



WAIMANALO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 32

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009 WAIMANALO PUBLIC LIBRARY

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.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Fred Humphrey, David Bettencourt, Nani Akeo, and Peter Albino.

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

GUESTS: Hailey Hermosa (ACS), Cheryl Kaneshiro, Hilary Kanuha Sr. and Jim Ross (City & County of Honolulu), Audrey Yokota (Engineering Solutions Inc.), Mabel Spencer (Relay for Life), Merle Edwards, Renee Silberstein (DPR), Corrine Higa, Magnolia Vasconcellos, John Aylett, Cyndy Aylett (Mayor's Representative), Noel Richardson (Waimanalo School), Anthony Kim and May Akamine (Waimanalo Health Center), Ofelia Carag (Pope Elementary), Major Alan Crouch (MCB Hawaii), Roger Kobayashi and John Yamane (DDC), Lauree Nakata (Hawaii Job Corps), 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. Renee Silberstein provided 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 Pokini reported the following report:

- Statistics for the month of February 2009; include 2 structure fires, 39 medical emergencies, 3 search and rescues, 1 activated alarm, 1 major incident and 4 complaints.
- Fire Safety Tip: According to the U.S. Fire Administration, cooking fires are the leading cause of house fires and fire injuries nationwide. Do not leave cooking food unattended; if you must leave the kitchen, turn off the heat and take a spoon or oven mitt to remind yourself of the food on the stove.

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT (HPD): Lieutenant Dave Eber reported the following information;

- Statistics of the Uniform Crime Reporting Index include; Annual comparison comparing January and February of 2008 with January and February 2009 include; 1/0 manslaughter, 8/11 rapes, 9/5 robberies, 14/11 aggravated assaults, 123/91 burglaries, 267/259 thefts, 224/242 unauthorized entrance to a motor vehicle (UEMV), 39/49 auto thefts, for a total decrease of 3% in one year.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: A community member requested HPD enforce the inattentive driving laws, as a woman was recently hit and injured with her children by an inattentive driver.

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

- The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), is finalizing the specifications for play apparatus components that will not rust, corrode or otherwise deteriorate when constructed in beach parks. Funding of the play apparatus is included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Capital Improvement Project (CIP) budget.



COUNCIL FLOOR LEADER: Ikaika Anderson announced the late Councilmember Marshall's services will be held on March 14, 2009 at St. John's Lutheran Church. It was urged that residents' vote in the upcoming special elections. Marshall's staff is to remain in office and can be reached at 768-5003.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2009: Ellsworth moved and Addington seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 9, 2009. The motion was **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0, (Aye: Ho, Buck, Ellsworth, Jamila, Spencer, Addington, Chun, Wahinekapu.)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Several announcements were made at this time;

- Gail Romabaoa, Mable Spencer and Hailey Hermosa thanked the community for attending the Relay for Life Kickoff Rally, where fourteen teams have been formed. Residents are encouraged to join or form a team, the Relay's goal is to have at least 25 teams by the Relay event. A Team Captain meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2009 at the Waimanalo Health Center.
- Audrey Yokota of Engineering Solutions Inc. with several City & County of Honolulu officials announced the upcoming Waimanalo Sewer Rehabilitation project sewer lines. A map was provided highlighting the project lines where a total of 2,630 feet of pipe will be repaired and/or installed. Yokota noted road closures may occur during the project. Work will commence from 8:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. No work will be done at night, weekends or holidays.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Chair Ho questioned the pipe work on Humunaka Street that was done two years ago; Yokota noted several pipes did not have significant problems as the pipes that will be worked on.
- Several community members suggested construction start at 8:30 a.m. as to not block traffic.
- A community member voiced concern with traffic on the highway; Yokota noted it has been addressed; trucks are not encouraged to go through the back roads as there will be room on the highway.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS IN THE COMMUNITY: No concerns were raised at this time.

COMMUNITY PUBLIC INPUT:

MILITARY REPORT: Major Alan Crouch from the Marine Corps Base (MCB) reported the following report:

- A letter of condolence has been sent to the family of the late Councilwoman Barbara Marshall.
- Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursdays 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight, Fridays 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sundays and Holidays closed.
- March 2-12, 2009: Hawker Hunter jets operating in area in support of training exercises.
- March 11-April 4, 2009: Hosting fixed-wing aircraft performing training exercises on Kauai.
- March 18 and 20, 2009: Parachute operations; and March 21-29, 2009: Hosting five helicopters from California and Nevada Air National Guard.
- An endangered Hawaiian monk seal was released back into the wild on February 27, 2009.
- More than 2,100 people attended the 15th annual Swamp Romp at the Nuupia Ponds.
- MCB Hawaii has had a great response more than 150 businesses for the "Industry Day" seminar which will be held on March 11, 2009. Call 254-7697 for more information.
- On March 23, 2009 MCB Hawaii will host 150 JROTC cadets from Kalaheo, Castle, Radford, and Campbell High Schools units for a joint training day.
- Deployed are Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 362; Headquarter Company 3rd Marine Regiment; Combat Logistics Battalion 3; Navy Patrol Squadron 4; and other detachments.
- Leaving soon are 3rd Battalion 3rd Marine Regiment and 2nd Battalion 3rd Marine Regiment.
- Approximately 1,000 Marine and Sailors of the 1st Battalion 3rd Marine Regiment returned home last week from Iraq.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Several community members expressed concerns with excessive noise coming from the Marine Corps Base during the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m.

EDUCATION: Blanche Pope Elementary: Ofelia Carag reported the following:

- Blanche Pope is currently in its 3rd Quarter which will end on March 20, 2009.

- March 11, 2009 was a very successful Curriculum Fair Night. It was also the same night for the Kindergarten Orientation Night.
- Students will be on a school excursion on Friday March 20, 2009.
- Following Spring Break students will return on April 6, 2009, testing will commence on April 9, 2009, make sure the children get a good night's rest and a healthy breakfast.
- Thanks went out to Alu Like and Hope Chapel for their upcoming partnerships where students will engage themselves in a garden and videography project.
- Upcoming events include a school wide renovation on June 2, 2009.
- School Community Council (SCC) parent representative nominations are open, interested candidates can be nominated at the SCC office.

Waimanalo Elementary and High School: Noel Richardson reported the following:

- Important dates include; March 20, 2009 Career Health Day and no school on April 3, 2009.
- Cesspool conversion project is ongoing, do not walk through the campus at night as holes and machinery may be unseen and are very dangerous.
- The School Community Council is also looking for nominations and can be turned in at the front office.
- If additional financial cuts are made by the Board of Education (BOE) Waimanalo Public Library may be at risk of being removed.

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

- The Governor has unveiled her budget plan to the Legislature; her plans do not raise taxes, retains all Government employees, and recognizes the Congressional delegates for the stimulus package.
- Kane was able to join the Governor and her team to Washington D.C. where they met with President Barack Obama. The president's team continues to work with the stimulus package.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: A community member questioned the Governor's stance on Waimanalo Public Library; Kane noted it may be in the hands of the Department of Education, but will follow up.

SENATOR FRED HEMMINGS: A written report was made available.

REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS LEE: No report available at this time.

HAWAII JOB CORPS: Lauree Nakata reported Job Corps students have been working on painting Kailua High School, 58% of the students in Kailua High School reside in Waimanalo. As the economy worsens it is a good time to enroll in Hawaii Job Corps for non-resident students, for more information contact 536-0695.

CONGRESSWOMAN MAZIE HIRONO: Joshua Wisch provided several handouts and highlighted;

- Congresswoman did vote for the stimulus package which will bring an estimated \$1 billion to the Hawaii economy, \$360 million towards Medicaid, \$100 million towards food stamps, \$125 million for highways, \$150 million to education and an estimated 16,000 jobs to Hawaii.
- The Congresswoman is expected to visit the islands in April of this year, and is looking to host her Talk Story events in the community.
- Several handouts further explained the stimulus package and specific appropriations.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Chair Ho questioned if the Congresswoman's staff would like to be permanently placed on the agenda; Wisch agreed noting the office plans to present at every quarter.
- Ellsworth along with several community members urged the Congresswoman to support the Waimanalo Public Library; Wisch will pass on the community's request.
- A community members expressed federal funding should be used to teach Hawaii's teachers, instead of mainland teachers to only send them to Hawaii and teach.

WAIMANALO HOMESTEAD: No report available at this time.

WAIMANALO HEALTH CENTER: May Akamine and Dental Director Tony Kim reported the Dental Clinic is almost ready, and is almost three weeks away from completion. Akamine noted thanks to the Congressional Delegates for the Economic Stimulus Package which appropriates \$140,000 to the Health Center, which will fund upgrades, expansion in services and possible procedures such as breast services. Regarding the land behind the Health Center, thanks went out to Mable Spencer for her research and findings that the land was agreed to go to the Center, this will be further investigated.

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY (BWS): No report available at this time.

BELLOWS AFS RESTORATION: No report available at this time.

HUI MALAMA O KE KAI: Lani Eckart reported on February 17, 2009 the program partnered with the Waimanalo Civic Club and planted ti leaf alongside a Hawaiian archaeologist. On February 26, 2009 the first Ohana Night was held where parents and children learned various Hawaiian aspects. Last Saturday and Sunday Opio had a chance to camp in Punaluu and learned how to surf, stand up surf, and canoe surf. The community is invited to join in waving signs regarding pono fishing practices, the event is a pot-luck function.

Questions, comments and questions followed: Jamila asked to explain the Opio program; Eckart noted it's a pilot program for Hui Malama O Ke Kai designed to where the 7th and 8th grade children mentor the 5th and 6th graders. The Opio have a once week learning program to teach them how to be leaders.

FRIENDS OF WAIMANALO: No report available at this time.

OCEANIC INSTITUTE: No report available at this time.

HUI O KOOLAUPOKO: No report available at this time.

KOKUA OHANA: No report available at this time.

WAIMANALO BEACH PARK RECREATION AND EDUCATION: Renee Silberstein announced the annual May Day celebrations at the District and Beach park and Enchanted Lake are being planed. Both parks plan to provide a lei workshop, dates include April 24, 2009 at the District Park, April 28, 2009 at Enchanted Lake, and April 30, 208 at the Beach Park. Summer Fun program flyers are to be sent home shortly with students. This year's Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 5, 2009 at the District Park, if you are available to donate materials contact 259-8015.

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 8:55 p.m.

Submitted By:

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