up for increased fuel costs, the City Council should increase funding for TheBus and encourage people to get out of their cars. The Board is on record requesting more bus service (e.g., later bus services for people working at Windward Mall and more express buses to the University of Hawai`i).

LeVasseur moved and Geboski seconded that the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 form a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) to help DTS adjust the bus routes to accommodate the Kahalu`u community on Kamehameha Highway and Kahekili Highway. The motion was ADOPTED, 12-0-0 (AYES: Geboski, Gomes, Henkin, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Longfellow, Loo, Luersen, Nelson, Nuss, Salas, and Taum; NAYS: None; ABSTENTIONS: None). PIG members include LeVasseur as Chair, Geboski, Kaluhiwa, Gomes, Taum, and community member Ned Bush.

Advisory Committee on Landfill Site Selection Recommendations – John Goody sits on the Advisory Committee on Landfill Site Selection and updated the Board on the recommended landfill sites. The Kapa`a quarry site is listed fifth on the list of landfill sites, with the two top sites in Kahuku, followed by two sites in Pupukeya. The top four sites are above the underground injection control line, but, because of the specific site geology, groundwater would be protected. In selecting sites, the process failed to account for the distance on state highways from H-Power. As a result, the top sites are the furthest from H-Power, with 60 truckloads per day traveling 44 miles to get to Kahuku. There are no good sites; the goal is to select the least bad. The Army will not allow use of the two Kahuku sites, and the Pupukeya sites are next to a park, up Pupukeya Road. The next step is for Mayor Peter Carlisle to review the final report of recommendations and decide which sites will go forward. An environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared, and then the issue will go to the City Council. H-Power is getting a third unit this year, which will reduce the amount of waste.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Factors for Site Selection – A site was disfavored if there were another community “dis-amenity” (e.g., landfill, power station) within two miles.
2. Timing – Scoping of the EIS may be next year. It is estimated that it will take seven years to complete the EIS and get a new landfill up and running. Now that the Supreme Court has said that the existing landfill at Waimanalo Gulch can continue operating beyond July 2012, there is less urgency to find a new site.

Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for Kualoa Regional Park Wastewater System Improvements – Jeff Overton of Group 70 International reported:

- Need for Improvements – The Park’s wastewater system failed years ago, resulting in fines for discharges. Due to erosion, the comfort station by the point has been closed, and the other stations are pumped out every two weeks. Portable toilets are brought in for special events at the park. A settlement with the Department of Health (DOH) requires the park to address the wastewater problems.

- Cultural Concerns - The biggest issue relates to potential cultural impacts, especially to human burials. In the past, cultural groups opposed any digging, but, due to site conditions, it is not possible to improve the wastewater system without some ground disturbance. Recent test trenching found a cranial piece, which was reburied as agreed with descendants.
- Proposed Facility – Includes a centralized advanced secondary treatment and disposal facility, with a raised bed in an area that was previously disturbed by the military when it was used as an air strip. Using this location should have the least chance of encountering cultural remains. Shallow, two-inch lines from the comfort stations will follow existing roads and paths to the treatment facility.
- Comment Period Extension – The comment period formally ended yesterday, but the Board's comments were still welcome.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club – Member Kaluhiwa requested a copy of the EIS for the Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, which would also like to submit comments on the draft EA.
2. Wastewater Reuse – The City's Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is ultimately responsible for the operation of the park's wastewater system, but may have a vendor of the Department of Environmental Services run the system. The system is not currently set up for reuse, but it is possible to modify the system in the future. To reuse the wastewater would require storage for a month of wastewater (for wet periods, when there is no need for watering the park's grass), which would be challenging.
3. Schedule – The plan is to finish the EA as quickly as possible. The site is in the Special Management Area, so the project will require City Council approval. It will take nine months to a year for completion of this project once construction begins.
4. Cultural Remains – The discovery of cultural remains may delay construction. It depends on the findings
5. Erosion – Beach erosion is caused by a combination of man-made and natural elements. The project will be set back far enough from the shoreline to avoid future erosion.
6. New Bathroom – Due to the elimination one of the comfort station, a new bathroom will be built.
7. Sewer Trench – To minimize disturbance of cultural remains, the sewer trench for the forced main will be less than two feet deep, with the pipe jacketed in concrete for protection. The pipe cannot be laid on the ground because the berms over the pipe would interrupt storm drainage. Each comfort station will have a grinder to allow the use of only a two-inch pipe. If something goes wrong, a telemetry system will automatically call for repairs.
8. Park Closure – The City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) and DPR will minimize impacts to public use of the park, especially major events held at the park each year. One option discussed was to make one comfort station operational before shutting the other comfort station. Depending on the type of event, portable facilities may be brought in.
9. Power Back Up – The treatment facility will have a generator for back-up power. The holding capacity is estimated at two days before overflow.
10. Archeologist On Site – An archaeologist be on site during excavation. Member Kaluhiwa asked whether digging could be done by hand so not to disturb cultural remains.

Luersen moved and Kaluhiwa seconded, that the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 recognizes the critical need to resolve the sewage issue at Kualoa Regional Park so that the park can support recreational uses. The Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 also recognizes Kualoa's cultural significance and affirms the need to make every effort to preserve and protect cultural resources within the park. Therefore, the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 supports a culturally sensitive solution to improve the wastewater systems at Kualoa Regional Park and further requests that at least one cultural monitor from the each of the Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club and the Ko`olauloa Hawaiian Civic Club be present whenever any earth disturbing activities take place during the project's implementation. The motion was ADOPTED, 12-0-0 (AYES: Geboski, Gomes, Henkin, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Longfellow, Loo, Luersen, Nelson, Nuss, Salas, and Taum; NAYS: None; ABSTENTIONS: None). See Attachment #1.

Without objections, the agenda was taken out of order to permit the Mayor's Representative, Westley Chun, Director of the City's Department of Facilities and Maintenance (DFM), to give an update regarding the bridge over Waihe`e Stream at Ahilama Road.

Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative: Westley Chun, Director of DFM stated that, based on the community's input, additional research revealed the following:

- Ahilama Road – The City owns the portion of Ahilama Road between Mahakea Road and the Kane`ohe side of Waihe`e Stream and maintains the other, private part of the road.
- Bridge – In 1987, the City built the bridge to replace the pipe culverts that previously crossed the stream. The bridge was designed to handle a 100-year flood event. After the bridge was built, there was scour on the downstream side, so, in 1989, the City repaired the downstream slope and built a concrete rip-rap wall to protect the downstream private property. Chun was unable to find any record stating that the City owns the wall or has an easement to maintain the wall.
- Downstream – Erosion from the stream is damaging the rip-rap wall, which has a house in close proximity. This poses a danger to the dwelling, so DDC is working on the design to repair the wall as soon as possible. Since the toe of the wall is in the stream, the project to fix the wall will require working with the Army Corps of Engineers and State DOH. There is currently no funding for this project, so it will have to be requested. In the meantime, by the end of May 2012, DFM's Kane`ohe yard will place temporary sandbags to protect the wall.
- Upstream – As late as 2002, photos show the stream flowing straight under the Ahilama bridge. Since then, material has built up in the stream, causing it to meander, which has resulted in erosion above and below the bridge. On April 16, 2012, letters were sent to the two upstream property owners reminding them of their responsibility to maintain the drainage. Both property owners have communicated with the City to find out what they need to do.
- Task Force – The task force of Federal, State, and City agencies must be done and should include the Army Corps, DOH, Commission on Water Resource Management, and DFM. Chun stated a similar situation involving private owners in Lualualei had the community working together to clean the stream and bring debris to the roadside. While DFM has a limited role in cleaning private streams, it can contribute heavy machinery to remove debris from the roadside.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Safety Concern – Clifford Wong raised a concern about the boulders that the City placed below the bridge to address erosion by Mr. Wong's water diversion. Since it is hollow below the boulders, children diving into the stream can get pulled under the water. He suggested that the hole under the boulders be filled in with rocks before someone gets hurt. Director Chun said that DFM would investigate when it moves forward with work on the riprap wall.
2. Emergency Repair – Mr. Wong also stated that a flood emergency needs to be declared so that city and state permit requirements for stream clearance could be waived. Director Chun responded that the City Department of Emergency Management must declare an emergency before the City can notify the Army Corps of Engineers.

At 10:00 p.m., Neighborhood Assistant Gloria Gaines departed. The remaining meeting agenda was recorded by Secretary Matt Longfellow.

3. Fines – Director Chun stated that, as long as the upstream property owners were working with the City to clear the debris, no fines would be assessed. Mr. Wong stated that the property owners were prepared to clear the debris, but want to make sure the necessary approvals are in place to avoid violating the law.
4. Past Flooding – Rick Towill stated that a big storm in 1964 washed away a house, which prompted construction of the Ahilama Bridge. In June 2011, a big storm washed debris down, crossed the roadway and flooded the Oshiro and Wong properties. Most of the debris DFM is concerned about washed down during that storm.
5. Guidance Document – Mr. Towill also stated that property owners need guidance on what steps they can take to address flooding. The interagency task force should develop a guidance document as soon as possible.

Chair Henkin read the following report from Mayor's Representative Forest Frizzell:

1. Tree Trimming on Kamehameha Highway – DPR did not respond to the Board's questions from the April meeting regarding tree trimming on the City-owned portion of Kamehameha Highway from the Hygienic Store to He`eia Kea Harbor.
2. Bus Stop Numbers – TheBus's stop field service maintenance crew is responsible for installation of identification numbers at bus stops island-wide, subject to funding and work schedule priorities. To date, 500 bus stops have identification numbers. Unfortunately, vandals have been removing the numbers

faster than the crew can replace them. Work will continue to install the identification numbers until all bus stops are numbered, and numbers that have been removed by vandals will be replaced.

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative – Department of Transportation Deputy Director Jadine Urasaki reported:

1. Emergency Proclamations – In March, Governor Abercrombie declared an emergency due to flooding. President Obama also declared a disaster to allow flood repairs to proceed using support from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
2. Broadband Initiative – The State broadband initiative is allowing the identification of communities that have problems with high speed internet access.
3. 2012 Legislative Session – Governor Abercrombie is reviewing bills that were passed during the last legislative session. The Governor was pleased that the legislature passed bills to provide a framework for construction of an interisland energy cable (SB 2785) and to permit the Public Utilities Commission to set reliability standards for increasing use of renewable energy (SB 2787). He also supported the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (SB 2776 and HB 2515), which is aimed at making the state's criminal justice system more efficient and improve accountability, and the appropriation of \$5 million for the Administration's Watershed Protection plan for the Department of Land and Natural Resources.
4. Irrigation Pipes along Kahekili Highway – This past weekend, DOT removed the irrigation pipes that had been installed to promote revegetation of the recontoured road cut along Kahekili Highway, between Ha`iku and East Hui`Iwa Roads.
5. Stream Flooding Task Force – Urasaki will follow up with Council Chair Martin's office regarding the State's participation in the interagency task force to address stream flooding.
6. Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council (KBRC) – The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) is working with the Governor to appoint a chair for the KBRC. DLNR Chair William Aila met with the commander of Marine Corps Base Hawai`i to address concerns about alcohol consumption on the Kane`ohe sandbar (Ahu o Laka), and enforcement will be stepped up over the Memorial Day weekend.
7. Waikane Bridge Replacement – The community meetings regarding the replacement of the Waikane Bridge will begin at 7 p.m., not at 5:30 p.m., as previously announced.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Ahilama Bridge – Urasaki will check with State Civil Defense to see whether FEMA funds can be used to assist with addressing flooding concerns at the Ahilama Bridge over Waihe`e Stream.
2. Mobile Station at He`eia Kea State Park – Member Kaluhiwa asked whether the mobile container that has appeared at He`eia Kea State Park is intended to allow DLNR to set up an enforcement presence.

Council Chair Ernie Martin – Council Chair Ernie Martin reported:

1. Tree Trimming on Kamehameha Highway – The City Division of Urban Forestry (DUF) will be inspecting the City-owned portion of Kamehameha Highway in May to assess whether trimming of trees over the highway is needed. Where work is performed by contractors, the contractor needs to meet City standards, work is inspected before the contractor is paid, and contractors who fail to meet standards can be barred from bidding on future contracts. For large contracts, the City requires a qualified arborist to be on site. In-house crews at DUF take care of routine maintenance.
2. Ahilama Bridge – Chair Martin will be following up with the relevant agencies to ensure that flooding concerns at the Ahilama Bridge over Waihe`e Stream are addressed.
3. Waikane Valley Road – Potholes on Waikane Valley Road will be filled in May.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Proposed Changes to TheBus Service – Member Kaluhiwa stated that the Council should increase funding for TheBus to avoid scheduled service cuts. Member LeVasseur noted that, if the Department of Education cuts school bus service, TheBus will be needed more than ever. Chair Henkin stated that the most cost-effective way to address concerns about traffic and road wear and tear is to encourage bus usage.
2. Restrooms at Kualoa Beach Park – Member Salas stated that the caretakers at Kualoa Beach Park need to do a better job keeping the restrooms at Kualoa Beach Park clean, especially later in the day.

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

Representative Jessica Wooley – Representative Jessica Wooley reported:

1. 2012 Budget – Due to the continuing economic difficulties, the State’s budget remains constrained, but fortunately there was no need to cut the budget this session.
2. 2012 Legislation – The legislature passed several of Representative Wooley’s priority bills.
3. Flooding Task Force – Representative Wooley has been working for about a year to get the relevant Federal, State and City agencies together to address flooding concerns, which will only get worse in coming years. When a meeting date is established, she will notify the community.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Ahilama Bridge – Representative Wooley’s assistance in addressing flooding issues at the Ahilama Bridge over Waihe`e Stream was requested.

PRESENTATIONS ON COMMUNITY PROJECTS (cont.):

Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) Recommendations Regarding Candidate Forum – Member Longfellow reported that the Candidate Forum PIG recommended that the Board hold a forum for candidates for State House and Senate at KEY Project on July 19, 2012, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The proposed July 19 date is long enough after the June 5 candidate filing deadline to allow time to invite candidates and before the August 11 primary. The PIG recommended limiting the forum to only Senate and House races to allow enough time for meaningful candidate presentations and responses to questions.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Alternate Candidate Forums – Member Kaluhiwa noted that the Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club plans to hold a candidate forum and will focus on other races (Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Congress) if the Board adopts the PIG’s recommendations. Member Longfellow noted that the Kane`ohe Neighborhood Board does not plan to hold a candidate forum.
2. Moderator – Member Longfellow stated that PIG community member Ned Busch may be available to moderate the forum, as he has in the past.
3. Questions for Candidates – Member Longfellow stated that the PIG planned to solicit questions for the candidates from the community in advance and then to select a range of topics to be addressed.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS: The consensus of the Board was to include the following items on the agenda for the Board’s regular meeting on June 13, 2012: An update on efforts to address threats to the Ahilama Road bridge over Waihe`e Stream, with representation from the relevant agencies; and an update on Ohulehule Forest Conservancy’s proposed activities in Waikane. Member Luersen will review pending variance requests and let Chair Henkin know whether they should be included on next month’s agenda.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: A resident suggested that the minutes be amended to reflect Member LeVasseur’s report to DFM Director Chun about the Kahalu`u Stream flooding in March that pushed up a City-owned basin, creating a dam that caused damage to a retaining wall.

Kaluhiwa moved and Longfellow seconded to approve the April 11, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended:

- Page 4, item 4 under “Questions, comments, and concerns” to the presentation on Waihe`e Stream Flood Damage: In the third sentence, replace “clean” with “clear.”
- Page 4, item 5 under “Questions, comments, and concerns” to the presentation on Waihe`e Stream Flood Damage: Add a third sentence reading – “Such letters had been sent to residents along Kahalu`u Stream.”
- Page 4, item 8 under “Questions, comments, and concerns” to the presentation on Waihe`e Stream Flood Damage: In the first sentence, replace “property” with “properly.”

The motion WAS ADOPTED, 12-0-0 (AYES: Geboski, Gomes, Henkin, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Longfellow, Loo, Luersen, Nelson, Nuss, Salas, and Taum; **NAYS:** None; **ABSTENTIONS:** None).

At 11:00 p.m., Member Luersen left; **11 members present.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Member Kaluhiwa provided the following report for the Preservation of Hawaiian Heritage Committee:

1. Ahupua`a Boundary Markers – The State DOT has corrected the ahupua`a boundary markers to reflect the proper place names, as well as to include the use of `okina. Normally, signs on federally funded highways are not permitted to use the `okina.
2. Song Contest – The Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club is sponsoring a song contest, with three categories (professional, amateur and Hawaiian language). All songs must pertain to Ko`olaupoko. The deadline for submissions is August 1, 2012, and winners will perform at Windward Mall in September.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

Submitted By: Gloria J.P. Gaines, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed By: Theona Kapoi, Neighborhood Assistant

Submitted By: Matt Longfellow, Secretary
Reviewed By: David Henkin, Chair

ATTACHMENT #1:

RESOLUTION REGARDING DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR KUALOA REGIONAL PARK WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

At its May 9, 2012 regular meeting, the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 unanimously adopted the following resolution:

The Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 recognizes the critical need to resolve the sewage issue at Kualoa Regional Park so that the park can support recreational uses. The Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 also recognizes Kualoa's cultural significance and affirms the need to make every effort to preserve and protect cultural resources within the park.

Therefore, the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 supports a culturally sensitive solution to improve the wastewater systems at Kualoa Regional Park and further requests that at least one cultural monitor from the each of the Ko`olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club and the Ko`olauloa Hawaiian Civic Club be present whenever any earth disturbing activities take place during the project's implementation.

Copies To: Mayor Peter Carlisle; City Council Chair Ernest Y. Martin; Lori M.K. Kahikina, P.E. at the City Department of Design and Construction; and Jeff Overton at Group 70 International, Inc.