



## KAILUA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 31

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Charles Prentiss called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m., with a quorum of **15 members present**. Note – This 19-member Board requires 10 votes to adopt a motion or have quorum.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kalana Best, Richard Bratt, Michele Brooks, Kathy Bryant-Hunter, Jon Chinen, Jim Corcoran, Michael Correa (left from 8:24 to 8:46 p.m.), Virginia Enos, Debbi Glanstein, Joe Harding (left at 8:00 p.m.), Knud Lindgard, Christian Porter (arrived at 7:11 p.m.), Charles Prentiss, Claudine Tomasa, Ronald Weinberg, Donna Wong.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jason Bradshaw, John Brown, Linda Ure.

**VACANCIES:** There are no vacancies on this Board.

**GUESTS:** Capt. H. Ogata (Honolulu Fire Department); Lt. D. Eber (Honolulu Police Department); Lt. B. Strickland (Marine Corps Base Hawaii); Suzanne Jones (City Department of Environmental Services – City Recycling Coordinator); Dr. Morgan Barrett (Governor Linda Lingle's representative – State Department of Health); Bill Gallo (Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Senior Management Official); Senator Jill Tokuda; John Foster (Representative Cynthia Thielen's Office); Amy Luke (Representative Tommy Waters' Office); Ann Chung (Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative – Director of the City Office of Economic Development); Wayne Cazimero, Noela Napoleon, Pohai Ryan (Rediscover Kailua Event); Andrew Malahoff (Council Chair Barbara Marshall's Office); Maria T. Gorak (Homeless Animals); Tim McKeague (Lanikai Association Board of Directors); Ben Mon, Michael Smith (Lanikai Volleyball); Brenda Lee, Stanford Lee, Wena Tsai (Little Learners Preschool); Tinkle Malama (Paradise Films); Larry Bartley, Mary Blomgren, Rick Blomgren, Jhon Carey, Susan Cummings, Joanne Flannery, Joe Gilman, John Gollner, Henry L. Gonsalves, Quentin Kawanakoa, Chris Lee, Cora Murabayashi, Leigh Prentiss, Stann Reiziss, Rev Rick, Don Secor, Hapi Smith, Vera Trapp, Glenn Uyeshiro; Rachel M. Glanstein (Neighborhood Commission Office).

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**July 3, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes – The July 3, 2008 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED AS CORRECTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT (15-0-0) (Aye: Best, Bratt, Brooks, Bryant-Hunter, Chinen, Corcoran, Correa, Enos, Glanstein, Harding, Lindgard, Prentiss, Tomasa, Weinberg, Wong), with the following corrections:**

- \* Page 5 – Elected Officials – Governor Linda Lingle – Questions... – item no. 1 – title – strike out "Center" and insert "Centers" between "Federal" and "for Disease".
- \* Page 7 – Elected Officials – Mayor Mufi Hannemann – Questions... – item no. 8 – insert "North" before the two instances of "Kalaheo Drive".
- \* Page 8 – Elected Officials – Council Chair Barbara Marshall – item no. 1 – last line – insert "30," between "September" and "2008".
- \* Page 8 – Board Actions – Public Health... – item no. 2 – first line – strike out "Tomas" and insert "Tomasa" after the title.
- \* Page 13 – Committee Reports – Government and... – item no. 2(a) – strike out "\$412,000" and insert "\$12,000" after "office supplies".
- \* Page 13 – Committee Reports – Executive Committee – Treasurer's Report – item (a) – strike out "\$412,000" and insert "\$12,000" after "office supplies".



AGENCY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Capt. H. Ogata provided the following information:

- 1) July 2008 Statistics – There were 8 structure, 1 wildland, 5 rubbish, and 0 vehicle fires; there were 74 medical emergencies, 8 search/rescues, and 3 miscellaneous calls.
- 2) Fire Safety Tip – Some fires are allowed under State and City regulations; however, most fires investigated are unauthorized. If a fire is unauthorized, the Fire Captain will require that the fire be extinguished. If the fire is authorized, the Captain must determine if the fire is safe and properly contained, and not a nuisance to others. For more information, call HFD's Fire Communication Center at 523-4411.

Porter arrived at 7:11 p.m.; **16 members present.**

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. D. Eber distributed the report and highlighted the following information:

- 1) Annual Comparison January to July 2007 and 2008 (2007/2008) – Overall, there was a 28% decrease in crime from January to July 2008 as compared to 2007.
- 2) July 2008 Statistics – There were 3 aggravated assault, 11 simple assault, 5 auto theft recovery, 25 burglary, 5 counterfeit/forgery, 5 drugs/narcotics, 19 DUI (driving under the influence), 6 fraud, 6 graffiti, 1 homicide, 17 ICF/SCF (injured cared for/sick cared for), 4 ID theft, 10 motor vehicle theft, 2 missing person, 2 missing person cancelled, 25 property damage, 85 MVA (motor vehicle accident), 8 order violation, 1 rape, 2 robbery, 9 runaway, 7 runaway cancelled, 63 theft, 10 threatening, 45 UEMV (unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle), and 21 warrant arrest cases.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Beach Closure Hours – A couple enjoying dinner on Aikahi Beach after 10:00 p.m. was told to leave by HPD officers, which wasn't correct. Kailua Beach Park closes at 10:00 p.m., but the beaches themselves don't close. It was suggested to speak with an HPD supervisor if this occurs again.
- 2) Speeding Complaints and Enforcement – There was previously a significant speeding enforcement effort in the 15 mile per hour (MPH) area between Buzz's Original Steakhouse and Kalapawai Market, but the effort seems to have stopped. HPD receives many speeding complaints, and so they concentrate on one area of concern until the speeding has slowed, and then move on to the next area. An area of concern is on Auloa Road between Maunawili Road and Kalaniana'ole Highway.
- 3) Noise Complaints – Beat 459 handles the highest number of noise complaints, specifically party-related; the criteria for noise complaints was requested. HPD officers don't carry decibel level meters; therefore, the responding officer determines what's "reasonable", which greatly depends on the time of the complaint.
- 4) Auto-Related Crime – There was a significant 30% decrease in crime, compared to the same time period last year, and the majority of decreases were auto-related. Several individuals involved in auto-related crimes were arrested at the beginning of 2008 and held; charging criteria for these crimes have changed.
- 5) Maunawili Motorcycles – There are many motorcycles causing a nuisance in the Maunawili area. By the time officers arrive, the motorcyclists have left the area; in these types of cases, most citations for excessive noise occur when officers happen upon the motorcyclists themselves.
- 6) Cell Phone Use While Driving – The legislature discussed making cell phone use while driving illegal, but no laws dealing with the issue were created.
- 7) HPD Staffing – Kailua officers seem spread a little thin across the area they must cover. A total of 13 officers will be leaving; however, 17 new officers will be coming in, so the total coverage will increase.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) – Lt. B. Strickland conveyed the following information:

- 1) MCBH Air Field Hours of Operation – In July 2008, the hours of operation for the MCBH air field are Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to midnight, Friday 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday and holidays, closed.
- 2) Noise Advisory – Gun salute practice will be conducted on Friday, August 15, 2008, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in preparation for next week's Change of Command ceremony for Lt. Gen. J. F. Goodman, Commanding General, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific. The 12th Marine Regiment will do the salute.
- 3) Deployments – The 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment is currently in Iraq and will return this summer. The 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment is currently in California for training and will deploy to Iraq this summer.
- 4) Changes of Command – Two changes of command are anticipated: (a) August 22, 2008, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, Passage of Command; and (b) August 29, 2008, MCBH.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Chair Prentiss reported the following information from the BWS:

Main Breaks – There were three main breaks in July 2008: (a) an eight-inch water main installed in 1959 broke at 622 Wanaao Road on July 9, 2008; (b) an eight-inch water main installed in 1963 broke at 1342 Aloha Oe Drive on July 9, 2008; and (c) an eight-inch water main installed in 1959 broke at 636 Wanaao Road on July 10, 2008.

#### PRESENTATIONS:

Recycling Program for Kailua – Suzanne Jones, the City Recycling Coordinator of the City Department of Environmental Services (ENV), circulated handouts and gave the following presentation:

- 1) Background – The purpose of the residential curbside recycling program is to divert waste away from the landfill. Eventually, every residence currently receiving automated refuse pickup will be given three bins: (a) a gray bin for refuse; (b) a green bin for green waste; and (c) a blue bin for recyclables. The pickup of recyclables will be integrated into the current pickup cycle, providing one day per week to pick up refuse, and one day per week to alternate pickups between green waste and recyclables. The program is not mandatory at this point. The program is no more expensive to run than the current program but there are startup costs. The project cost is over \$20 million for the new bins, spread out over a 10 year lifespan.
- 2) Pilot Program Results – The pilot programs started in November 2007 in Hawaii Kai and Mililani, and were very successful (both well-received and cost-efficient). The pilots were the same in Hawaii Kai and Mililani, except that Mililani residents were offered the opportunity to pay \$10 per month to increase the refuse pickups back to two times per week. Less than 5% of households in Mililani wanted to pay for the extra service, and the Hawaii Kai program outperformed the Mililani program. In both pilot programs, 90% of participants reported success and there were a minimal amount of requests for extra bins (less than 4% required additional blue or green bins, and less than 2% required additional gray bins). Less than 4% of the recyclables recovered were unacceptable. Regarding green waste pickup, residents were asked to avoid using plastic bags for green waste, and many plastic bags were eliminated. The pilots realized a 54% recovery rate of recyclables and green waste (approximately 27,000 tons of recyclables and 48,000 tons of green waste); it's reasonable to assume that the recovery rate will increase to 70% (35,000 tons of recyclables and 60,000 tons of green waste). A significant 98% of participants stated that they were "on board" with the program. Based upon these results, the Hawaii Kai pilot program will be expanded to the entire island. The program provided an excellent push to recycle, since people were then required to sort their waste so that they wouldn't need the extra refuse pickup.
- 3) Program Start for Kailua – The new blue recycling bins will be delivered in September 2008, and the program will begin the week of November 3, 2008. The current collection days will be maintained as much as possible. During the two-month transition period, refuse will continue to be collected two times per week. ENV wants to provide good customer service during this transition period. After the holidays, starting January 12, 2009, the second refuse pickup will be eliminated. Additional bins may be requested.
- 4) Next Phases of Program – The next phase of the program will add 39,000 homes (24,000 in East Honolulu, 12,000 in Kailua, and 3,000 on the North Shore). Every six months, ENV will add approximately another 40,000 homes to the program.

- 5) Contact Information – For more information, go to [www.opala.org](http://www.opala.org) and/or call Suzanne Jones at 768-3200.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Implementation Specifics – The new bins will include attached instructions; one month into the transition period, there will be a mailing to remind residents of the curbside recycling procedures.
- 2) Previous Program – The previous attempt at instituting a recycling program in Kailua failed because it was too expensive, since it still included two refuse pickups per week, instead of one (like the new program).
- 3) Bin Monitors – There will be an Opala Team wearing orange shirts present at 5:00 a.m. (on garbage and/or random days) to check container contents and their packaging. Notices (called "Opala-gies") will be left about what should be in the bins. This monitoring will mainly be emphasized for the residences that request an extra gray bin for refuse to make sure that people are not putting recyclables into the gray bins.
- 4) Manual Pickup Areas – Any areas that do not have automated refuse pickup (narrow streets, beach accesses, etc.), which include approximately 20,000 households total, will not yet be included in the curbside recycling program, since it uses the automated pickup trucks. ENV is currently looking at eventually converting the manual pickup areas to a semi-automated system for refuse collection, which would use the same truck, only retrofitted with a flipper, so less workers would be required for its operation.
- 5) Bin Refusal – Some residents use certain waste for composting and do not want or need the extra bins. However, it's difficult to give the delivery crews certain address to not deliver to; therefore, once the bins are distributed, those who don't want them may call ENV to pick up any unwanted bins.
- 6) Destination of Recyclables – The recyclable materials go to the Hawaiian Earth Products' facility, the Kapaa Quarry, and to RRR Recycling Services in Campbell Industrial Park. Green waste is used here in Hawaii, along with some recyclable glass material; however, paper, aluminum and other plastics are all shipped off-island for use. It was suggested to use recyclables to make benches, and other similar items.
- 7) Recyclable Items – Only corrugated cardboard may currently be recycled in the program, so cereal box cardboard is not accepted. Most of people's recyclables are made of plastic.
- 8) Community Support of Curbside Recycling – Over 70% of registered voters agreed with the charter amendment to okay a curbside recycling plan for Oahu. Furthermore, after the charter amendment was adopted, the recycling plan went to the communities for public input and presentations were also made at Neighborhood Board (NB) meetings. After the pilot programs finished, more community meetings were held to receive public input.
- 9) City's Fiscal Responsibility – The City can't afford to pay residents in the curbside recycling program five cents per beverage container, nor can the City afford to add the recycling pickup and keep refuse collection at two times per week. The City has a responsibility to taxpayers to prudently manage City finances. The new overall collection system is designed to not cost any more than the previous system; there are lower tip fees for green waste and lower costs to process recyclables versus refuse. So the cost of the system will remain the same, while services are added, and waste is reduced.
- 10) Oversight of Money – It was clarified that the HI-5 program only provides the five-cent refund on beverage containers, and there's no requirement that residents only use the blue bins to recycle their beverage containers. The blue recycling bin merely makes recycling more convenient. The City is credited five cents per beverage container received through curbside recycling, which reduces the cost of the program. If the HI-5 program were eliminated, then hotels, bars, restaurants, etc., probably wouldn't recycle. Questions were raised about the monitoring of beverage containers and the associated HI-5 refunds to insure that the City receives all of the refunds applicable to those recyclables.
- 11) Impact on Schools – Concerns were raised about possible decreases in school donations through their recycling bins. In the pilot program areas, there was some reduction in the use of school bins, but they were still used. Residents are welcome to use their blue bins to store their recyclables until they can take it to a school or community recycling bin. Schools receive money based on the amount of materials in their recycling bins. The new March 2008 contract increased the schools' recycling revenue to three times the value of the recyclables, except that they will still receive the same five cents each for beverage containers.

Harding departed at 8:00 p.m., during the above discussion; **15 members present.**

- 12) Community Recycling Bins – Community recycling bins will still be maintained. The City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is currently testing two types of recycling bins, and will place more bins at beach parks, and like areas, when the final type of bin is chosen. The only method successful at safeguarding recycling bins so far is welding bars to block theft.
- 13) Storage of Bins – Although the space required to store the extra blue bin is minimal, a resident emphasized his lack of space and asked if the bins could then be stored on the curbs. However, City ordinances require the bins to be placed on the curbs only on collection days. The resident felt that he should be compensated for storing the blue bin on his property.
- 14) Recycling by Commercial Entities – There is currently a recycling deposit program for retailers, but requiring them to participate is difficult. There was an attempt to make recycling mandatory for retailers with at least a certain amount of space, but it failed in the legislature.
- 15) Light Bulb Disposal – Questions were raised on how to properly dispose of compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) light bulbs. Although CFLs contain mercury, it is a small amount, and ENV recommends that people wrap the bulbs in a plastic bag and place in the gray refuse bin. Guidelines from the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) do not restrict residential households on the disposal of small amounts of hazardous waste; however, there are restrictions on commercial entities. Also, there are new programs to recycle CFLs; one program is administered by Home Depot.

**The agenda item relating to the Little Learners Preschool (under the Planning, Zoning and Environment committee report) was taken up at this time, without objection.**

Correa departed at 8:24 p.m., during the below discussion; **14 members present.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS [1]:

Planning, Zoning and Environment Committee (PZE) [1] – Stanford Lee introduced Brenda Lee and Wena Tsai and reiterated their plan to open the Little Learners Preschool at 160 Mookua Street. The preschool would involve approximately 25 children and two teachers. No new buildings need to be built on site; they can use a classroom in the existing building. Discussion ensued:

- 1) PZE Comments – PZE Chair Wong distributed a handout, and noted that representatives from the preschool attended the July Board meeting, along with the last PZE meeting. She continued to state that she could see no reason for the Board to oppose the permit application.
- 2) Reason for Permit – PZE Chair Wong supplied that a permit is required for the preschool because preschools are not allowed in residential areas without a Conditional Use Permit (CUP).
- 3) Outside of NB Scope – Weinberg inquired about the Board's position on the qualifications of those running the preschool. Chair Prentiss explained that the issue of teacher qualifications is out of the scope of the Board. PZE Chair Wong added that the Board may respond regarding the applications for permits.
- 4) Residential Neighbors – Best noted that there is only a 15-foot gap between the preschool campus and residences and asked if any comments were received from these residential neighbors. Ms. Tsai answered that they went door-to-door and the neighbors seemed very supportive of the preschool; however, none of these favorable comments are in writing.

**Wong moved, and Weinberg seconded, that the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 support granting the Conditional Use Permit Minor for the Little Learners Preschool, which was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 14-0-0 (Aye: Best, Bratt, Brooks, Bryant-Hunter, Chinen, Corcoran, Enos, Glanstein, Lindgard, Porter, Prentiss, Tomasa, Weinberg, Wong).**

COMMUNITY ISSUES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kaiolena Drive Parking Issues – Concerns were raised about the Board approving more parking restrictions on Kaiolena Drive. Chair Prentiss explained that the only motion adopted by the Board regarding parking on Kaiolena Drive related to replacing current signs and making sure they are facing in the correct direction, not adding any additional signs; the other motion, which would have extended the parking restrictions, failed. Residents mentioned the history of the signs prohibiting parking during certain hours, which involved the community's desire to prevent drug use at the park there. A suggestion was made to make Kaiolena Drive a one-way street. Motorists parking on Kaiolena Drive have become more polite and legal with their parking since police have begun ticketing in certain areas (i.e., the bike lane). Another view expressed was that any parking along Kaiolena Drive causes safety concerns, since emergency vehicles have trouble navigating the narrow street; there have been many parking citations, and some residents feel that the police should be doing more important duties. Concerned residents were invited to attend the next Transportation and Public Works Committee (TPW) meeting on the third Thursday, August 21, 2008, at the Kailua District Park Multi-Purpose Room at 7:00 p.m.

Coqui Frogs – Any sighting of Coqui frogs should be reported immediately to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA). Coqui frogs chirp very loudly, and chirping becomes louder the more of them that appear. More clarification is needed on how these frogs are spreading. Coqui frogs are also prey for rats and mongooses, which increase the numbers of those rodents. See [www.hear.org/coqui](http://www.hear.org/coqui) for more information.

#### COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH:

Government and Community Services Committee (GCS) – GCS Chair Chinen and GCS member Glanstein provided updates on the following agenda items:

- 1) Waihole/Waikane Valley – Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for Kahuku Village – On June 30, 2008, the Koolauloa NB No. 28 held a special meeting to discuss the draft EA for Waihole/Waikane Valley. This item will remain in the committee for now.
- 2) Neighborhood Plan MMVII – The draft Revised Neighborhood Plan (RNP), the document that governs NBs, is being reviewed by the City's Corporation Counsel (COR). Following COR's review, the RNP will be transmitted to the City Clerk and then to Mayor Mufi Hannemann for his signature. Once the process is complete, there will be a different set of rules and procedures for NBs; this project has been 10 years in the making.
- 3) Neighborhood Commission (NC) Report – Several issues were raised at the last NC meeting which gave rise to the motion to come up later in the meeting.
- 4) Medical Waste Disposal – Appreciation was expressed to the State Department of Health (DOH) for information given. There are still additional questions about the use of the landfill for infectious waste, and the committee will continue to monitor this item.
- 5) Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) – Kailua Public Schools and Emergency Shelters – A measure was introduced in the U.S. Congress to provide federal funding for emergency shelters; the committee will continue to monitor the item.
- 6) Proposed Legislation 2009 – The committee is looking into proposed legislation regarding the following topics: (a) chained dogs and animal cruelty; (b) group homes; (c) noise ordinance – by jurisdiction; (d) pedestrian safety; (e) CIP – Kailua public schools and emergency shelters; (f) Constitutional Convention; (g) Homeless Coalition (Oahu); and (h) medical waste disposal.
- 7) Next GCS Meeting – The next GCS meeting will be held on the third Saturday, August 16, 2008, 10:00 a.m. at Zippy's Kailua.

Correa returned at 8:46 p.m., during the above report; **15 members present.**

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS:

U.S. Congresswoman Mazie Hirono (Quarterly) – A representative was present at the July 2008 meeting.

Governor Linda Lingle's Representative – Dr. Morgan Barrett circulated Gov. Lingle's NB Update and relayed the following information:

- 1) Exposed Pipes Between Valleys – No answer has yet been received about the reported pipes running along the bottom of hillsides between valleys, specifically on the Pali Highway before Auloa Road.
- 2) Senate Bill 2646 (SB 2646) – Gov. Lingle had some concerns about SB 2646, relating to providing incentives and protections to establish and sustain viable agricultural operations on important agricultural lands and for the designation of important agricultural lands on public lands, but the measure did pass without her signature.
- 3) Kailua Beach Park Erosion – The migration of sand from Kailua Beach Park to North Kalaheo Avenue on the Kaneohe side is being monitored. Erosion can be a long process, and is affected by the tradewinds. The erosion is being studied to see if it's episodic (meaning that the sand will return at a regular interval). The recommendation from the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to the City was to dredge the depository area and replace the sand. DOH does have concerns about the cleanliness of the sand to be moved, but the replacement is necessary.
- 4) Medical Waste Disposal – The Hawaii Administrative Rules relating to medical waste disposal minimize the risk of infectious waste reaching the landfill; this item will be monitored.
- 5) Women's Health Bill – Gov. Lingle's veto of the Women's Health Bill was overridden.
- 6) Lead Shot in Sand – There is lead shot in the sand, which poses a risk only if the lead is ingested; however, the State does want to remove the lead. The State would like to present information on possible mediation of this problem to the Board.
- 7) Coqui Frogs – Dr. Barrett echoed Enos' concerns about Coqui frogs, and added that their chirping is deafening in parts of Hilo.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Lead Shot – Warnings on sacks of lead shot state clearly to keep away from children. Concerns were expressed about families with children who live nearby. Dr. Barrett will try to arrange for a toxicologist to study the families who live nearby.
- 2) Coqui Frogs – The Board brought up the Coqui frog issue to Gov. Lingle five years ago; it's requested that the State come up with a solution to prevent the frogs from taking over Oahu. Appreciation was expressed for Dr. Barrett's cooperation and dedication. Coqui frogs have been spotted in Waimanalo; so far, the only preventative measure taken was to inspect plants bought in Waimanalo. It was suggested to spray plants with pesticides because the detriment of killing some plants far outweighs the detriment of having Coqui frogs multiply. Preventing the spread of Coqui frogs is a quality of life issue. Another recommendation was to use coffee (caffeine) or lime to eliminate Coqui frogs, which was discussed on the Big Island.

Dr. Barrett introduced Bill Gallo, the Senior Management Official for the Federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC), who lives in Hawaii full-time and represents Hawaii to the CDC. Mr. Gallo reported the following information:

- 1) Personal Information – Mr. Gallo understands where to go to find answers to questions raised. He lives and works here full-time, is looking for a home to purchase, and his children are attending Kailua Intermediate School and Kalaheo High School.
- 2) Hawaii's Importance to the CDC – The CDC has only 12 officials to cover 50 states, which shows Hawaii's importance to the CDC, given that Mr. Gallo was assigned exclusively to Hawaii. Hawaii's geographical location is very important to disease control and prevention. It's fortunate that the CDC is able to work closely with the State Department of Defense (DOD), the University of Hawaii (UH), and DOH. One of Mr. Gallo's goals is to successfully address public health issues.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Goals – The entire health program needs to be studied, including items such as ground cleanup, etc. Mr. Gallo plans to connect people in Hawaii with people in Atlanta, serving as a liaison. CDC does provide some funding to accomplish these goals.

- 2) Mr. Gallo's Background – Mr. Gallo is not a medical doctor, and so hasn't seen any patients.
- 3) Hawaii's Medical Workforce – Mr. Gallo does feel that Hawaii needs more physicians. The key issues in this region are workforce development and the interaction of the workforce with the medical providers.
- 4) UH School of Public Health – In 1999, the UH School of Public Health lost its accreditation and has yet to get it back; it was suggested that Mr. Gallo include this reinstatement as part of his mission, since the school and its accreditation are very important to the Pacific Rim. There is a CDC timeline spanning several years to reinstate accreditation. Mr. Gallo encourages CDC support for public health programs.
- 5) CDC's Authority and Access to Information – The CDC does not have ultimate authority over the lab sites researching infectious diseases. Networking with those in Atlanta will provide more information to Hawaii.
- 6) Response Plan – The CDC emphasized the importance of having a response plan in the past few years, and Hawaii has developed an excellent program. There are two CDC representatives assigned to the DOH to prepare this program. Mr. Gallo related his experience with anthrax in New York in 2001, and noted that preparedness ability across the nation has increased exponentially in the past five to 10 years.
- 7) CDC Response – No response was ever received from the CDC before this point. It was pointed out that there aren't always enough people available to respond to concerns; for example, the large CDC quarantine station at the airport has a staff of only seven people.

Senator Fred Hemmings – No representative present.

Senator Jill Tokuda – Sen. Tokuda highlighted the following items:

- 1) Using Beaches and Public Lands – Regarding holding other events on beaches that fall under the wedding regulations, any gathering with at least 25 attendees requires a permit. Call 587-0433 for more information.
- 2) Inadequate Water Pressure – There are some areas that don't have adequate water pressure, as mandated by ordinance. Sen. Tokuda will continue to work with BWS to follow the issue, ongoing since 1997. The lack of adequate water pressure can be a safety concern if there's a fire.
- 3) Windward Town Meeting – There was a Windward Town Meeting held on August 6, 2008, at Windward Community College; topics discussed during the two-hour session included education and speeding.
- 4) Pedestrian Safety – A number pedestrian safety activities were conducted recently to remind everyone that school is back in session.
- 5) Proposed Legislation 2009 – Regarding the Board's proposed legislation for 2009, Sen. Tokuda requested that some members meet with her and other legislators to discuss the issues, sooner rather than later.
- 6) Coqui Frogs – Concern was expressed over the possible spread of Coqui frogs.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Use of Public Lands – DLNR is now enforcing the existing regulations related to the use of public lands for events. Sen. Tokuda would discuss the issue further before she would support repealing these regulations.
- 2) Coqui Frogs – There was a request for DOA to increase their awareness of coqui frogs and their problems; more education is needed for the public on this issue. Concern was raised that there are no inspection requirements for plants transported between islands; in fact, the Coqui frogs were brought to Hawaii from the Caribbean. It was suggested that complete inspection of items transported between islands is required. The legislature did override Gov. Lingle's veto of House Bill 2843 (HB 2843) related to inspection; a system will need to be implemented to carry out this new inspection law.
- 3) Kawai Nui Marsh Ownership – The ownership of Kawai Nui Marsh is a complicated issue involving multiple jurisdictions (private, City, and State properties). The parcel in question is in the process of being transferred from the City to the State.

- 4) Next Board Meeting – Mr. Gallo is unable to attend the next Board meeting, since his wife is due to give birth in exactly one month.

Representative Pono Chong; Rep. Cynthia Thielen – The reports were available.

Representative Tommy Waters – Amy Luke distributed the report and announced that Rep. Waters will be available until the next election, but he will be unable to introduce new legislation, since he's not running for reelection.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Newsletter Compliments – Compliments were offered about Rep. Waters' newsletter.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative – Ann Chung circulated the Mayor's Newsletter, and introduced representatives from the Rediscover Kailua Sunset in the Park event, Wayne Cazimero, Noela Napoleon, and Pohai Ryan. The following information regarding the event was imparted:

- 1) Rediscover Kailua Sunset in the Park – The Rediscover Kailua event is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, September 13 and 14, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. each day.
- 2) Groundwork – The City approved the proposal to host this event, and now the project is starting to lay groundwork in the community. The event is still somewhat in the planning phase. DPR is on board with the project.
- 3) Coordination – The event will involve many attendees; the two previous events had an estimated 25,000 to 30,000 attendees. Officer Sonny Kanoho will coordinate the event security and is mapping the security plan. Issues related to parking, access, and field traffic are being discussed.
- 4) Vendors – There are vendor applications online at [www.rediscoverkailua.webs.com](http://www.rediscoverkailua.webs.com).
- 5) Movies – The movies have not been selected yet, although they will family-friendly.
- 6) Football Games – In addition, there will be Pop Warner football games during this event, with four games on Saturday, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and three games on Sunday, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Ms. Chung then offered the following responses to last month's questions:

- 1) Kailua Library Sidewalks – The City executed a construction contract with the Grace Pacific Corporation for the Rehabilitation of Streets, Unit 46, which includes the reconstruction of the sidewalks fronting the Kailua Library. The City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) hopes to start construction on these sidewalks before the end of 2008 or sometime early in 2009.
- 2) Kainui Drive Crosswalks – The original Kainui Drive crosswalk evaluation by the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) found no need for a crosswalk. However, it was suggested that DTS may not be factoring in schools when they're in session. DTS responded that pedestrian counts will be retaken after September when all schools are back in session. DTS will report back by November 2008.
- 3) North Kalaheo Avenue Lack of Sidewalks – There are currently five public access right-of-way entrances to the beach along North Kalaheo Avenue. All five public beach entrances were located at or within 200 feet from an intersection. As requested by Council Chair Barbara Marshall, DTS will conduct an investigation to determine if marked crosswalks are justified along North Kalaheo Avenue at Kailuana Place and Kai One Place, and report back at the November 2008 meeting.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Pro Rail Ads Paid for by Taxpayers – Opposition to the City ads supporting rail being paid for by taxpayers was conveyed. Corcoran indicated that he would request the issue come before the next GCS meeting if Mayor Hannemann does not withdraw the ad. Ms. Chung noted the City's responsibility to inform the public about a project of this magnitude.

- 2) Rediscover Kailua Sunset in the Park – Concerns were raised relating to: (a) the event is only one month away, and the community needs more information; (b) parking issues and if there will be shuttles; (c) the lack of communication to the public about the event and its effects; and (d) addressing the displacement of soccer events when the area parks are already overextended. Ms. Chung responded that the event is for the whole community, and there were some conflicts that had to be resolved; options will be made available for the displaced soccer events.
- 3) Curbside Recycling – Regarding the curbside recycling program, ENV has oversight over the program. Ms. Chung will follow up on what entity will be keeping track of the money received for recyclables. It was suggested that the City consider looking at keeping more recyclable materials for its own use.

Council Chair Barbara Marshall – Andrew Malahoff distributed the report and explained the following points:

- 1) North Kalaheo Avenue Crosswalk Requests – Regarding the request for crosswalks on North Kalaheo Avenue, Council Chair Marshall ensured that the pedestrian counts will be done during peak traffic hours.
- 2) Transit-Related Charter Amendments – There are currently five proposals to create a public transit authority to direct the system and three proposals to amend the duties of the Director of DTS. Council has to forward all proposed charter amendments to Mayor Hannemann by the week of August 20, 2008.
- 3) Real Property Tax Credit Forms – Forms to request a credit on real property tax are due September 30, 2008; homeowners must reapply every year for this credit.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Transit-Related Charter Amendments – It's difficult for the average person to follow the various forms of the proposed transit-related charter amendments. The floor draft introduced by Council Chair Marshall gives the most authority, including control over condemnation, to the Council; another draft allows the Council only the power to reject proposals. Both Resolutions 07-90 and 08-166, relating to transit, are poised for third reading before the full Council.

Chair Prentiss recognized Chris Lee and Leigh Prentiss, candidates for the State legislature and City Council.

#### BOARD ACTIONS:

Planning, Zoning and Environment Committee (PZE) –

**Motion:** **PZE Chair Wong moved, on behalf of the PZE, that the Kailua Neighborhood Board requests that the State Department of Health Clean Water Branch trace the path of wastewater after it leaves Aikahi Wastewater Treatment Plant outfall one mile off shore to determine various chemical levels and wastewater's effect on the marine ecology of Kailua Bay.** PZE Chair Wong circulated a handout setting forth the rationale for the motion. Discussion ensued:

- 1) Origin of Motion – This motion was brought to the PZE from a resident who lives on Kailua Bay.
- 2) Study of Kailua Bay Water Conditions – A frequent user of Kailua Bay visually studied the water quality conditions directly in front of and adjacent to Kalama Beach Park on or about July 13 to 15, 2008. Weather and surf conditions during the time period involved very little to no trade winds. The temperature was in the high 80's, with clear skies and mildly undulating surf with infrequent waves. The water appeared to be yellowish-green with moderate visibility from the surface to the sand below. There was a layer of scum on the surface and a nutrient odor emanating from the water. Water disturbed by recreational users created yellowish/brownish bubbles, and sudsy foam along the shoreline. There was also occasional flotsam resembling feces on the shoreline. Three dead birds, several dead fish, and a large dead green sea turtle were found on the beach near, or in the water line. On July 16, 2008, the trade winds returned and the water quality by all appearances (except for excessive amounts of limu) returned to "normal".
- 3) Support – Corcoran recounted his support for the motion. Lindgard, also in favor, remarked that the rationale may need another look, since fresh water, most likely originating from the canal, will float on salt water. Wong specified that the area referred to was only in front of Kalama Beach Park. Weinberg noted his support of the motion, but added that the Clean Water Branch should already be studying this issue.

The motion that the Kailua Neighborhood Board requests that the State Department of Health Clean Water Branch trace the path of wastewater after it leaves Aikahi Wastewater Treatment Plant outfall one mile off shore to determine various chemical levels and wastewater's effect on the marine ecology of Kailua Bay was **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 15-0-0 (Aye: Best, Bratt, Brooks, Bryant-Hunter, Chinen, Corcoran, Correa, Enos, Glanstein, Lindgard, Porter, Prentiss, Tomasa, Weinberg, Wong).**

Non-Committee Motions –

Motion: Chinen moved, and Glanstein seconded, that the Kailua Neighborhood Board reject the implementation of any election system with doubtful security and few assurances of increasing participation and further, that this action be transmitted to all O'ahu neighborhood board chairpersons. Chinen distributed a handout containing information on ballots cast in the last NB election, and other related electronic voting issues. Discussion ensued:

- 1) Online Voting Only in Next NB Election – Chinen stated that the discussion to use only online voting for the next NB election caught many NB members off-guard. He continued to convey that it's possible the RNP may have to be revised to accommodate these new election methods.
- 2) States' Views on Electronic Voting – Chinen pointed out that there is movement across the nation to return to paper ballot voting unless the electronic voting system prints out a paper ballot.
- 3) Cost of Online Voting Software – Glanstein reported that a great deal of money was awarded to the software company that handled the last election's inclusion of online voting.
- 4) Voter Turnout – Glanstein mentioned that in 2007, the voter turnout in the NB election decreased to 19% (of total registered voters), which was lower than any other percentage in the period from 1989 to 2007; online voting comprised only 10% of that 19%.
- 5) Online Voting Security – Glanstein emphasized the lack of security and oversight over online voting. Chinen noted that there is currently no way to know if the electronic votes are actually being counted.
- 6) NCO's Budget – Glanstein related that the Council cut the NCO budget by over \$100,000. She also voiced that the NC and the NCO were hesitant to support a supplemental budget request for the next election.
- 7) Candidate Profiles – Glanstein imparted that she was further informed that there will be no candidate profiles mailed to those registered to vote in the NB election.
- 8) NB Action – Glanstein expressed that there is a need to let other Boards know about this move to exclusive online voting; she supplied that a collective voice is needed to solve this issue.
- 9) Synchronize with Other Elections – Chinen suggested that the NB election be synchronized with other elections and that voting be done in libraries; however, libraries are closed on Election Day.
- 10) Motion's Wording – Wong recommended adding the words "paper ballot" to the motion to clarify intent. A concern was also raised regarding the scope of the NB to reject an implementation.

An amendment to the motion was proposed to insert the words "requests that the Neighborhood Commission and Neighborhood Commission Office" between "Kailua Neighborhood Board" and "reject the implementation" and the words "supports the continuation of paper ballots, and" between "participation and further," and "that this action", which was **ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT (15-0-0) (Aye: Best, Bratt, Brooks, Bryant-Hunter, Chinen, Corcoran, Correa, Enos, Glanstein, Lindgard, Porter, Prentiss, Tomasa, Weinberg, Wong).**

The motion, as amended, that the Kailua Neighborhood Board requests that the Neighborhood Commission and Neighborhood Commission Office reject the implementation of any election system with doubtful security and few assurances of increasing participation and further, supports the continuation of paper ballots, and that this action be transmitted to all O'ahu neighborhood board chairpersons was **ADOPTED 13-1-1 (Aye: Best, Bratt, Bryant-Hunter, Chinen, Corcoran, Correa, Enos, Glanstein, Porter, Prentiss, Tomasa, Weinberg, Wong; No: Lindgard; Abstain: Brooks).**

Neighborhood Assistant (NA) Glanstein departed from the meeting at 10:03 p.m. Corcoran volunteered to take the remainder of the minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS [2]:

Civilian-Military Council (CMC) – CMC Chair Corcoran supported Lt. Strickland's earlier report.

Permitted Interaction (PI) Groups –

- 1) Enforcement of Bed and Breakfasts (B&Bs) and Transient Vacation Units (TVUs): No report.
- 2) Neighborhood Plan MMVIII: Chinen provided an update earlier in the meeting.

Transportation and Public Works Committee (TPW) – TPW Chair Bratt supplied the following information:

- 1) Landscaping Change Near Aikahi Park – On Monday, August 11, 2008, at Mokapu Boulevard and North Kalaheo Avenue, there will be excavation and relocation of the landscaping. It is unknown about the disposition of the trees.
- 2) Next TPW Meeting (Third Thursday) – The next TPW meeting will be held on August 21, 2008, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Kailua District Park multi-purpose room.

Executive Committee – The following information was presented:

- 1) Agenda Requirements – Chair Prentiss announced that agenda items are due August 25, 2008 to the Chair and the Secretary.
- 2) Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Glanstein reported that \$99.77 was expended for printing and mailing the agenda and minutes for July. Of the appropriated budget for 2008-2009 of \$4,140, Operating is \$1,420.23, Publicity is \$2,500 and Refreshments is \$120. No further disbursements were made during the month.
- 3) Proposed Conference of Chairs – Chair Prentiss noted that the proposed Conference of Chairs was set tentatively for August 23, 2008.
- 4) Next Executive Committee Meeting – The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. at Agnes' Bakery-Kailua.

Public Health, Public Safety and Civil Defense Committee (PHPSCD) – No further report.

Next PHPSCD Meeting (Second Thursday): The next meeting will be held on August 14, 2008, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Kailua District Park multi-purpose room.

Sustainability and Environment Committee (SE) – This committee is currently recessed until the Koolaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan (KPSCP) notice to proceed is issued by the City; issues will be referred to PZE.

Parks and Recreation Committee (PR) – The report was deferred to the September Board meeting.

Next PR Meeting (Third Tuesday) – The next meeting will be held on August 19, 2008, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at Kalama Beach Park.

Planning, Zoning and Environment Committee (PZE) [2] – The following information was presented:

- 1) Mokulua Islands – PZE Chair Wong imparted that DLNR is putting together new rules. The first priority is to protect wildlife and the islands as a habitat. DLNR is examining whether or not to regulate access to islands. They are considering guided tours as more effective because people will be informed of significance of islands as bird habitats. DLNR has contracted with UH to do a study that will evaluate how activities affect the species on the islands and that study is due to be completed at the end of the year. The Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) is an enforcement arm of DLNR. DLNR is not opposed to commercial use on the islands if that is compatible with conservation.

- 2) H-Power Expansion – **Chair Prentiss stated that he had received the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for H-Power expansion and is referring the item to PZE.** The deadline for comments is four days after the September Board meeting.
- 3) Next PZE Meeting (Third Tuesday) – The next meeting will be held on August 19, 2008, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at Kalama Beach Park.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Kimo Steinwascher Presentation – An inquiry was made to know when Kimo Steinwascher would be presenting to the Board. Chair Prentiss stated that the scheduling needs to be worked out.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Rediscover Kailua Event – Ms. Ryan reminded attendees that the Rediscover Kailua event is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, September 13 and 14, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. each day. Inquiries were made concerning parking and traffic control.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

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Submitted by:

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and

Jim Corcoran  
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Reviewed by:

Linda Ure  
Board Secretary