



KAILUA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 31

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2015 KAILUA RECREATION CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Chuck Prentiss called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. with a **quorum of 16 members present**. Note: This 19-member Board requires 10 members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Larry Bartley, Matthew Darnell, Susan Dowsett, Douglas Dudevoir, Michael Espenan, Judy Fujimoto, Bill Hicks, Malina Kaulukukui, Levani Lipton, Scot Matayoshi, Paul Mossman, Teresa Parsons, Chuck Prentiss, Zachary Smith, Claudine Tomasa, Gary Weller, and Donna Wong (arrived at 7:46 p.m.).

Board Members Absent: Vernon Hinsvark and Jeffrey Zuckernick.

Guests: Captain Mark Cabral (Honolulu Fire Department), Lieutenant John Asing (Honolulu Police Department), Liz Char (Office of Strategic Development, Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative), Dani Wong Tomiyasu (Governor David Ige's representative) Jimmy Crockett, Tiffany Patrick (Marine Corps Base Hawaii), Dodge Watson (Honua Consulting), Stann Reiziss, Andy Chong (Troop 311 Boy Scouts), Kristine Pfannensteil, Robbie Nicholas, Glenn Uyeshiro, Dana Pagalaboyd, Kahu Ricky Bermudez, David Amodo (videographer), and Amanda Ehe (Neighborhood Commission Office).

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bartley announced that the acoustics in the meeting room are bad and would appreciate everyone's help by speaking slowly and clearly into the microphone.

PUBLIC AGENCIES:

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

- **Fire Statistics:** There was 1 structure fire, 1 wildland/brush fire, 10 activated alarms, 88 medical emergencies, 4 motor vehicle collisions, 6 mountain rescues, 1 ocean rescue, and 1 hazardous materials incident.
- **Fire Safety Tip:** Remove dried Christmas trees, wreaths, and other natural decorations from your home as soon as possible. Children under the age of 18 shall not possess or have access to fireworks by law.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: **Bellows Crash:** Weller asked and Captain Cabral answered that HFD has equipment to assist in crash situations and state and federal equipment can be used as well.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant John Asing reported the following:

- **Crime Statistics:** There were 10 motor vehicle thefts, 12 burglaries, 66 thefts, and 23 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV).
- **Police Safety Tip:** When Christmas shopping, do not leave gifts unattended in the car at any time.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- **Bicycle Officers:** Weller asked and Lieutenant Asing answered that there are no bicycle officers in Kailua and will forward the request of placing bicycle officers in Kailua.
- **Bicycle Citations:** Matayoshi asked and Lieutenant Asing answered that it is at the discretion of the attending officer if there will be a citation issued to the bicyclist. Bartley wanted to know how to obtain the statistics of bicycle citations issued.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) – Tiffany Patrick reported the following:

- **Bellows Crash:** There was a mishap investigation that determined the reason for the crash was pilot decision making. There was no misconduct or negligence by the aircrew.
- **Toys for Tots:** For more information visit, www.kaneohe-bay-hi.toysfortots.org.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Liz Char reported the following:

- Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM): Cleaning rubbish from the street gutters fronting your home is the homeowner's responsibility. Stop by DFM's booth at Honolulu City Lights and Kapolei City Lights to learn more.
- Board of Water Supply (BWS): Facilities projects are above-ground construction, typically on existing BWS properties.
- Kailua Beach: HESD-Ocean Safety Division has a total of five (5) guards and one (1) Lieutenant assigned to the area Sunday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Lieutenant/mobile responder emergency vehicle is parked at Kalama Beach parking lot after hours for security purposes. The plans for renovation of the comfort station are being finalized.
- Kapaa Quarry Road: The road has been identified as in need of resurfacing. Potholes were patched on Monday, November 30, 2015 and an update will be provided at the next Board meeting.
- WIFI: DPR is exploring the possibility of WIFI at its beach parks and community parks.
- Fines: To request information, such as the aggregate Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) fines paid by the City, fill out a 92F form- Request for Government Documents and be as specific as possible.
- Road Paint: The City has been using solvent based paint for two (2) years now and has found that it lasts longer, dries quicker and does not run in the rain.
- Building Codes: The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) has collected over \$500,000 in civil fines for building/zoning permit violations and is making every effort in performing enforcement actions.
- EPA: Contact the EPA's Honolulu office if you have an inquiry related to the EPA at 521-2710.
- Shark Attacks: Ocean Safety will take appropriate steps to warn beachgoers when large sharks are observed.
- 805 Mokulua Drive: DPP investigated and there has been a building permit issued for a new two-story, single family dwelling. A grading permit was obtained on Friday, July 24, 2015 to correct the stockpiling violation.

Wong arrived at meeting at 7:46 p.m.; 17 members were present.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- Iron Wood Trees: Parsons commented that iron wood trees have already been removed and there are almost none left.
- Plastic Bags: Parsons questioned why are there plastic trash bags tied to street signs and poles along Pali Highway and various other places.
- Clean Ups: Lipton wanted to know the procedure for waste disposal when volunteer groups perform clean ups and commented there were trash bags from a cleanup left for weeks near Kawaiui.
- Keolu Park: Smith stated there is no handicap access to Keolu Park and wants to know what the plan is to address the problem.
- Kailua Road: Hayes clarified his question from last month asking where 20 additional feet for widening of Kailua Road is going to come from.

Governor David Ige's Representative – Dani Wong Tomiyasu reported the following:

- Washington Place: Washington Place Foundation is hosting a Christmas Open House on Friday, December 18, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Shark Attacks: During October 2015 there were three (3) shark attacks off Oahu shores. Shark attacks are known to increase during the month of October. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) tries to disseminate shark information to the public so everyone can make informed decisions when considering to enter the water.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- Liability: Dudevoir clarified his request for the unfunded liability per capita right now.
- Bike Training: Hicks asked if there is any bike training done by the Department of Education (DOE) at the elementary school level.
- Health Care: Weller inquired about the shutdown of Hawaii Health Connector.

RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS: There were none.

PRESENTATION: Kaneohe Sewer Project: Dodge Watson presented the following:

- Rehabilitation: There is a rehabilitation project for Kaneohe waste water station number two (2). The impact should be minimal to the Kailua community. There will be trucks going in and out of the area.

- **Timeline:** The project is currently in the preconstruction phase and will begin in a couple of weeks. The project is projected to end in the first quarter of 2017. The hours of construction will be 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with occasional 24 hour work days. For more information visit www.kaneohe sewer.com.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: **Ground Removal:** Weller asked and Watson answered that there will be minimal ground removal (less than 20 truckloads) and removed materials will be taken to a site to be reused or properly disposed of.

BOARD MOTIONS:

Motion 1: The Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 agrees to explore a joint Permitted Interaction Group with the Kaneohe and Waimanalo Neighborhood Boards to discuss military training and civilian flight noise, public safety, and health. This is a committee motion. **The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 17-0-0 (AYE:** Bartley, Darnell, Dowsett, Dudevoir, Espenan, Fujimoto, Hicks, Kaulukukui, Lipton, Matayoshi, Mossman, Parsons, Prentiss, Smith, Tomasa, Weller, and Wong **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None).

Motion 2: The Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 agrees to appoint a delegate to the Marine Corp Base Hawaii Military/Civilian Council (MCC) who will attend the MCC and report any pertinent information back to the Kailua Neighborhood Board as necessary. This is a committee motion. **The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 17-0-0 (AYE:** Bartley, Darnell, Dowsett, Dudevoir, Espenan, Fujimoto, Hicks, Kaulukukui, Lipton, Matayoshi, Mossman, Parsons, Prentiss, Smith, Tomasa, Weller, and Wong **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None).

Tomasa nominated Jimmy Crockett as delegate to the MCC.

Tomasa motioned and Dudevoir seconded to add the selection of the MCC delegate to the agenda. **The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 17-0-0 (AYE:** Bartley, Darnell, Dowsett, Dudevoir, Espenan, Fujimoto, Hicks, Kaulukukui, Lipton, Matayoshi, Mossman, Parsons, Prentiss, Smith, Tomasa, Weller, and Wong **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None).

Discussion in the affirmative for Crockett as MCC delegate began. Prentiss recommended Crockett stating he attends Board meetings regularly and is a Vietnam veteran. Crockett confirmed he is more than willing to perform the duties of a delegate and understands the community's issues with the military.

The Board **UNANIMOUSLY CONFIRMED Jimmy Crockett as the MCC delegate, 17-0-0 (AYE:** Bartley, Darnell, Dowsett, Dudevoir, Espenan, Fujimoto, Hicks, Kaulukukui, Lipton, Matayoshi, Mossman, Parsons, Prentiss, Smith, Tomasa, Weller, and Wong **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None).

Motion 3: The Kailua Neighborhood Board No.31 approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS, bicycle rentals to tourists in Kailua have become a safety hazard for Kailua residents when those renters fail to obey traffic laws, and

WHEREAS, bicycle rental companies have failed to properly instruct individuals they rent to regarding traffic safety laws, and

WHEREAS, bicycle rental companies are in the best position to train renters, and

WHEREAS, bicycle rental companies currently have no incentive to properly train or refuse to rent to individuals who they suspect may violate traffic laws, and

WHEREAS, bicycle rental companies profit from the rentals and therefore are in the best position to bear the cost of their failure to properly train renters,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 recommends that the Honolulu City Council pass a Bill allowing police officers to issue a citation to bicycle rental companies if individuals they have rented bicycles to commit traffic violations,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and City Council of the City and County of Honolulu.

This motion came from the Government and Community Services committee. Discussion followed:

- **Purpose:** Matayoshi explained the purpose of the resolution is to address the problem of bicycle rental businesses renting to people who violate bike laws. This resolution would allow HPD to assess a small, separate citation to businesses in hopes of encouraging business to provide better training.
- **Impounding:** Parsons was concerned about the enforceability and believes impounding the bike is a better method. Matayoshi noted this resolution would not prevent HPD from impounding a bicycle.
- **Education:** Hicks stated he could not support this current form of the resolution, but does support educating bicyclists and gave an example of the Hanauma Bay educational video.
- **Citing:** Bartley noted that the process would be long and troublesome to police officers. Prentiss responded that all bikes are required to be registered so the citation could be sent to the business as not to increase the workload of the officer.
- **Mobile App:** Lipton wants a mobile app created in multiple languages to provide biking information for all.
- **Motion:** Wong encourages the committee to come up with another idea if the current resolution fails.
- **Japan:** Weller shared that a Japanese police officer came to Honolulu to inquire of all the incidents with Japanese and bicycles. Boy Scout 311 Andy Chong, echoed Weller's statement of strict bike laws in Japan. Chong wants stricter bike laws and expansion to include all bicycle dealerships.
- **Geography:** A community member stated Kailua Town in general is not safe to walk or bike. The problem is the geographic layout of Kailua Town.
- **Clarification:** Matayoshi clarified that this resolution is the first step to better bike laws. This is an isolated motion to address the problem of officers not being able to cite tourists.
- **Requirement:** It is a requirement by law to provide moped information when renting or selling. There is no law like that in relation to bikes and Dowsett would like it to be a requirement.

The motion was NOT ADOPTED 6-10-1 (AYE: Bartley, Darnell, Matayoshi, Prentiss, Weller, and Wong **NAY:** Dowsett, Dudevoir, Espenan, Fujimoto, Hicks, Kaulukukui, Lipton, Mossman, Parsons and Smith; **ABSTAIN:** Tomasa). Chair Prentiss thanked the committee for their hard work and asked them to please try again.

Motion 4: The Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 endorses the Safe Routes to School Plan for Kailua Intermediate School otherwise known as the “Keiki Corridor” between Wanao Road and Keolu Drive.

This motion was made by the Transportation and Public Works Committee. Discussion followed:

- **Corridor:** The “Keiki Corridor” would be a safer alternative that would receive federal funding and primarily consist of painting and striping of the roads.
- **Opposition:** Smith expressed his opposition to the speed humps and traffic circles.
- **Alternative Route:** Two homeowners who live along the current proposed path proposed a different route that would utilize the bike path on Keolu Drive. Daniel Alexander of the Hawaii Bicycling League argued in favor of the current route. Hicks clarified that DTS would make the final decision on the route to pursue.

The motion was ADOPTED 14-2-1 (AYE: Darnell, Dowsett, Dudevoir, Espenan, Fujimoto, Hicks, Kaulukukui, Lipton, Matayoshi, Mossman, Parsons, Prentiss, Tomasa, and Weller; **NAY:** Bartley and Smith; **ABSTAIN:** Wong).

Motion 5: The Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 endorses the concept of utilizing bicycle lanes where practical and appropriate in and around Kailua.

This motion was made by the Transportation and Public Works Committee. Chair Hicks explained that there was discussion on previous reservations at the committee meeting and this is an improved committee motion; it is not a plan, just a concept. Wong stated she would be more comfortable if the motion was more specific.

The motion was ADOPTED 14-2-1 (AYE: Bartley, Darnell, Dowsett, Dudevoir, Espenan, Fujimoto, Hicks, Lipton, Mossman, Parsons, Prentiss, Smith, Tomasa, and Weller; **NAY:** Kaulukukui and Wong; **ABSTAIN:** Matayoshi).

Motion 6: The Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 recommends that the Department of Health test the ocean water at the mouth of Kaelepulu canal within 48 hours before and 24 hours after the canal is opened, and that the results be made available to the public.

This motion comes from the Planning, Zoning and Environment committee. Committee Chair Wong explained this is the appropriate action to ask DOH what is in the water. Lipton agreed that the public has a right to know. Lipton knows people who are getting sick and believes the cause is the water.

The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 17-0-0 (AYE: Bartley, Darnell, Dowsett, Dudevoir, Espenan, Fujimoto, Hicks, Kaulukukui, Lipton, Matayoshi, Mossman, Parsons, Prentiss, Smith, Tomasa, Weller, and Wong **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None).

Motion 7: Bartley moved and Fujimoto seconded that the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 requests that the City Council pass Bill 22, which contains enforcement language regarding illegal short term rentals. The motion was **ADOPTED** by **UNANIMOUS CONSENT 17-0-0 (AYE:** Bartley, Darnell, Dowsett, Dudevoir, Espenan, Fujimoto, Hicks, Kaulukukui, Lipton, Matayoshi, Mossman, Parsons, Prentiss, Smith, Tomasa, Weller, and Wong **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The regular meeting minutes of November 5, 2015, were **APPROVED** as published, 17-0-0 (AYE: Bartley, Darnell, Dowsett, Dudevoir, Espenan, Fujimoto, Hicks, Kaulukukui, Lipton, Matayoshi, Mossman, Parsons, Prentiss, Smith, Tomasa, Weller, and Wong; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parks and Recreation – Committee Chair Bartley announced the committee will recess again in December 2015.

Transportation and Public Works – Committee Chair Hicks announced the committee will recess in December 2015 and there will be discussion of Hamakua Drive bike lane at the next meeting in January 2016.

Public Safety, Public Health, and Civil Defense (PSPHCD) – Committee Chair Tomasa stood on the report and announced the committee will recess in December 2015.

Government and Community Services – Committee Chair Darnell announced the committee will recess in December 2015 and there will be information regarding the Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) merger at the January 2016 meeting.

Planning, Zoning, and Environment – Committee Chair Wong announced the next committee meeting will be December 15, 2015.

Treasurer's Report – Chair Prentiss decided to forego the treasurer's report with the absence of Treasurer Hinsvark.

Chair's Report

- Committee Agendas: Chair Prentiss announced committee agendas are due by Sunday, December 27, 2015.
- Committee Membership: The Board **UNANIMOUSLY CONFIRMED Weller as member of the Transportation committee. 17-0-0 (AYE:** Bartley, Darnell, Dowsett, Dudevoir, Espenan, Fujimoto, Hicks, Kaulukukui, Lipton, Matayoshi, Mossman, Parsons, Prentiss, Smith, Tomasa, Weller, and Wong **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None).
- Board Meeting: The board will recess in January 2016. The next regular board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Amanda Ehe, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Risé Doi, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed and finalized by: Chuck Prentiss, Chair; Matt Darnell, Vice Chair