



**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008
HALE ALAKAI
WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Roy Yanagihara called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum of nine (Beatty, Flanigan, Lum, Morris, San Nicolas, Steele, Yamashiro-Hironaka, Yanagihara, Zdvoracek) of the total membership of seventeen present (including the vacant Sub-District 7 and 9 seats), with vote of nine members (absolute majority) required to take action.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Beatty, John Flanigan, Marie Gavigan, Wendell Lum, L.C. Morris, William Sager, Felipe San Nicolas, Christopher Steele, Patty Yamashiro-Hironaka, Roy Yanagihara, Larry Zdvoracek.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kris DeRego, Warren B. Ditch Jr., Glenn Ida, Stephen Jefferies.

GUESTS: Derek Gabriel, Petra Palton, Rae Gee (Mayor's Office – Mayor Hannemann's Representative), David Swann, Kathy Curtis, Jerry Jardin (Community Works 96744), Jeremy Personis (Senator Clayton Hee's Office staff), Representative Pono Chong, Senator Jill Tokuda, Carole Furuya, Dwayne Masutani, Rich McCredy, Paul de Vos, Edward Slavish, Ed Birdsong, Dana Steele, Major Chris Perrine (Marine Corps Base Hawaii – MCBH), Laura Thielen (Director, Department of Land and Natural Resources – Governor Lingle's Representative); Lt. John Cheong (Honolulu Police Department – HPD); Captain Darrell Kong (Honolulu Fire Department – Kaneohe), Venus Acoba (Councilmember Barbara Marshall's Office staff), Elwin Spray (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

FILLING OF VACANCIES: Subdistricts 7 (Puohala area) and 9 (Keapuka area) one seat each – Chair Yanagihara asked if there were any persons present interested in filling the Subdistrict 7 or 9 vacancy. With no nominations or volunteers, Chair Yanagihara deferred filing of the vacancies to the next Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 17, 2008 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Chair Yanagihara asked for additions or corrections to the circulated Regular Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2008. **Morris moved and Flannigan seconded to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2008 as circulated; without objections, Chair Yanagihara declared the minutes approve as circulated 12-0-0. Aye:** Beatty, DeRego, Ditch, Flanigan, Gavigan, Jefferies, Lum, Morris, Sager, Yamashiro-Hironaka, Yanagihara, Zdvoracek.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA PLANNING AND COMMITTEES' MEETING MINUTES: Chair Yanagihara deferred the agenda item on Agenda Planning and Committees' meeting minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Beatty reported the Board's April 2008 Statement, listing \$33.14 in Board expenditures and a remaining budget balance of \$3,642.12. Chair Yanagihara noted the Statement would be filed.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY REPORT:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Darrell Kong (Kaneohe HFD Station) reported April 2008 activity statistics: five structure fires, three brush fires, two rubbish fire and one vehicle fires. He reported emergency calls as: eighty-six medical emergencies, twelve search/rescue calls and twenty-six



miscellaneous emergency calls (category includes hazardous condition/vehicle clean up, lock out, water evacuation, assist police, assist invalid, good intent, and false alarm). He reported two major incidents, first, of a bus accident (April 3, 2008 at 48-377 Kamehameha Highway where four companies were involved) and second, a 'wildland' fire at the end of Ahuimanu Road and Pomaikai Place where six companies responded). He also reported an unusual incident of a Kaneohe building fire that occurred while the house was tented and being fumigated for termites (with nine companies responding). Kong reported a *fire safety tip* on 'wildfires', explaining that the term 'wildfire' is a term in general national use:

The risk of wildland fires increases as summer approaches. Make a 30-foot wide fire break by clearing vegetation and clutter around all structures. Some wildland fires could force the evacuation of neighborhoods. Have an emergency preparedness plan ready in case of such an event. Consider the route you would take and other preparations you could have in place if you need to evacuate your home due to an emergency.

If your property borders an area where a wildland fire could occur, consider the need for fire department access in case the fire approaches your home.

Chair Yanagihara thanked Kong for his report.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. John Cheong reported on monthly activity statistics for the month of April 2008, with highlights including: twenty-one burglaries, seven motor vehicle theft, four robberies, and a total of 1817 calls, being a 30% decrease over the total year-to-date comparisons. He reported on recent graffiti incidents and arrests, saying that the HPD special operations unit had followed up on patterns of tagging at schools and made sixteen arrests, but stressed the need for the community to continue to be the eyes for HPD and report on observing acts of vandalism. He also stressed the danger to the individuals doing the tagging, noting that a common site is to tag drainage ditches, which have the very real possibility of injury when climbing in or out of the ditch as well as the danger of flash floods. Lum mentioned the prior month's District Superintendent of Education Lea Albert's report about violence and video fighting and asked for Cheong's input, with Cheong saying that it was difficult to identify individuals off of cell phone video-taped displays. Cheong encouraged parents to be aware of youth coming home bruised and to then be responsible for following up on youth – both male and female – activity. Cheong also noted the need for witnesses to fights and commented on tagging now being done with pre-printed labels and with shoe polish.

Gavigan and Sager arrived at 7:15 p.m.; eleven members present.

Chair Yanagihara noted understanding that the arrests included repeat offenders, with Cheong agreeing that some of the arrests were for tagging within the same week, with one arrested within two days of the first offense, and describing them as eight individuals, all juveniles and both male and female. Cheong also discussed with Chair Yanagihara that the cases would be at Family Court, so there would be no community knowledge of the disposition, and although cleanup or restitution might be the legal responsibility of the arrestee, the Family Court judge would not make known that information, with Chair Yanagihara saying there was a need to modify the law. Chair Yanagihara thanked Cheong for his report.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) – Major Chris Perrine represented MCBH and reported that May 2008 was Military Appreciation Month, with public programs supporting family members and a free military band concert at the City's Blaisdell Concert Arena. He reported possible traffic congestion at the MCBH main gate on Sunday afternoon (as the result of a possible political demonstration), with subsequent plans for the Mokapu gate to be open from noon to 6 p.m. He reported the start of the RimPac multi-nation military exercise on June 10, 2008 (until July 29, 2008) and intermittent Bellows beach closure. Chair Yanagihara asked about possible MCBH housing of participants, with Perrine answering perhaps Canadian and Indonesian forces but saying the arraignments were not finalized. Lum asked about the environmental assessment (EA) review of the new aircraft to be stationed in Kaneohe, with Perrine saying that the deadline to respond to the EA was at the end of April but that since the project was still in process that comments submitted by the end of May could still be included – direct to the Atlantic-based U.S. Navy Fleet Forces

Command – with Lum commenting that the State would normally cut the responses at 30 days. Perrine also noted the May Civilian-Military Affairs meeting would be the next Tuesday. Chair Yanagihara thanked Perrine for his report.

Graffiti Cleanup Project – Malama 96744 Care for the Community – Chair Yanagihara welcomed Jerry Jardin and thanked him and the other volunteers present for the successful community participation in the *Malama 96744 Care for the Community* graffiti paint-out project held on April 14, 2008. Chair Yanagihara declared a ten-minute break to thank and distribute certificates to volunteers and to share refreshments.

Chair Yanagihara resumed the meeting and expressed thanks to those coordinating the refreshments, especially to Vice-Chair Yamashiro-Hironaka, and, to Mayor's Representative Rae Gee and to Great Harvest for their donations.

Lanakila Pacific – Carole Furuya and Dwayne Masutani were present from Lanakila Pacific, explaining that the name and logo was changed earlier this year from Lanakila Rehabilitation Center to Lanakila Pacific. Furuya noted the 1939 founding, the continuation of many of the programs including training and education programs of job skills and social behavior, but an elimination of the "crafts" tradition. She explained they work with individuals, teaching those with disabilities, but ranging the skills to include grounds keeping and food service, as well as maintaining traditional programs of job placement and meals-on-wheels. She explained that the Windward connection includes senior meals at the KEY Project in Kahaluu and in Kaneohe. She reported silk screening services and embroidery and catering through the company Xpress Chefs. Chair Yanagihara noted the prior site was open for in-house food service, with Masutani saying the Bachelot site was open to the public for breakfast (6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m.) and for lunch (11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.). Chair Yanagihara asked about media reports of funding issues, with Furuya saying there was a budget problem the past year but a special appeal had been made and answered which had filled that need, and reporting food delivery service to twenty sites for a total of two thousand meals, saying that for many of the clients, there seems to be no alternative if they were to end the food delivery. Lum noted other groups also provide meal service with Furuya agreeing, pointing out that Lanakila – unlike most others – has its own kitchen, but stressing that there is a lot of need. Sager noted attendance at a homeless coalition meeting where it was reported that the State had cut back on social services on the order of approximately \$1 million, including possible affecting the funding for home meal deliveries. Chair Yanagihara asked if Lanakila was always looking for volunteers, with Furuya agreeing that volunteers were always welcome. Furuya referred to a distributed information sheet, with Lum asking for more information on advertising production of items such as t-shirts, with Furuya saying other items include buttons, magnets and bumper stickers. Beatty asked about training clients, with Furuya saying they normally work with 100 to 120 at a time. Chair Yanagihara thanked Furuya and Masutani for their report.

PUBLIC INPUT & RESIDENTS' CONCERNS: Chair Yanagihara asked for items not covered on the agenda, with Dave Swann proposing Board attention to landscaping issues near Puu Alii with Sager saying the issue of a screen of trees on the roadway could be added to the next month's agenda and Chair Yanagihara inviting Swann to present the proposal at the June 3, 2008 Agenda Planning meeting (7 p.m. at the Kaneohe Senior Center). Lum asked about possible City violations, with Sager and Swann saying a letter of violation had been sent and proposing a letter from the Board as a follow up; Chair Yanagihara deferred the issue to the June 3, 2008 meeting and Sager reporting that there was information on the Environment Committee's site on the Board blog page (<http://KaneoheNeighborhoodBoard.blogspot.com>).

Kaneohe Bay Drive Traffic Issues: Chair Yanagihara noted he had asked the HPD and Marine representatives to stay for the discussion on Kaneohe Bay Drive speeding, and without objections, asked for the Board take up the issue at this time. Kathleen Curtis was present to explain the concerns for the Kaneohe Bay Drive area, presenting letters from residents and an aerial photo depicting a proposed alteration of the traffic flow. The issues focus on speeding on Kaneohe Bay Drive between Mokapu Saddle Road and H-3 Freeway entrance (especially near Mokapu Saddle Road), with calls for long range planning for intersection/roadway improvements, but with the resident proposal having been previously presented to the State Department of Transportation (DOT) for relief to included a U-turn on the H-3 Freeway (between

the on-ramp at Mokapu Saddle Road and the quarry) and regular morning coning of the entrance to Kaneohe Bay Drive from the Saddle Road. Additional items of concern include the need for more signs, need for enforcement due to reports of buses speeding (40 mph in the 25 mph zone) and racing on the freeway, and possible speed-trailer locating in the area, all in an attempt to address the issues of traffic, congestion and high speed. Curtis explained it was difficult for residents to enter/exit their driveways, which include sharp turns and slopes, due to excessive speeding and congestion. She suggested possible video monitoring of racing, including focus on the Marine gate entrance, where cars seem to obey the limits while within the military jurisdiction but abuse the limits off-base. She reported the road pattern changed in 1987 with the change of the Mokapu Saddle Road, the new MCBH gate, and the freeway, suggesting the immediate relief of coning from 5:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. Chair Yanagihara said the issues need to go back to the Marine base for their input, as well as waiting for the response from the DOT. Perrine said the MCBH concern was safety, explaining that those under 26 have special mandatory programs dealing with road safety for automobiles and motorcycles. Perrine reported regular "safety" stand-downs where the whole base is to stop and address safety issues, pointing to the national Marine commander having taken a position within the past few weeks on motorcycle safety, and saying that the responsibility for vehicle safety had been made an issue for all local commanders, who could follow up on license numbers of identified speeders. Perrine explained that military speeders could lose on-base privileges, as well as other tools being available to concerned unit commanders. Chair Yanagihara suggested working together with interested groups including MCBH, HPD, Kailua Neighborhood Board, and the Windward Civilian-Military Council, saying perhaps with Council Chair Marshall's leadership as a committee. Cheong agreed that complaints had been received about weekend speeding on the freeway and Mokapu Boulevard, suggesting the speed trailer might be requested, and also saying that motorcycle stunts are a problem. Cheong stressed projects like seat belt use enforcement heighten awareness and that tickets are a tool to change behavior. Chair Yanagihara and Choeng discussed that traffic engineers would have to look at the proposed lane and cone modifications. De Vos reported that the issues of traffic speeding, poor signage, need for crosswalks and lack of bus shelters is off long standing but that the Board had been addressing the issues before the last Board election; he suggested that the long range solution might be to fill the ravine (at Mokapu Saddle Road end) and make a full intersection there. He also noted the light only allows four cars through at a time. Chair Yanagihara reported efforts for DOT to place, with de Vos agreeing and saying the HPD had placed trailers there before and proposing a letter to the Bus about buses speeding. Lum suggested the issue on buses go direct to the Mayor's representative, with Chair Yanagihara pointing to success in banning heavy trucks from the roadway. De Vos agreed that 7 ton CDLs had been put as the limit (exempting emergency vehicles, and City and Bus) and Chair Yanagihara deferring the issue to the June 3, 2008 Agenda Planning meeting. Curtis suggested an empty HPD car on her driveway, with Cheong saying the bait car is not valuable as it's recognized very quickly as empty, and also suggesting Curtis contact the District Community Policing unit's Sgt. Duane Samson (located at the Kailua HPD station). Chair Yanagihara suggested other ideas could be considered, with Gabriel noting that congestion is everywhere and speeding is already illegal, suggesting that Community Policing's Neighborhood Watch program and calling 911 might be of value. Chair Yanagihara thanked all those who had participated and said he would continue the item onto the June agenda, with Steele also thanking participants for their ideas.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS:

Mayor's Representative – Rae Gee, Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative, reported bringing greeting from Mayor Hannemann whom she had seen earlier that evening at an Aiea Blaisdell Park meeting on community bike paths, and distributed both a City calendar that showed non-profit activities supported with City grants and a community newsletter. She reported a Book Fair on the City Hall grounds over the coming weekend, a Workforce Job Fair on May 21, 2008, an Ag Day featuring agricultural produce, discussed the Military Appreciation Day at the Honolulu Zoo (for military families), thanked member DeRego for assisting with her report in her absence last month and provided contact information for graffiti paint that the City could make available for the July paint-out. She distributed a monthly report of Oahu City road projects, reporting their availability on the web and encouraging the Drive Akamai project to identify driving conditions. She reported on the coming hurricane season with a City/State Community Preparedness

Month, encouraging the development of a family escape and disaster plan. Chair Yanagihara thanked Gee for her presentation.

Councilmember Barbara Marshall – Venus Acoba, from Council Chair Marshall's Office, circulated a community report and highlighted Marshall's support of term limitation for Neighborhood Board members (Council Bill 07-379). She reported Marshall would conduct a community meeting on May 27, 2008. Chair Yanagihara thanked Acoba for her report.

Governor's Representative – Laura Thielen, Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), represented Governor Linda Lingle and circulated a report State issues, highlighting Lingle's office welcoming comments on recently passed legislation in anticipation of gubernatorial action to approve or reject, described innovation award projects, shared a press release on Lingle's trip to Israel, and distributed a flyer on boating enforcement (in anticipation of Memorial Day celebrations in Kaneohe Bay). The boating flyer announced the start of a Boating Safety Program, which would result in stepped up enforcement of existing rules on the Bay (which in prior holiday weekends had seen celebrations on the Ahu o Laka sandbar) and would likely heighten awareness of abuse of boating rules. She reported on prior issues of the closure/relocation of the State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) Unemployment Insurance (UI) Kaneohe office (saying that the Department had agreed more notice should have been provided, with the prior office – now reduced to part-time – serving some 300 clients per month through the Work Force training program and three per month in the Unemployment office). Chair Yanagihara asked about the reduction to the other Oahu offices in town and in Waipahu, with Thielen saying the only reduction was to the Windward office. Thielen reported that the notice for the planned 22-bed State Health outpatient facility was required to only be printed in the newspapers and that the mailed notice was an extra step the department had taken, with the meeting having been held on May 14, 2008. Lum encouraged State consideration of energy alternatives, reporting windmills being used in other locations, with Thielen agreeing and saying Maui and Kauai both had windmills in development and an ocean wave energy project was starting on Maui, with Lum pointing out the lack of Oahu projects. Chair Yanagihara noted that a recently discussed solar project had been a Governor's project, with Thielen agreeing that the project might involve State selling of electricity back to the power grid. Chair Yanagihara thanked Thielen for her report.

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

Senator Jill Tokuda – Senator Tokuda reported the end of the legislative session and distributed reports on legislation, as well as a community report, and highlighted that funding for Kaneohe projects included \$3 million for Hawaii State Hospital repairs and improvements, \$263,147 for safety features at the Windward Community College, \$285,000 for electrical upgrades at the Ronald Bright Theater (at James B. Castle High School), and \$256,932 for alien algae removal (Super Sucker) in Kaneohe Bay (in bills introduced by Tokuda and Representative Chong). She said she would provide a full legislative report at the next meeting but highlighted passage of an invasive species bill, special revenue bonds for Castle Medical Center and the Haiku Valley cultural preservation commission. She also reported talks with DLIR Director Darwin Ching about the Kaneohe UI office and that the new site has a five-year lease. She also reported efforts to locate a possible brown tree snake on the MCBH, saying that the community had mobilized but that no snake was found. She reported that preliminary estimates of annual costs to Hawaii if the snake were introduced would be of \$500 million to \$1 billion. Beatty thanked Tokuda for support of a Parents and Children Together (PACT) grant and expressed concern that other funds for social service programs might go to consultants, with Tokuda explaining that she shares Beatty's concern and that a very stringent process is now established, requiring transparency, a business plan, that all applicants had hearings and the applications are on-line. Lum commented on federal funds received in the 1992 flooding of Puuhala Stream where the City received some funds through the State but that the whole project (including purchase of properties in "future" harms way) had not been finished; Tokuda said she would follow-up with DLNR. Chair Yanagihara asked about the value of community and Board communication to Lingle about legislation, with Tokuda agreeing support should be expressed. Chair Yanagihara thanked Tokuda for her report.

Representative Pono Chong – Representative Chong reported he agreed with Tokuda's report on legislative issues. Lum asked about resolutions on flood control and telephone poles, with Chong saying the utility companies were not supportive of the proposed pole resolution and suggested the issue might be referred to the State Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Chair Yanagihara thanked Chong for his report.

Representative Ken Ito – No representative was present.

Senator Clayton Hee – Jeremy Personius was present to represent Senator Hee and distributed a community report. Personius reported to Sager that needed funds for the Castle High School cafeteria had been relayed to Hee and reported to Lum that the Kahekili Highway beautification project was continuing. He also reported prior passage of the Haiku Valley project, of legislation permitting the State to immediately move grounded vessels, of legislation permitting State adoption of fishery regulations to match federal rules., and of funds for the Coconut Island laboratory. He reported that assaults on employees at the Kaneohe Hospital can now be filed as Class C felonies. Chair Yanagihara thanked Personius for his report.

Representative Ken Ito – No representative was present.

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

Hope Chapel – No representative was present.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Kaneohe Bay Concerts / Bay View Golf Course Noise Concerns (Honolulu Liquor Commission): Chair Yanagihara said there was no new information, with the Liquor Commission not planning any future meeting.

Force Main Assessment: Chair Yanagihara reported no update at this time.

Windward Homeless Coalition: Sager reported the Coalition was reorganizing and had expressed concerns about legislative and administrative cuts to funding. Chair Yanagihara expressed appreciation to Sager for attendance at the meetings and for attending to the issue.

Kaneohe Neighborhood Board Blog: Sager reported distributed flyers (and in the back of room), listing the website <http://KaneoheNeighborhoodBoard.blogspot.com> and encouraged participation, with Chair Yanagihara thanking Sager and suggesting de Vos also review the site.

Hawaiian Memorial Park Expansion – Chair Yanagihara noted DeRego was not present and deferred a report. Rich McCredy reported that a Draft EA was to be available in the beginning of June 2008 and suggested the Board standby at the Committee meeting to start the review process, saying that the possible release date of June 8, 2008 would be known by May 28, 2008. Chair Yanagihara agreed the Board members needed to be prepared to make comments. McCredy said that as many as one hundred community members could be expected to attend the meeting where the EA would be discussed. Chair Yanagihara said that DeRego had been following the issue and was involved, asking which other Board members were committed to the project; Sager said he was also involved. Chair Yanagihara said the members needed to plan for a thick document and to be prepared. Ed Birdsong explained that the State Office of Environmental Quality Commission (OEQC) sets the date, with that date likely to be published on June 8, 2008 and that a community meeting would then be planned for July 2008.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chair Yanagihara asked if any committee chairs had additional announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Yanagihara announced the next Agenda Planning & Committees' Meeting to be Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at the Kaneohe Community and Senior Center, the next Regular Meeting to be on Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. and the next meeting of the Hawaiian Memorial Park Standing Committee on Monday, June 2, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. Chair Yanagihara announced that the annual Board officers election would be at the June meeting and encouraged participation as a precinct election official (as stated on the Board agenda) for the State Primary and General Elections. Chair Yanagihara also reminded everyone to check in at the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board blog: <http://KaneoheNeighborhoodBoard.blogspot.com>.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Yanagihara adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Submitted by Elwin Spray, Neighborhood Commission Office staff

Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30 notices:
<http://KaneoheNeighborhoodBoard.blogspot.com>

**Kaneohe Neighborhood Board
Minutes of Agenda Planning Meeting
June 3rd, 2008
Kaneohe Senior Center
7:00 pm**

Members Present: Roy Yanagihara, Chris Steele, Bill Sager, John Flanigan, Patty Yamashiro-Hironaka

Guests: David Swann, Laila Swann, Kehau Steele, Eddie Naleieha

1. Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.
2. Determination of June 19, 2008 Meeting Room: Hale Akoakoa 105, Windward Community College
3. Agenda Items needed:
First Order of Business: Elections
 - I) New Business
 - (A) Puu Alii landscaping project-community concerns - David Swann
 - (B) Half-way house in Kaneohe - Naleieha
 - II) Unfinished Business
 - (A) Kaneohe Bay Drive Speeding -Sager
 - (B) Hawaiian Memorial Park -De Rego
4. Adjournment: 7:30 p.m.