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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2007 WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AKOAKOA ROOM

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Roy Yanagihara called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. A quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT – Clyde Morita, Patty Yamashiro – Hironaka, John Sabas, Felipe San Nicolas, Wendell Lum, Roy Yanagihara, Paul Friel, Elizabeth Gaisthia, L.C. Morris, Bill Sager.

MEMBERS ABSENT – Rick Karasaki, Niko Koga, John Flanigan, Kristopher DeRego, Glenn Ida, Larry Zdvoracek. There is one vacancy in Sub district 1.

GUESTS – Mona Morris, Charla Jones, Chuck Eakes (Waikalua Fishpond), Ted Kanemori, Lorraine Soriano (Kulana Nani), Jess Williams, Janine Tully (Representative Pono Chong's Office), Senator Jill Okuda, Scott Ishikawa (State Department of Transportation), Les Chang (Mayor's Office/Department of Parks and Recreation), Venus Acoba (Council Chair Barbara Marshall's Office), Lt. R. Robinson (Honolulu Police Department, District 4-Kaneohe), Battalion Chief Jim Skellington (Honolulu Fire Department, Kaneohe), Scott Sunaoka (Hope Chapel), Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

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

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

- Page 1, Guests should read, "...Gonser..."
- Page 5, Windwardside News should read, "...Gonser..."

Friel moved and seconded by Morita to accept the January 2007 regular meeting minutes as corrected. The motion carried unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2007 AGENDA PLANNING AND COMMITTEES' MEETING MINUTES – Yamashiro-Hironaka moved and seconded by San Nicolas to accept the February 2007 agenda planning and committees' meeting minutes as circulated. The motion carried unanimously, 9-0-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Gaisthia reported for January 2007 Operating/Publicity Account balance was \$3,766.69, expenditures were \$51.00 leaving a balance of \$3,715.69; no expenses in the Refreshment Account leaving the balance at \$120.00; February 2007 – Operating/Publicity Account balance was \$3,715.69, with expenditures of \$32.97, leaving a balance of \$3,682.72; the Refreshment Account incurred expenditures of \$50.00 leaving the balance at \$70.00. **Sager moved and seconded by Morita to accept the treasurer's reports subject to audit. The motion carried unanimously, 9-0-0.**

PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY REPORT:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Battalion Chief Jim Skellington reported statistics for the month of January included 130 alarms (due to high winds), three of which were fire related. Fire Safety Tip - Every home should have a working smoke detector installed near each sleeping area and on every level. Since cooking vapors and steam can set off a smoke detector, the detector should be located away from the kitchen or bathroom. Wall-mounted detectors should be positioned 4 to 12 inches below the ceiling and away from air vents. Battalion Chief Jim Skellington was thanked for attending the meeting.



Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. R. Robinson reported burglaries up 18, auto thefts up 18 and unauthorized entry into motor vehicles up 33. The Narcotics/ Vice Division received 17 new complaints and ten complaints have been closed. Statistics included 2 parking violations, 10 DUI, 12 felonies, 14 misdemeanors, 11 traffic, 46 speeding, 188 moving violations, and 197 miscellaneous. An officer spoke with the resident who allows his dog to defecate in the cemetery. He asked for support of HB 1817, relating to the Employees' Retirement system; HB 1818, relating to reemployment of government retirants; HB 1819, relating to retirees rehiring; and HB 1820, relating to state income tax (this bill is dead). The department is focusing on recruitment and retention of police officers. The District has 2,112 officers, 221 vacancies, and 182 officers eligible for retirement. Kaneohe has 190 officers, 20 vacant slots, 10 on special assignment, long-term injury or illness. There are approximately 40 people working per watch. Out of the 22 District Beats, only 18 are funded, but staffing does not go below eighty percent. It is hopeful some of the vacancies will be filled in April when the new recruit class graduates.

Questions and concerns: (1) Relative to the rise in certain statistics, resident Kanemori asked how can the neighbors help and requested an insight on those particular crimes. Lt. Robinson replied there is a crew of drug users stealing from Waimanalo to Kahuku, thus the increase in auto thefts and burglaries. However, the suspects were arrested last month. He stressed the importance of not leaving valuables in cars. (2) Chair Yanagihara asked how has home burglaries been affected in areas with a Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW). The response was with a NSW the neighbors are more aware of their neighbors, recognizes crime in the area and calls 911. Chair Yanagihara commented that Kanemori's NSW watch area is a good example. (3) Chair Yanagihara asked if we have an enhanced 911. In answer, the proposed bill may be re-introduced and Lt. Lefcourt is now the HPD legislative liaison. (4) Chair Yanagihara mentioned that several years ago there was a Reserve Officer Program that was discontinued, and wanted to know if there is a chance for the program to be re-established. Lt. Robinson said he knows that training continues, but will follow up. Lt. Robinson was thanked for attending the meeting.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) – Sarah Fry reported one battalion and one squadron have deployed to Iraq, with another deploying soon. The next Military/Civilian Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday. MCBH is hosting open house meetings to discuss forming a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB), which is a forum for the discussion and exchange of environmental cleanup information between the Department of Defense (DOD), state, and federal regulatory agencies and the local community. To get involvement from different neighborhoods the meetings will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Aikahi Elementary School Cafeteria and on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Waiahole Elementary School Cafeteria. Everyone was encouraged to attend. On March 3, 2007 the USO presents the Lieutenant Dan Band Celebrity Tour Show.

Questions, answers and concerns: (1) Follow up will be done if the March 3 LT Dan Band USO Celebrity Tour Show is open to the public. (2) Follow up will be done if RAB has a budget. Sarah Fry was thanked for attending the meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT & RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

Waikalua Fishpond (La Hana Loko Ia) Fishpond – Chuck Eakes explained that the purpose of this fishpond is to educate children about ancient Hawaiian fishing. A workday is scheduled for Saturday, February 17, 2007 from 8 am to 12 at the fishpond to repair the deteriorating wall. Approximately 1,500 people visit the pond yearly, which is privately owned, but permitted by owner Mr. Endomoto for the community's use. Groups visiting the pond were previously from the fourth, fifth and six grade age groups, but now high school students, as well as students from Windward Community College visit the pond.

Questions, answers and comments: (1) regarding liability, the parents sign-off for their children. (2) Morita asked if the fishpond received a U.S. Department grant to develop curriculum for Hawaiian fishponds use for this state. Eakes replied yes, the island of O'ahu teaches about ancient Hawaiian fishponds and received a \$1.3 million grant. There are 300 teachers statewide (Molokai, Kauai, Hawaii, O'ahu) run by the State. (3) Currently no fish are raised at the fishpond. The organization is non-profit and no funding is available at this time. A person would be needed twice daily to open the gates with the tides for the fish. (4) Relative to visits to the fishpond, Chair Yanagihara asked if advanced reservations are needed. Eakes answered yes, but the fishpond is for groups not individuals. All workers are volunteers. Chuck Eakes was thanked for attending the meeting.

7:50 p.m. Sabas arrived (10 members present).

Half-way House on Hale Koa Street – An audience member expressed concern about possible a halfway house on this street with people coming and going at all hours, noise, and disturbing the quality of life of the neighborhood. There are six to eight residents at the home. The audience member said he found out that the manager confirmed it is

a drug rehabilitation house. Chair Yanagihara relayed that a law was passed exempting those facilities for the need to apply for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), which requires a presentation to the Neighborhood Board. It was suggested to consult with his elected officials to change or review the law. Mayor's representative Chang added a similar complaint was made in September 2006, but he is not sure if that is the same house without an address. The audience member was thanked for attending the meeting.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORT:

Mayor's Representative – Les Chang reported that the Mayor's Honolulu News was available for interested persons to review and reminded everyone about the "Month in Chinatown" festivities through the month of February in celebration of the Year of the Boar. Mayor Hannemann's State of the City Address, Thursday, February 22, 2007, 10:00 a.m. at the Honolulu Hale courtyard. The Honolulu Family Festival will be held at Magic Island from March 29 to April 1, 2007. For more information call 275-3001 or log on to www.HonoluluFamilyFestival.com. Regarding the traffic signal at Kamehameha Highway at the entrance to King Intermediate School, The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) has not received any complaints about the traffic backing up at the school's intersection during non-school hours. The traffic signal was installed for the safety of the pedestrians on Kamehameha Highway. The data indicates there are both pedestrian and vehicles that cross Kamehameha Highway throughout the day. Flashing the traffic signals will cause anyone who needs to cross the highway to have an unsafe situation. Furthermore, the only time a traffic signal will flash is when there is a malfunction in the system. The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) is reviewing the suggestion to replace narrow asphalt footpath with concrete in the area north corner of entry to the Kaneohe Shopping Center. Cost may be a prohibitive factor in the request. DTS conducted an investigation along Koa Kahiko Street (back of Windward Mall) and found there were no speed limit signs for the makai bound traffic between Kamehameha Highway and Aumoku Street. A work order has been sent to the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) to install a new 25 MPH speed limit sign for makai bound Koa Kahiko Street motorists. The speeding concern has been referred to HPD for their action for enforcement whenever speeding violations are observed. Officers monitored the area and did not observe any violations. They will continue to monitor. Lum Les Chang was thanked for attending the meeting.

Council Chair Barbara Marshall – Venus Acoba circulated Council Chair Barbara Marshall's written report and announced the next 3Talks community meeting is set for Wednesday, March 7 at the Kaneohe Community and Senior Center. Follow up to Resolution 06-194 relating to urging the City Administration to sell the leasehold interest in the Kulana Nani Apartments passed Council and the Mayor insists will include guarantee units will stay affordable. Chair Yanagihara mentioned that the Kulana Nani Association has requested to do a presentation at the March meeting and asked if an update could be reported.

Questions and comments: (1) Lum inquired as to the choice for an alternative for the twenty-mile proposed transit from Kapolei to Honolulu noting that he sees two lanes being built. Venus Acoba was thanked for attending the meeting.

Governor's Representative – No representative was present.

State Department of Transportation – Scott Ishikawa provided the following update on area projects: The request for a left turn signal at the intersection of Kahekili Highway and Kahuhipa Street warranted a study in October 2005. The matter will be reinvestigated if changes to the conditions should be made. Regarding sidewalks on Waikalua and Lilipuna Streets near area schools, the Safe Route School Program is in the process of selecting a committee. Photos were distributed showing the repair work to be done on the H-3 Freeway from January to May. An update on the one-mile Kahekili landscaping will be reported when the paperwork is complete.

Questions and comments: (1) Friel reported logs in the stored dirt on Pali Highway, which was mentioned before that is a health and safety issue. After the mudslide the dirt was stored on the first pull-off. Ishikawa will have crews check the area. (2) Chair Yanagihara said that Board had requested of the Governor's representative to ask the governor to release the funding for Windward Community College. The response was that the funding was released today. Chair Yanagihara mentioned the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) appropriation funds for Castle High School. (2) Morita noted that since 2003 the DOT director had been accommodative to associations and boards and asked if changes are expected. The answer was no, because community relations is important. (3) Chair Yanagihara asked if information relative to traffic tie ups could be reported faster and not after the fact. He wanted to know who is responsible to give the information to the radio stations. Ishikawa replied that DOT contacts the radio stations to report incidents. He apologized for the recent traffic jam due to repair work to the zipper lane. Adjustment or a change of schedule will be done to the zipper lane when repairs are needed. (4) Referring to the H-3 maintenance Kanemori asked if this is normal to maintenance so soon. Ishikawa answered that the windward side receives a lot of rain and more potholes.

Paving of the asphalt portion should preserve the road for a longer period of time. (5) Chair Yanagihara asked if the FM rebroadcast antenna in the Likelike Tunnel would be replaced. Morita said the FM rebroadcast is dead. Ishikawa added there is no funding for a new system which would cost approximately \$80,000 to \$100,000. Scott Ishikawa was thanked for attending the meeting.

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

Senator Jill Tokuda – Senator Jill Tokuda circulated her written report and said funds were released today for Windward Community College to construct a library and learning center. A petition was attached on the back of her written report in support for a new Windward Community College Library in 2007 legislative session. Regarding the summary of CIP included in her report SB 1685, Windward Community College is high priority for the construction of a library. It was suggested to the college that a petition be started and to get community involvement. Chair Yanagihara suggested a resolution from the Board. She offered to assist with the halfway house matter and asked that an accurate address be provided. Halfway houses are popping up in all neighborhoods and she has been researching past legislation on the issue. A rash of vandalism and break-ins has occurred at the Kaneohe Community Gardens during daylight hours and water left running. HPD has been called and concern is for the safety of the users that have gardens. It was expressed that people gardening be aware of their surroundings and others in the garden and to avoid confrontations with the vandals. Chair Yanagihara noted the property located on Kealahala Road is owned by the City. Senator Tokuda reported concern was raised by constituents regarding illegal activity on Puahuula Place off of Duncan Drive (drug activity, speeding, break-ins, and vandalism). A raid in the area was recently conducted by the SWAT team. Follow up will be done with HPD. Hawaii Memorial is proposing to expand and add 19 new homes back of Namoku Street. The Senator is working with Council Chair Marshall on the issues relative to run-offs, erosion, flooding, encroachment, etc. In response to the Chair, and the Hawaii Memorial Development, they are two separate companies. Friel added at a community meeting last week, a variance is needed to connect to the City's sewer system.

Questions and comments: (1) Follow up will be done with Representative Sakamoto as to the status of Bill 85, relating to flood insurance and his resolution on the issue from last year. It was noted the bill passed first committee and referred to the Ways and Means Committee. Senator Jill Tokuda was thanked for attending the meeting.

Senator Clayton Hee – No representative was present.

Representative Ken Ito – No representative was present.

Representative Pono Chong – Janine Tully distributed the written report and noted Representative Chong introduced HB 1600, relating to CIP Projects for District 49, appropriates funds for design and construction projects at: He'eia and Puohala elementary Schools, King Intermediate School and Castle High School cafeteria. Other community and school projects: plan, design and construction for access and parking at He'eia Fishpond; Design and construction for sidewalks and pedestrian improvements on Lilipuna and Wailakua Roads, and IT improvements for Castle High School. Windward Community College Library and Learning Center – Tully was happy to report that Governor Linda Lingle today released \$2.6 million (legislature appropriated funds last year) in design money for a new library/learning resource center at Windward Community College (WCC). The new building will be comprised of a Library, Learning Center, Media Center and Computing Services. The facility is in the planning and design stage and will be used by students and the community.

Questions and comments: (1) Regarding the expansion of Kaneohe Elementary School parking lot, Lum asked if the consultant could do a Board presentation. He noted residents have concerns and everything should be listed on a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). Tully answered the expansion to the parking lot is just improvements. (2) Chair Yanagihara asked if the undeveloped land at the Matson Point site on Ipuka Street (Hauula side) that is owned by the State under DLNR control. Tully said funds were put in the budget for park improvements. Chair Yanagihara added the first step should be to have a meeting and an update reported at the next Board meeting. Janine Tully was thanked for attending the meeting.

Chair Yanagihara asked Ishikawa if he could remind Governor's Representative Peter Young to meet with Kamehameha Schools regarding the wetlands, the fishpond and an alternative route to the He'eia Fishpond. Ishikawa will follow up.

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

Hope Chapel – Scott Sunaoka reported Christmas caroling and bags of food were given to residents of Koolau Villages. A Christmas program was held for the children where they performed for their parents. An after school program was started on January 16, 2007, with 16 children in the program learning life skills. Plans are to start a sewing class this month. Back ground checks are done on all employees working with the programs. Chair Yanagihara mentioned that he recognized the fact that Hope put up Christmas decorations near the Police Department. An Easter Fun Fair will be held on March 24, 2007 at the church. Scott Sunaoka was thanked for attending the meeting.

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

UNIFNISHED BUSINESS:

He'eia Fishpond Resolution Planned Improvement, Continuing Public Discussion of Helber, Hastert, and Fee Letter: Chair Yanagihara explained that the Board erred on the resolution language. At this stage of the planning process no formal application has been applied for and there is no notification requirements imposed.

Yamashiro-Hironaka moved and seconded by Morita to reconsider (amend) the resolution.

Discussion followed: (1) Morita said the original resolution referred to the seventh Whereas, KS through its agent HHFP, failed to notify its neighbors of its planned improvements and potential impacts. He asked that the resolution be amended and this paragraph be deleted. **There were no objections. Morris moved and seconded by Yamashiro-Hironaka calling for the vote. There were no objections. The motion carried unanimously 10-0-0 as amended and will proceed with sending the resolution to the appropriate people/departments.**

Celebrate Kaneohe Progress Report – As a representative for the Minami Foundations, Morita announced that the organization approved a grant of \$15,000.00 for this event. The overall funding goal for the Celebrate Kaneohe committee is \$60,000.00. Sager reported planning continues for an upcoming series of events marking a celebration of Kane'ohe, with more groups signing letters of commitment to participate. The Kane'ohe Business Group, Hawai'i Institute for Marine Biology, Keahiakahoe Canoe Club, Windward Mall, the State Department of Education Windward District and the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club are among organizations already committed to participating in the celebration. We have scheduled our launch of the celebration on Saturday, May 12, 2007 at Windward Mall's center court area, and invite all of Kane'ohe to join us for this exciting day. Volunteers and donations are needed to help with various events scheduled for the celebration. Contact the project team at 247-3685 or via email at malampono@aol.com. The steering committee's next meeting is on Thursday, March 8, at Windward Community college's Akoakoa Building, Room 107. Clyde Morita and Bill Sager were thanked for their reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

Turtle Bay Development – Wayne Panoke relayed his presentation tonight is regarding the Kahuku Villages and the preservation of the shoreline. Senate Bill 851 (introduced by Senator Kokuban) relates to the protection of the shorelines from any further development. Campbell Estate sold the land for a little more than \$10 million. There are about 70 families (retired plantation workers) living in Kahuku Villages. The developer (Continental Pacific) proposed to the residents that they could keep and purchase their homes for \$75,000, but must agree to ten stipulations including allowing the developer to build 18 luxury homes on the shoreline. Panoke believes options are available and the individuals (residents) should not be held hostage. The developer tends to gain approximately \$30 to \$40 million in profit if the shoreline homes are built. Continental Pacific contacted the Public Land Trust and offered to sell the shoreline property for \$26 million. The Kahuku Golf Course (City and County project) and the land under the Kahuku Hospital were part of the sale. The developer offered the public two beach accesses on each side of the proposed homes, which is unacceptable. According to the law there must be public access to all shorelines. Panoke asked for Board support for SB 851as is or amended, but asked that the Kahuku Villages issues be considered first. Iliuokalani Coalition plans to eventually have protection for all shorelines island wide.

Questions and comments: (1) Friel commented the Public Access Shoreline (PASH) law was passed 10 years ago by Solomon and Iwase. Panoke noted we must be sure that shorelines are protected from any future development. In response to Morita, the Waianae, Kahalu'u, and Waimanalo Boards have taken action in support. The Koolauloa Neighborhood Board deferred the issue until their March meeting. Morita asked if there is a City application or action on the developer's needs. Panoke answered that the developing team can apply for a 201 H waiver variance that according to the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) requires City Council approval. The coalition is working

with Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz, who informed them if there is no vote from the Council the variance passes automatically within 30 to 45 days. He stated it is important that the City Council reject the 201 H application and reiterated he is asking for support and testimonies. (2) Chair Yanagihara asked if the Turtle Bay Project is part of this development. Panoke said they are all connected, but Turtle Bay is working in their own area. He asked if heard correctly that the land under the Kahuku Hospital was sold to the developer. Panoke said yes. (3) Lum commented work must collaborately be done with the legislators and the issue is not a win/win situation. The Kahuku Community Association is in opposition. (3) Yamashiro-Hironaka wanted to know details of how the 201 H works. Councilmember Dela Cruz explained the applications requires Council vote, if the Council elects to take no position within 30 to 45 days the applications automatically passes and the developer moves forward. Panoke reiterated asking Board support in asking the City Council to reject the 201 H variance waiver. (4) Sabas asked if there has been an outcry from golfers regarding the golf course. Panoke replied plans are to reconfigure the golf course. (5) The proposed plan requires and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). (6) Chair Yanagihara summarized that the Board would review the resolutions other Boards supported and put this item on the March agenda. Wayne Panoke was thanked for attending the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative:

- **City and County Ordinance Committee** – Friel circulated informational articles from the news media pertaining to Kamehameha Schools asking for a variance to build a pre-school in Haiku Valley for interested persons to review. No Board action was required. Friel was thanked for his report.

There were no other Committee reports.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ❖ The next agenda Planning & Committees' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2007, Kaneohe Community and Senior Center at 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Next Regular Meeting will take place at the Windward Community College, Akoakoa Room on Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – Without objections, Chair Yanagihara adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted by,
Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant