



WAIMANALO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 32

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009 NATIONAL GUARD TRAINING AUDITORIUM

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Ho called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with a quorum of nine (9) 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 Jr., Solomon Spencer, David Bettencourt, Beverly Addington, Nani Akeo, Cynthia Wahinekapu.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Fred Humphrey, Peter Albinio, and Matthew Chun.

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

GUESTS: Roy Brooks (Kokua Ohana), Ewalani Wagner (Left Behind), Bobbie Kahalewai, Renee Silberstein (DPR), Gail and Naomi Rombaoa (Relay for Life), Kim Kalama, Julie Dugan (Job Corps), Diane Moses (BWS), Marleen Keawa (USAF), J. Ikaika Anderson (Councilmember Marshall's office), Representative Chris Lee, Jessica Grant (Senator Hemmings office), Jody Green, Captain Harris (HFD), Sui Lan Kepa, Reverend Rocky Bermudez, Cyndy Aylett (Mayor's Representative), Lieutenant Eber (HPD), 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. Marleen Keawa offered the pule.

ACCEPT NOMINATIONS FOR SUBDISTRICT 4: Chair Ho opened the floor for nominations to fill the Board vacancy in sub-district four. Hearing no nominations the seat remained vacant.

PUBLIC INPUT (PART 1):

HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT (HFD): Captain Harris reported the following information;

- Statistics for the month of December 2008 include; 5 structure fires, 5 rubbish fires, 81 medical emergencies, 2 search and rescue, and 10 miscellaneous calls.
- Fire Safety Tip: In a fire, medical, or other emergency it is critical that emergency responders quickly identify the correct location. Fire, building, U.S. postal codes, and City ordinances state that property owners shall place their house numbers so it is legible and readily visible from the street.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Ellsworth questioned if electronics should be unplugged during an electrical outage; Harris noted that is a good practice to perform as electrical appliances may become over power once the power returns.
- Bettencourt inquired if there is specific numbers regarding illegal fireworks; Harris noted HFD should have those numbers ready in February.

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT (HPD): Lieutenant Dave Eber introduced Sergeant John Grams and Officer Bustamante and reported the following;

- Uniform Crime Reporting Index statistics compared from November 2008 to December 2008 include; 0/0 murder manslaughter, 2/4 rapes, 6/1 robberies, 10/13 aggravated assaults, 57/73 burglaries, 137/172 thefts, 148/127 unauthorized entrance to a motor vehicle (UEMV), 48/49 auto thefts. Annual comparisons indicate a drop in crime by 18%.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:



- Addington noted there were many illegal fireworks in Waimanalo during the New Year; Eber noted HPD does send an officer to every call, however, in order to ticket, and officer must see the culprit.
- Bettencourt noted he knows of residents that called HPD to report illegal fireworks prior to New Years, and no officer were ever present to address the issue.

MAYOR/NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION: Cyndy Aylett, Mayor's representative reported the following;

- The contactor to provide a bus shelter on Hale Aupuni, was given the notice to proceeds on December 12, 2008, and should complete the project on January 26, 2009.
- Evaluations of bus stops in Waimanalo for the Bus Stop Realignment Project is anticipated to begin in 2010, there will be public notice in the future.
- The Kaiona Beach park restroom is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Arrangements can be made for the restroom to stay open until 9:30 p.m. to support an authorized activity or event.
- A handout was provided depicting the change in Director and Deputy Director Positions within the City & County of Honolulu.

Questions, comments and concerns:

- Addington inquired the status of the Bus Shelter on Nakini Street; Aylett will follow up.

COUNCIL FLOOR LEADER: J. Ikaika Anderson apologized on behalf of Councilmember Marshall as she should not be in attendance, Marshall wishes everyone a Happy New Year and reminds everyone the deadline to appeal their Property Tax is January 15, 2009. The contact number for Marshall's office is 768-5003.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2008: Ellsworth moved and Buck seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 10, 2008 with the following corrections;

- Page 3: Waimanalo Health Center: Replace Second Bullet with; "As a community service project, the Health Center is collecting canned goods; in addition, WHC is participating in the Windward Mall's Festival of Giving, all ticket sales benefit the health center directly.
- Page 3: Waimanalo Health Center: 5th Bullet: Add, "At the State Capitol."
- Page 3: Waimanalo Health Center: 6th Bullet: Replace, "and cooperation with the May Day festivities" with, "of the health center during his recent site visit."
- Page 3: Waimanalo Health Center: Replace Last Bullet with; "Support our Veterans as they are fighting for and have fought for our freedom in the present and past."

The motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 10, 2008, was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, (Aye: Ho, Buck, Ellsworth, Jamila, Spencer, Bettencourt, Addington, Akeo, Wahinekapu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Several announcements were made at this time;

- Ewalani Wagner introduced herself as the Director and advocate for Left Behind, which is located near Kuni's Restaurant, noting it is Left Behind's goal to open the first petting zoo in Waimanalo.
- The American Cancer Society Waimanalo invited everyone to join in on the fun on June 12th and 13th, 2009. If you residents are interested they can contact 432-9164 for more information.
- Job Corps announced they will have a walking team throughout the American Cancer walk.
- Roy Brooks and Moana DeMelo provided a brief background announcing Kokua Ohana's existence in the community. Brooks spoke in native Hawaiian, and provided translation for the audience.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNERS:

BELLOWS LANDFILL CLEAN UP: Chair Ho explained that he had been informed that the sand that was used to fill the landfill after it had been cleaned up was taken from Waimanalo and not Campbell Industrial, which was previously discussed; they will go into further discussion later in the agenda.

PUBLIC INPUT (PART 2):

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

- As of January 2009 the MCAF hours of operation is Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. and Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays closed.
- Be informed that scheduled helicopter landings will be on January 12, 14 and 17th.
- Toys for Tots Hawaii was able to meet its goal of 40,000 toys and received more than \$75,000 in donations to the program.
- Upcoming events include; January 19th: Marine Corps color guard support for the Honolulu Martin Luther King Day Parade and January 23rd: Marine forces Pacific Band hosting the Hawaii Music Educator Association workshop aboard base.
- Marines and Sailors of the Embedded Trainer Teams 5-3 and 1-10 returned from Afghanistan just before Christmas and the advance detachment of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 returned January 6, 2009 with the unit's main body to return soon.
- Deployments include; the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, combat deployment to Iraq in August. The 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, combat deployment to Iraq in September.

U.S. Air Force: Captain Tamara Duke reported the following information;

- The U.S. Air Force was lucky to participate in the Waimanalo Christmas Parade and thanks the community for allowing the Air Force to participate.
- The Air Force is currently looking to fill positions as recreational aids, front desk, housekeeping, lodging managers, and a number of Commercial Driver's License (CDL) drivers. If interested, visit the website at www.bellowsaifs.com, or contact the building at 259-4215.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Wahinekapu inquired if the logs that were laid out throughout Bellows were for upcoming structures; Duke noted the logs indicate available parking throughout the beach front.

EDUCATION: Blanche Pope Elementary: Marleen Keawa reporting for Ofelia Carag, thanked everyone for their gift donations to the keiki of Blanche Pope, giving thanks to the Waimanalo Agriculture Association, Hope Chapel and various, other organizations that provided gifts. Report cards should be reaching homes by January 15, 2009.

Waimanalo Intermediate and High School: Noel Richardson reported there will be a Waiver Day and no School on February 6, 2009. January 28th is Math Night, and January 29th is reading is Fundamental. The school is required to remove its remaining three cesspools, the school will inform the community throughout the construction process and removal.

GOVERNOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: No report available at this time.

SENATOR FRED HEMMINGS: No report available at this time.

REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS LEE: Representative Chris Lee wished everyone a Happy New Year and reported;

- Everyone is welcomed to join in on the Opening Day festivities on Wednesday, January 21, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Refreshments will be served from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. in room 313.
- Bills that will be introduced include a moratorium on ceded lands, beach access and shoreline management, Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Enforcement, complete streets, and solar photovoltaic assistance. Bill introduction is cut off by the end of January.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Bettencourt noted not only should a moratorium be enacted on ceded lands, but a complete ban should be enforced; Representative Lee noted he agrees, and the moratorium is the way to go.
- Jamila noted with the State budget looking so grim, the non-profits in the community are in danger of not being funded, and questions in if the Waimanalo Health Center has been funded; Representative Lee noted he understands the concern and noted the Waimanalo Health Center funds were released.
- Addington questioned if the dental facility proposed by the Waimanalo Health Center has been funded; Chair Ho noted the monies were released by the Governor and will be used towards the dental clinic.

HAWAII JOB CORPS: Julie Dugan noted the culinary students of Job Corps were very busy during the Holiday season, cooking enough gingerbread to build 300 gingerbread houses, and then cooking a dinner for 500 people the next day. The culinary students also cooked Christmas dinner for 120 kupuna at the Waimanalo Kupuna Housing Association.

WAIMANALO HOMESTEAD: No report available at this time.

WAIMANALO HEALTH CENTER: Chair Ho noted the Governor did release \$125,000 to the Waimanalo Health Center, which has been used to implement the Waimanalo Dental Clinic.

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY: Diane Moses reported there were no main breaks in December 2008, and none thus far in January. The voluntary water preservation on farmers was lifted last week, the BWS thanks everyone for their efforts in conserving water. The 2009 water calendar was made available and entries are now being taken for the 2010 water calendar. There is a 7th-12th grade poetry contest this year, and can be found at www.boardofwatersupply.com.

BELLOWS AFS RESTORATION: Todd Lanning provided a flyer depicting recent work done on landfill (LF)24, and reported that LF24 has been completely removed and backfilled, and removed debris and hazardous materials. Lanning thanked the community, Board and Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for their dedication and patience in the project.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Chair Ho questioned if there was a break in contract that allowed Bellows to use sand from Waimanalo and not Waianae as was previously noted would be the plan of action; Lanning noted there was no break in contract, noting it was never finalized to use Campbell Industrial sand.
- Chair Ho questioned if the sand from Waimanalo was approved and tested? Lanning noted the sand was approved and was an option to be used as backfill.
- Kim Kalama explained that it was her privilege to work on the project, and believes that the project was run perfectly and explained that residents should be happy that the project went smoothly. Kalama noted the project was funded by the Marine Corps and thanked the Marine Corps for their willingness to work with the community, and thanked Bellows AFS Restoration.
- Jamila thanked Kalama and Lanning for their hard work and success on the project, noting Waimanalo contactors and workers were able to work on this project as well.
- A community member questioned if the removal was necessary and if there are other sites that are dangerous; Lanning noted the removal was very well worth it, and three other sites are being looked at and will be worked on in the future.
- A community member noted they were very concerned of the cultural impact of the removal and handling, but was glad to have Kim Kalama on the project serving as a cultural expert.
- A community member thanked Kalama, Lanning, and the Marine Corps, noting this was a project that has bettered the community as a whole.
- Kalama notes the site did not have any kupuna iwi, and was deemed an ancient fishing site.
- Chair Ho thanked Kalama for her work done on the project, as she is a Waimanalo native.

HUI MALAMA O KE KAI: Kathy Morris provided a brief background of Hui Malama O Ke Kai, noting it has been active for the past three years, and is a branch off of Hui Malama as a whole. Morris introduced Lani Eckart, who will be present at the meetings every month. Eckart thanked the Board for their support and noted she has been with Hui Malama O Ke Kai since October 2008 and looks forward to continue her work, she is a Waimanalo born girl and loves being back home. Eckart is located at the Waimanalo town Center if you need to reach her.

FRIENDS OF WAIMANALO: No report available at this time.

OCEANIC INSTITUTE: No report available at this time.

HOPE CHAPEL: No report available at this time.

KOKUA OHANA: Previously reported in the meeting.

WAIMANALO BEACH PARK RECREATION AND EDUCATION: Renee Silberstein announced the Spring Program is upon us once again, noting registration dates are on January 14th and 15th, with the program starting on January 26, 2009. Waimanalo District Park is offering children, teens, adults, and gym nights. Waimanalo Beach Park offers a variety of programs for tiny tots, children, and adults. Silberstein welcomed everyone to join in on the fun, and to contact the Beach and District Park if you have any questions.

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

WAIMANALO KUPUNA ASSOCIATION: No report available at this time.

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Submitted By:

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