



KANEOHE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 30

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DRAFT MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008

HALE AKOAKOA ROOM 103-106

WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NOTICE OF A LACK OF QUORUM – Chair Roy Yanagihara announced the lack of a quorum for the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board meeting, saying that the meeting could not be called to order. There were eight members present (Au, Gavigan, Ida, Lum, McCellan, Sager, Yamashiro-Hironaka, Yanagihara) at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum of nine (absolute majority) of the total membership of seventeen required to be present and a favorable vote of a minimum of nine members required to take action.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sherri Au, Marie Gavigan, Glenn Ida, Wendell Lum, James McCellan, William Sager, Patty Yamashiro-Hironaka, Roy Yanagihara.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Beatty, Kris DeRego, Warren B. Ditch Jr., John Flanigan, Stephen Jefferies, L.C. Morris, Felipe San Nicolas, Christopher Steele, Larry Zdvoracek.

GUESTS: (approximately 100 guests present), Senator Jill Tokuda, Fire Fighter 3 Daniel Yamashiro (Honolulu Fire Department – HFD Kaneohe), Rae Gee (Mayor's Office – Mayor Hannemann's Representative), Lt. John Vines (Honolulu Police Department – HPD), Laura Thielen (Director, Department of Land and Natural Resources – Governor Lingle's Representative), Venus Acoba (Councilmember Barbara Marshall's Office staff), Ted Kanemori, Art Machado Jr., Arwen Chisolm (Marine Corps Base Hawaii – MCBH), Jerry Jardin (Community Works 96744), Paul de Vos, Representative Pono Chong, Bob Flores (Hope Chapel), Keith Kurahashi, Donna Rewick, Herbert Takamatsu, Scott Fukuda, Nester Fukuda, Shane Naliaha, Sharon Kimoto, Eddie Naliihae, Delta Fukuda, Amy Ausborn, John Sherman, Alisa Nickelson, Jean Nuen, Raymond Awana, Kila Bukoski, Lara Chang, Ed Fastora, Lila Ota, Diane Silva, Crystale Lopez (Hawaii Pacific University – HPU), Mike Strong, Charlie Silva, Cheryl Tyler, Elwin Spray (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

ABSENCE OF QUORUM; PROCEDURE – Chair Yanagihara announced that, although a quorum was absent, the community members present were welcome to express their concerns. He announced that the group would hear community information following the distributed agenda, with the expectation that a Board quorum would be obtained, but that the Board members in attendance could not take any action without a quorum being present.

OCTOBER 16, 2008 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Chair Yanagihara asked for additions or corrections to the circulated Regular Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2008. No additions or corrections were suggested.

NOVEMBER 5, 2008 AGENDA PLANNING AND COMMITTEES' MEETING MINUTES: Chair Yanagihara asked for additions or corrections to the circulated Agenda Planning and Committees' Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2008. No additions or corrections were suggested.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY REPORT:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Fire Fighter 3 Daniel Yamashiro was present from the Kaneohe HFD Station and reported October 2008 statistics, citing no major incidents and suggesting care in decorating for the coming holidays, including considering the use of artificial trees or wreathes and care that those natural items are not dried out. He also cautioned the community on stove use, suggestion not leaving the stoves



on while doing other activities and cautioning on the wearing of long sleeves. Chair Yanagihara asked about oil and grease fires, with Yamashiro saying such cooking fires should be covered and never have water added. Lum asked about emergency calls for a heart attack victim, with Yamashiro saying to call 911 immediately, with the HFD trucks having oxygen and being able to immediately assist, but that the 911 operators will dispatch the closed available unit, either medical or fire. Chair Yanagihara thanked Yamashiro for his report.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. John Vines distributed a written monthly HPD Kaneohe activity statistics report for the month of October 2008, reporting general decrease in crime numbers for the yearly comparisons. Vines cautioned that Christmas and holidays are seen as an opportunity for thefts and advised increased care. Chair Yanagihara asked about causes for the decrease, with Vines saying there was no known specific cause for the decrease but reported that the HPD rely upon the public for calls. Lum asked for follow-up on cars parked in Kahuhipa Street crosswalks, with Vines asking for assistance in calls to 911 when they were observed. Chair Yanagihara thanked Vines for the report.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) – MCBH Public Affairs Office representative Arwen Chisolm was present and distributed a written report, reporting deployments of two 1st Battalion regiments and a 3rd Marine Battalion (including a P-3 aircraft squadron) and return of a VP-9 squadron. She reported activity at Veterans Day events and plans for participation in the Waikiki Holiday Parade, Pearl Harbor Day events and the Kaneohe Christmas Parade. She invited participation in Base Food Bank and Toys for Tots drives. Chair Yanagihara thanked Chisolm for her report.

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

- Art Machado Jr. reported on the 37th Kaneohe Christmas Parade, to be held December 6, 2008, starting at 9:00 a.m., with a block party on the street in front of the Police Department on November 30, 2008 starting at 3 p.m. through 9 p.m. as part of the kick-off of the Windward City Lights festival. He explained that a family representing each of the seven Kaneohe Marine units would be honored in the parade. He also displayed a Kaneohe Parade Christmas T-shirt, saying they are on sale at Kaneohe banks.
- Jerry Jardin from Community Works 96744 reported a successful Wipe-Out Graffiti event on November 1, 2008, with 34 people, reporting successful clean-up included the Megumi Restaurant. He also expressed a need for "no parking" signs on the community park easement on Keana Street, saying he was working with Councilmember Marshall's office. He said the next clean-up event would be in February or March 2009.

Chair Yanagihara noted there were no other concerns.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS:

Mayor's Representative – Rae Gee, Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative (Executive Assistant to the Mayor), brought greetings from the Mayor and reported he would be present at the Sunday, November 30, 2008 tree light ceremony-kickoff of the Windward City Lights event. She distributed a written report and highlighted the availability of recycling and trash pickup information on the City website www.honolulu.gov and at www.opala.org. Gee directed a report to Paul de Vos on a new directional sign to be erected that would send traffic around the old Kaneohe Bay Drive segment and onto the H-3 Freeway, which would aid in reducing area traffic congestion, and said a traffic study for crosswalks was continuing, with de Vos emphasizing pedestrian danger. Sager suggested speed humps be considered, with an audience comment for a rumble strip and Gee saying that rumble strips create community noise and so are not recommended. Lum commented on needs for future guardrail repairs on Lilipuna Road and pedestrian crosswalk concerns on Kahuhipa Street. Gee said she would follow up with information of green waste collection bins, which would be given to Board member Sager for posting on the Board's blog site. De Vos expressed appreciation for Kaneohe Bay Drive efforts and stressed need for additional changes to create a pedestrian-friendly environment, with Gee asking for de Vos' suggestions via e-mail for her to follow up on. Sager

asked about residential assistance in monitoring concerns and suggested City vehicles also exercise care. Kanemori suggested portable “stop-for-pedestrians” signs in the midst of Kaneohe walkways, with Gee saying that such pilot programs as suggested by member Lum were in trials at other locations. Chair Yanagihara thanked Gee for her presentation.

Councilmember Barbara Marshall – Venus Acoba, from Councilmember Marshall’s Office, circulated a community report and reported Marshall as focusing on her health but aware of Kaneohe issues, inviting concerns to be called to the office at 768-5003. She reported that the request for community park signs was being followed up. Chair Yanagihara thanked Acoba for her report.

Governor Linda Lingle – DLNR Director Laura Thielen represented Governor Lingle, distributed a written report and highlighted the agreement with Hawaiian Electric Industries (HEI) on higher payments for non-HEI generated electricity was a significant benefit and that feral pigs on private property can be hunted by private hunters, but that the general state property hunting is limited. Sager said he didn’t think the feral pig issue was a general community concern. Thielen noted the agreement of the state to take responsibility for the Kawainui Marsh area and expressed concern of her conservation officers being asked to take on more general people enforcement duties. Chair Yanagihara thanked Thielen for her report.

Congresswoman Mazie Hirono – There was no representative present.

Senator Jill Tokuda – Senator Tokuda reported on Legislature organization, saying she will take the post of Majority Whip and Chairmanship of the Higher Education Committee, with Senator Hee being the Water and Land Committee Chair. She thanked the community for the large turnout for the Bay View housing project discussion, saying that she and Chong had been involved in inviting participation. Lum asked for area cafeterias to be upgraded to serve as shelters for hurricane levels 3 or 4, with Tokuda saying some funds were appropriated but she would take his suggestion back. Chair Yanagihara thanked Tokuda for her report.

Senator Clayton Hee – There was no representative present; Tokuda stressed that she was available to take any concerns, explaining that the Windward legislators meet weekly on Windward issues.

Representative Ken Ito – There was no representative present.

Representative Pono Chong – Representative Chong agreed with Tokuda and thanked the community for participating.

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

Kaneohe Hope Chapel – Bob Flores reported plans to participate in the Christmas block party, assistance in the Kaneohe City Lights Display decorations and plans for a Thanksgiving eve service.

Hawaii Pacific University (HPU) – HPU representative Crystale Lopez reported hosting activities associated with global entrepreneurship week and plans for seasonal music to be performed by an international choral. She was available to respond to questions or concerns. Chair Yanagihara thanked Lopez for her report.

BAY VIEW GOLF COURSE EXPANSION / RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT – Chair Yanagihara reported the Board as having the Bay View project as unfinished business, explaining that a prior presentation had discussed plans that included a possible 201H affordable housing master plan, with Keith Kurahashi being present to update on that initial presentation. Kurahashi reviewed the basic concept for the existing Bay View property to include retaining the fishpond operation (and donating it to a 501c3), creating 150 affordable rental units, additional market housing (60 single-family units), retaining most of the existing golf course, a new sixty-lane bowling building, nineteen residential units on the golf course, a sports housing facility, a wedding chapel, restaurant, public parking, improved roadways, a veterinary facility and a pet cemetery. The owners would encourage the City to develop a dog park on the adjacent City property. He

recognized that existing concerns include parking and transportation with a transit study being done now. He explained that at least two hearings would be at the City Council, with initial ones at both the State Housing Development Office and at the City Planning Department, as well as grading permits. Community concerns expressed included:

- Taking of community-designated green space
- Road congestion, danger to children, lack of parking, lack of road improvements
- Stream flooding likely
- More planning needed
- Additional density not appropriate
- No desire by community for development
- Existing streets not wide enough to accommodate traffic caused by 180 new units
- Sewer lines not adequate
- Congestion on road as well as speeding likely
- Prior commitments by owners for improvements felt as not delivered
- Wedding chapel is commercial immediately next to existing housing – not appropriate
- Concern of additional crime with additional density
- Prior commitments to not have golf balls hitting house; continuing
- Landscape commitment not fulfilled; drainage issues in stream ways, along interior boundary
- Current golf course not maintained how can trust that new development will be quality?
- Affordable housing not sought by State, but being done by developer to achieve value
- Need for green space
- Need for golf course, fear that intent is to close, curtail
- Need for power, sewer improvements for community before additional development
- Need for sidewalks
- Statement that stream and Kaneohe Bay are dead, with mud run-off choking ecosystem, owners now not controlling run-off
- Concern about flood insurance and flooding likelihood (height above sea level?)
- Concern about business failures
- Concern about earthquakes

Kurahashi explained that the current plan was being reviewed as a draft environmental assessment and that following the five-month process permits would be sought. Kurahashi and Kila Bukoski invited comments to the developer's web-site: www.bayviewcommunityplan.com Chair Yanagihara stressed that the Board was not taking a position immediately but that a Board committee was holding meetings to develop a Board position and invited community involvement there. Tokuda also encouraged participation. Chair Yanagihara said the issue would be on the Board agenda in the future, with Committee Chair McClellan inviting the community to a December 2nd meeting at the Kaneohe Community Senior Center.

Clean and Sober Halfway House – Chair Yanagihara noted the time as almost 10 p.m. and announced the Halfway House issues would be on the next agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Yanagihara announced the next Agenda Planning & Committees' Meeting to be Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at the Kaneohe Community and Senior Center, the next Regular Meeting to be on Thursday, December 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. and the next meeting of the Hawaiian Memorial Park Standing Committee on Monday, December 1, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at Windward City McDonald's. McClellan announced that the Bay View Special Committee meeting would meet on December 2, 2008. 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
December 2, 2008
Kaneohe Senior Center
7:00 pm**

Members Present: Roy Yanagihara, Marie Gavigan, Bill Sager, Sherrie Au, John Flanigan, LC Morris, James McCellan, Patty Yamashiro-Hironaka

1. Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.
2. Determination of December 18, 2008 Meeting Room: Hale Akoakoa Room 103-106, Windward Community College
3. Agenda Items needed:
 1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Hawaiian Memorial Park EIS update – Grant Yoshimori
 - B. Half Way house
 - C. Vacancies and Board Attendance Issues – Accumulation of Three Absences by Board Member
 2. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Foster Family Need - Carol Makainai
 - B. Kaneohe Citizen of the Year - Art Machado
3. Adjournment: 7:30 p.m.

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