



KANEOHE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 30

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2007 WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, HALE AKOKOA

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Yanagihara called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m., with a quorum present. He announced that at the May meeting community members would be recognized and refreshments served using funding in the Refreshment fund. There were no objections.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patty Yamashiro – Hironaka, John Sabas, Felipe San Nicolas, Wendell Lum, Roy Yanagihara, Paul Friel, L.C. Morris, Kristopher DeRego, Glenn Ida, Larry Zdvoracek, Bill Sager.

MEMBERS ABSENT – John Flanigan, Rick Karasaki, Clyde Morita, Niko Koga, Elizabeth Gaisthia; one vacancy in Sub district 1.

GUESTS – Ted Kanemori, Rich McCreedy, Kamakana Kaimulua (Senator Tokuda's Office), Battalion Chief Jim Skellington (Honolulu Fire Department-Kaneohe), Kallen Hosaka and Mitchell Fong (Boy Scout Troop 329); Major Jana Mizuo, Lt. J. Cheong, and Lt. R. Robinson (Honolulu Police Department, District 4-Kaneohe); Wesley Mundy (Governor's Representative/DLNR-DOCARE), Mike Leichemann (Honolulu Advertiser), Janine Tully (Representative Chong's Office), Sarah Fry (Marine Corps Base Hawaii), Jessica McDunn (Hawaii Pacific University), Les Chang (Mayor's Office/Department of Parks and Recreation), Venus Acoba (Council Chair Marshall's Office), Nola Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

FILLING OF VACANCY, SUB DISTRICT 1 (1 Seat) – There was no interested persons present to fill the vacancy.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 15, 2007 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Chair Yanagihara asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes:

- Page 1, Guests should read, "... Valerie **Hudcovic**..."
- Page 5, 2nd sentence should read, "...The developer plans to develop **fifty acres**..."
- Page 5, 3rd sentence should read, "... Four archaeological **significant sites were found and the Kawaiwai Heiau was the largest**..."
- Page 5, Questions comments, concerns should read, "...1) **Resident's within a three-hundred foot radius were invited to an initial Community Outreach Meeting**..."
- Page 5, Questions, comments, concerns should read, "...16) **Grant Yoshimori**..."

Without objections the March 15, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes were accepted as corrected, 10-0-0 (Yamashiro-Hironaka, DeRego, Sabas, Yanagihara, Lum, Friel, San Nicholas, Zdvoracek, Sager, Ida).

APPROVAL OF APRIL 2007 AGENDA PLANNING AND COMMITTEES' MEETING MINUTES – Yamashiro-Hironaka moved, seconded by DeRego to accept the April 2007 Agenda Planning and Committees' Meeting Minutes as circulated. The motion carried unanimously, 10-0-0 (Yamashiro-Hironaka, DeRego, Sabas, Yanagihara, Lum, Friel, San Nicholas, Zdvoracek, Sager, Ida).

PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY REPORT:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Battalion Chief J. Skellington reported statistics for the month of March included 102 EMS, 34 miscellaneous and 7 fires (2 structures) response calls. Fire Safety Tip: cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and the second major cause of death among older adults. If you are cooking and must leave the kitchen for a few minutes, turn off the stove. Keep a fire extinguisher (with a minimum rating of 2A10BC) in or near your kitchen and learn how to use it. Inspect the fire extinguisher regularly to ensure that



it has not expired. There were no questions from Board members or guests. Chair Yanagihara thanked Captain J. Skellington for attending the meeting.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. R. Robinson introduced District Commander Major J. Mizuo and Lt. J. Cheong. He reported statistics comparing March to February burglaries down 3, motor vehicle thefts and thefts remains the same and a drop of 60 percent in unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle (U.E.M.V.) – 33 reported in March and 17 in April. The drop in U.E.M.V.'s is possibly due to a group arrested last month for breaking into cars. Four adults and seven juveniles were arrested for graffiti. The Narco/Vice Division received twelve new complaints and closed fourteen. Statistics for the month of March included 22 miscellaneous, 11 felonies, 7 D.U.I., 111 speeding, 412 moving and 136 other miscellaneous citations issued. District 4 is focusing on the Kahuhipa, Aoloa and Kuaka Street area for stolen vehicles, several of which have been towed.

Questions, comments, concerns:

1. Chair Yanagihara mentioned that the downtown Honolulu area has received a lot of publicity relative to jay walking and citations being issued. He asked if the situation is the same in the Windward area. Lt. Robinson replied all programs are connected to all districts. Educating the public is important. Plain clothes officers surveyed different areas to see how bad the problems are.
2. Lum expressed concern about people jaywalking near the former Star Market where the crosswalk was removed. Lum asked if portable signs could be placed in the area. In response, that crosswalk has been completely painted out. However, that is a main focus area and that entire stretch is bad. Follow up will be done regarding portable signs.
3. Sager commented that last month he noticed drivers are stopping when he is attempting to cross the street. He noted HPD is doing something right and thinks the program is working.
4. Relative to the graffiti arrests, audience member Kanemori wanted to know if the group arrested for graffiti is connected to the statistics reported. Lt. Robinson answered it is a good thing they sign their work. There was no percentage on graffiti available. When arrested, offenders are identified by their tags. Sager asked what is the penalty for one arrested for graffiti crime. In reply, it is a misdemeanor for a juvenile, and rather light for a first time offender, such as counseling. The taggers are usually gone before the responding officer(s) arrives. Lum asked if there is a difference between public and private structures when graffiti offenders can be given a citation. The answer was yes, but a complaint would be needed in order to arrest the suspect. That is not a problem with graffiti enforcement.
5. Chair Yanagihara asked about copper thefts in Kaneohe. In answer, copper theft is at an unacceptable high level island wide. In Kaneohe most copper thefts are from gutters.
6. Kanemori commented that the pro-active program to crack down on speeders is doing wonders. He noticed several speeders being issued citations. He wanted to know the speeding rules. In response the only place with a minimum and maximum speed limit is the freeways. For example, in a 35 miles per hour area that is the speed one should be driving. However, if an officer stops a driver it would depend on the circumstance. If the driver is a few miles over the speed limit the officers try to be reasonable and fair when issuing citations. An audience member commended HPD saying whatever they are doing is working.

Chair Yanagihara thanked Lt. Robinson, Lt. Cheong and Major Mizuo for attending the meeting.

7:24 p.m. Morris arrived (11 members present).

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) – Sarah Fry thanked all those who were at the ceremony honoring the Hawaii Medal of Honor Ceremony. Upcoming Events: a) April 20, 3D Marines' Change of Command – Col. Duffy White, USMC will assume command of the 3d Marine Regiment; b) April 21, 3D Marine 10K Run; c) April 21, Base Chapel "Feeding the Homeless" Outreach; d) April 24, Marine Corps League Visit; e) April 25, ANZAC Day; f) October, 13-14, Blues Over the Bay Air Show featuring the Navy's world-famous Blue Angels. Everyone was reminded that Bayfest is scheduled for July 2007. Chair Yanagihara thanked Sarah Fry for attending the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Patty Yamashiro-Hironaka reported for the month of March 2007 expenditures in the Operational/Publicity Account were \$48.02 leaving a balance of \$3,633.99; balance in the Refreshment Account is \$70.00. The Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit.

PUBLIC INPUT & RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

Tax Increases: Ted Kanemori circulated copies of a letter sent to the Mayor, the Governor, Council Chair, and area Legislators regarding the effects the tax increases has had on him and other taxpayers. Also attached was concern expressed relative to the homeless and how these tax increases are making the poor poorer by not controlling tax increases.

Questions, comments, concerns: 1) Chair Yanagihara said all agree and suggested appealing his property tax assessment. 2) An audience member noted something must be done to reverse the trend to ease the taxpayers' burden. He stated long-term residents should pay a lower rate. Chair Yanagihara thanked Ted Kanemori for attending the meeting.

ELECTED OFFICIALS'REPORTS:

Mayor's Representative – Les Chang noted all are concerned about property tax assessments. As the Director for his department what is in the budget is never enough for what services the people want. The Mayor is looking for a homeowner credit and in setting money aside for a rainy day. Two handouts were circulated relating to the Mayor's Community Meetings on Recycling - seven meetings are scheduled island wide, with the Kaneohe meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2007, Windward Community College, Hale Akoakoa Building, Room 105 from 7 -8:30 p.m. Presented will be new data on the composition of O'ahu's waste stream, and an analysis of current and proposed programs; the second handout, Sewage Facts and Fiction is a summary. Chang noted that the sewer systems have been neglected for decades and if not repaired the island may be at a standstill. Released treated sewage does not affect the ecology. The focus is the miles and miles of un-repaired pipelines. In previous years there were problems with the catchment systems, such as the Kalaheo catchment that took eight years for completion. If ruptured, force mains are complicated to repair. The Mayor and everyone else does not want to it happen again as it did in Waikiki. Mayor Hannemann has pledged to get the sewer lines repaired and every penny collected will be used for that purpose.

Questions, comments, concerns:

1. Chair Yanagihara relayed Kaneohe had a force main break last week, as well as a month ago. Lum wanted to know how the main was fixed. Chang replied full disclosure is given to the public on repairs. He will follow up to get the details on the Kaneohe break. Chair Yanagihara reiterated this particular force main broke before and asked the cause. He wanted to know as far as priority where on the list is this force main to get fixed.
2. Chair Yanagihara asked how bad vandalism relative to Kaneohe parks is. Chang replied basically tagging (graffiti). He has asked his staff if possible to remove the graffiti (paint over) within twenty-four hours, and match the paint. Other issues are drinking in the park where bottles and broken glass are found.
3. Chair Yanagihara noted the previous administration started a park at the old Puahala Sewage Treatment facility, built a new comfort station that is now completely overgrown. Chang replied it has never been designated as a park, but was built in anticipation to be a park. However, the land is privately owned and the City has no access. There is an easement for the Department of Parks and Recreation maintenance workers on the sewage treatment plant side of the Bay View Course; the easement goes through four or six fairways. The golf course has changed owners three times. DPR is still looking at the facility. It will currently be used as a base yard for the Department of Environmental Services. Per the master plan at one time it was to be converted into a park. DPR is also looking for an area for a dog park. There are no plans now or in the future to have a park in the area because that would be putting people at risk of getting hit by golf balls.
4. Sabas expressed concern for a constituent regarding Kea'ahala Road (makai side of Kahekili Highway) that requires improvements to the sidewalks to safely accommodate wheelchair users. Previous

requests were made to administration but the problem still exists. Lum commented that the City cannot go in and do repairs because the repairs must follow ADA requirements. Follow up will be done.

5. Follow up to last month's Kulana Nani resident's concern relative to being relocated while her apartment is being repaired, the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) oversees, is aware of the situation and will take care of the resident. A second follow up will be done. Chair Yanagihara requested a DFM contact name.
6. Lum mentioned that the traffic lane directional arrows were installed on Coconut Island Road; he added that arrows missing on Lilipuna Road.
7. San Nicholas reported darkened bike lanes fronting Castle High School, and said it is a State Road... Les Chang was thanked for attending the meeting.

Council Chair Barbara Marshall – Venus Acoba distributed Council Chair Marshall's written report and reported Bill 55, relating to rezone land situated at Heeia-kaneohe-Maunawili, Oahu, Hawaii (amending portion of zoning map no. 22, reported out of committee on April 17, 2007 for passage on third reading. All interested persons should check the April 26, 2007 Council Agenda of when the hearing is scheduled. San Nicholas reported paving of the middle and not the sides of Anoi Road between Luluku Street and Kahekili Highway. Acoba replied that a RISER (request for investigation and services and report from the Council to the Administration) was sent to the Department of Transportation Services. Chair Yanagihara thanked Venus Acoba for attending the meeting.

Governor's Representative –Wesley Mundy (Acting Branch Chief of Conservation Enforcement), substituting for Peter Young of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), apologized for Young not being in attendance tonight due to his reappointment hearings. Handouts circulated were an emergency guide, Governor Lingle's Update and her proposed tax relief fact sheet. Mundy was available for questions.

Questions, comments, concerns: 1) Chair Yanagihara asked if there were any injuries in the DLNR helicopter mishap on the North Shore today. Mundy replied one officer was hospitalized. 2) Kanemori relayed concern that entry into the H-3 Freeway Kaneohe bound is very dark. Drivers entering must take time to adjust their eyes as they enter the tunnel (due brightness prior to entering the tunnel). He suggested that the first hundred yards into the tunnel be better lighted. This concern will be forward to Scott Ishikawa, State Department of Transportation (DOT). 3) Lum requested follow up regarding the Kaneohe highway beautification, and that a DOT representative attends the May meeting to give an update. 4) Chair Yanagihara asked if there was a Department of Land and Natural Resources hotline to report violations. Mundy responded the number is 643-DLNR, 24/7. 5) Mundy noted nine positions (frozen positions) were recently filled totaling the current officers' staff at 36. Complaint call times have been extended from 6 a.m. to midnight, with a call back system to address the concerns. 5) Mundy said he is a field officer for the Windward side filling in for Bobby Fernandez who will be back to work in May. Chair Yanagihara thanked Wesley Mundy for attending the meeting.

U.S. Representative Maizie Hirono – No representative was present.

Senator Jill Tokuda – Kaimakana Kaimulua, representing Senator Tokuda circulated her written report and noted: a) the following appropriations have been included in the Senate version of the budget - \$43,127,000 for the planning and construction of Windward Community College's library and learning resource center, and \$5,000,000 for drainage improvements to the Castle Hills access road. b) A 2050 Sustainability Task Force meeting is scheduled for this Saturday, April 21, 2007, Kailua High School from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Following the meeting the Tokuda will be out collecting Food Bank donations. c) Board Legislative Committee Chair DeRego was thanked for doing a good job on legislative concerns. d) Senate Concurrent Resolution 6, relates to creating a Public Safety Citizen Road Watch Program passed the Transportation Committee and was referred to the Judiciary and Labor Committee. e) Senator Concurrent Resolution 155 relates to the State Department of Transportation and City Department of Transportation Services to work together to find solutions for Kapaa Quarry Road was adopted by the Senate.

Questions, comments, concerns: 1) Lum asked if the legislature has taken a position regarding the Iraq War. Chair Yanagihara thanked Kamakana Kaimulua for attending the meeting.

Senator Clayton Hee – No representative was present.

Representative Ken Ito – No representative was present.

Representative Pono Chong - Janine Tully distributed Representative Chong's written report which included repair and maintenance appropriations for the Kaneohe area. HB 502 HD 1, relating to tax exemptions provides tax relief to low-income people by increasing the low-income refundable tax. The office received calls from constituents regarding pot holes on Kaneohe Bay Drive. State Department of Transportation policy is to patch potholes every six weeks, and Kaneohe Bay Drive is scheduled for repair next year.

Questions, comments, concerns: 1) Lum asked about sidewalk improvements. He added that on Waikalua Road the ownership of the road middle is privately-owned and the roadside City-owned (Kamehameha Highway to Kaliwi Place). Tully responded that the ownership may affect the sidewalk project. 2) Tully announced that Representative Chong is sponsoring a clean-up day this Saturday at Waikalua Local Park. 3) Chair Yanagihara asked the status of the Hawaii Memorial Park expansion. Tully replied a tour of the area is scheduled for next Saturday. Chair Yanagihara thanked Janine Tully for attending the meeting.

8:45 p.m. Sabas left (10 members present).

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

Hope Chapel – No representative was present.

Hawaii Pacific University – Jessica McDunn reported: 1)

1. Spring Semester ends May 13.
2. News: HPU's coed Cheer Team won its 5th consecutive national championship; HPU Dance Team (2nd consecutive win, three wins overall); HJPU Coed Cheer Team (3 consecutive win); HPU Stunt Group placed 2nd after winning the last two years.
3. Events:
 - First International Week, April 14-21.
 - 23rd Annual Intercultural Day, 10 a.m. -4 p.m., Upper Fort Street Mall with Cultural exhibits, Parade (11:30 a.m.), and Performances (1-4 p. m.).
 - "Homeward Bound" International Chorale & Vocal Ensemble's Spring concert, April 21, 7 p.m., Central Union Church, 1660 S. Beretania Street. For information call 544-0277.
 - Graduation 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 16, Waikiki Shell-Commencement Speaker Mayor Mufi Hannemann.
 - Open House, Graduate Center, 9:30 a.m., April 21.
 - Reception, Master of Education, 6 p.m. on May 8; (Seminar: MS in Nursing, 5:30 p.m., May 10.
 - Seminar MA in Diplomacy & Military Studies, 5:30 p.m., May 15.
 - Seminar MA in Teaching English as a Second Language, 5:30 p.m., May 17.
 - Seminar MA in communications, 5:30 p.m., May 21; (k) Seminar: Executive MBA, 5:30 p.m., May 30. For more information call 543-8034. Chair Yanagihara thanked Jessica McDunn for attending the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Kulana Nani Concerns—There were no concerned audience members present to discuss the matter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. State **Legislature Committee** – DeRego reported HB 1037 regarding coastal erosion (shoreline setback) was referred to the Committee on March 30, 2007. Rebate on taxes this year is about \$3.00 per head from the surplus taxes.
2. **City and County Ordinance Committee** – Friel had no report. Regarding the sewer costs, I Lum stated that a request was made last year for a representative from the Department of Environmental Services to attend the Board meeting, and requested of Mayor's representative Chang if a representative from ENS could attend a Board meeting. Lum wanted to know the cause of the Kahanahou Circle sewer break, and noted the Ken Kawahara is the current Public Information Officer.

3. Public Health & Safety – Deferred.
 - a. Mental Health Committee - Deferred
 - b. Public Safety Committee – Nicolas had no report.
4. Planning Committee – Deferred.
5. Education Committee – No Chair
6. Environmental Committee – Bill Sager reported at the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council meeting there was a presentation on grouper fish that were imported two years ago. The fish was considered trash fish, have impacted the reefs and are in competition with salt water aquarium industry.
7. Windward Civilian/Military Committee – Deferred.
8. OMPO CITIZEN Advisory Committee – Lum reported the ORTP-MOA route has been change from Kapolei to the University of Hawaii to Kapolei to Ala Moana Center. A public meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2007.
9. Neighborhood Board Website Contact Committee – Friel had no report.
10. Publicity Committee – Deferred.
11. Haiku Stairs Special Task Force – Morris had no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. DeRego announced Hawaii Memorial Park Tour, Saturday, April 28, 2007 including Council Chair Marshall, Senator Tokuda, Board member Ida, himself, and area community members. He initiated the tour idea and has been conversing regularly with Grant Yoshimori, the Pikoiloa coordinator. By Board consensus Chair Yanagihara said a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) would be formed in case of the possibility that more than two Board members would like to attend. He explained per the Office of Information Practices, without a PIG no more than two board members can attend a meeting. To make this appropriate for other Board members to attend this tour a PIG was established, one less than the Board's quorum of nine members. Chair Yanagihara designated DeRego Chair and appointed Ida, Friel, Lum, Morris, San Nicolas, and Sager to the Hawaii Memorial Park Tour (PIG). Board members should not make decisions until its full meeting in May.
- B. The next Agenda Planning & Committees' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, Kaneohe community and Senior Center at 7 p.m.
- C. Next Regular Meeting will take place on Thursday, May 17, 2007, Windward Community College Akoakoa Room at 7 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further Board business, Chair Yanagihara adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

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