



KANEOHE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 30

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2008 HALE AKOAKOA ROOM 103-106 HALE ALAKAI WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Roy Yanagihara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of eleven members (Au, Beatty, Ditch, Flanigan, Ida, Lum, Sager, San Nicholas, 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, Warren B. Ditch Jr., 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, Christopher Steele.

GUESTS: Lt. John Vines (Honolulu Police Department – HPD), Senator Jill Tokuda, Major Alan Crouch (Marine Corps Base Hawaii – MCBH), Sgt. Brian Tuthill (MCBH), Ted Kanemori, Dolores Pimanto, Gina Pimanato, Patsy Ota, Amy Masui, Fred Kalaukoa, Anna Kalaukoa, Darrell Keama, Rich McCreedy, William Gavigan, Gary Francis, Ben Ohta, Alma Ohta, Fredbac Okabayashi, Margaret Okabayashi, Shani Naleieha, Eddie Naleieha, Kika Bukosle, Rae Gee (Mayor's Office – Mayor Hannemann's Representative), Art Machado Jr., Venus Acoba (Councilmember Barbara Marshall's Office staff), Captain Thomas McKee (Honolulu Fire Department – HFD Kaneohe), Elwin Spray (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

BOARD VACANCY – Chair Yanagihara explained that an at-large Board member vacancy existed as the result of the resignation of Stephen Jefferies for health reasons. He asked if there were interested volunteers or nominations, calling attention to the mailed agenda packet which included an announcement that the Board anticipated action to fill three seats at the January 15, 2009 meeting [one each for Kaneohe at-large, sub-district 7 (Puohala Village), and sub-district 11 (Windward City Shopping Center)], with one of the vacancies due to continued non-participation. Chair Yanagihara said filling these vacancies would be on the January 2009 meeting agenda.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 16, 2008 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA PLANNING AND COMMITTEES' MEETING MINUTES – Chair Yanagihara asked for additions or corrections to the circulated Regular Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2008 and Agenda Planning and Committees' Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2008, referring to the Board's November 19th scheduled meeting and saying that no action was taken in November due to the lack of quorum and further explaining that the circulated November 19, 2008 Memorandum were not minutes. With no additions or corrections to the November mailout, Chair Yanagihara asked for additions or corrections to the circulated Agenda Planning and Committees' Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2008 (on page 5 of the December 2008 mailout). **Lum moved and Yamashiro-Hironaka seconded to approve the Agenda Planning and Committees' Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2008; without objection, Chair Yanagihara declared the minutes approved 11-0-0. Aye:** Au, Beatty, Ditch, Flanigan, Ida, Lum, Sager, San Nicholas, Yamashiro-Hironaka, Yanagihara, Zdvoracek. **Lum moved and Zdvoracek seconded to approve the circulated Regular Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2008 and Agenda Planning and Committees' Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2008; without objection, Chair Yanagihara declared the minutes approved 11-0-0. Aye:** Au, Beatty, Ditch, Flanigan, Ida, Lum, Sager, San Nicholas, Yamashiro-Hironaka, Yanagihara, Zdvoracek.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY REPORT:



Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Thomas McKee was present from the Kaneohe HFD Station and reported November 2008 activity statistics: two structure fires, one rubbish fire and three vehicle fires, 130 medical emergencies, seven search/rescue calls and five 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 on three major incidents, one of a swimmer in distress (at the Kaneohe Bay sand bar), a high angle rescue (Stairway to Heaven) and a building fire (350 Aoloa Street). McKee explained that each of the incidents involved at least four HFD companies and a battalion commander, with the Aoloa Street fire having seven companies and the other two incidents including the HFD helicopter.

McClelland arrived at 7:07 during the above report; twelve Board members present.

McKee reported a *Fire Safety Tip*:

Dried Christmas trees, wreaths, and other natural decorations are extremely flammable. Remove them from your home as soon as possible and consider recycling your tree at a participating green waste center in your area. Leave the fireworks to the pyrotechnic professionals and enjoy the fireworks displays offered by various communities on New Year's Eve. As a reminder, the law states that children under the age of 18 shall not possess or have access to fireworks, matches, and/or lighters, except under adult supervision. Residual fireworks are potential fire hazards. For safe disposal, call 911 and the Honolulu Police Department will dispatch a patrol officer to your location to collect your unused fireworks.

Flanigan asked about the Haiku Stairs rescue, saying he understood the individual rescued was off the structure, with McKee agreeing and reporting that the Stairs structure was still closed. Lum reported currently hearing and seeing aerial fireworks in the general community and asked about fines, with McKee saying that fireworks were not legally being set off and that the issue was an HPD enforcement concern. Ditch asked about the cost of the Stairs rescue, with McKee saying that the costs of such events are generally borne by the public but that he would follow up on the amount involved. Darrell Keama reported that station volleyballs have gone onto the adjacent roadway and asked for care, saying the bouncing balls could cause driving accidents. Chair Yanagihara thanked McKee for his report.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. John Vines represented the Kaneohe HPD Station and highlighted from the distributed written monthly activity statistics reports for the month of November 2008, reporting a recent robbery at 47-193 Kamehameha Highway where a male had robbed several others and a 6:15 a.m. death of a pedestrian in a crosswalk who apparently attempted to cross against the red traffic light. Lum reported currently hearing and seeing aerial fireworks in the general community and asked about HPD response, with Vines encouraging calls into 911 in order to keep an ongoing log of occurrences and explained that it was difficult for HPD to apprehend violators since the active perpetrators see the patrol vehicles coming. Vines reported that aerial fireworks are always illegal. Lum reported having made nineteen 911 calls in November. Ted Kanemori reported experiencing noisy cars – so loud they would shake other cars and houses – with Vines saying that a boom box law provides for ticketing when noise extends 30 feet from the offending vehicle. Chair Yanagihara asked Kanemori about increasing enforcement, with Kanemori saying that in past years, such a noise would have been known to be improper but that now it's considered to be usual, with Vines saying it's difficult to apprehend violators. Chair Yanagihara noted a letter-to-the-editor that morning expressing concern about loud cars and motorcycles, with Kanemori stressing the need to remind the community to be considerate, including concerns about bullying. Vines addressed comments about mufflers, explaining that modified mufflers are not allowed and that loud mufflers are cited, but he explained that frequently judges will not place a penalty unless there has been a modification. Darrell Keama expressed concern about parking along Kahuhipa Street near driveway and crossings, with Vines reporting that HPD is monitoring the area but asking that 911 be called when possible violations are observed. D. Keama asked about sitting vehicles, offering photos and license numbers, with Vines saying he would take the numbers but stressing calls to the 911 number, and agreeing

with Chair Yanagihara that an unmoved vehicle could be tagged after 24 hours. Chair Yanagihara thanked Vines for his report.

Gavigan and Morris arrived at 7:15 during the above report; fourteen Board members present.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) – Major Alan Crouch reported that air flight operation hours were being adjusted to reflex refurbishing of the runway, with the air field to be partially closed for maintenance and with the fixed-wing P-3 aircraft relocated to Hickam AFB until February 2009. Crouch announced units returning units (Navy Patrol and Reconnaissance Squadron VP-9, Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 37 and CMO-2), with a memorial service planned for December 19, 2008 for those who had not returned, and with November Afghanistan deployments (3rd Marine Regimental Headquarters & Combat Logistics Battalion 3 and the CPRW-2's VP-4 [P-3 squadron]). Crouch reported Kaneohe units participated in Pearl Harbor Day events and holiday events, including involvement in the Toys for Tots and an upcoming Boy's Choir concert, the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl and a hosting of the high school JROTC cadets. He described a Hawaii Marine aviation event, explaining that the Marine Corps Ewa Air Field was attacked approximately six minutes before the Pearl Harbor attack, with units there firing back in the first military action of World War II. Flanigan asked about the Toys for Tots programs, saying he had heard there was a heightened need for older and pre-teen toys, with Crouch saying he had heard that from prior years but had not heard the same concern repeated this year. Lum asked about the recent environmental impact statement (EIS) development, inquiring when those aircraft were likely to be assigned to Oahu, with Crouch saying the likely soonest assignment would be 2012. Crouch also announced a monk seal in residence on a base beach and the delivery of snow (ice) to an area school. He also expressed appreciation to Art Machado for his past parade events. Chair Yanagihara thanked Crouch for his report.

Citizen of the Year – Chair Yanagihara asked Vice Chair Patty Yamashiro-Hironaka to conduct the Board's Citizen of the Year presentation. Yamashiro-Hironaka recognized Art Machado Jr. as 2008 Kaneohe Citizen of the Year, presenting him with a certificate from the Board. She explained that Machado is the chair of the Kaneohe Christmas Parade Association, having been the driving force behind the Kaneohe Christmas Parade for the past 37 years. She also introduced him as a well know and active sports coach and coordinator, in addition to being "Mr. Christmas of Kaneohe" and having been instrumental in organizing the crews that decorate Kaneohe each year. She also cited his history with the Kaneohe Ho'olaulea. Machado thanked Yamashiro-Hironaka and the Board for backing Kaneohe events, citing 46 years of the Kaneohe parade, but noting the continuing and increasing parade tasks include the event funding, explaining that he still has unsold t-shirts and bills for the event (bills include a \$2 million insurance policy and vans to transport school bands). He thanked the community and businesses for their support, including the Yamashiro Hardware Company which is the largest business donor, and stressed the intent is to make people happy. Chair Yanagihara called for a ten minute break to congratulate Machado, with Machado's announcement that the parade would be on 'Olelo on December 25, 2008 on Channel 49.

BREAK: Chair Yanagihara took a break at 7:40 p.m. and reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Beatty reported the current month-end November 2008 Statement listing the remaining budget balance at \$3860.83. Chair Yanagihara said the Statement would be filed.

PUBLIC INPUT & RESIDENTS' CONCERNS: Chair Yanagihara asked for items not covered on the agenda, with no other concerns reported

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS:

Mayor's Representative – Rae Gee, Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative, reported Mayor Hannemann as having had a wonderful time at the lighting ceremony and the parade and that the Mayor had extended a happy holidays wish to all. She distributed a written report and highlighted City transfer of the Kawainui Marsh to the State which will permit a \$4 million federal restoration project to proceed, town meetings are being held on providing of City transportation services and the Kailua curbside recycling is

continuing. She reported Kaneohe Bay Drive traffic calming measures are being studied, with a new directional sign planned and a marked crosswalk at Aumoana Place being considered as not warranted but that other devices are being looked at for the area. She said Kanemori's loud-car noise concerns would be followed up on, with the Board to be advised of actions tried in other Boards that have similar loud-car noise issues. Chair Yanagihara asked about the Kaneohe Satellite City Hall which was closed at the Windward Mall, with Lum reporting it to be opened in late January 2009 at the Windward Mall, and Chair Yanagihara expressing concern about the inconvenience of no satellite city hall operation in the area. She reported the homeowners' exemption form and appeal form was now on-line and encouraged the on-line use, citing end-of-the-year deadlines for commercial licenses and disaster applications. She said the Lilipuna Road guardrail project was underway, with Lum reporting it having been completed. She reported follow up on a previous report on potholes and invited participation in several community Christmas parades (Kapolei, Salt Lake and Ewa Beach). Sager reported speeding on Kaneohe Bay Drive was still a concern, with sight-distance problems increasing with the faster speed; Gee asked about specific suggestions with Sager proposing traffic humps which would require vehicles to slow to 25 mph. McClelland reported that City buses have been observed speeding at 45 mph in the area. San Nicholas asked about jobs being created with planned City stimulation-package funds; Gee explained the general project plans were on the website, both for creation of private and existing jobs, but that she would seek details for San Nicholas. Sager asked if the package included funds to keep contractors working. Keama asked about sewer smells, with Chair Yanagihara explaining that the Kaneohe sewer system is under pressure, with seals around manhole cover edges, and that the seals would need to be redone, encouraging Keama to identify those addresses so the repairs can be made. Chair Yanagihara suggested a future update from the City Department of Environmental Services (ENV) on the Kaneohe sewer system. Machado suggested the signal light timing at King School needed to be changed, with Chair Yanagihara saying that light was supposed to be a "demand" light rather than on a timer. Gary Francis asked a drug rehabilitation site, with Chair Yanagihara reporting that the issue was later on the agenda. Chair Yanagihara thanked Gee for her presentation.

Councilmember Barbara Marshall – Venus Acoba was present from Councilmember Marshall's Office and circulated a community report which focused on property assessment issues, including the January 15, 2009 deadline for appeals and the appeal process. Acoba reported an investigation request on Kahuhipa Street parking restrictions had been forwarded and invited interested residents to contact her, with Chair Yanagihara announcing he would place the issue on the next agenda. She explained that issue of signage for a community park near Pohai Nani was continuing to be worked on. Sager noted concern about HPD's establishing a four-tickets-per-hour requirement for traffic patrol officers and expressed concern that enforcement in areas like Kaneohe Bay Drive would suffer because those are not likely to produce the requisite number of citations, with Chair Yanagihara suggesting the issue be directed to HPD at the next meeting. Morris asked about the opening of the Kaneohe Satellite City Hall, saying the community is suffering due to the long closure and that it made no sense to not have the alternative site ready to open prior to the closure of the old site. Acoba explained that the Kailua site is still available. Morris expressed concern about bulky item pick ups, asking Acoba to find out about number of days to pick up bulky items and dead animals. Chair Yanagihara thanked Acoba and extended holiday greetings to Marshall.

Governor Linda Lingle – No representative was present.

Congresswoman Mazie Hirono – No representative was present.

Senator Jill Tokuda – Senator Jill Tokuda presented Art Machado Jr. with a certificate from all legislators, thanking him for his community service. She reported plans proceeding for the placement of a Kaneohe directional sign intended to direct traffic around the old Kaneohe Bay Drive segment. She reported the City and State had agreed and signed a memorandum of agreement for the use of the adjacent City land at the State Library which would enable the parking project to proceed, noting that the contract will now have to be renegotiated due to the delay. She invited concerns, questions or suggestions to be e-mailed or phoned to the office. Chair Yanagihara thanked Tokuda for her report.

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 – Chair Yanagihara expressed thanks to Hope Chapel for their participation with the Kaneohe Christmas Parade.

Hawaii Pacific University (HPU) – There was no representative present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery Expansion – Committee Chair Ida reported having met in December, reviewing the submitted final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and said there would be a proposed Board resolution for the next meeting. Ida announced the next meeting as January 6, 2009, at McDonald's, with Chair Yanagihara saying the draft resolution needed to be available in advance of the Board meeting.

Clean and Sober House at O'opuhue Place – Gina Thompson presented plans for a Clean and Sober House project on O'opuhue Place (a Conditional Use Permit [CUP] – major), with the intent of serving recovering individuals in the absence of alcohol or drugs. She said they had been operating for a year, with rules in place regarding parking, noise and interaction with neighbors, saying they had evicted many. The current level of operation is for five residents in the home, with the intent to be for no more than fourteen, four parking stalls and with residents to no longer be parking on the street, adding that there is an on-site project manager. She said that in the past they had a registered sex offender and loud noises but they had responded to neighborhood concerns to deal with those concerns, offering copies of the house rules. Lum asked if the City reviewed, with Thompson saying the zoning or permit hearings were not needed. Lum asked about liability, with Thompson reporting the coverage was over \$1 million. Ida asked about staff ratio, with one employee on site for the current five residents, as well as Thompson's mother being on the site and Thompson's house nearby. Au asked for the current layout, which is seven bedrooms, five baths, and Thompson explaining that a back bedroom is currently being demolished as it was on the property line. Thompson explained to Chair Yanagihara that the current zoning was R-5 which allows for family and five unrelated individuals, with the current square footage 3544. Thompson explained to Gavigan that the residents are generally referred from programs such as Hina Mauka. Beatty asked about successes, with Thompson stressing the need for a recovery site, saying that there were successes and the program allows for individuals to reunite with their families. An audience comment was that the operation had been ongoing without informing the community, with loud noises and sex offenders; Thompson said it was her fault but that she had taken action to clean up concerns at the site. Another audience comment was about vulgar language at 2 a.m. and the previous lack of follow up from the home. Another comment was that the CUP requires neighbor notice, which was not given, and that is an indication of lack of respect to the neighbors, with Thompson saying she is trying to hear neighbor concerns. Another comment was that a last meeting was not followed up on, with Thompson saying the meeting had been hostile and she is trying to hear concerns. Chair Yanagihara noted concerns about notice, saying that certified letters were required for permit applications, with Thompson explaining that the application was not filled yet, with construction to bring the house up to code being required first, explaining that the back boundary was built on, with other sides being all right. Several audience questions were asked about the construction, saying no permits were issued, with Thompson saying the City was involved with determining the line and that no permit was needed, either to tear down or to bring it up to code, with the electrical work having been done by a licensed electrician. Thompson said a six foot closed fence was necessary for the permit and agreed that safety was part of her concern. Chair Yanagihara explained to the community that the use of the building by a type of resident is not an issue but they needed to focus on the building permit issues, with the wisdom of the legislature allowing for recovery-users to be welcomed within a neighborhood. He stressed that this meeting does not count for the permit application process since there was not the required notice to the

neighbors. A question was about the proximity of the Habilitat to the site, describing the prohibition of two recovery sites within a thousand feet of each other, with Thompson explaining the Habilitat was surveyed at 1050 feet away, thus being allowed. Chair Yanagihara noted that the Board had cautioned the legislature about a 2005 change in the law, which does not take issue with types of people (drugs, alcohol, unwed mothers or sex offenders), only that the rental unit now provides for a limit of five unrelated people, stressing that the Board had opposed the legislation but the legislature had not agreed. He explained that the types are not the issue, only the building site and density, and stressed to Thompson that a presentation is needed after proper notice has been provided.

Board Attendance Issues – Chair Yanagihara noted that this meeting was Sub-District 11 member DeRego's fifth consecutive absence without explanation, that a registered letter had been sent previously asking for an absence explanation, and that the Neighborhood Plan provided that the Board could declare the seat vacant with three absences. Chair Yanagihara noted DeRego had been hardworking and contributing to the Board but that he had been out of communication. **Beatty moved that the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board declare the Sub-District 11 seat vacant, with Chair Yanagihara stating the motion to declare the seat vacant and declaring it passed unanimously 14-0-0. Aye:** Au, Beatty, Ditch, Flanigan, Gavigan, Ida, Lum, McClellan, Morris, Sager, San Nicholas, Yamashiro-Hironaka, Yanagihara, Zdvoracek.

Member McClelland explained that he was anticipating a possible future home move to another part of Kaneohe and stressed that the Puohala Village (Sub-District 7) was important but that he would like to seek Jefferies' now-vacant At-Large seat. Chair Yanagihara said that McClelland should resign from the Sub-District 7 seat before the next meeting to allow the Board to advertise to fill that seat, with McClelland saying he would resign as of January 14, 2009. Chair Yanagihara explained that the Board therefore anticipated action to fill the three vacant seats at the January 15, 2009 meeting [one each for Kaneohe at-large, sub-district 7 (Puohala Village), and sub-district 11 (Windward City Shopping Center)].

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chair Yanagihara deferred additional reports.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Yanagihara announced the next Agenda Planning & Committees' Meeting to be Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at the Kaneohe Senior Center, the next Regular Meeting to be on Thursday, January 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Windward Community College (anticipated in the Hale Akoakoa Room 103-106) and the next meeting of the Hawaiian Memorial Park Standing Committee on Monday, January 28, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Yanagihara adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by Elwin Spray, Neighborhood Commission Office staff

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Minutes of Agenda Planning Meeting, January 6, 2009, Kaneohe Senior Center, 7:00 pm

Members: Roy Yanagihara, John Flanigan, Bill Sager, Sherrie Au, Glenn Ida Guests: Mr. Au, Elwin Spray

1. Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.
2. Determination of January 15, 2009 Meeting Room: Hale Akoakoa 103-106, Windward Comm.Col.
3. Agenda Items needed:
 - UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 1. Hawaiian Memorial Park Board Resolution – Glenn Ida
 - 2. Board Attendance Issues – Accumulation of Three Absences by Board Member
 - NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. Heeia State Park Lease Renewal – Carol McKlean
 - 2. Proposed Kahuhipa Street parking restrictions
4. Adjournment