



## WAIMANALO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 32

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### **DRAFT REGULAR METING MINUTES MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2009 WAIMANLO PUBLIC LIBRARY**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Wilson Kekoa Ho called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with a quorum of nine (9) of 13 members present. Note—This 13-member Board requires seven (7) members for a quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Nani Akeo, Shannon Alivado, Michael Buck, Kahikino Dettweiler, Rosina Ho, Wilson Kekoa Ho, Andrew Jamila Jr., Solomon Spencer, and Cynthia Wahinekapu.

Board Members Absent: Beverly Addington.

Vacancies: The Board is not able to fill vacancies left by the election at this time, due to the wording of the Neighborhood Plan, §2-14-104. This section is in the process of being amended.

Guests: Linda Duvauchelle, Doreene Kealohanui, Kathleen Teixeira, Sharon Basmayor (Councilmember J. Ikaika Anderson's Office), Mike Hikalea, Principal Noel Richardson (Waimanalo Elementary School), Jody Green, Kapi Kahahawai, Constance Oki, May Akamine (Waimanalo Health Center), Lieutenant John Cheong (Honolulu Police Department), Jean Brokish, Kathy Xian, Renee Silberstein (Department of Park and Recreation), Ilena Ho Lastimosa, Lambert Naihe (Cub Scout Pack 45), Moana DeMello, Captain Rick Pelzl (Bellows Air Force Station), Dennis Bumpy Kanahale, Cyndy Aylett (Mayor's Representative), John Keoni Aylett, Sui Lan Kepa, Major Alan Crouch (U.S. Marines), Leland S.M. Ribac (Neighborhood Commission Office).

PULE: Chair Ho welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the meetings usually begin with an open prayer; if prayer offends you, now is the time to leave. Lambert Naihe provided the pule.

#### PUBLIC INPUT PART 1:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): No report available at this time.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant John Cheong reported the following information;

1. Crime Statistics Report: Statistics include; 2 driving under the influence (DUI), 25 motor vehicle accidents (MVA), 4 property damages, 1 robbery, 11 thefts, 12 unauthorized entrance to a motor vehicle (UEMV), and a total of 632 response calls.
2. Hurricane Felicia Warning: Residents were warned that Hurricane Felicia is expected to bring heavy rains and high winds to the island by late tomorrow, August 11, 2009.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Bellows Air Force Base (AFB) Policing: It was clarified that HPD continues to monitor the Bellows AFB area with adequate officers; residents noted the overall cleanliness of Bellows has improved.
2. Use of Alarm and Siren Clarification: It was questioned and clarified that Officers use their vehicle sirens and lights on different levels of emergencies, and may turn their lights/sirens off when approaching an on-going situation, where the officer may not want to be seen by the culprit.

Mayor's Representative: Cyndy Aylett provided the following information;

1. Waimanalo Beach Park Restroom Closure: The Waimanalo Beach Park's pavilion restrooms have been closed nightly for more than a year; however, the Waimanalo Beach Park campground restrooms cannot be closed because of authorized campers and the lack of gates.



2. Inaaole Street Bus Stop Relocation Request: The City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) has completed their evaluation of the request to relocate the bus stop 30-feet past the intersection, however it has been determined that it is not feasible at this time, due to the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) accessibility regulations.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Waimanalo Beach Park Closures: Jamila thanked the City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) for closing the pavilion restrooms, and requested they make sure the restroom facilities are properly working before closure each night.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2009: Buck moved and Dettweiler seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 13, 2009 with corrections to be submitted by May Akamine. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, (Aye: Akeo, Alivado, Buck, Dettweiler, R. Ho, W. Ho, Jamila, Spencer and Wahinekapu).**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Several announcements were made at this time;

1. Honolulu Century Ride: Jamila announced that he has worked with Mitchell Nakagawa and this year's Century Ride consists of only 279 riders compared to thousands in the past. The Hawaii Bicycling League has also addressed rider issues such as riding two-abreast, and HPD will be monitoring the route.

**Jamila moved and Akeo seconded to support the Hawaii Bicycling League and the Honolulu Century Ride with the conditions and ground rules that were published. The motion was ADOPTED, 8-1-0, (Aye: Akeo, Alivado, Buck, Dettweiler, R. Ho, W. Ho, Jamila and Wahinekapu; No: Spencer).**

2. Cub Scout Pack 45: Lambert Naihe, Troup Leader of Pack 45, welcomed everyone interested in an Open House event to all Cub Scout Packs on Tuesday, August 25, 2009 at Ward Warehouse.
3. Waimanalo Market: Jody Green and Kehaulani Padilla announced the Grand Opening of the Waimanalo Market on Saturday, August 22, 2009. To view the virtual market, visit [www.waimanalomarket.com](http://www.waimanalomarket.com); and order your groceries on-line. Orders are accepted until Wednesday, August 19, 2009 and will be ready for pick up on the Grand Opening Day. The website will also publicly notify residents of future market days and locations. Farmers are also welcomed to contact the Market website or Green directly should the farmers have any produce to sell.
4. Air Force Stream Cleaning: Residents thanked the Air Force and all residents or organizations that helped clear the stream in Waimanalo.
5. Community Meeting: A community meeting will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2009 at Blanche Pope Elementary School to further discuss the proposed Bellows Resolution of last month's Board Meeting.
6. Waimanalo Beach Park: Renee Silberstein of the City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) announced that the Waimanalo Beach Park and District Park will begin registration for Fall Activities. Many activities are available for children and adults; a complete brochure was made available. Volunteers and donations are also being accepted for this year's Halloween events. Residents are also reminded to adhere to all park rules including; all vehicles off of the grass and no alcoholic beverages.
7. Board of Water Supply (BWS): Kuulei Ho provided informational brochures of the BWS' Cross-Connection Backflow Project, which aims to protect BWS pipes from backflows. Residents are welcomed to participate in this year's Halawa Xeriscape Un-thirsty Plant Sale, for more information visit [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

1. Oluolu Street Pollution: A resident of Oluolu Street raised concern of pollution occurring near her home due to children throwing their trash on the ground while waiting for the Kamehameha School Bus. She has observed several children polluting and entering mail boxes while waiting at the bus stop. Upon contact to Kamehameha School, it was suggested this be brought up with the Neighborhood Board. A

letter requesting the stop be relocated is being sought after by the Kamehameha Transportation Department. Chair Ho will contact the Kamehameha Transportation Department.

2. Waimanalo Post Office: Concern was raised regarding the possible closure of the Waimanalo Post Office; residents were urged to contact both City and State officials to solicit support on keep the Waimanalo Post Office open.
3. Illegal Dumping at Pu'u O Molokai: Mike Hikalea and Dennis 'Bumpy' Kanahale raised concern regarding an illegal dumpsite at Pu'u O Molokai, sacred land on the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) portion of land. Photographs were produced suggesting an illegal dump site without permits. Photographed were mounds of debris, construction and trucking vehicles and temporary structures. The land was once legend to the Native Hawaiians to be home of mermaids in ancient time.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL): Micah Kane of DHHL explained that the area is currently under construction and is slated to house the last phase of the community package, presented to the Neighborhood Board in the past. DHHL toured the area with the State Department of Health (DOH) and found no violations of an illegal dump site. The history of the land and explanation can be taken to the DHHL Commission and if validated, the project can be revoked. Paul Richards can also be contacted; he is the President of the Hawaiian Homes.
2. Trucking Vehicle depicted in Photograph: Jamila noted that the truck pictured in the photographs belong to him, explaining that he did not dump illegal material in the area, and was dumping grade A soil as a favor to DHHL. Jamila noted he has done many favors of that sort for many residents present tonight.
3. Native Hawaiian Rights Abolished: Several community members expressed concern that the site was once known as the 'King's Highway' in the time of King Kamehameha. If ancestral significance can be proven, several members of the community would like this construction to be stopped.
4. Community Benefit: Residents were reminded that this project was developed and slated for the overall benefit of the community. However, if the community wishes to discontinue the project, the DHHL Commission can be contacted. Kane re-stated, that if ancestral significance can be validated, DHHL will be more than happy to listen and the project be revoked.

SPECIAL REPORT: HUMAN TRAFFICKING: Kathy Xian reported the following information;

1. Goal and Purpose: Members of the Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery (PASS) provided a PowerPoint presentation explaining that currently there is no legislation to address or penalize sex trafficking (also known as prostitution).
2. What is Trafficking: Trafficking denies the liberty of another person, which usually includes women and children. An estimated 1.2 million children are trafficked each year; and over 17,500 children and women are annually trafficked into the United States.
3. Brothels on Oahu: An estimated 45 brothels have been identified on Oahu, where an individual is expected to make a quota per night which may range from \$1,000-\$9,000.
4. Public/Community Support: Residents are asked to support PASS's local legislation allowing HPD to focus on 'pimps' and 'johns', learn how to identify a victim and learn what to do. For more information contact the National Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-3737-8888, or [www.traffickjamming.org](http://www.traffickjamming.org).

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Proposed Legislation: It was questioned and clarified that legislation has been proposed as far back as 2006, however the legislation has never made it through due to lack of support. A copy of a proposed Bill to be submitted to the Legislature in 2010 was provided to each Board member.

2. Legislative Supporters: Xian noted that in the recent months, several Legislators including Representative Chris Lee and Senator Robert 'Bobby' Bunda have noted interest and support in submitting legislation.
3. Board Consideration: Chair Ho thanked Xian and PASS for their work in the communities, and noted that each Board member has been given a packet of information as well as a proposed Resolution in support of PASS and their initiatives. Each Board member shall take that information and come back to the September Board meeting to make their recommendations.

PUBLIC INPUT PART 2:

Representative Chris Lee: No report available at this time.

Governor's Representative: Micah Kane reported the following information;

1. Kumuhau Project: The Kumuhau Project model homes have been completed and will be open for viewing in the upcoming week.
2. Governor/Union Bargaining: The Governor is currently out of State, however, she continues to wait for the Union Bargaining units to propose their counter offers at this time.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Selling of Hawaiian Home Leases: It was questioned and clarified that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) has not restricted the selling of leases; however, it has been viewed as not 'pono' to the community. DHHL continues to work towards a solution with this problem.
2. Land Allocation: It was questioned and clarified that once a lessee allocates the land; they have the decision to build their own home or follow the DHHL plans at the time.
3. Possible Homes in Waimanalo: A community member questioned if any homes are being planned in Waimanalo; however none are being planed at this time.
4. Certificate of Appreciation: Chair Ho thanked Micah Kane for his continued work in the community, and acknowledged Kane for his recent promotion to a Bishop Estate Trustee. A certificate was presented to Kane and applause followed.

Waimanalo Health Center: May Akamine reported the following information;

1. Free Military Services: Military personnel provided over 100 patients with free services from July 20-30, 2009. Patients were thankful for all services provided free of charge.
2. Improving Health & Access to Care: Residents are welcomed to join the Health Center on Friday, August 14, 2009 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. for the 'Improving Health & Access to Care' at the WHC Goebert Training Center. Free snacks and clothing rummage will be available as well as classes for better health.
3. Possible Federal Funding: Congressional Senator Daniel Inouye has informed the Heath Center of possible federal funding from the recovery funds. A Capital Improvement Project (CIP) request has been submitted for nearly \$12 million, which will be used for several additional buildings.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. President Obama's Health Reform: A community member questioned the status of President Obama's Health Reform; Akamine noted that she has not read the entire 1,000 page document, however personally feels that a government sponsored payment plan is the way to go.
2. No Trespassing Signage on the Health Center Garden: It was questioned and clarified that 'No Trespassing' signs have been behind the Health Center garden for some time now, however garden visitors have been able to access the garden without problem. It was suggested the signs be taken down.

Education: Principal Noel Richardson of Waimanalo Elementary School reported the following information;

1. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP): Although Waimanalo Elementary School did not make AYP this past school year, achievements have been made and increases in reading and math are noticeable.
2. Open House: Residents are welcome to join the school for its Open House on Wednesday, August 12, 2009; parents are encouraged to accompany their children to their classes.
3. Cesspool Construction Project: The cesspool construction project continues on campus; residents are cautioned to stay off campus during at night as material and construction is un-noticeable and dangerous.
4. Updated Student Uniforms: This year's school uniform shirts have been updated and are color coded; parents are reminded to purchase the shirts as soon as possible.

Military Report:

Bellows Air Force Base: Captain Rick Pelzl reported the following information;

Available Base Positions: Job positions are available on base and can be viewed at [www.nafjobs.com](http://www.nafjobs.com)

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

1. Fire Arms and Poaching on Military Base: Major Crouch reported that it is illegal to hunt and bring any type of fire arm onto Military land. Perpetrators may be arrested on sight and if residents notice any illegal activity on base, they are urged to contact HPD immediately.
2. Bay Fest 2009: Several local bands and the Black Eyed Peas will be performing at this year's Bay Fest, tickets are still available and the community is welcomed to partake in the daytime festivities as well.
3. Tinker Road Rocks: Residents may have noticed several boulders on the side of Tinker Road; this is only to prevent illegal off road driving into non-vehicle areas.
4. Deployments/Homecomings: Residents are welcomed to join in welcoming Marines back home, as well as seeing Marines deploy.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Military Water Use: It was questioned and noted that the Marine Base is currently the top water user on the island due to its largely condensed population, a large percentage of the water is also reclaimed.
2. Nike Base Gunfire: It was questioned and clarified that the Nike Base is currently under the Air Force's jurisdiction at this time.
3. Colonel Rice Condition: It was questioned and clarified that Colonel Rice is in good health and appreciates the concern from the public.
4. Health Center 'No Trespassing' Signs: It was questioned and clarified that the signs are merely there to clearly indicate the boundary of the Marines land and may not be removed at this time.
5. Condolences for Fallen Marines: Jamila expressed condolences on behalf of the Board to the family and friends of the three fallen Marines.

Board of Water Supply: Previously reported in the meeting.

Senator Fred Hemmings: No report available at this time.

Bellows AFS Restoration: No report available at this time.

Hui Malama O Ke Kai: No report available at this time.

Oceanic Institute (OI): No report available at this time.

Ke Ola Mamo: No report available at this time.

Waimanalo Wastewater Treatment Plant: No report available at this time.

Waimanalo Kupuna Association: No report available at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Shark Tour Operations in Hawaiian Waters: Anne Marie Cook of the Safe Waters for Hawaii Coalition reported;

1. Coalition for All Islands: Safe Waters for Hawaii has become an island-wide initiative, and has increased its support through public and business awareness. Communities have come together and formed a stronghold on Oahu and other islands to prevent shark tours in Hawaiian waters.
2. Pro-Shark/Pro-Business Initiatives: The Coalition does not aim at anti-shark and anti-business aspects and no study has been found at this time proving that shark tours do not have a negative impact in Hawaiian waters or its surroundings.
3. Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board Resolution: Garry Weller of the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board spoke in favor of a resolution, similar to the Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board's to ban shark tours in Hawaiian waters. Although the threat may seem far off, once a danger erupts off the shores of Hawaii Kai, it will take little time to hit Waimanalo.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Chair Ho encouraged all Board members to think about this subject and return to the September Board meeting with suggestions of possible Board action.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Submitted By:

Leland S.M. Ribac  
Neighborhood Assistant