



## KANEOHE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 30

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### MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2007 WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, HALE ALAKAI

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Yanagihara called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.; a quorum was present.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rick Karasaki, Clyde Morita, John Sabas, and Niko Koga.

**GUESTS:** Grant Yoshimura (Hui O` Pikoiloa), Captain Robert Methered (Honolulu Fire Department, Kaneohe), Lt. R. Robinson and Lt. J. Cheong (Honolulu Police Department, Kaneohe-District 4), Ted Kanemori, Sgt. Luis Magana, Sgt. James Merville, and Lt. Binford Strickland (USMC); Rich McCreedy, Mark Beatty, Senator Jill Tokuda, Russ S. Awakuni, Les Chang (/Mayor's Office/Department of Parks of Recreation), Representative Pono Chong, Scott Ezer (Helbert, Haster & Fee Planners) Jay Morford (Hawaii Memorial Park), Moana Lee, 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 APRIL 19, 2007 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** – Chair Yanagihara asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes:

Page 4, top of page 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence should read, "...Lum commented the City can **patch and do minor repairs, but no comprehensive work...**"

Page 5, Questions, comments, concerns **delete, "...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)..."**

**Flanigan moved, seconded by Zdvoracek to accept the April 2007 regular meeting minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously 12-0-0** (Yamashiro-Hironaka, San Nicolas, Lum, Yanagihara, Friel, Flanigan, Morris, Gaisthia, DeRego, Ida, Zdvoracek, Sager).

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 2007 AGENDA PLANNING AND COMMITTEES' MEETING MINUTES** – Deferred.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Treasurer Gaisthia reported the Operating/Publicity Account balance ending April 30, 2007 was \$3,633.99; expenditures were \$37.07 for printing and mailings, leaving the balance at \$3,596.92. Expenditures in the Operating/Publicity Account for the month of May were \$40.70 leaving the balance to date at \$3,556.22. Balance in the Refreshment Account was \$70.00. The Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit.

Chair Yanagihara asked for a motion to allow expenditures of more than \$15.00 for tonight's refreshments and lei. **Zdvoracek moved, seconded by Flanigan authorizing expenditures exceeding \$15.00 for lei and refreshments. The motion carried unanimously, 12-0-0** (Yamashiro-Hironaka, San Nicolas, Lum, Yanagihara, Friel, Flanigan, Morris, Gaisthia, DeRego, Ida, Zdvoracek, Sager).



## **PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY REPORT:**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** – Captain R. Methered reported statistics for the month of April included fires: 1 structure (extinguished on arrival) 1 rubbish, 2 vehicle; emergencies: medical – 39 provide EMS care, 29 provide EMS assistance; 2 search and 1 rescue; miscellaneous – 47 investigate, 1 hazardous condition, 2 fill-in/standby. One major incident occurred on April 13 where a person was pinned in a car on Kapaa Quarry Road, seven companies responded. Fire Safety Tip: prepare a fire escape plan. Map out your escape routes with at least two ways out of each room. Designate a location outside of the house where everyone can meet. Know where the closest phone is located to call 911. Chair Yanagihara thanked Captain Methered for his report.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD)** – Lt. R. Robinson circulated the April 2007 statistics compared to March 2007 and noted: burglaries up 10, motor vehicle thefts up 2, robbery up 3, regular thefts down 12, and unauthorized entry into motor vehicle up 19.

Questions, comments, concerns: (1) Morris asked if an update was available regarding the shooting on Kaneohe Bay Drive on Monday night. Lt. Robinson replied no, only what has been provided by the news media. There is a possibility the incident is related to illegal activity. (2) Lum asked and Lt. Robinson replied that HPD is aware and kept informed about the MS13 terrorist groups on the mainland, which are Latin-based from Honduras, are strong in California, Texas, and New Mexico, very organized and violent; the FBI keeps HPD informed. Lt. Robinson noted Hawaii is one of the top five for federal funding for preparedness. (2) Audience member Kanemori asked if there will be a graffiti paint-out this Saturday. Lt. Robinson responded yes. It was coordinated by the Neighborhood Security Watch with the 96744 organization through the Community Policing Team. Kanemori asked if the entire community could be informed relative to future. Lt. Robinson apologized for not informing the Board where the information would be put in the minutes, and there is room for improvement. Chair Yanagihara thanked Lt. Robinson for his report.

**Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH)** – Lt. Binford R. Strickland reported:

1. Hawaii Military Appreciation Month: (a) May 19, Combined Military Band Concert, Hawaii Theatre at 5:30 p.m.; (b) June 2, Military Family Day, Honolulu Zoo at 9 a.m. For more information contact Charlie Ota (HCOC Vice President for Military Affairs) at 545-4300, x320.
2. Memorial Day Events 2007:
  - May 27, WWI Memorial Natatorium, Waikiki at 10 a.m.
  - May 27, Pacific American Foundation, National Memorial of the Pacific (“Punchbowl”) at 10 a.m.
  - May 27, Boy Scout Good Turn Ceremony (Punchbowl at 1 p.m.).
  - May 27, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Ceremony (Punchbowl at 6 p.m.)
  - May 28, Ceremony (Punchbowl at 9 a.m.)
  - Governor’s Ceremony (State Cemetery, Kaneohe at 1 p.m.)
3. June 9, King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade – 3d Marine Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, headquartered at MCBH, Kaneohe Bay, will provide a marching unit and two Marines for a joint service color guard to participate in this annual community event.
4. June 29 to July 1 – Bayfest.
5. October 13 and 14 – Navy Blue Angels Performances. Lt. Strickland asked if Chief Ohare could be placed on the Board’s June agenda for a Blue Angels presentation. Chair Yanagihara replied yes.
6. The Air Force Thunderbirds may come to town for training; a date is yet to be confirmed.
7. Contact information – Lt. Binford Strickland, Director of Public Affairs, at [www.binford.strickland@usmc.mil](mailto:www.binford.strickland@usmc.mil) or call him at 257-8870.

Questions, answers, concerns: 1) Flanigan commented that the MCBH website is outstanding. Lt. Strickland mentioned logging on to [www.mcbh.usmc.mil](http://www.mcbh.usmc.mil) has several links of interest for the community. 2) Flanigan said he understands there are two types of tickets for the Bayfest event. The response was information regarding the Bayfest could be found on [www.mccshawaii.com](http://www.mccshawaii.com). 3) Audience member Kanemori mentioned that the last time the Blue Angels were in Hawaii, practice runs were just above his neighbor’s house. They flew straight from the

H-3 Freeway to the airfield. In response, it will be business as usual for the flight performance. There is a possibility that the pattern would be tightened up. The Blue Angels will keep their energy away from the crowd incase a mishap occurs. Chair Yanagihara noted to Kanemori that a special presentation would be given at the June meeting and that would be a good opportunity to raise his concern then. 4) In reply to Lum, the winds do not make a difference in the performance. 5) Chair Yanagihara mentioned that the Board has a new person representing MCBH and asked what happened to Sarah Fry because the Board would like to recognize her for her public service as a military liaison; he asked if Fry's certificate of recognition could be forwarded to her. The answer was she has decided to take a position at Pearl Harbor, but is still very accessible.

**RECOGNITIONS:** Chair Yanagihara said that many civilians are unaware of the many military members volunteering their time in the community. Tonight the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30 would like to honor the following military volunteers:

- ❖ GySgt Roberto B. Leal (Unit Education Coordinator) – VISTA Tutoring, music lessons with students at Kahalu'u Elementary School; concerts with Kalaheo High School; Adopt-a-School events with Castle High School - 24 hours.
- ❖ Sgt. Harmony R. Lazore – VISTA Tutoring with Kahalu'u Elementary School; concerts with Kalaheo High School – 9 hours.
- ❖ Sgt. Luis Magana – VISTA Tutoring with Kahalu'u Elementary School; concerts with Kalaheo High School – 10 hours.
- ❖ Sgt. James Merville (Volunteer/Boy Scout Master) – Adopt-a-school Events with Castle High School; and Boy Scout events – 126.5 hours
- ❖ Cpl. Mark Cato – music lessons; concerts with Kalaheo High School; Adopt-a-School events with Castle High School Basketball coach – 213 hours.
- ❖ Cpl. Leigh Ann Hoover – VISTA Tutoring with Kahalu'u Elementary School; and concerts with Kalaheo High School – 9 hours.
- ❖ Cpl. Sarah Jennings – VISTA Tutoring with Kahalu'u Elementary School; music lessons; and Adopt-a-School events with Castle High School – 11.5 hours
- ❖ Cpl. Alison Leonhardt – VISTA Tutoring with Kahalu'u Elementary School; concerts with Kalaheo High School – 9 hours.

Chair Yanagihara mentioned that several of the honorees are deployed. However, Sgt. Luis Magana and Sgt. James Merville were presented lei and recognition certificates in appreciation for all they do in the community. Certificates for the honorees not in attendance tonight will be forwarded to them.

7:30 p.m. Chair Yanagihara called a fifteen minute recess to partake in refreshments.

7:45 p.m. the agenda order resumed.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT & RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:**

**Feral Chickens** – Resident Mark Beatty raised concerns about the increase of feral chickens in his neighborhood. Through his research he found out that feral chickens carry a virus and red mites. He encouraged the Board to forward his concern to the proper government agency for follow up.

Discussion followed: (1) Flanigan said this issue of feral chickens has been brought up at Board meetings many times. Chair Yanagihara informed Beatty that traps could be rented from the Hawaiian Humane Society or to contact the Game Breeders Association who will come and trap the chickens. Beatty said there are various options, but the problem is self help. He reiterated that a government agency should be motivated to do follow up on the matter. Chair Yanagihara replied there is no such agency; the problem is sent to HPD for follow up.

**Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO)** – Lum reported OMPO would be setting Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) amendments and would be included in the FY09 report. Lum reiterated from previous meetings that he suggests that a multi-deck parking garage be built near the transit center on Dillingham Boulevard and Kalihi Street. Chair Yanagihara thanked Lum for his report.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS'REPORTS:**

**Mayor's Representative** – Les Chang reiterated that Memorial Day services at Punchbowl is scheduled for May 28, 2007 is put on by his Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). The department also organizes to collect 50,000 lei, and depends on schools statewide for their lei donations. Chair Yanagihara asked if special parking would be available for those wanting to attend the ceremony at Punchbowl. Chang replied yes, shuttle will be made available and the schedules publicized. He encouraged those wanting to attend to plan ahead.

1. Follow-up regarding the numerous force main (FM) breaks in Kaneohe – there have been two FM breaks within the past year in the Windward Region, both were the Ka Hananou PS force main. The FM was programmed to be replaced and the Notice to Proceed was issued on March 5, 2007. The first break occurred on March 13, 2007. The decision to do a temporary repair (patch clamp) was made due to the replacement project was beginning. The second break occurred on April 10, 2007 and after a discussion with the contractor on the status of the project materials, a more intensive repair (new section of pipe) was done.
2. Follow-up regarding why only the center part of Luluku and Anoi Roads were paved – both roadways had a substantial number of potholes and peel offs. The Division of Road Maintenance decided that in lieu of pothole patching, a temporary thin lift of asphalt (first aid) would be more appropriate. This should not be confused with resurfacing, this is a thin lift of asphalt (1 inch or less) intended to temporarily provide a smoother riding travel way.
3. Regarding the request for temporary signs on Kamehameha Highway where the crosswalk was removed near the previous Star Market – The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) site checked and confirmed that the mid-block crosswalk has been removed and the crosswalk is no longer visible. Furthermore, the “No Pedestrian Crossing” signs on both sides of Kamehameha Highway that were posted over a year ago are also clearly visible. The DTS has referred the jaywalking concern to the Honolulu Police Department for their action.
4. An update will be reported next month regarding Kea'ahala Road, makai of Kahekili Highway requiring improvements to sidewalks to accommodate wheelchair users.

Questions, comments, concerns: (1) Chair Yanagihara asked if the Waikalua Loko facility was closing. He noticed that it was announced once that there is an underground holding tank. (2) In response to Lum relative to the Kahanahou Pumping Station, repairs will be done in the reinforcement lines, and may be on a different maintenance cycle. Follow up will be done. (3) Kanemori expressed concern relative to trees around Kaneohe that are placed in middle of the sidewalks, grow so large and up lifts the sidewalks. It seems to be a circle because the maintenance crews repair the damage only to do it again in a few years. He questioned why trees are planted that grows so large. Chang replied the overall plans regarding new development gives up more land. The question is how we properly replace a tree and manage the maintenance. Some trees are harder than others and be just cut down. The City has a managed program for its 190,000 street trees; and approximately 85,000 to 90,000 in parks. Chair Yanagihara thanked Chang for his report.

**Council Chair Barbara Marshall** – No representative was present.

**Governor's Representative** – No representative was present.

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

**Senator Jill Tokuda** – Senator Tokuda circulated her written report and noted:

1. Legislative Wrap-Up: Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Recap- a) \$41,579,000 for the planning and construction of Windward Community College's library and learning resources center; b) \$300,000 for the planning and design of the Kahaleo High School football field and track with spectator seating; c) \$3,100,000 for the expansion of the dining room in Castle High School cafeteria. d) \$675,000 grant-in-aid by Hina Mauka for Teen Care portable offices statewide including numerous campuses in Windward O'ahu.

2. Education Summary – SB885 SD2 HD 3, career and technical education requires the education program to coordinate with culinary arts programs and establishes a career and technical education program in the Department of Education (DOE); SB886 SD1, DOE Business Managers, appropriations for the fifteen complex area business manager positions proposed by this measure and the funds necessary for these positions at each DOE school complex area were inserted directly into the budget.
3. Kawai Nui Marsh – In a landmark vote, the State legislature passed HB1899, HD2, SD2, CD1, relating to Kawai Nui Marsh, ending a 17-year dispute.
4. Traffic Resolutions – a) Kapaa Quarry Road safety: despite strong support Senate Concurrent Resolutions 155 and 156 passed through the Senate but did not make it through the House.
5. Senior Van Pool – Senator Tokuda created Senate Concurrent Resolution 156 (SCR156) as a means of providing seniors with transportation to and from such areas as the market, bus stops, senior centers, and shopping centers.

Questions, comments, concerns:

1. DeRego mentioned that all traffic resolutions failed during this legislative session. He asked why Peter Young from the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) was not reappointed. Senator Tokuda replied that rumors and interpretation during the five days of the hearings were not true. The meetings were run as fair as possible. It was the decision of State Attorney General Mark Bennett to have an executive session behind closed doors, which was not the intent of the committee. There were many issues and Young was not reappointed due to findings of mismanagement.
2. Lum asked what happened to SB85, relating to flood insurance. In response, the bill passed the first committee but did not make it through the session. Lum noted he thought that a resolution would have been better. Senator Tokuda said she will keep on top of the bill next year.
3. In answer to Kanemori regarding the budget surplus, the legislature took a fairly conservative approach to the matter.
4. Follow will be done if the newly approved HSTA teachers' contract includes drug testing.
5. Sager commended Senator Tokuda accomplishment with the Kawai Nui Marsh. He added he had worked with community organizations at the marsh, which was difficult because there was no movement for many years. Senator Tokuda noted that it took the community to keep the vision alive for many years.

Chair Yanagihara thanked Senator Tokuda for her report.

**Senator Clayton Hee** – No representative was present.

**Representative Ken Ito** – No representative was present.

8:40 p.m. Gaisthia left the meeting (11 members present)

**Representative Pono Chong** – Representative Chong reported: 1) In response to Lum, a bill was put in only for Waikalua and Lilipuna through the Safe Route to School Program. A general bill for William Henry Road did not make it. 2) Relative to sponsored legislative status, DeRego mentioned that HB1037 got stuck in committee, provided any future development projects have a setback from the shoreline, but changed to hazard mitigation. In answer, the State sets the minimum, which is now 150 feet, and has a right to enforce the law. Lum inquired how this ruling tie in with the City's Special Management Areas does. Representative Chong said both Maui and Kauai have set backs. The City uses an erosion projection formula to calculate the setback. Chair Yanagihara thanked Representative Chong for his report.

**COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS:**

**Hope Chapel** – No representative was present.

**Hawaii Pacific University** – No representative was present.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Report on Hawaii Memorial Park Expansion:** Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) Chairperson DeRego reported the following: Thanked Grant Yoshimori of Hui O` Pikoiloa and Jay Morford of Hawaii Memorial Park for inviting Board members to the tour. Several concerns enumerated by Pikoiloa –decimation of Kaneohe’s scenic landscape/conservation land; flooding caused by loss of vegetation; loss of the Kawa Stream watershed; impact from run-off to Kaneohe Bay; dangers of pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides on community residents; increased traffic; increased crime due to lack of security controls; impact on Pikoiloa’s micro-environment; and destruction of historic Kawaewae He`iau. After lengthy discussions regarding the tour, the PIG came up with the following recommendations: (1) convert the current PIG into a permanent standing committee. (2) Draft a comprehensive resolution stating the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board’s official position. (3) Authorize a “traveling presentation” to inform other Neighborhood Boards within the area about issues stemming from the Hawaii Memorial Park (HMP) expansion. (4) Authorize standing committee, once formalized, to hold a public meeting between Pikoiloa residents and Helbert, Hastert, and Fee Planners to address the community’s concerns. (5) Help facilitate Pikoiloa’s efforts to alert appropriate organizations to the dangers posed to the community by the development.

Questions, comments, concerns:

1. Lum commented that he took the tour and saw one home engulfed with flooding and mildew and asked about health conditions. He suggested a detention basin would eliminate the problem, but costly.
2. Regarding flooding, Sager stated that the developer should not adversely impact the downstream community. Run-off and flooding is significant.
3. Chair Yanagihara said that at the next Board meeting a decision would be made regarding the PIG as a sub-committee. However, since Board elections were just held, the formation of committees would take place at the June meeting.
4. Scott Ezer, of Helbert, Hastert, & Fee said that several discussions relating to landscaping, continued work with the Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands pertaining to anything within the State Urban District were held this week.. Regarding cutting of the landscape area, the cemetery goes in yearly about this time to cut back for view of Kaneohe Bay. They are currently working on run-off estimates. Ezer said he appreciated the Board’s efforts and offered to participate in any community meetings.
5. Moana Lee distributed information regarding a Cultural Impact Assessment for the expansion of Hawaii Memorial Park. For more information regarding the survey contact Lisa Gollin at 262-9972 or email her at [lgolin@culturalsurveys.com](mailto:lgolin@culturalsurveys.com).
6. In response to DeRego, the release of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is several months away, and DeRego will be given advance notice prior to the release.
7. DeRego mentioned he heard that private estate mausoleums were selling for a quarter of a million dollars each and asked the size and shape. Morford replied the structure is 3,500 square feet. San Nicolas reiterated the size of the mausoleum. Morford said he did not have an answer this evening, but the footage mentioned is for a typical for community mausoleums. A community mausoleum is in the expansion plans.
8. Sager expressed concern of big buildings blocking the view. He said architectural renderings would help.

Chair Yanagihara thanked Kris DeRego for his report.

9:07 p.m. Lum left the meeting (10 members present)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- State Legislature Committee – DeRego reported there is a consecutive budget surplus for the last two years.
- City and County Ordinance Committee – Friel reported the City Council voted on the Kamehameha School's proposed pre-school in Haiku Valley. He requested this item be placed on the June agenda and will invite the contractor to do a presentation. Yesterday the Budget Committee white collar contracts were discussed. Council has addressed the sewer fee issue with a twenty-five percent increase effective July.
- Public Health & Safety – Flanigan reported the State Hospital's yearly request was denied to build new facilities which would cost \$2-3 million for repairs only.
- Mental Health Committee – Deferred.
- Public Safety Committee – San Nicolas reported he would contact Civil Defense asking for a representative to attend a Board meeting.
- Planning Committee – Deferred.
- Education Committee – No Chair
- Environmental Committee – Sager announced that the Hee`ia Fishpond would be having a moi fish sale this coming Saturday morning.
- Windward Civilian/Military Committee - No report.
- OMPO CITIZEN Advisory Committee – Discussed earlier in the meeting.
- Neighborhood Board Website Contact Committee– No report.
- Publicity Committee – No report
- Haiku Stairs Special Task Force –No report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. Chair Yanagihara announced that new Board officers would be elected at the June meeting, scheduled for Thursday, June 21, 2007, Windward Community College, Akoakoa Room at 7 p.m.
- B. The next Agenda Planning & Committees' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, Kaneohe community and Senior Center at 7 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further Board business, Chair Yanagihara adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by,

Nola J Frank  
Neighborhood Commission Office Staff