



KANEOHE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 30

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2007 WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Roy Yanagihara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Beatty, Kris DeRego, John Flanigan, Paul Friel, Marie Gavigan, Glenn Ida, Wendell Lum, L.C. Morris, Bill Sager, Felipe San Nicholas, Patty Yamashiro-Hironaka, Roy Yanagihara, Larry Zdvoracek.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Warren Ditch and Stephen Jefferies.

MEMBERS' SEAT VACANT: Sub district 2 (one seat) and Sub district 9 (one seat).

GUESTS: William Higgins, Sandra Jordan, George Marantz, Jerry Jardin, Battalion Chief Jim Skellington (Honolulu Fire Department – Kaneohe), Lt. J. Cheong (Honolulu Police Department, District 4, Kaneohe), Rae Gee (Office of the Mayor), Kamakana Kaimulua (Senator Jill Tokuda's Office staff), Venus Acoba (Council Chair Barbara Marshall's Office staff), Laura Thielen (Governor's Representative – Department of Land and Natural Resources), Ted Kanemoto, Larry Bartley (Save O'ahu's Neighborhoods), Corporal Brian Coulter, Corporal Juan Heredia, Corporal Enrique Lagunas, and Corporal Chad Townsel (Marine Corps Base Hawaii – Combat Service Combat Group; Arwen Crisholm (MCBH Community Public Relations), Art Machado, Nola Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

FILLING OF VACANCIES, SUB DISTRICT 2 (one seat) and SUB DISTRICT 9 (one seat): There were no interested persons present to fill the vacancies.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2007: Chair Yanagihara asked for corrections/additions to the November 15, 2007 regular meeting minutes. **Lum moved, seconded by Flanigan accepting the regular meeting minutes as circulated. The motion carried unanimously 9-0-0.**

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES FOR THE BOARD'S AGENDA PLANNING AND COMMITTEES' MEETING: Deferred.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Beatty reported expenditures in the Operating Account were \$30.00, leaving the balance at \$3,816.37. **Without objections, the treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit.**

7:05 p.m. Morris arrived (10 members present).

PUBLICITY SAFETY AND MILITARY REPORT:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Battalion Chief Skellington reported:

1. Statistics for the month of November included structure 3, rubbish 1, vehicle fires 2, medical 93 and 23 miscellaneous response calls.
2. Fire Safety Tip:

Dried Christmas trees, wreaths, and other natural decorations are extremely flammable. Remove them from your home as soon as possible. Your Christmas tree can be taken to a participating recycling center.

Consider leaving fireworks to the professionals. Enjoy one of the public fireworks displays on New Year's Eve. Follow all warnings and instructions for the safe use of fireworks. Never give fireworks, even sparklers, to young children. Older children should only use fireworks under the direct supervision of an adult.



Questions, answers, and comments: Regarding defibrillators, Lum relayed that he thinks that public areas, such as shopping centers should all have a defibrillator available in case of an emergency; and asked where one could be purchased. A member of the audience mentioned that all police officers have defibrillators in their cars. Lt. Cheong noted that not all police officers have a defibrillator in their patrol vehicles, but the City is trying to get one for each officer. Battalion Chief Skellington added that HFD is usually the first responders and the AED is usually used for the older population. The device is fairly easy to use giving step by step instructions and each commercial aircraft has one. He has heard of no legislation requiring AED for public use. Regarding AED classes, Chair Yanagihara suggested Lum check with the Red Cross.

Battalion Chief Jim Skellington was thanked for his report.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. J. Cheong reported Statistics for the month of November included burglary 17, DUI 9, graffiti 10, theft 63, rape 1, motor vehicle collisions 122; and a total of 2, 002 response calls.

7:11 p.m. Ida arrived (11 members present).

Questions, answers and comments:

1. Kanemoto raised a concern of cars with loud mufflers late at night, at the intersection of Heeia and Kamehameha Highway, and asked what are the laws pertaining to this matter. Lt. Cheong replied HPD has no decibel meters, but reconstruction permits are required if the vehicle is altered in any way. Receipts must be kept by the vehicle owner and submitted to the City's Reconstruction Division prior to issuing the permit (a sticker for the car) when the car is inspected. If a vehicle is altered and has no reconstruction permit and stopped by an officer a citation is issued. Citations are also issued for loud mufflers and boom boxes. A description of the car and/or a license plate number would be helpful to HPD because by the time the responding officer reaches the area the driver would have driven off. A citation may lead to going to court.
2. As a member of the Citizens Patrol, Kanemoto was also concerned about children trying to cross the street at Heeia and Kamehameha Highway and cars not slowing down allowing them to cross. Lt. Cheong said that would be a judgment call and reiterated that the Board and community worked very hard at getting a traffic signal installed at that intersection. He relayed that the children should be crossing at the stoplight not a mid-block crosswalk and stated that the children not be encouraged to step off the sidewalk into the crosswalk unless it is safe. The law requires cars stop for pedestrians or a citation could be issued; on the other hand a pedestrian jumping in front of cars to cross could also be cited. Everyone was encouraged to "Drive Aloha" and to make eye contact with the drivers. Machado noted that the crosswalk in questions is located prior to King Intermediate School; AIG insurance company monitors traffic hot spots.
3. Chair Yanagihara mentioned that on last night's news a home invasion was reported in Kaneohe with the perpetrator disguised as a police officer, and asked if any information was available. Lt. Cheong replied that was not sure about the case but would contact the Chair with any information if available, but if the case is still under investigation no information may be provided. Chair Yanagihara said the Board would probably get a report on the incident at next month's meeting. Lt. Cheong encouraged Board and guests to take precautions such as, if an officer wants you to pull over and you are not sure it is an HPD officer, call the dispatch informing them that you will be driving to the police station or a well lit public area to pull over and to let the officer know. Also, if you are unsure of someone at your door and the company the person is with, it is recommended to not let the person in, check the identification and call his company to verify his/her employment.

Lt. J. Cheong was thanked for his report.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) – Mrs. Arwen Crisholm reported:

Past events included:

- o December 1 - Participated in the Kaneohe Christmas Parade.
- o December 5 - Navy League Sea Services Awards presented.
- o December 7 – Kaneohe Klippers ceremony.
- o December 7 – Japan religious committee for World Federation.
- o December 15 – Waimanalo Christmas Parade.

Upcoming events include:

- o December 23 – Sheraton Waikiki Hawaii Bowl.
- o January 10-13 – Sony Open Invitation.
- o January 12 – Hula Bowl Football Game.
- o January 14 – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade.

Mrs. Crisholm was thanked for attending the meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT & RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

Save Oahu's Neighborhood – Larry Bartley circulated a pamphlet regarding helping to preserve the residential way of life on Oahu from illegal hotel-like operations. He relayed that Resolution 05-187, relating to the legalization of bed and breakfast homes introduced by Council Chair Marshall and Councilmember Dela Cruz, is moving forward with a public hearing to be held on January 16, 2007 before the State Land Use Commission (LUC).

Questions, answers and comments:

1. Lum commented that City Council would add conditions to the bill. Bartley explained that the resolution went from the City Council to the Department of Planning and Permitting, each having a different version, and now to the State Land Use Commission, then will be sent back to the City Council. Log on to www.sonhawaii.org for more information.
2. Oahu areas such as Waimanalo, has 43% illegal bed and breakfast homes on the beach front, also the North Shore, etc. Once a permit is issued, violations are hard to enforce without the complaints from neighbors. There is a loss of one's neighborhood with the constant flow of strangers coming through.
3. Flanigan commented that he did not know that a resolution could change the law. Bartley said that in 2005 the resolution was passed unanimously by the City Council; and reiterated that Council Chair Marshall supports this resolution.
4. Bartley said that the main motivation for those in support is to make more money.
5. Chair Yanagihara commented that the matter will be under discussion for a while.
6. In response to Lum, the Koolauoko Sustainability Master Plan has no mention of neighborhoods becoming hotels, and reiterated that the resolution will go back to the City Council resolution from the Land Use Commission in about a month. Bartley again mentioned that Council Chair Marshall and Councilmember Dela Cruz wrote the resolution.
7. Relating to the same issue, illegal hotel-like operations, George Marantz elaborated an example about Kailua's commercialization in a residential neighborhood, and bringing in transients for a short stay impacting residential neighborhoods. There are illegal rentals all over the island and stated that there is need for a general plan.
8. Regarding the Land Use Commission (LUC) and home conditions, Lum commented that there are limitations to the current law and the LUC. Marantz replied that in his neighborhood 23 out of 100 homes have illegal rentals. Lum added that it is hard to control and that the City should do a better job with enforcement. Marantz stated that Resolution 05-187 should not be passed. Either way there will be illegal rentals.
9. Chair Yanagihara noted that interested Board members should take a drive through the Lanikai area to see for themselves.
10. Machado commented that the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board tried working on the issue several years ago; and added that Lulani Street homes are like hotels.
11. Beatty asked Marantz what is the personal harm to him. Marantz answered it raises the bar by subsidizing the water mains, resident parking, etc. He noted that police were unable to enforce the law of people including the

property owner making loud noise in a hot tub at 2 a.m.; and he does not see the homeowner participating in community events. The community's quality of life is diminishing.

Chair Yanagihara thanked Bartley and Marantz and noted that at some point the Board would be asking for a presentation.

Kaneohe Christmas Parade – Art Machado thanked everyone for their assistance with this year's Kaneohe Christmas Parade, especially the Marine Corps.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

Mayor's Representative – Rae Gee reported the following:

1. The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) is trying to repair all major potholes. To report potholes on City streets call 768-7777 or log on to www.honolulu.gov/dfm where a report form could be filled out.

Chair Yanagihara asked if the online form indicated city or state road jurisdiction. Follow up will be done regarding protocol. State pothole hotline is 536-7852.

2. The real property assessments, not the bill, were mailed out. Anyone requesting an appraisal can call the Real Property office or send them an email request.
3. City Job Fair, Friday, March 14, 2008, McCoy Pavilion from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
4. Round Top Drive (Tantalus) was re-opened today with the help of \$3 million in federal funding with the assistance of US Senator Daniel Inouye.
5. Mayor Hannemann sends Happy Holiday Greetings to all.
6. Free City and County prescription drug discount cards were available on the table in the back of the room and available at all satellite city halls.

Questions, answers and comments:

1. Follow up will be done if the job fair will be posted online. Gee told Lum to contact her at (b) 523-4810.
2. Regarding real property assessments, Kanemoto asked the status of the real property tax appeals for the last two years. Bartley added that he is still waiting for a response to an appealed filed two years ago. Follow up will be done.

Rae Gee was thanked for attending the meeting.

Council Chair Barbara Marshall – Venus Acoba distributed Council Chair Marshall's written report with a letter of response to Chair Yanagihara and the Board regarding inquiries at last month's meeting attached.

1. Follow up to Lum's inquiry last month regarding Council Chair Marshall's thought on Councilmember Kobayashi's transit presentation, Acoba said Council Chair Marshall has not viewed the presentation and could not answer, however she continues to oppose rail transit for Honolulu.
2. In response to Chair Yanagihara regarding the response letter, Board member DeRego was concerned about Bill 67 CD1, which would expedite permit applications to the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) at a premium rate and hurt people with financial hardships, while those that could afford to pay the higher rate would become a priority and cause longer delays for others. Highlighting DeRego's second concern about the Administration's position on Affordable Housing Charter Amendment – specifically having to do with what was conveyed at the November 7, 2007 Council meeting, DeRego was advised to access the web link and view those videos to make his own determination for and to ask the Mayor directly.
3. Free prescription drug discount cards are now available through the satellite city halls.

4. In response to Chair Yanagihara and the two concerns raised this evening about bed and breakfast homes (Resolution 05-186 and 05-187 introduced by Council Chair Marshall in 2005), Acoba suggested calling Ikaika Andersen at their office with questions.

Venus Acoba was thanked for attending the meeting.

Governor's Representative – Laura Thielen distributed the Governor's Update and reported:

1. 1,129 acres of preserved on the Oahu's North Shore – Pupukea Paumalu was sold by the Obayashi Corporation to The Trust for Public Land after a decades-long fight to prevent it from being developed.
2. The State Department of Transportation (DOT) road projects, it is policy that a break is taken in November and December due to the holiday season.

Laura Thielen was thanked for attending the meeting.

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

Senator Jill Tokuda – Kamakana Kaimulua circulated the written report and announced the Town Hall Meetings scheduled for January: January 8, 2008, Kailua High School Cafeteria, 7-9 p.m. and January 10, 2008, Castle High School Cafeteria, 7-9 p.m.

Kamakana Kaimulua was thanked for attending the meeting.

Senator Clayton Hee – No representative was present.

Representative Ken Ito – No representative was present.

Representative Pono Chong - No representative was present

Without objections the agenda was taken out of order to New Business, Citizen and MCBH Commendations/Recognitions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Citizen and MCBH Commendations/Recognitions – Lei and certificates of appreciation were presented to Corporal Brian Coulter, Corporal Juan Heredia, Corporal Enrique Lagunas, and Corporal Chad Townsel from the Combat Service Support Group for volunteering their time to our community.

8:05 p.m. Chair Yanagihara called a recess.

8:30 p.m. the agenda order resumed.

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

Hope Chapel – No representative was present.

Hawaii Pacific University (HPU) – No representative was present.

8:32 p.m. Beatty and Sager left the meeting (9 members present).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Hawaiian Memorial Park Update – DeRego reported that the Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan Inc. submitted a permit application to the Land Use Commission (LUC) on November 28, 2007, which LUC accepted the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) preparation notice on December 13, 2007. The Board will receive a copy of the notice from the LUC noting that the deadline for public comment is January 8, 2007. The Board's Hawaiian Memorial Park Standing Committee will discuss the preparation notice at its January 7, 2008 meeting and submit their recommendations to the Board.

Questions, answers and comments:

1. An EIS preparation notice gives a detailed description of the proposed expansion; the first initial step has been taken with the current plans from the original and indicating types of improvements. The property consists of 56.6 acres requires several zoning amendments (conservation to urban and park expansion throughout the Mahinui mountainside). Plans are to construct four 3,500 square foot mausoleums and a 20-lot residential development near Pohai Nani, with road extensions up to the residential area forcing the reconstruction of the water storage area and impacting 14 historic sites on the mountainside and increased water run-offs. Flood retention is under consideration, with retention basins to be constructed to off-set increased run-off adding paved surfaces. Five or six retention basins will be located primarily along the base of the mountainside.

DeRego was thanked for his report.

Kaneohe Neighborhood Board Weblog – DeRego reported some progress has been made to create the free Board blog. He is checking into how interactions are integrated to determine and establish the free blog. A resolution would be prepared for the January 2008 Board meeting for comments and specific recommendations. Flanigan noted that he did not agree to distribute an outline this evening.

NEW BUSINESS Continued:

Century Bicycle Ride Proposed Modifications to the 2008 Bike Route – No representative was present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no committee reports.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next agenda Planning & Committees' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2007, Kaneohe Community and Senior Center, 7:00 p.m.
- The next Regular Board Meeting will take place at the Windward Community College, Hale Akoakoa Room 103-106 on Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
- The next meeting of the Hawaiian Memorial Park Standing Committee will be held at Windward Community College, Hale Akoakoa, room 107-109 on Monday January 7, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by,
Nola Frank, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by,
Roy Yanagihara, Chair