



KAILUA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 31

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2011 KAILUA RECREATION CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Chuck Prentiss called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. **with a quorum of 15 members present.** Note – This 19-member Board requires 10 members to establish quorum and to take official action.

Members Present: Joseph Aiona, Larry Bartley, Jon Chinen (left 8:30 p.m.), Pamela DaGrossa, Douglas Dudevoir, Derrick Fenske, Debbi Glanstein, Michael Hawes, William Hicks, Michael Hirao, Charles Prentiss, Ursula Retherford, Randy Rodriguez, Claudine Tomasa, Kelly Tomioka (arrived 8:35p.m.), and Donna Wong.

Members Absent: Michael Green, Knud Lingard, and Ronald Weinberg.

Vacancy: There are no vacancies at this time.

Guests: Derek Tamura, Art Machado (Pali Lanes), Bruce Tsuchida (Townscape, Inc.), Councilmember Ikaika Anderson, JD Aweau (Councilmember Anderson's Office staff), Senator Pohai Ryan, Representative Chris Lee, Laurel Leslie, Nani Nikcevich; Stan and Barbara Krasniewski; Lt. Dave Eber (Honolulu Police Department), Maria T. Gornak (Homeless Animals); Battalion Chief Socrates Bratakos and Acting Captain David Taratko (Honolulu Fire Department); Joe Gilman, Bob Twogood (Twogood Kayaks), Barry Usugawa (Board of Water Supply), Tinkle Malama (Videographer) and Gloria J. P. Gaines (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).;

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Member DaGrossa reminded residents that the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 places a donation box at each meeting for used cell phones, non-perishable canned foods and paper products to distribute to appropriate services agencies and encouraged everyone to participate.

PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Acting Captain David Taratko reported the following:

- **Statistics for October 2011** – Included 23 structure, 5 wildland, 3 rubbish, and 1 vehicle fire; 118 medical emergencies, 8 search and rescues and 11 miscellaneous calls for service. No Major or unusual incidents were reported.
- **Safety Tip for the Holidays** – Consider a fire-resistant, artificial Christmas tree. If a real tree is purchased, choose one as fresh as possible, keep hydrated, and away from heat sources. Use noncombustible materials for decorations. Choose only Underwriter's Laboratory-approved electrical decorations and follow the manufacturer's instructions for installation and usage. Do not overload extension cords.
- **Safety Tip when Cooking** – If you must leave the stove, turn it off. Unattended cooking is the number one cause of home fires. Have a metal lid ready to cover grease fires in pans. Never wear long, loose-sleeved clothing while cooking. Turn the handles on pots and pans inward to prevent accidents. Keep children away from cooking areas.

Honolulu Fire Prevention Bureau (HFPB) – Battalion Chief Socrates Bratakos clarified the fire flow and hydrant spacing requirements of the Honolulu Fire Department. Members were provided a copy.

- **BWS Fire Code Interpretation** – In a residential neighborhood on Oahu the fire hydrants must be capable of applying 1,000 gallons a minute for one hour and the average spacing must be 350 feet apart. This is a City Ordinance standard that the Board of Water Supply (BWS) uses as their guideline. Some areas of Oahu are not up to the standards described because of a transition in the 1970's to BWS took over the fire hydrants in some of the outlining areas of the City like Kaneohe and Kailua (during the 1970's). These standards apply to those residential areas on public roads and streets and are governed by BWS.
- **BWS** – BWS interprets the fire hydrant standards for a home renovation permit by taking half the distance or 175 feet. If the center of the driveway is more than 175 feet away from the fire hydrant that would be



too far. A recommendation by HFD was to either bring the fire hydrants closer or install fire sprinkler system in the home. BWS starting enforcing the fire flow and hydrant spacing requirements April 2011. Due to the number of complaints received BWS and HFD held a series of meetings. The question was if the house was 350 feet away from the hydrant would HFD be okay with that?

- HFD Interpretation – Although the 350 feet away fire hydrant requirement is City Ordinance standard, that would not impact the fire fighting operations, and therefore is “okay” with that. A memorandum of agreement was signed by Fire Chief Kenneth Silva and Acting Chief Engineer Dean Nakano. Thirty-five out of the 40 permit applications for home renovations were satisfied by the decision.
- Fire Code – On private property and down private lanes is the jurisdiction of the HFD and the Fire Code. According to the Fire Code, if the single dwelling private property is in excess of 150 feet from a fire hydrant, the Fire Code requires that another onsite water supply source is provided when required by the Fire Chief. Exceptions include installing a fire protection sprinkler system, use of tanks, reservoir with pumps, and any other requirements modified by the Fire Chief. Battalion Chief Bratakos added that you can be further away and sprinkler the house to provide adequate fire protection for your home as specified in the Fire Code. The Fire Codes are minimum standards for safety. Battalion Chief Bratakos presented a short fire fighting story to provide understanding of how HFD and BWS operate and why the fire hydrant standards apply.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Enforcement – Member Bartley was concerned about what prompted the enforcements by BWS? Battalion Chief Bratakos stated the question is better answered by BWS and will not make implications of BWS.
2. Map of Kailua Neighborhood – Member Hicks presented the map of a Kailua neighborhood that showed a large number of homes were in excess of 175 feet from the nearest fire hydrant. Battalion Chief Bratakos clarified that those homes have adequate fire protection by HFD.

The following questions, comments, and concerns were addressed to BWS representative Mr. Kurt Tsue:

3. BWS Comment – Kurt Tsue stated pending permit applicants were all contacted and informed that their permits will be moving forward through BWS and through the permit process. BWS also extended their apologies for the inconvenience. Enforcement of the fire hydrant standards were not identified earlier and it was a situation identified by the manager that the standards were not being complied with as they should have made the call to put a hold on the permit applications.
4. Informing Public – Member Wong raised a concern about BWS including new policies informing the public ahead of time of similar situations that may arise in the future. Mr. Tsue stated a change in the standards would require public comment. This case was not a policy change, but a change in interpretation of the Fire Code.
5. BWS Monthly Billing – Member Retherford raised a concern about the BWS monthly billing when people already have the option to pay the water bill in installments. Also, people are short of money these days.
6. Building Permit Concern – A resident raised a concern that he applied for a similar building permit in 2009 and was required to install a new water meter and a sprinkler system and would like his situation reviewed. Mr. Tsue will work with resident with BWS service engineer.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Dave Eber provided members with a report and highlighted the following:

- Statistics for October 2011 – Included 15 assaults, 15 auto/motorcycle thefts, 37 burglaries, 3 drugs/narcotics offense, 1 graffiti, 1 robbery, 46 thefts, and 53 unauthorized entries to a motor vehicle (UEMV). There were an increase in burglaries and UEMV. A fingerprint was identified and the arrest for burglary was made. The number of burglaries should decrease with the recent arrest.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Comparison Report – Member Retherford would like to hear a statistics report of comparisons by percentages. Also questioned whether the Lanikai and beach park statistics includes the residential area of Lanikai.

2. Parking Problem in Lanikai – Member Bartley received illegal parking complaints from Lanikai residents especially during the weekends and request HPD monitor that area. Lt. Eber stated the officers on the Cushman carts issue illegal parking citations in business areas only.
3. Assaults in Maunawili and Olomana – Lt. Eber stated incidents occurred at Kailua High School, Hale Kipa homes, or juvenile facility may be the reason for the high number of assaults in the Maunawili and Olomana area.
4. Reporting Illegal Drug Activity – Member Hicks raised a concern about reporting drug activity at Kailua Beach Park. Lt. Eber stated officers refer all suspicious activity calls to HPD's Crime Reduction Unit.
5. Illegal Left Turn – Member Aiona requested HPD officers monitor the illegal left /right turns off of Kalaniana'ole Hwy between 6:00 a.m. and 7:15 a.m. at the intersection of the Hawaiian Electric Transfer Station and Maunawili Elementary School. He has noticed more cars taking the illegal turns during that time.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) – Sgt. Withington reported the following:

- Hours of Operation – Mondays through Thursdays from 7:00 a.m. to midnight; Fridays from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Sundays and holidays.
- November 2011 Events –
 - November 8th – Marine Corps Birthday Pageant at Kainalu Elementary School at 12:45 p.m.
 - November 9th – Marine Corps Birthday Pageant at Marine Corps Base Hawaii at 10:00 a.m.
 - November 19th – 14th Annual Turkey Trot 10k Run on base, open to the public
- Deployments – Deployed units include 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment; 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment; and Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363. Third Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment just deployed to Afghanistan earlier this week.
- Announcements –
 - The Marine Corps birthday is November 10th. Many units will have elaborate ceremonies to celebrate this event in early November.
 - Osprey/H-1 Draft Environmental Impact Study expected to be published mid-November and public meetings planned for the first week of December on Oahu.
 - For more information about career opportunities at MCB Hawaii, please visit the MCCS site, www.mccshawaii.com or call 254-7632.
 - The first four CH-53E helicopters to replace the CH-53Ds arrived September 2011.
 - For noise complaints call the PAO at 257-8832/8838 as soon as possible with the date and time of the incident. If you leave a message please consider leaving your name and phone number for a reply.
 - Kaneohe Bay air Show planned for September 29-30, 2012, and will include the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels.

RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Proposed Speed Skating Route – Derrick Tamura provided members with a handout proposing the First Annual International Speed Skating Federation Marathon route on Oahu for November 2012. The route will begin in Kailua, through the southern coast of Waimanalo on Kalaniana'ole Highway and finish at Kaka'ako Waterfront Park with ceremonies and festival. The race will be promoted nationally and internationally by the internationally recognized "Hawaiian Skaters" race team that currently holds five world records. Estimate 1,000 skaters with a gallery of 5,000. Permits required would be similar to the annual Honolulu Marathon. Staging would be near where the new Target Store on Hamakua Drive is located. Mr. Tamura will keep the Board apprised of the proposed Speed Skating Marathon.

Senate Bill 266 – Maria Gorak stated Senate Bill 266 related to cruelty to animals did not pass during the last legislative session and seek the Board's support at the 2012 legislative session. She also encouraged residents to write letters supporting Senate Bill 266.

Pali Lanes – Owner Art Machado provided members with a handout of Pali Lanes activities offered to the community. Twenty-two schools use the bowling facility at Pali Lanes. Most recent was Kailua Elementary School's 144 students that incorporated bowling into their curriculum. Mondays through Fridays special aide and handicapped accessible programs are available. Pali Lanes also accommodate events for non-profit organizations, like the Cancer Society.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Appreciation – Member Aiona expressed his appreciation for keeping Pali Lanes open.
2. Recycling Center – The contract was terminated by Kaneohe Ranch who had concerns about the homeless at the recycling center.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Representative Pono Chong – A representative or report was not available.

Representative Cynthia Thielen – A report was submitted.

Representative Chris Lee – Representative Lee provided members with a report and highlighted the following:

- Traffic – Kailua Beach Park traffic includes cars stopping for beach park roadside parking, at Kalapawai Market intersection, and the increase of visitors to Kailua and Lanikai beaches. Representative Lee will discuss the Kailua Beach traffic concerns with the City and State officials.
- Tax Enforcement Division – To prohibit further proliferation of illegal commercial activity at Kailua Beach Park Representative Lee asked the State's Tax Enforcement Division inspectors to monitor the area. Fines for illegal operators who refuse to abide by the law can be as high as \$2,000 per incident.
- Advertisements in Schools – The Board of Education (BOE) is supporting a plan allowing advertising in public schools to raise money. Advertisements would be limited to corporate logos and brief messages. Supporting Coke or Pepsi logos may contradict messages schools are trying to promote, like eating healthy foods. Other states found that advertising in schools can compromise education. Instead of resorting to bring private corporations into public schools, the BOE should see that our schools are properly funded by the State.
- Budget Cuts – Avoiding budget cuts and not raising taxes ~~will~~ be hard to do ~~come~~ at the next legislative session.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- Crew Signs – Member Wong noticed the crew directional signs posted along the Kailua bound side of the highway coming down from the Pali Tunnel and raised a concern about the movie people filming during the night in the Maunawili community.
- Illegal Left Turn – Representative Lee will follow up on Member Aiona concern about the illegal left turn on Kalaniana'ole Highway at the HECO transfer station and Maunawili Elementary School intersection.
- Tax Credit – Member Hicks raised a concern about the photo voltaic solar panel tax credit and whether if the tax credit would stop would people be able to be "grandfathered-in" to get the tax credit? Rep. Lee stated photo voltaic industry has grown and he doesn't expect the tax credit to end. Chair Prentiss added that the tax department has a T.I.R. letter on their website addressing their position on the one or two system photo voltaic panel that started raising concerns about the tax credit.
- Appreciation – Member Retherford extended her appreciation for all that Representative Lee does and supported his position on corporate advertising in public schools.

Councilmember Ikaika Anderson – Councilmember Anderson provided members with a report and highlighted the following:

- Sprinkler/Fire Hydrant – Councilmember Anderson stated that with Council Chair Ernie Martin and Representative Thielen worked together with BWS and HFD towards the solution to the recent building modification requirement of sprinklers or fire hydrants may be required in certain instances. He also extended his appreciation for everyone's involvement in getting that approved.
- City Park Rules – Councilmember Anderson met with Department of Parks and Recreation Director Gary Cabato and is working on the revisions to the existing park rules with his staff before presenting for public input. Councilmember Anderson will continue to work with Director Cabato towards protecting residents access to all beach areas and limited commercial activities be permitted.
- Bill 47 – Bill 47, regulating non-commercial signs was deferred at Wednesday, November 2, 2011 City Council meeting. This is the third time this bill has been deferred. This bill would place a limitation on non-commercial signs including political signs and is currently being amended to a maximum total of square footage of signs.

- 3-Talks Meeting – The next 3-Talks meeting will be Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at Waimanalo Public Library.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Rail Resolution – Member Wong raised a concern about the rail resolution introduced by Councilmember Tom Berg and why City Council felt necessary to dispense of it so rapidly. Member Wong stated in light of new information that City Council did not act on the public's best interest by not allowing the Councilmember Berg's resolution go further to public discussions on the merits of the resolution.
2. Landfill Site – Councilmember position on the landfill remains the same. That the Waimanalo Gulch land fill remains open until it reaches its capacity which is another 15-20 years.

Senator Pohai Ryan – Senator Ryan provided members with a report and highlighted the following:

- Ameron – Ameron informed Senator Ryan that there is no shortage of cement. Also, Ameron does not support a landfill at that site once Ameron is done with the quarry. It was the previous City Administration that was targeting Kapa`a Quarry for a landfill site.
- Geothermal Summit Broadcast – A three-hour airing of the Geothermal Summit held Saturday, October 15, 2011 at the Hawaii National Guard Training Center Auditorium in Waimanalo can be viewed on December 24th at 7:00 p.m. on Channel 54; December 26th at 8:00 a.m. on Channel 49; December 29th at 10:30 a.m. on Channel 52; and December 30th at 9:00 a.m. on Channel 54.
- Donation – Acknowledgement was expressed to Dog “the Bounty Hunter” Chapman and wife Beth Chapman for their generous \$4,500 donation assisting the Hawaii Kai community for the restoration of beach access known as Hanapepe Brow.
- Marine Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) Training – On Friday, October 21, 2011 Senator Ryan attended the MOUT training demonstration simulating the realistic deployment environment of a Middle East village in Bellows; including visuals, sounds, and smell. Role playing exercises conducted by American Afghani actors.
- Drug Sales Activity – Senator Ryan will follow up on the drug sales activity occurring at Kailua Beach Park.
- Crew Signs – The crew signs are directions for the film crew. Member Wong raised a concern that the community needs to know what the signs are for.

Mayor Peter Carlisle's Office – Alenka Remec reported the following:

1. Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) – Ms. Remec reminded residents of the APEC Conference next week on Oahu from Monday November 7 to Sunday, November 13, 2011. For information regarding City services during APEC visit the City website at Honolulu.gov and click on APEC City Service Information Page. There will be temporary road closure information and suggested routes to take. The primary area of impact will be at the Honolulu Convention Center and Ewa side of Waikiki. Residents should to plan the day accordingly with extra traveling time due to traffic. For security reasons, exact times of road closures are unknown. For more information visit the City's website at Honolulu.gov.
2. Tsunami Zone Signage – The Department of Emergency Management (DEM) is contracting a consultant to complete an evacuation study to provide a baseline. Once completed, DEM will meet with the community to implement the project. Funding may be provided by a Tsunami Grant via Hawaii State Civil Defense.
3. Kaelepulu Stream Berm – Kaelepulu was the first stream to be breached island wide since the U.S. Army Corps permit was issued. Department of Facilities Maintenance (DFM) is currently working on removing sand plugs for streams that have not been breached since 2010. DFM will monitor the stream and if needed will send a crew out to open the stream to minimize flooding under emergency conditions.
4. Concrete for Rail – Sand for concrete will also be coming in from Maui. As for the Ameron Kapaa site for a landfill, no site has been selected at this time, and the Mayor's Landfill Site Selection Committee continues to meet.
5. Keolu Drive and Akumu Street – According to the City's Department of Design and Construction, curb ramps already exist at all four corners of Keolu Drive and Akumu Street intersection and need clarification.
6. Code for America – The City was given a grant for programmers to update the City system. The Code for America program is a software development contract where people will be hired full time to develop ideas into applications that will benefit our city, such as developing an application for the City's bus route. The Code for America program will give the City the ability to expand services. Submit your ideas on how to

improve the City's system of getting more services to the community by visiting Citycamhnl.govfresh.com or call 768-9999 and leave a voice message.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Playground Equipment Repaired – Member Fenske stated the playground apparatus is still taped off at the Kailua District Park and would like to know how soon playground equipment can be repaired; as this is a heavily used park.
2. Hawaii Five-O – Member Wong raised concerns about Hawaii Five-O filming activity in Maunawili with the use of bright lights during the night. For assistance, contact the City's Film Commission Office.

Senator Jill Tokuda – A representative or report was not available.

At 8:30 p.m., Member Chinen left the meeting; **14 members present.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Koolaupoko Watershed Management Plan, Townscape, Incorporated – **DaGrossa moved and Aiona seconded that the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 support the Koolaupoko Watershed Management Plan with the exception of the listing of projects. The motion WAS ADOPTED, 14-0-0, (AYES: Aiona, Bartley, DaGrossa, Dudevoir, Fenske, Glanstein, Hawes, Hicks, Hirao, Prentiss, Retherford, Rodriguez, Tomasa, and Wong; NAYES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None).**

Board of Water Supply fire Protection Requirements – This item was previously reported under HFD report.

PARKS COMMITTEE MOTION: **The Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 requests the City and County to research, review, and implement more location-appropriate mandatory specifications for its construction projects, including the minimum useful life expectancy of structures.** Member Bartley stated the issue is the lousy construction of the comfort stations at Kailua Beach Park. The City should require that comfort stations be built to withstand the weather and salty air elements. City does not give specifications for comfort stations at beach parks. Therefore, Member Bartley recommended the City to do a type specification of a minimal life expectancy to all City structures. The Uniform Building Code addresses safety issues, not life expectancy. **The motion WAS ADOPTED, 14-0-0 (AYES: Aiona, Bartley, DaGrossa, Dudevoir, Fenske, Glanstein, Hawes, Hicks, Hirao, Prentiss, Retherford, Rodriguez, Tomasa, and Wong; NAYES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None).**

At 8:35 p.m., Member Tomioka arrived; **15 members present.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **There being no objections, the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 approved the October 6, 2011 regular meeting minutes as corrected. The MOTION WAS ADOPTED, 14-0-1 (AYES: Aiona, Bartley, DaGrossa, Dudevoir, Fenske, Glanstein, Hawes, Hicks, Hirao, Prentiss, Retherford, Rodriguez, Tomasa, and Tomioka; NAYS: None; ABSTENTIONS: Wong).** The corrections are as follows:

- Page 4, first paragraph, delete last sentence and replace with, **“Member Retherford pointed out that under the present bi-monthly billing system, customers are given the option of paying the bill in two installments. The proposed monthly billing does not help customers to budget better, and would incur an additional \$5.00 billing fee, which is not fair.”**
- Page 4, under Enchanted Lake Association (ELA), last sentence, delete “levy” and replace with **“levee”**.
- Page 5, under Senator Jill Tokuda, Questions, comments, and concerns, item 2, insert **“...in the cost...”** after the word, “increase” and before the word, “of”.
- Page 6, under Presentations, Drug Houses in the Community, How Can you Help, second sentence, the correct word should be, **“... intolerant...”**, not “tolerant”.
- Page 7, item 1, Civil Action, second sentence, delete “...to not allow...” and replace with **“...for not allowing...”**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Permitted Interaction Group, Kailua Beach Park – Chair Bartley stated he has not heard from DPR Director Gary Cabato in response to his ideas regarding the assignment of the concession to a single vendor.

Transportation and Public Works – Chair Prentiss stated he is also waiting to hear from the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) regarding Kailua projects. There will be an update on the Kailua Transit Center by DTS consultant at the next Planning and Zoning meeting.

Public Health, Public Safety and Civil Defense Committee – Chair Tomasa reported on the subcommittee's efforts towards Kailua being recognized and certified as a "Storm Ready/Tsunami Ready Community" by the National Weather Service (NWS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA):

- April to November 2011 – Outreach activities to educate the public about disaster preparedness to reduce the impact of a disaster upon the community. Visited and conducted information meetings with faith-based groups in Kailua, Waimanalo, Kaneohe, and Kahaluu. Also conducted site visits at both public and private schools in Kailua to assure each school has a functioning NOAA radio and an emergency plan.
- September, 2011 – Kailua's first annual Emergency Preparedness Fair.
- November, 2011 – The NWS and NOAA application with the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for Kailua will be submitted November, 2011. Kaneohe MCBH will also submit their application.
- December, 2011 – A visit from NWS/NOAA Inspectors is expected.
- January, 2012 – Kailua and Kaneohe MCBH to be officially recognized by NWS/NOAA as a Storm Ready/Tsunami Ready Community. NWS/NOAA to provide official recognition signs to post at the entrance to Kailua and Kaneohe MCBH.
- Subcommittee Meeting – The next subcommittee meeting is Tuesday, November 22, 2011, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the LeJardin Academy High School Building.

Government and Community Services – There were no updates to report.

Planning, Zoning and Environment – Chair Wong stated the final recommendations to the General Plan will be presented at the December 2011 Board meeting.

Parks and Recreation – The committee is reviewing the proposed resolutions regarding the commercial activities on public beaches. Also, there has been no further movement on Bill 5 (2010) prohibiting commercial activities at public beaches on Sundays which is held up in committee.

Civilian-Military Council – There were no updates to report.

Chair's Report – No Committee meetings scheduled for December, 2011. Committee reports for December Board meeting due to Chair by Sunday, November 20th. Also due on November 20th are committee agendas for January, 2012. The Board will recess in January, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned 8:58 p.m.

Submitted By: Gloria J.P. Gaines, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed By: Chuck Prentiss, Chair