



**KANEOHE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 30**

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2008  
HALE AKOAKOA, ROOM 103-106  
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:** Patty Yamashiro-Hironaka, Warren B. Ditch, Jr., Stephen Jefferies, Marie Gavigan, Christopher Steele, Mark Beatty, Wendell Lum, Roy Yanagihara, John Flanigan, L.C. Morris, Kris DeRego, Larry Zdvoracek, and William Sager.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Felipe San Nicolas and Glenn Ida.

**SEATS VACANT: One vacancy – Sub District 9.**

**GUESTS:** Rae Gee (Mayor's Representative), Robert Holihan, Arwen Chisholm (MCBH), William Higgins (Hawaii Bicycle League), S. Jordan, Ed Birdsong, Dana Steele, Neal Alcatszka, Grant Yoshimori (Hui O Pikoloa), Laura Thielen (Governor's Office), Rich McGreedy, Paulette Tam, Kamakana Kaimulua (Representative Jill Tokuda's Office), Janine Tully (Representative Pono Chong's Office), Jessica S. McDunn (HPU), Liane Briggs, Tiva I. Jessica Wooley, Rocky Kaluhiwa, Jerry Kaluhiwa (Koolau Foundation), Mahealani Cypher (Ko'olaupoke Hawaiian Civic Club), Scott Ezer (Helber, Hastert, & Fee, Planners), Lt. John Vines (Honolulu Police Department – District 4-Kaneohe), Battalion Chief Jim Skellington (Honolulu Fire Department-Kaneohe), Jeff Moncrief, Derek Mukai, Puna Kanekoa, Ted Kanemori, Cindy Aylett (Mayor's Office), Venus Acoba (Council Chair Barbara Marshall's Office, Nola Frank and (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**FILLING OF VACANCY, Subdistrict 9 (one seat each)** - Chair Yanagihara asked if there were any persons present interest in filling the vacancy. There were no interested persons present to fill the vacancy.

**APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 17, 2008 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Without objections the minutes of January 17, 2008 were accepted as circulated.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

7:04 p.m. Lum arrived (12 members present). Lum asked if he could make an addition to the January 17, 2008 meeting. Chair Yanagihara explained the minutes were already approved, but if he would submit his addition in writing it would be incorporated with this month's minutes.

Addition/correction to the January 17, 2008 Regular meeting minutes from Lum:

- Page 4, Mayor's Representative, Questions, answers, comments item 3 should read, "...**For pedestrian crossings, Lum reported that in downtown Las Vegas between the California Hotel and the Fremont Hotel there is/was a crosswalk plastic marker approximately five feet in height, more or less, that says cars must stop for pedestrians at that crosswalk when pedestrians are crossing. It was bright yellow with words that it is enforced by law, etc. The crosswalk was mid-block...**"

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY REPORT:**



**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** – No representative was present.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD)** – Lt. Vines distributed the monthly statistics and reported:

1. Statistics for the month of January included aggravated assault 3, simple assault 8, auto theft recovery 6, burglary 18, drugs/narcotics 3, DUI 14, family argument 22, family offenses/neglect 26, motor vehicle theft 11, graffiti 21, identity theft 2, property damage 28, motor vehicle accidents 130, rape 1, robbery 2, sex assault 2, threatening 6, unauthorized entry into motor vehicle 40, and weapons 1.
2. A robbery in January occurred at the American Savings Bank located on Kamehameha Highway. A 24-year old suspect was found in a drainage ditch on Aeloa Street and arrested.
3. An off-duty officer attempted to stop a shopping lifting suspect at Windward City Shopping Center and was almost run over.
4. An arrest was made in Kailua for the murder of a girlfriend.

7:07 p.m. Morris arrived; thirteen members present.

Questions, comments, concerns:

1. Regarding an abandoned vehicle on Wailele Road, Chair Yanagihara informed all that there is an online form available on the City's web to report abandoned vehicles.
2. There were no graffiti arrests in Kaneohe. However, an arrest was made in Kailua.
3. Resident Kanemori reported a problem at Alii Shores where students come into the area to fight after school. Approximately 50-60 students were watching the fight and when he started to take pictures of the incident the kids dispersed. A 911 call was made with no officer responding. Kanemori then went to the school to report the incident. The next day the same kids fought near Good Year, and following that the fight was near a neighbor's home. He asked if fights are part of the reported statistics. Lt. Vines said it comes under miscellaneous statistics. All complaints regarding none responses are on the statistics report. Lt. Vines noted all calls are responded to including fights; all 911 calls are recorded. Follow up will be done with Kanemori.
4. It is believed the December home invasion incident in Kaneohe was drug related.
5. A question was asked if there is a time table for 911 calls. Lt. Vines answered no.
6. Steele asked the status of cell phone tracking. Chair Yanagihara added that through legislation \$0.66 cents is collected monthly from cell phone owners. He asked if an HPD liaison could come to speak to the Board.
7. Regarding the annual statistics comparisons, Beatty commented that January 2008 was not as violent as January 2007. In response, crime often spikes during school breaks. Other than that Lt. Vines could not explain why. HPD has teams working on increase crime activities and they do follow up. Relative to crime trends, if there is a pattern stakeouts are done in certain areas.
8. Regarding the statistics and noise complaints, a guest was asked if the statistics usually about a particular area. In answer, five complaints were received regarding noise from the Bay View Golf Course. From that there was one noise complaint and two arguments, which resulted with one arrest and another person taken to the hospital. He knows of no other situations.
9. Chair Yanagihara asked how HPD detects noise for enforcement. In response, HPD determines what is reasonable or not, but are not issued noise monitors. Steele relayed if the property is privately owned officers go by disorderly and if a permit was issued. He added that the state's noise limit at a property line is 55 decibels. Lt. Vines said noise comes under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Health.
10. A Namoku Street resident stated that calls to HPD and the Bay View Golf Course were made last Saturday night regarding noise from a concert at the golf course. Response from the promoter was that they had a permit. Two special duty officers suggested to call the Department of Health who regulates noise. It was noted that this is the second noise incident in several weeks. Chair Yanagihara said this item would be put on the March agenda, requesting HPD and DOH to attend.

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** – Battalion Chief Skellington reported: 1) there were a total of 110 response calls of which 97 were for EMS. 2) Fire Safety Tip: Fire, building, and U.S. postal codes and City ordinances state that property owners shall place their house numbers in such a manner so it is legible and readily visible from the street. This will assist the Honolulu Fire Department and other first responders in locating your house quickly in the event of an emergency.

Questions, comments, concerns: Sager asked how HFD enforces no visible address. Skellington replied visible address benefits the people living there and is especially helpful to Emergency Service. He added an address should be visible at night. Chair Yanagihara asked if there a building code ordinance. Sager noted that in thirty years nothing has changed. Skellington relayed that there is an HFD ruling that he thinks could be enforced. It is alright to post the address on the mailbox.

**Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH)** – Arwen Chisolm, representing MCBH reported: 1) The Navy training exercises are over and the aircrafts departed today. Sager noted it would help a lot noise wise if the aircrafts would face towards the ocean. Chisolm said that decibel reading is below the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) standards. 2) Deployments – 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Regiment returns from Iraq this month; 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine deploy this month. 3) Solid Waste Landfill Permit: MCB Hawaii's Environmental Department is applying to extend their solid waste landfill permit on Mokapu Peninsula. This must be done every five years. 4) 23 Feb – 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Swamp Romp. 5) 23 Feb – West Oahu Athletic Club Volleyball Team.

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

**Bay View Golf Course Concerts:** Resident Ed Birdsong reported noise issues from the golf course concerts' noting the noise level depends on which way the wind is blowing. Chair Yanagihara asked how many incidents has occurred thus far. In answer, one incident happened this past weekend and the other about six weeks ago. Chair Yanagihara said one other complaint was received and suggested that the area councilmember and legislators be contacted. He added that the Board's agenda planning committee meeting meets the first Tuesday of each month and encourage Birdsong to attend to discuss this matter.

**Senate Bill 3225, Relating to Fish Replenishment Areas, Ornamental Fish** – Rocky Kaluhiwa and Mahealani Cypher asked for Board support of SB3225, relating to fish replenishment areas and ornamental fish, and that this item is placed on the next agenda. Kaluhiwa reported that some species of ornamental fish, found only in Hawaii is being sold to Japan for \$1500 each, depleting our resources such as the fish, coral, etc., taking from Kaneohe Bay for profit. The bill will be heard in the Ways and Means Committee on Monday at 10:30 a.m.

#### **ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS:**

**Mayor's Representative** – Rae Gee, representing Mayor Hannemann reported:

- Mayor Hannemann gave the State of the City's Address today with goals and work plan for this year and the future. To hear his speech log on to: [worldwideweb@honolulu.gov](mailto:worldwideweb@honolulu.gov).
- Per a response from the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) to the Department of Transportation Services (DTS), there is no information or projects regarding moveable cones.
- The Division of Road Maintenance performed pothole patching and other pavement repair for the month of January 2008 in the Kaneohe District as follows: a) January 5<sup>th</sup> (2 crews - 6 men); b) January 8<sup>th</sup> (1 crew - 3 men); c) January 9<sup>th</sup> (1 crew - 3 men); d) January 12<sup>th</sup> (2 crews- 6 men); e) January 17<sup>th</sup> (1 crew-3 men); f) January 18<sup>th</sup> (1 crew-3 men-block patching-peel offs); g) January 24<sup>th</sup> (1 crew-3 men)
- The stoplight sensors at the intersection of Kamehameha Highway and William Henry Road was checked by DTS and found to be working.

Questions, comments, concerns: 1) Per Mayor's State of the City Address relating to beach police, follow up will be done if will come under the jurisdiction of the Honolulu Police Department or the Department of Parks and Recreation.

**Kulana Nani Housing** – Cindy Aylett, of the Mayor's office, distributed a Mayor's Office press release describing the Kulana Nani Housing preservation plan and noted letter of intent was signed today by Mayor Hannemann with Kamehameha Schools that will allow purchase of the land under Kulana Nani affordable housing complex in Kaneohe. Once the City owns the property, the package of land and housing can be transitioned to a private housing operator. The City plans to acquire the property in exchange for approximately \$3.5 million and some City-owned property on Ilalo Street in Kakaako; purchase subject to City Council approval.

Questions, comments, concerns:

1. Sager expressed confusion because per a newspaper article last week Mayor is selling all City owned affordable housing. In response residents would not be displaced and the properties would be run by non-profit property managers. Sager requested correction to the proposal.
2. In answer to Ditch, follow up will be done as to the last time Kulana Nani was painted and if not, when. Concentration to the housing is currently other safety issues at this point and time.
3. Ditch asked what is considered affordable housing. In reply, there are different levels of affordable housing (income, area, etc.). Information will be provided to Ditch.
4. In response to Lum the land value for property tax purposes is higher than \$7.5 million.

**Councilmember Chair Barbara Marshall** – Venus Acoba, from Councilmember Marshall, circulated the written newsletter and noted: 1) Regarding the Bay View Golf Council Chair is working with the Liquor Commission to send a representative to investigate the events. Bay View has a category 2 restaurant license. Follow up is still ongoing. 2) per the newsletter, the Kaneohe 3 TALKS session had only three people in attendance and future meetings will be limited if guest counts continue to be low.

Questions, comments, concerns:

1. Lum: a) Relative to sidewalks, Lum asked if Niimalu Street is a concrete and improvement district. b) Lum wanted to know if the Mayor or the City is paying for sidewalk improvements fronting the former Star Market on Kamehameha Highway. c) Reported a dropped guardrail at the entrance to Lilipuna Street at the curve to Coconut Island. He noted, according to the Department of Design and Construction the design start a year and a half ago & asked if this project is in the Capital Improvement Project budget.
2. Sager asked the status of the Charter Amendment resolution proposed by Council member Djou regarding Board term limits. He commented that currently it is difficult to find volunteers to fill vacancies and it seems strange to impose term limits; he added this Board would be devastated.
3. In response to Chair Yanagihara and the Bay View Golf Course, the permits are issued by the Liquor Commission.

**Governor's Representative** – Laura Thielen, Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, circulated Governor Lingle's Neighborhood Board update and noted:

- Plans by the Governor for a March 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 "Talk Story" session on the proposal to purchase, preserve Turtle Bay property on O`ahu's North Shore.
- SB 3225, relating to ornamental fish, originally provided for one bag, considered a fishing management area, and limiting operators licenses by DLNR.
- The Governor's package includes three bills for the protection of lands and resources; maximum \$500 fine for breaking the rules on public lands. Relative to live rock and stony coral, the fine would be \$5,000 if specimens are taken and destroyed (asking the fine be assessed per square meter of

the specimen). Within a certain time from with continued violations, there would be a graduated fine up to \$10,000. Thefts of other resources, such as koa trees, fine would be imposed at market value; fines relating to conservation districts \$50,000; request that the land destroyed be restored.

- Seeking support for three bills going through the legislature regarding restoration.

Question, comments, concerns followed: 1) Regarding cease and desist orders for violations on conservation land, under the existing law public land need not be restored. The statutes amends the fines. 2) Chair Yanagihara asked about an abandoned boat bill that is now with the Finance Committee, limits to 72 hours for removal, and stated if the coral is damaged if the boats are removed from the reef. In response, DLNR has the authority to remove only boats that are abandoned.

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

**Senator Jill Tokuda** – Kamakana Kaimulua, of Senator Okuda's office stood on the written report.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Senator Tokuda is awaiting a response regarding the Castle Hill drainage project. Information will be reported when received.
2. Jefferies commented he is opposed to the Hawaii Memorial Park expansion.
3. Lum commented that the Sustainable 2050 Task Force should think long-term regarding flooding.

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

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

**Representative Pono Chong** – Janine Tully reported the following:

- The Super Sucker bill will be heard tomorrow afternoon in the House Finance Committee; the Castle Medical Center expansion next Monday; and affordable housing bill next week.
- Representative Chong is working with Castle High Students on their petition drive for a new cafeteria, with 200 signatures received from constituents.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. The goal for affordable housing would be more flexibility in the urban areas.
2. One bill introduced is to protect agriculture land.
3. Regarding the request for \$60,000 for sidewalk improvements on Lilipuna Road, based on federal funds the "Safe Route to School Program" must go through the Department of Transportation process and coordinated to administer the funds. Follow up will be done.
4. Approximately \$450,000-\$500,000 will be attached to the Super Sucker bill; \$250,000 for the portable junior super sucker. A one year report must be made to the legislature.

#### **COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS:**

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

**Hawaii Pacific University (HPU)** – Jessica McDunn reported:

- Spring Semester – January 22-May 4.
- Winter commencement was held January 9 at the Waikiki Shell.
- Economics professor Ken Schoolland received the Action Foundation's national Award for Excellence in Entrepreneurship Education at a teaching awards event last weekend.

- Kala`i Stern has been named Director of Choral Music at HPU.
- Events: February 25-Flex MBA seminar, 5:30 p.m.; February 28-MS in Nursing, 5:30 p.m.; March 4-Master of Social Work, 5:30 p.m.; March 6-MA in Diplomacy & Military Studies, 5:30 p.m. Call 543-8034 for more information.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Chair Yanagihara reminded everyone that meeting room closes at 9:30 p.m.

**Hawaii Memorial Park (HMP) Update** – Kris DeRego circulated a committee letter for Board approval and gave the monthly update.

Discussion followed: 1) Jefferies commented he supports HMP and asked regarding their plans to build houses. DeRego replied concerns were sent by individuals and the letter reflects those concerns. 2) In response to Lum regarding amending the letter, Chair Yanagihara noted the time constraints for the letter. 3) Regarding red highlighting in the resolution regarding a telephone survey, Ditch asked how many people were surveyed.

**DeRego moved in support of the letter to Helber, Haster & Fee, that the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30 encourages the developer of the propose Hawaii Memorial Park expansion to consider the preceding list of questions during the enactment of the environmental impact statement (EIS), and look forward to receiving any information from the developer that may answer the aforementioned concerns.**

Discussion followed with concerns about massive flooding to neighboring residences, etc. **The motion was ADOPTED unanimously 14-0-0.**

**Kaneohe Neighborhood Board Weblog** – Sager reported he received a response from the Neighborhood Commission Office noting that the sunshine law applies to the blog that he could communicate with one person on the blog, but not a third person. If it is an open blog, it is open to the public, but the Board is limited to posing news items and not discussing any issues on the blog. Community discussion can only be discussed at this open meeting. The public is allowed to post concerns. Log on to <http://www.kaneoheneighborhoodblog.blogspot.blog> to check it out. Chair Yanagihara suggested a sign-up sheet with email addresses.

**Hui Ku Maoli forest Stewardship Program Letter** – There were no objects to sending a letter in support of the Hui Ku Maoli Ola stewardship program.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Hawaii Bicycle League –Seeking Board support**, Bill Higgins, of the Hawaii Bicycle League, distributed a draft Bicycle Safety resolution. Chair Yanagihara asked Board member for consideration of this resolution.

Discussion followed: 1) regarding red highlighting in the resolution regarding a telephone survey, Ditch asked how many people were surveyed. 2) Lum asked if an application was made through the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization for funding, and have the bike paths been suggested or incorporated in the sustainable plan. Higgins replied no part of the plan says to get people out of their cars. 3) McDunn noted try visioning this effort from the community side. 4) Chair Yanagihara noted the focus is to increase bicycle use. 5) Sager strongly supported the resolution. 6) Lum was in support of bike paths, but not bike paths in narrow residential streets. 7) Jefferies asked where the funding come from. In response, federal funding and roadway infrastructure funding, a percent of the Department of Transportation funds.

**Sager moved, seconded by Flanigan that the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30 supports the Bicycle Safety Resolution. The motion was ADOPTED unanimously, 14-0-0.**

**Haiku Valley (HB2704, SB2727):** Rocky Kaluhiwa and Mahealani Ciper circulated a handout and was seeking Board support for a proposal for the Ha`iku Valley Cultural Preserve. The goals of this project are to establish a cultural preserve in Ha`iku Valley, conversion of the OMEGA Station into the Ko`olau Museum and Hawaiian Cultural Center and the development of a cultural and environmental education program with the ahupua`a as a learning environment.

Discussion followed: 1) Sager commented that input is due by March 6. 2) Regarding funding appropriations, that possibly the \$2 million from the H-3 mitigation plan be used for this project.3) Beatty commented he supports the general concept, being good stewards of the resources.

**Beatty moved, seconded by Morris that the Kaneohe Neighborhood No. 30 supports House Bill 2704 and House Bill 2727 (Ha`iku Valley). The motion was ADOPTED unanimously, 14-0-0.**

Chair Yanagihara announced that the Board must leave the room at 9:30 p.m. and all remaining agenda items would be continued at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Nola Frank, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by,  
Roy Yanagihara, Chair