



## KANEOHE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 30

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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 fourteen members (Au, Beatty, Flanigan, Gavigan, Ida, Lum, McClellan, Morris, Sager, San Nicholas, Steele, Yamashiro-Hironaka, Yanagihara, Zdvoracek) of the total membership of seventeen present, with vote of nine members (absolute majority) required to take action.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sherri Au, Mark Beatty, John Flanigan, Marie Gavigan, Glenn Ida, Wendell Lum, James McClellan, 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., Stephen Jefferies

**GUESTS:** Guy Nakamoto, Barry Usugawa (Board of Water Supply – BWS), Ted Kanemori; Lt. John Cheong and Sgt. Jeffry Pohaku (Honolulu Police Department – HPD), Representative Ken Ito, Tammy Yam, Senator Jill Tokuda, Bob Flores, David Fitzgerald, Steve Marlette, Major Alan Crouch (Marine Corps Base Hawaii – MCBH), Cindy Okazaki (PACT – Parents and Children Together), Gail Hutchinson, Crystale Lopez (Hawaii Pacific University – HPU), Jerry Jardin (Malama/Community Works 96744), Sean Lawrence, Mari Hughes, Grant Yoshimori, Emmet Kane, Lisa Kane, Kilea Bukosle, Scott Ezer, M. Lee Goff, Kehau Steele, Maria Steele, Ken Kawahara (Deputy Director, DLNR – Governor Linda Lingle’s Representative), Ernest Hams, Rae Gee (Mayor’s Office – Mayor Hannemann’s Representative), Art Machado Jr., LeeAnn Bowman (Councilmember Barbara Marshall’s Office staff); Captain George Kaopuiki (Acting Battalion Chief), Fire Fighter 3 Paul Bass (Acting Captain), Fire Fighter 2 George Sousa, Patrick Hepton, Jason Kikkawa, Barron Rico (Honolulu Fire Department – HFD Kaneohe), Elwin Spray (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2008 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:** Chair Yanagihara asked for additions or corrections to the circulated Regular Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2008. **Zdvoracek moved and Yamashiro-Hironaka seconded to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2008; without objections, Chair Yanagihara declared the minutes approved 14-0-0. Aye:** Au, Beatty, Flanigan, Gavigan, Ida, Lum, McClellan, Morris, Sager, San Nicholas, Steele, Yamashiro-Hironaka, Yanagihara, Zdvoracek.

**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 October 7, 2008. Steele encouraged the audience and members to attend the next meeting. **Flanigan moved and Sager seconded to approve the Agenda Planning and Committees’ Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2008; without objections, Chair Yanagihara declared the minutes approved 14-0-0. Aye:** Au, Beatty, Flanigan, Gavigan, Ida, Lum, McClellan, Morris, Sager, San Nicholas, Steele, Yamashiro-Hironaka, Yanagihara, Zdvoracek.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY REPORT:**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** – Captain George Kaopuiki (Acting Battalion Chief) was present and introduced other HFD personnel present, Fire Fighter 3 Paul Bass (Acting Captain), Fire Fighter 2 George



Sousa, Patrick Hepton, Jason Kikkawa, and Barron Rico, from the Kaneohe HFD Station. Bass gave the September 2008 activity statistics: 117 fire calls, with five fires of which two were structure fires, two rubbish fire and one vehicle fires. He reported seventy-seven medical emergencies, three search/rescue calls and forty-nine 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 rescue major incident of a Haiku Stairs search, a rescue of persons pinned on Likelike Highway and of an oil spill in Harano Tunnel (H-3) which involved five companies. He reported a *fire safety tip* for Halloween, encouraging flame-resistant costumes that are visible to motorists and making sure that children are visible, suggesting that flashlights be carried. Bass also encouraged everyone to be prepared for a natural disaster by making sure survival kits are prepared in advance, suggesting additional information was available on the City's website from the City Department of Emergency Management. Beatty asked about safety of Haiku Stairs, with Bass saying the Stairs themselves are in very good shape. Chair Yanagihara asked about access and the fines assessed, with Kaopuiki saying that a trail (Bowman Trail) comes from the other side of the mountain and that he didn't think fines were charged. Kaopuiki explained that HFD's responsibility was not to cite and so he was not sure, but stressing that HFD was there to assist; he explained that there was real danger for the HFD since HFD are not permitted to train on the hillside. Sager said the Bowman Trail was a legal State Division of Forestry trail with Kaopuiki saying that the Kaneohe side of the mountain is City property and that the City has banned access to the area, including HFD. Chair Yanagihara said maybe the site should not be publicized. Chair Yanagihara thanked Kaopuiki and Bass for their reports.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD)** – Lt. John Cheong and Sgt. Jeffry Pohaku were present representing the Kaneohe HPD Station, with Cheong reviewing the distributed written monthly activity statistics reports for the month of September 2008, highlighting overall reductions of 26%. He reported nineteen citations in September 2008 for pedestrian jay-walking and four citations for violations of the pedestrian walk signs, one speeding violation in the Old Kaneohe Bay Drive area, as well as eleven moving violations and twelve parking violations. Sager asked about an observed serious accident near the Mariana area, with Cheong saying there was no serious injury. Chair Yanagihara asked about Haiku Stairs violations, with Cheong saying that generally violators are trespass warned and then arrested. Lum asked about parking in red zones, saying that he had observed violations on Kahuhipa Street, with Pohaku saying that the basic rule is twenty feet from a crosswalk and that normally HPD does check but encouraged observed violations to be called in to 911 so officers could respond; Cheong said he would also follow up. Beatty noted that the categories of thefts and thefts-from-vehicles had flipped quantities from the past month and balanced out, asking if there was a correlation, with Cheong saying it was impossible to know if individuals had gone from one type of theft to another but that it was unlikely. Pohaku added that the tracking would have to be on individual cases and that most thefts-from-autos are Au asked about beat definitions for traffic citations, with Cheong saying that most speeding and hazardous driving were on highways while the majority of the people issues are from the mall sites. Sager reported that the number of cigarette butts at the YWCA area is an indication of other activity as people loiter there, with Pohaku thanking for the referral and saying that observed activity should be called in to the Criminal Investigation/Narco Drug Unit at 529-3115 or Crime Stoppers at 955-8300 so that details can be followed up on. An audience report noted observation of a planned fight at King Intermediate School, saying that 911 was called with an HPD response within five minutes and two more cars shortly thereafter, saying the neighborhood appreciates the rapid response; Cheong said they also have regular calls from the school security. Representative Ken Ito reported concerns of officers using laser guns in front of the freeway emergency off-ramp, with Cheong commenting on the danger of such a location and the need for officers to be safe, with Pohaku agreeing on the need for officers to be aware of safety. Art Machado Jr. said there were recent media reports that identified Likelike Highway as a speeding area, with Chair Yanagihara saying that the Board is very concerned about speeding, pointing out the death of a former Board member's son in a traffic accident. Chair Yanagihara thanked the officers for the reports.

**Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH)** – Major Alan Crouch reported that air flight operation hours were normal, with the Tuesday evening flights being the late hours. He reported the return of the helicopter unit from overseas, noting that several units are still deployed. He reported a recent successful joint City/MCBH repair of a major water leak on base and described development of a recycling program for mattresses. He

reported the recent new coverage of torpedoes found in a Bellows landfill were of pre-World War II practice devices which contained no explosives, saying a total of four have been found. He reported Base participation in Veteran's Day ceremonies, a program for energy use awareness, and highlighted that different units are tenants on the base, including the helicopter support squadron. Chair Yanagihara thanked Crouch for his report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Beatty reported the Board's September 2008 Statement lists \$33.72 in current Board expenditures and a remaining budget balance of \$3,906.78. Chair Yanagihara said the Statement would be filed.

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

- Jerry Jardin was present from the Malama Community Works 96744 organizations and reported a planned November 1, 2008 Kaneohe District Park Paint Out, asking that as many as possible come out but reporting that major graffiti problems have been minimized from past October. He encouraged any graffiti sightings to be called in to 911 so that proper logs can be maintained of sites and activities. He reported a stop sign problem behind Kaneohe Elementary School had been resolved by Gary Ikea of the City's Kaneohe Corporation Yard, Jerri Kahai from City Parks had assisted with paint for the Paint Outs, and HPD officers had provided continuing assistance, as well as assistance from school custodians and the Castle High School National Honor Society. He mentioned signs having been placed at Souza's Dairy Park for no parking on the easement (10:340 p.m. to 6 p.m.) and expressed a concern about graffiti at the Megumi's Restaurant building, saying he would report on a follow up next month. He encouraged everyone to be observant. Chair Yanagihara encouraged everyone to come out for the Paint Out, reassuring everyone that it was a fun event.
- Art Machado Jr. reported 51 days to the Kaneohe Christmas Parade, with letters seeking sponsorship having been distributed, and plans for City/community decorations on Kamehameha Highway, reminding everyone that the parade was December 6, 2008 starting at 9 a.m. Chair Yanagihara suggested the Board consider action. **Steele moved and Sager seconded that the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board take a position of support for the Kaneohe Christmas Parade, with Chair Yanagihara announcing that with no objections, the Board approved the motion of support for the 46<sup>th</sup> annual Kaneohe Christmas Parade unanimously 14-0-0. Aye:** Au, Beatty, Flanigan, Gavigan, Ida, Lum, McClellan, Morris, Sager, San Nicholas, Steele, Yamashiro-Hironaka, Yanagihara, Zdvoracek. Steele and Chair Yanagihara congratulated Machdo for his leadership, with Machdo noting this was perhaps his 37<sup>th</sup> parade.
- Cindy Okazaki, from PACT (Parents and Children Together), reported plans for a parent/child workshop to be held November 18, 2008 in conjunction with HPD and area schools.
- Gail Hutchinson reported a concern of wild pigs in her yard abutting conservation land with Chair Yanagihara reporting that the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) has a program for addressing nuisance animals.

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 distributed information on pedestrian laws from the State website. She thanked member Steele for his attendance representing the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board at Mayor Hannemann's official signing of the new Neighborhood Plan document. Jardin asked about copies of the new Plan, with Gee reporting that the Plan would be posted on the City's web-site and later reproduced for distribution. She reviewed upcoming events and encouraged everyone to vote, reporting the early voting sites to be opened the next week. Chair Yanagihara thanked Gee for her presentation.

**Councilmember Barbara Marshall** – LeeAnn Bowman, from Council Chair Marshall's Office, circulated a community report and reported Marshall as wanting to attend but being unable to do so. She distributed a community report encouraging a Constitutional Convention and asked for concerns to be sent to Marshall's office. She reported the close of the Windward Mall Satellite City Hall was due to the lease with the Mall not being able to be renegotiated, with a replacement site to be opened at the Windward City Shopping Center after Thanksgiving. Lum reported that the Waialele Bridge repairs should be reviewed to possibly include the needed repairs to the Kaneohe Stream Bridge. Ted Kanemori asked for an explanation of the wording of City Charter ballot questions, with Bowman saying those were available from the City Clerk. Sager asked about a ballot image (sample ballot), saying that should be published and distributed to aid voters. Chair Yanagihara thanked Bowman for her report.

**Governor Linda Lingle** – Ken Kawahara was present from the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to represent Governor Linda Lingle, as well as the regular Governor's Representative, DLNR Director Laura Thielen. He reported the DLNR Division of Forestry has a wildlife section that can assist with wild pigs, explaining that the pigs come down from the hills during dry weather. He also referred the community to the State trails program for trail information. He provided a community newsletter from the Governor's office, highlighting State plans for infrastructure investment, energy design programs for youth, and a plan by one State department, Department of Health (DOH) to go to a four-day 10 hour work week, being closed on Friday. He reported a hearing on Act 234 which is to provide a schedule for green house gas reduction on November 13, 2008 and addressed questions from prior meetings, reporting that King and Waiahole Schools are on lists to be retrofitted for civil defense shelters and that H-3 lights and signs are being monitored. Sager asked if the shelters were to be retrofitted to level CAT 3, with Kawahara saying he did not have the standards detail and Lum noting that the cafeteria's are not generally included, only the classrooms and pointed out that generally funds are not released for the retrofit programs. Sager commented on the budget crunch cutting into the State's ability to teach children with Kawahara agreeing that it's difficult to prioritize, including offering examples of it being hard to place a value on the possible loss of an endangered species, or of invasive species, and pointing that his Water Commission agency is trying to avoid duplication of databases by sharing with other agencies. Chair Yanagihara invited Kawahara to stay for the water protection discussion. Steele asked for information or a possible presentation on rain harvesting or catchments, with Kawahara saying such information might also come from DOH. Lum asked about plastering of walls on Kahekili Highway, with Kawahara saying the project was ongoing and he had a copy of the plan to give to Lum. Chair Yanagihara thanked Kawahara for the report.

**Congresswoman Mazie Hirono** – Tammy Yam was present for Representative Mazie Hirono and distributed a legislative information packet, reporting that Hirono had voted for the financial stimulus packages. Chair Yanagihara thanked Yam for her report.

**Senator Jill Tokuda** – Senator Jill Tokuda reported she had a son two months ago. She invited concerns, questions or suggestions to be e-mailed or phoned to the office, inviting the suggested legislation items the sooner the better. She reported the agreement for the library parking need to be signed and that she could meet with McClellan on the Bayview project. Kanemori pointed to the different in gasoline pricing and asked for legislative review with Tokuda agreeing on the value of legislative follow up, including the problem of reduced revenue. Chair Yanagihara thanked Tokuda for her report.

**Senator Clayton Hee** – There was no representative present.

**Representative Ken Ito** – Representative Ken Ito reported Tokuda had provided the update, that legislative ideas were welcomed, and that the Windward legislators work as a team on community issues, saying that all legislators, including Senator Hee and Representative Chong, would relay community concerns and follow up. Chair Yanagihara thanked Ito for his report.

**Representative Pono Chong** – There was no representative present.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

**Kaneohe Hope Chapel** – Bob Flores reported Hope Chapel plans to participate in the Christmas Parade, that they have recently completed a clothing drive for the HIS, they plan to assist in the decorating of the HPD and that several community groups have assisted in the Trinity School cleanup project. Chair Yanagihara thanked Flores for his report.

**Hawaii Pacific University (HPU)** – HPU representative Crystale Lopez reported a \$472,000 federal grant for an English language teacher workshop (2009 Summer Institute) and that a 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Hoopla would be held at the Manoa Valley Recreation Center, where school athletic teams would be participating. Machado invited HPU to participate in supporting the Kaneohe Christmas Parade. Chair Yanagihara thanked Lopez for her report.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Bay View Golf Course Expansion** – Committee Chair McClellan reported a Bayview meeting on October 7, 2008, noting concern about the rapid movement of the project and the need for a draft land management plan; he reported high interest in the community about the project and plans for an canvas. He reported that there is “no commitment” from any government agencies for the option of developing low-income housing as a part of the project. Tokuda reported that she and Representative Chong planned to do a mail out regarding the planned November meeting and offered to assist with the house-to-house canvas. Chair Yanagihara asked about the planned meeting, noting that the November 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday was a conflict with Election Day and suggested an alternative; McClellan and Chair Yanagihara agreed that the date would be discussed later.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Watershed Planning** – Guy Nakamoto was present from the Hawaii – Laieikawai Association to discuss the watershed planning process that the BWS is initiating for a Koolaupoko area regional planning report. He explained that his organization won a 1998 lawsuit dealing with Laie’s Hawaii Reserves over water and is concerned that the BWS process is flawed, with no provisions for implementation or funding, so that the process is fatally flawed. He distributed written material and highlighted that the BWS has not made a realistic inventory of water supply and is substituting a “process” that will produce a report without a timeline or realistic funding, which will not protect water for this or future generations. Chair Yanagihara suggested a Board committee be formed to review Nakamoto’s issues. Sager noted that the BWS is responsible to provide water not to provide a sustainable resource. **Steele moved and Sager seconded to create a special sub-committee to investigate and report water resources back to the community. Chair Yanagihara announced that with no objections, the Board had approved the motion for the committee unanimously 14-0-0.** Aye: Au, Beatty, Flanigan, Gavigan, Ida, Lum, McClellan, Morris, Sager, San Nicholas, Steele, Yamashiro-Hironaka, Yanagihara, Zdvoracek. Chair Yanagihara appointed Steele as chair and Nakamoto as a member. Nakamoto said the BWS intent was to keep the community busy.

Barry Usugawa was present from the BWS saying his intent was to invite the Kaneohe Board and community in developing a regional watershed plan and thanked the Board for forming the committee. He explained that the BWS does not approve housing developments unless the water is available and that approximately one half of the island’s water is now being used. The intent is for a Koolaupoko Water Use and Development Plan, which would be adopted by the City Council and then sent to the State Water Commission (at DLNR). He agreed that funding was an issue, that Waihee Valley was the prime watershed for Koolaupoko, and that stakeholders need to be involved, anticipating four workshops with neighborhood boards with an advisory committee group to be formed for a process that would take over two years. Chair Yanagihara and Sager asked about one-half usage with Usugawa explaining that North Shore, Wahiawa and Pearl Harbor sources remain but that the biggest limitation is the Windward dyke system which is dependant on rain fall. Chair Yanagihara thanked Usugawa and Nakamoto for their reports.

**Hale Ku Iki Care Home** – David Fitzgerald reported his background of ten years at Pohai Nani and four years of operating a 26-bed care home in Nuuanu for Alzheimer's patients. He proposed a care home operation off of Kaneohe Bay Drive, saying noise was not a concern in Nuuanu, that security exists to keep patients within the home and that residents are not disruptive types. Steve Marlette was present as the architect to describe the details of the project at 45-212 Kaneohe Bay Drive: the existing 2-story building would be retained, was formerly intended as the Edan Mission Church, with 10-12 beds and seven baths. The new design would be for 26 to 27 residents, twenty stall all within a contained and screened setting and landscaped. The intent would be to change the exterior so that it is more residential in appearance, taking off lanais, with two caregivers per floor plus one nurse and one floating caregiver. The rates would be \$6200 to \$7000 a month, all private residents, with the level of care as less than a nursing home. The deliveries would be generally regular hours, with Fitzgerald to check with vendors on any possible Nuuanu early deliveries, explaining that he could ask for no early deliveries. The back-up ringers on delivery trucks was identified as a concern, as was possible once-weekly deliveries of food pallets, with Fitzgerald stressing he would follow up on concerns and expressing the desire to be a good neighbor, inviting those interested to participate in developing the landscape barriers. Chair Yanagihara thanked the community and Fitzgerald and Marlette for their participation and said the Board would continue to be involved with the issue as unfinished business. Fitzgerald asked residents to give him feedback before the purchase is completed.

**Hawaiian Memorial Park Expansion** – Scott Ezer reported that the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) had gone to the State to determine if the document was adequate, with the date of November 6 and 7, 2008 as the anticipated meeting date for the determination. He reported the final EIS as having eliminated 20 lots, not extending the project, and adding a cultural preserve (which includes the five most important archeological sites, including a gathering site). He reported the hearings on the State Land Use District Boundary Amendment could be anticipated in two months. Chair Yanagihara asked about drainage, with the amount of run off having been reduced by half. Nakamoto noted that a hearing would be required regarding the groundwater with Ezer agreeing it would be held. Cindy Richie reported a general community meeting had been held that had opposed the project and asked if the project was being stopped. Chair Yanagihara said the Board was receiving input and that Ezer was here to explain the process and Chair Yanagihara encouraged Richie and all other community members to plan to attend and participate at the meetings being discussed. Chair Yanagihara explained that the Memorial Park is a private property issue and that the Board of Water Supply project is a public plan, with the Board having fewer opportunities to speak as a Board in private issues but gathering the information to see where their voice would be appropriate. Chair Yanagihara added that the Board has had a committee under member DeRego who has scheduled public meetings to involve the community in the process and encouraged those interested to continue their involvement. Ezer said the EIS was not final until the Land Board accepts the documents, which would generally be available on the web or on a CD.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Chair Yanagihara deferred additional reports.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chair Yanagihara announced the next Agenda Planning & Committees' Meeting to be Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at the McDonald's Kaneohe and the next Regular Meeting to be on Thursday, November 20, 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. 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 9:50 p.m.

Submitted by Elwin Spray, Neighborhood Commission Office staff

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**Kaneohe Neighborhood Board  
Minutes of Agenda Planning Meeting  
November 5, 2008  
McDonalds-Windward City Shopping Center  
7:00 pm**

Members Present: Marie Gavigan, Roy Yanagihara, John Flanigan, Bill Sager, Felipe San Nicholas, Sherrie Au, Warren Ditch Jr., Patty Yamashiro-Hironaka

Guests: Grant Yoshimura, Mr. Au, Gina Thompson, John Rodney Thompson, Kika Bukoski

1. Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.
2. Determination of November 20, 2008 Meeting Room: Hale Akoakoa 103-106, Windward Community College
3. Agenda Items needed:
  1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
    - 1) Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetary, LUC / EIS update -Grant Yoshimura
    - 2) "Bayview Community Plan, Proposed 201h Affordable Housing Master Planned Development, Environmental Impact Statement, Special Management Area Use Permit, and Plan Review Permit." -Kika Bukoski  
Presenter: Keith Kurahashi
  2. NEW BUSINESS
    - 1) Clean and Sober House CDUA Permit application re O'opuhue Place, Kaneohe - Gina and John Rodney Thompson
4. Adjournment: 7:30 p.m.