



KANEOHE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 30

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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 of eleven (Beatty, Ditch, Ida, Lum, McCellan, Morris, Sager, San Nicholas, Yamashiro-Hironaka, Yanagihara, Zdvoracek) of the total membership of seventeen present (including the vacant Sub-District 9 seat), with vote of nine members (absolute majority) required to take action.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sherri Au (appointed at this meeting), Mark Beatty, Warren B. Ditch Jr., Marie Gavigan, Glenn Ida, Stephen Jefferies, Wendell Lum, James McCellan, L.C. Morris, Felipe San Nicolas, William Sager, Christopher Steele, Patty Yamashiro-Hironaka, Roy Yanagihara, Larry Zdvoracek.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kris DeRego, John Flanigan, Stephen Jefferies, Christopher Steele.

GUESTS: Chancellor Angela Meixell (University of Hawaii Windward Oahu), Ted Kanemori; Lt. John Cheong and Sgt. Stephen Silva (Honolulu Police Department – HPD), Kamakana Kaimulua (Senator Jill Tokuda's Office staff), Art Machado Jr., I. Dans, Major Alan Crouch (Marine Corps Base Hawaii – MCBH), Cindy Okazaki (PACT – Parents and Children Together), Su Shin, Chuck Prentiss (Chair, Kailua Neighborhood Board), Leigh Prentiss, Crystale Lopez (Hawaii Pacific University – HPU); Ronald Sato and Tracy Fukuda (Wilson Okamoto); Terry McFarland and Glenn Yokotake (Architects Hawaii); Rae Gee (Mayor's Office – Mayor Hannemann's Representative), LeeAnn Bowman (Councilmember Barbara Marshall's Office staff), Captain Darrell Kong (Honolulu Fire Department – HFD Kaneohe), Elwin Spray (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Member Yamashiro-Hironaka was present at the beginning of the meeting and immediately left at 7:00 p.m.; eleven members present.

FILLING OF VACANCY: Subdistrict 9 (Keapuka area) one seat – Chair Yanagihara asked if there were any persons present who were interested in filling the Subdistrict 9 vacancy. Sherri Au introduced herself from the Subdistrict 9 (Keapuka area) and volunteered to serve for the remaining term until summer of 2009, presenting her background with television and general media production and current real estate. **With no objections or additional nominations, Chair Yanagihara declared Sherri Au unanimously elected to fill the vacant Subdistrict 9 seat for a term to expire on May 31, 2009 10-0-0. Aye:** Beatty, Ditch, Ida, Lum, McCellan, Morris, Sager, San Nicholas, Yanagihara, Zdvoracek.

Au was sworn in; eleven members present.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 21, 2008 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Chair Yanagihara asked for additions or corrections to the circulated Regular Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2008. **Ida moved and Zdvoracek seconded to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2008; without objections, Chair Yanagihara declared the minutes approved 10-0-1. Aye:** Au, Ditch, Ida, Lum, McCellan, Morris, Sager, San Nicholas, Yanagihara, Zdvoracek. **Abstain:** Beatty.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA PLANNING AND COMMITTEES' MEETING MINUTES: Chair Yanagihara asked for additions or corrections to the circulated Agenda Planning and Committees' Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2008. **Morris moved and Ida seconded to approve the Agenda Planning and**



Committees' Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2008; without objections, Chair Yanagihara declared the minutes approved 11-0-0. Aye: Au, Beatty, Ditch, Ida, Lum, McCellan, Morris, Sager, San Nicholas, Yanagihara, Zdvoracek.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY REPORT:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Darrell Kong was present from the Kaneohe HFD Station and reported August 2008 activity statistics: three structure fires, one wildland fires, one rubbish fire and no vehicle fires. He reported ninety-two medical emergencies, fifteen search/rescue calls and twelve 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 a major incident of mass casualties from a multiple bus accident occurring on August 2, 2008, with four HFD companies having responded and nine individuals needing transport because of injuries. He reported a *fire safety tip* on the upcoming *fire prevention week*.

Fire Prevention Week has its roots in the Great Chicago Fire on October 8-10, 1871. On the 40th anniversary of that fire, the Fire Marshals Association of North America decided the anniversary should be observed nationally to inform the public about the importance of fire prevention. Since 1992, fire prevention week has been observed the week of October 9. The national Fire Protection Association has selected "It's Fire Prevention Week: Prevent Home Fires!" as the theme for fire prevention week on October 5-11, 2008. Did you know that most fire injuries are caused by fires that occur in our homes? This year's campaign will focus on preparedness and underscore the importance of regularly checking your home for fire hazards. HFD encourages every family to take the necessary steps to ensure that your home is safe from fire hazards and that your family is prepared to escape when alerted by your smoke alarm. Practice and have an escape plan and a designate a safe meeting place outside your home.

Ditch asked about vehicles parking near fire hydrants, with Kong (assisted by HPD's Cheong) reporting that there needs to be an allowance of ten feet on each side of a fire hydrant. Chair Yanagihara thanked Kong for his report.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. John Cheong and Sgt. Stephen Silva were present representing the Kaneohe HPD Station, with Silva highlighting from the distributed written monthly activity statistics reports for the month of August 2008: no murder/manslaughter cases, three rapes, six robberies, nine aggravated assaults, forty burglaries, 167 thefts, seventy theft from automobiles (unauthorized entry into motor vehicles – UEMV), and twenty-seven auto thefts. Cheong reported the prior month's request to Lt. Vines about traffic enforcement numbers for Old Kaneohe Bay Drive, giving numbers for July 2008 of seventeen moving violations, twenty-five speeding violations and eight parking violations, with the August 2008 numbers being, eleven moving, five speeding and nineteen parking violations, and with Kaneohe graffiti statistics reported as nineteen cases for the July 1st to August 31, 2008 period, with one arrest being described as of a 48 year old for tagging at a Bus stop. Sager asked about the offences involved in the category "moving" violations, with Cheong saying such events included would be failure to stop, failure to yield, failure to properly signal, the running of red lights. Sager asked to confirm that the first person to an intersection has the right-of-way and could be ticketed, with Chair Yanagihara saying that worse than a tickets might be the points assessed by an insurance company, which would result in higher payments and would vary from company to company.

Member Gavigan was in at 7:15 p.m.; twelve members present.

Lum asked about the recording of statistics for sidewalk and pedestrian accidents, with Cheong saying that all details are kept but that the computer statistics program does not include the suggested ascribed fault by location not the speed involved by location, saying that the State Department of Transportation (DOT) does keep and use those types of statistics in their pedestrian programs; Lum reported that the State DOT would

be making a presentation soon to the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Council (OMPO CAC) meeting where he represents the Neighborhood Board. McClellan referred to a recent media story about traffic cameras being placed from Pali to Haiku, with Cheong saying he had not seen the actual plans, which would require permits for road-work, but that the permits would come to the Kaneohe HPD Station. Sager expressed appreciation for the follow up regarding the Kaneohe Bay Drive issue and reported seeing fatal traffic accidents displayed on a web-site traffic map, with Cheong saying that the HPD website displays traffic and crime statistics and invited viewing the site. Ted Kanemori asked about the recent graffiti cases, whether they were serious or minor, with Cheong saying the cases go to the judiciary, where graffiti cases are usually considered to be petty misdemeanors which could have penalties of up to 30 days in jail but that the penalty would be up to the judge. Kanemori expressed concern about pedestrian enforcement at King Intermediate School, describing school youth having problems crossing at intersection and subsequently jay-walking mid-block, with Cheong saying that mid-block crossings that are a long distance from intersections might be considered un-marked crosswalks under the traffic code and might need to be reviewed by traffic engineers, referring also to the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board's efforts for placement of the traffic signal at the school intersection. Cheong suggested Kanemori's concerns could be addressed by the Community Policing team's Sgt. Samson who could work with the school and the community. Machado reported he had seen kids walk down from the intersection and run across the street. Chair Yanagihara asked for Cheong to improve enforcement in that area, with Cheong saying he could monitor but saying the community's observed activity changes when the officers are present. Sager reported having personally seen people hit in crosswalks and urged all to be cautious, with Chair Yanagihara agreeing for care to be used when driving and as a pedestrian. Lum suggested the school be suggesting to students that they make eye contact with drivers. Garvign asked about a recent accident near the front of King Intermediate with an SUV on its side; Cheong reported in not being a serious accident and believed the vehicle was headed Kahuku side. Chair Yanagihara asked about the HFD-reported bus accident, with Cheong saying the Kahekili site is not considered a dangerous location. Chair Yanagihara asked about media reports of new vehicles for HPD, with Cheong saying the experiment would be for the use of a hybrid Camry, which would have no "prisoner cage" and only be used during day-light. Chair Yanagihara thanked Cheong for his report.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) – MCBH's Major Alan Crouch was present, reporting the return of the rotated units (including 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment), announced a September 12, 2008 morning memorial service for three unit members who sacrificed their lives in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and reported a recent blessing ceremony at Bellows for the start of the landfill clean-up. He reported planned overseas deployments of the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine regiment and 1st Battalion, 12th Marine regiment. He also reported an evening air exercise was anticipated the next week. Ditch asked about the number of personnel involved in the rotation units, asking if they were generally the same size deployed, with Crouch saying the numbers were not constant and that each unit had a different size, being generally 4000 in a regiment and 1012 in a battalion, but that some of the groups, such as a recent helicopter unit, was 150 to 200 people. Gavigan asked about air training at 11 p.m., with Crouch saying that flight training was to prepare for all hours of operation, and that also sometimes the late schedules are to match the required rest time for the flight crews, with Gavigan stressing the desirability for 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. operation rather than the very late night hours; Crouch said he would follow up. Gavigan noted a recent late night landing – after midnight – of a big transport with Crouch saying he would follow up on the date given for that specific flight, explaining that the base flight operations are not open after midnight. Chair Yanagihara noted the nomination of Marine hero Peralta with Crouch saying that only 17 Marines had been awarded the Navy Cross, with Chair Yanagihara commenting that the original nomination was for the Medal of Honor, reporting it as a significant honor to the community to be the home area for the Kaneohe-based Marine. Chair Yanagihara thanked Crouch for his report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Beatty reported the Board's August 2008 Statement lists \$31.88 in current Board expenditures and a remaining budget balance of \$3,940.50. Chair Yanagihara said the Statement would be filed.

PUBLIC INPUT & RESIDENTS' CONCERNS: Chair Yanagihara asked for items not covered on the agenda:

- Cindy Okazaki, from PACT (Parents and Children Together), reported plans for a parent/child activity to be held on October 2, 2008 at the Windward Community College (WCC). Machado asked about the planned joint PACT and Community Works 96744 workshop on community sports-related drinking, with Okazaki reporting the successful event held September 3, 2008 at the KEY Project community building (adjacent to the new Kahaluu District Park ball field) with some sixty being in attendance.
- Chancellor Angela Mixell invited the community to the WCC Ho'olaulea the following weekend, explaining that booths would be set up and a silent auction was planned for establishing an endowed scholarship.

Chair Yanagihara noted there were no other concerns.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS:

Mayor's Representative – Rae Gee, Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative, brought greeting from the Mayor and reported a request for support of the transit process, the opening of the Kahaluu Regional Park, a announcement of the Aloha Week Festival programs, and invited the community to the First Friday/Chinatown programs. She reviewed upcoming events, including wishing good luck to all those involved in the Primary Election, and invited the community to the Recycling and Senior's Expos. She distributed a written community report and highlight prior issues, including: suggested mid-road pedestrian signs (by member Lum) have been placed in several trial locations (including Manoa and Kailua) and are being evaluated, she is monitoring the Kaneohe Bay Drive Traffic Calming issue and has nothing new to report, and cited town and Kailua road work projects, with the details and updates available on www.driveakami.org. She reported the Mayor's cabinet to be participating in community clean-up events in Waimanalo and Kalihi. Lum reported the pedestrian signs were also discussed at the recent OMPO CAC meeting. Beatty asked if the on-going Kahekili Highway work was by the City, with Chair Yanagihara saying it was a State project. Lum mentioned a water-filled quarry in Waialua and suggested consideration of desalination, with Chair Yanagihara referring Lum to the BWS representative. McClellan noted the Hoolaulea events are now reversed, with the town Ho'olaulea preceding the Waikiki parade date on the prior weekend. Chair Yanagihara commended Lum's idea on mid-road pedestrian signs, saying Lum had made the proposal a year ago at the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board and suggested they should also be tried in Kaneohe, suggesting that the previously mentioned King Intermediate School site be added to the pilot project list. Lum said there was a need for compliance on Kahuhipa Street with legislation for crosswalk cuts, with Chair Yanagihara reporting it to be an ongoing issue. Chair Yanagihara thanked Gee for her presentation.

Councilmember Barbara Marshall – LeeAnn Bowman, from Council Chair Marshall's Office, circulated a community report and reported staff member Venus Acoba being at home with her new baby girl. Bowman said she observed the crosswalk signs in Manoa and commended their use. She reported Marshall as feeling better and saying that she wished she was here. She announced a community meeting set for September 30, 2008 and invited the audience and the Board. Sager endorsed that information distributed by Bowman about real property tax exemptions and credits that needed to be filed for by September 30, 2008, reminding the audience that the forms were required to be re-submitted every year, and saying that the forms were generally on-line but needed to be printed and then individually signed and mailed. Chair Yanagihara thanked Bowman for her report and wished Marshall a fast recovery.

Governor Linda Lingle – There was nor representative present.

Congresswoman Mazie Hirono – There was no representative present.

Senator Jill Tokuda – Kamakana Kaimulua was present from Senator Tokuda's Office and asked for concerns, questions or suggestions to be e-mailed or phoned to the office for response. He reported

continuing to be following up with the parking questions at the Kaneohe Library site, with Lum asking about the concern and Chair Yanagihara saying part of the issue with the joint use and the resulting liability question between the City and the State.

Senator Clayton Hee – There was no representative present.

Representative Ken Ito – There was no representative present.

Representative Pono Chong – There was no representative present.

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

Kaneohe Hope Chapel – There was no representative present.

Hawaii Pacific University (HPU) – HPU representative Crystale Lopez reported continuing planning for Hawaii Loa campus expansion, with a proposed \$70 million budget and the plans being develop to match the school needs and that budget. She reported a \$2.5 million sewer-connection project is to be accomplished by mid-2009, with the project being done primarily through side-drilling which would minimize overall impact on traffic and with the project needing to be completed before any expansion starts. She was available to respond to questions or concerns, saying that the expansion project was also going to be presented to community organizations. Lum stressed previously reported concerns about the HPU Hawaii Loa intersection, where congestion, safety and lighting issues were mentioned. Chair Yanagihara noted that Lum could directly contact the HPU Vice President Rick Stepien (at 544-0205) about the concerns and thanked Lopez for her report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hawaiian Memorial Park Expansion – Chair Yanagihara reported that Board coordinator DeRego was not present and that he had sent no update.

Bay View Golf Course Expansion – Chair Yanagihara reported no update.

Construction of 36 inch Force Main – Chair Yanagihara noted that the issue was not with the Board of Water Supply as anticipated but from the City Department of Environmental Services and that there was no presentation planned.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) Windward Conservation Measures – Sager introduced BWS Su Shin to discuss Windward water issues, with Shin explaining that Windward Oahu (and a small part of east Honolulu) are experiencing server drought conditions, with the main source of Windward water coming from the volcanic dyke systems. She explained that the dykes do not have large reserves of water, that the rest of Oahu is generally from basal water sources (much lower and generally island wide), and that the dykes have not been replenished due to the recent very dry past year. She reported that the BWS had asked for 10% water conservation measures from the Windward said on the first of September, saying that the Windward rain gauges are showing below 50% of the normal rainfall. She also explained that the Windward side is basically self-sufficient in that pipes do not come back to the Windward side with water supply. She did report that pumpage has dropped after the announcement of the needed conservation effort, which includes agricultural cut-backs. McClellan asked about water taken out of Windward, with Shin saying 100,000 gallons a day is taken out but that it is not significant, in that the normal total Windward usage is 17 million gallons a day (mgd); she explained the small amount is intended to only keep the water flowing in the pipe. She added that the Waiahole Ditch issue was about surface water use by farmers rather than BWS system and that, in answer to McClellan question, was not sure about the total ownership of the Waiahole Ditch system. Chair Yanagihara said water issues would be on future meetings agenda and said that the general control of surface water – including the Waiahole Ditch – is under the State Commission on Water Resource Management. Lum said that a former desalinization plant in Campbell had closed and suggested

the BWS actively consider other water sources, especially since Hawaii water is being sold to other communities. Chair Yanagihara reported that the desalinization projects were for the future, with Shin saying the BWS pilot desalinization plant had produced water but that the production was very expensive and that the BWS continues to look at sources, but that a sustainable pumping balance of ground water is the most cost effective. Lum suggested a 10-15 year plan, with Morris saying that those selling water at \$4 for 16 oz. are making a good profit, and Shin saying the BWS continues to monitor and keep up to date on technology. Bowman asked about website information on the dyke and basal systems, with Shin inviting everyone to visit the BWS web-site for background information. Chuck Prentiss asked about possible future limits to housing, with Shin saying the BWS is looking at options, at more basal sources and more reclaimed water (explaining that generally golf courses use reclaimed water), and noting that the cost of new pipes (since the reclaimed water is being done on a different pipe system) is costly (although some are done are abandoned pipe lines). Lum reported a water source of an abandoned Dillingham (Waialua) quarry where ten years ago the cost would have been \$6 million to connect a line, with Shin thanking him for the idea. San Nicholas asked about percolation, with Shin saying that the current conservation is not rationing but voluntary and that the general number used in describing basal percolation is 25 years (from surface to the bottom of the well) but that the dykes are much less. She said that Waimanalo farmers cut their use by 30%. Lum asked about BWS meetings, with Shin saying they were public and posted on the web, generally being the last Monday of the month. Sager commented on the need to factor in future ocean rising, with Shin saying she would defer those issues to the hydrologists and Chair Yanagihara suggesting Al Gore also be invited to participate. Chair Yanagihara thanked Shin for her report.

University of Hawaii Windward Community College -- Chancellor Angela Meixell (UHWCC) was present, accompanied by Ronald Sato and Tracy Fukuda from Wilson Okamoto and Terry McFarland and Glenn Yokotake from Architects Hawaii, distributing written materials and displaying maps and drawings. McFarland highlighted plans for a new library and learning resource center (LLRC) on the WCC campus. The existing Hale Manaleo Building is to be demolished and replaced with a new three-story LLRC. The City Council approved a plan review use in 1994 and the UH system has been developing plans and seeking funding, with the initial deadline for building permits in 2000 and extended again to 2008, and now being requested to be extended again. The project is generally in the middle of the "Quad" and would match the existing architectural style and also include parking lot and roadway widening. Fukuda explained that an environmental assessment (EA) is being prepared, with September 19, 2008 being the deadline for the draft, November 2008 being the final and January 2009 being the anticipated EA finish. Ditch expressed concern over the materials used, cautioning that the area is especially susceptible to rust and oxidations. Sager expressed concern about State cut backs, with Meixell saying she hopes that this project is of high enough priority that it will be finished. Lum asked about the release of funds, with Meixell saying the construction funds have not yet been asked for since they are still in the design phase. Chair Yanagihara reported a past letter of support from the Board and asked is an extension letter or resolution was needed. Sato suggested the letter eliminate the deadline for construction since the funding is an issue of legislative controls that the UH has no control over, with Chair Yanagihara suggesting the information from the front page of the handout (describing the background) go into a letter of support from the Board to the City Department of Planning and Permitting. Chair Yanagihara asked for members' objections to the support letter, with Lum expressing concern that the project might lose funding. **Chair Yanagihara noted that the question was to support the project without the need for returning for extensions and asked for any other objections, and hearing none, asked for a Board vote on Board support for the project without extensions. Chair Yanagihara declared the Board vote was to support the project without the need for extensions 11-0-1. Aye:** Au, Beatty, Ditch, Gavigan, Ida, McCellan, Morris, Sager, San Nicholas, Yanagihara, Zdvoracek. **Abstain:** Lum. Chair Yanagihara asked Sato to email him with regard to the final letter from the Board.

Neighborhood Commission – Chair Yanagihara noted Steele was not present to report on any rules changes but that he understood a video presentation was being proposed as an education tool.

Proposed Candidate Forum – Chair Yanagihara asked about a possible candidate forum, noting that the Neighborhood Plan rules restrict political activities at Boards and that a special candidate forum might be

considered. Chair Yanagihara observed (by a show of hands) that only a few members seemed to be supportive (Ida and Morris) of the concept and that if anyone wished to make a motion they could bring it up.

Real Property Tax Exemption – Chair Yanagihara, with Sager’s agreement, said that the agenda issue had been covered with the Councilmember’s report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chair Yanagihara asked if any committee chairs had additional announcements, noting that DeRego was not present for the Memorial Park issues. Lum noted the OMPO CAC meeting was on pedestrian and bicycle safety.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Yanagihara announced the next Agenda Planning & Committees’ Meeting to be Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at the Kaneohe Community and Senior Center, the next Regular Meeting to be on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. and the next meeting of the Hawaiian Memorial Park Standing Committee on Monday, October 13, 2008 at 7:30 p.m., reporting concern that the Board’s input on the Memorial Park’s plans had been made. McClellan announced that the Bay View Special Committee meeting would meet on October 7, 2008, with Chair Yanagihara noting that Ditch and Steele had expressed interest to be on that committee. 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 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by Elwin Spray, Neighborhood Commission Office staff

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

Members Present: Roy Yanagihara, Bill Sager, Patty Yamashiro-Hironaka

1. Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.
2. Determination of October 16, 2008 Meeting Room: Hale Akoakoa Room 103-106, Windward Community College
3. Agenda Items needed:
 1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - Kaneohe Bayview Special Committee – James McCellan
 2. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Oahu Water Use and Development Plan/Windward Side – Guy Nakamoto / Barry Usagawa
 - B. Hale Ku’ike Care Home facility – D. Fitzgerald
 - C. Hawaiian Memorial Park – Environmental Impact Statement Update – S. Ezer
 - D. Board Attendance Issues – Accumulation of Three Absences by Board Member
3. Adjournment: 7:30 p.m.