



## 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, JULY 11, 2012 KEY PROJECT**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Amy Luersen called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. **with a quorum of nine (9) members present.** This 15-member Board requires eight (8) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

**Members Present:** Gregory Geboski (arrived 8:45 p.m.), David Henkin (arrived 8:25 p.m.), Ken LeVasseur, Matt Longfellow (departed 8:50 p.m.), Clifford Loo, Amy Luersen (departed 9:30 p.m.), Art Machado, Yvonne Nelson, Brian Nuss (arrived 7:04 p.m.), Flora Obayashi, Lucy Salas, Lola Jean Tangaro (appointed this meeting), and Alice Taum.

**Members Absent:** Lee Gomes and Rocky Kaluhiwa.

**Vacancy:** There is one vacancy in Subdistrict 1 (Kualoa-Hakipu`u-Waikane-Waiahole).

**Guests:** Steven Nagata; Byron Ho (Waiahole-Waikane Community Association); Lt. Dave Eber (Honolulu Police Department); Capt Robert Cates (Honolulu Fire Department); Clifford Wong; Paul Zweng; D. Ululani Beirne; John and Lola Jean Tangaro; Mike Sakata (Councilmember Ernie Martin's staff); George and Marie Samudio; Sean Makaiau, Barry Usagawa (Board of Water Supply); and Gloria J. P. Gaines (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

### **INFORMATIONAL SESSION:**

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

- **June 2012 Statistics** – Included 1 structure and 3 rubbish fires; 40 medical emergencies, 5 search/rescues, and 12 miscellaneous calls for service. One major incident involved six ladder companies. No unusual incidents were reported.
- **Fire Safety Tip** – Open burning of any material, including green yard waste and household trash, is prohibited throughout the state. Violations of open burning rules may result in fines of up to \$10,000 per day for each offense. Owners, operators, or managers of properties, premises, businesses, or industries where open burning occurs will be held responsible.

At 7:04 p.m., Nuss arrived; **10 members present.**

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD)** – Lt. Dave Eber reported the following:

- **June 2012 Statistics** – Included 6 assaults, 4 burglaries, 2 drug/narcotic offenses, 9 thefts, and 3 thefts from automobiles.
- **Comment Followed:** LeVasseur recognized a decrease in the number of crimes reported for June, 2012.

**FILL VACANCY:** There is one vacancy in Subdistrict 1 (Kualoa-Hakipu`u-Waikane-Waiahole). This item was deferred until later on the agenda after Community Projects.

### **ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2012-2013:**

**Election of Chair** – **Obayashi nominated David Henkin as Chair. There being no other nominations and by a show of hands, David Henkin was elected as Chair, 10-0-0 (AYES:** LeVasseur, Longfellow, Loo, Luersen, Machado, Nelson, Nuss, Obayashi, Salas, and Taum; **NAYS:** None; **ABSTENTIONS:** None).



Election of Vice Chair – **Obayashi nominated Amy Luersen as Vice Chair. There being no other nominations and by a show of hands, Amy Luersen was elected as Vice Chair, 10-0-0 (AYES: LeVasseur, Longfellow, Loo, Luersen, Machado, Nelson, Nuss, Obayashi, Salas, and Taum; NAYS: None; ABSTENTIONS: None).**

Election of Secretary – **Obayashi nominated Matt Longfellow as Secretary. There being no other nominations and by a show of hands, Matt Longfellow was elected as Secretary, 10-0-0 (AYES: LeVasseur, Longfellow, Loo, Luersen, Machado, Nelson, Nuss, Obayashi, Salas, and Taum; NAYS: None; ABSTENTIONS: None).**

Election of Treasurer – **Nuss nominated Art Machado as Treasurer. Machado declined the nomination and nominated Brian Nuss as Treasurer. There being no other nominations and by a show of hands, Brian Nuss was elected as Treasurer, 10-0-0 (AYES: LeVasseur, Longfellow, Loo, Luersen, Machado, Nelson, Nuss, Obayashi, Salas, and Taum; NAYS: None; ABSTENTIONS: None).**

SETTING OF BOARD MEETING PLACE, DATE AND TIME: **There was no objection to setting the Board meeting place, date and time at the Kahalu`u KEY Project on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., 10-0-0 (AYES: LeVasseur, Longfellow, Loo, Luersen, Machado, Nelson, Nuss, Obayashi, Salas, and Taum; NAYS: None; ABSTENTIONS: None).**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Vice Chair Luersen announced the following:

- Next Board Meeting – The next Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 regular meeting will be Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at Kahalu`u KEY Project at 7:00 p.m.
- Candidate Forum – The Board's Candidate Forum will be on Thursday, July 19, 2012 at KEY Project, 47-200 Waihe'e Road at 7:00 p.m. Vice Chair Luersen recognized the Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) members Longfellow, Machado, Nelson, and Nuss for putting together the Candidate Forum.
- Recycling Event – The KEY Project's Going Green Recycling Event at Kahalu`u Regional Park, Saturday, July 21, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information, call John Reppun at 239-5777.
- Real Property Tax Credit – The City has a real property tax credit for homeowners with combined income of \$50,000 or less. For more information, contact the Real Property Tax Relief Office at 768-3205.

RESIDENTS' /COMMUNITY CONCERNS: There were no residents'/community concerns at this time.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION (continued):

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Barry Usagawa was not available at this time.

Marine Corps Base Hawai`i (MCBH) – A representative or report was not available.

Kaneohe Bay Regional Council (KBRC) – Art Machado attended a meeting at He`eia State Park by the State Department of Land Natural Resources regarding establishing a ban on alcohol on the Kane`ohe Bay sand bar, Ahu O Laka, on three-day holiday weekends. Mr. Machado stated that roughly 200 people testified and many were concerned about the proposed rules because they included citing anyone with open alcohol beverage containers on a boat. Recognizing that there have been issues with large groups on the sand bar, Machado recommended in his testimony that DOCARE patrol the sand bar in the afternoon hours when there is the most activity and have HPD officers on He`eia Kea Pier.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Machado reported previous balance of \$304.78. As of June 26, 2012 expenditures were \$128.10 for printing and postage of agenda and minutes, and facility rental; leaving a balance of \$176.68. This included the expenses to mail the notice of the candidates' forum. The report was filed.

REPORTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Mayor's Representative – A representative was not available. A response was submitted to the following:

- Handicapped Parking at Kapiolani Park – At last month’s meeting, Kaluhiwa raised a concern that the handicapped parking stalls at Kapi`olani Park were blocked off for the parade and wondered if that was a mistake or is it usual practice for parade events? Department of Parks and Recreations responded that organizations may take out a permit to reserve our parking lots for volunteers, VIP’s and workers for their events. They need to barricade with appropriate signage for each parking stall they reserve. They are not allowed to reserve or block the handicapped parking stalls. Handicapped parking stalls must remain open to the public. Organizations have placed workers at the entrance to parking lots to inform drivers of the reserved parking; however, they still must allow public access to the handicapped stalls.

Governor’s Representative – There was no representative or report available.

Councilmember Ernie Martin – Mike Sakata distributed a report and highlighted the following:

- Resolution to Restore Bus Routes – Councilmember Martin introduced Resolution 12-173, urging Mayor Peter Carlisle to restore bus routes and asking that Mayor Carlisle find funding in the City Budget to pay for the restoration of the bus routes. He noted that three additional runs from Hygienic Store along Kamehameha Highway have been reinstated during the morning peak times. Tangaro Family Eviction – Councilmember Martin’s office is assisting the Tangaro family with their eviction notice. The Tangaro family will remain on property until further discussions with the Managing Director and Mayor take place.
- Sale of He`eia Kea Valley Nature Park – The sale of the He`eia Kea Valley Nature Park is premature at this time and will require approval of the City Council. Sakata will keep the Board informed of any movement on this item.
- Ahilama Bridge – The City Environmental Services Division will begin placing large sand bags at the riprap wall on Monday, July 16, 2012. No action has been taken against the land owners upstream. Permanent plans for the riprap wall are currently with the City Department of Design and Construction’s consultant.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Ahilama Bridge – Residents, not adjacent landowners, raised concerns that the upstream materials and boulders are higher than the bridge and the adjacent landowners need support from the city to remove the material. They noted that work on the bridge needs to be expedited before the rain storm. Sakata clarified that the sandbags are being placed on the downstream, below the bridge, portion of the stream. He will check on the project time line and notify residents of the response.
2. Upstream Property – Machado raised concern about the upstream property owners and if the work on the Ahilama Bridge would affect their property.
3. Vice Chair Luersen stated that the Ahilama Bridge work is covered under an emergency order and should have the ability to move quickly.

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

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

**The agenda was taken out of order to agenda item 8A Board of Water Supply.**

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

- Main Break Report – One main break reported on Apoalewa Place off of Hui Iwa Street on June 3, 3012 of a six-inch fire hydrant lateral installed 1978.
- O`ahu Potable Production – O`ahu potable production for the week ending June 30, 2012 was 146 million gallons per day. United States drought monitor reports O`ahu as DO abnormally dry condition (note: D1 moderate; D2 severe; D3 extreme, and D4 exceptional). The National Weather Service forecast for July-August 2012 is below normal rainfall.
- Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale – BWS will be holding its 24th Annual Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale on Saturday, August 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is a free family event to teach people how to save water outdoors by incorporating xeriscape concepts at home. Includes xeriscape workshops, keiki games, keiki garden planting, garden tours and a free mulch giveaway. The Rain Barrel Workshop will offer a limited supply of barrels on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, visit [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com) or call 748-5041.

- Ko`olaupoko Watershed Management Plan – The Commission of Water Resource Management will hold a public hearing on the Ko`olaupoko Watershed Management Plan on Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Waimanalo Public and School Library, 41-1320 Kalaniana`ole Highway. This will be a presentation on the findings.
- Mr. Usagawa stated that BWS has testified in both the Ho`opili and Koa Ridge developments.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Residential and Agriculture Water Rates – In response to a question, Mr. Usagawa stated that farmers must apply annually for the agriculture water rate and submit a general excise license. The first 13,000 gallons will be charged at residential rate, then will drop to half that amount for gallons at the agriculture rate.
2. Water Main Breaks – Windward O`ahu's aging pipes are the cause for the water main breaks.
3. BWS Pipes – LeVasseur raised concerns about specific locations where pipes may be at-risk due to design and heavy trucks. He will email detailed information and location of the BWS pipes he is concerned with.
4. BWS position on development- Luersen asked if BWS was agnostic on the type of development, noting that agriculture use is more likely to recharge the aquifer and has potential to use reclaimed water. Mr. Usagawa noted that BWS position is different depending on if the development is over the aquifer.

#### PRESENTATIONS ON COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

Eviction of Tangaro Family from Former Chinen Property in Waiahole – Vice Chair Luersen stated that since the eviction is a civil matter, she had received advice from the Neighborhood Commission that the board should not take a position on this issue. However, she did want to give the community and the board the opportunity to hear about the issue. Mrs. Lola Jean Tangaro received an eviction notice in December 2011. She has been on the property for 23 years and would like to continue living there. The City has established a number of requirements and she feels that she has complied with all of them, including: a waiver to release the City from liability, which she obtained; and a requirement to farm the property, which she is now operating as a hydroponics farm. Ms. Tango expressed her appreciation to the Waiahole-Waikane Community Association for their support, Councilmember Martin's staff for their assistance with this matter, and thanked the Board for giving her the opportunity to speak tonight. Ms. Tangaro would like to have a meeting with Mayor Peter Carlisle and his staff about her situation.

Proposal to Designate He`eia Kea Valley and Waihe`e Valley Nature Parks as Surplus Lands Eligible for Sale – Vice Chair Luersen relinquished the gavel to Secretary Longfellow at this time.

- BWS Barry Usagawa – Usagawa stated BWS and all other City agencies were asked to comment on the disposal of certain City properties as surplus. If no plans were determined by these City agencies, then the properties will be deemed as surplus for sale. For the two parcels in the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board area, Waihe`e Valley and He`eia Kea Nature Park, Usagawa recommended that the City talk to the Board first. It was with the community's effort that the parcels were preserved from development originally.
- Waihe`e Valley Nature Park – Luersen stated 20-25 years ago, the land in Waihe`e Valley was slated for development for some 800 homes, which is the reason for the broad width of Waihe`e Road. The community, including those on the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board at that time, fought against the development. Eventually, the City purchased the land to preserve it as a nature park; it is now under the Department of Parks and Recreation
- He`eia Kea Valley Nature Park – Luersen further stated that He`eia Kea Valley has had many development proposals over the years including, a power plant, a golf course, and housing with more than 250 homes. Again, eventually, the valley was preserved for the community, and the City became the landowner. The Kahalu`u community was successful in preserving the land.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. He`eia Kea Valley Nature Park – Residents stated that any development at He`eia Kea Valley will have the sediment run off into Kane`ohe Bay and destroy the coral. Located across from the He`eia Pier, there are many opportunities for community use. The Kane`ohe Canoe Club could use a portion for a Canoe Halau to store canoes and to give the kids a place for running and exercise. Kids now run along

Kamehameha Highway on asphalt. Others suggested that it could be used for support services for the pier, such as parking. Machado stated that He`eia lands should be used for the community, and the community must fight to keep it.

2. Waihe`e Valley Nature Park – Waihe`e Valley is also a benefit for the community. It is included as a project in the Ko`olaupoko Watershed Management Plan and as preservation in the Ko`olaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan. It is in active use now with many walking and hiking through the nature park. Residents stated that this should be kept as preservation.

At 8:25 p.m., Henkin arrived; **11 members present.**

**Luersen moved and Henkin seconded that the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 was actively involved in preserving He`eia Kea and Waihe`e Valleys for the benefit of the community. Therefore, Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 strongly opposes the City and County of Honolulu's intent to designate He`eia Kea Nature Park and Waihe`e Valley Nature Park as surplus lands eligible for sale to any private entity. Instead, the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 urges the City and County of Honolulu to preserve these lands in perpetuity for public benefit by working with a nonprofit community land trust or other nonprofit organization committed to long-term preservation of the land.**

At 8:45 p.m., Geboski arrived; **12 members present.**

A few members expressed that more information was needed before calling for the vote. However, **Machado moved and LeVasseur seconded that the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 should call for the question at this time. The motion to call for the question FAILED, 3-8-1 (AYES: Longfellow, Loo, and Machado; NAYS: Henkin, LeVasseur, Luersen, Nelson, Nuss, Obayashi, Salas, Taum; ABSTENTIONS: Geboski.)**

LeVasseur provided a visual of the map of He`eia Kea Nature Valley Park. Also a map of Waihe`e Valley Nature Valley Park was available to members. After a review of the maps, **the initial motion was ADOPTED unanimously, 12-0-0 (AYES: Geboski, Henkin, LeVasseur, Longfellow, Loo, Luersen, Machado, Nelson, Nuss, Obayashi, Salas, and Taum; NAYS: None; ABSTENTIONS: None).** A resolution will be forwarded to Mayor Carlisle, Councilmember Martin, DPR Director Gary Cabato, and the Kane`ohe Neighborhood Board No. 30. See attached resolution.

At 8:50 p.m., Longfellow returned the gavel to Chair David Henkin who resumed as the presiding officer for the remainder of the meeting. Longfellow departed the meeting; **11 members present.**

**Agenda was taken out of order to agenda Item 10A Mayor's Representative.**

Mayor's Report: Chair Henkin read the following report from the Mayor's office:

- Absentee Polling Places– Absentee Polling sites will be operating from 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday between the following dates:
  - Primary Election – July 30, 2012 through August 9, 2012
  - General Election – October 23, 2012 through November 3, 2012
  - Absentee Polling Sites – Honolulu Hale Courtyard; Kapolei Hale, Conference Rooms A and B; and Pali Golf course Clubhouse, Second Floor
- Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program – Senior citizens may be eligible for \$50 worth of vouchers to be used at the Farmers Market. For more information call 954-7889.

**Agenda was taken out of order to agenda Item 10B Governor's Representative.**

Governor's Report: Chair Henkin read the following report from the Governor's office:

- Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council Chair – Chair Henkin has not received a response from William Aila, Chair of the State Department of Land and Natural Resources, regarding the status of the Governor's appointment of a Chair for the Kane`ohe Bay Regional Council.

- Board of Education (BOE) – BOE released its first-year report on Public Education, outlining innovative action focused on improving student achievement, service support and staff development. The Report of Public Education is available at [www.hawaiiboe.net](http://www.hawaiiboe.net).

Report from Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) Regarding Changes to TheBus Service – A formal recommendation was not available for Board approval. PIG Chair LeVasseur provided an update noting that, to address concerns about overly full buses, as of June 28, the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) restored three of the five early mornings, town-bound Route 55 buses that had been eliminated. These buses will start at the Hygienic Store and head to He`eia via Kamehameha Highway. The PIG is continuing to work with DTS to try to create a connection between Routes 55 and 65 in `Ahuimanu, so residents do not have to travel all the way to Kane`ohe if they are headed toward the North Shore. LeVasseur continues to review whether the cuts in bus service violated environmental justice standards. LeVasseur noted that the entire issue would become moot if the City Council restored funds for TheBus.

Three Absences of Board Member Amy Luersen – Luersen offered an explanation for the three absences, noting that she was out of the state tending to family matters in each case, and expressed her desire to continue as a member of the Board. No motion was made to declare Luersen's seat vacant.

### **Agenda was taken out of order to agenda Item 3 Filling of Vacancy.**

FILLING OF VACANCY: There is one seat vacant in Subdistrict 1 (Kualoa-Hakipu`u-Waikane-Waiahole). Lola Jean Tangaro expressed interest in filling the vacancy but was unsure of whether it should take place before or after a motion regarding her eviction was entertained. Chair Henkin informed members that based on his conversation with Neighborhood Commission Executive Secretary Tom Heinrich, his understanding was that the Board could properly consider a motion to advise the City regarding the community's views about the eviction issue and make a recommendation regarding how to resolve it. **the agenda was taken out of order to item 11A Eviction of Tangaro Family.**

Eviction of Tangaro Family from Former Chinen Property in Waiahole – **Machado moved and LeVasseur seconded that the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 support the Tangaro family and encourage the City to find a way for the family to continue to stay at 48-389 Kamehameha Highway in Waiahole. The motion FAILED, 7-0-4 (AYES: Henkin, LeVasseur, Loo, Machado, Nuss, Obayashi, and Salas; NAYS: None; ABSTENTIONS: Geboski, Luersen, Nelson, and Taum).** Luersen stated that she abstained because she does not feel that she has all the facts to make a decision.. Machado noted that although the motion failed, the community, by a majority, supports the Tangaro family to retain their residence in Waiahole. **Agenda resumed order.**

FILLING OF VACANCY: Lola Jean Tangaro's residence was verified by Neighborhood Assistant, Gloria Gaines. **There being no other nomination, the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 appointed Lola Jean Tangaro to fill the seat in Subdistrict 1. The motion was ADOPTED, 11-0-0 (Geboski, Henkin, LeVasseur, Loo, Luersen, Machado, Nelson, Nuss, Obayashi, Salas, and Taum; NAYS: None; ABSTENTIONS: None).** A short recess was called and Neighborhood Assistant Gaines administered the oath of office and congratulated Tangaro. **Twelve (12) members present. The meeting resumed.**

At 9:30 p.m., Luersen departed the meeting; **11 (eleven) members remain.**

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Chair Henkin appointed Machado as Civilian/Military Affairs Liaison; LeVasseur as Chair of the Transportation and Safety Committee; Obayashi as Chair of the Legislation and School Committee; Kaluhiwa as Chair of the Preservation of Hawaiian Heritage Committee; Luersen as Chair of the Planning Committee; and Nelson as Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee.; There being no other members interested in the position, Chair Henkin appointed himself as Chair of the Water and Environment Committee.

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 August 8, 2012: Pet-friendly parks; and a request for the City to install a pole and wind sock for HFD rescue helicopters in Diamond Head Crater. Board members and residents should contact Chair Henkin if there are any suggestions for additional agenda items.

**APPROVAL OF JUNE 13, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Machado moved and Salas seconded that the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 approve the June 13, 2012 regular meeting minutes as circulated. The motion was ADOPTED, 11-0-0 (Geboski, Henkin, LeVasseur, Loo, Machado, Nelson, Nuss, Obayashi, Salas, Tangaro, and Taum; NAYS: None; ABSTENTIONS: None).**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** There were no updates to report.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned 9:45 p.m.

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

Reviewed By: David Henkin, Chair  
Amy Luersen, Vice Chair

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**ATTACHMENT – Resolution**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING PRESERVATION OF  
HE`EIA KEA AND WAIHE`E VALLEY NATURE PARKS**

At its July 11, 2012 regular meeting, the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 unanimously adopted the following resolution (13-0-0):

**The Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 was actively involved in preserving He`eia Kea and Waihe`e Valleys for the benefit of the community. Therefore, Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 strongly opposes the City and County of Honolulu`s intent to designate He`eia Kea Nature Park and Waihe`e Valley Nature Park as surplus lands eligible for sale to any private entity. Instead, the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 urges the City and County of Honolulu to preserve these lands in perpetuity for public benefit by working with a nonprofit community land trust or other nonprofit organization committed to long-term preservation of the land.**

Copies to: Mayor Peter Carlisle  
Department of Parks and Recreation Director Gary Cabato  
City Council Chair Ernie Martin  
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