



KAILUA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 31

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2014 KAILUA RECREATION CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Pro Tem Chuck Prentiss called the meeting to order at 7:09 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, Tim Freeman, Bill Hicks, Vernon Hinsvark, Levani Lipton, Tony Locricchio, Teresa Parsons, Chuck Prentiss, Claudine Tomasa, Ron Weinberg, Gary Weller, and Jeff Zuckernick.

Board Members Absent: Malina Kaulukukui and Donna Wong.

Vacancies: None.

Guests: Senator Laura Thielen; Debbi Glanstein; Terry George (HKL Castle Foundation); Captain Mark Kunaye (Honolulu Fire Department); Ernest Busboso; Ursula Retherford; Johanna Marizan Ho and Tiffany Patrick (Marine Corps Base Hawaii); Peter Bourne; Earl Walker and Gary Weisman (Olomana Community Association); Jim Wood; Kalani Kaanaana ('Alele); Kamanu Bicoy; Haunani Kauka; Kahu Ricky Bermudez; Kukona Lopes; Alyce Belonis; Rudy Ahlo; Dawn Horn; Stann Reiziss; Lieutenant Dave Eber and Major Ryan Borges (Honolulu Police Department); Jesse Souki and Lisa Hadway (State Department of Land and Natural Resources); Lehuakona Isaacs (Ahahui Malama); Ronald Sato (HHF Planners); Representative Cynthia Thielen; Jeffrey Griswold; Kathy Sassi; Healani Mahi'ai; John Sakurai; Nola Healani Faria; Marilyn Luipold; David Smith; Roy Johnson; Glenn Uyeshiro; Erik Horn; Kehau Meyer; Randy Grune (Governor Neil Abercrombie's representative); Guy Inouye (City Department of Wastewater Management); Mapuana De Silva; and Stephen Saito and Risé Doi (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- **Chair:** Chair Pro Tem Prentiss relinquished the gavel to Vice Chair Pro Tem Bartley, who opened the floor to nominations for the office of Chair. **Freeman nominated Prentiss. Weinberg nominated himself. A roll call vote was taken. Prentiss filled the office of Chair, 14-1-2 (Aye: Bartley, Byron, Chinen, Darnell, Dudevoir, Espenan, Freeman, Hicks, Hinsvark, Lipton, Parsons, Tomasa, Weller, and Zuckernick; No: Weinberg; Abstain: Locricchio and Prentiss).**
- **Vice Chair:** Bartley returned the gavel to Chair Prentiss. **Bartley nominated Darnell. Weinberg nominated himself. A roll call vote was taken. Darnell filled the office of Vice Chair, 15-1-1 (Aye: Bartley, Byron, Chinen, Dudevoir, Espenan, Freeman, Hicks, Hinsvark, Lipton, Locricchio, Parsons, Prentiss, Tomasa, Weller, and Zuckernick; No: Weinberg; Abstain: Darnell).**
- **Secretary: Tomasa nominated Hicks.** There were no other nominations. **Hicks filled the office of Secretary, 17-0-0 (Aye: Bartley, Byron, Chinen, Darnell, Dudevoir, Espenan, Freeman, Hicks, Hinsvark, Lipton, Locricchio, Parsons, Prentiss, Tomasa, Weinberg, Weller, Wong, and Zuckernick).**
- **Treasurer: Lipton nominated Tomasa.** There were no other nominations. **Tomasa filled the office of Treasurer, 17-0-0 (Aye: Bartley, Byron, Chinen, Darnell, Dudevoir, Espenan, Freeman, Hicks, Hinsvark, Lipton, Locricchio, Parsons, Prentiss, Tomasa, Weinberg, Weller, Wong, and Zuckernick).**

Chair Prentiss reappointed all committee chairs and committee members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: A community member announced that the Dick Evans Road Race will be on Sunday, August 31, 2014. The race will start and end in Hawaii Kai. The race starts at 5:45 a.m. Chair Prentiss mentioned the Mid-Pacific Road Runners Club will have a run on Sunday, July 13, 2014. The 4.4-mile run will start at Kailua Beach Park. There will also be a Family Fun Run on Saturday, August 23, 2014 at 7:00 a.m. The run will start at Kailua Intermediate School.



PUBLIC AGENCIES

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Mark Kunaye reported the following:

- June 2014 Fire Statistics: There were 4 structure, 3 wildland, 2 rubbish and 1 vehicle fire, 103 medical emergencies, 16 search and rescues, 88 miscellaneous calls for service, and 3 major incidents. There was a building fire, a high angle rescue at Mount Olomana, and another high angle rescue at the Lanikai Pillbox Trail.
- Fire Safety Tip: Take the time to childproof the home. Check for situations that may cause electrical shock, accidental falls, and poisoning from unsecured medications, cleaning products, or houseplants. Ensure swimming pools are properly fenced and gated. Keep matches and lighters out of children's reach.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Dave Eber reported the following:

- Fourth of July: The fireworks show will be from 8:00 p.m. to 8:12 p.m. at Kailua Beach Park. Overflow parking will be located at Kailua Intermediate School, Kailua Elementary School, and Lanikai Elementary School. Violators will be towed. There will be a shuttle bus from Macy's to Kailua Beach Park. All proper permits for the event have been obtained. Various roads near the event will be tow away zones. There will be between 40 to 50 officers in Kailua. HPD asked for the community's patience, and wished the community a happy Fourth of July.
- June 2014 Crime Statistics: Statistics included 13 motor vehicle thefts, 12 burglaries, 42 thefts, and 28 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV).

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Burglaries: Community member Stann Reiziss raised a concern regarding burglaries on Fourth of July while everyone is watching the fireworks, and it was noted that the increased presence and high visibility of HPD should deter burglaries during the holiday.
2. Fireworks Show: Weinberg inquired how to make the fireworks show longer, and it was answered that the fireworks show is expensive, and this year money was secured early.
3. Mahalo: Darnell thanked HPD for looking out for the community during the Fourth of July.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) – Johanna Marizan Ho reported the following:

- Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC): RIMPAC has begun. There has been an increase in aircraft activity. For questions regarding RIMPAC activity, call 472-0235.
- Bayfest: Bayfest will be from Friday, October 17 to Sunday, October 19, 2014.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – No representative was present; a written memo was circulated. Lochricchio noted that \$32 million was in the budget for homeless projects, and inquired how much of that money was designated for Kailua.

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative – Randy Grune reported the following:

- Capital Improvement Projects (CIP): Governor Abercrombie has released \$58.3 million in CIP for various projects within the community.
- Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): The State of Hawaii's CAFR indicated a decrease in CIP fund standing balances. This reflects an increase in CIP activity.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Kawainui Marsh Plan: Lochricchio commented that William Aila has refused to meet with the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31, and asked if Governor Abercrombie would be willing to address the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 regarding the Kawainui Marsh Plan.
2. Surplus: Weinberg raised a concern regarding spending the surplus. Grune noted that all projects are approved by the Legislature.
3. Bills Without Signature: A resident asked what is the day that bills pass without the Governor's signature.

RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS: Traffic Light: Gary Weisman from the Olomana Community Association raised a concern requesting that the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 ask the State Department of Transportation (HDOT) to install a traffic light at the intersection of Ulupii Street and Kalaniana'ole Highway.

Weisman commented that the intersection is dangerous for pedestrians and drivers, and there is speeding near Olomana. A petition has over 200 signatures indicating support for a traffic light at the intersection. Weisman noted that Representative Ken Ito, Senator Jill Tokuda, and Councilmember Ikaika Anderson also support a traffic light at the intersection.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. **Agenda:** Chair Prentiss explained that items cannot be added to the agenda under residents' and community concerns, but noted Board Motion 5 had been listed on tonight's agenda which requests the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Ulupii Street and Kalaniana'ole Highway. Chair Prentiss asked if the Board would like to move the item and discuss it now.
2. **Committee Motion:** Bartley asked if Board Motion 5 on tonight's agenda was a committee motion, and it was answered that the listed motion had not gone through committee and was put on the agenda by a member of the Board.

Zuckernick moved and Hicks seconded to discuss Board Motion 5, that the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 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 Street and Kalaniana'ole Highway.

Discussion followed:

1. **Safety:** Zuckernick noted that the intersection is dangerous and is a safety concern for pedestrians.
2. **Timeline:** Bartley noted that this issue affects a large number of residents. Bartley commented that the motion should first be discussed in committee, and asked Weisman if there were any time restraints regarding needing support from the Board. Weisman answered he would like a letter of support written by September 2014.

Parsons moved and Chinen seconded that Board Motion 5 be referred to the Transportation Committee.

Discussion followed:

1. **Temporary Traffic Light:** Weinberg suggested that a temporary traffic light be installed.
2. **Study:** Byron noted support for the motion to be discussed in the Transportation Committee and that a study should be done at the intersection.

The motion to have Board Motion 5 referred to the Transportation Committee was ADOPTED, 16-1-0 (Aye: Bartley, Byron, Chinen, Darnell, Dudevoir, Espenan, Freeman, Hicks, Hinsvark, Lipton, Lochricchio, Parsons, Prentiss, Tomasa, Weller, and Zuckernick; No: Weinberg).

Hearing no objection, Chair Prentiss took the agenda out of order to item 7, Presentation.

PRESENTATION

Kailua Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Odor Control Project: Guy Inouye from the City Department of Wastewater Management delivered an update regarding the Kailua Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant odor control project. Materials have been received. The contract was rescinded. The project can be started. Completion date will depend on the construction schedule.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. **Completion Date:** Dudevoir inquired about the completion date. Inouye noted that there are many factors involved including suppliers and contractors, and could not give an exact date. Inouye noted that restarting the contract is the fastest way to complete the project.
2. **Accountability:** Tomasa asked who would be held accountable for the completion of the project. The project will be maintained by the City Department of Design and Construction (DDC). A third party will also oversee the project. Lochricchio raised a concern that the community was not informed, and expressed frustration with the department and oversight of the project.
3. **Homeowners:** Weinberg suggested putting homeowners in contact with whoever is in charge of the project. Parsons agreed and noted that homeowners are the ones who are most affected by this project. Parsons raised a concern about confidence in the contractor.
4. **Bidding Process:** Lochricchio stated he had strong criticism of the overall bidding process, and that the residents are victims of an unnecessary stench. Lochricchio also raised a concern that there is not enough money available to complete the project. A resident agreed with Lochricchio.

5. Representative: A resident raised a concern about the smell and noise, and suggested there should be a representative from the project at every Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 meeting until the issue is resolved. Another resident noted that the smell has become unbearable and had concerns about when the project will be finished.
6. Alternatives: Dudevoir asked what other alternatives were considered. Inouye answered that other alternatives were not considered, and the proposal offered was to restart.
7. Progress: Chair Prentiss thanked Inouye and requested that he keep the Board informed of the progress of the project.

Chair Prentiss returned the agenda to item 6, Unfinished Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Kawainui Marsh Master Plan: Chair Prentiss noted the deadline for comments was on Monday, June 30, 2014. The Board had submitted comments. There was a petition with 2,000 signatures in opposition to the current Kawainui Marsh Plan.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Court: Lochricchio commented that Senator Jill Tokuda is a supporter of the plan and there needs to be a meeting where organizations in opposition of the plan come together and go to court to challenge the plan. Lochricchio noted that the Board cannot go to court. Chair Prentiss noted that the Board cannot go to court, but organizations can. The Board has asked the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and stakeholders to meet with the community for a discussion regarding a solution. The Board wants to see Kawainui Marsh preserved and wants to set up a dialogue.
2. HKL Castle Foundation: Terry George from HKL Castle Foundation noted that restoration and appreciation of the Kawainui Marsh is a high priority. George commented that civil fact-based dialogue is important. The plan limits visitors to 100 people per day. Cultural activities will help everyone appreciate the marsh. Concerns regarding traffic will be addressed. Bartley asked if George had attended other meetings regarding the Kawainui Marsh Plan, and George answered yes. The role that HKL Foundation will play was discussed. Lochricchio asked how much the HKL Castle Foundation spent promoting the Kawainui Marsh Plan. George answered the foundation has only provided Senator Tokuda with juice and water and a facilitator during the meetings. Weinberg suggested putting together an oversight group. Weinberg also raised a concern that the petition does not reflect the entire community and that most people are not coming out to the meetings.
3. DLNR: Deputy Director of DLNR, Jesse Souki, introduced himself and was available to answer questions. Chair Prentiss noted that he was not notified that Souki would be attending tonight's meeting, and commented that no one from DLNR showed up to last month's meeting. Chair Prentiss expressed that the community was opposed to the plan. Souki noted that the deadline for the draft plan comments was on Monday, June 30, 2014 and noted the plan is available online for review. The comments will be considered. There were several meetings and opportunities to comment throughout the process. The plan covers resource management, cultural resources, and educational opportunities.
4. Public Input: Chair Prentiss noted that the Board's investigative committee found discrepancies in the plan and submitted comments to DLNR Chairperson William Aila. Chair Prentiss commented that it seemed like comments regarding the Kawainui Marsh Plan were not being heard and there was no opportunity for discussion at the various meetings. Bartley noted he had attended the first meeting and commented that no one was listening to the community. Souki noted that DLNR is receiving comments from both sides of the issue, and both sides agree on the preservation and restoration of Kawainui Marsh. Hicks noted that there were many meetings and opportunities for input, but the public input had not been added to the plan. Hicks raised a concern that the absence of constructive dialogue with the concerns of both parties. It was asked if the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31's input has impacted the plan, noting that the Board agreed with some parts of the plan, but recommended deleting 67 elements of the plan. Souki answered that DLNR has been taking comments from the community and various organizations. Weller raised a concern regarding the State's ability to maintain the marsh, and noted that although the Board had sent a resolution, there had been no changes in the plan. Souki commented that there have been unsupervised tourists at the marsh and trample over the area and the plan's intention is preservation and education. Weller expressed concern regarding the State's ability to manage the land and noted there had been homeless people and drug users in the area. Souki noted the need for more enforcement. Dudevoir commented that the current draft of the plan does not reflect the community's input and that the process was flawed from the start. Souki recommended that everyone read the plan. Freeman questioned when DLNR is going to realize what the

community wants. Lochricchio told Souki it was rude of him to show up at tonight's meeting uninvited and that there needs to be a meeting with Aila or Governor Abercrombie. Souki noted he believes in the neighborhood board process and had showed up to the meeting tonight because the item was listed on the agenda, not to make the Board feel insulted. Souki noted that comments received can be incorporated into the next draft.

5. Cultural Aspect: Community member Iolani Sakurai commented that the marsh used to be overgrown. Sakurai noted that a cultural educational center would be good for children, and would like to see Kawainui Marsh as a place of healing, not a commercial enterprise.
6. Read the Plan: A community member noted that most people who had testified were concerned with tour buses in the neighborhood. The community member urged the public to read the plan with an open mind, and that DLNR did listen to the testimony. The community member noted that Kawainui Marsh would not exist without DLNR, and commented that DLNR has the resources to maintain the marsh. Chair Prentiss noted that the Board agreed with some of the comments. The resident commented that he saw the way that the Board was interacting with Souki tonight, and noted that community members stay away from the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 unless they agree with them.
7. Culturally Appropriate: A community member expressed support for the Kawainui Marsh Plan, and noted that many on the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 are not qualified to determine what is culturally appropriate. The community member commented that Bartley had said that Hawaiians should not be allowed to build anything with concrete or steel in it, and the resident noted that those words were hurtful. The community member noted that Hawaiians were ingenious and adaptable people. The community member encouraged the Board to have a discussion with Native Hawaiians regarding the plan. The community member explained that he is a coach, cultural practitioner, and educator.
8. Board: Community member Kehau Meyer noted she is a fifth generation Kailua resident and commented that the Board needs to listen to all sides of the issue. Meyer noted that she had participated in the meetings regarding the Kawainui Marsh Plan and did not have a voice. Meyer agreed with points of the Board's recent comments, but not the original comments which were offensive to Hawaiians. Meyer stated it was unfair to compare cultural projects to Waikiki or the Polynesian Cultural Center. Meyer commented that the Board does not speak for the entire community and was rude and unruly at the last three (3) meetings regarding the Kawainui Marsh Plan. Meyer indicated interest in being on the Board in the future.
9. Cultural Presence: Community member Lehuakona Isaacs noted that Hawaiian people are not a special interest group. Isaacs noted that if the recommendations are followed, only the educational center will be seen from Mokapu Boulevard. Isaacs noted the importance of an educational center and that Kawainui Marsh needs a cultural presence. Kawainui Marsh is not pristine and is surrounded by evasive plants. To maintain the marsh, resources are needed. There needs to be a place to park cars, but not asphalt. Isaacs explained there is a misunderstanding of what *kanaka maoli* envision for the marsh. Isaacs noted the need for discussion. Chair Prentiss noted that at last month's Board meeting when the Kawainui Marsh Plan was discussed, the testimony was different from what was heard tonight. Chair Prentiss noted he did not appreciate that the consultant of the master plan and the deputy director of DLNR were present tonight but not at last month's meeting. Weller commented that he has no problem with Hawaiian cultural practices, but the plan will change the character of the marsh and that the project is about tourism. Isaacs noted that Kawainui Marsh needs facilities and the State is providing the resources. Chinen thanked the testifiers tonight for their comments and *mana'o*, and noted he had wanted to hear both sides of the issue before making a decision. Chinen noted he had only heard one side of the issue during last month's Board meeting.
10. Fish Pond: Community member Mapuana De Silva noted that it would have been nice to ask to speak on behalf of the people who support the plan at the last Board meeting, but she did not hear about it from any of the Board members. De Silva commented that Kawainui is not a marsh, but that it is a fish pond to the Hawaiian people. It used to be a fish pond for hundreds of years. Hawaiian ancestors lived in Kawainui to maintain their food source. Kawainui was known to feed all of Oahu. Another community member mentioned that both the Board and the Hawaiians agree with wanting to preserve the Kawainui Marsh.

Neighborhood assistant Risé Doi departed the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Hicks submitted the following:

10. (continued) However, he was concerned that the Board recommendations had taken out some of the items of most interest to the Hawaiian people.
11. Supports the Plan: Community member Mike Ako commented how ancestor bones had been moved by roadwork and asked people to remember how Kailua Beach Park had been in the 1930s; he is concerned

about the tourist influx since then. He noted that ancestors have cared for the fish ponds and marsh for centuries and that they consider it a sacred place. The 8-point plan supports Hawaiian interests. Establishing a Hawaiian Cultural Center in Kawainui Marsh is something that Hawaiian people endorse. He is concerned about pollution there. He underscored the need to work together, citing as an example Methodist youth groups from the mainland who have come to help local volunteers restore the marsh. Chair Prentiss asked how would thousands of visitors entering the marsh mesh with your vision? Ako responded they can be regulated and controlled.

12. Work together: Community member Kaneah (?) said we all need to stop fighting. People need to remember that there are three heiaus in Kailua. He felt that people who are living the Hawaiian lifestyle are not "homeless" people, but rather "houseless" people. He told the Board that you are the visitors, not us. Darnell took exception that: you say we need to work together, but then you end your statement with "you guys".

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Submitted by: Risé Doi, Neighborhood Assistant II
Reviewed by: Stephen Saito, Neighborhood Assistant
Finalized by: Chuck Prentiss, Chair