



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, SEPTEMBER 12, 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, Lee Gomes, David Henkin (arrived 7:04 p.m.), Rocky Kaluhiwa (arrived 7:15 p.m.), Ken LeVasseur, Matt Longfellow, Clifford Loo, Amy Luersen, Art Machado, Yvonne Nelson, Flora Obayashi (arrived 8:00 p.m.), Lucy Salas (arrived 8:40 p.m.), Lola Jean Tangaro, and Alice Taum (arrived 7:04 p.m.).

Members Absent: Brian Nuss.

Vacancies: There are no vacancies at this time.

Guests: Byron Ho (WWCA); Peter and Karen Field; Marie and George Samudio; Lt. John Vines (Honolulu Police Department); Steven Nagata; Shirley Kaluhiwa (Kahalu Lions/Hawaiian Civic Club); Capt. Robert Cates (Honolulu Fire Department); Robert Rossann DeCosta; Elaine Tamura; Mahealani Ryder Kauae; Ed Pelekai; Mike Sakata (Council Chair Ernie Martin's Office); Jackie Miyashiro (Representative Jessica Wooley's Office); Rick Towill; Forest Frizzell (Mayor's Representative); and Gloria J.P. Gaines (Neighborhood Commission Office).

INFORMATIONAL SESSION:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – A representative was not available at this time.

At 7:04 p.m., Henkin and Taum arrived; **11 members present**. Henkin resumed as Chair.

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

- **August 2012 Statistics** – Included 2 assaults, 3 auto/motorcycle thefts, 10 drug/narcotic offenses, 7 thefts, and 7 thefts from automobiles.
- **Waikane Valley** – HPD is working with the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) on the all-terrain vehicles trespassing into Waikane Valley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Henkin announced the following:

- **Next Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 Regular Meeting** – The next Board meeting is Wednesday October 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at KEY Project, 47-200 Waihe'e Road.
- **O`ahu Invasive Species Committee's "Go Out and Listen Night"** – September 12, 2012; residents were encouraged to listen for coqui frogs at night in your neighborhood and report what you hear using your smartphone and the free "Honolulu 311" smartphone app. For event details, visit coqui311.blogspot.com
- **7-Eleven Store** – There will be a Department of Planning and Permitting Hearing on Special Management Area Use Permit for Remodeled 7-11 Convenience Store at 47-515 Kamehameha Highway (TMK 4-7-11:6). The hearing is Tuesday September 18, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at Kahalu`u Community Park, 47-260 Waihe'e Road.
- **Commercial Activities** – There will be a Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Public Hearing for Use of Public Parks from Makapu`u to Mokuleia for Commercial Activities on Tuesday September 18, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Waiialua District Park, 67-180 Goodale Avenue. Written testimony by September 21, 2012 to: DPR, Executive Services Division, 1000 Ulukouia Street, Suite 309, Kapolei, HI 96707.



- Talk Story with Representative Jessica Wooley – A talk story session with Rep. Wooley regarding priorities for 2013 Legislative Session will be at Ben Parker Elementary on Tuesday September 25, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and at ‘Ahuimanu Elementary on Wednesday October 17, 2012 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Neighborhood Plan Amendments – At the next Neighborhood Commission meeting on Monday September 24, 2012 at City Hall, the Commission will consider plan amendments, including extending Board member terms to 4 years.

RESIDENTS’/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Foul Odor near Wailehua Place – A resident raised concerns about a foul odor near Wailehua Place and asked the community to help identify it. Chair Henkin said residents with information could contact him as he is also Chair of the Board’s Environment Committee. LeVasseur suggested that flushing the area with salt water could cure the problem, as it did at Waihe’e Marsh.

At 7:15 p.m., Kaluhiwa arrived; **12 members present.**

Proposed Dog Park at Laenani Park – A resident presented a petition from area residents opposing a dog park at Laenani Park and asked Council Chair Martin to withdraw the resolution for the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to look into establishing one. Chair Henkin said that this item will be discussed during the report from Council Chair Martin’s Office.

Kualoa Park Wastewater Improvements – Luersen reported that a draft finding of no significant impact is out for public comment through October 8. The document is available on the Office of Environmental Quality Control’s website.

Stream at Ahilama Bridge Update – Rick Towill stated that the stream restoration is 80-90 percent complete and that it is now clear the bridge does not have adequate capacity. Towill presented photos of the stream work.

Milo Trees and Bamboo on Kamehameha Highway – Kaluhiwa expressed concern about cars parking next to the Kane’ohe Canoe Club and cutting branches from the milo trees at night. DLNR claimed that the cars are not parked within the State jurisdiction. Possibly the same people are also harvesting bamboo near the long bridge on Kamehameha Highway.

Auwai on Waihe’e Stream – LeVasseur reported that Clifford Wong intends to realign his auwai from Waihe’e Stream.

INFORMATION SESSION:

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – A representative was not available. Chair Henkin read the following report:

- Main Break Report – There was one main break reported on August 5, 2012. A hydrant lateral broke near 47-657 Kamehameha Highway.
- Potable Production – BWS potable production for the week ending September 1, 2012 was 148.2 million gallons per day.
- Water Emergency Preparedness – Residents should store at least one gallon of water per person per day for at least five to seven days. For more information about emergency preparedness, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com.
- Ko’olaupoko Watershed Management Plan (KWMP) – The KWMP is scheduled for Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM) adoption at its meeting on Wednesday September 19, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. On August 15, the Honolulu City Council adopted Bill 48 (CD1) adopting the KWMP into Chapter 30 Revised Ordinances of Honolulu.
- Alleged Kahalu’u Stream Diversion – BWS received a letter from resident Dr. Twentyman claiming that BWS had diverted Kahalu’u Stream. It did not. The June 2012 storm caused Kahalu’u Stream to overflow its bank sending a flood of water and boulders through the Kahalu’u pump station causing major damage. The stream redirected itself in the process. The berm was repaired, but water leaks through it now. However, the water re-enters the main stream about 400 feet downstream. BWS did not, therefore, cause any diversion. BWS will confer with CWRM on repairs going forward and will provide a written response to Dr. Twentyman’s letter.

With no objection, the **agenda was taken out of order to hear the report from Honolulu Fire Department.**

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

- August 2012 Statistics – Included 2 structure, 5 rubbish, and 1 vehicle fire; 37 medical emergencies, 3 search and rescues, and 2 miscellaneous calls for service. There were no major or unusual incidents reported.
- Fire Safety Tip: Fire Prevention Week (FPW) –The National Fire Protection Association selected “Have 2 Ways Out!” as the theme for FPW on October 7-13, 2012. In October 2012, children attending elementary schools statewide will receive a Fire Fighter’s Safety Guide (FFSG) from their teachers. HFD encourages parents to review the FFSG with their child, create or revisit and practice their fire escape plan, test their smoke alarms, and consider the other safety tips in the guide.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) – A representative or report was not available. It was mentioned that Capt. Pam Marshall replaced Major Alan Crouch and is the new representative who will be attending Board meetings. Machado informed residents that MCBH will do another practice for the air show of the wall of fire Saturday, September 15, 2012. It will be a smaller scale than last week’s. Chair Henkin suggested that, at the next Civilian/Military Council meeting, Machado request that MCBH inform residents of planned explosions before they happen, not after.

Kane’ohe Bay Regional Council (KBRC) – Machado reported as follows:

- Alcohol Ban – This Labor Day at Ahu o Laka (Kane’ohe Sand Bar) was under control due to the new ban on alcohol on three-day weekends. DLNR enforcement officers monitored the Sand Bar. Machado reminded the public that the fines for violating the ban on open alcoholic beverage containers on the boat are substantial. For more information, visit the DLNR website.
- KBRC Membership – Machado noted that his term as the Board representative on the KBRC has expired. Chair Henkin will place it on next month’s agenda.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Vice Chair Luersen reported a previous balance of \$952.37; \$38.45 was expended for printing and postage of minutes and agenda, leaving a current balance of \$913.92 for September 2012. The report was filed.

PRESENTATIONS ON COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

Investigation of Impacts to Kane’ohe Bay from Rim of the Pacific Training – No DLNR representative was present. Item deferred. Peter Field noted that Dave Gulko from the DLNR Division of Aquatic Resources viewed damage near the sandbar today.

Wind Sock at Diamond Head for Fire Department Helicopters – Deferred.

Eviction of Tangaro Family from Former Chinen Property in Waiahole – Chair Henkin reminded Board members that, at the Board’s July 2012 meeting, a motion to support the Tangaro family and encourage the City to find a way for the family to stay failed, 7-0-4; he noted that, per Robert’s Rules, only a member who did not vote for that motion may make a similar motion. Tangaro stated that her case is still under discussion with the City and no formal decision has been made. Kaluhiwa stated that she was absent when the previous motion was made in July, which qualified her to make a motion. Gomes noted that she too was absent in July. **Kaluhiwa moved and Gomes 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.**

Discussion followed: Kaluhiwa stated she faced a similar situation at He’eia Kea and supports the Tangaro family as they are part of the community. Tangaro stated she tried to make payment to the City, but the City will not accept the money. She also stated that the City should let the new mayor deal with her situation. Chair Henkin noted that he spoke with Neighborhood Commission Executive Secretary Tom Heinrich and was informed that the Board can take action as long as it is not making a legal decision, but rather is only reflecting community sentiment.

At 8:00 p.m., Obayashi arrived; **13 members present.**

The motion was ADOPTED, 12-0-1 (AYES: Geboski, Gomes, Henkin, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Longfellow, Loo, Machado, Nelson, Obayashi, Tangaro, and Taum; **NAYS:** None; **ABSTENTIONS:** Luersen).

REPORTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Mayor's Representative – Forest Frizzell reported the following:

- Omidyar Fellowship – Forest Frizzell was one of 13 people selected to be the first Omidyar Fellows, a 15-month program established by the founder of EBay to inspire and equip emerging leaders with the skills needed to affect positive, lasting change in Hawai'i.
- Listen for Coqui Frogs – Residents were encouraged to listen for coqui frogs at night and call it in at 286-4616 or email to OISC@hawaii.edu. If you have a smartphone, use the free "Honolulu 311" smartphone app.
- Waihe'e Stream – BWS did work on Waihe'e Stream to make it easier for 'o'opu to get past concrete structures. Early in the project, vandals destroyed water pipes, which required BWS to bring in security to keep an eye on the site. In a few months, BWS will be working on the upper portion of the stream.
- Commercial Drivers License (CDL) Office – The State Department of Transportation (DOT) is planning to relocate the CDL office at the end of the year. Contact DOT at 587-2150 for an update on the new location.
- Bollards for Corner of Hui Iwa and Apoalewa – The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) responded that the City does not install protected poles at corner residential properties. The speeding concern has been referred to the HPD for follow up. Vice Chair Luersen noted that a median, restriping and bumps had been installed on Hui Iwa, improving the drifting situation. Since the house in question is on the corner, however, the improvements do not protect it.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Bus Service Cuts – Member Kaluhiwa noted that a family member was late to appear in court in response to a subpoena due to the bus service cuts. Chair Henkin asked about the mayor's position on restoring bus service. Frizzell suggested that the public consult Honolulu.gov for updates on the bus situation.
2. Harvesting of Milo Trees – Member Kaluhiwa is concerned about the homeless living in their vehicles and slowly cutting away branches from the milo trees to carve craft items. The milo carvers are parked on Kamehameha Highway near He'eia Kea Pier, next to the Kane'ohe Canoe Club Hale, and wear headlamps to cut milo at night. Kaluhiwa contacted DLNR and was told that it is not their jurisdiction. Something must be done to save the milo trees.
3. Harvested Trees at Long Bridge – A resident observed commercial trucks hauling trees on the highway near the long bridge near He'eia State Park. Member Kaluhiwa stated that mangrove is being removed as part of Kako'o 'Oiwa's activities to improve habitat and provide wood for canoe halau. The work has the required permits.
4. Vehicles Parked At Blind Turn – A resident raised concerns about vehicles parked along Kamehameha Highway near 47-315 Kamehameha Highway. The vehicles are parked over the white line, creating the risk of accidents on the blind turn. Chair Henkin suggested that residents report this to HPD. Rick Towill noted that soil is sloughing off the road on the mauka side of the blind curve and should be cleaned up.
5. Request to Cut Overhanging Branches – Member LeVasseur raised concerns about overhanging tree branches on 'Ahuimanu Road heading downhill just before Melekula Road and along Kamehameha Highway between He'eia Kea Pier and the Hygienic Store. The branches hit school buses' side view mirrors. The branches should be cut back shorter than usual because they seem to grow back quickly.
6. Driveway at Lihikai, Laenani, and Kamehameha Highway – A Lihikai Drive resident raised concerns about whether it is legal for Lulani Street property owners to open up another driveway onto Kamehameha Highway for regular trash pickup services from the City. Having a driveway at a blind turn at Lihikai and Laenani Drive and Kamehameha Highway creates a dangerous situation for motorists and more so on trash pick up days.
7. Kamehameha and Kahekili Highway Intersection – Member Gomes asked why the restriping of the intersection of Kamehameha and Kahekili Highways had never been completed. Chair Henkin responded that the restriping cannot occur until HECO moves some of its power lines, which requires an

aerial easement from the Hygienic Store, which has not been secured. He further noted that this is a matter for State DOT and that he would pass on the inquiry to the Governor's representative.

Governor's Representative – Chair Henkin received a report and highlighted the following:

- Chair for Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council – The Governor's Office and DLNR are working to fill vacancies on the council, which will allow for a chair to be selected. The term for the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board's representative expired on June 30, 2010. The Board should select a member to fill that seat.
- Eliminating Teacher Furlough Days (Direct Leave Without Pay) – The Governor has extended a formal proposal to the Hawai'i State Teachers Association covering future school years that eliminates the Directed Leave Without Pay and restores salaries along with other terms and conditions. The parties have not reached an agreement and the proposal is subject to change.
- DLNR to Investigate Military Hovercraft Incident – The Governor notified DLNR about the Board resolution to investigate potential damage to Kane'ohe Bay due to the military hovercraft incident.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Kamehameha and Kahekili Highway Intersection – Member LeVasseur noted that cable and telephone lines had been moved to the new pole, suggesting that DOT had secured the requisite aerial easement from the Hygienic Store. HECO's power lines had not yet been moved.

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

- Efforts to Restore City Bus Service – The City Council approved two measures in an effort to restore regular bus service. It was requested that the Mayor take another look at the City budget to find funding and suspend the farebox recovery policy so DTS can appropriate sufficient funds to restore bus service. The administration was also asked to pursue federal funding to restore bus service.
- Repaving Kamehameha Highway – The project is in the design phase and should go to bid late next year. The timeline for conducting the work is subject to securing permits and going through the bid process.
- Proposed Dog Park Resolution – Resolution 12-227 was introduced requesting DPR to investigate the designation of Kahalu'u Regional Park and/or Kualoa Regional Parks as off-leash and/or leash parks for dogs. The resolution also asks to consider Laenani Neighborhood Park as a leash park. The resolution must pass out of the Committee of Parks and Cultural Affairs before it can be brought to the full Council for adoption. Contact Councilmember Martin's office or Parks Committee Chair Councilmember Tom Berg to express your concerns. Investigation of the parks will not begin until the resolution is approved by the City Council, which would not occur before the Council's October 2 meeting.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Proposed Leashed Dog Park at Laenani Park – A resident raised concerns about Laenani Park being proposed for a leashed dog park and presented signed petitions from area residents opposing Laenani as a dog park. The resident noted that there are eight parks in Council District 5 that are leashed dog parks and are available for public use, with He'eia Park in Kane'ohe the closest to Kahalu'u. In addition, a dog park is in the works at the Kane'ohe Bay View Golf Course.

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

Representative Jessica Wooley – Jackie Miyashiro reported as follows:

- Community Meetings – Rep. Wooley is having a two talk story sessions with residents on priorities for the 2013 Legislative Session. There will be a talk story session at Ben Parker Elementary on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and at 'Ahuimanu Elementary on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. In addition, on Wednesday, October 24 at Waiahole Elementary, from 5:30 to 9 p.m., Representative Wooley will hold a community meeting regarding Windward flooding concerns, which will include updates on bridge replacement and repair projects.

PRESENTATIONS ON COMMUNITY PROJECTS (cont.):

Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) Recommendations Regarding General Election Candidate Forum – Chair Henkin reminded the Board that action cannot be taken on the PIG's recommendations until a subsequent meeting (which will take place following the close of the regular meeting). Discussion included suggestions that the candidate forum not duplicate forums already planned by other groups, such as Windward Community College. It was mentioned that KEY Project Director John Reppun supports a candidate forum at KEY Project, that the Board could partner with KEY, and that KEY's main hall is available only on Thursdays (e.g., October 18 and 25 and November 1). Machado is working with Reppun for the 18th of October. Vice Chair Luersen preferred that the candidate forum be held as early as possible because of the early absentee ballot voting. The two political races identified were Senate District 23 between Clayton Hee and Colleen Meyer and House District 47 between Richard Fale and Ululani Beirne. It was suggested that the mayoral candidates be invited.

At 8:40 p.m., Salas arrived; **14 members present.**

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS: Agenda items for future Board meetings included 1) DLNR investigation of impacts to Kane'ohe Bay from Rim of the Pacific Training; 2) HFD wind sock; 3) Appointment of Board member to Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council; 4) Opposing additional commercial activity at Kane'ohe Bay; 5) Re-visit the dog park issue.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 8, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: **Machado moved and Luersen seconded that the Kahalu`u Neighborhood Board No. 29 approve the August 8, 2012 regular meeting minutes as corrected. The motion was ADOPTED, 14-0-0.** Correction is as follows:

- Page 5, Mayor's Representative, Questions, comments, and concerns followed, item 3, line 2, delete the word "house" and replace with "wall".

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Water and Environment – There were no updates to report.

Transportation and Safety – LeVasseur reported that only the work downstream of the Ahilama Bridge is being done under the Governor's Emergency Disaster Proclamation; upstream work is not. The stream's spillway was lifted by the flood. Earlier in the year, the Hio Place spillway was also damaged in a flood. The Department of Design and Construction and the Department of Facility Maintenance are aware of the problems and are working on designs to fix the two spillways.

Parks and Recreation – There were no updates to report.

Planning – There were no updates to report.

Preservation of Hawaiian Heritage – Kaluhiwa reported the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club is having a song contest at Windward Mall on Sunday September 16, 2012. There are 20 entries in the professional, amateur, and Hawaiian language categories. Also, the Legends of Ko'olaupoko Tour of Kane'ohe Bay continues to be a success.

Military/Civilian Affairs Liaison – There were no updates to report.

Legislation and School – There were no updates to report.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Submitted By: Gloria J.P. Gaines, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed By: Theona Kapoi, Neighborhood Commission Office

Reviewed By: David Henkin, Chair