



## NANAKULI-MAILI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 36

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2008 NANAIAKAPONO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Teruya called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with a quorum of seven (7) members present. The nine member board requires for a quorum.

**PRESENT:** Mervina Cash-Kaeo, Clyde Eli, Black Hoohuli, Kimo Kelii, Victor Kila, Cynthia Rezendes, Patty Teruya.

**ABSENT:** Hanalei Aipoalani, and Neddie Waiamau-Nunuha.

**GUESTS:** Bill Prescott, Robyn & Mata Tiave, Linda Asato, Arriella Benavides, Cindy Ramirez (Councilmember Apo's Office staff), Jazmer, Joscelyn & Jemina Waiolama; Melody Pastor, Annie Reveira, Capt. Daryl Evangelista (Honolulu Fire Department), Georgina Sakada, Kimberly Williams; Maj. Mike Moses, Off. Halani Barboza, Lt. Jeffery Bruchal (Honolulu Police Department), Jeff Hale, Carol Kahalelehua, Clara Batongbacal, Josh Wisch (Congresswoman Mazie Hirono's Office staff); Moani Wright, Alani Apio, Clayton Brown (Honolulu Board of Water Supply); Mel Kahale, Marlene & Bert Takahashi, Erick Yanasihara (Tropic Land LLC), Albert & Meigraeh Aipoalani-Scanlan, Brenda and Roy Rezendes; Kawika-John Kahala, Brittany Racoma, Ashley Guerrero, Jasmine Baker, Leigh-Jorclan & Keaka Kaakau, Chantelle Bayes, Kalae Martin, Melva Aila, Sofeni Toilolo, Briana Hirschag, Cherelle Echirerri, James Manaku, Sr., Cathy Tabag, Dillon Benitez, Lincoln Naiwi, George Paris, Kandellynn Kaunala Jr, Brittney Panui, Kandy Kauwalu, Curtis Tsuzaki, Kuuipo Johnson, Anastasia Suque, Mapuana Tector, Johnny Manriquez, Dayna Kapina, Alice Greenwood, Antonio Benavidez, Jairus Johnson, Jackie Ku, Tyane Magallanes, Kaiawe Makanani, J. Barrett, Chris Garth, Chantel Wroden, Tulu Toa, Leana Pitolo, Luana Lester Nelson, Gina Sakabe, Edie Van Gieson, Mona Lisa Siopele, Jo Jordan (Chair, Waianae Neighborhood Board No. 24), Gail Haraguchi (Mayor's Representative), State Representative Karen Awana, State Senator Colleen Hanabusa, Poka Laenui, Dean Harvest (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**WELCOME:** Chair Teruya asked the Pledge of Allegiance be lead by Kelii with Hawai'i Pono'i to follow, and then Kila to give the pule. Kelii asked a moment of silence to the Miles & Valdez families for their lost in a terrible accident in Nanakuli.

### MONTHLY REPORTS: PART 1

**HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT (HFD)** – Capt. D. Evangelista (Nanakuli Station #28) reported:

- The monthly statistics - 1 structure, 3 wildlands, 4 rubbish fires, 35 medical calls, and 4 miscellaneous service calls.
- FIRE SAFETY TIP - The risk of wildland fires increases as summer approaches. Make a 30-foot wide fire break by clearing vegetation and clutter around all structures. Some wildland fires could force the evacuation of neighborhoods. Have an emergency preparedness plan ready in case of such an event. Consider the route you would take and other preparations you could have in place if you need to evacuate your home due to an emergency. If your property borders an area where a wildland fire could occur, consider the need for fire department access in case the fire approaches your home.

Kelii asked whether HFD would provide residents along the Nanakuli Homestead a 30 foot break clearance. Kelii added that when fire breaks out on the mountains near our residents, it seems that there is no clear foot break to prevent homes from burning. Kelii request for a follow up be provided.

**HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT (HPD)** – Maj. M. Moses, Lt. Jeff Bruchal, and Off. Halani Barboza. Lt. Bruchal reported the following:

- Statistics for the month of April included: 2 Sex Assaults, 2 Burglaries, 5 Unauthorized Entry into Motor Vehicle; 4 Auto Thefts, 16 Thefts, 7 Property Damages, and 34 Motor Vehicle Collisions for a total of 861 cases. 138 Juveniles arrested, and 159 Adults arrested, totaling 6543 calls for service for the month.



- **SAFETY TIP:** Drug activity in Hawai'i is a problem of major concern to all citizens. Drugs affect not only individuals and their families, but entire communities. If you suspect drug dealing in your neighborhood, call or e-mail any of the following organizations. **HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT, NARCOTICS/VICE DIVISION 529-3101, ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE, DRUG NUISANCE ABATEMENT UNIT 586-1328, and DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA) 541-1930.**

Questions, comments and concerns:

- Kelii thanked HPD for the increased presence at the parks and dealing with the illegal camping issues.
- Maj. Moses and Capt. Kiyuna started an enforcement and training program with State Department of Transportation-Motor Vehicle Safety Office Investigators. HPD solo-bikes are also involved in the enforcement program with their focus on commercial vehicles.
- In response to Kila, Lt. Bruchal reported that arrests numbers given reflects the entire District 8 area; including the increase in vandalism of business and public facilities.
- The Officer's response to call and make an assessment of the situation. If an arrest was warranted, then one will be made.

Without any objection, Chair Teruya introduced the new principal of Nanaikapono Elementary School – Mr. Elden Esmeralda (Mr. "E"). Chair Teruya thanked Mr. E for allowing the usage of the elementary school for the neighborhood board meetings.

### **MONTHLY REPORTS, PART 1:**

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**Presentation of Certificates of Election:** Haraguchi, on behalf of Mayor Hannemann, congratulated the newly elected Nanakuli/Maili Neighborhood Board; certificates and city lapel pins were presented to all members.

#### **Follow-up Concerns from April 7, 2008, Meeting:**

- Request for speed humps on Pohakunui Avenue, Nanakuli Avenue and Helelua – the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will conduct an investigation and report back in June. A follow up will be reported.
- Request for "Yield" sign at the Ihilani Resort at Ko'olina on-ramp to Farrington Highway (eastbound) – the Ko'olina on-ramp onto Farrington Highway is under the jurisdiction of the State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation. The request has been forwarded.
- Explanation as to why the charge for sewer is higher than water. In accordance with Section 14-1.6, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH), "Every lot that has sanitary facilities requiring sewage disposal which is accessible to a public sewer and is not connected shall be connected to the public sewer within 90 days after the owner or person legally responsible has been notified to do so." Sewer fees are higher than water charges because it costs more to properly treat and dispose of the sewage.
- Vandalism at Kaiser's Nanaikeola Clinic – HPD District 8, Community Policing Team is working with Kaiser to look for other solutions to the problem.
- Additional street lighting – the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) is requesting a specified location.
- Increase police officers and a sub-station on Helelua Street – HPD has no plans on having a sub-station on Helelua Street. Officers will increase patrols when not on other calls for service; HPD will work through the budgetary process for requesting more officers in the district.

Questions, concerns and comments:

- Kelii thanked the Mayor, the Department of Parks and HPD for their efforts in getting the cleaning and closing hours of several parks in the Nanakuli area.
- Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds in the Mayor's report earmarked for the Leeward coast, would like to suggest the funds be used for sidewalks on Hakimo Road.
- Manaku, Sr., requested speed bumps to be installed in the Nanakuli Park parking lot and he has seen numerous vehicles speeding in this lot.
- Lincoln Naiwi feels that the Mayor should provide update plans on the Waimanalo Gulch Landfill.

**CITY COUNCIL TODD APO:** Cindy Ramirez distributed the Councilmember's report and highlighted the following:

- The City Council is currently reviewing the budget report.

- The use of the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds asked about; a list is included in the report for projects in District 1.
- Bill 37 relating to Alcohol Advertisement Near Parks – passed first reading. This bill was introduced at the request of Chair Teruya.

**BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY:** Moani Wright, Alani Apio, and Clayton Brown were present and Wright proceeded to highlight the following:

- Beginning July 1, 2008, there will be a new “Power Cost Adjustment”, in the line on your water bill. This means an average increase of \$1.22 more a month per household. The adjustment is based on \$.09.4 cents of every 1,000 gallons of water you use.
- Detect-A-Leak Week – 173,000 gallons of water is wasted in one month from a leaky toilet, which costs at least \$576.00 in water charges alone. Please use the detection dye tablets and fix the leak.
- The contra-flow lane is working so well, that motorists are now speeding in through the construction zone. BWS is asking that all motorists observe and obey the posted construction speed limits, for your safety as well as the safety of our construction workers. When the large traffic cones get knocked down, our workers have to go into the flow of traffic and stand the cone back up.
- For clarification Board of Water Supply is only responsible for the drinking water charge on your bill. The Department of Environmental Services is the correct agency that sets the charges for the sewage.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

- A concerned resident suggested reversing the contra-flow lane about 2:30 or 3:00 p.m. to help traffic Waianae bound; and getting residences home quicker. Wright we'll monitor and consider your suggestion.
- BWS does not set water allotments; you can use what ever amount of water you need.
- Laenui commented that BWS did not have the foresight to anticipate that traffic would be congested, and waited until getting telephone calls to do something; BWS should have taken steps to prevent any type of backup or congestion of traffic.
- Resident Tector commented that the contra-flow lane is working well and thanked BWS for making these changes. She would like to have a gauge to monitor the sewage.

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS:**

- Chair Teruya received and read a letter from community residents regarding strong opposition of any new and proposed landfills in Nanakuli-Mailii and any permit expansion for PVT Landfill as well as propose MSW at the Bedminster LLC and the Nanakuli B for a landfill, site all located in the Nanakuli district.
- Kelii questioned the selection process for teams for the Nanakuli Pop Warner football team that uses a public park.
- Kelii announced that the Disney Resorts coming to Ko'olina, and questioned why don't we have vocational center training for our residents and offer managerial employment instead of janitorial jobs for our people along the Coast.
- Prescott of the Waianae Military Civilian Advisory Council would like to have more parents involved in the learning skills for their children. Kelii invited Prescott to the Education Committee on June 4, 2008.
- Enriquez, Paxen Group - Operation About Face, Hawaii Jump Start, Hawaii Community All –Stars, and Forward March is seeking assistance and support for Bill 2500 which is now before the Governor for signature. This bill will allow the funding badly needed for the programs to continue in this area.
- Naiwi brought up concerns of immediate condemnation of Nanakuli B site and would support the City & County to obtain this parcel to have more park space and a community center for the community. He also questioned when HECO was installing the underground power lines. He stress that residents must get involved and active to see better things happened within their community and for the children.
- Manaku's question regarding shipping tariffs was referred to Josh Wisch of Congresswoman Hirono's Office.
- M. Tector requested funding from “TANF” for programs like “About Face, Community All-stars, and Forward March”. She also mentioned an employment office to be established in the Nanakuli-Mailii area and request employment training and education program for the Nanakuli/Mailii area. Tector questioned what happened to the scholarships for the summer of 2008. And to please have someone check into the hiring practices at Ko'olina management positions.
- Reveira spoke regarding Ho'okele Street that many cars are not stopping when school buses are actively loading and unloading school students.

- Kahele expressed concerns on the landfill issue and proposed MSW permit for Bedminster LLC. Kahele mentioned that this community cannot afford to see any additional applications approved by the city and/or state on any new and old landfills along the Leeward Coast.
- Perez is seeking assistance and support for About Face; Bayes is also seeking assistance and support for About Face program.
- A concerned resident expressed issues on PVT Landfill and its health and safety issues for the near by residents. How did this landfill get so high and who allowed this to happen in Nanakuli?

**BOARD BUSINESS:**

**Approval of April 7, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes – Kelii moved, Hoohuli seconded to approve the Minutes of April 7, 2008 as amended;**

- Page 1, Elections of Officers 2nd sentence should read, "...Rezentes received four (4) votes – Kila, Cash-Kaeo, Hoohuli, and Rezentes..."
- Page 1, Elections of Officers 3rd sentence should read, "...Teruya received five (5) votes – Eli, Kelii, Aipoalani, Teruya, and Waiamau-Nunuha."

**The motion carried by unanimous consent 7-0-0. Aye:** Cash-Kaeo, Eli, Hoohuli, Kelii, Kila, Rezentes, and Teruya.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Cash-Kaeo reported for April 2008 the opening balance of \$1,010.00 (\$410.00 for operating and \$600.00 for publicity). Current expenses were \$52.98 for printing agendas/minutes, and mailing, leaving a balance of \$957.02. In the last meeting, the Board approved \$200.00 for videotaping, but the contract was not yet finalized nor was the contract for the rental of our facilities. **Without objections, the April 2008 Treasurer's Report was approved by unanimous consent 7-0-0. Aye:** Cash-Kaeo, Eli, Hoohuli, Kelii, Kila, Rezentes, and Teruya.

**Appointment of Board Representative for Kalaeloa Advisory Team:** Chair Teruya stated that if there were no objections to the following appointment, Kelii would represent the board with the Kalaeloa Advisory Team.

**Adoption of the Proposed Standing Committee Guidelines:** Chair Teruya thanked Rezentes for putting the guidelines together. **Cash-Kaeo moved Kelii seconded to approve the adoption of the Proposed Standing Committee Guidelines the motion was adopted 7-0-0. Aye:** Cash-Kaeo, Eli, Hoohuli, Kelii, Kila, Rezentes, and Teruya.

**Co-Chair appointments:** Chair Teruya entertained the following Co-Chair appointments: Education Committee – Kelii, Parks & Recreation Committee – Waiamau-Nunuha, Housing Committee – Hoohuli, there were no objections.

**Certificate of Presentation: Board Recognizes staff of Nanakuli Boys & Girls Club:** The following persons were recognized for the "exceptional dedication to our children along the Wai'anae Coast": Jasmine Baker, Leigh-Jordan Kaakau, Mike Kahikina, Ashley Guerrero, and Lala Fernandez.

**Announcements:** The following announcements were made:

- The Office of Elections is seeking precinct officials.
- The next board meeting will be on June 17, 2008, at 7 p.m. here at Nanaikapono School Cafeteria.
- The Nanakuli High School's Project Grad is asking for donations. Please see Kelii following the board meeting.
- There will be a beach cleanup at Zabland on Saturday, June 14, 2008, from 7a.m. to 10 a.m.
- Campus Beautification and Clean up at Nanakuli High School on Saturday, May 24, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Contact Kaiwi Makanani for more details.

**MONTHLY REPORTS PART 3:**

**Department of Hawaiian Homestead** – Kamaki Kanahale is not present tonight; but will attend quarterly meetings.  
**Office of Hawaiian Affairs** – Walter Heen is not present tonight, will be at the June meeting.

**New Business:**

- **Support for Leeward Kai Canoe Club Father's Day Regatta.** Van Gieson was present to explain of the usage of the bridge for the club and this allows a safer entrance and exit of the canoes into the Nanakuli Beach Park parking lot. Cash-Kaeo asked why is the Nanakuli community being held to higher standards for our regattas and other canoe clubs that use other city parks and beaches are not? She thanked everyone for their efforts, and knows that all the volunteers and she appreciates all the work done for our kids. Chair Teruya informed has communicated with DTS regarding the usage of the bridge during their event and the department granted the club usage of the bridge with HPD assisting, this is an un-usual request from the Club. **Kelii moved, Cash-Kaeo seconded the Support for Leeward Kai Canoe Club Father's Day Canoe Regatta-Celebrating their 40 year Anniversary, June 15, 2008, at Nanakuli Beach Park, Zabland Beach Park by unanimous consent 7-0-0. Aye:** Cash-Kaeo, Eli, Hoohuli, Kelii, Kila, Rezentes, and Teruya.
- **Presentation by Tropic Land LLC, Lualualei, Nanakuli-to re-zone 96.0 acres to Light Industrial, -** Daniel Gomes, Consultant, Arick Yanagihara, and Kerry Komatsubara were present and handouts were distributed to members. Gomes informed the board that this site will promote employment to the Westside community and would focus on working with residents along the Wai'anae Coast. He agrees that this should be placed in the Planning & Zoning Committee for further dialogue with members and the community.
- Alice Greenwood submitted a letter for record which addressed the concerns of protecting the integrity of our Agricultural lands, Cultural and Cultural sites, Open Space, Water Resources and the Affordability for those present and yet to come.
- Manaku, Sr., expressed several concerns about the speeding and several accidents involving the tractor trailer trucks. At this time, Chair Teruya deferred this project to the Planning and Zoning Committee.

#### **MONTHLY REPORTS, PART 4:**

**Office of United States Representative Mazie Hirono;** Joshua Wisch reported the following:

- The Pre-K Act is the new title that congress is currently looking at to replace 'No Child Left Behind' and the Congresswoman is supporting this bill.
- Wai'anae Coast residence is hoping to receive federal funding for the second emergency access road and other transportation issues with Federal funding.

Questions, Comments, and concerns:

- Tector – what venues can the Nanakuli/Wai'anae area get some of these monies that are listed in the handout? These monies will be given out through projects of the State. The State has already put together a Pre-K program and this is where the monies would be tied in.
- Ku – would like to know about the High schools? While the congresswoman recognizes the problems in our high schools, the feeling is if we can start at an early age in preventive matters, then in the future our kids won't have these problems.

**Senator Colleen Hanabusa** distributed her report and highlighted on the Waianae Coast Emergency Access Road Study, that an additional \$400,000 and projected completion is Sept/Oct 2008. The new emergency roads are to link existing roads, but during non-emergencies those roads will be locked. A National Conference of State Legislatures will be hosting community meetings to garner input on Native Hawaiian program.

- Kelii would like to see some type of legislation introduced to better monitor the commercial vehicles; and also to hold schools accountable for the maintenance.

**Representative Karen Awana** reported the following:

Representative Awana has planned a meeting on June 15, 2008, with the Department of Agriculture to come and discuss what's going on with the local farmers another meeting has been planned with the State Transportation to discuss the topic of Traffic Safety and a second access for the Waianae Coast.

Kelii what is going to happen to the funding for the homeless, and how is it going to affect the Wai'anae Coast? There is a crisis it's more visible in the Nanakuli area unlike the downtown area where the homeless can hide within an alley or between buildings, in Nanakuli out here they congregate/reside at our parks and beaches. Kelii questioned the State's plan for more affordable homes, employment and training and employment placements.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Parks & Recreation – Committee Chair Kelii announced that the Parks and Recreation Committee, next meeting is on June 4, 2008, at Nanakuli Park 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Education Committee – Committee Chair Cash-Kaeo announced that the Education Committee, next meeting is on June 4, 2008, at the Kamehameha Schools Learning Center, 7 to 9 p.m.

Housing Committee – Committee Chair Rezendes announced that the next meeting on May 29, 2008, at the St. Phillips Episcopal Church Meeting Hall 7 to 9 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Committee – Committee Chair Eli announced that he will be planning a P&Z meeting in June.

Public Health & Safety Committee – Committee Chair Kila informed the board that due to the lack of quorum at his last committee meeting there were no report.

Without any objections, Chair thanked everyone for attending and announced the next meeting to be held on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Without further discussions, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Submitted by,

Dean Harvest  
Neighborhood Assistant