



KAILUA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 31

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2014 KAILUA RECREATION CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Chuck Prentiss called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. with a **quorum of 17 members present**. Note: This 19-member Board requires 10 members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Larry Bartley, James "Skip" Byron, Jon Chinen, Matt Darnell, Douglas Dudevoir, Michael Espenan (Appointed at this meeting), Tim Freeman, Vernon Hinsvark, Malina Kaulukukui, Levani Lipton, Tony Locricchio, Chuck Prentiss, Claudine Tomasa, Ron Weinberg, Gary Weller, Donna Wong, and Jeff Zuckernick

Board Members Absent: Bill Hicks and Teresa Parsons.

Guests: Alenka Remec (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative), Darren Kimura (Governor Neil Abercrombie's representative), Representative Cynthia Thielen, Captain Michael Pangilinan (Honolulu Fire Department), Sergeant Jeff Lee (Honolulu Police Department), Major Pamela Marshall (Marine Corps Base Hawaii), Annetta Kinnicutt, A. Takeshima, Diane Harding, Bob Ress, Paula Ress, Janet Kawalo, Anne Miller, Gail Caveney, Evelyn Zangl, Michael Espenan, John Junk, Gail Peterson, Dana Peterson, Cindy Lurse, Momi Loveland, Kaliko Loveland, Lokelani Rodrigues, Randy Sawyer, Jackie Sawyer, Susan Sofos, Tom Sofos, Christine Lonie, Jim Crockett, Melody Ferreira, John Naughton, Dan McGinnis, Peggy McGinnis, Gwen Chong, Julie Kauwella, Lynn Crawley, Eric Crawley, Gary Monley, Greg Chadwick, Terry Savage, Patricia Lee, Meril Fujiki, Barbara Black, Tom VanderHout, Eunice Larson, Gerald Larson, Cate Cintz, Chenel McIlroy, Le Jecute, Kukona Lopes, Ursula Retherford, Bob Retherford, Johanna Marizan-Ho, Susan Wadas, Michael Wadas, Zachary Wadas, Eileen Hoku, L. Yagi, Bryan Whitaker, Julie Hellerstedf, Carol Ka'uhane, Hailey Ka'uhane, Shawn Claney, Lawrence Rotkie, Sean Craig, Ted Ralston, Barton Bunney, Erik Horn, Stann Reiziss, Barbara Krasniewski, Mark Verschell, David Frenzy, Jane Gallagher, Bean Boyne, David Jones (Videographer), and Neighborhood Assistant Neil Baarde (Neighborhood Commission Office).

Filling Of Vacancies – Freeman nominated Michael Espenan. Espenan announced that he would like to fill the vacant seat on the Board and gave some background information about himself. Espenan noted that he would like to help the Board and is concerned about the safety of his family and the safety of the community.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: **Safety** – Weinberg asked what frightens Espenan about living in Kailua. Espenan responded nothing, but the standards are below par and could be raised due to all the pedestrian and motorized traffic.

Freeman moved to accept Espenan to the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 and fill the vacancy. The motion was APPROVED, 14-2-1 (AYE: Bartley, Chinen, Darnell, Dudevoir, Freeman, Hinsvark, Kaulukukui, Lipton, Prentiss, Tomasa, Weinberg, Weller, and Zuckernick. NAY: Locricchio and Wong. Abstain: Byron.)

PUBLIC AGENCIES

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sergeant Jeff Lee reported the following:

- **May 2014 Crime Statistics:** There were 14 motor vehicle thefts, 19 burglaries, 50 thefts, 22 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV). Statistical information can be found on the HPD website, www.honolulupd.org.

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Michael Pangilinan reported the following:

- **May 2014 Fire Statistics:** There were 19 structure, and 3 rubbish fires. 158 medical, 24 search and rescues, and 6 miscellaneous calls for service. There was a major incident involving 70 companies.
- **Fire Safety Tip** – Smoke alarms save lives and are an important part of a home fire escape plan. From 2007 to 2011, smoke alarms sounded in half of the home fires reported to U.S. fire departments. Three (3) of every five (5) home fire deaths resulted from homes with no smoke alarms or working smoke alarms. The death rate per 100 reported home fires was more than twice as high in homes that did not have a



working smoke alarms or no smoke alarms present. No smoke alarms were present in more than one third (37%) of the home fire deaths. The death rate from reported fires in homes during 2007-2011 that had at least one (1) smoke alarm was one third (36%) lower than in homes that had no smoke alarms at all. In one quarter (23%) of the home fire deaths, smoke alarms were present, but did not sound.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: House Fire – Weinberg noted that that the previous fire in Kailua consumed the house in six (6) minutes and asked what can people do to stay alive. Captain Pangilinan responded have working smoke detectors and create a fire escape plan. Chair Prentiss asked about the firefighter that was injured during the incident. Captain Pangilinan responded that he was not sure on the condition but will follow up. Chair Prentiss sends his thanks and appreciation of the Honolulu Fire Department.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) – Major Pam Marshall reported the following:

- Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC): RIMPAC is held every two (2) years and will take place in July 2014.
- Bellows Closed – Bellows will be closed on July 11 and July 28, 2014. The City and County will give warnings before the closure occurs.
- New Representative – A new representative will be attending the Neighborhood Board meeting starting in August or September 2014.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Alenka Remec reported the following:

- Asphalt – The asphalt removed from the top of old roadways is recycled in two (2) ways. One (1), the asphalt could be hauled to a contractor's mixing plant, where it is "rejuvenated" when mixed with new material and used as new asphalt concrete or a treated base. It could also be sold to private landowners to cover private roadways. The Grace Pacific Corporation has their Kapaa AC Plant located on Kapaa Quarry Road.
- Junior Lifeguard Program – The Honolulu Emergency Services Department's (HESD) Ocean Safety and Lifeguard Services Division is not sponsoring the Junior Lifeguard program this summer because it is focusing all of its resources on providing lifeguarding services to the residents and visitors. The division did not have additional staffing to support a program this summer. The City is very grateful to the non-profit organizations who stepped in to fill a need this summer. The City's Ocean Safety Division looks forward to once again sponsoring the program next year.
- Bed and Breakfast Complaint – An investigation was conducted by the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) Housing Code Inspector on May 6, May 8, and May 9, 2014 at different times of the day. On each site visit, the inspector's observation determined that no one was home. However, during a site visit on May 28, 2014, the inspector's interviewed the son of the owners who stated no "transient vacation activity" or Bed and Breakfast was being conducted on the property and currently, no portion of the dwelling is being rented out. The DPP will continue to monitor this property with an ongoing investigation.
- Ka'elupulu Stream – The stream area near Wana'ao Road was investigated on May 21, 2014, and no noticeable odors were identified. When low water levels occur with Kona wind conditions, odor problems have been identified. The Ka'elupulu Stream mouth is proposed for opening about June 24 or June 25, 2014 in pursuant to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approvals.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Increase – Weinberg asked if Mayor Caldwell has any reports on new taxes or his nine (9) % salary increase. Remec responded that she believes that Mayor Caldwell did not increase his salary but he did cut his salary by that nine (9) %.

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative – Darren Kimura reported the following:

- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) – Governor Abercrombie was elected by the International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) decision to hold its 2016 World Conservation Congress in Hawaii. It is the largest and most prestigious of all gatherings of the conservation community, involving as many as 8,000 delegates from around the world. All efforts to secure Hawaii's bid came to a successful conclusion after the IUCN received a letter of strong support from President Barack Obama, at the request of Governor Abercrombie. This will be the first time a U.S. location is hosting the event, since IUCN's inception in 1948.
- Recently Signed Bills – The Governor applauded the state Legislature for passing bills to increase Hawaii's minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour, and to preserve open space and access surrounding Turtle Bay. On May 19, 2014 the Governor signed the Turtle Bay bill, HB 2434 (Act 81), to establish a conservation easement preserving 665.8 acres of land owned by Turtle Bay Resort. He was pleased his administration was able to play a positive role in bringing the issue to a successful conclusion. The result will "keep the

country, country"; protect pristine coastlines from development; and provide open space and access for everyone. On May 23, 2014 the Governor signed the minimum wage bill, SB 2609 (Act 82). Each year since taking office, the Governor has strongly advocated for increasing the minimum wage to provide lowest paid workers with the economic stability and security they deserve. Hawaii's minimum wage has not increased since 2007. On June 9, 2014 the Governor signed House Bill 1714, Relating to Climate Change, the "Hawaii Climate Adaptation Initiative Act." It addressed climate change adaptation by establishing an interagency climate adaptation committee, co-chaired by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and the Office of Planning, to develop a sea level rise vulnerability and adaptation report that addresses sea level rise impacts statewide to 2050.

- Ongoing Bill Review – Hundreds of other bills passed this Legislative Session are now under review by the Governor's Office, the Attorney General's Office and relevant departments. By June 23, 2014 the Governor must provide the Legislature with notice of his "intent to veto" any specified bills. By July 8, 2014 he must sign or veto bills, or allows them to become law without signature. The public is invited to express thoughts on specific measures. Go to www.governor.hawaii.gov and click on "Contact Us." Be sure to indicate the specific bill. The website also has a list of "Recently Signed Bills."
- Follow Up – Kimura attached the 2012 Annual Average lists between full time workers and part time workers. Email nbaarde@honolulu.gov for a copy of the list.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Enchanted Lake – Bartley asked Kimura to bring the Enchanted Lake cleaning issue to the Governor, because he could be a big part of the clean up. Darnell asked if the annual average list is all of the State of Hawaii. Kimura responded that it is just a list showing the averages between full time workers and part time workers.

ELECTED OFFICIALS – Reports deferred until the Thursday, July 3, 2014 meeting.

PRESENTATION

Kawainui – Hamakua Marsh Master Plan – Chair Prentiss reminded the public and the Board that on May 22, 2014, the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) presented the master plan. Chair Prentiss noted that the Kailua Neighborhood Board has been involved with the plan for two (2) years. Chair Prentiss began his slide show presentation and showed eight (8) slides that pertain to the master plan and pointed out the major areas that could be developed.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Master Plan — Kinniciett noted that she was on the Board for many years, and has tried to come up with a plan for the Marsh. Kinniciett commented that she is appalled because the community wanted low impact development and an easily accessible area. Kinnicutt asked if the Board members have seen or read the master plan from 1994. Takeshima noted that he supports cultural preservation and noted that he does not want to see his neighborhood destroyed. Representative Cynthia Thielen noted that she was excited to see the community at the Neighborhood Board meeting and that the meeting was an important forum. Representative Thielen asked Representative Chris Lee to join her, and Representative Lee commented that he spent the prior week in the area asking residents about their concerns. Representative Lee noted that almost everyone had the same concern about commercial buses in the area. Harding raised her concern about the wetlands and noted that it is not usual wetlands, and she is in support of cultural practices but not for development. Harding added that once the sacrifice is made, there is no going back. Ress commented that she has been objecting this plan for years, and noted that DLNR has not used any public input. Kawelo noted that the impact of the plan will be huge if passes, and asked if there are any plans to funnel the traffic during development.
2. Safety — Miller raised concern about the wildlife that lives in the marsh, and noted that there is no way to funnel out the pollution from cars and other poisons. Zangl noted that she lives near the marsh and noted that there are homeless people and people doing narcotics in the marsh at night. Zangl added that she has read the plan and does not see anything pertaining to preservation. Peterson asked if a fence will be put up, near the canal. Vice Chair Bartley responded that he is not sure but the site is online and can be viewed. Turse noted that she would like to emphasize safety and security because of the homeless and the drug trafficking that occurs in the marsh and at the park. Turse added that DLNR never has money for maintenance and thinks that the community needs better community policing. Loveland noted that between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. people go to the marsh and do drugs, and HPD does not patrol the area, and asked what will be done about the security fothe community. Randy Sawyer raised his concern about commercialization of the area. R. Sawyer .noted that tour buses and vans do not belong on the back

roads or neighborhoods. Jackie Sawyer asked why the YMCA in the area will not help. Lonie commented that the original idea for the marsh was lost, because the community wanted low impact and cultural preservation. Crockett, a member of the Windward Coalition commented and noted that the Windward Coalition is against the master plan.

3. Traffic — McGinnis noted that the traffic is already bad, and this plan will make it worse. McGinnis added that construction is exploitation, not preservation. Chong commented that a traffic study that was done in 2011 showed an average of 700 cars a day. Chong added that Representative Lee saw speeding and other dangers, and noted that he strongly opposes the plan. Crowley noted that no one is in support of the developments and commented that the trails being proposed are not worth it. Crowley asked who is funding the project. Savage commented that if the development starts, traffic will be going through the subdivision. Savage noted that there are many kids in the subdivision and does not want to see an accident because of the traffic. Black asked if any safety or environmental impact studies have been done and noted that the community needs a uniformed voice to address DLNR about the project. Larson commented that sometimes there are people speeding as he is backing out of his driveway and noted that if buses are added it could be disastrous. Larson added that the diesel smoke from more cars could be a problem for the community because it messes up paint on houses. Ursula Retherford noted that DLNR has accepted the community's concerns but has done nothing about them. Bob Retherford commented that he was impressed by the arrogance of DLNR, and suggested sending a tape of the hearing and of the Board meeting to Governor Abercrombie because Retherford is very disappointed about the project. Susan Wadas commented that she is upset with the plans for the marsh and noted that she would like to keep Kailua residential and have fewer tourists in the area. S. Wadas asked where the money is coming from, because if the marsh gets developed, the community will need more protection. S. Wadas encouraged everyone to visit www.change.org and sign the petition against the marsh. Michael Wadas added that ever since he came to Kailua, he fell in love with the area and its people, and noted that he would like his children to grow up in Kailua, without all the developments and tourists.
4. Next Step — Senator Thielen commented that she has been to meetings and hearings but no agency has answered the questions about safety and how they would manage the traffic. Senator Thielen noted that this is only the beginning and the road ahead will be long and encouraged the community to follow up with the Board. Mahaialani commented that she read an article about the marsh plan and noted that she was one (1) of the Hawaiians that wore a red shirt and attended the meeting in support of the development. Mahaialani added that she hopes that the developers can make a settlement without making a footprint in history. Hayes noted that his backyard was turned into a bus depot and the people there are not exactly the friendliest. Hayes added that he adopted a wall by the marsh and noticed that there are homeless and drug camps in the marsh, and has heard nothing about any kind of enforcement or maintenance being done. Chair Prentiss recognized Hayes for painting over graffiti to help maintain Kailua. A resident commented that he has read all 153 pages of the plan and is in support of the development, the resident noted that everyone should stick to the facts and answers in and out of the plans and noted that the dialogue needs to be clearer. Isle commented that the community made Kailua, and hopes the Board is not caught in the middle between causes.

Chair Prentiss moved that the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 requests that the May 22, 2014 draft of the DLNR Kawainui-Hamakua Marsh Master Plan be revised on the basis of concerns expressed by the Kailua community.

Discussion followed: Weinberg raised concern about the motion and commented that the people chose to attend the meeting and hearing and noted that DLNR should hold a presentation. Bartley responded that DLNR has been invited to come and they did not. Locricchio commented that the meeting is an expression of Kailua and noted that everyone except for one (1) individual, it was unanimous that the people are against the plan and suggested that the Board sends the Olelo video to Governor Abercrombie. Locricchio added that the Board needs to change their response before the Governor is replaced, expressed opposition to the plan. Kaulukukui commented that she is disheartened because there were no voices from the Hawaiian community and noted that it is important to preserve culture and land. Tomasa noted that she attended one (1) meeting and it had a huge turnout of people. Tomasa continued to say that those people chose not to attend the Neighborhood Board meeting and safety will be impacted if the plan gets approved. Tomasa added that she stands for the public motion. Byron commented that the safety concerns are valid but asked to remember who testified as Hawaiian and noted that they were invited and chose not to come to the meeting. Espenan commented that he has some reservations about the plan and some concerns are not taken into account but agreed that the plan needs more work. Dudevair commented that the Board is a small representation of the Kailua community. Hinsvark commented that DLNR ignored all of the community concerns and noted that the plan is not final yet. Lipton noted that when she drives on the H3 she likes

the view of the marsh. Lipton asked the community to talk to their neighbors and ask about the marsh and noted to pay attention to their answers and statistics. Resident Kalani spoke Hawaiian and then commented that his family has been heavily impacted by the plan and was offended about his voice not being heard.

Chair Prentiss moved and Weller seconded that the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 requests that the May 22, 2014 draft of the DLNR Kawainui-I-Iamakua Marsh Master Plan be revised on the basis of concerns expressed by the Kailua Community. The motion was ADOPTED, 15-2-0 (AYE: Bartley, Byron, Chinen, Darnell, Dudevoir, Espenan, Freeman, Hinsvark, Lipton, Locricchio, Prentiss, Tomasa, Weller, Wong, and Zuckernick. NAY: Kaulukukui and Weinberg.)

Vice Chair Bartley returned the gavel to Chair Prentiss.

Chinen departed the meeting at 9:35 p.m. A total of 16 members were present.

Chair Prentiss called for a short recess at 9:35 p.m.

Chair Prentiss called the meeting back to order at 9:37 p.m.

RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW)— Shannon Clancy reported the following:

- Beach Clean Up — The NSW will be cleaning Kailua Beach Park, but needs volunteers.
- Junior Lifeguard — Junior Lifeguard classes will be Monday through Friday, June 9-13, 2014. And another will start on Monday, July 7, 2014 and will end on Friday, July 11, 2014. The program will be held at Kalama Beach Park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2014: The regular meeting minutes of May 1, 2014 were ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 16-0-0 (Aye; Bartley, Byron, Darnell, Qudevoir, Espenan, Freeman, Hinsvark, Kaulukukui, Lipton, Locricchio, Prentiss, Tomasa, Weinberg, Weller, Wong, and Zuckernick).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety, Public Health, and Civil Defense (PHPSCD)— Chair Tomasa announced that the next meeting will be on Thursday, June 12, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Treasurer's Report— Treasurer Tomasa announced that the Board has a remaining balance of \$298.58. Treasurer Tomasa asked if the Board can purchase emergency supplies if the Board is unable to utilize the funds.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Submitted by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed by: Rise Doi, Neighborhood Assistant II
Finalized by: Chuck Prentiss, Chair