

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

KAILUA RECREATION CENTER, 21 SOUTH KAINALU DRIVE

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I. CALL TO ORDER. Chair Pro Tem Chuck Prentiss.

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Mid-Pacific Road Runners Club 4.4 mile Kailua Beach Park run Sunday, July 13, 2014.

IV. PUBLIC AGENCIES.

- A. Honolulu Fire Department.
- B. Honolulu Police Department.
- C. Marine Corps Base Hawaii.
- D. Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative.
- E. Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative.

V. RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS (Three (3) minutes each).

(Please sign in at meeting, or email Chairperson Chuck Prentiss at prentissc001@hawaii.rr.com).

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

A. Kawainui-Hamakua Marsh Master plan. Discussion. Board's comments attached.

VII. PRESENTATION (10 minutes)

A. City and County Department of Wastewater Management. Kailua Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant (KRWWTTP) odor control project.

VIII. ELECTED OFFICIALS (Three (3) minutes each).

- A. Representative Chris Lee.
- B. Councilmember Ikaika Anderson.
- C. Senator Jill Tokuda.
- D. Senator Laura Thielen.
- E. Representative Ken Ito.
- F. Representative Cynthia Thielen.

IX. BOARD MOTIONS

1. The KNB opposes Bill 17 that removes The Department of Planning and Permitting's ability to make rules regarding shoreline setbacks and removes provision for government agencies to remove minor structures that cause erosion or impact public access.

2. The KNB supports Bill 34 that addresses a regulatory gap in enforcement of the Honolulu grading ordinance for State of Hawaii Soil and Water Conservation District cooperators. Helps ensure that illegal dumping on soil and water conservation district land, which is not currently enforced by any entity is enforced.

3. The KNB supports Bill 35 that will help protect agricultural land from contaminants that could impact productivity of the soil.

4. The KNB supports Bill 37 that increases the fine amount for illegal dumping as a deterrent and for the safety, health and welfare of residents, streams, the land and ocean.

5. That the Kailua Neighborhood Board write a letter of support to the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation requesting that an appropriate traffic light be installed at the intersection of Ulupii St. and Kalaniana'ole Hwy.



X. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of June 5, 2014.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

A. Parks and Recreation Committee - Chair, Jon Chinen

1. **Bill 24(2014)**-Camping fees for City Parks. The Bill passed third reading at the City Council by a unanimous vote. The bill addresses a gap in the camping fees by adding a category to accommodate groups that are barely over 100 persons, but significantly under the next highest category of 250 persons. The Mayor has until June 23 to sign, veto, or pass the bill without his signature.
2. **Kailua Beach Park Comfort Station**-The Committee is aware of the news reports regarding the state of the comfort station on the Kailua side of Kaelepulu Stream, and has asked the Mayor's representative to update the Board during a future Mayor's Report. The Committee is concerned about where the City is on the timeline to replace the comfort station, and if the funds allocated for design lapsed with the close of the last Fiscal Year.

Next meeting Third Thursday, July 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Kailua District Park Arts & Crafts Room

B. Public Safety, Public Health, and Civil Defense (PHPSCD) - Chair, Claudine Tomasa.

1. REMINDER: Kailua Neighborhood Board's Associate get-together: August 7, 2014, 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Kailua Recreation Center Multipurpose Room. Light refreshment sign-up list will be circulated.
2. Civil Defense
 - a. Report: Kailua Disaster Preparedness Sub Committee
 - Discussion: KNB's participation: Emergency Preparedness Town Fair; September 27, 2014, 10:00a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Whole Food Market Parking Lot.
 - b. Report: Kailua CERT (KCERT)
 - Kailua CERT Coordinator – Leslie Kahihikolo. Overall Coordinator for Windward District – Clem Jung.
 - KCERT Activities promoting readiness:
 1. Functional Exercises to update and learn new skills for rescue
 2. Educational Outreach for the community
 3. Working on a Kailua's Disaster Response Plan
 4. CERT Team meets the third Tuesday of each month. Call Leslie at 728-7991 or email lekali@hawaii.rr.com
 - c. New CERT classes are scheduled Sundays August 17 and 24, 2014; 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the City & County of Honolulu Frank Fasi Building/DEM EOC, and August 31, 2014 at Battery Harlow/Diamond Head. For more information call Jeff Spencer 723-8960 or email jspencer1@honolulu.gov

Next meeting is second Thursday, July 10, 2014, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. @ Kailua Recreation Center. Call Claudine 782-5396 for exact room.

C. Government and Community Services - Chair, Matthew Darnell

1. Homeless problem.

Next meeting is second Thursday, July 10, 2014, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Kalama Beach Park.

D. Planning, Zoning & Environment - Chair, Donna Wong

1. No report.

Next meeting is third Tuesday, July 15, 2014, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Kalama Beach Park.

E. Transportation and Public Works - Chair, William Hicks

1. No report.

Next meeting second Thursday, July 10, 2014, 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. @ Kailua Recreation

Center.

F. Treasurer's Report. Claudine Tomasa.

G. Chair's Report:

1. Committee agendas due to Chair by Saturday, July 26, 2014.

XII. Adjournment.

A. A mailing list is maintained for interested persons and agencies to receive the Board's agenda and minutes. Additions, corrections, and deletions to the mailing list may be directed to the Neighborhood Commission Office, Honolulu Hale, 530 South King Street, Honolulu, HI 96813; Telephone (808) 768-3710 or FAX (808) 768-3711; call Neighborhood Assistant Neil Baarde 768-3710 or e-mail - nbaarde@honolulu.gov. Agendas and minutes are also available online at <http://www1.honolulu.gov/nco>;

B. Any individual wishing to attend a Neighborhood Board meeting who has questions about accommodations for a physical disability or special physical need should call the NCO at 768-3710 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at least 24-hours before the scheduled meeting.

July Committee Meetings

PUBLIC SAFETY, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND CIVIL DEFENSE (PHPSCD) COMMITTEE:

Second Thursday July 10, 2014, 7:00-8:00 p.m., Kailua Recreation Center.

Chair: Claudine Tomasa, ctomasa@gmail.com. Cell 783-5396. PHPSCD Members: Bill Hicks, Gary Weller, Malina Kaulukukui.

1. Call to Order.
2. Announcements.
3. Civil Defense -Kailua Disaster Preparedness Subcommittee.
4. New Business.
5. Adjournment.

TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Second Thursday July 10, 2014, 8:00-9:00 p.m., Kailua Recreation Center.

Bill Hicks, Chair. hicksw001@hawaii.rr.com. Members: Tony Locricchio, Claudine Tomasa, and Gary Weller.

1. Call to order.
2. Approval of minutes.
3. Lanikai Traffic issues.
4. Kailua Traffic issues.
5. New business.
6. Adjournment.

GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Second Thursday, July 10, 2014, Kalama Beach Park, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Matthew Darnell, Chair.

Members: Jon Chinen, Tim Freeman.

1. Call to order.
2. Approval of minutes.
3. Announcements.
4. Homelessness.
5. Community Service Issues.
6. New business.
7. Adjournment.

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

Third Tuesday, July 15, 2014, Kalama Beach Park, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Donna Wong, Chair. Members: Larry Bartley, Douglas Dudevoir, Skip Byron, Gary Weller, Chuck Prentiss, Levani Lipton, Vern Hinsvark. Ex-officio (non-voting): Stann Reiziss.

1. Call to order.
2. Approval of minutes.
3. Proposed development above Kailua Bluffs.
4. General Plan 2011 Revision.
5. Koolaupoko and Koolauloa Sustainable Communities Plan.
6. Short term rentals.
7. Kawainui-Hamakua Marsh Plan.
8. New business.
9. Adjournment.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Third Thursday, July 17, 2014, Kailua Recreation Center, Arts & Crafts Room, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Jon Chinen, Chair chinenjon@yahoo.com, Cell: 753-6783. Members: Larry Bartley, Tim Freeman.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Neighborhood Concerns & Presentations
4. Correspondence
5. Continuing Items
 - A. Enforcement of Commercial Activities in Parks
 - B. First Amendment Groups at Kailua Beach Park
 - C. Pohakupu Fountain
 - D. Lanikai Pillbox trail concerns
 - E. Bill 62(2013)-Use of helmets by riders under the age of sixteen
 - F. Kawai Nui marsh illegal activity
6. New Business
 - A. Kailua Beach Park comfort station
7. Announcements
8. Adjournment

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Recess in July, 2014. Board Officers.

**ATTACHED: Comments and Requests for Revisions
To the State DLNR/Helber, Hastert & Fee Consultant's
May, 2014 Draft of the Kawainui-Hamakua Complex Master**

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Comments and Requests for Revisions To the State DLNR/Helber, Hastert & Fee Consultant's May, 2014 Draft of the Kawainui-Hamakua Complex Master Plan

INTRODUCTION

The Kailua Neighborhood Board (KNB) is part of the City and County of Honolulu Neighborhood Board system made up of 32 active boards on Oahu. The boards are administered the City and County Neighborhood Commission, and governed by a Neighborhood Plan for management of the system. The system was first adopted by the voters as an amendment to the Honolulu City Charter in 1974, and the first board was formed in 1975. Members, who serve as volunteers, are elected every two years in an online election conducted by the Neighborhood Commission. City funds are provided for operations. In Kailua, the 19 member board is divided into four subdistricts so that the members can more easily assess the needs, values and desires of the residents they represent.

The KNB has a long history associated with the Kawainui-Hamakua Marsh, and protection of its function as a Wildlife Habitat, a site eligible for designation on the Federal and State Historic Sites Registers, a Ramsar Wetland of International importance, its cultural significance in Hawaiian history, and a flood control basin.

The KNB has worked with many others to thwart damaging developments in and around this sensitive area that is also designated by the Hawaii Department of Health as a Class 1 inland water body where the quality of the water is to be managed at pristine levels and free of additional polluted runoff. Other marsh values include the aesthetic values of its open space and scenic views that are enjoyed by all who pass by.

The waters of the marsh are part of an Ahupua'a ecosystem that starts high in the Koolau mountains and eventually flow into the cherished waters of Kailua Bay. The KNB has supported planning that considers this entire watershed as the basic planning unit.

The marsh serves to form the nature and character of Kailua, a community that prides its self on its natural beauty and non-polluted recreational amenities. Comments received at KNB meetings and special forums indicate very strong community desire to prohibit actions with even a small potential to damage sensitive areas such as the marsh, or to rapidly change the residential character of the community.

There are Hawaiian groups in Kailua who are eager to preserve and promote their culture, and the cultural features contained in the marsh. The features such as the Hauwahine rock formation, and Heiau are precious, endeared sites that need continuous protection and nurturing, and are an integral part of the preservation of the resource.

The KNB has been intensely involved with the current Kawainui-Hamakua Marsh update of the 1994 marsh plan. Board members have attended and participated in all advertised plan meetings including the ones held before the consultant was selected. The Board discussed the plan at its meetings, and at its Planning, Zoning and Environment Committee meetings. Two members were designated as delegates to the Hoolualima group that was designated by the State Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) to replace the original Advisory Committee. The Board also established, and received a final report and recommendation from, an Investigative Committee (a "Permitted Interaction Group" authorized by State statute) that looked into allegations that community input made at meetings on the marsh plan were not being incorporated into the plan. Board members along with members of other community and statewide organizations met with William Aila, Chairman of BLNR on issues with the plan and the planning process.

Board members also met with the State Environmental Council (at the suggestion of the Board Chair who is a member of the Council) to gain information concerning procedures relating to the EIS for the plan.

William Aila or his representative was invited to present the May 22, 2014 draft of the marsh plan at the June 5, 2014 KNB meeting, but declined. As this was the last opportunity for public discussion and comment prior to the deadline of June 30, 2014 imposed by the State's consultant, a power-point presentation of the plan's development maps was presented by the Board Chair. The meeting was

attended by approximately 200 Kailua residents who presented nearly one and one half hours of testimony in opposition to the draft plan.

After further discussion by the Board, the following motion was adopted at the meeting:

"The Kailua Neighborhood Board 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."

Therefore, the following comments and requested revisions are based upon concerns expressed by the Kailua community at the June 5, 2014 meeting, those received at previous Board and committee meetings, research done by Board members and the recommendations of the Investigative Committee (the latter were previously submitted).

COMMENTS AND REQUESTED REVISIONS

The DLNR May 22, 2014 draft (the draft) clearly proposes a level and density of development that will be damaging to the resource and the character of the Kailua community. Even the title of the draft was changed to "Complex Master Plan" which refers to a group of buildings and is inconsistent with the intent to update the 1994 Marsh Master Plan.

In Chapter 3, the draft discusses community comments made at the consultant's Public Information Meeting No.1. In response to Question 1 "What is your most precious wish for the marsh", 78% expressed concern for marsh management, 35% for Hawaiian culture, and 32% concerned about public access. Only 8% mentioned education.

In response to Question 2 "What is your greatest concern for the marsh", 62% said management and commercialization, 22% commercialization and tourism affecting natural beauty and wildlife, 16% need for Hawaiian Cultural presence. If these were the community's main concerns, why then does the draft plan include 37 buildings, 11 parking lots, 5 pavilions, 10 viewing decks, 4,155 feet of boardwalk, 5.7 miles of trails, 9 maintenance access roads, 3 bridges/causeways, and 18 interpretive sign areas? This appears to be much the opposite of what was said.

The draft proposes the building of causeways across Maunawili and Kahanaiki Streams that may cost millions of taxpayer dollars and alter the flow and the hydrology of the marsh. Expensive boardwalks are planned in the wetland habitat of endangered waterbirds and an extensive trail system will bring people through archaeological sites where artifacts are still being found on the surface and where vandalism and theft are an ongoing issue. The modern buildings with offices, classrooms, restrooms and parking lots will contribute sediment and pollution to the marsh especially after storm events and even a LEEDS design will only capture a percentage of it, not eliminate it entirely. Overtime, this pollution and run-off sediment accumulates in the marsh and compromises its flood control capacity threatening Coconut Grove, and the water quality. Pollution from vehicle runoff will add heavy metals which in time will also impact the water quality of the marsh and Kailua Bay.

Wetlands worldwide are being lost to encroachment and development of this kind, and the best of intentions to build "green or sustainably" can only manage the degree of harm, not prevent it. The effect of the proposed developments of a Hawaiian Cultural Complex, a DOFAW research Center, an Education Center, and a Canoe house that would include canoe construction, combined with all of the other developments listed above, would compare with or even exceed the impacts of the shopping center that was stopped in 1974.

A true update would have "removal of the floating mat" as the number one priority. This is basic to both increased habitat and improved flood control. Rather than an update of a preservation plan, the draft

more exemplifies how wetland sites are lost forever. We note that a vital carrying capacity study for each site, requested by Hoolaulima, is not included in the plan.

Safety and security is another issue in the marsh. DOCARE and the curators of marsh sites have demonstrated lack of capability to police the area. The recent drug bust at the Na Pōhaku o Hauwahine on June 18, 2014 required the use of Federal Marshalls, and the HPD Canine Corp. Board members have received many complaints of homeless and drug activity in the marsh.

Moreover, the Hawaiian Cultural Complex would be built on an old landfill site, be immediately down slope of the City trash transfer station, and have no access to the City sewer system. There is also City and County owned land between the site and the road that is not addressed in the plan. City test wells in close proximity have shown there to be heavy metals such as Mercury and Cadmium leaching from the closed landfill towards the marsh. Plans for the marsh should more appropriately address mitigation of these impacts rather than adding to the problem. These issues should also be addressed in the Special Management Area (SMA) Permit required from the City and County of Honolulu. This permit is discretionary and requires a public hearing. City and County ordinances Chapter 25 includes as a purpose of the SMA:

"It is also the policy of the city and county to avoid or minimize damage to natural or historic special management area wetlands wherever prudent or feasible; to require that activities not dependent upon a wetland location be located at upland sites; to allow wetland losses only where all practicable measures have been applied to reduce those losses that are unavoidable and in the public interest. (Sec. 33-1.2, R.O. 1978 (1987 Supp. to 1983 Ed.); Am. Ord. 93-74)."

There also has been no demonstrated need for the proposed Education Center in the marsh. An Education Center is not marsh-dependent and can be located elsewhere. Its location at the former Cash family ranch is also on a high point that drains into the wetland. It would also significantly modify the views from Kailua town. These are views that are depicted in the City and County Sustainable Communities Plan for the area. Better use of the site would be for the open lawn occasional cultural use that has been recommended by a local Hawaiian organization.

An alternative to the cultural developments proposed that is acceptable is at the Wai'auia site or at other sites in Kailua town. These facilities are also not marsh dependent. This is the only marsh site that is outside of the Wildlife Sanctuary. Furthermore, the use of State public property for private or semi-private uses is inappropriate. It is requested that, if the Wai'auia site is used for a Hawaiian cultural site, that it include an Iw'i interment site, and only a small open-sided hale and hula mound. The parking lot should be small and modest, with no buses or vans allowed. As throughout the marsh, no commercial activities should be permitted.

The Board has received very strong objections to the proposed trails and pathways in the Hamakua Marsh area. A trailhead is located within a few feet of homes in enchanted lake as is the restroom. No parking is provided, nor is there room for it at either end. The well known problems at the Haiku Stairs can be expected to be repeated here. The potential for fires from smokers on this usually dry ridge is tremendous, and can endanger the Enchanted Lake community, Kailua High School and others. There is no justification for this intrusion on the residential neighborhood. Furthermore, the Kailua Road end of the trail is on a steep slope on which the State DOT has spent large sums to control erosion. This end (or beginning) is also on a small sidewalk next to Windward Boats on a no parking, no stopping street in one of the highest traffic sites in Kailua.

As a result, the specific revisions request related to the eight map sections in Chapter 4 of the draft are as follows:



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A. Kapa'a and Kalāheo Section.

Retain

1. Open canoe storage and launch area.
2. Small gated parking lot, no buses.
3. Screening trees and shrubs.
4. Native Hawaiian and cultural plants.
5. Wildlife sanctuary.
6. Vegetation restoration area.
7. No commercial activities.

Delete

1. Hale Wa'a.
2. 42 stall parking lot and loading area.
3. State Parks interpretive shelter.
4. Observation pavilion.
5. Restrooms.
6. Pedestrian bridge across canal.
7. Boardwalk.
8. Path.

B. Kapa'a Section.

Retain

1. Marsh vegetation processing area.
2. Maintenance office and launch ramp.
3. Equipment shed.
4. Maintenance access drive.

Delete

1. Admin/research/WC building.
2. Water storage/workshop building.
3. Plant nursery.
4. Classroom/kitchen.
5. Bus parking lot.
6. Gathering area.
7. 20 stall parking lot.
8. Camping area.
9. Caretaker residence.
10. Hale.
11. Imu.
12. Hula mound.
13. Pathway.
14. Boardwalk.

C. Na Pōhaku and Former Cash Ranch Section.

Retain

1. Existing Na Pōhaku foot trail.
2. Vegetation restoration.
3. Add: 10-stall passenger car parking at existing entrance.
4. Gated entry (Cash Ranch gate).
5. Open lawn area.
6. Vegetation restoration.
7. Maintenance access trail.
8. Habitat expansion.

Delete

1. Education center.
2. Parking lot
3. Viewing deck.
4. Foot trail and path.



D. Kahanai Section.

Retain

1. Vegetation restoration.
2. Existing open lawns.
3. Gated maintenance access.
4. Native forest.
5. Terraced wall for drainage control and cultural plants.
6. Existing Hau forest.

Delete

1. Foot trail.
2. Lookout with interpretive signage.
3. Causeways.
4. Program pavilion.
5. Boardwalk with observation deck.

6. Program staging area.
7. Parking lot.
8. Path.
9. Observation deck.
10. Maintenance causeway/path over wetland and Kahanai Stream.

E. Mokulana Peninsula Section.

Retain

1. DOFAW equipment parking.
2. Vegetation restoration area.
3. Vegetation restoration nursery.
4. Maintenance office
5. Greenhouses.
6. Nursery office.
7. DOFAW management and research station.
8. Maintenance access.
9. Archeological site.

Delete

1. Program Staging area, and equipment storage.
2. Program pavilion.
3. Interpretive view pavilions.
4. Foot trails.
5. Trail/causeway/path.
6. Viewing deck.
7. Interpretive pavilion.
8. Parking lot.
9. Perimeter fence.
10. Foot bridge.
11. Second program staging area and pavilion.
12. Viewing decks.
13. Purchase of Ulukahiki Street.

F. Ulupō Heiau State Historical Park.

Retain

1. Archeological sites.
2. Wastewater pump station.
3. Plant nursery.
4. Cultural plants.
5. Hale (small, open sided, thatched roof, no commercial activities).
6. Wetland restoration.
7. Lo'i.
8. Small parking, 10 passenger cars, no commercial vehicle

Delete

1. Viewing decks.
2. Interpretive signage.
3. Boardwalk.
4. Foot trails.
5. Road widen to 22 feet (retain no access).
6. Large parking lot.
7. Restroom.

G. Wai'auia (former ITT site) to Ulupō Heiau State Historical Park.

Retain

1. Archeological site.
2. Gated maintenance access to levee.
3. Levee path, and foot trail from Wai'auia to levee.
4. Small 10-space parking for passenger cars only, no buses or vans or loading.
5. No commercial activities.
6. Reinterment site (for Iw'i).
7. Small open sided halau, no concrete construction, thatched roof.
8. Hula mound.

Delete

1. Foot trail from Ulupō Heiau State Historical Park to levee.
2. Former pump house.
3. Viewing deck and interpretive signage.
4. Large parking lot with loading area.
6. All structures except those listed in **Retain** immediately above.
7. Future use site.

H. Hāmākua- Pu'uoehu

Retain

1. Vegetation buffer.
2. Archeological sites.
3. Wetland expansion.
4. Maintenance access.

Delete

1. Program staging area and rest room.
2. Foot trails.
3. Trailheads.
4. Open lawn program areas.

Submitted, on behalf of the Kailua Neighborhood Board, June 24, 2014:

Charles A. Prentiss, BA, MBA, Ph.D.
Chair