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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2007 WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS, KANEOHE

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Roy Yanagihara called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kristopher DeRego, John Flanigan, Paul Friel, Marie Gavigan, Wendell Lum, L.C. Morris, Bill Sager, Felipe San Nicholas, Patty Yamashiro-Hironaka, Roy Yanagihara.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Beatty, Warren B. Ditch Jr., Glenn Ida, Steve Jefferies, Larry Zdvoracek.

GUESTS: Chancellor Angela Meixell (Windward Community College), Representative Pono Chong, Kamakana Kaimulua (Senator Jill Tokuda's Office staff), Laura Thielen (Governor's Representative – Director, Department of Land and Natural Resources – DLNR), Captain Daniel Yamashiro (Honolulu Fire Department – HFD – Kaneohe), Jerry Jardin, Annette Tashiro, Art Machado Jr., Lt. John Vines (Honolulu Police Department – HPD, Kaneohe – District 4), Venus Acoba (Councilmember Barbara Marshall's Office staff), Sgt. Carter (USMC Marine Corps Base Hawaii – MCBH), Les Chang (Mayor's Representative – Director, Department of Parks and Recreation – DPR), Rae Gee (Office of the Mayor), Elwin Spray (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Welcome – Chair Yanagihara welcomed the community to the meeting. Nine Board members were present (DeRego, Flanigan, Friel, Gavigan, Lum, Morris, San Nicholas, Yamashiro-Hironaka, Yanagihara).

Filling Of Board Vacancy in Sub-District 2 and Sub-District 9 – Chair Yanagihara reported that there was one vacancy each on the 17-member Kaneohe Neighborhood Board (for the term of June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2009) for Sub-District 2 (generally "Crown Terrace") and Sub-District 9 (Keapuka: Anoi Road, behind MidWeek/Koolau Farmers) and referred to Board maps which were on the back sign-in table. Chair Yanagihara asked for volunteers or nominations, and, noting that there were no interested persons present to fill a vacancy, deferred action to the next meeting.

Approval of September 20, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes and October 18, 2007 Regular Meeting Memorandum – Chair Yanagihara asked for corrections or additions to the September 20, 2007 minutes, with no corrections or additions forthcoming. Lum said he had items to correct but did not have the corrections with him; Chair Yanagihara directed that they be submitted in writing to the Neighborhood Commission Office and deferred action until the next meeting.

Approval of November Minutes for the Board's Agenda Planning Committee and Committee's Minutes – Chair Yanagihara asked for action on circulated committee minutes. **Flanigan moved and Yamashiro-Hironaka seconded Board approval of November Minutes for the circulated Board's Agenda Planning Committee and Committee's Minutes; Chair Yanagihara announced the passage of the motion unanimously 9-0-0.**

PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY REPORT:



Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Daniel Yamashiro reported Kaneohe Fire Station activity statistics for the month period ending in October 2007 included two structure fires, two brush fires, one vehicle fire, and three rubbish fires, ninety-nine medical assistance calls, seventeen search-and-rescues, and sixteen miscellaneous calls. Yamashiro also reported the HFD monthly Fire Safety Tip:

This holiday season; consider a fire-resistant, artificial Christmas tree. If you purchase a natural tree, choose one as fresh as possible, keep it hydrated, and keep it away from the heat source in the house. Use noncombustible materials for decorations. Choose only Underwriter's Laboratory-approved electrical decorations and follow manufacturer's instructions for installation and load. Do not overload extension cords.

Gavigan said she had observed a large Kaneohe structure fire as she came out of the Wilson Tunnel several days ago and asked for information on it, with Yamashiro not identifying the fire, although HPD's Lt. Vines suggested that the date might have been a Kailua fire and Yamashiro said that the Kailua fire would have been on Papalani Street (on a hill above Kailua town).

Sager arrived; ten Board members present.

San Nicholas asked about overloading of extension cords; Yamashiro referred to directions provided on instruction sheets and Lum reporting that older houses have generally plugs that are 15 amps versus newer residences with 20 amps. Chair Yanagihara asked about outdoor lights being used in the rain; Yamashiro said if they were marked as outdoor he would use the lights outdoors. Chair Yanagihara thanked Yamashiro for his report,

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. John Vines circulated copies of the October 2007 incident details statistics and highlighted district wide totals of 1984 calls. He mentioned several incidents: a large cylinder washing up on a Kaneohe beach which was identified as an ammonia tank, a robbery hitchhiker on Kaneohe Bay Drive, a poker game robbery on Kaneohe Bay Drive, an assault behind Kailua High School, a robbery behind Zippy's and a case of a package of marijuana mailed from the mainland to a delivery mailbox with a wrong name listed (with the arrest occurring when the individual tried to prove the box was his). Flanigan asked about areas of Kaneohe being identified as speed traps, with Vines saying speeding is always a concern and being monitored. Chair Yanagihara reported a recurring complaint being renewed of concerns about Anoi Road to Luluku Road speeding and asked for monitoring, and also reported concerns about parking abuses near the MidWeek building. A comment was made that the Koa Kahiko Street area (from Kamehameha Highway down to Aumoku Street) is also used as a cut-out for traffic going around the intersection and vehicles there are speeding; Vines explained that he could have it monitored but that he could not assign someone to sit there always. Chair Yanagihara asked about the time of day, with the suggestion that the evening was the worst time; Chair Yanagihara noted that this issue had been followed up as a previous Mayor's Concern and asked that Vines follow up, noting that the general community tries to avoid the intersect due to the long wait times of the lights. An additional community comment was about the picking up by garbage trucks from the shopping center at 4 a.m.; Chair Yanagihara said that it was a private issue but that if the resident would first write a letter to the shopping center, then the Board would be interested in also writing if the resident received no response to the initial letter. Meixell said that crosswalks are not being honored in the morning rush hour on Kamehameha from Pali to Likelike, explaining that she travels that area at 5:30 a.m. from Waimanalo-side, and that the area fronting the Shopping Center is especially bad. Morris said the law was on the side of the pedestrian. Vines said that if a person is standing on the side of a roadway the law is not specific until they step into the crosswalk, with Morris pointing out that the stopped vehicle is at danger of being rear-ended. Vines reported he would ask for the area to be monitored. San Felipe asked about cases of identity theft, with Vines explaining that the recent cases have been of people giving out their information over the internet or the phone, cautioning that few financial institutions would ask for any information from customers. Chair Yanagihara thanked Vines for his report.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) – Sergeant Carter, from the MCBH Public Affairs Office, reported on returning and deployed units, with two thousand-member each battalions returning and one battalion deploying and one in preparation for deployment. She reported participation in community events: November 11th Veterans Day Ceremonies (at Punchbowl, at Kaneohe, and on the Missouri), November 12th Veterans Day Parade (Wahiawa), Makahiki Ceremonies (on MCBH), the Waikiki Holiday Parade on November 23rd, and through the end of November, the “Music in School” tour by the Pacific Band. Chair Yanagihara thanked Sgt. Carter for her report.

Treasurer’s Report – Yamashiro-Hironaka reported that the Board’s Operating/Publicity Account balance was \$3,846.37, with October 2007 expenditures of \$35.24 for printing and postage.

PUBLIC INPUT & RESIDENTS’ CONCERNS – Chair Yanagihara asked if there were residents with items not listed on the agenda, with 1) Art Machado Jr. present to discuss the planned Kaneohe Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 1, 2007, displaying the Parade t-shirt which he announced was available for purchase at Kaneohe banks. Machado announced a Christmas Lights program for the corner of the Fire Station, the Police station, and Parker Elementary, where there will be an evening lighting ceremony on November 24, 2007, with Mayor Hannemann having extended an invitation to the public to attend. Machado said the parade would have 112 units, 4000 participants, and seven bands, starting at 9 a.m., with five locations for MCs and the parade Grand Marshal being Gordon Miyamoto. 2) DeRego announced that Mitchell Otani, principal of Kaneohe Elementary School was recognized by Governor Lingle in a ceremony in her office. There were no other resident issues.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS:

Mayor’s Representative – Les Chang (Director, Department of Parks and Recreation – DPR) represented Mayor Mufi Hannemann and reported on issues from the prior meeting, initially announcing that Mayor Hannemann had authorized HPD services to support the Kaneohe Christmas Parade and inviting the community to the November 24th Kaneohe-Corner Lights, the December 1st Honolulu City Lights and the December 8th Kapolei City Lights. He reported:

- A concern about residential ducks was investigated, with the report that the ducks were wild and not being raised as livestock.
- A concern about dog bites was answered earlier and directly to member Sager.
- A question about “Weed and Seed” activities for Kaneohe was referenced as Kaneohe not having a “Weed and Seed” program but reporting that similar projects are conducted through the Kaneohe HPD Station; more information is available from the HPD Community Policing Team calling the Station directly at 247-2166.
- Concerns about needs for community bike paths were reported, specifically for Kaneohe Bay Drive, Keana Road and Miha Street. Chang reported that Kaneohe Bay is under State control, with Keana Road and Miha Street not currently on the Bike Master Plan, but announcing that the Bike Master Plan is to be updated in 2008. Lum said that much of Kaneohe is too narrow for bike lanes, with Chang encouraging participation in the public meeting process of the Plan review and preparation; Chair Yanagihara asked Sager to represent the Board in the process.

Friel thanked Chang for the report on the ducks and asked for a response to be communicated to a street resident. Lum reported concerns about crosswalks near Mountain View Terrace and asked if he could be contacted about the concerns. Chang introduced Rae Gee, the Mayor’s Housing Specialist – who also previously served as a Neighborhood Board member in town – as the new regular Mayor’s Representative for Kaneohe, explaining that he needs to be attending other Board meetings in order to deal with Parks issues, and thanked the Board for their courtesies. Chair Yanagihara thanked Chang and welcomed Gee.

Councilmember Barbara Marshall – Venus Acoba represented Council Chair Marshall, announced she was standing on Marshall's report, and distributed a "Councilmember Barbara Marshall's District 3 Report November 2007" which included information about Council legislative proposals to eliminate bus fares, concerns about Kailua sewers, concerns that signs for City work projects are sometimes posted for two or three months in advance of site activity resulting in making "it look like there's work going on forever" and invited attendance to a community meeting in Kailua on December 4, 2007 (St. John's Lutheran Church). DeRego asked about Council legislation to allow for payment of fees for expiated processing of permits, pointing out that Kaneohe has many non-profits for whom the acceptance of delayed permit processing is a hardship, and asked for Acoba to report back Marshall's response. DeRego also asked about legislation (Res. 7-314) on affordable housing, with Gee reporting that the legislation was Council initiated, had passed second reading, and that because it involved questions about the Charter Commission's intent, that it would likely go to hearings and attorneys Lum asked about Marshall's reaction to Councilmember Kobayashi's position on rail transit, with Chair Yanagihara asking for Lum to have the question relate to Windward concerns, and Lum saying that since the project will involve City funds the project has importance. Lum said he supports the Mayor's position on rail, is not supportive of Kobayashi's proposals for buses rather than rail, and pointed to the problem of buses on narrow roads; Chair Yanagihara asked for Acoba to prepare a response on Marshall's position. Machado said the Board should add the issue of "late-night route service" to the agenda, saying that the Kahaluu Board is asking for circle-island service after mid-night. Lum also asked for Acoba to have Marshall to report on the plans for construction of the Windward transit station, which is part of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) plans for 2008-2011.

Governor's Representative – Laura Thielen (Director, Department of Land and Natural Resources) represented Governor Linda Lingle, distributed a community newsletter and reported on Super Ferry-related legislation, saying that it had passed with a number of conditions, such as, no opihi, no lobster or other crustaceans, classes on whale avoidance, daily inspections for downed birds, and provision for short-term State Agricultural assistance with boarding. She also reported an Ahu o Laka meeting the night before at the Kaneohe Bay Yacht Club. Lum referred to beautification of Kahekili Highway, explaining that the State had previously announced the delayed State Department of Transportation (DOT) beautification project was scheduled to start in late September or early October and asked for an update on the project and the now-passed start dates. Chair Yanagihara thanked Thielen for the report.

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

Senator Jill Tokuda – Kamakana Kaimulua represented Senator Tokuda and circulated Tokuda's written community report and described Tokuda's participation on a public administration panel at the University of Hawaii. He invited suggestions for proposed legislation to the capitol office: 587-7215. Friel asked for the report on wild ducks to be relayed to Tokuda as the concerned individual is a neighbor of Tokuda's. Lum asked about possible legislative resolutions on Iraq, with Kaiulua saying he would ask. DeRego commented on the use of the word "master" in a document relating to Tokuda's role in reviewing the Bureau of Conveyances performance, with Chair Yanagihara saying that the word is used is a legal term having a specific and appropriate meaning; Lum asked for a review of the finding when the report is final.

Senator Clayton Hee – No representative was present.

Representative Ken Ito – No representative was present.

Representative Pono Chong – No representative was present.

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

Hope Chapel – No representative was present.

Hawaii Pacific University (HPU) – Jessica McDunn was present to represent HPU, reporting the Fall Semester ending December 16, the Spring Semester being January 22 to May 4, and a Winter Session of December 17 to January 19. McDunn invited attendance at HPU events: a Winter Concert on November 30, the fall production of *The Imaginary Invalid* through December 9, and the Winter Commencement on January 9, 2008. She announced evening (5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.) face-to-face opportunities for information on Masters Programs: Diplomacy and Military Studies (December 11), Business (December 12) and Communications (December 13) and said that more information could be had at 543-8034. Chair Yanagihara thanked McDunn for the report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Windward Community College (WCC) Library Learning Center – Chair Yanagihara recognized the attendance of Chancellor Angela Meixell to discuss part of the building planning for the WCC Campus. **Chair Yanagihara noted the need to add to the agenda an item for the WCC Library building permit extension, and with no objection, announced the item was on the agenda, 10-0-0.** Meixell explained that the Library Learning Center building process was started three years ago is funded for \$45.7 million and has received community support in the form of a petition of 45,700 signatures. She explained that the WCC is asking for an extension from the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) of the building permit, by way of a request for a letter from the Board to DPP for support of the extension. **Chair Yanagihara asked if there was any objection to the Board's taking a position of support for the Library building permit extension and announced a motion of support for the extension was passed unanimously 10-0-0.** Meixell announced that Architects Hawaii would be available to report progress to the Board as appropriate or as desired. Chair Yanagihara thanked Meixell for her hospitality in supporting the Board's community activities by hosting the meeting site.

Graffiti Prevention Presentation – Jerry Jardin was present to discuss community efforts, under the coordination of the Malama 96744 organization, to do community graffiti cleanup, with the intention of prevention graffiti under the concept of "immediately fixing a broken glass pane" which is the idea that by quickly painting over a graffiti taggers work, there will be few imitators and the original tagger will not have the satisfaction of viewing his/her masterpiece. Annette Tashiro reported 42 volunteers attended an initial work meeting last month, that they painted at Kahekili and Kaluhipa bus stops, and their project is to have the community involved in graffiti cleanup. A second community-wide clean up meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2008 at the Kaneohe Community Family Center at 5 p.m., with the Center serving as a contact point: 235-7747. Jardin and Tashiro reported that the group is coordinating efforts with the City Department of Transportation Services and State DOT and receiving paint to match and blend in existing colors. Chair Yanagihara asked about work projects, with Tashiro saying the intent is for three major events a year, as well as as-needed responses. Chair Yanagihara asked about public/private relationships, with Tashiro saying that currently all are public but that they are exploring doing private, including how to make a location less likely to be a target through the possible planting of shrubbery, intending to involve school KEY Club and other youth groups. Lum encouraged the matching of paint, with Jardin agreeing that was the intent. Chair Yanagihara thanked Jardin and Tashiro for their report and for their efforts to improve the community.

Hawaiian Memorial Park Expansion Update – DeRego reported continuing monitoring of the expansion plans for Hawaiian Memorial Park, with developer/manager Scott Ezer of Helber, Hastert & Fee preparing to file within 30 days for permits to develop 40 acres, with the possible expansion, as presented at the July 2007 community meeting to 56.6 acres. Ezer will be responding to concerns that the Sustainable Community Plan for Koolaupoko defines the area as open space rather than other uses, including possible house lots at the back of the site. DeRego used the definition of "open space" to be "all lands is as if parks and golf courses" and said he would continue to follow up, with regular 1st Monday monthly meetings planned. Lum asked about a needed flood control basin, with DeRego deferring to Sager, who agreed that the flood control component is important to the planning, with DeRego referring to eight dam sites which Sager said would allow slow release, and when Lum asked about the capacity, Sager noted the need for monitoring, explaining that dams tend to break. Lum

asked about adjacent homeowners, suggesting that perhaps they be bought out since the flooding issue might not be solvable. DeReo invited interested members to the December 3rd meeting. Chair Yanagihara thanked DeRego for the report.

Neighborhood Plan Draft/Amendments – Sager reported the Neighborhood Commission has conducted public hearings on revisions to the Neighborhood Plan, with the intention to substitute the draft plan for the entire current plan rather than making small amendments. He reported that the Kaneohe Public Hearing the past week-end was the only Windward hearing, being one of the three that were held on the entire island of Oahu, and that he was in attendance, as well as a number of Kailua Neighborhood Board members. He said the Kailua members were in opposition to the plan, which was characterized as written by the City's Corporation Counsel (COR) and containing several typos, as well as items Kailua disagreed with. The Kailua group had explained that they had participated in drafting a 2006 version, developed by island-wide discussions with Board and community members, but which was rejected by the Mayor, who had instructed COR to develop another version. Chair Yanagihara asked if Gavigan could comment, with her explanation that the rewrite was necessary to meet legal and logistical requirements and that the draft had been given to the Neighborhood Commission who had voted on the version to be taken to the public hearings for input. Chair Yanagihara described the 2007 version as a work-in-progress and said it was an opportunity for Kaneohe members and the public to speak. Sager explained that Kailua had a number of specific concerns, including that the election profile is being deleted in the COR plan, that there is no grid to compare the existing with the new, and that the idea of a parliamentary authority (Roberts Rules of Order) is being changed to a guideline, which means it does not have to be followed, with the main point from Kailua being that the 2006 version is better. Chair Yanagihara asked about a Board position, with Sager saying that the community had made input for the 2006 version and that the 2006 version should be used as the basis of the community's discussion and input rather than the COR 2007 version. Gavigan said that Roberts Rules of Order is referred to in the COR version and that the Board should not be opposing generally without understanding the issues. Chair Yanagihara asked about the Plan issues chart distributed by Sager, who said it was from the Kailua group. Morris said the Board should take time to study the plans and asked about the timetable, with Gavigan explaining that the Commission would make a decision after receiving comments, saying that there were some problems with legal issues in the 2006 version. Chair Yanagihara asked is there would be a new round of hearings if there were substantive changes proposed, with Gavigan saying she thought that would be the process followed. Machado said that the Commission had announced that the final decision would be made on January 7, 2008. Chair Yanagihara asked if individuals would comment, with Sager saying he would, and would be taking a position on the voting aspect. Friel said he saw no problem with the 2006 version but he liked to think that COR was correct in their changes; Sager said there was no comparison or Ramseyer version. Chair Yanagihara announced there was no Board action but that members are invited to make individual comments. Morris asked if comments could be made on-line, with Sager saying no, that the comments need to be sent to the Neighborhood Commission Office and Chair Yanagihara saying the deadline for comments was December 7, 2007.

Representative Pono Chong – Representative Chong referred to a distributed written community report, describing details within the report on State Capital Improvement Project (CIP) items as worked on by both himself and Representative Ito, including the over \$50 million item for the WCC Library. Sager noted that the Kawainui Marsh was referred to as having been transferred but reported that the transfer was not completed; Chong agreed that the transfer had hung up with the DLNR to require the City to complete an Environmental Assessment (EA) before the DLNR will accept the land transfer. Sager commented that there is a \$5 million federal aid item in jeopardy without the transfer, with Chong agreeing on the need to make the transfer. Lum asked about needed sidewalks adjacent to State roadways, with Chong referring Lum to make requested list available to the Governor's representative. Chong encouraged individuals to request release of funds for budgeted community items like the Castle High School cafeteria. San Nicholas asked about housing funds, with Chong describing the rental housing trust fund as being generally used in the Leeward area, not the Windward side, with support funds going to women and children first and then single males. San Nicholas asked about groups that

offer support to males, with Chong suggesting that the KEY Project might have some programs but saying that there are few programs that focus on single males. San Nicholas pointed to a housing need in the Micronesian community with Chong explaining that additionally there is a federal mandate to assist there. San Nicholas pointed to a need for homeless and housing programs focusing on local Hawaii people, with Chong saying he would go back to providers but that there are generally other priorities. Lum asked about Hina Mauka clients, with Chong saying that the program is a private non-profit that assists individuals with drug problems but that there is an assessment of assets and that the individuals in the program are charged. Chair Yanagihara thanked Chong for his report.

Kaneohe Neighborhood Board Web log – Chair Yanagihara said that the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board is considering a web-blog to enable communication among the community and Board members, to have general discussion, and if the Board is in agreement then a committee will make exploration and report back to the Board. DeRego explained that he has experience with web-blogs and has a Kaneohe current-events blog that he owns. As a general explanation, Chair Yanagihara offered a definition that a blog was an e-mail exchange that everyone and anyone can instantaneously participate in and view. DeRego noted that exchanges of e-mail only among Board members could be considered as contrary to the spirit of the State Sunshine Law, but with a web-blog where the discussion is all visible, the Board could communicate better, both among itself and the community. Chair Yanagihara suggested a committee, with Morris agreeing. **DeRego moved for the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board to form a committee to explore a Board web-blog, with Morris seconding; Chair Yanagihara asked for a vote and declared it passed unanimously 10-0-0.** Chair Yanagihara named Sager, DeRego and Flannigan as members to explore establishing a web-blog, asking that the issue be planned for discussion at the Agenda Planning Committee meeting.

Board Committees – Chair Yanagihara asked if there were any additional Committee comments, and with none, moved to Announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Yanagihara announced:

1. The next Agenda Planning Committee Meeting would be held at the Kaneohe Community and Senior Center, 7:00 p.m., December 4, 2007.
2. The next Regular Board Meeting would be at the Windward Community College on December 20, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.
3. The Hawaiian Memorial Park Standing Committee to be held at the Windward Community College, Hale Akoakoa, Room 107-109 on Monday, December 3, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further Board business, Chair Yanagihara adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Submitted by,
Elwin Spray, Neighborhood Commission Office staff