



WAIMANALO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 32

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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 nine (9) members present.** Note—This 13-member Board requires seven (7) members for a quorum and to take official Board action.

Members Present: Nani Akeo, Shannon Alivado, Michael Buck, Rosina Ho, Wilson Ho, Andrew Jamila, Solomon Spencer, David Eckart, and Kuulei Laughlin.

Members Absent: Kahikino Dettweiler and Cynthia Wahinekapu.

Vacancies: There was one vacancy in sub-district 2, and one in sub-district 4.

Guests: Rosalie Amanda Hermanson, Winnie Wilson (US Census), Kristen Mailheu (Hui O Koolaupoko), Albert Wong, Charles Ioane (Guild Mortgage), Albert Lewis, Whitney Anderson, Sharon Basmayor (Councilmember Ikaika Anderson's Office), Gertrude Mahoney, Lorna David, Todd Lanning and Craig Gorrsuch (US Air Force), Steve Pyle, Representative Chris Lee, Jen Brokish, Ryan Kalama (Kailua Hawaiian Civic Council), Nancy Cullen (Ka Mana'a O Waimanalo), Dawn Chang (Sandwich Isle Communications), Ofelia Carag (Blanche Pope Elementary), Jaye Aquino, Karla Albinio, Captain Norbert Pokini (Honolulu Fire Department), Constance Oki, Mary Ann Crowell (Waimanalo Hawaiian Homestead Association), Kahana Albinio, Keoni Aylett (Waimanalo Health Center), Cyndy Aylett (Mayor's Representative), K. Teixeira, Brandon Silva (Kiewit Pacific Company), Linda Duvauchelle, Ellen Aiona, Maurice Fujie (East Honolulu Clothing Company), Michael Fernandez, Kuulei Nani Ho (Board of Water Supply), Major Alan Crouch (Marine Corps Base Hawaii), Dennison Kalua (Kauhale Ohana), Michelle Watkins, Keoni Wilhelm (Waimanalo School), Deborah Smith, Moana DeMello, Lieutenant John Cheong (Honolulu Police Department), 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. Rosalie Amanda Hermanson provided the pule.

FILLING OF VACANCIES: Chair Ho explained there are a total of 11 sub-districts on this Board and that there are two (2) vacancies at this time;

1. **Sub-District 2:** No volunteers or nominations were heard for this sub-district.
2. **Sub-District 4:** Jamila explained that he has spoken to several community members in this sub-district that have expressed interest, and would like to fill the vacancy in January.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Pokini reported;

1. **Fire Statistics for October 2009:** Included; 2 structure, 1 wildland, 1 rubbish, and 1 vehicle fire, 46 medical emergencies, 4 search and rescues, and 7 miscellaneous calls, 1 major auto accident near Oceanic Institute (OI) which resulted in 2 fatalities.
2. **Fire Safety Tip:** This holiday season, consider a fire-resistant, artificial Christmas tree. If you purchase a natural tree, choose one as fresh as possible. Choose only laboratory-approved electrical decorations and follow manufacturer's instructions for installation.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant Cheong reported;



Crime Statistics for October 2009: Included; 8 simple assaults, 5 burglaries, 5 driving under the influence (DUI), 1 motor vehicle theft, 12 motor vehicle collisions, 2 sex assaults, 23 thefts and 10 unauthorized entrance to a motor vehicle (UEMV).

Mayor's Representative: Cyndy Aylett reported;

1. Sewage at Sandy Beach: The Hawaii Kai Waste Water Treatment Plant is privately owned and operated by Hawaii-America Water Company. For any possible violations please contact the Department of Health, Clean Water Branch, Enforcement Section at 586-4309.
2. Bus Route 77: Currently the City is not budgeted to conduct a pilot project for extended bus service on Route 77; however, the City is interested in hearing Ms. Hermanson's suggestions.
3. Sandwich Isle Communication (SIC) Project Standards: Generally speaking; restorations of trenches along Kalaniana'ole Highway and other State-owned streets must comply with State standards. City-owned or maintained roads must be restored to City standards. SIC will be held responsible to restore the trenches to either State or City standards.

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

1. Water Main Breaks: There were no breaks in the month of October 2009.
2. General Water Announcements: Fire hydrants play an important role in the BWS's efforts to provide safe and dependable water service. BWS has installed and is responsible for the maintenance of more than 20,000 fire hydrants on Oahu. Only BWS and the Fire Department are allowed to take water from hydrants, further information on fire hydrants can be found at www.boardofwatersupply.com.
3. Halawa Xeriscape Workshops: Visit the BWS website to find out more about the classes offered at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden. November workshops include; rain barrel water catchments, the un-thirsty kalamugay tree, and holiday xeriscape wreath making.

Councilmember Ikaika Anderson: A representative of Councilmember's office was present at the meeting.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

1. Handi-Van Eligibility Center/Procedure: A resident provided a letter to Mayor Mufi Hannemann expressing concern with the new Handi-Van Eligibility Center. The letter noted that staff at the center is not qualified to determine if a resident is handicapped or not. In the past, a doctor would determine if a person is handicapped, however it is not left to the staff to decide.
2. Nakini Street Bus Lane: A community member suggested a bus lane at the intersection of Nakini Street and Kalaniana'ole Highway. Mayor's Representative Aylett explained that this was looked at in the past, and the location was deemed inadequate for space.
3. Makapu'u Beach Park: A resident noted that the beach park is neglected and no park keeper can ever be found. The community would like to have the area cleaned.
4. Bed and Breakfasts (B&B's): Richard Prentiss, Chair of the Kailua Neighborhood Board, raised concern with the new B&B Bill 7 Committee Draft (CD) 1. The bill, if passed will allow nearly 420 B&B's to operate in Waimanalo. A total of eight (8) Neighborhood Boards as well as the Planning Commission have opposed the B&B Bills.
5. Meeting Location: Residents and Board members suggested that the meeting location be changed due to lack of space. Chair Ho noted that the Board is scheduled to move back to the National Guard Training Auditorium, however if it does not happen a second location can be looked at.
6. Malaekahana Homes: Residents were made aware that 128 new homes will be made available in Malaekahana. Residents opposed to the project have formulated a petition against the project.

7. Bellows Concerns Update: It was announced that Bellows has opened their beaches to residents, HPD and the Military continue to monitor the situation and issues that may occur within the Bellows land.
8. Makapu'u Retaining Wall: Tammy Mori of the State Department of Transportation (DOT) explained that the Makapu'u Retaining Wall is falling into the ocean, placing a section of Kalaniana'ole Highway in danger. DOT plans to re-enforce the existing retaining wall, ensuring motorist safety as well as provide space for a new bike lane. The project will span several months and completely shut down a portion of Kalaniana'ole Highway from Sunday through Thursday, 8:30 p.m.-4:30 a.m. This project has been on DOT's priority list for several years and would like get this project started on November 29, 2009. The project will halt for three weeks to accommodate the holiday season.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Estimated Time of Completion: It was questioned and clarified that the project will not take 16 months, as noted in some media, and is estimated more at 8 months.
2. Emergency Access: Concern raised regarding possible emergency access ability; Mori explained that the City Department of Emergency Management (DEM) will work closely with the State to ensure proper notification of road closures.
3. Alternative Route Possibility: Several community members noted that in the past, an alternative route was suggested, however never came to fruition. Residents now urged DOT to look into an alternative route, so that the residents are not burdened without a road.
4. No Community Input: Community members expressed discontent that the project was never brought before the public, and that it was only until recently that the project was publicized.
5. Hours of Construction: Business owners and employees voiced opposition to the proposed 8:30 p.m.-4:30 a.m. construction hours, explaining that many employees are traversing home during those times. Suggestions noted a later start time, or a window of opportunity during the night.
6. Postponement of Project: Residents suggested that the project be postponed for a month, or until after the holiday season. With the three weeks of non-construction, it seems reasonable to just postpone the project until January 2010.
7. Employer/Employees Affected: Several residents urged the project to be re-looked at, as many would be affected by the road closure.
8. Life Span of Second Retaining Wall: Mori will follow up on the exact life span of the new retaining wall, unfortunately no contractor or engineer was able to attend the meeting.
9. Budgeting: It was questioned and clarified that \$7.8 million has been budgeted for the project.
10. Community Meeting: Board and community members strongly suggested that the project be discussed further at a community meeting. Many residents explained that other residents may want to discuss the issue. Mori noted that a community meeting is plausible, and thanks everyone for their input and constructive criticism. Chair Ho thanked Mori and informed residents to attend the community meeting, once organized.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 12, 2009 MINUTES: **Jamila moved and Akeo seconded to approve the September 14, 2009 regular meeting minutes with amendments. The motion WAS ADOPTED, 8-1-0, (Aye: Akeo, Alivado, Buck, R. Ho, W. Ho, Jamila, Eckart and Laughlin, Nay: Spencer.)**

- Entire Document: Correct spelling of 'Eckart'.
- Page 3: Councilmember Anderson: Question 2: Include; 'Councilmember Anderson agreed that the City should not grandfather in Bed and Breakfasts and he did not draft or support the proposals.'
- Page 3: Approval of September 14, 2009: Board member Spencer voted against the approval.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Discussion to Amend Initiative Petition: Chair Ho explained that with earlier information noting an interest in filling the vacant sub-district four (4) seat, the Board will hold on amendments to its Initiative Petition at this time. The Board will try to fill the vacant seats in January 2010.

Final EAS for Bellows: Chair Ho announced that the FEAS has been made available to the public and should be read by interested parties. The document may be requested from the United States Air Force.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Significant Impact: Concern was raised with the FEAS stating there are no significant impacts to Bellows; however there have been studies suggesting there would be significant impacts on surrounding lands.
2. Board Members Request: Several Board members requested that a copy be provided to them.

Census 2010 Presentation: Winnie Wilson reported;

1. U.S. Census: The census is a count of every individual in the U.S. taken every ten years as mandated by the Constitution. The census determines how many representatives go to congress from each state. It also indicates how federal monies are distributed.
2. Previous Counts and Effects: Hawaii is the third lowest represented state in the country. When disasters hit, the numbers in the census determine the amount of relief supplies and monies go to the particular area affected.
3. Child Counts Important: Children are often unaccounted for in the census. They are the most important for the development of schools in developing areas.
4. Time Line: The census questionnaire will be out in March 2010 and it is requested that residents complete it as soon as possible. Census Day will be observed on April 10, 2009.
5. Possible Occupations: The census is aggressively recruiting people specifically for the area they live, because they are trusted. The positions are temporary ranging from 2-10 weeks. A 30 minute test with 28 questions will be administered to all those that apply. The age requirement is 18 years old.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Information Kept Private: Chair Ho pressed the fact that the information gathered by the census will be kept private. Residents that have a large number of family members should not be discouraged to fill out the form.
2. Hawaiian Categorized: Several community members voiced support for the census, noting that this will be the first time that Hawaiians be classified other than Pacific Islander.

REPORTS:

Education Report: Blanche Pope Elementary School: Ofelia Carag reported;

1. Mahalo Community: 1) Mahalo to Julie Dugan and Job Corps for the new railing which students put up. 2) Mahalo to parents and students that attended the Awards Assembly on Thursday, November 5, 2009. 3) Mahalo to parents that participated in the Parent Teacher Conferences.
2. Important Dates: 1) School Community Council (SCC) meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. in Room B104. 2) Makahiki Games and Jump Rope for Heart on Wednesday, November 25, 2009. 3) Campus construction is ongoing. 4) Eagle Scouts from Troup 45 will be completing their scout project on campus on Friday, November 27, 2009.

Waimanalo Elementary and Intermediate School: Keoni Wilhelm reported;

1. School Inspections: The school received 15 out of 18 points in the past inspection; the recommendations are currently being reviewed. A fire inspection will occur tomorrow, Tuesday, November 10, 2009.

2. Upcoming Meetings: An SCC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6, 2009.

Hawaii Job Corps: No report available at this time.

Waimanalo Health Center: Keoni Aylett reported;

1. Annual Meeting: Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the WHC Goebert Training Center. The meeting is open to the public, and pupus will be served.
2. Waimanalo Diabetes Health Fair: Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Waimanalo Health Center. Free health screenings and cooking demonstrations will be held.

Military Report: Bellows Air Force Base: Captain Pelzl reported;

1. Christmas Events: The Air Force will be participating in the Hale Christmas events in December. The Air Force Band has also been locked into place for the Waimanalo Christmas Parade.
2. Available Positions: Opportunities for employment are available and can be viewed at usajobs.com.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH): Major Alan Crouch reported;

1. Hours of Operation: Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m.-12:00 midnight, Friday 7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Sunday and Holidays closed. Several exceptions may be made.
2. News and Events: 1) U.S. Marine Corps celebrated its 234th birthday on Tuesday, November 10, 2009. 2) Marines will provide ceremonial Color Guards for Several Veterans' Day remembrances: Oahu Veterans' Council Memorial Ceremony, Wahiawa Veterans' Day Parade and State Veterans' Cemetery.
3. Base News Articles: The HFD recognized two sailors and a Marine Corps police officer for their actions during a fire incident on August 18, 2009. The article was made available for those interested in reading.
4. Habitat for Humanity: Marine and Sailors from MCBH will be in Waimanalo on Thursday, October 29, 2009 to volunteer at a Habitat for Humanity house.
5. Toys for Tots: Campaign kicks off their season of giving by collecting toys for the less fortunate keiki in Hawaii; for more information call 216-3295.
6. Furlough Fridays: Activities have been made available on base for students that are dealing with furlough days. The Military opposes furlough days on instructional time.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Increase in Training: It was questioned and clarified that there are no specifics at this time to increase guerilla training at MCBH; however the base will let the community know if it happens.
2. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA): It was questioned if the Marine's EIA regarding several planned tunnels have been made public; Major Crouch noted that he would like to wait for the report before commenting on it himself.
3. Base Odor: Concern raised noting a foul odor coming from the Marine Corps Base; Crouch to follow up.

Elected Officials: Representative Chris Lee reported;

Furlough Fridays: As a continued concern for all, the furlough days are top priority to many State Representatives. Students that depend on the daily meals provided are at an additional loss to other students, and with a total loss of six instructional days this year and 21 days next year, students will be at a disadvantage in many educational aspects. The Legislature has indicated that they are willing to re-negotiate the contracts if the 'cards are right'. Several legislators are looking at legislation to address the issue in the upcoming session.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Alternative Funding: Several community members voiced concern with pulling funds from alternative funds and programs, such as the hurricane fund, noting that if these funds are pulled they should go back to those that originally paid into the fund.
2. Solution Important: Residents noted that all legislators should be working together to find a solution.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Several announcements were made at this time;

1. Sandwich Isle Communications: The Waimanalo-Koa Moali Place project will begin on Saturday, November 16, 2009. Notices will be sent out to surrounding neighbors and affected residents. Archaeologists will be present during construction.
2. Koolaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan: The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 16, 2009. Andrew Choy was acknowledged and any questions should be directed to him.
3. Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs: The association was able to pass 71 resolutions and have transmitted them to Washington D.C. This is the largest group of Hawaiian members in the world.
4. Waimanalo Christmas Parade: Residents were encouraged to participate in the parade on Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.
5. Oahu Resource Council: Will accept scrap metal at Waimanalo Beach Park on Saturday, January 9, 2010, between 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
6. Hui O Koolaupoko: The next Talk Story session will be on Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at the Waimanalo Beach Park at 6:30 p.m.
7. Loan Office: Charlie loane of Guild Mortgage Company introduced himself and explained that he is able to assist homeowners and soon-to-be homeowners with financial loans. Interested residents should contact hid office at 263-8753.
8. Waimanalo Boy Scouts: Residents were encouraged to get involved in the Waimanalo Boy Scout program; interested parents may contact Charlie loane at 428-1501.
9. Waimanalo Market: Residents are encouraged to participate and go online and order fresh produce and locally grown products. There will be two market days in November (November 14 and 21, 2009) to accommodate Thanksgiving. December will also have two dates.
10. Outstanding Citizen's Award: Congratulations were given to Moana DeMello who received the Outstanding Citizen's Award at the last Hawaiian Civic Club meeting. Applause followed.
11. Next Regular Meeting: The Board will recess in the month of December and meet on January 11, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the National Guard Training Auditorium.

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

Submitted By:

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