



KAILUA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 31

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2014 KAILUA RECREATION CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Chuck Prentiss called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with a **quorum of 15 members present**. Note: This 19-member Board requires 10 members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Larry Bartley, Jon Chinen, Douglas Dudevoir, Michael Espenan, Tim Freeman, Bill Hicks, Vernon Hinsvark, Malina Kaulukukui, Levani Lipton (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Tony Locricchio, Teresa Parsons, Chuck Prentiss, Claudine Tomasa, Ron Weinberg, Gary Weller, and Jeff Zuckernick.

Board Members Absent: James "Skip" Byron, Matt Darnell, and Donna Wong.

Vacancies: None.

Guests: Senator Laura Thielen, Representative Cynthia Thielen, Laurel Leslie (Windward Coalition), Rudy Lopez, Tiffany Patrick and Master Gunnery Sergeant Mark Gleason (Marine Corps Base Hawaii), Mark Kuwaye and Sean Kamai (Honolulu Fire Department), Robert Towne (Honolulu Police Department), Alex and Natalie Lui-Kwan, Stann Reiziss, Shiyana Thenabadu, Erik Horn, Glenn Uyeshiro, Councilmember Ikaika Anderson, Francisco Figuerido (Councilmember Ikaika Anderson's office staff), Michelle Pillar, Alenka Remec (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative), Mary J Peele, Lisa Marten, Terry George (Harold K. L. Castle Foundation), Deborah Kwan, Jayce Arakaki, and Risé Doi (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Presentation:** Chair Prentiss announced that there will be a presentation regarding the City's homeless program at next month's Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 regular meeting.
- **Tsunami Preparedness:** Tomasa announced the City Department of Emergency Management (DEM) will be holding a community meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at the Kailua Recreation Center from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. regarding tsunami preparedness for coastal areas. Tomasa encouraged the public to attend the meeting.
- **Chief of Police:** Tomasa announced Honolulu Police Department (HPD) Chief of Police Louis Kealoha will be holding a community meeting on Monday, November 10, 2014 at Benjamin Parker Elementary School at 6:30 p.m. regarding community relations and neighborhood security watches.
- **Windward Climate Change Summit:** Community member Lisa Marten announced that there will be a climate change summit on Sunday, November 23, 2014 at Kailua Elementary School from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be expert speakers discussing climate change. The Windward Climate Change Summit is a free event. Register at windwardclimate.brownpapertickets.com.

Lipton arrived at 7:05 p.m. **16 members were present.**

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. **Climate Change:** Weinberg asked and Marten clarified that the climate change summit presentations will be based on science.
2. **Kalama Beach Park:** A resident raised a concern about Kalama Beach Park closing at 6:00 p.m. and requested the Board's assistance in having the park stay open later during the summer months. Chinen noted the item will be on the agenda at the next Parks and Recreation committee meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at the Kailua District Park Arts and Crafts room at 7:00 p.m. Chinen invited the community to attend.

PUBLIC AGENCIES



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

- October 2014 Fire Statistics: Statistics included 4 rubbish fires. There were 92 medical emergencies, 2 search and rescues, and 79 miscellaneous emergencies.
- Fire Safety Tips: HFD encourages every family to prepare for a natural disaster. Visit the DEM website at www.honolulu.gov/dem for more information. Consider a fire-resistant artificial Christmas tree this holiday season. Keep natural Christmas trees hydrated and away from heat sources in the home. Do not overload extension cords.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Robert Towne reported the following:

- October 2014 Crime Statistics: Statistics included 9 motor vehicle thefts, 28 burglaries, 50 thefts, and 23 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV).
- Crime Safety Tip: Lieutenant Towne encouraged residents to call 911 to report suspicious activity.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Tamales: Chair Prentiss noted that there was a tamale stand in front of Kailua Beach Park and raised a concern about illegal commercial activity. Chair Prentiss noted that police drove by and did not cite the people with the tamale stand. Chair Prentiss commented that all illegal commercial activity should be kept out of Kailua Beach Park. Freeman noted that residents should not have to call 911 for illegal commercial activity is recognizable and police are nearby. Lieutenant Towne responded that there are only five (5) officers on duty in Kailua and they cannot respond to every violation if officers are on their way to respond to a burglary. Lieutenant Towne will look into why the people with the tamale stand at Kailua Beach Park yesterday were not cited if a police car was nearby.
2. Parking Lot: Weinberg asked and Lieutenant Towne answered that the parking lot at the police station was recently paved and needs an inspection and entrance ramp.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) – Master Gunnery Sergeant Mark Gleason reported the following:

- Runway Reopening: The runway will be reopening Wednesday, December 3, 2014.
- Training: Marines will be training in late December 2014 and early January 2015. There will be F-18 fighter jets on base.
- Turkey Trot: There will be a 5K run open to the public on Saturday, November 15, 2014.
- Christmas Concert: There will be a Christmas concert on Saturday, November 29, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 30, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at Hawaii Theatre.
- Special Olympics: MCBH will be hosting the Special Olympics on Saturday, November 22, 2014 and Sunday, November 23, 2014.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Windward Coalition: Locricchio suggested Master Gunnery Sergeant Gleason contact the Windward Coalition regarding noise complaints.

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

- Housing First: A concern was previously raised regarding the funding for Housing First. The Housing First program is a \$2.8 million program that focuses on housing and supportive service resources for approximately 100 chronically homeless individuals in three (3) priority communities. These communities are the Waianae Coast, Downtown/Chinatown, and Waikiki. Funding has not been specifically separated by community, but service providers have been encouraged to work collaboratively across communities. The City has selected the proposal from the Institute for Human Services (HIS) and will be in contract with the provider soon. The proposal includes collaboration from organizations in each of the three (3) communities to best support the homeless there. The Housing First program contract is for one (1) year and will begin in November 2014.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Kapaa Quarry: Weller raised a concern regarding the lack of enforcement of illegal dumping at Kapaa Quarry.

2. Oil Spill: Hinsvark raised a concern and provided pictures of an oil spill at Kapaa Quarry. Remec will forward the concern and pictures to the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP).

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative – No representative was present; no report was provided.

RESIDENTS' AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Lanikai Traffic: Resident Michelle Pillar provided an update regarding the traffic in Lanikai, and noted that the City has painted "no parking" symbols in the Aalapapa Drive bike lane. However, no additional "no parking" signage had been added to Aalapapa Drive. Chair Prentiss noted that there were new "no parking" signs on Mokulua Drive. However, no "no parking" symbols are painted on Mokulua Drive. Pillar noted the Lanikai Association supports no parking on both sides of Lanikai Loop. Hicks noted the Board had passed a motion supporting no parking on both sides of Lanikai Loop. Weller suggested that residents call 911 so that every vehicle illegally parked in Lanikai is ticketed or towed. Tomasa commented that the parking problem has not changed in years. Hicks noted that "no parking" signs need to be posted on both sides of the loop, and parking on unimproved sidewalks on the side streets in Lanikai is illegal. Pillar noted that the City is planning to make changes to the intersection near Kalapawai Market, and Chair Prentiss commented the Board supports a traffic light in that intersection.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Senator Laura Thielen – Senator Thielen reported the following:

- Hot Fudge Recipe: Senator Thielen mentioned there is a hot fudge recipe in her newsletter.
- Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle: The invasive coconut rhinoceros beetle was recently found in Diamond Head State Park. Call the pest hotline to report any coconut rhinoceros beetle activity at 634-7378.
- Senate: The Senate has undergone reorganization. The House of Representatives will be organizing committees soon. Senator Donna Mercado Kim remained the Senate President. Senator Ron Kouchi remained the Vice President. Senator Jill Tokuda will be the Chair of the Ways and Means Committee. Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran will be Chair of the Judiciary Committee. Senator Russell Ruderman will be the Chair of the Agriculture Committee. Senator Mike Gabbard will remain as Chair of the Environment Committee. Senator Thielen will be the Chair of the Water and Land Committee.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Senate Committees: Chinen asked and Senator Thielen answered that she will also be a member of the Senate Judiciary, Agriculture, and Education Committees.
2. Legislation: Parsons congratulated Senator Thielen for being appointed as Chair of the Water and Land Committee and asked if there are any plans for legislation regarding enforcement for violations of water and land misuse. Senator Thielen responded that when she was Chair of the Department of Land and Resources (DLNR), legislation was passed for violations of cultural resources where in addition to the fines, the violators had to participate in restoration work. Senator Thielen added that the number of violation officers needs to increase in order for effective enforcement.
3. Reform: Weinberg asked and Senator Thielen answered that she is not on the Health Committee, but supports tort reform. Senator Thielen added that she would also support legislation that protects against theft and violation of privacy of the content on smart phones. She would also like to see resource protection legislation passed.
4. DLNR: Weller asked and Senator Thielen answered that she does not know who the Governor-elect David Ige is considering appointing as the Chair for DLNR.

Representative Ken Ito – No representative was present; no report was available.

Representative Cynthia Thielen – No representative was present; a written report was available.

Representative Chris Lee – No representative was present; no report was available.

Councilmember Ikaika Anderson – Councilmember Anderson reported the following:

- Reorganization: Councilmember Stanley Chang and Councilmember Breene Harimoto will be leaving office and the newly elected councilmembers will replace them. The City Council will reorganize soon, however, no major changes are expected.
- Real Property Tax Assessment Task Force: The task force will come up with a list of recommendations that will help revamp the property tax system. A draft is currently being reviewed.
- Sustainability Plans: Early next year, the Zoning and Planning Committee will be looking at the Koolauloa Sustainability Plan, and by next summer will be reviewing the Koolau Poko Sustainability Plan.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Oil Dumping: Weller raised a concern regarding illegal oil dumping and stockpiling near Kawainui Marsh. Councilmember Anderson noted that a Notice of Violation (NOV) was issued to the property owner, fines were levied, and the property owner is paying. Hinsvark gave pictures to Councilmember Anderson and commented there should be no industrial area near the marsh. Councilmember Anderson noted he will share the pictures with DPP Director George Atta and will monitor the drainage plan for the Kapaa Quarry project. Parsons raised a concern that there is a lack of communication between the different government agencies regarding the illegal oil dumping and there needs to be enforcement. Chair Prentiss noted that the Clean Water Branch found that the oil did not reach the stream and the Hazardous Waste Branch found oil on the ground. Chair Prentiss noted the investigation is ongoing.
2. Appointments: Weinberg asked and Councilmember Anderson answered that to be appointed to City boards and commissions, the Mayor submits names to the City Council. The City Council confirms or denies the nominations.
3. Project Permitting: Chair Prentiss asked and Councilmember Anderson responded that the zoning was approved prior and the community supported the project. Councilmember Anderson noted that a number of community members testified in support at a Zoning and Planning meeting. Councilmember Anderson noted that agricultural land is being illegally used due to a lack of industrial zoned land. The project includes a one million gallon filtration system. Councilmember Anderson commented that although there have been violations, the property owner is paying the fines and working with the State to correct the violations. Weller raised a concern about violators being allowed to move forward with a project and not following the plan. Dudevoir commented that the Board voted against the zoning change. Councilmember Anderson commented that despite the Board's recommendation, community members had testified in support of the project at a Zoning and Planning meeting. Dudevoir asked and Councilmember Anderson answered that there was a conservation review analysis. Councilmember Anderson commented he had read all documents that were presented before reaching a decision. Locricchio expressed frustration, noting that the Board is elected by the community and elected officials are not listening. Councilmember Anderson noted that the Council takes the Board's recommendation into consideration, but other testimony from community members is also taken into account.

Senator Jill Tokuda – No representative was present; no report was available.

Hearing no objection, Chair Prentiss took the agenda out of order back to item 4, Residents' and Community Concerns.

RESIDENTS' AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Harold K. L. Castle Foundation Grants: Terry George from Harold K. L. Foundation delivered a presentation and distributed a handout regarding the foundation's public education grants, nearshore marine resource conservation grants, and Windward Oahu community strengthening grants. The foundation aims to support communities in Windward Oahu, strengthen leadership in schools, and protect marine resources. George invited the public to visit castlefoundation.org or the foundation's facebook page for more information. George asked for community input regarding new initiatives or areas on which to focus.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Instructional Leadership Teams: Bartley asked and George answered that instructional leadership teams were implemented to close the instructional gap and raise the achievement gap.

2. Trade Jobs: Bartley raised a concern that there are too many students in college and not enough students in trade school. George responded that there are successful trade programs and there are students in demand for workforce development and trade jobs.
3. Correctional Facility: Kaulukukui suggested that the foundation assist with education within the correction system or the correctional facility itself. George responded that the foundation has been addressing prevention of kids from entering the correctional facility by strengthening communities. The foundation has also provided stipends to Olomana School which allows those in the correctional facility and school to work in a nearby lo'i.
4. Citizen Advisory: Lipton suggested that the foundation establish a citizen advisory group to provide community input on the grant programs. George responded that the foundation has been considering creating a youth advisory group to provide input into the grants programs.
5. Cultural Preservation: Lipton asked and George answered that the foundation is open to supporting cultural preservation programs.
6. Land: Weller asked and George clarified that the foundation has no land left.
7. Kailua Neighborhood Board Input: Weller stated that the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 hears more concerns than elected officials, and noted that the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 should provide input and expertise into the grant programs. George noted that the foundation needs input from the neighborhood boards, but the foundation cannot fund everything.
8. Charter Schools: Dudevoir asked and George answered that the foundation provides funding for charter schools. The foundation also provides funding for leadership programs in schools.
9. Foundation Board: Weinberg asked and George responded that the foundation's board consists of seven (7) volunteer board members and meets four (4) times per year. George noted more information can be found at the foundation's website.
10. Public Health Clinics: Weller asked and George answered that the foundation has provided funding for public health clinics.
11. Kawainui Marsh Plan: Chair Prentiss noted the Board opposes the Kawainui Marsh Plan, and commented the Board would not like to see development near the marsh. Chair Prentiss noted opposition to funding development near the marsh. George noted support of the plan and preserving the marsh. George also suggested having a discussion about ahupua'a and how to improve water quality in Kailua Bay. George also mentioned that the foundation is not a government entity but he would like to see funding for preserving the marsh. Weller commented that the State and the City would rather develop near the marsh than maintain it.
12. Inquiries: George advised that organizations to go to www.castlefoundation.org to submit inquiries.

BOARD MOTIONS

Locricchio told the Board that he wanted to add motions to tonight's agenda and that Chair Prentiss was preventing the Board from hearing Locricchio's motions. Locricchio refused to leave the meeting until the motions have been made. Chair Prentiss commented that this was the first time he was hearing about these motions. Bartley noted that Locricchio had not been recognized to speak and suggested moving onto the Board motion already listed on the agenda. Locricchio noted that Chair Prentiss told him there would be no candidate forum to discuss the Kawainui Marsh Plan. Locricchio told the Board he wanted to add an item to the agenda regarding having Governor-elect David Ige be invited to the next regular Board meeting to hear the Board's position regarding the Kawainui Marsh Plan.

Locricchio moved and a Board member seconded to add the item onto the agenda that the governor-elect or his representative be invited to the next regular board meeting to speak on his position on the Kawainui Marsh Plan. The motion to add the item to the agenda was NOT ADOPTED since two-thirds (2/3) vote was not achieved.

Locricchio told the Board he wanted to add another item to the agenda regarding having the State Department of Health (DOH) present to the Board about Ebola. Bartley noted that Locricchio had not been recognized to speak, but Locricchio continued speaking.

Chair Prentiss utilized the gavel. A point of order was called on Locricchio.

Locricchio continued to speak about Ebola. Chair Prentiss agreed to take a vote to add the item to the next month's agenda for Board consideration to have a committee formed to meet with DOH and deliver a presentation regarding Ebola at a subsequent meeting.

Locricchio moved to add the item to the next month's agenda for Board consideration that a committee be formed meet with Castle Medical Center and DOH and deliver a presentation at a subsequent Board meeting regarding Ebola. The motion to add the item to the next month's agenda was NOT ADOPTED since two-thirds (2/3) vote was not achieved.

Locricchio departed the meeting at 9:04 p.m. **15 members were present.**

Chinen read the following Board motion: **The Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 requests the City consider placing park benches along the Kaha Park side of the Kawainui Marsh levy trail entrance.**

Discussion followed:

1. Trail: Chinen noted that a resident raised a concern that the levy trail is long and it would be beneficial to have more benches along the Kaha Park side of the park so people can have a place to rest.
2. Homeless: Lipton raised a concern that benches may attract homeless people. Chinen noted that Kaha Park closes at 6:00 p.m. Parsons suggested that there be concrete stools instead of benches, noting that concrete stools make it more difficult for people to lie down.
3. Support: Bartley expressed his support, and noted that there is already a bench and table at the park, and more benches will not attract more homeless people.
4. Bench: Chair Prentiss suggested that the benches be designed so that people cannot sleep on the benches.
5. Trash Bins: Weller suggested adding trash bins next to the benches.
6. Maunawili: Weinberg expressed opposition, noting that Maunawili does not have benches.

The motion was ADOPTED, 13-2-0 (Aye: Bartley, Chinen, Dudevoir, Espenan, Freeman, Hicks, Hinsvark, Kaulukukui, Lipton, Parsons, Prentiss, Weller, and Zuckernick; No: Tomasa and Weinberg).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2014: **The regular meeting minutes of October 2, 2014 were ADOPTED as corrected by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 15-0-0 (Aye: Bartley, Chinen, Dudevoir, Espenan, Freeman, Hicks, Hinsvark, Kaulukukui, Lipton, Parsons, Prentiss, Tomasa, Weinberg, Weller, and Zuckernick).** Corrections included the following:

- Page 3: Residents' and Community Concerns: Contaminants: "Kaneohe Bay" should read "Kailua Bay"

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The Parks and Recreation Committee, the Public Safety, Public Health, and Civil Defense Committee, and Transportation Committee stood on written reports. Hicks noted the Public Safety, Public Health, and Civil Defense Committee will meet at the Kailua Recreation Center arts and crafts room on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. and the Transportation Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tomasa reported a remaining balance of \$693.90. The report was filed.

CHAIR'S REPORT: The Board will have a motion on the next agenda to recess committees in December 2014 and to recess the regular board meeting in January 2015.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Submitted by: Risé Doi, Neighborhood Assistant II
Reviewed by: Uyen Vong, Neighborhood Assistant I
Reviewed and finalized by: Chuck Prentiss, Chair