



## KAILUA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 31

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### DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2008 KAILUA RECREATION CENTER

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Bryant-Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.; a quorum was present with 17 members present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kalana Best, Richard Bratt, Michele Brooks (7:04), John Brown, Kathy Bryant-Hunter, Jon Chinen, Jim Corcoran, Susan Dowsett, Virginia Enos, Debbi Glanstein, Joe Harding, Knud Lindgard, Chris Porter, Charles Prentiss, Claudine Tomasa, Linda Ure, Ronald Weinberg and Donna Wong.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mike Correa.

**GUESTS:** Maria Gorak (Homeless Animals), Rich and Isabel Figel, Lt. John Cheong (Honolulu Police Department), Lt. Binford Strickland (Marine Corps Base Hawaii), Ricky Bermudez, Tim Roberts, Wilma Boudreau, Sharon MacQuaid, Cathy Weinberg, Stann Reiziss, Janine Tully (Representative Pono Chong's Office staff), Ginger Westerman, Mark Nierode, John Foster (Representative Cynthia Thielen's Office staff), Bob Watts, Joan Cash (Kapa'a Quarry), Vishaka Jokiel, Ian & Leslie Laing, Larry Bartley, Glenn Uyeshiro, Ursula Rutherford, Steve Colon, Richard Hale, Sara Way, Andrew Malahoff (Councilmember Barbara Marshall's Office staff), Senator Jill Tokuda, Ann Chung (Mayor's Representative), Jake Severson, Kevin and Heather Arnett, Barbara Krasniewski (Senator Fred Hemmings' Office staff), and Marie Richardson (Neighborhood Commission Office staff); and about +20 others that did not sign in.

Brooks arrived at 7:04 p.m. (18 members present)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chair Bryant-Hunter explained that there were a number of meeting minutes that were distributed to Board members tonight that have been late in getting out and have not been adopted by the Board. And due to the lateness, she asked whether the Board would like more time to review the minutes and entertained deferring the minutes until member's have had time to review the minutes. **Weinberg moved, Ure seconded to defer the meeting minutes; the motion carried, 14-0-2. Aye:** Bratt, Brooks, Bryant-Hunter, Corcoran, Dowsett, Enos, Glanstein, Harding, Lindgard, Porter, Prentiss, Tomasa, Ure, Weinberg. **Abstain:** Best and Brown.

### AGENCY REPORTS:

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** – Capt. Harold Ogata reported:

- 18 fires – 13 structure and 5 rubbish; and 76 emergencies – 62 medical, 10 search/rescue, and 4 miscellaneous emergencies.
- **Fire Safety Tip – Fire, building, and U.S. postal codes and City ordinances state that property owners shall place their house numbers in such a manner so it is legible and readily visible from the street. This will assist the Honolulu Fire Department and other first responders in locating your house quickly in the event of an emergency.**

There were no questions.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD)** – Lt. John Cheong reported the following:

- Property Crime statistics for January included: 31 burglaries, 53 other property thefts, 67 theft from vehicles, no robberies, and 14 auto/motorcycle thefts. A total of 1,917 cases were reported in January.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Kalapawai Market Incident, remains under investigation.
2. Staffing and Funding for HPD is done by the Chief.



**Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH)** – Lt. Binford Strickland reported the following:

- The 3rd and 2nd Battalion will be coming home by February 12;
- Marine Corp Base Hawaii's Color Guard and Marching Detail will be participating in the Kuhio Day Parade;
- February 20th – activities should stop; Lt. Strickland will email Chair Bryant-Hunter more information.

**Board of Water Supply (BWS)** – The monthly report and calendars were available.

There were no representatives or reports for the Emergency Services Department (EMS) and the Honolulu Liquor Commission (HLC).

**COMMUNITY ISSUES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Guests wishing to speak on items not posted on the agenda were asked to please sign-in at the sign-in table.

Lanikai Association Policy on Cell Phone Antennas –The Lanikai Community Association policy does not support any additional cell phone antennas, buildings or installations for commercial purposes on conservation, preservation, or residential property in Lanikai.

Introduction of HB 2329, Mandatory spaying/neutering of pets – Maria Gorak expressed her gratitude to Representative Waters and Chong for the introduction of HB 2329, mandatory spaying/neutering of pets and Senator Clarence Nishihara for dropping SB 2017 punishing volunteers (Good Samaritans) for feeding homeless/abandoned cats. Homeless/abandoned and feral cats are the most vulnerable and to stop feeding them would be very cruel.

Community and Public Safety Concerns in the Keolu Hills Neighborhood – Kevin and Heather Arnett shared deep concerns regarding the following problems with excessive speeding; unregistered and non-street legal vehicles with modified exhaust systems; including off road motorcycles and cars operating at night with no lights; ongoing drug activities with large numbers of vehicles stopping for short periods at curbside and strong pervasive drug odors throughout the neighborhood; peace disturbances and loud parties in excess of 12 hours and as late 5 a.m., including loud music, drinking and drug use including in the streets. Recent efforts by the police have been observed and appreciated at the intersection of Keolu Drive and Hele Street, on February 2; have quieted the neighborhood. Residents have been targeted, assaulted and harassed and in the last eight days, \$2500 worth of damage done to personal vehicles. Residents are requesting ongoing police presence to maintain the public safety and steps taken to provide a more significant police presence in Keolu Hills, with frequent patrols in an effort to mitigate ongoing illegal activity and public safety concerns.

Chair Bryant-Hunter referred this matter to the Public Health, Public Safety and Civil Defense Committee, Chair Tomasa. She encouraged Residents to attend the next committee meeting on Thursday, February 14, 7 p.m. at Kailua District Park, Multi Purpose Room.

Request for Speed Bumps on Iliaina Street (near Aikahi Fire Station) – Sharon McQuaid shared concerns that while the speed limit is 25 mph zone on Kaneohe Bay Drive, motorists are traveling in excess speeds of 35 – 40 mph. There are students of all ages from Aikahi Elementary School placed at risk, neighbors request speed bumps and will prepare a petition of those neighbors in favor.

Chair Bryant-Hunter referred this matter to the Transportation and Public Works Committee, Chair Prentiss and encouraged residents to attend the TPW Committee meeting the third Thursday, February 21, 7 p.m. at Kailua District Park, Multi Purpose Room.

Comments followed: 1) McQuaid did speak to the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) and they weren't very helpful; therefore a petition is being prepared for this effort. 2) It was suggested the road be measured for narrowness. 3) It was suggested to contact Wayne Yoshioka as there may be a traffic calming moratorium by the City.

Kailuan Co-Op Apartments – Jake Serverson shared that the apartments are being demolished and there are no plans to rebuild. On January 2, Kaneohe Ranch filed a temporary restraining stating the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to have the cesspools closed and the long awaited sewer line was delayed by the City and not anticipated to be completed until March 2008. Residents of the Kailuan are to be evicted on February 15, 2008; and

will close at the residents' expense. Residents have tried to purchase the lease conversion act but the trouble is that at the start of 2004 the intention by the land owner was to develop the property along Kailua Road.

Chair Bryant-Hunter noted that the Board is aware and that the Kailua Neighborhood Board cannot intervene in matters involving a private business. Severson cited HRS 514C which goes to lease condo and co-ops have the first right to refuse.

Comments followed: 1) It was noted the loop hole used was letting the lease run out rather than selling and perhaps that may have been the intention--to sell as a way to circumvent the law. 2) It was noted that the current law is two years beyond the end of the lease and that they have a right of refusal and as other things to be straightened out in legislation. 3) The Board members were reminded they may only advise a government agency in this matter. 4) Severson said the Kailuan residents are appealing. They would like to keep the old building which was built in 1958 and is an important part of the history in Kailua. They have offered more than a million dollars. 5) It was noted that one problem may be the need to obtain a specific type of appraisal.

Chair Bryant-Hunter noted that the board can get involved with legislative approach and strongly voicing concerns such as with SB 3196 relating to HRS 514C2 which relates to the Right of First Refusal. The matter will be referred to the Planning and Zoning Committee, Chair Wong.

Questions followed: 1) if SB 3196 passes, it won't affect the Kailuan; Severson did not believe so but was not certain of that. 2) And whether there are other cases relating to HRS 514C2. Severson noted the Kailuan is the very first case to have come up that the co-op lease has expired, since that action.

Chair Bryant-Hunter encouraged speaking with Severson's group if there are any further questions. Sara Way wanted to add that she really does not want to leave the Windward side and hopeful of not having to live outside of Kailua; having lived here since 1995.

Kapaa Quarry Road Traffic Concerns – Joanie Cash, Kapa'a Quarry Road advocate stated that it's been a year ago, February 15, the fatal car accident involving the young girls who passed away. About two weeks before Christmas, there was another accident of the same kind. The boys did not die and the car did not go over the embankment and the car they hit had no one injured. Cash recently took pictures of Kapaa Quarry Road after the accident happened she called in a complaint to the Mayor. She noted that there are reflectors in place which are good at night and she asked that the Department of Transportation shave the hill; and have yet to do that. Cash gave a timeline since 2002; and this is now 2008, eight fatalities later and only reflectors are in place. It is not a safe hill, the hairpin turn is dangerous and all that's being asked is to shave the road. Cash circulated the pictures she took following the latest accident. In her discussion with Ann Chung, (Mayor's rep), her advice was to bring it back to the Board and get the request in writing.

Chair Bryant-Hunter asked representatives from the Councilmember and Mayor's office and to TPW Committee Chair Prentiss of the Transportation Committee to assist.

Updates regarding B&B's and TVU's – Larry Bartley, member of Save Oahu's Neighborhoods (SON), reported that the Kailua Neighborhood Board was one of the first boards to take any action to oppose Reso 05-187. At the last Planning Commission hearing, the City Council voted unanimously to deny the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP's) version of 05-186 a huge victory to prevent the spread of this types of vacation rental. Two full sessions of about 300 people from all over Oahu testified, point-by-point in detail about what was wrong. The other side was in general supporting 05-187 to license or give permits to B&B's to operate as TVU's later on and by then, which would make them absolutely impossible to enforce.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Dowsett thanked Bartley for his efforts on behalf of Kailua residents. Bartley mentioned some of the testimonies had some brilliant ideas he's never thought of and goes way past what this Board has done; and if the resolution it goes back to City Council, he anticipates a huge turnout.
2. Wong commented on the B&B and TVU issue – a single family home is not necessarily the practice in Hawaii when you live in a single family home renting out a room in your house; Hawaii does not match the universal thinking of a bed and breakfast is and probably why is may confused some people's understanding of why the major opposition to bed & breakfast when ensuring that the activities occurring do not negatively impact the residential community. Bartley noted that once people began to grasp a few of the details that changed everything.

3. Chair Bryant-Hunter added that the Planning Commission like the neighborhood boards are volunteers. They are appointed; serve as a volunteer group of nine member commission. She also extended thanks to the Planning Commission, who deliberated long trying to fully understand the issue.
4. Weinberg asked whether Bryant-Hunter attended the Planning Commission as the board chair or as a citizen; and in reply Chair Bryant-Hunter attended as the Board's chair and gave the position of the Board. Bryant-Hunter noted her testimony was that of what the super majority of the Board. Bartley added that the Board had adopted several consistent positions; and Chair Bryant-Hunter delivered several points the Board had made very clear.

Inhumane Treatment to Animals – Resident Ginger Westerman spoke on behalf of the animals of the State that can not speak on their own behalf. Dogs chained up 24-hours a day; cats in cages so small they can only stand up to turn around. Her goal is to enjoin and initiate stronger a law – where if the dogs and cats have to be in a cage that it's big enough that they can run and not be so confined. She is asking for assistance and guidance with the political aspects and to get peoples input. She noted since she was last at a meeting of the Board she has been in contact with the Hawaiian Humane Society for assistance as well. She was also in contact with Representative Waters' office and was provided information on House Bill 2563 relating to animal cruelty introduced by Representative Barbara Marumoto.

Comments followed:

1. Chair Bryant-Hunter pointed out an earlier issue raised by Maria Gorak regarding HB 2329, spaying / neutering of pets, which might be a vehicle to use as well. Gorak noted that Westerman's issue refers to chained dogs. Bryant-Hunter suggested Representative Waters' office considers combining the two into one bill. Chair Bryant-Hunter asked Westerman to assistance with tracking HB 2329, along with Gorak and Waters, which would probably have the best success if the bill is combined.
2. Government and Community Services Committee will also be tracking HB 2329 and thanked Westerman for her efforts. If this can be done with an existing bill the committee will certainly recommend supporting that and will begin working on language for the next session. Westerman asked why the legislation would only be for dogs when the concern is also of caged cats as well. Glanstein said the committee would be looking at the whole aspect of animal cruelty and whatever language that needs to be put into legislative measure that deals with that issue and whether it has to be limited or general.

#### **ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

**Councilmember Barbara Marshall** – Andrew Malahoff distributed Councilmember Marshall's report with highlights regarding the budget process, capital improvement projects and property tax rates; anyone with ideas for projects should get them in to her offices. The budget cycle begins early March when the Administration must submit a balance budget to council. City Council will have March through May to review the budget.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Bryant-Hunter asked Malahoff to summarize the next steps of how 05-185 and 05-186) move from the Planning Commission back to City Council. Malahoff noted once the Planning Commission makes a recommendation whether it's approved/denied, the recommendation will then go back to Council and Council will then act on those recommendations. If the Planning Commission has recommended the resolution by opposed most amendments would require a super majority of the City Council. Chair Bryant-Hunter asked the timeline. Malahoff will also double check whether the super majority will only be required on the third reading by the full Council.
2. It was asked, in light of the Planning Commission's recent position, would Councilmember Marshall consider withdrawing her co-sponsorship of 05-187; Malahoff will have to get back to the Board on this matter. Why did the Councilmember support or sponsor 05-187 in the first place; Malahoff stated that was before his tenure and will get back to the Board.
3. The Rapid Transit Advisory Committee was before the Council and it appeared most of the council members' gave away their authority on how tax payer's dollars are spent. It was understood that Councilmember Marshall supported it and it would be helpful to understand why it is now alright and the Councilmember has had a change of heart. Malahoff would have to get back to the Board.
4. Councilmember Kobayashi's committee heard Resolution 07-379 regarding the establishment of term limits for neighborhood board members. What were the results and has it been moved forward. What is the Councilmember's opinion on Councilmember Djou's resolution? Malahoff believes it was deferred but he will have to double check. Deferred pending what; is there a date? Was it deferred indefinitely? Malahoff indicated it was deferred pending the discretion of the chair of the committee.

5. Chair Bryant-Hunter asked that the Board's invitation be extended to Councilmember Marshall to attend the meeting.
6. Councilmember's assistance for increased police presence in the Keolu Hills Community and Public Safety issue.
7. Leaking Roof of the Multi-purpose Room; request Councilmember Marshall's help with caring for facilities. Councilmember's monthly report included improvements to Kailua District Park and the gymnasium, including the new roof. Chair Bryant-Hunter noted that the Multi Purpose Room was to be included in improvements to the gymnasium. Malahoff will check if the Multi Purpose Room is included and if it does not, that it be included in the budget.
8. Bartley question relates to 05-187 (relating to B&B/TVU) regarding Malahoff's earlier mention about a super majority vote. Bartley would like to know when that super majority vote has to take place. Malahoff's understanding is that the super majority would only have to take place on the third reading, but he will have to check.

**Mayor's Representative** – Ann Chung (Director, Department of Economic Development) reported on the bus shelters:

Bus Shelters at the intersection of Kalaniana'ole Highway and Auloa Road – regarding the question of why will it be costly to build shelters and what are the issues? The reply is mandatory compliance: all new construction including bus shelters, must meet the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requirements. Since the bus stops are part of Kalaniana'ole Highway, the State Department of Transportation requirements must be met. Issues of compliance for each bus stop are outlined. **Issues of the Kailua Bound Bus Stop:** a) located in the shoulder along Kalaniana'ole Highway, therefore site improvements must meet State Department of Transportation (DOT) approval. b) Located in boundaries of Kawainui Marsh Special Management Area, therefore SMA permits will be required. c) At the end of the cross walk there is a non- ADA compliant curb ramp. d) Near the guardrail, wheelchairs have limited space to pass. e) The area between Kalaniana'ole Highway and Luana Hills directional sign (at Auloa Road) has too much slope to build a bus shelter at the existing stop. f) An accessible path from crosswalk to bus stop must be constructed. **Issues of the Honolulu Bound Bus Stop:** a) Located in shoulder along Kalaniana'ole Highway, therefore site improvements must meet State DOT approval. b) Located in boundaries of Kawainui Marsh Special Management Area therefore SMA permits will be required. c) The area behind the bus stop quickly slopes downward to a low lying area. Improvements, such as a retaining wall, may be required.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Regarding the bus shelter and the mandatory compliance requirements set by the State DOT need further checking with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) for the Special Management Area permit (SMAP) requirements as, the same requirements were not implemented when the dirt and rocks were dumped at the old ITT property at the entrance to Kailua without those permits.
2. It was noted that the bus shelter constructed at Upper Auloa Road may have originally been intended for Lower Auloa Road instead; the feasibility study did not consider a smaller shelter to protect people from the rain while the stop is in the rain-shadow of Konahuinui. Many residents including students (K-12 and University), seniors, and the disabled bus patrons in Maunawili Valley would use those bus stops if a bus shelters were provided while they now have to add travel time by going to the Olomana/Castle Medical Center bus stops for shelter. The Maunawili Community Association and the KNB have requested these shelters from the City Administration and the District 3 councilmember repeatedly since 1997. It has been placed in the budget twice, while the feasibility study was not shared with this Board or the community association until a few months ago. The previous City Administration coined "distinctive shelters" for the smaller rain-sun protections. The Maunawili Community and the Board still want bus stop shelters at Lower Auloa Road.
3. There are fallen-over signs and cinder block debris at Kailua Beach Park that need addressing; and b) request for a follow-up about an 11 year old special needs boy who got lost some months back and information as to whether the vacation unit was a permitted vacation rental. Information such as the address and Tax Map Key (TMK) could not be ascertained except through HPD and they are unable to release that information for issues of privacy concerning a minor. It is hoped that information could be provided by HPD to DPP for liability concerns.
4. Chair Bryant-Hunter asked Chung to touch bases with residents of Keolu Hills regarding speeding, vandalism, drug activity, property damage and harassment that have been ongoing for some time now. The residents have contacted HPD numerous times, formed a community security watch but the negative activity has gotten worse, and residents are afraid for their physical safety; b) Joanie Cash regarding unsafe road conditions on Kapaa Quarry Road, and Sharon McQuaid regarding speeding issues on Iliaina

Street. Both concerned residents have been in contact with DTS and both having had negative experiences in not getting any, or enough, information from DTS. The Board has also been having trouble with getting information from DTS and this is not customer friendly to get responses, information and assistance.

5. Chung noted that DTS has a newly appointed Director and some improvements at Kapaa Quarry Road such as, restriping of the road and installing reflectors had been done. Bryant-Hunter wants the Mayor to know that changing directors should not slow the process, the transition should be smooth. Chung explained Kailua's concerns have been conveyed directly to the Mayor.
6. How quickly could there be a bus stop shelter at Maunawili as money does not seem to be the issue for the City.

**Governor's Representative** – Dr. Barrett highlighted the following: 1) Joanie Cash addressed Kapaa Quarry Road to State Department of Transportation (DOT) for their responsibility. 2) In January, the Governor delivered her sixth State of the State Address. Barrett highlighted: a) purchase of the 850-acre Turtle Bay property on Oahu's North Shore to be kept as public land and preserving Hawaii's lifestyle. b) The State DOT's Airport Division has plans to develop large solar power arrays at 12 governmental sites across the state. The project has the potential to reduce Hawaii's needs for imported oil by 130,000 barrels per year and generate enough power to supply about 9,000 homes annually. c) Gov. Lingle and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Assistant Secretary of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Alexander Karsner, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative, a long-term partnership designed to accelerate the transformation of Hawaii into clean energy resources. 3) Dr. Barrett thanked Dr. Wasserman for his assistance at the last board meeting.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Is it true that the State surplus is between \$1 and \$1.5 million? Will the State prepare an impact study on the presence of gates with and without access to the beach in Kailua in light of the view that Emergency Medical Services are limited in their response by the gates and how many people may die as a result? Dr. Barrett agreed that's an excellent point, also having something to do with signs so that beach goers will know where they are located if they need to call for assistance. The State does purchase, through the County EMS services, for the whole island. Dr. Barrett will follow up.
2. As the existing permit of Waimanalo Gulch Landfill-Leeward expires in less than 90-days and it is currently with the State Land Use Commission (LUC) and the State Department of Health (DOH) whether to grant an extension for the permit, or not and there's been no mention by the Governor concerning this important issue. This is a major issue and the Governor needs to be involved.
3. Will the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) give a shoreline management permit. Dr. Barrett will get that answer before next week.

Chair Bryant-Hunter encouraged everyone to take a copy of the Board Members and Elected Officials telephone and contact information available at the sign-in table.

**Senator Jill Tokuda** – Senator Tokuda distributed her report and highlighted the following: 1) an overview of: SB2910 District 24 Capital Improvement Bill which identified over \$16.6 million in CIP needs for schools. Top priorities for the Kailua area included: a) the design and construction a new library, renovate existing library for student study center/computer lab, design and construct a natural science classroom and research lab building at Kailua High School; b) covered walkway from library to main corridor at Enchanted Lake Elementary School; covered walkway to connect the classrooms, cafeteria, and admin building at Kaelepulu Elementary School; c) crosswalk on Kalaniana'ole Hwy fronting Olomana School; d) and still working Kawai Nui Marsh Restoration project. 2) SB2774 – School Recycling, a bill written by a Kalaheo High School student Emily Valdez, to appropriate funds to create a task force to conduct a study on comprehensive recycling options. 3) SB2397 – Special Purpose Revenue Bonds for Castle Medical Center for building, remodeling and rebuilding existing health care facilities and purchase new equipment; 4) Thanks to everyone who attended the two Town Hall meetings at Kailua and Castle High Schools. The meetings were well attended by Windward Residents who raised a number of issues. 5) Senator Tokuda's 2008 ACE Intern is Bradley Keliinoini. He is a senior at Castle High School and is particularly interested in following student resolutions and education bills.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Senator Tokuda was praised for the Town Hall meeting at Kailua High School which was very productive. Will the Senator comment on the idea from the Town Hall meeting regarding term limits for of Board of Education members? Senator Tokuda added it was a good discussion and that she would want that Board of Education Members have the background, expertise and qualifications to make the important decisions they are responsible for. Term limits could be part of that discussion. Her main priority is for the Board

Members to have a deep understanding of the school system and its students (Senator Tokuda is the Vice Chair of the Education Committee).

2. Glanstein noted that area Representatives and Senators were sent a packet from this Board asking for the funding for retrofitting of Kailua schools used as emergency shelters so they would be able to withstand hurricane force winds. She wanted to personally express appreciation on behalf of all board members for this important and necessary funding. It is not known yet whether the Governor has a position or comments regarding this important issue however the progress will be monitored by this board.
3. Wong inquired the changes to SB3206, Kawai Nui Marsh. Senator Tokuda noted that amendments were added to that bill for the creation of Kawai Nui Marsh Advisory Council to review and assist in updating the Kawai Nui Marsh Master Plan.
4. As to the State surplus the Senator expressed being aware that the surplus being returned to taxpayers is not looking good. As to the matter regarding the gates and lack of access to beaches by EMS or residents is very important and not to be taken lightly.

**Representative Pono Chong** – Jannie Tully distributed Representative Chong's report and highlighted that this session, the Representative's priorities are to address: 1) school renovations, modernizations, upgrading and investing in new equipment, textbooks, supplies and focusing for more academic services (HB 2597 School Modernization Act of 2008 addresses these needs). 2) Continued efforts to support renewable energy in public facilities. 3) Continued efforts to solve the water quality issues of Kaelepulu Stream (two bills to address appropriation of funding to improve the water quality issue in those areas). 4) The Kawai Nui Marsh bill passed the Finance Committee.

Glanstein was glad to hear that there is some movement on the traffic signal light at the intersection of Ulupii Street and Kalaniana'ole Highway. This was an effort which was a longtime coming for the parents and students of Maunawili Elementary School, who will be happy for the safety at that very dangerous intersection. Also, congratulations to Representative Chong for his appointment as Vice Speaker of the House.

**Representative Cynthia Thielen** – John Foster distributed Representative Thielen's report and briefly noted that this was a very busy week for Representative Thielen whose been advocating wave energy technology in Hawaiian waters for many years and is looking to get Hawaii's first commercial scale of wave energy and generating more than 2.7 mega watts of power (enough power for about 2000 homes).

Concerning the proliferation of gates blocking the access of Kailua Beach and whether the Representative would be supportive of having these gates removed, Foster believes the Representative's last position was that if there was no chance of getting the gates removed that hopefully the people with private gates would unlock the gates during the daytime hours to allow for community access and EMS.

**Senator Fred Hemmings** – Senator Hemmings' report was distributed. Barbara Krasniewski highlighted: 1) the reintroduction of his Senate resolution calling for a comprehensive audit of the entire Department of Education. 2) SB3182, relating to extended term sentencing for criminal offenders who commit a crime against someone who tries to intervene on behalf of the victim (Good Samaritan). 3) HB1512, HD1 relating to public meetings, was deferred and will pass out of the Intergovernmental and Military Affairs committee on Monday; and 4) he also wanted to pass on to the community that due to reduced federal funding, the unemployment insurance office and workforce office in Kaneohe will be closing in April.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Wong asked if Senator Hemmings will be introducing a Carrying Capacity bill and if not is he going to introduce a resolution? Krasniewski noted that the Senator did not introduce a bill again this year but there is still time to reintroduce a resolution and she will mention it to the Senator.
2. Glanstein asked whether Krasniewski was certain regarding HB1512 that it was essentially stuck and whether the suggestion was that HD1 is a done deal. Krasniewski clarified it was already heard by the committee and that it was deferred because some of the language was being changed. Glanstein was concerned that it was deferred twice; however, Krasniewski noted it was only deferred because they were coming up with some language and in fact, not deferred. Glanstein noted having some history on the issue. Krasniewski said it will have an SD1 and Senator Hemmings strongly supports it and so does the Committee Chair Inouye.

**U.S. Congresswoman Mazie Hirono** – Josh Wisch, a former board member, recently joined Congresswoman Mazie Hirono's Office and did not have a report tonight but hopes to attend the Kailua Neighborhood Board

meetings whenever possible representing the Congresswoman for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District. Wisch will take back any questions from the Board and community.

Weinberg congratulated Wisch and shared a message that there are people in this district somewhat concerned of being under represented and perhaps a heightened awareness that the Kailua area does exist. Wisch assured the Board that Congresswoman Hirono is very aware of Kailua and is working hard to know what's going on in this and every other neighborhood area in the 42nd Congressional District. There are plans to have a representative attend next month with a schedule and bringing the board regular updates.

The representative was present earlier for Representative Waters but had to leave; a report was available.

#### **PRESENTATIONS & COMMUNITY PROJECTS:**

**Castle Medical Center Wireless Antenna** – Chair Bryant-Hunter announced that she received an email from Les Young requesting to be rescheduled for a later board meeting.

**Ironwoods Project Update** – Bob Bruehl of DR Horton Homes presented an update on the Ironwoods at Kailua project. Highlights included the following (copies were distributed): 1) Existing building management – tenants have vacated the buildings on the property since 2006-2007 and through September 20, 2007; the transition has been orderly and less than two dozen apartments were vacated in September. Security has been in place since September and to knowledge, there has been no issue beyond graffiti, trespassing minors and skateboarders. 2) Cesspool Cleanup – There were 80 large capacity cesspools subject to the EPA closure mandate that had to be capped and closed according to Federal EPA and State Department of Health guidelines. Closures were managed for the Kailua Arms, Coral, Kailua Palms, and Windward Apartments. The ground lessee for the Town & Country managed its own closures; and all work was completed and approved before the December 31, 2007 EPA deadline. 3) Demolition – preparation and property cleanup has started. The first buildings will come down in about two to three weeks and demolition will be completed by April. The Contractor is Northwest Demolition and Dismantling. 4) Ironwoods at Kailua – There are 153 total units in six buildings planned between Michael's Liquors and Aoloa Street. One-, two-, and three-bedroom plans are to be offered ranging from approximately 800 to 1,800 square feet. Buildings are planned to be perpendicular to Kailua Road and face each other to create three large open courtyards within the property. The first floor of each building will be parking and the top three floors are planned to have residential units. All homes will be single-story condominium units. An artist's conceptual rendering of a building's design can be found on the website [www.drhortonhawaii.com](http://www.drhortonhawaii.com). 5) Kailua Road Improvements – Along Ironwoods frontage, Kailua Road is currently planned to be improved with a new regional drainage line, (sidewalk on our side), bike lanes and a median turn lane to service the district park. The single-family residences on the Lanikai-side of the park and Ironwoods are hoped to move the overhead utility lines underground. The new drain line collecting water along Kailua Road is planned to outlet to a filtration system and percolation field to be put in place underneath the district park's parking lot, which will be completely repaved. Three landscaped and irrigated areas totaling about 130 linear feet are currently planned to appear in the new median turn lane in the Kailua Road. DRHorton will assume irrigation costs and maintenance responsibility for these areas. 6) Forward Schedule – Civil and architectural planning for the new buildings are ongoing and it is hoped to start construction work this summer; and begin vertical construction for the first building by year-end. The first owner's will take possession about a year after that and the building construction is estimated to be complete 2010-2011. 7) Other-Miscellaneous – The Ironwoods buildings are a registered applicant for certification under the USGBC's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) green building rating system. The landscaping, certain trees, shrubs and construction debris have been salvaged by Habilidadat, KGCA, interested Kailua residents and others. And have also been able to arrange a training day on-site for the HPD (SWAT) in January.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. The approximate price range is for the one-, two-, and three-bedroom units? Bruehl said the expected prices of the unit are probably inline with what you see in Kailua today – from as low as \$400,000 to as high as \$700,000 to \$800,000 range.
2. The presentation mentioned there would be bike lane, sidewalk and underground utilities and she asked who would pay for that.
3. There will be a fire sprinkler system in this newly constructed building, but aside from that, what value is going to be added to the community for the construction of this project? Bruehl stated, in his opinion, it would be appropriate to develop something that fits in with Kailua.
4. Are there any plans for the property further down (Waimanalo side) next to the Kailuan. Bruehl noted there are two vacant buildings and two that are not, but other than demolishing the two vacant buildings, there is nothing concrete at this time. The issue begs the question why people are being forced to leave when there

are no plans except to demolish the buildings and leave the lot vacant. Bruehl added that ground leases have been extended for two buildings that are on sewer; the other two buildings were on cesspools and need to be closed. The leases have been extended for rolling six-month terms.

5. Considering the year in which the original buildings were built raises concerns of hazardous chemicals when demolished that will be in the dust and other nauseous substances released into the air. Would other chemicals besides DDT, BCB and EDT be involved that surrounding neighbors should be concerned?. Bruehl replied they too are concerned. There will be a team monitoring the air while the demolishing is ongoing and an environmental firm that will be testing the ground and they are working with an experienced contractor that has dealt with all the materials discussed and are engaged in a process that is extraordinarily common in taking down buildings that were built a longtime. They will make sure that they are in complete compliance with DOH (Department of Health) and federal guidelines.
6. Will any of these units be available as fractional share sales? Bruehl responded that the zoning would not allow that and their company does not sell fractional shares. It was noted that fractional share sales are showing up in Kailua (60 days per share). Bruehl would be shocked because it's a different use in an apartment zoned area and their declaration would prohibit fractional share as well.
7. Are there any plans to sell affordable housing units? Bruehl said while it's true that the property does not have an affordable housing requirement. From the company's experience, there needs to be a strong economic base and from this perspective does not make affordable housing feasible.
8. Bartley was concerned about the view plain of the Ko'olau and wondered if the buildings would have central air conditioning on the tops of the buildings. Bruehl said it would be split air conditioning in each unit.

Chair Bryant-Hunter noted that extra copies of Bruehl's presentation were available at the sign-in table. Should there be any further questions; Bruehl's contact information is available on the handout or by calling him at 521-5661 or visiting the website at [www.drhortonhawaii.com](http://www.drhortonhawaii.com).

Harding departed at 9:30 p.m., 17 members were present.

#### **BOARD ACTIONS:**

**Government & Community Services Committee:** Committee Chair Chinen introduced the motion: **The KNB oppose City Council Resolution 07-379 which seeks to establish Neighborhood Boardmember Term limits because: 1) it limits participation, 2) it fails to address vacancies, 3) undermines subdistrict representation, and 4) impacts 2009 Neighborhood Board elections and all subsequent Neighborhood Board elections.**

Discussion followed: **1)** Chinen explained that should Resolution 07-379 pass City Council, it will go to the voters in the 2008 general election and creating term limits for the neighborhood board system. Under the terms of the resolution, a board member will serve four consecutive two-year terms (total of eight years). When looking at the resolution in committee, several flaws were found such as: a) what happens to all board members who are serving after 2009 when the resolution passes; will the clock be reset on all board member terms and will the terms of service be reset to zero; and will all board members be given four two-year terms or will all board members, currently in excess of eight years, be automatically dismissed from the board. b) Also, should the resolution pass, what happens to the sub districts where representation is already at a minimum or where it's always been only that one dedicated board member serving and does that one dedicated board member be automatically dismissed because of the passing of this resolution. Chinen urges the Board's support of this motion. **2)** Prentiss spoke in favor of the motion. For example, City Council has term limits – and the nine Council members represents close to a million people on this island, so it's not real hard to find nine people. The problem would be finding 444 people to serve on neighborhood boards, so having term limits for neighborhood board members would make it that much harder to fill those seats. **3)** Wong added that KNB members volunteer their time and have to care about their community to spend countless hours studying and researching materials. Neighborhood board members are different from other elected officials who are monetarily compensated and make law and authorize taxpayer money being spent. NB members are an advisory body, close to the community, and the people in the community who should decide who best represents them. **4)** Corcoran suggested Honolulu Hale would be pleased to have term limits on certain members of certain boards and thinks that may be what is behind this resolution. He supports the motion. **5)** Glanstein suggested this resolution does not truthfully address some of the consistent problems of participation that only a few boards may have. The solution is to encourage participation and not to discourage it. If this resolution passes, it will go to electorate to vote it up or down but there would be a loss of institutional memory of those persons who served for a long time and have the

knowledge and experience. **6)** Brooks spoke against the motion. Those who have more than eight years should recuse themselves from voting on this issue because they have a vested interest and a pre-conceived bias against the resolution. This Board has had some serious problems and complaints for some of its long time members. **7)** Brown contended that everyone here was elected and has the right to vote on any issue brought before this Board. **8)** Ure made two points – a) if this motion were to pass and impose term limits, this Board would lose eight to eleven members immediately and the Board's institutional memory. A show of hands of members who have been elected for eight years would emphasize the unfairness to Kailua to lose the resource of our kupuna and for those people who have been elected all these years because they very much care about their community. b) Our elected officials have with a salary as do their paid staff. If you take just the number of hours that our board members spend in just regular and committee meetings and compute it based on the Board budget annually, members would get about a dollar per meeting. However, that budget is spent on keeping the public informed. She supports the motion. **9)** Best supports the motion. Anybody at anytime could put their name on the ballot, so implementing term limits does not keep anyone from running or neighbors from electing them. City Council should listen to the people and what they have to say. **10)** Wong said Board members are not appointed to be on the neighborhood board but are elected from and by our community. Anybody can run from the district, so it's not automatic. Chair Bryant-Hunter relinquished the gavel to Vice Chair Prentiss to participate in the discussion. **11)** Bryant-Hunter said she was in favor of term limits when she was first elected to the Board because she thought it was a good idea until the last Board election. It never occurred to her that there would be single issue candidates running only on that particular issue. What concerns her about term limits is that you could create a situation where there would be single issue candidates running every couple years to focus only single issues. The merit of people willing to serve more than a couple years do it because they have a broad range and an interest in their community. This Board needs to be mindful that this is one of the communities that has seriously contested cases in its elections every two years, whereas, some boards struggle to get active participation. Across the neighborhood board spectrum, citizen participation should be encouraged. Prentiss requested the vote by a roll call of members; **the motion was ADOPTED, 16-1-0. Aye:** Best, Bratt, Brown, Bryant-Hunter, Chinen, Corcoran, Dowsett, Enos, Glanstein, Lindgard, Porter, Prentiss, Tomasa, Weinberg, Ure, Wong. **Nay:** Brooks.

Prentiss returned the gavel to Chair Bryant-Hunter.

Chinen thanked board members for their support and insight and introduced Motion 2: **The KNB opposes City Council Resolution 07-330 as written which makes substantial changes to the Section 14 relating to neighborhood boards, neighborhood commission and the neighborhood commission office.**

Discussion followed: **1)** Chinen explained that this resolution will make changes to the City Charter concerning the neighborhood boards. The most disturbing change is in paragraph eight of the resolution which states, "There shall be a neighborhood board system in the City and County of Honolulu to increase and assure citizen participation in decisions of government...neighborhood board system shall be utilized by city officials, departments and city participating programs." When looking at this clause, the committee found two disturbing facts that the City Council, by passing this resolution, would be able to dictate how many districts there are going to be on this island (as seen in the papers, the formation of a new neighborhood board on the Waianae Coast by splitting the Waianae Neighborhood Board into Waianae and Nanakuli); but then the last sentence of this clause is the most disturbing because it could be interpreted to say that neighborhood boards can only advise the city government--no federal, no state--just the City. Chinen urged members to vote in favor of this motion. **2)** Weinberg agreed with the remarks made and the motion is good but what the resolution is proposing is not. It's unfortunate that the City is not willing to provide the vast resources and to give the Boards enough flexibility. He favors the motion. By a show of hands, **the motion was ADOPTED by unanimous consent, 17-0-0. Aye:** Best, Bratt, Brooks, Brown, Bryant-Hunter, Chinen, Corcoran, Dowsett, Enos, Glanstein, Lindgard, Porter, Prentiss, Tomasa, Weinberg, Ure, Wong.

Chinen introduced motion 3 to **Form a Permitted Interaction Group related to Charter Amendments and any City Council Resolutions initiating amendments to the City Charter, as relates to Neighborhood Boards. Recommended for appointment: Jon Chinen, Chair; members: Debbi Glanstein and Linda Ure.**

Discussion followed: Chair Bryant-Hunter explained that members would be voting on the formation of the permitted interaction group as it relates to the Charter Amendments. If the motion carries, the recommended appointments of members would be Chinen, Glanstein and Ure, unless there are other interested persons. No other discussion followed. **The motion was ADOPTED by unanimous consent,**

**17-0-0. Aye:** Best, Bratt, Brooks, Brown, Bryant-Hunter, Chinen, Corcoran, Dowsett, Enos, Glanstein, Lindgard, Porter, Prentiss, Tomasa, Weinberg, Ure, Wong. **Members appointed were:** Jon Chinen, Chair and members: Glanstein and Ure.

In light of what was heard earlier regarding HB1512, Chair Bryant-Hunter entertained consideration to take **Motion 4** back to committee; Chinen agreed.

**Planning and Zoning Committee:** Committee Chair Donna Wong introduced Motion 5: **The KNB supports the recommendations in the October 2007 Audit of City's Management of Unilateral Agreements in Affordable Housing.** Wong passed out her summary of the October 2007 Audit of the City's Management of Unilateral Agreements in Affordable Housing to Board members for review. No discussion followed. By a show of hands, **the motion was ADOPTED by unanimous consent, 17-0-0. Aye:** Best, Bratt, Brooks, Brown, Bryant-Hunter, Chinen, Corcoran, Dowsett, Enos, Glanstein, Lindgard, Porter, Prentiss, Tomasa, Weinberg, Ure, Wong.

**Parks and Recreation Committee:** Committee member Best introduced **Motion 6: In light of the greater number of crimes in Kailua occurring at Kailua Beach Park--including the increase in commercial operations, parking violations and unleashed dogs--and their impact on residents and visitors alike, the KNB requests the HPD to maintain a dedicated police presence at Kailua Beach to deter crime at the beach, in the park and in the parking lots.**

Discussion followed: **1)** Best reported over the last few months, HPD has been indirectly asked to monitor Kailua Beach but in the agency reports it was told that it was not really warranted and that policing was sufficient. But given the number of phone calls, the committee felt this was really critical. The area is widely visited by many Kailua and other residents. When you drive in/out of the park you can see a number of commercial vehicles and illegal activities throughout the day. **2)** Enos gets regular phone calls from neighbors regarding illegal activities on the beach, with dogs, etc and all she can tell them is to call HPD. Most callers are reluctant to call because they don't want to tear HPD away from other more important things; however it is getting to where we really need police presence for the safety of the public on public grounds. **3)** Lindgard agreed however he pointed out that if we don't give HPD the extra resources there will be absolutely no affect; and what we should be asking for is additional personnel and manpower. He suggested amending the motion to ask for an increase of personnel and the manpower element. **4)** Ure said when looking at previous motions passed through this Board for the resource dollars at both the state and city level, it can be combined should this motion pass this evening. Recall the grant writing proposal brought before this Board to do surveillance at Kailua Beach Park because of an extremely high crime count of 700 calls per year. Unfortunately, when the Board asked for dedicated police presence (whether it be one or two officers on each shift,) to address abandoned cars and vehicle break-ins in the park, adding drug activity on the beach and at the boat ramp and at the old pavilion, then there are a number of other things that harm not only our residents but our visitors, including the unleashed dogs. By a roll call **the motion was ADOPTED, 16-0-1. Aye:** Best, Bratt, Brooks, Brown, Bryant-Hunter, Chinen, Corcoran, Dowsett, Enos, Glanstein, Porter, Prentiss, Tomasa, Weinberg, Ure and Wong. **Abstain:** Lindgard.

**Non-committee motion:** Chuck Prentiss noted this is the second time this resolution is coming before the Board and gave the Board a copy of the resolution. Chair Bryant-Hunter noted that this is a Non-Committee motion, a first and second to the motion is necessary.

**Prentiss moved, Brown/Enos seconded the motion to support the Property Tax Resolution.**

**RESOLUTION  
Kailua Neighborhood Board  
Property Tax Cut Proposal**

**Whereas,** Honolulu residential property taxes have doubled since 2003, and  
**Whereas,** the property tax on homes and apartments ignores the fact that the market value of a person's home gives little or no indication of how much a person can afford to pay for city services, and  
**Whereas,** the principle of tax fairness is seriously violated by taxing people on the market value of their home regardless of their ability to pay, and  
**Whereas,** the most regressive tax is one which uses the value of person's home to determine tax amount without determining ability to pay, and  
**Whereas,** dollar exemptions given to residential properties have not kept pace with rapid increases in assessments, and

**Whereas**, no way has been found to provide exemptions for renters even though exemptions are given to resident owners, and

**Whereas**, assessed values of properties have been routinely inaccurate evidenced by numerous appeals that have been upheld, and

**Whereas**, senior citizens, in other states, have had to give up their family home because of the amount of property tax, and

**Whereas**, the high level of property tax makes housing less affordable, and

**Whereas**, unlike other states and cities, Honolulu City and County is in a unique position because of its geography, and because a small change in the much less regressive GET tax will yield the same revenue as the residential property tax, and

**Whereas**, current State and County data show that the residential and apartment property tax classification can be completely replaced by an increase of only one (1) point in the existing General Excise Tax (GET) rate on Oahu, bringing the rate to 5.5%, and

**Whereas**, the GET is a much broader based tax; tourists pay 38% of it while they pay little property tax, and

**Whereas**, as an example, residents now paying \$3,000 in annual property tax, who spend \$40,000 per year subject to GET, may instead expect to pay only about \$400 in additional GET, a major tax cut of \$2,600, and

**Whereas**, substituting the GET will not only eliminate the property tax on homes and apartments, but is revenue neutral so that it will provide the City and County the same revenue it will collect in the coming budget year (based upon the 2007 tax rate of \$3.29, and \$200 rebate), and

**Whereas**, tax relief for renters should be provided by requiring landlords to pass the property tax decrease on to renters for a minimum of five years, and

**Whereas**, businesses and the economy would also benefit from the new spending power of all Oahu residents,

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Kailua Neighborhood Board requests that the legislature of the State of Hawaii introduce and adopt a bill that will permit the City and County of Honolulu to collect an increase in the General Excise Tax if it is used only as a substitute to completely replace the property tax on residential and apartment properties, and

**Be It Further Resolved** that this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, the Mayor of Honolulu, the Honolulu City Council, and all the other Neighborhood Boards on Oahu.

Discussion followed: **1)** Prentiss noted this resolution was addressed at the last meeting in December. The resolution before the Board tonight is essentially the same except there is one change which he will discuss. For a number of reasons the resolution is much more appropriate than it has been in the past. Since our last meeting, some have received new assessments, and it's true that some have found it a little less than last year or down by only 2.7%; and not seemingly much of a decrease considering it doubled since 2003. He also cited an article which essentially notes that there's no relief in sight. If your assessment went down then it's going to increase the rate, so nothing is being done about the property tax problem. The State Department of Taxation have updated that with the 2007 tax collections for the general excise tax, the State received an increase of nearly 8% which is the average over the past 10 years. Considering that increase and the numbers the State came up with, you would have increase the general excise tax by 1.06 points to do away completely with the property tax on the homes and apartments. **2)** Weinberg spoke against the motion saying it's an outrageous motion for many reasons that there will be consequences far beyond property tax and general excise tax. The first consequence will essentially force the poorer people living in tents in Waianae to subsidize the rich people who are in Japan with large second homes, absentee owners who will buy vast amounts of property and not be a resident here and will never pay a penny of the general excise tax. But the poorer person who will go into 7-Eleven to buy a bag of chips will be subsidizing a man who rides his limo in Kahala and points out the houses that he wants to buy. Then they'll rent these houses out and the whole sense of community will be destroyed. Or, these houses will just sit empty for while creating a situation that is going to be difficult, hard and different from what you will expect. Weinberg personally does not trust these calculations. **3)** Corcoran opposed the motion. There will be ramifications far beyond. **4)** Brown when he first heard about it did not support the motion. Nothing else is being done. And yes, September 11 was bad on the economy and Desert Storm was bad but we have always managed to recover. He would like everyone to support the motion. **5)** Lindgard will oppose the motion. **6)** Glanstein questioned Mr. Prentiss – has any measure been introduced this session to address this issue? Prentiss indicated that there were some questions concerning the matter from the Chamber of Commerce, HGEA, new car dealerships, but didn't see anything that could be answered from those questions. Glanstein suggested the Board keep this issue alive. There are certain parts that need re-working but she will support it to keep it alive. By a show

of hands, **the motion was NOT adopted, 9-7-1. Aye:** Bratt, Brooks, Brown, Bryant-Hunter, Chinen, Enos, Glanstein, Prentiss, Tomasa. **Nay:** Best, Corcoran, Dowsett, Lindgard, Porter, Weinberg, Ure. **Abstain:** Wong. Prentiss asked if Ms. Wong would reconsider; Wong said she could not.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Chair Bryant-Hunter asked to take the agenda out of order, under the Executive Committee, item 2 – Appointment of new Treasurer.

#### **Executive Committee:**

Appointment of new a Board Treasurer – Chair Bryant-Hunter mentioned that Ure currently serves as Secretary/Treasurer. Her duty as the Board secretary is quite significant and Ure has requested that someone else serve as treasurer, so she can focus exclusively on secretarial duties. The duty entails getting the Board's budget report from the NCO staff and keeping track of the Board's expenses. Chair Bryant-Hunter reminded that the term cycle does not end in June but goes to July of this year. Susan Dowsett stepped forward and was appointed to fill the Treasurer's position; Ure will give Dowsett an overview of the duties.

The agenda resumed order to Committee Reports.

**Civilian-Military Council** – Jim Corcoran reported: 1) Col. Dugan is the new Commander of Kaneohe Marine Corps Base Hawaii; 2) the Civilian-Military Council elected John Mangi, President for the coming year and Master Gunnery Sergeant Bob Talmadge as Vice President.

#### **Permitted Interaction Groups:**

Enforcement of B&B and TVUs – Chair Bryant-Hunter announced that an earlier update on the Planning Commission's decision was given.

Neighborhood Plan MMVIII – Chinen is still waiting for the Neighborhood Plan MMVIII to surface from the Neighborhood Commission.

Questions and comments followed: 1) Wong asked where these resolutions and questions concerning the Neighborhood Plan the Neighborhood Board System are coming from? Glanstein explained that the motion dealing with the neighborhood board Term Limits is coming from the City Council. The last Neighborhood Commission meeting was at Kapolei and no one from this Board attended. But in speaking with Tom Heinrich, Glanstein was informed that he attended and will be preparing a memorandum to report to the Manoa Neighborhood Board, who met last night. Heinrich will provide Glanstein with a copy of that memorandum for information. Glanstein noted currently the Revised Neighborhood Plan, 1998 Edition (brown book), the Neighborhood Plan 2006, and Corporation Counsel's Revision 2007 are the discussion at the Neighborhood Commission. Wong's question is not a part of the Neighborhood Plan at this time. Whether these resolutions being put forth by the City Council will even match the revised plan or whether will the plan will immediately have to be amended remains to be seen. 2) Ure added that the City Council resolutions that were introduced were prior to the audit report on the Neighborhood Board System and prior to the completion of the public hearings for the Neighborhood Plan, by the Neighborhood Commission. The city Council Resolutions are separate and whether they are in the plan, we'll have to wait and see. 3) Glanstein stated there is one exception – Resolution 07-379 calling for term limits was a recommendation by the Council Task Force prior to the final report and subsequent to the City Council resolution.

Members Enos, Dowsett and Weinberg left at 10:00 p.m.; 14 members present.

**Sustainability & Environment Committee:** There was no quorum in January 2008; the next meeting is the second Tuesday, February 12, 2008, 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

**Public Health, Public Safety & Civil Defense Committee:** There was no meeting in January 2008; the next meeting is the second Thursday, February 14, 2008, 7:00-9:00 pm.

**Government & Community Services Committee:** Chair Jon Chinen reported the Committee addressed: 1) taking up the task of Animal Cruelty and Chained Dog Legislation (Ginger Westerman). 2) Legislative bills relating to Sunshine Law and the movements of HB1512, HB2730; 2006 supplements and 2007 amendments update to the City Charter. The Committee will keep track of those bills. Glanstein highlighted SB2201, SD1 – she spoke with

staff and the League of Women Voters regarding a clear definition of neighborhood boards. 3) The next committee meeting is the third **Saturday, February 16, 2008 at 10:00 am at Zippys Kailua.**

**Parks & Recreation Committee:** Co-Chair Kalana Best highlighted that the Committee continues to look at the beach issues: a) the life guard station at Kalama Beach Park was denied by Mayor Hanneman. She strongly urged participation n the third **Tuesday, February 19, 2008, Kalama Beach Park, 7:00-9:00 pm.**

**Planning, Zoning & Environmental Committee** – Committee Chair Donna Wong highlighted: 1) The Hamakua Triangle Wetland in that Kaneohe Ranch was fined \$68,000 for illegal filling of the wetland. 2) The Wilson Care Home, the pre-application was not accepted by the Department of Planning and Permitting due to the lack of information; the application will be resubmitted. 3) The Waimanalo Gulch Landfill-Leeward awaits the State Land Use Commission to schedule the request for consideration of an extension from the City; it will be an important issue. Wong added that items a) through e) will be carried over to the next agenda. 4) **The next PZ&E Committee meeting is the third Tuesday, February 19, 2008, Kalama Beach Park, 7-9:00 p.m.**

**Transportation & Public Works Committee** – Committee Chair Chuck Prentiss reported that the Committee received a letter from the Department of Transportation Services on the Board's motion and investigations have concluded the need for site inspections regarding the speeding on Hamakua Drive (incidentally, there has been another accident). The bus shelter issue has been discussed this evening with the Mayor's representative. **The next Committee meeting is the third Thursday: February 21, 2008, 7—9:00 p.m., Kailua District Park – Multi Purpose Room.**

**Executive Committee** – Chair Bryant-Hunter announced the following: 1) Reminder to Committee Chairs' that agenda items are due February 24, 2008 to the Chair and Secretary. 2) The Sustainability Committee has asked to recess beginning in March until the Committee gets information from the City that the Ko'olaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan's process begins; then that Committee will begin meeting again.

Discussion followed: Regarding the Sustainable Communities Committee, Wong asked if there is going to be a recess that she would like to ask everyone take a look at the development plan and be prepared for what will happen as it is a daunting task. Wong also asked if the Board would allow purchase of copies of the Plan for board members. Board members who do not have a copy should contact the Chair and Ure noted there is also an electronic version. Ure noted that the Sustainable and Environmental Committees could be folded in together with PZ&E committee to discuss the development plan.

Brown departed at 10:12 p.m. 13 members were present.

3) The Conference of Chairs has been proposed by the NCO and is something that the Board would want to examine. 4) Chair Bryant-Hunter and Ure are working with the NCO on the way the mail lists is currently purged and are hoping to make progress and report back soon. 5) At the Committee of the Whole meeting there were suggestions of ways to broaden input into the board process; and under the Executive Committee meeting decided on an idea of Community Forums, similar to the town meetings that Senator Tokuda and Representative Chong held at Kailua High School. The Executive Committee would like to proposed that the Board hold four forums a year; not on a neighborhood board or committee night. This forum would be hosted in March, would be sun shined, no minute taking but an opportunity for community members to come and dialogue and board members to listen. She was not certain of the procedures, but is open to input. **Glanstein moved, Best seconded to have a community forum in March. The motion was ADOPTED unanimously, 13-0-0. Aye:** Best, Bratt, Brooks, Bryant-Hunter, Chinen, Corcoran, Glanstein, Lindgard, Porter, Prentiss, Tomasa, Ure and Wong. **The next Executive Committee meeting is Tuesday, February 26, 2008 8:30 a.m. Agnes' Bakery- Kailua.**

In response to Glanstein question regarding who will be the next NA replacing Richardson, Chair Bryant-Hunter had a discussion with the NCO and it has yet to be decided by the NCO.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Without any objections, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Marie Richardson, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:  
Linda C Ure, Board Secretary