



KAHALU'U NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 29

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**DRAFT – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015
KAHALU'U KEY PROJECT**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Flora Obayashi called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. **Quorum was not established with 7 (seven) members present.** Note – This 15-member Board requires eight (8) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Rocky Kaluhiwa, Ron Kubo, Ken LeVasseur, Clifford Loo, Amy Luersen (arrived at 7:43 p.m.), Art Machado, Yvonne Nelson (arrived at 7:09 p.m.), Flora Obayashi, Marina Pasion, and Alice Taum (arrived at 7:43 p.m.)

Board Members Absent: Daniel Bender, Lee Gomes and Lola Jean Tangaro.

Vacancies: There were two (2) vacancies in subdistrict 6.

Guests: Captain Mark Adams (Honolulu Fire Department); Art Challacombe (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative); Lieutenant John Vines (Honolulu Police Department); Tiffany Patrick (Marine Corps Base Hawaii); Michael Sakata (Council Chair Ernie Martin's Office staff); Watson Okubo (Department of Health); Representative Jarrett Keohokalole; Senator Gil Riviere; Representative Feki Pouha; Peter Field; Karen Field; Toni Hemmings; Kanani Esserman; Byron Ho; Marie Samudio; Penny Davis; Chuck Pearson; KC Connors; Donna Kohls; Leilehualani Kane Sr., Jerry Kaluhiwa (Kaneohe Bay Regional Council); Lori Snyder (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Neighborhood Board Elections: Chair Obayashi announced a deadline of Friday, February 20, 2015 to apply for candidacy for the 2015 Neighborhood Board Election.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Mark Adams reported the following: January 2015 Statistics: Statistics included 2 structure fires, 5 rubbish fires, 4 vehicle fires, 40 medical emergencies, and 24 miscellaneous emergencies.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant John Vines reported the following:

- February 2015 Statistics: Statistics included 5 motor vehicle thefts, 8 burglaries, 16 thefts, and 19 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (JEMV).
- Barriers: Barriers were placed near Waianae Stream; contact HPD if the barriers are removed.
- Loose Dogs: HPD is unable to contact the owners of the dogs who are said to be running loose into Kahalu'u Regional Park.

Yvonne Nelson arrived at 7:09 p.m. There were eight (8) members present. Quorum was established.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Dangerous Vehicles: Pasion voiced concern about vehicles passing other vehicles on straightaways, and inquired if signage or an increase of patrol at the locations could be implemented. Lieutenant Vines noted there is not enough space on the street to create a passing lane, and a request can be made for signage and changing the striping of the lane. Loo reiterated the concern, noting the vehicles were driving above the speed limit.
2. Crosswalk: Machado reported that pedestrians are not following the crosswalk signals near Honolulu Community College (HCC), causing traffic as vehicles wait for pedestrians to cross before proceeding into the intersection. Lieutenant Vines noted the City and State monitors the light signals and recommended relaying the concern to the area councilmembers.
3. Loud Noises: Tiffany Patrick answered for Waiahole resident that loud noises heard in the past week were from the training exercises at Schofield Barracks.

4. Lowland Flooding: A Waiahole resident requested that the public be notified about the flooding of lowlands.
5. HPD Information: A community member inquired about how an individual can find information about a specific HPD response on Mapele Way. Lieutenant Vines noted he could research and release the information, depending on the type of incident.

Rocky Kaluhiwa arrived at 7:13 p.m. There were 10 members present.

FILLING OF VACANCIES: There were no nominations; this item was deferred until the next meeting.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION:

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH): Tiffany Patrick reported the following:

- F-18 Jets: The F-18 jets that were at MCBH are now off of the island.
- Noise Advisory: A noise advisory has been issued for this coming week due to training at Schofield Barracks. To report concerns, contact the Army noise concern hotline at 656-3487.
- Great Aloha Run (GAR): Marines will be volunteering at the GAR on Monday, February 16, 2015.
- Kaneohe Bay Air Show Preparation: MCBH is preparing for the Air Show on Saturday, October 17, 2015 and Sunday, October 18, 2015. The Blue Angels are expected to participate.
- Waikane Valley Restoration Advisory Board (RAB): The Waikane Valley RAB is working on phase 2 of the cleanup, which involves the removal of old vehicles.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Nu'upia Fish Pond: Kaluhiwa requested MCBH assist in restoring the Nu'upia fish pond. Tiffany responded that the Marines are proud of their work in clearing the invasive algae and restoring the fishponds.
2. Vehicle Clean-up: Resident Byron Ho disclosed that he was a RAB member, and noted that the Waikane Valley RAB vehicle clean-up would take place at the mauka end of Waikane Valley.

Kaneohe Bay Regional Council (KBRC): Jerry Kaluhiwa reported the following: Abandoned Boats: Kaluhiwa was interviewed for a news report about the abandoned boats in Kaneohe Bay.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Abandoned Boats News Series: Machado noted there are plans for a news series about the abandoned boats, and the news reporters will be interested in the Board's opinion.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): A representative was not present and a report was not provided.

Kahalu'u Stream/Flood Control Lagoon Department of Health (DOH) Update: Watson Okubo from DOH provided an update on the Kahalu'u Stream/Flood Control Lagoon. The bacteria levels at the 18 stations tested this past month were high due to heavy rains. Since the testing began in September 2014, DOH has targeted consistent high levels of bacteria in stations 3, 4, 5, 8, 17, 18, and 21.

Taum and Luersen arrived at 7:43 p.m. There were 12 members present.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Weekly Monitoring: Okubo noted for Machado that DOH monitors the water every week.
2. Sewer Treatment Plant: Loo noted stations 17 and 18 were by the Sewer Treatment Plant. Okubo noted the Sewer Treatment Plant was tested and is not the cause of the bacteria.
3. Type of Waste and Interim Options: Okubo answered for a community member that the type of waste found in the cesspools can be distinguished between animal and human. Resident Donna Kohls voiced concern that cesspools must be certified, and something should be done in the interim while waiting for the bacteria problem to be corrected.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Illegal Dumping: Resident Penny Davis reported illegal dumping at Ahuimanu Road. Deputy Director of Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) Art Challacombe answered that DPP can address the dumping on private property, and the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) Solid Waste Division can address the dumping is on a public street.

Property Inquiry: Deputy Director Art Challacombe answered for a community member that Calvary Chapel of Kaneohe bought the Noriko's property on Kamehameha Highway in Kahalu'u.

Tree Trimming: Representative Jarrett Keohokalole answered for Loo that DOT was given highway funds to trim the immediate public safety hazard tree overgrowth, and funding was given to the Department of Civil Defense to cut tree limbs on private property. Machado requested the monitoring of tree trimmers at St. Johns by the Sea as there were three (3) truckloads of workers looking as though they were not working.

A significant community member Mrs Lau passed away last week, and requested that her passing be noted as she and her father were the founders of KEY Project. She was 95 years old and had participated in the Kupuna program.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Ko'olaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan (KSCP) Amendment Proposal I: Luersen noted that the KSCP amendment proposal I would change the urban community boundary within the State land use Conservation District to include almost 200 acres of land that is currently conservation for agricultural and residential development. The location of the land includes the banana farms by Likelike Highway.

Discussion followed: Deputy Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP): Deputy Director Art Challacombe noted that DPP also opposes the two (2) amendment proposals listed on the agenda.

Luersen moved and LeVasseur seconded that the Kahaluu Neighborhood Board No. 29 is opposed to the KSCP Amendment Proposal 1 related to the Waiale o Ko'olau agriculture and residential cluster that would change the urban community boundary to include land that is currently in conservation to allow residential agricultural use. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 10-0-0 (Kaluhiwa, Kubo, LeVasseur, Loo, Luersen, Machado, Nelson, Obayashi, Pasion, and Taum.)

Ko'olaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan (KSCP) Amendment Proposal II: Luersen noted that the KSCP amendment proposal II would modify the urban community boundary to incorporate the DeReis property to re-designate the site from agriculture to low density residential and, if successful, the applicant proposes to rezone the site from Agricultural 2 to country district to establish six (6) houses on the lot.

Luersen moved and Kaluhiwa seconded that the Kahaluu Neighborhood Board No. 29 is opposed to the KSCP Amendment Proposal II for the DeReis Property that would change the urban community boundary to include land currently designated agriculture to allow residential. The motion was ADOPTED by RAISE of HAND, 9-0-1 (AYE: Kaluhiwa, Kubo, Loo, Luersen, Machado, Nelson, Obayashi, Pasion, and Taum ABSTAIN: LeVasseur).

Council Bill 47 related to KSCP: Chair Obayashi noted the Kahaluu Neighborhood Board No. 29 previously took a position opposing Council Bill 47 and submitted a letter stating the position. Chair Obayashi noted she will present the position at the next Council Bill 47 hearing, which has yet to be scheduled for a hearing.

HB313 and SB420 Relating to Neighborhood Boards: Chair Obayashi voiced a concern that HB313 and SB420 would exempt the Neighborhood Boards (NB) from Sunshine Law. Deputy Director Challacombe recommended that Obayashi call the Executive Secretary of the Neighborhood Commission Office to hear an explanation of the intent of the bills. Discussion followed:

- Sunshine Law History: Luersen noted the Neighborhood Commission existed before the NBs were subject to Sunshine Law. Luersen supports the theory of open NB meetings because it is inconvenient when more than two (2) board members cannot show up to a community meeting.
- Senator Riviere's Support: Senator Gil Riviere noted HB313 was worth pursuing, as this bill addresses the specific issue of NB members attending public meetings. Resident Brian Nuss noted that HB 317 is the companion bill SB 420 exempting neighborhood boards from sunshine law.
- Board's Position: Luersen recommended that the Board take a position about what they would support from a bill rather than supporting a specific bill.

Luersen moved and LeVasseur seconded that the Kahaluu Neighborhood Board No. 29 supports the concept of Neighborhood Board meetings being subject to Sunshine Law in order to provide an open community forum, however Kahaluu Neighborhood Board No. 29 also supports relaxing the Sunshine Law requirements related to the number of Neighborhood Board members allowed to attend broad community meetings. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 10-0-0 (Kaluhiwa, Kubo, LeVasseur, Loo, Luersen, Machado, Nelson, Obayashi, Pasion, and Taum.)

Kahalu'u Transit Center Proposal: LeVasseur noted there is a one (1) mile gap in bus service in a major population area in Kahaluu. LeVasseur is proposing bus route 55 or 65 stop where the old first Hawaiian Bank used to be at the old Ahuimanu Road. LeVasseur noted Transit Oriented Development (TOD) principals could be applied to create stores for the riders waiting at the bus stop.

REPORTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Deputy Director Art Challacombe reported the following:

- Kahalu'u Lagoon Interim: Inspection of the Waihee Stream was conducted on Thursday, January 22, 2015. At the time of the inspection, Waihee Stream was freely flowing to the lagoon and was not blocked. An assessment of heavy equipment access and water pollution best management practices is scheduled for the second week of February 2015 by the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM). If deemed feasible to be performed by City in-house resources, the City will prepare an application to perform an interim dredging of the Waihee Stream mouth and removal of mangroves and other vegetation to the United States (U.S.) Army Corps of Engineers. Typical review time for this type of a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit is 90 calendar days or more.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Homeless: A community member inquired if the City was providing funding for any homeless projects in Kahalu'u. Deputy Director Challacombe noted the Housing First program is island wide.
2. Crowded Bus: A community member voiced concern about the overcrowded Route 55 bus at approximately 1:40 p.m. from the Hygienic Store to King Intermediate School.

Council Chair Ernie Martin: Michael Sakata provided a handout and reported the following:

- Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) Representatives: Governor Ige nominated Donna Camvel, Brett Prejean, and Amy Luersen for his HCDA representatives for the He'eia community.
- Kemoeatu Brothers: Council Chair Ernie Martin honored the Kemoeatu brothers and their families on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 with an honorary certificate in recognition of their athletic achievements and humanitarian accomplishments. Ma'ake Kemoeatu ended his professional football career to donate his kidney to his younger brother, Chris, who was diagnosed with kidney disease.
- Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Recommendations: Sakata provided a recommended plan from the Kahalu'u Community Master Plan which provided ideas for CIP requests.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Kamehameha Highway Repaving: Kaluhiwa asked how long the Kamehameha Highway repaving will take to complete, and if the repaving is scheduled to begin in March 2015.

Councilmember Ikaika Anderson: A representative was not present and a report was provided.

Governor David Ige's Representative: A representative was not present and a report was not provided.

Senator Gil Riviere: Senator Gil Riviere reported the following:

- Google Maps: Senator Riviere contacted Google regarding a mislabeled property concern from the January 2015 Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board No. 29 meeting. Google is in the process of contacting those who promote the link and hope to correct it by March 2015.
- Legislation: Senator Riviere has introduced SB201 related to transient accommodation, SB 202 Non-campaign committees required to disclose recipients, SB1166 relating to Hawaiian burial, and SB1307 relating to tax incentives for kalo production.

Senator Jill Tokuda: Senator Jill Tokuda informed Chair Obayashi that she was celebrating her son's birthday and could not attend tonight's meeting.

Representative Jarrett Keohokalole: Representative Jarrett Keohokalole reported the following:

- CIP Requests: A list of CIP requests benefiting House District 48 were listed in the handout. The top priorities included maintaining bathroom pipes and ceilings at King Intermediate School, and installing a waste water treatment system at He'eia Pier.
- Kahalu'u Legislation: Legislation affecting the Kahalu'u area introduced by Representative Keohokalole includes HB1105 relating to rural schools and HB1140 relating to cesspools, which would give a tax credit to those who want to convert from a cesspool system to a septic system, HB1207 moves money into city roads

- He'eia Harbor Contact: Call Ernest Choy, He'eia harbor master 233-3603, to report any boat problems.
- Emergency Appropriation Request: Governor Ige submitted an Emergency Appropriation request for the Department of Health (DOH) Hazard Response Revolving Fund on Monday, February 2, 2015, which would assist in the continuation of Kahalu'u Stream/Flood Control Lagoon testing. He will advise board of progress.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Air Conditioning for Schools: Resident Mary Samudio noted it would be fiscally impossible to provide every school with air conditioning, and requested that every school at least have ceiling fans. LeVasseur recommended the use of solar panels for air conditioning.
2. HB393 Relating to Hawaiian Fishponds: Representative Keohokalole answered for Kaluhiwa that HB393 passed through the Ocean, Marine, and Hawaiian Affairs House Committee, and now must be heard by the Health Committee before Friday, February 20, 2015.

Representative Feki Pouha: Representative Feki Pouha provided a handout and was available for questions.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: HB1392 Support: Kaluhiwa requested support for HB1392 related to kalo production.

BOARD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report: Luersen reported that \$25.36 was spent in January 2015, leaving a balance of \$441.41. The report was filed.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 14, 2015 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Kaluhiwa moved and LeVasseur seconded that the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board No. 29 approve the January 14, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was ADOPTED as amended by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 10-0-0 (Kaluhiwa, Kubo, LeVasseur, Loo, Luersen, Machado, Nelson, Obayashi, Pasion, and Taum.)

Amendments included:

- Page 3: Google Maps Error: "Peter Field" should be changed to "Rick Towill."
- Page 3: Last Year's Statistics: "17" should be changed to "1700."

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning: Luersen noted there will be a community meeting at Windward Community College relating to the exclusion of land that has a State designation of Urban, most of Kahalu'u, which could be zoned agriculture.

Preservation of Hawaiian Heritage: Kaluhiwa provided a handout which listed the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club 2015 legislative priorities, which will be attached to the minutes.

Military/Civilian Affairs Liaison: Machado reported that the next Civilian Military Board's meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015. Chair Obayashi will attend the next meeting with Art Machado.

There were no reports from the following committees: Water and Environment, Transportation and Safety, Disaster Preparedness, Parks and Recreation, and Legislation and School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board No. 29 regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at KEY Project.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted By: Lori Snyder, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed By: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed and Finalized By: Flora Obayashi, Chairperson