



## WAIMANALO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 32

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### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008 NATIONAL GUARD TRAINING AUDITORIUM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Ho called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with a quorum of eight (8) members present. Note, this thirteen (13) member Board requires seven (7) votes to adopt a motion.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Wilson Kekoa Ho, Michael Buck, Phillip Ellsworth, Andrew Jamila, Solomon Spencer, Beverly Addington, Matthew Chun, Cynthia Wahinekapu.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Fred Humphrey, David Bettencourt, Nani Akeo, Peter Albinio.

**VACANCY(S):** There was one vacancy in sub-district four.

**GUESTS:** Malia Summers (Ohana Health Plan), Renee Siberstein (DPR), Amy Luke, Bobbii Raboluwai, Ahuena Lakolo (Kupuna Housing), Julie Dugan (Job Corps), May Akamine (Waimanalo Health Center), Bobbie and Rich Ubersax, Lieutenant John Vines (HPD), Kuluwaia Moore, Ofelia Carag (Pope Elementary), Michael Kahumoku (HCW), Captain Aaron Kane Firefighter Ken Ozaki, James Tom Hoon and Justin Brownfield (HFD), Fred Millen (Bellows AFS), Sonya Zabala (Kokua Ohana), Joe Ryan, Roy Brooks, Joe Aipa Oceanic Institute, J, Ikaika Anderson (Councilmember Barbara Marshall's office), Cyndy Aylett (Mayor's Representative), Jessica Grant (Senator Fred Hemmings' office), Micah Kane (Governor's representative), Leland S.M. Ribac (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**WELCOME AND PULE:** Chair Ho welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the Board meetings begin with an open prayer; if prayer might offend anyone now is the time to leave. A community member offered the pule.

### **ACCEPT NOMINATIONS FOR DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEMBERS:**

#### **PUBLIC INPUT PART 1:**

**HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT (HFD):** Captain Aaron Kane introduced his fellow firefighters and reported;

- Statistics for the month of August 2008 include; 3 unauthorized burns, 2 bon fires, 28 various medical emergencies, 2 service calls, and 8 good intent calls.
- Fire Safety Tip: Fire Prevention Week (FPW), which has its roots in the Great Chicago Fire in 1871, will be observed the week of October 9, 2008. This year's campaign focuses on preparedness and underscores the importance of regularly checking your home for fire hazards.

**HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT (HPD):** Lt. John Vines introduced Officer Russell Bustamante and reported; the following information;

- Statistics for the month of August 2008 include; 0 aggravated assault, 3 simple assaults, 4 auto theft-recovery, 0 burglaries, 0 drugs/narcotics, 3 driving under the influence (DUI), 7 family offense/neglect, 1 graffiti, 4 motor vehicle thefts, 7 property damages, 20 motor vehicle collisions, 0 rapes, 1 robbery, 0 sex assaults, 15 thefts, 5 threatening, and 11 unauthorized entrance to a motor vehicle (UEMV).

**MAYOR/ NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION OFFICE:** Cyndy Aylett reported the following information;

- The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), continue to work on the projects for the Waimanalo Country Fair, they know of the due date and will keep the community posted.
- DPR has also submitted a work request to install signs designating the three stalls for loading and unloading only, the signs are currently being sent to DPR.
- The Mayor's Annual Cabinet Clean Up was a huge success, with almost 94 City & County of Honolulu employee volunteers, and 160 community volunteers.



- Early voting has started with five locations throughout the island including Honolulu and Kapolei Hale; they are open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Chair Ho inquired of what is being done regarding several homeless at the Canoe Halau; Aylett noted the City & County of Honolulu is waiting for a clear definition of procedures before taking action.

**COUNCIL CHAIR:** Ikaika Anderson apologized Council Chair Barbara Marshall could not attend tonight's meeting and reminded everyone to vote on Saturday, September 20, 2008. A written report was also made available.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2008:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Several announcements were made at this time.

- Chair Ho announced the Primary Election is on Saturday, September 20, 2008.
- Chair Ho noted the regular meeting date of October 13, 2008 falls on a Federal holiday, and the Board may decide to meet on the first Monday or third Monday of the month. **Addington moved and Ellsworth seconded to meet on the third Monday of October, October 20, 2008. The motion was ADOPTED, 7-0-1, (Aye: Ho, Buck, Ellsworth, Addington, Jamila, Spencer, Chun, Abstain: Wahinekapu.)**
- Chair Ho also noted the regular meeting on November, 10, 2008 will be held at the Waimanalo Public Library.
- Jamila noted Natural Hawaiian Waimanalo Gallery is looking for a buyer to purchase the business, the location is ideal and there is a lot of space, there will be an aloha party on September 13, 2008.

**OHANA HEALTH PLAN:** Malia Summers introduced several of her colleagues and provided a brief history of Ohana Health Plan and current procedures, facilities, and services they provide. Summers noted local caregivers may be taught and paid through the Ohana Health Plan, for those interested please call 271-9454 or 282-3899.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Chair Ho questioned the cost and if Ohana Health Plan is willing to work with Waimanalo Health Center; Summers noted everyone whom are eligible through Medicare pays nothing, and Ohana Health Plan already plans to work with local health givers like Waimanalo Health Center.
- Buck inquired the membership of the program; Summers noted there are approximately 21,000-23,000 members and the company is built right here in Hawaii.
- Addington questioned if this program is another Kaiser program; Summers noted it is a State overseen program but independently run through Hawaii.
- Jamila clarified to which Summers noted yes, that his neighbor if qualified can enroll in the caregivers program while taking care of her parents at home.

**RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:** No community concerns were raised at this time.

**COMMUNITY PUBLIC INPUT PART 2:**

**MILITARY REPORT:** Major Crouch of Marine Corps Base Hawaii reported the following information;

- Marines with the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment returned to Hawaii safely in August, after completing a seven-month deployment to Iraq in support of the Global War on Terrorism.
- Marines, Air Force personnel and Congresswoman Mazie Hirono attended a blessing and ground-breaking ceremony to mark the clean-up of landfill 24, a former landfill at Marine Corps Training Area.
- The 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment left for a combat deployment to Iraq in August.

**EDUCATION: Blanche Pope Elementary:** Ofelia Carag reported the following information;

- Mahalo to neighboring residents for watching the school, there have been no broken glass or dog droppings on campus in the last month.
- Today was the student's first day back; students are learning core Hawaiian values.

- Current construction projects include the school's septic tank and parking lot, the side gate entrance is temporarily closed.
- September 22, 2008 is Professional Collaboration Day, no school for students.
- October 3, 2008 is the last day of the quarter.
- October 6-14, 2008 students will be on break.
- If anyone is interested in volunteering please call 259-0450.

**Waimanalo Intermediate and High School:** Noel Richardson reported the following information;

- The new Vice Principal at Waimanalo Intermediate and High School is Keoni Williams.
- The school is currently in good standing in the Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) reports.
- Residents are encouraged to use the school's recycle bins as the monies go to benefit school programs.

**GOVERNOR'S REPRESENTATIVE:** Micah Kane reported the following information;

- Concerns regarding Inaole Street and the Kumuhau Project will be addressed, and workers are not working on Sundays any longer; speeding concerns will be forwarded to the project manager.
- The Governor is taking proper actions with recent budget cut backs and the slowing of the economy.
- Both Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona are planning to get tourism back on track by reallocating an additional \$10 million for budgeting purposes.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Chair Ho questioned the status of the proposed Waimanalo Commercial Development Center; Kane noted the project is on the Waimanalo Regional Plan list.

**SENATOR FRED HEMMINGS:** Jessica Grant was available to answer any questions.

**REPRESENTATIVE TOMMY WATERS:** A written report was made available.

**HAWAII JOB CORPS:** Julie Dugan invited the community to contact Job Corps at 259-6051 for their upcoming Make A Difference Day, where students go out into the community and perform simple laborious task like yard work, simple home repairs, cleaning, and simple construction work.

**WAIMANALO HOMESTEAD:** No report available at this time.

**WAIMANALO HEALTH CENTER:** May Akamine reported that patients are being treated with the utmost care, patients with diabetes are being taken care of perfectly. The dental facility is up and running, however there are still several grants in aids (GIA) requests that have not been released by the Governor. With no objections Chair Ho noted he will have a letter sent to the Governor requesting she release the GIS requests to the Waimanalo Health Center. Moana DeMello announced there will be a Gala for the Dental clinic on September 20, 2008.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Jamila noted to contact Bob Farrell, the Board's vgeographer, as he may be willing to videotape the Dental Clinic's 'Smile' event.

**BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY:** Diane Moses reported the following information;

- There were no water main breaks in the month of August.
- September is Natural Disaster Preparedness Month. Natural disasters, power outages, rolling blackouts and other unexpected events can disrupt the ability of BWS to provide water service to the community.
- As of August 31, 2008 BWS has urged everyone to perform a voluntary water reduction of 10% in your household, noting to water lawns only on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Buck inquired as to the levels of water on the island; Moses replied the levels of water have gone down, which prompted the voluntary reduction.

**BELLOWS AFS RESTORATION:** Todd Lanning reported on September 5, 2008 groundbreaking and work began on the removal of Bellows landfill 24. A list of contractors was also provided to all Board members.

**HUI MALAMA O KE KAI:** No report available at this time.

**FRIENDS OF WAIMANALO:** No report available at this time.

**OCEANIC INSTITUTE (OI):** No report available at this time.

**HOPE CHAPEL:** No report available at this time.

**KOKUA OHANA:** Roy Brooks introduced Sonya Zabala, noting that Hawaii's keiki is its greatest resource. Placing native Hawaiian children in Hawaiian homes is the greatest way to teach these children our Hawaiian ways. If anyone is interested in volunteering their services in anyway please pick up a form from Brooks.

**WAIMANALO BEACH PARK RECREATION AND EDUCATION:** Renee Silberstein thanked everyone who helped out with the Mayor's Annual cabinet Clean Up on August 2, 2008. The parks have survived another summer fun program, and are currently gearing up for Thriller in the Park, a Halloween Festival, on October 31, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. for kokua please call 259-9106.

**WAIMANALO WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:** No report available at this time.

**WAIMANALO KUPUNA ASSOCIATION:** Ahuena Lakolo reported earlier this month HPD joined the kupuna in their neighborhood watch, and educated the kupuna of how to take care of themselves in case of a natural disaster. The Kupuna Association continues to work with community groups like the Waimanalo Health Center, and had its first Kupuna Potluck in August.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted By:

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