



KAILUA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 31

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2014 KAILUA RECREATION CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Chuck Prentiss called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with a **quorum of 13 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 (arrived at 7:09 p.m.), Matt Darnell, Douglas Dudevoir, Michael Espenan, Tim Freeman, Vernon Hinsvark, Malina Kaulukukui, Levani Lipton, Tony Locricchio, Chuck Prentiss, Claudine Tomasa, Gary Weller, and Donna Wong (arrived at 7:08 p.m.).

Board Members Absent: Bill Hicks, Teresa Parsons, Ronald Weinberg, and Jeff Zuckernick.

Vacancies: None.

Guests: Randy Bartlett, Stann Reiziss, Representative Chris Lee, Lieutenant Dan Eber (Honolulu Police Department), Captain Michael Thomson (Honolulu Fire Department), Jennifer Barra (Senator Laura Thielen's office staff), Master Gunnery Sergeant Mark Gleason (Marine Corps Base Hawaii), Rudy C. Lopez, Sharon Ramelb, Tania de Jesus, Kahu Ricky Bermudez, Kukona Lopes, Francisco Figueredo (Councilmember Ikaika Anderson's office staff), Nat Lui-Kwan, Kealani Lui-Kwan, Erik Horn, Glenn Uyeshiro, Dave Willweber, David Beattie, Mary J. Pielle, Alenka Remec (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative), and Risé Doi (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Neighborhood Board Elections:** Chair Prentiss announced that the deadline to apply to be a candidate for the neighborhood board is Friday, February 20, 2015.

PUBLIC AGENCIES

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

- **November 2014 Fire Statistics:** Statistics included 1 rubbish fire, 3 rubbish fires, and 1 vehicle fire. There were 140 medical emergencies, 16 search and rescues, and 1 miscellaneous emergency.
- **Holiday Fire Safety Tips:** HFD will offer a two (2)-week opportunity to exchange unused 2013 New Year's Eve firecracker permits for 2014 New Year's Eve firecracker permits. Individuals may exchange unused 2013 New Year's Eve firecracker permits from Monday, December 1, 2014 to Friday, December 12, 2014 at the HFD Headquarters on Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Permits are available now until Friday, December 19, 2014. Dried Christmas trees, wreaths, and other natural decorations are extremely flammable and should be removed from the home as soon as possible. Consider recycling Christmas trees at a participating green waste center. As a reminder, Honolulu's fireworks ordinance does not allow anyone under the age of 18 to set off, ignite, or otherwise use firecrackers.

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

- **November 2014 Crime Statistics:** Statistics included 5 motor vehicle thefts, 15 burglaries, 45 thefts, and 26 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV).
- **Crime Safety Tip:** Old cell phones can still be used to dial 911.
- **Last Meeting:** Lieutenant Eber will be retiring at the end of the month and that tonight would be his last neighborhood board meeting.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: **Mahalo:** Chair Prentiss thanked Lieutenant Eber for his work and encouraged him to join the neighborhood board as he enjoys his retirement.



Wong arrived at 7:08 p.m. and Chinen arrived at 7:09 p.m. **15 members were present.**

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

- Ceremony: There will be a Pearl Harbor remembrance ceremony at MCBH on Sunday, December 7, 2014.
- Presidential Visit: President Barack Obama is expected to visit during the holidays.
- F-18s: There will be F-18 fighter jets exercising on base.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Ewa Ceremony: Wong asked and Gleason answered that MCBH will not be participating in the commemoration ceremony in Ewa due to a conflict with the person who owns the organization. Wong expressed disappointment, noting that personal conflict should not be a reason for MCBH not to participate in the ceremony. Gleason will relay Wong's comment.
2. Noise: A resident raised a concern regarding noise levels near Kaneohe Bay due to jets flying at a lower altitude and flight pattern changes. Gleason commented he was not aware of any flight pattern changes.
3. Windward Coalition: Locricchio expressed disappointment that Gleason did not contact the Windward Coalition. Gleason noted that he followed up with four (4) members of the Windward Coalition and apologized that he did not inform Locricchio. Locricchio requested that Gleason include the concerns of the Windward Coalition in future reports to the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31.

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

- City Lights: The Honolulu City Lights will open at Honolulu Hale on Saturday, December 6, 2014. There will be a parade at 6:00 p.m.
- Neighborhood Board Elections: Candidate registration for the 2015 Neighborhood Board Elections has begun. The deadline to apply is Friday, February 20, 2015. Paper applications are available on the front table. Apply online at www.honolulu.gov/nco.
- Kalama Beach Park: There was a previous concern regarding keeping Kalama Beach Park open later than 6:00 p.m. The City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) closes the gate and comfort station at 6:00 p.m. to reduce vandalism, noise, and illegal and illicit activities. Beachgoers are allowed to traverse the park to access the beach. The caretaker does not allow people to loiter in the park after dark due to safety concerns and complaints from residents who live nearby.
- Signage in Lanikai: There was a previous concern regarding signs in Lanikai with the fines listed that needed to be changed. The City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) issued a work order to the City Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) to update the \$200 fine signs for parking on the bike lane. Additional "no parking on bike lane" signs were previously installed along Lanikai Loop. DFM recently installed "no parking" symbols along Mokulua Drive. A work order has also been issued to install "no parking" symbols along the Aalapapa Drive side of the loop.
- Kapaa Quarry: There were ongoing concerns regarding activities happening at the Kapaa Quarry site. The Regulatory Control Branch and the Division of Environmental Quality are responsible for regulating discharges into the City's wastewater and storm water collection system and managing the compliance program for wastewater treatment plant discharges to the ocean. Illegal discharges and spills are under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Health (DOH).
- Signage on Kailua Road: A resident had previously requested that signs be installed to guide pedestrians and cyclists to use Kailua Road alongside Kalapawai Market to get to the beach. DTS will be conducting an investigation, which may require research, site observations, and an analysis of the traffic history. The Board will be informed of the findings in March 2015.
- Signage near Buzz's: The Board previously raised a concern regarding "no parking" signage not being replaced where the sand pile was across from Buzz's. DPR staff will be reinstalling the "no parking" signs which is scheduled to be done in December 2014.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Odor Control Project: Dudevoir asked for an update on the odor control project and requested an update from Guy Inouye every other month and a tour of the facility. Remec clarified that there has been nothing new to report since October 2014, and the completion date is in 2015. Remec will follow up regarding the

tour and make a request for Inouye to present to the Board in February 2015, however, there were no new major updates to report. Locricchio raised a concern that the project is taking a long time and wants to question Inouye in February 2015. Remec noted that the project is ongoing and repeated there is nothing new to report. Wong asked and Remec will follow up regarding the operations of the plant's secondary system.

2. Overgrown Grass: Weller raised a concern that there is overgrown grass on the right side of Aikahi Shopping Center.
3. Rooster Hotline: Community member Stann Reiziss requested that the City re-implement the rooster hotline, and noted there are many roosters near Kalama Beach Park and Safeway in downtown Kailua.

Governor David Ige's Representative – No representative was present; no report was provided.

RESIDENTS' AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Kalama Beach Park: Community member Dave Wellweber raised a concern regarding extending the hours of Kalama Beach Park. Wellweber noted that the sun sets later than the 6:00 p.m. closing time during the summer months, and commented that the park should stay open until it is dark. Bartley noted the motion is on the agenda. Chair Prentiss allowed Wellweber to finish his testimony. Chinen suggested taking the agenda out of order to address Board Motion 1 regarding the closing time of Kalama Beach Park.

Hearing no objection, Chair Prentiss took the agenda out of order to item 7, Board Motion 1.

Chair Prentiss read the following Board motion:

The Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 requests the City to keep Kalama Beach Park including the parking lot and comfort station open until 7:00 p.m. during the six (6) winter months and 8:00 p.m. during the six (6) summer months.

Discussion followed:

1. Concerns: Chinen noted there were concerns from residents regarding allowing the park to stay open later, including homelessness, traffic and noise concerns, and people staying at the park late at night. Reiziss expressed support for closing the park at 6:00 p.m.
2. Support: Chinen noted that another resident indicated support of allowing the motion for the park to stay open later. Bartley noted support for the motion, and commented that the public should be able to enjoy the park during daylight hours after work. Locricchio expressed support for the motion, and commented that there is a high percentage of working spouses who are unable to get home in time before the park closes. Another community member noted support for allowing the park to stay open later, and commented that she would like to go to the park after she finishes her homework. A resident expressed support, noting that Kalama Beach Park is a family-friendly park and that most families are only able to go to the park after finishing work or school.
3. Hours: Dudevoir suggested changing the winter hours from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Bartley commented that 6:00 p.m. is still too early. A resident reported other beach parks around Oahu that are open late year round, and that Kalama Beach Park closes early compared to other parks. The resident recommended keeping Kalama Beach Park open until 8:00 p.m. year round.
4. Parking Lot: A resident noted that the parking lot stays open after 6:00 p.m. only for those participating in yoga. The resident raised a concern that it is dangerous to park across the street and cross the road to get to the beach park.
5. Repercussions: Lipton expressed support for the motion, but noted that there may be repercussions, such as parking overflow in neighboring streets.
6. Caretaker: Locricchio raised a concern regarding the caretaker and recommended that the parks committee should talk to DPR about the caretaker closing the restrooms early.

Kaulukukui moved and Dudevoir seconded to amend the motion to close the park at 6:00 p.m. during the winter months and 8:00 p.m. during the summer months.

Discussion followed:

1. Hours: Bartley suggested letting DPR decide the hours of Kalama Beach Park noting that the sun sets at various times during the summer and winter. Bartley commented he did not want to spend time debating hours of the park. Wellweber noted that he supports closing the park after dark.
2. Parking Lot: Freeman noted that the park is used at least until 7:00 p.m. every day, but the parking lot is locked at 6:00 p.m.
3. Petition: Chair Prentiss noted that there were 225 signatures on the petition supporting longer park hours.

Chair Prentiss took a vote by a show of hands. **The amendment to the motion was NOT ADOPTED, 3-12-0.**

The original motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 15-0-0 (Aye: Bartley, Byron, Chinen, Darnell, Dudevoir, Espenan, Freeman, Hinsvark, Kaulukukui, Lipton, Locricchio, Prentiss, Tomasa, Weller, and Wong).

Wong suggested that the Parks Committee investigate the reasons why other parks on Oahu are open late.

Chair Prentiss returned the agenda to item 4, Residents' and Community Concerns.

Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle and Little Fire Ants: Randy Bartlett from the Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC) delivered a brief presentation about the coconut rhinoceros beetle (CRB) and the little fire ants (LFA). Bartlett reported that the CRB is originally from Southeast Asia. The CRB is found only on Oahu and was first discovered at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The CRB creates holes and breeds in the stems of palm fronds, and damages coconut and other palms. The LFA are also new to Oahu and cause very painful stings. LFA have been found in Waimanalo and Mililani Mauka. LFA can be detected by a peanut butter and chopstick test.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Containment: Lipton asked and Bartlett answered that the Department of Agriculture is treating areas where little fire ants have been found. Bartlett noted that there are multiple queens per colony for little fire ants.
2. Legislation: Locricchio asked and Bartlett answered that the State Legislature appropriated \$5.7 million last year for fire ant control. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) provided \$2.5 million in funding to treat the problem in fiscal year 2014-2015. HISC will put in another request for funding next year.
3. Quarantine Program: Weller suggested implementing a quarantine program for coconut palm fronds. Weller commented that Hickam has been burning coconut fronds and asked if the state has purchased a burner. Bartlett answered the state is planning to buy a portable burner. Weller raised a concern that the tree trimming companies might be transporting coconut fronds with CRB.
4. Damages: Espenan asked about the percentage of damages to the population of coconut palms from CRB and other insects. Bartlett answered that the CRB damages other various palms besides coconut palms.
5. Compost: Wong asked and Bartlett answered that compost should remain unharmed if there is plastic over it.
6. Bait Stations: A resident asked if there are bait stations for CRB at Kailua Beach Park. The resident commented that he had spotted LFA in Keolu Hills and Ka Iwa ridge in Lanikai.

Traffic and Safety Concerns: A resident raised a concern regarding large delivery trucks causing heavy traffic and safety concerns. The resident suggested having specific delivery hours. Chair Prentiss noted that there will be a traffic study after Target opens. Bartley noted that some delivery trucks do not follow laws and unload illegally.

Bike Friendly: A resident commented that Kailua should be more bike friendly and pedestrian friendly.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

Representative Cynthia Thielen – No representative was present; no report was available. Representative Thielen had departed the meeting earlier.

Representative Chris Lee – No representative was present; no report was available. Representative Lee had departed the meeting earlier.

Councilmember Ikaika Anderson – Francisco Figueiredo circulated a newsletter and reported the following:

- City Lights: Honolulu City Lights will open this upcoming weekend.
- Assessment Appeal: There is information regarding property assessments in Councilmember Anderson's newsletter.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Testimony: Locricchio asked who testified in favor of approving the Kapaa Quarry project that the Board was against.

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

Senator Laura Thielen – A representative from Senator Thielen's office asked the public to fill out a 2015 legislative survey at www.senatorlaurathielen.com.

PRESENTATIONS

City and County of Honolulu Office of Housing: Executive Director of the Office of Housing, Jun Yang, delivered a presentation about Mayor Caldwell's Housing First program. Yang reported that there were 600,000 homeless people nationally and 220,000 homeless families in 2013. The City and County of Honolulu compiled a report in 2014 and found that there are a total of about 4,700 sheltered and unsheltered homeless people, and 558 people who are chronically homeless on Oahu. Yang noted homelessness is a community issue and homeless individuals are members of the community, which includes kupuna and keiki. Partners in Care are service providers in collaboration with the Mayor's administration to solve the homelessness issue. Yang noted that the Housing First program aims to house chronically homeless and vulnerable individuals and reintegrate them back into the community. The treatment model was used in the past to treat homeless people, but the Mayor's administration is implementing the Housing First approach. Yang noted that previous homelessness efforts have not worked because many individuals did not qualify for treatment programs. The City's Housing First program has coordinated with the State and other social service providers to collect data regarding the treatment-based approach and Housing First model. Yang noted that this collaboration ensures that the Housing First approach is more effective. The Housing First program will first be implemented in Waianae, Chinatown, and Waikiki. These three (3) areas have the highest chronically homeless individuals. However, continuum of care funds have been used for servicing other communities with homelessness issues. Service providers are helping to determine which homeless interventions are most effective. Yang encouraged the public to contact him at jyang@honolulu.gov or 768-4303 for further information.

Chinen departed the meeting at 8:36 p.m. **14 members were present.**

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Affordable Dwelling Units: Wong asked and Yang answered that City is considering the option of affordable dwelling units (ADU) in the Housing First initiative. However, affordable housing options are in short supply.
2. Enforcement: Wong asked and Yang answered that there the City has contract with the Institute of Human Services (IHS) that ensures that the Housing First units are being used appropriately. Yang noted that the public should inform the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) in cases of suspected illegal vacation rentals.
3. Mental Illness: Lipton asked and Yang answered that the Housing First program is for the chronically homeless, and that providing safe and secure housing is the first step in addressing homeless individuals with mental illness. Yang noted that case managers will help the individuals.
4. Military Housing: Dudevoir commented the military should have more housing units on base so that there will be more housing available to the community.
5. Illegal Vacation Rentals: Dudevoir commented that illegal vacation rentals could be potential housing for people. Dudevoir noted that solving the problem of illegal vacation rentals and a shortage of military housing could potentially lead to more housing.
6. Refusal for Housing: Weller raised a concern that some homeless individuals refuse housing and are creating problems in the community. Yang noted that it is not illegal to be homeless. Yang noted that service providers and case managers encourage homeless individuals to go into housing. Yang commented that some homeless go to jail and are still homeless when released. Yang noted that the goal is to work with homeless individuals before they are released. Yang noted that he has talked to homeless individuals and families in different areas across Oahu, and none had refused to go into housing.

7. Funding: Locricchio raised a concern regarding funding of Housing First and asked how the money is being spent. Lochricchio also asked if the City is trying to hide the homeless individuals at Sand Island. Yang answered that the City is not hiding homeless individuals anywhere. Yang noted that there was \$12 million in affordable housing funds and \$32 million in general obligation bonds. Yang noted that the majority of the \$44 million that was allotted for Housing First will be used for housing units. Locricchio noted he had a cheaper solution to homelessness than Housing First. Locricchio invited Yang to stay for his presentation.
8. Healthcare: Yang noted that healthcare is an important part of Housing First case management.

Tomasa and Wong departed the meeting at 8:54 p.m. **12 members were present.**

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

BOARD MOTIONS

Chair Prentiss announced that a Board motion regarding fireworks had been inadvertently left off of the agenda. Chair Prentiss stated that he would like to add the motion to the agenda. Neighborhood assistant Risé Doi noted the motion should not be added if it affects a large number of residents. Hearing no objection, Chair Prentiss added the motion to the agenda. However, after recounting the number of Board members present, Doi noted there were not enough members present (two-thirds) to add the motion to the agenda. Chair Prentiss noted the motion would be added to the next Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 regular meeting's agenda.

Byron departed the meeting at 9:01 p.m. **11 members were present.**

Chair Prentiss returned the agenda to item 6B, Update on Kailua Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant improvement.

PRESENTATIONS

Update on Kailua Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvement: Dudevoir noted he would like an update from Guy Inouye and a tour of the plant. Weller noted that there will be night shifts for the contractors to work on the project.

BOARD MOTIONS

Chair Prentiss read Board Motion 2: **The Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 will recess in January 2015. Bartley noted that the motion is not a committee motion so the motion needs to be seconded. Darnell seconded the motion. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 11-0-0 (Aye: Bartley, Darnell, Dudevoir, Espenan, Freeman, Hinsvark, Kaulukukui, Lipton, Locricchio, Prentiss, and Weller).**

Chair Prentiss noted all committees will recess in December 2014 except for the Planning, Zoning, and Environment Committee. The committee will meet on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at Kalama Beach Park at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Prentiss read Board Motion 3: **The Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 endorses exploration of the concept to use a "land marina" as a cost effective solution to help address Hawaii's homeless issue.**

Locricchio explained that there are boats that are available at a low cost. Locricchio noted that boats were exchanged for tax credit and could be utilized to house the homeless in a land-based marina. The boats have sewage tanks, kitchens, and bedrooms. Locricchio noted that albizia trees could be cut and used to put under the boats. Locricchio encouraged the Board to support the concept of a land-based marina. Locricchio noted that there were people living on the boats as part of the project. Locricchio commented that the concept is more cost effective than the City's homelessness plan.

Discussion followed:

1. Housing First: Kaulukukui commended Locricchio for the creative idea, but raised some concerns. Kaulukukui noted that she has been a mental health professional and a board member on IHS. Kaulukukui noted that clusters of homeless housing units with health care has not worked, and expressed support for the Housing First program. Kaulukukui noted that the Housing First program has been successful in other

areas of the nation. Kaulukukui commented that Locricchio's idea seemed to counter what has been the current national best practice of Housing First. Kaulukukui noted that there can be a balance between Housing First and Locricchio's idea, but that Housing First is currently the national practice of addressing the homelessness issue.

2. Support: Dudevoir and Bartley expressed support for Locricchio's idea.
3. Maintenance: Espenan commented that abandoned boats are a creative solution, but not cost effective since boats are difficult to maintain. Espenan noted that boats leak, the beds are not comfortable, and pumping sewage is difficult. Espenan commented that although boating communities exist, homeless individuals may prefer to live in a home rather than a boat. Darnell also raised a concern about maintaining the boats. Locricchio noted that the boats would not be in the water and kitchens on the boats can operate with propane.
4. Codes: Freeman asked if the boats comply with codes and standards. Locricchio answered that the boats would not fall under the jurisdiction of DPP, but would require a state license.

Bartley moved and Darnell seconded to postpone the motion until the next regular meeting.

Discussion followed:

1. Postpone: Bartley noted the motion could fail since there might not be enough votes tonight to adopt the motion. Weller and Locricchio agreed.
2. Exploration: Darnell noted he needed clarification of what "endorsed exploration" means.

The motion was ADOPTED, 10-1-0 (Aye: Bartley, Darnell, Dudevoir, Espenan, Freeman, Hinsvark, Kaulukukui, Lipton, Locricchio, and Weller; No: Prentiss).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2014: **The regular meeting minutes of November 6, 2014 were ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 11-0-0 (Aye: Bartley, Darnell, Dudevoir, Espenan, Freeman, Hinsvark, Kaulukukui, Lipton, Locricchio, Prentiss, and Weller).**

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chair Prentiss noted that the Board members had received copies of the Koolaupoko Sustainability Plan. The next Planning, Zoning and Environment Committee meeting is on Tuesday, December 16, 2014.

TREASURER'S REPORT: This item was deferred until the next regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

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