



WAIMANALO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 32

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009** **WAIMANALO SCHOOL LIBRARY**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Wilson Kekoa Ho called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with a quorum of eight (8) 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, Kahikino Dettweiler, Wilson Kekoa Ho, Andrew Jamila Jr., Solomon Spencer and Cynthia Wahinekapu.

Board Members Absent: Beverly Addington (resigned today) and Michael Buck.

Vacancies: There were three vacancies; one vacant seat in sub-district two, one vacancy seat in sub-district 4, and one seat in sub-district 6.

Guests: Doreene Kealohanui, Linda Duvachelle, Brian Whitehouse, Anita Wong (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands/Governor's Representative), Sharon Basmayor (Councilmember J. Ikaika Anderson's office), Joe Ryan, Julie Dugan (Job Corps), Cliff Laboy, Todd Lanning (United State's Air Force), Lieutenant Dave Eber (Honolulu Police Department), Deborah Smith, Ofelia Carag (Blanche Pope Elementary School), Captain Norbert Pokini (Honolulu Fire Department), Keoni Wilhelm (Waimanalo Elementary and Intermediate School), Deanna Gonda (Waimanalo Youth and Family Collaborative), Andrew Choy (Townscape Incorporated) Lani Eckhart (Hui Malama O Ke Kai), Mable Spencer, Linda Read (Marine Corps Base Hawaii), Cyndy Aylett (Mayor's Representative), Captain Rick Pelzl (Bellows Air Force Base), Kuulei Ho (Board of Water Supply), 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. Lani Eckhart provided the pule.

FILLING OF VACANCIES IN SUBDISTRICTS 2, 4, AND 6: Chair Ho explained that the Neighborhood Commission has successfully to changed a section of the Neighborhood Plan, which now allows Neighborhood Boards to fill its vacancies left vacant by the last Board election.

1. Sub-District 2: Jamila nominated Rusty Vierra. It was noted that Vierra is not present tonight, however expressed interest and served on the Board for two months following the death of past Board member Phillip Ellsworth. **Hearing no other nominations, Vierra was APPOINTED to fill the vacant seat in sub-district 2 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0, (Aye: Akeo, Alivado, Dettweiler, R. Ho, W. Ho, Jamila, Spencer and Wahinekapu.)**
2. Sub-District 4: No volunteers or nominations were heard for this sub-district.
3. Sub-District 6: Jamila nominated David 'Kawika' Eckhart. It was noted that Eckhart is not present tonight, however expressed interest in sitting on the Board. Eckhart is a resident of the sub-district and a lifeguard. **Hearing no other nominations, Eckhart was APPOINTED to fill the vacant seat in sub-district 6 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0, (Aye: Akeo, Alivado, Dettweiler, R. Ho, W. Ho, Jamila, Spencer and Wahinekapu.)**

Chair Ho noted that at the October meeting, Board member Addington's seat in sub-district seven as well as sub-district four will be available for filling. Addington has notified the Neighborhood Commission of her resignation after tonight's meeting.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Norbert Pokini reported the following information;



1. Fire Statistics for August 2009: Statistics included; 2 structure fires, 2 wildland fires, 1 vehicle fire, 32 medical emergencies, 1 search and rescue, and 9 miscellaneous calls.
2. Fire Safety Tip: Fire Prevention Week (FPW) begins in October. FPW has its roots in the Great Chicago Fire from October 8 to 11, 1861. Most fire injuries and fatalities are caused by fires that occur in homes, so this year's campaign will focus on preparedness and underscore the importance of regularly checking homes for fire hazards. In October, elementary school children will receive a Fire Fighter's Safety Guide.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant Dave Eber reported the following information;

1. Annual Comparison: According to the Uniform Crime Reporting System, a noticeable rise in unauthorized entrances to motor vehicles (UEMV) or thefts from vehicles of 32% was compared from 2008 to 2009.
2. Crime Statistics for August 2009: Statistics included; 4 simple assaults, 9 burglaries, 1 drug offense, 1 driving under the influence (DUI), 1 fraud case, 1 ID theft, 6 motor vehicle thefts, 6 property damages, 25 motor vehicle accidents (MVA), 1 robbery, 25 thefts, 20 UEMV) and 6 warrant arrests.
3. Officers in the Waimanalo Area: Lieutenant Eber introduced Officers Ray Craig and Mike Choy who service the Waimanalo district.
4. Kailua Police Station Construction Update: Construction work continues at the Kailua Police Station. A new roof will be installed within the upcoming two weeks. The station continues service through the construction period.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Bomb-Like Noise in Area: A community member raised concern with bomb-like noises being heard in the district near the Waimanalo Elementary and Intermediate School between the hours of 7:00-9:00 p.m. Eber will inform night patrol of the incidents and encouraged residents to call HPD when it occurs.
2. Traffic Control: Concern was raised with the past weekend traffic block on Kalaniana'ole Highway entering Waimanalo, motorists were using the right shoulder lane illegally to pass the traffic.
3. Bellows Partnership: It was questioned and answered that HPD continues to service the Bellows area in conjunction to the City's agreement with Bellows Air Force Base. The agreement is fairly lengthy; however HPD is continuing their obligations to patrol Bellows.

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

1. Waimanalo Beach Park Pavilion: The City Department of Parks and Recreation's (DPR) staff check the Beach Park's pavilion restrooms daily at 6:30 a.m. prior to opening. Should repairs be needed the staff person will inform a supervisor whom will initiate the request for repairs.
2. Waimanalo Sidewalks: Residents that required curb ramps are urged to complete a Curb Ramp Request Form which is available at www.honolulu.gov, under the City's Department of Design and Construction.
3. Kaupo Beach Park: Regarding the gate closure of Kaupo Beach Park, DPR will consider closing, but recommends that the parking lot be closed first, to defer illegal campers.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Traffic Light Synchronization: A request was made that the traffic signal lights on Kalaniana'ole Highway at Poalima Street be synchronized. Residents have noticed that the lights remain green for a longer time than usual when there are no vehicles in the area.
2. Kaupo Beach Park: Concern was raised with the closure of Kaupo Beach Park, noting that Kaupo is one of the last beach parks where residents can exercise their Native Hawaiian Rights to fish and gather at night.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Kuulei Ho reported the following information;

1. Waimanalo Water Re-Directed: In response to a question brought up in August, water from Waimanalo is not being re-directed elsewhere on the island. Water from Waihee and Punaluu is actually pumped into Waimanalo for residents to use.
2. Water Levels in the Area: Water levels in the Waimanalo are at a pre-drought level. Residents are encouraged to use water wisely and do not waste it. No water main breaks have occurred in August.
3. Hurricane Season: Hurricane Felicia served as an important reminder that all residents should be prepared for a natural disaster. It is important that an emergency kit be ready and to stay tuned to media reports. Visit www.baordofwatersupply.com for more information.
4. Water Saving Tips: When mowing the lawn, leave the cuttings as the added organic matter helps soil retain moisture. Instead of dumping leftovers down the garbage disposal, start a compost pile that will help soil retain moisture and help produce fertilizer for your yard.

Councilmember J. Ikaika Anderson: A written report was provided to the Board. Basmayor did not receive any questions from the Board.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: A concern was raised questioning whom residents should call if illegal drug activity is suspected in their neighborhood. Chair Ho and Dettweiler noted that HPD should be contacted as well as the State Attorney General's Office, drug abatement section.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 10, 2009 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: **Wahinekapu moved and Dettweiler seconded to approve the August 10, 2009 regular meeting minutes with corrections. The motion was ADOPTED, 7-1-0, (Aye: Akeo, Alivado, Dettweiler, R. Ho, W. Ho, Jamila and Wahinekapu; No: Spencer.)**

Corrections on page four to the Waimanalo Health Center report should read as follows. Note- strikethrough is a deletion, and underline is an addition.

Free Military Dental Services: Military personnel (Air National Guard) provided over 100 patients with free dental services from July 20-30, 2009. Patients were thankful for all dental services provided free of charge.

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~~ information for better health.

Possible Federal Funding: Congressional Senator Daniel Inouye has informed the Heath Center of possible federal funding from the recovery funds. A ~~Capital Improvement Project~~ Facilities Investment Program (FIP) request has been submitted for ~~nearly~~ \$12 million, which, if awarded, will be used for ~~several~~ three additional buildings for the Waimanalo Youth & Family Collaborative on the grounds of the Teen Project.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Approval of Resolution of Land Jurisdiction: Chair Ho explained that the Board was given a draft resolution calling for the Federal, State, and County governments to acknowledge that title and jurisdiction over certain land located in Waimanalo is no longer used for military purpose. The resolution is attached to this set of minutes.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Be It Resolved: Joe Ryan, drafter of the resolution, read the 'Be It Resolved' section of the resolution. Please see attached resolution for exact wording.
2. Past Discussions: A community member noted that this particular resolution was discussed at several Board meetings as well as the special community meeting. A second community meeting might benefit this resolution.

R. Ho moved and Jamila seconded to approve the Resolution of Land Jurisdiction. The motion was NOT ADOPTED, 5-3-0, (Aye: Akeo, Alivado, R. Ho, W. Ho, Jamila; No: Dettweiler, Spencer and Wahinekapu.)

Approval of Shark Feeding Resolution: Chair Ho explained that the Board was given a draft resolution relating to shark feeding in the state of Hawaii at the August 2009 meeting. The resolution is attached to this set of minutes.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Maui County Council: Alivado noted that the Maui County Council has adopted a bill that bans shark feeding in the Maui County. The bill is currently awaiting signature of Mayor Tavares.
2. Clarification of Resolution: It was clarified that the resolution as written does not support shark feeding off of Hawaiian waters, and calls for a ban of all shark feeding in Hawaii.

Dettweiler moved and Wahinekapu seconded to support the Resolution to Support a Ban on Commercial Shark Tours in Maunaloa Bay and Statewide. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0, (Aye: Akeo, Alivado, Dettweiler, R. Ho, W. Ho, Jamila, Spencer and Wahinekapu.)

Approval of Human Trafficking Resolution: Chair Ho explained that the Board was given a draft resolution relating to human trafficking in the state of Hawaii at the August 2009 meeting. The resolution is attached to this set of minutes.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Aloun Farms Incident: Chair Ho reported that he has been made aware of an incident that occurred at Aloun Farms, where a worker was miss-handled which is a form of Human Trafficking.
2. Closer to Home: Board members expressed concern with the growing number of incidents related to human trafficking, noting the problem is closer to home than it seems.

Dettweiler moved and Spencer seconded to approve the Human Trafficking Resolution. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0, (Aye: Akeo, Alivado, Dettweiler, R. Ho, W. Ho, Jamila, Spencer and Wahinekapu.)

Koolau Poko Sustainable Communities Plan (KPSCP) Update: Andrew Choy of Townscape Inc. reported;

1. City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP): DPP is initiating an update of the KPSCP at this time. Residents were made aware that the plan was passed in 2000.
2. Plan's Intentions: The KPSCP is intended to guide land use and land development, city infrastructure budget decisions and population growth.
3. Plan's Purpose: The purpose of the plan is to assess the appropriateness of the plan's regional vision and policies, and recommend implementing actions for its guidelines, as well as evaluate consistency with the General Plan.
4. Process and Getting Involved: There are several steps the plan will go through to be updated including stakeholder meetings, plan changes, preliminary drafts, a revised public draft and then the final revised KPSCP. Residents are encouraged to participate and if interested contact Choy after the meeting.
5. Community Group Meetings: In order to ensure active involvement and regular communication, Townscape requests that the Board wither, for a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG), assign a standing committee, or assign Board members to represent the Board during the update process.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Permitted Interaction Group: Chair Ho questioned if interested Board members would like to serve on a Permitted Interaction Group that will have to be formed at the next Board meeting. Board members Alivado, Jamila and Wahinekapu volunteered to sit on the PIG.
2. Updated by Ordinance: It was questioned and clarified that the updating process is subjected by City Ordinance, the KPSCP requires updating every five years.

3. Excess Planning: Concern was raised in the community that too many plans are done and no follow up is acted on; Choy noted that the plan will be used to follow several guidelines within the City and will not go to waste.

REPORTS:

Education: Blanche Pope Elementary: Ofelia Carag reported the following information;

1. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP): Fourth and Fifth grade students met AYP in Reading. School-wide increases in both math and reading sections and Faculty will continue to work towards Math scores.
2. School Renovation Progress: Renovations at Blanche Pope continue, the Office Building is currently being worked on and all work has been relocated to the first floor of the building.
3. Attendance Concern: Concern has risen at Blanche Pope regarding student absences, which have increased over the past years. Statistics show that students have missed up to 48 days of school, amounting to a full quarter. Parents need to make sure their children are in school as much as possible.
4. Mahalo to Volunteers: Carag thanked all volunteers that have worked with Blanche Pope Elementary School, explaining that without volunteers the school could not be what it is today.
5. Fall Break: Students will be on Fall Break for one week starting Monday, October 5, 2009.

Waimanalo Elementary and Intermediate School: Keoni Wilhelm reported the following information;

1. English as a Second Language: Wilhelm participated in a strategic planning meeting at the Windward Community College to discuss what Waimanalo Elementary can do to aid students in learning English. The School aims to help children learn and understand English in the upcoming years.
2. Lunch With Your Keiki: Parents are encouraged to participate in the 'Lunch With Your Keiki' program which will run from September 24-30, 2009.
3. School Wide Fundraiser: The student's school-wide Pizza Hut fundraiser continues, community members were urged to participate and help the keiki sell their pizzas.
4. Fall Break/Holiday: Students will be on Fall Break for one week starting Monday, October 5, 2009. There will also be a Teacher's Institute Day on October 12, 2009; students will have that day off as well.

Hawaii Job Corps: Julie Dugan reported the following information;

1. National 45th Anniversary: The Job Corps will be celebrating its 45th anniversary this year; Hawaii Job Corps will be celebrating its 43rd anniversary. Festivities will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2009. Residents that are interested in participating should contact Dugan following the meeting.
2. National Job Corps Day: National Job Corps Day will be held on September 23, 2009, and also on that day Dugan, along with a student of Job Corps Hawaii, will be visiting Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. The student will be interning at Senator Daniel Inouye's office.
3. Waimanalo Fair Participation: Students and faculty will be participating at the Waimanalo Health Fair, October 16-18, 2009. Students will be manning the Job corps Outreach Booth.

Waimanalo Health Center: No report available at this time.

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

1. Annual Boo Fest: Unfortunately the Annual Boo Fest held near Halloween festivities will not be put on this year, in lieu of the Boo Fest, a more family oriented festival is being planned.
2. Available Jobs: Several positions on base are available for residents, for a more complete list of available positions, visit www.nafjobs.com or www.bellowsafs.com.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Bellows Beach Conditions: It was questioned and clarified that the Base does seem to be improving its overall aura with a decrease in illegal activities and a more pristine condition.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH): Linda Read reported the following information;

1. Hours of Operation: Hours include: Monday-Thursday; 7:00 a.m.-midnight, Friday; 7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Saturday; 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Sunday and Holidays closed.
2. News and Events: Marines participated in the USS Missouri End-of-WWII Commemoration ceremony. Marines will participate in a joint service color guard for Samoan Flag Day. On Thursday, September 17, 2009 six marines and two Navy Sailors will participate in the Naturalization Ceremony. The Kuau Rockin' Surf Competition at Pyramid Roc is open to the public. Marines will also participate in the Aloha Festival Floral Parade.
3. Working Dog Feature: Finn, a working dog, was featured in the Honolulu Advertiser yesterday, September 9, 2009 for his help with rehabilitation of wounded warriors.
4. Homecomings and Deployments: Deployed are Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, 3rd Marine Regiment HQ, and other detachments and augmentations. Recent Homecomings include HMH-362 and detachments from CLB-3 and HSL-37.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Bay Fest Traffic Concerns/Ticket Reimbursement: Concern was raised regarding the traffic due to the Bay Fest 2009 festivities. Traffic was not only stalled, but many residents were not able to attend the concert due to traffic congestion and were not refunded for their ticket; Read noted the Base has recognized the concern and did its best to mediate traffic throughout the night.
2. Water Use on Base: It was questioned and clarified that water use on base is channeled through the Koolau Poko reservoirs.

Elected Officials:

Governor's Representative: Anita Wong, Deputy Director of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL), introduced herself and noted that she will be taking previous Governor's representative Micah Kane's place.

1. Special Projects: The Fred Yamashiro Project, a project aimed to house 133 people into homes state-wide is currently ongoing. The project was started nearly three years ago, however is just now starting to come into fruition.
2. Economic Task Force: The Governor has organized an Economic Task Force whose primary goal will be to identify ways the State can stimulate the economy. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2009.
3. Layoffs and Furloughs: The Governor continues negotiations with respective unions.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Water Breaks in Homes: Concern was raised with residents of Hawaiian Home Lands whose homes have experienced major water pipe breakage within their homes. It seems the pipes that have broken are plastic and were not durable; Wong will follow up.

Representative Chris Lee: Representative Chris Lee reported the following information;

1. Drug Abatement Program: Relating to the earlier concern regarding illegal drug use in the communities, residents should call HPD to report the issue and can also contact the Drug Nuisance Abatement Program at 586-1328 or can visit www.stopice@hawaii.gov.
2. Council on Revenue Forecast: The most recent information provided by the Council on Revenues includes the fact that the economy will be making a turn for the better sooner than expected; however, on the down turn before it gets better the economy will get worst in this fiscal year.

3. Waimanalo Agricultural Coalition: Concern has been raised regarding the recent furloughs and layoffs and its effect to the Waimanalo Agricultural Coalition, where inspectors are being laid off and postponing the timing of deliveries. Representative Lee to look into this issue.
4. Hoopili Editorial: A copy of an editorial written by Representative Lee was provided, noting that the agricultural lands should not be taken away for several reasons. Currently located on the land is Aloun Farms which provide produce to companies all over the island.
5. Draft Bills/Resolutions Passed Tonight: The Representative welcomed draft bills and will be more than happy to submit the resolutions that were passed tonight for the upcoming legislative session.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Government Health Care: A community member expressed her opposition of the Government's denial of health care benefits for the Pacific Islanders of Micronesian decent and thanked Senator Kalani English for his work in finding available funds to continue their health care benefits.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Several announcements were made at this time;

1. Hui Malama O Ke Kai: Lani Eckhart announced several programs provided by Hui Malama;
 - Second Year/Calendar: The program is heading into its second year of programming under the community-based non-profit Foundation. A calendar of events was provided as well.
 - Opio Leadership Program: The Opio Leadership Program has 23 participants enrolled this year. Hui Malama alumni started an orientation camp over the Admission's Day weekend.
 - Registration Process: This year Hui Malama O Ke Kai will provide programming to 47 fifth and sixth graders from Blanche Pope and Waimanalo Elementary School. Orientation camps for students over the fall intersession is currently being planned
2. Bellows Restoration: Todd Lanning announced that Land Fill 23 on Bellows has been clean of its lead contaminants. Three other sites will be looked into and tested of contaminants at this time.

Questions, comments and concerns followed”:

- Contaminated Soil Moved: It was questioned and clarified that the contaminated soil was removed from Bellows and placed at the current PVT Landfill in Nanakuli as it is a certified Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) location. PVT is lined with a material to stop contamination run-offs.
 - Nanakuli Residents Opposed: It was questioned and clarified that the residents of Nanakuli were informed of the waste, and did oppose the move of contaminated soil.
 - Health Hazards: Concern was raised with possible health risks to surrounding neighbors and public schools; Lanning explained that as a CERCLA site, the State Department of Health is always vigilant when hazardous materials pose a problem.
 - Shipping of Waste: Several community and Board members strongly expressed the suggestion of shipping contaminated soil to the mainland and not in other communities on the island.
3. Waimanalo Homestead: Community members were welcomed to join Waimanalo Homesteaders on Thursday, October 6, 2009 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Waimanalo Health Center for a community meeting. The need to place Hawaiians on Hawaiian Home Lands and creating jobs in the area remain a high priority to the Homestead.
 4. Waimanalo Market: Residents were reminded to participate in the Waimanalo Market on Saturday, September 19, 2009. Orders will be ready for pick, and walk-ins are always welcomed.

5. Funeral Services Mr. Sang: Funeral services for Mr. Tony Sang will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2009 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Homestead Quarry Property. Condolences were given to friends and family of Mr. Sang.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted By:

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