



KAHALU'U NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 29

(Hee'ia Kea, Ahuimanu, Kahalu'u, Waihee, Kaalaea, Waiahole, Waikane, Hakipuu, Kualoa

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**DRAFT – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2015
KAHALU'U KEY PROJECT**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Pro Tem Flora Obayashi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **A quorum was established with 14 members present.** Note – This 15-member Board requires eight (8) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Chair Pro Tem Obayashi introduced the newly elected representatives from each sub-district:
SD 1: Waiahole, Waikane, Hakipu'u, Kualoa – Marina Pasion and Lola Tangaro (departed the meeting at 7:36 p.m.)
SD 2: Waihe'e, Ka'alaea - Lee Gomes, Ron Kubo, Clifford Loo
SD 3: Kahalu'u, He'e'ia Kea - Ken Goldstein, Art Machado, Flora Obayashi
SD 4: Ahuimanu - Peter Burns, Ken LeVasseur
SD 5: Ahuimanu - Anthony Austin, Dan Bender, Yvonne Nelson
SD 6: He'e'ia: Michael Canute

Board Members Absent: None.

Vacancies: There was one (1) vacancy in Subdistrict 6.

Guests: Captain Ken Heim (Honolulu Fire Department), Lieutenant John Vines (Honolulu Police Department); Art Challacombe (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative); Barry Usugawa (Board of Water Supply); Tiffany Patrick and Elizabeth Feeney (Marine Corps Base Hawaii); Michael Sakata (Council Chair Ernie Martin's Office); Francisco Figueiredo (Councilmember Ikaika Anderson's Office); Watson Okubo (Department of Health); Eldean Kukahiko, Won Yuen; Kimberly Kahuhu, Georgette Rodrigues, Paula Trask, Helene Uyemura, Vanessa Stewart, and Marie Samudio(Residents); Neil Baarde (Neighborhood Commission Office).

Oath of Office: Deputy Director Art Challacombe administered the Oath of Office to all 14 members, on behalf of the City and County of Honolulu.

All fourteen (14) newly elected representatives swore an oath to uphold the Constitution and laws of the United States, the statutes and regulations of the State of Hawaii, the Charter and ordinances of the City and County of Honolulu, and the Neighborhood Plan; and to conscientiously and impartially discharge their duties and responsibilities as members of the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board No. 29.

Chair Pro Tem Obayashi called a recess at 7:04 p.m.

Chair Pro Tem Obayashi called the meeting back to order at 7:07 p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

- **Chair:** LeVasseur nominated Obayashi. Tangaro nominated Machado, Machado declined. **As there were no more nominations, Obayashi was elected as Chair by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0.** (AYE: Pasion, Tangaro, Gomes, Kubo, Loo, Goldstein, Machado, Obayashi, Burns, LeVasseur, Austin, Bender, Nelson, and Canute.)
- **Vice Chair:** LeVasseur nominated Machado. **As there were no more nominations, Machado was elected as Vice Chair by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0.** (AYE: Pasion, Tangaro, Gomes, Kubo, Loo, Goldstein, Machado, Obayashi, Burns, LeVasseur, Austin, Bender, Nelson, and Canute.)
- **Secretary:** Gomes nominated LeVasseur, LeVasseur declined. Gomes nominated Pasion, Pasion declined. **Burns volunteered as Secretary by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0.** (AYE: Pasion, Tangaro, Gomes, Kubo, Loo, Goldstein, Machado, Obayashi, Burns, LeVasseur, Austin, Bender, Nelson, and Canute.)

- Treasurer: LeVasseur nominated Bender. **As there were no more nominations, Bender was elected as Treasurer by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0.** (AYE: Pasion, Tangaro, Gomes, Kubo, Loo, Goldstein, Machado, Obayashi, Burns, LeVasseur, Austin, Bender, Nelson, and Canute.)

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Ken Heim reported the following:

- June 2015 Statistics: There were 2 fires, 34 medical emergencies, and 6 good intent calls for a total of 42 calls for service.
- Fire Safety Tip: Summer Home Safety Tips for Kids: With island keiki on summer break, this is an opportune time to review the home surroundings for potentially dangerous situations. Take the time to childproof the home. Check for situations that may cause electrical shock, accidental falls, and/or poisoning from unsecured medications, cleaning products, and/or household plants. Ensure that swimming pools are properly fenced and gated. An alarm on the door from the house to the pool can help prevent unattended keiki from drowning. Keep matches and lighters in a safe, secured place away from children.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Mahalo: Marie Samudio thanked HFD for their assistance.

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

- June 2015 Statistics: There were 4 motor vehicle thefts, 4 burglaries, 21 thefts, and 8 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV).
- Safety Tip: Lieutenant Vines noted that everyone should be a good neighbor. If anyone sees something, they should say something and call HPD if there is any suspicious people or activity occurring. Lieutenant Vines announced that HPD is training with the new laser guns to monitor speed.

Board of Water Supply: No representative was present. No report was provided.

Department of Health (DOH) Update: Watson Okubo distributed a handout on the new methodology and noted that the DOH is still monitoring the water. When Dr. Marek Kirk returns the DOH will begin planning the specialized sampling. Okubo noted that the handouts that were distributed is a study that was done locally on bacterial pathogens along Hawaiian coastal streams, unfortunately Kahaluu was not one (1) of the streams chosen. Tangaro distributed a packet that explain Bacterial Enzyme Effective Systems (BEES).

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Kahaluu Stream: Bender asked if the DOH will continue to monitor the stream and make a presentation to the Board. Okubo responded that he will make a presentation after data collection. Bender asked if Okubo can have the results by the August 2015 meeting. Okubo responded that he might not have the numbers but he will at least give the Board the overall plan, because the data will probably be presented by September 2015.

DETERMINATION OF MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION: **LeVasseur moved and Goldstein seconded that the Kahaluu Neighborhood Board No.29 continue to meet on the second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at KEY Project. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0.** (AYE: Pasion, Tangaro, Gomes, Kubo, Loo, Goldstein, Machado, Obayashi, Burns, LeVasseur, Austin, Bender, Nelson, and Canute.)

DETERMINATION OF BOARD RECESS SCHEDULE: **LeVasseur moved and Austin seconded that the Kahaluu Neighborhood Board No. 29 recess in November 2015. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0.** (AYE: Pasion, Tangaro, Gomes, Kubo, Loo, Goldstein, Machado, Obayashi, Burns, LeVasseur, Austin, Bender, Nelson, and Canute.)

Tangaro departed the meeting at 7:36 p.m.; 13 members present.

FILLING OF VACANCIES: There were no nominations one (1) seat in Subdistrict 6, Hui Iwa Loop. The item was deferred.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION:

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH): Liz Feeney reported that the Camp Smith Grueler 5K will be on Saturday, July 18, 2015 and will begin at 8:00 a.m. Online registration closes on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 11:59 p.m.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Newsletter: LeVasseur asked if the MCBH Newsletter has changed format. Feeney responded that MCBH is migrating servers which some was lost but noted that the original format of the newsletter will return when the drive is ready.

Kaneohe Bay Regional Council (KBRC) Meeting: Chair Obayashi announced that the next KBRC meeting will be on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at Windward Community College (WCC) at 7:00 p.m.

Hearing no objections, Chair Obayashi took the agenda out of order to Board of Water Supply (BWS).

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

- Unthirsty Plant Sale: The BWS and Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden will be holding the annual Halawa Xeriscape Garden open house and unthirsty plant sale on Saturday, August 1, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The public is invited to this family-friendly event that features a wide variety of less-thirsty and native plants at moderate prices, xeriscape workshops by garden experts, keiki activities, educational booths, a cactus display, delicious food, free compost, and more. There is no charge for admission. Proceeds from the event will help support educational programs and classes at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden. For more information, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com or call the BWS Communications Office at 748-5041. The BWS can also be contacted on Facebook and Twitter.
- Red Hill Fuel Tank Leak Update: On Tuesday, June 23, 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State Department of Health (DOH) responded to a BWS request to have the Red Hill Administrative Order of Consent (AOC) and Statement of Work (SOW) public comment period extended. The EPA and DOH granted BWS' request, extending the opportunity for receiving public comments to Tuesday, July 20, 2015. To receive consideration, comments on the AOC may be submitted via postal mail or email prior to the new deadline. More information on this issue is available at www.boardofwatersupply.com.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Fuel Tanks: Goldstein asked if the one (1) tank that leaked needs to be in service. Usagawa responded that the tanks fuel the entire Pacific fleet. Goldstein asked why the Navy cannot shut the one (1) tank down. Usagawa responded that it is usually the process but that specific method does not seem to be working.
2. Support: Pasion asked and Usagawa responded that the City and the State do not have authority over the Navy but the agreement is between the Navy, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), State Department of Health (DOH), and the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). BWS is simply a bystander but is a part of the agreement. Loo asked since the water can be contaminated, does the island have to supply the military with water. Usagawa responded that the military is looking for a treatment and noted that BWS will investigate and follow up.
3. Board Action: Bender asked if BWS would like the Kahaluu Neighborhood Board No. 29 to take any action and asked what action they would like to see. Usagawa noted that the Board can comment on the AOC about transparency, action items, and to expedite the process. Usagawa noted that public input and support is beneficial.
4. Congressional Investigation: Austin asked and Usagawa responded that the Navy is financially responsible for the clean-up. Gomes asked why the Government has a double standard. Usagawa responded that it is the Government's exemption. Goldstein asked if anyone has thought of asking the Government to make a congressional investigation. Usagawa responded that BWS visited Washington D.C. to talk about the investigation. They are aware of the situation. Sakata noted that City Council will require immediate action from the Federal Government.

Goldstein moved and Austin seconded to add the Red Hill Issue to the July 2015 agenda. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 13-0-0. (AYE: Pasion, Gomes, Kubo, Loo, Goldstein, Machado, Obayashi, Burns, LeVasseur, Austin, Bender, Nelson, and Canute.)

LeVasseur moved and Bender seconded that Goldstein and Obayashi write and send the letter by Monday, July 20, 2015. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 13-0-0. (AYE: Pasion, Gomes, Kubo, Loo, Goldstein, Machado, Obayashi, Burns, LeVasseur, Austin, Bender, Nelson, and Canute.)

REPORTS OF OTHER MEETINGS:

- DPP Meeting on Ahilama Road Bridge: Chair Obayashi reported that she and LeVasseur presented a slideshow at the June 29, 2015 meeting hosted by Deputy Director Art Challacombe of the Department of Planning and Permitting. In attendance were representatives from the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) and the Department of Design and Construction (DDC). Chair Obayashi commented that she received

a response letter from DFM Director Kroning and read the letter to the Board and community with information that the City is preparing and investigating the area to clean and maintain. DFM will work expeditiously and will continue to inspect the area. LeVasseur noted that the entire area is the problem and commented that underneath the bridge is slowly being cleaned. The residents who live nearby need to clean their parts of the private road in order for the City's machines to get through.

- Installation: Bender noted that seven (7) of the Board members attended the installation at Mission Memorial Building and noted that the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) hosted the Sunshine Law training. Austin, Bender, Burns, Goldstein, Nelson, Obayashi, and Pasion reported their attendance at the June 27, 2015 event.

REPORTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

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

- The Wildest Show in Town: There will be a summer concert series at the Honolulu Zoo from Wednesday, June 3, 2015 through Wednesday, August 5, 2015. The series will include the "Keiki Coloring Kontest," animal themed Legos by the Hawaii Lego Users Group, a mini-guided tour for the first 30 registrants, delicious plate lunches and snacks, live local entertainment, and a ukulele giveaway each week. For more information call 926-3191 or visit www.HonoluluZoo.org/wild.
- 2015 Twilight Summer Concert Series: There will be a summer concert series every Thursday in June and July 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Foster Botanical Garden. Admission is free.
- Kamehameha Highway Project: The anticipated completion date for the project is Saturday, August 15, 2015. The contractor will permanently repave all water line trenches. A future road repaving project is planned under the purview of the City Department of Design and Construction (DDC).
- Kahaluu Regional Park Master Plan: A picture attachment was sent, but Pasion noted she wanted the actual document. Challacombe will follow up.
- Illegal Wedding Activities: Several site visits were made by the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) who found no illegal wedding activities. No violation was noted, but they will continue to investigate.
- Illegal Construction at TMK 4-7-014:055: DPP noted that the earthwork activity at the corner of Wailehua and Lamaula Roads, TMKs: 4-7-014:051, 052, and 055, is covered by Stockpiling Permit No. GP2015-06-0269. According to the inspections, the work currently complies with the permitted plans.
- Ahilama, Lamaula, and Ahuimanu Roads Tree Trimming: The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) noted that there are no recognized City trees along the roadways that are under the maintenance jurisdiction of the Division of Urban Forestry (DUF), DPR. For Ahilama Road by Waihee Stream Bridge, DFM cut vegetation overgrowth on both sides of the road near the metal guardrails on Thursday, May 7, 2015. For the backside of Kahaluu Elementary School along the metal guard rails, the overgrowth cutting is scheduled to be completed by the end of July 2015. Lamaula Road and Place are private roads no maintained by the City. The property owners are responsible for the maintenance of vegetation overgrowth including the areas adjacent to the private road. DPP commented that they are investigating the ownership of the trees in question. Ahilama, Lamaula, and Ahuimanu Roads are under City, State, and Private jurisdiction. Research of ownership is still on going.
- Ahilama Road/Waihee Bridge Concerns: Thanked Chair Obayashi and LeVasseur for their attendance at the Friday, June 19, 2015 meeting which included DPP, Department of Design and Construction (DDC), and the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM). DFM noted that they attended the meeting and discussed Ahilama Road/Waihee Bridge concerns with Flora Obayashi and Ken LeVasseur.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Permits: Chair Obayashi asked about the status of the Army Corps permit to allow them to work on the bridge. Challacombe will follow up.
2. Feral Chickens and Stray Dogs: Bender noted that some of the City's numbers have changed and asked who the community should call about feral chickens and stray dogs. Challacombe responded that the community should still call HPD but will follow up with the correct numbers.
3. Kamehameha Highway: Machado asked what will happen after the hydrants along Kamehameha Highway are removed and what will happen to the nearby roads. Sakata commented that BWS and the City will work together when repaving the roads. Machado noted that Kamehameha Highway needs to be done and asked for a specific time frame or the priority number. A resident asked if the City or the Board can request that BWS do the trenches and the City paves the road and asked if the community can get a report as to why there is no coordination to save time and money. Challacombe will follow up.
4. Lamaula Road: Gomes asked if Lamaula Road, by Wong's Village, is City jurisdiction. Challacombe responded that it is a private road. Gomes asked if the City can do anything to aid the community because of the potential hazards. Challacombe will follow up.

Council Chair Ernie Martin: Michael Sakata reported that at the Council Meeting of Wednesday, July 8, 2015 a bill had passed first reading to loosen the fireworks ban for fountain fireworks and for sparklers with a permit. The bill had passed with a vote of 8-1-0.

Councilmember Ikaika Anderson: Francisco Figueiredo reported the following:

- Plastic Bag Ban: The plastic bag ban began Wednesday, July 1, 2015. The only bags allowed will be compostable plastic bags, recyclable paper bags, and reusable bags.
- Road Re-Paving Updates: For more information or to see the schedule of the roads that will be repaved, please visit: http://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/ddc/ddc_docs/Street_List_Web_Layout_Report_20140909.pdf.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Fireworks: Bender asked if Councilmember Anderson is in favor or not in favor of the fireworks ban. Figueiredo responded that the only one (1) that voted against the bill was Councilmember Elefante.

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

Senator Gil Riviere: A representative was not present and a report was not provided.

Senator Jill Tokuda: A representative was not present and a report was not provided.

Representative Jarrett Keohokalole: A representative was not present and a report was not provided.

Representative Feki Pouha: A representative was not present and no report was provided.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

- Eviction at Hakipu'u: Kimberly Kahuhu asked for the Boards help in stopping the eviction of Hakipuha, where people are trying to take certain parcels off of their family land. Chair Obayashi noted that she will put her concerns on the next agenda.
- New Pastor at Kahalu'u Methodist Church: Reverend Joe Yun introduced himself and announced that he is the newest Pastor at the Kahalu'u Methodist Church.
- Hu'i Iwa Open Trail: Loo noted that people have been seen hiking on the trail at 6:00 a.m. LeVasseur noted that the property belongs to Kamehameha Schools. Canute noted that the Association is trying to look into the issue. Machado noted that he has recently seen at least two (2) busses dropping off passengers near the trail and asked if the issue can be put on the agenda.
- Kamehameha Highway and Kahekili Street Roundabout: Goldstein asked if the roundabout along Kamehameha Highway and Kahekili Street, by the hygienic store, can be put on the next agenda.

BOARD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report: Bender noted that the regular meeting facility rental contract was taken out at the beginning of the term at a cost of \$1,140.00.

Machado moved at Goldstein seconded that the Kahaluu Neighborhood Board No. 29 pay their facility rental contract on a monthly basis and not at the beginning of the ter. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 13-0-0. (AYE: Pasion, Gomes, Kubo, Loo, Goldstein, Machado, Obayashi, Burns, LeVasseur, Austin, Bender, Nelson, and Canute.)

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 10, 2015 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Bender moved and Machado seconded that the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board No. 29 approve the June 10, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes as amended. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 13-0-0 (AYE: Pasion, Gomes, Kubo, Loo, Goldstein, Machado, Obayashi, Burns, LeVasseur, Austin, Bender, Nelson, and Canute.) Amendments as follows:

Page 2: Previous Crash: Wadsworth responded that he believes the previous crashes were caused by a vortex ring state, and the mishap investigation board will look at that when conducting the investigation.

Page 5: Kualoa Regional Park should read: Kahaluu Regional Park

Page 6: Long Bridge should read: Kahaluu Bridge

CREATION OF BOARD COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

- Regional Park Advisory Committee: Nelson is Chair and Pasion will be Vice Chair.
- School Committee: Tangaro is Chair.
- Planning Committee: Goldstein is Chair.
- Military Liaison Committee: Machado is Chair.

- Transportation and Safety Committee: LeVasseur is Chair and Gomes will be Vice Chair.
- Preservation of Hawaiian Heritage Committee: Loo is Chair.
- Water and Environment Committee: Obayashi is Chair.
- Legislation Committee: Austin will be Chair and Canute will be Vice Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Obayashi announced that the next Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board No. 29 regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at KEY Project.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Submitted By: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed By: Uyen Vong, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed and Finalized By: Flora Obayashi, Chairperson