



NANAKULI-MAILI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 36

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DRAFT MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING **TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009** **NANAIKAPONO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFE**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Teruya called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of eight (8) members present. Note – This nine-member Board requires five (5) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

PRESENT: Hanalei Aipoalani, Clyde Eli, Black Hoohuli, Kimo Kelii, Victor Kila, Cynthia Rezentes, Patty Teruya, and Neddie Waiamau-Nunuha.

Absent: Mervina Cash-Kaeo

GUESTS: John and Milaina Felisi, Pearl Taylor, M/M Cihopes, Lori Nordlum, Olivia Aquino, Manny Bernardino, Jaycine Hicks, James Manaku, Joe Hernandez, Council Chair Todd Apo, John Kaopua, Manny Lanuevo (Deputy Director, Department of Environmental Services, City & County of Honolulu), Mel Kahele, Kelulai Kaumi, Gloria Santiago, Rose Woods, Dolly Naiwi, Lawrence Lau, Georgina Schmicth Sakaba, Canina Ols, Masaya Shijo, Sul Ficio Gaspar, Gail Amina, Dhorla Cuansma, Charisma Cuansma, Kris Stephenson, Dylan Kuewa, Carl Stephenson, Isaiah & Keisha Bacos, Anne Nakatani, Ikaika Pichay-Kaana, Brandon Felisi, Steve Mow, (State Department of Health), Kelton Otsuka, Craig Nishimura, Joenette Kaaua, Stephen Pasing, Victor Rapoza, Chev Sevilino, Cal Miyahara, Maeia Pafo, Susan & Michael Duarte, Bill Prescott, Thomas Takahashi, Mapuana Tector, Lynn Bailey, Constantino Villaver, John Dudoit, Maila & Ted Lessary, Robert Inada, Joy Takushi, Cptn. Daryl Evangelista (Honolulu Fire Department), LTC. Mike Donnelly (US Army), Nicolette Ioli, Claudia deLeo'n, Lori Nelson, Todd Lanning, John White (Chief of Staff, Congresswoman Hirono) Alexandria Matsushima, Moani Wright (Board of Water Supply), Chris Britos, Kurt (Favela) Fevella, Charlita Mahoe, Ryan Markham (Governor's Representative), Karen Awana (State Representative), Elwin Spray (Staff member of Rep. Awana), Dean Harvest (NCO Staff).

WELCOME: Chair Teruya welcomed all to the meeting, "Aunty" Ruby offer the pule, Aipoalani lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and the audience sang Hawai'i Pono'i.

MONTHLY REPORT: PART 1

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain D. Evangelista reported the following:

- 1) February 2009 Statistics – FIRES: 4 structures, 9 wildlands, 8 rubbish, 58 medical, 2 search and rescue, and 6 miscellaneous for a total of 85 calls.
- 2) Fire Safety Tip – Although cooking at home can be a fun family activity, please ensure care is taken by adhering to the following fire safety tips to avoid accidents in the kitchen. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, cooking fires are the leading cause of house fires and fire injuries nationwide.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. M. Johnson provided the crime statistics, highlighting a total of 5,838 emergency calls registered in the district, and a total of 625 arrests.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Kelii expressed his appreciation to HPD for increasing in traffic enforcement on Farrington Highway.
- 2) Juvenile Services Division (JSD) can assist parents/legal guardians with "Runaway" minors. JSD's contact number at Kapolei Station is 692-4254.
- 3) A concern was expressed that on Nanakuli Avenue and Farrington Highway vehicles are overtaking other vehicles that are dropping off children at the school.



MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor's Representative, Gail Haraguchi left the meeting due to an emergency her report was read by Aipoalani.

- 1) The concern of vehicles use, roadways, and during what time of the day. HPD related that the City Traffic Code, Revised Ordinance of Honolulu (ROH), which regulates the movement of certain vehicles based on the load, weight, height, and distance they may travel between other vehicles, speed, and times they may be on the roadway.
- 2) To restart the Junior Police Officers (JPO) program at Kawaihona Charter School, Sergeant Kevin Oshiro of HPD Traffic Division can be contacted at 529-3389. Charen Ching, of the Office of the Governor, related that the funds come from the State Department of Education (DOE), and the final decision is with the administrator of the charter school.

City Council Todd Apo – Council Chair Apo reported the following:

- 1) The Council adopted legislation clarifying the Council's role in the transit project's Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Bill 63 (2008) CD1, FD2 ensures that the RFP process is in line with Hawaii Public Procurement Code and the Council is included in all relevant communications.
- 2) Kamokila Boulevard in Kapolei is now open and connecting Kapolei Parkway to Roosevelt Avenue. This extension provides another east-west driving route through Kapolei.
- 3) Bill 4, regarding Banning Electronic Devices and Motor Vehicles, is scheduled to be heard on Thursday, March 19th.
- 4) Council Chair noted that at the February meeting the Board adopted a motion to support the S.U.P. (Special Use Permit) for the Expansion of the Waimanalo Gulch Landfill, but concerns of closing PVT Landfill did not balance since the Board.
- 5) ***TheBoat*** passed the Federal E.I.S. (Environmental Impact Statement).

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) CIP (Capitol Improvement Project) funding for sidewalks on Ah Young, Mohihi and Hakimo Road.
- 2) Aipoalani clarified that if Waimanalo Gulch was to close tomorrow, the only other landfill for municipal waste to come to would be PVT, and PVT is in our (Nanakuli) backyard.
- 3) Kelii request status on his CIP request for renovation on the Nanakuli Beach Park pavilion.
- 4) Manaku asked for an update status on shipping out solid waste.
- 5) Is the fare of the train going to be comparable to ***TheBus***
- 6) Nineteen stops for ***The Rail Transit*** train is a little to much.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Moani Wright reported the following:

- 1) Contact emergency numbers for the Board of Water Supply is 748-5310.
- 2) Thanked residences for being patient on the emergency repairs being done to the current water line.
- 3) The Construction still ongoing on Farrington Highway for the 24" water line.

United States Army – LTC Mike Donnelly reported that he will be attending the board meetings as the liaison for the U.S. Army. He apologize to the board that no-one from the Military attending our meetings and looked forward to working with the community to provide updates.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Approval of February 17, 2009, Regular Meeting Minutes – Waiamau-Nunuha moved, and Kelii seconded, to approve the February 17, 2009, Regular Meeting Minutes as amended:

- Page 4 under NEW BUSINESS, 1st bullet, third line, and grammatical error, correct spelling to "support".
- Page 4 under MONTHLY REPORTS, Senate President, a grammatical error, correct spelling to "distributed".
- Page 4 under MONTHLY REPORTS, Representative, change line to read "Staff member Elwin Spray". **The motion carried by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 8-0-0** (AYE: Aipoalani, Eli, Hoohuli, Kelii, Kila, Rezentes, Teruya, and Waiamau-Nunuha).

Approval of March 17, 2009, Regular Agenda – Aipoalani moved, and Waiamau-Nunuha seconded, to approve the March 17, 2009, Regular Agenda as amended:

- Page 1 under NEW BUSINESS, 8.1, first line change to “8,600 ton”.
- Page 1 under NEW BUSINESS, 8.1, second line change to “LF-24”.
- **Kelii moved to take out of order item 8.1 MILITARY TO EXPLAIN THE CLEAN UP - and move 8.1 into item 5 COMMUNITY CONCERNS. The motion to take item 8.1 out of order carried by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 8-0-0 (AYE: Aipoalani, Eli, Hoohuli, Kelii, Kila, Rezentes, Teruya, and Waiamau-Nunuha).**

The motion to except the amendments as noted above was carried by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 8-0-0 (AYE: Aipoalani, Eli, Hoohuli, Kelii, Kila, Rezentes, Teruya, and Waiamau-Nunuha).

TREASURER’S REPORT: For February 2009, Treasurer Aipoalani reported the following: Previous balance was \$1699.74, with current expenses at \$118.53, leaving a balance of \$11581.21. **Aipoalani motioned, and Kelii seconded, to transfer \$500.00 from the publicity account to the operating account. The cost of the Board’s current publicity per month is \$200 for videotaping. The motion carried by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 8-0-0 (AYE: Aipoalani, Eli, Hoohuli, Kelii, Kila, Rezentes, Teruya, and Waiamau-Nunuha).** The Treasurer’s report was filed.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Military to explain the clean up – and the disposal of 8,600 hundred tons of material from the Bellows Air Force Base, LF-24 Pier Dump, Waimanalo to the PVT Landfill, Nanakuli, Hawaii – Chief Hickam Air Force Base Environmental Restoration – Mr. Todd Lanning.

Other Guests: PVT Landfill, General Manager, Mr. Steven Joseph; Department of Health (DOH) Director Larry Lau, DOH, Hazardous Evaluation & Emergency Response Division - Mr. Steven Mow, Congresswoman Mazie Hirono Chief of Staff Mr. John White and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 9 Representative, Janet Yocum; SA Kahi Kahakui, U.S. EPA Investigator.

Mr. Todd Lanning of Hickam Air Force Base Environmental Restoration briefed the board on the clean up of the landfill:

- 1) The site was initially investigated in 1996 during a historical record search for general waste disposal activities at Bellows Air Force Station (AFS) and Marine Corps Training Area Bellows (MCTAB). Additional investigations were conducted between 1998 and 2005. Site investigation results indicated that low concentrations of contaminants were present in soil and groundwater.
- 2) A baseline risk assessment was conducted for Site LF-24 to characterize the potential risk to human health and the environment. The assessment included a human health risk evaluation and ecological risk evaluation. The results indicated that the contaminant concentrations in soil and groundwater did not pose unacceptable risks to human health or the environment. The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) selected remedy for LF-24 was No Further Action, which is documented in a signed Record of Decision.
- 3) Physical hazards (e.g. charred debris and large metal objects) remained buried in the site. This prompted significant Waimanalo community involvement which led to Congresswoman Hirono’s involvement. The Congresswoman used \$2 million from the U.S. Marine Corps for site clean-up. Funds were transferred to the Air Force for execution due to their familiarity and expertise with the site.
- 4) Landfill removal timeline. September 22, 2008, field work began. October 2008, six (6) WWII-era (inert/with no explosives) practice torpedoes were found. Such a find was not unexpected and safety measures were employed as a matter of routine. Investigations by Marine Corps Explosive Ordinance Disposal Team confirmed the objects were practice torpedoes and clean up work continued. December 16, 2008, excavation of waste/debris was completed. December 19, 2008, load out and trucking of waste was completed. January 8, 2009, backfilling and re-grading the site with clean fill material and sand was completed. January 9, 2009, demobilization was completed. February 9, 2009, Re-vegetation was commenced.

- 5) Excavated material. Approximately 8,600 tons of soil, rock, asphalt, concrete, broken glass, small meal pieces, and wood were taken to PVT Landfill in Nanakuli. Approximately 10 tons of large recyclable scrap metal was taken to on-island metal recyclers (Reynolds and Schnitzer).
- 6) Approximately 4 tons of munitions debris was processed (cut up into small pieces or crushed) found clean and safe by Marine Corps Explosive Ordnance Disposal and was taken to an on-island recycler. 8,600 tons of backfill material (clean fill material and windblown sand) came with Hawaii State Department of Health input prior to use as backfill. No contaminants were found.
- 7) August 2009, contract was completed.
- 8) Community Involvement key to Project. Close coordination and teamwork between the Waimanalo Community, the military, Hawaii State Department of Health and elected officials has resulted in the cleanup of LF-24 Pier Dump landfill. The Bellows Restoration Advisory Board, comprised of Waimanalo Community members, Air Force and Marine Corps Environmental personnel, has been meeting regarding this project since 1999. When the CERCLA remedy of "No Further Action" was presented to the public, the community asked Congresswoman Hirono to aid in the cleanup of the landfill.
- 9) Mr. Lanning and Mr. White agreed that while they worked the Waimanalo Community, they forgot to seek input from the Nanakuli Community.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) DOH informed that PVT was certified by the State Department of Health (DOH) to accept CERCLA waste in 2008.
- 2) In any movement of CERCLA waste the trucks are equipped with GPS locators and are tracked from point A to point B.
- 3) A question asked of the Chief of Staff of Congresswoman, if they knew of this clean up and knew that the military was planning to dispose the waste at PVT Landfill in Nanakuli? Congresswoman was not aware of the waste going to the PVT Landfill.
- 4) EPA Representative Janet Yocum and Special Investigator Kahi Kahakui related complaints of EPA violations, which can be called in to the San Francisco, California office or Kahi Kahakui can be reached at 541-2721. Kahakui stated that she is very concern of any illegal dumping and alarm the resident that if you see anyone dumping illegally to notify their office.
- 5) G.M. Steven Joseph of the PVT Landfill stated the hours of operations are: Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 7:00 a.m. – 12 noon; closed Sundays. Near by residents complained that the operation of the landfill starts too early in the morning about 600 a.m. and have no consideration for the residents.
- 6) Many residents disputed the above statement made by Mr. Steven Joseph. And continue to express concerns of having this Landfill so close to their homes.
- 7) Many residents who live near the landfill are complaining of health issues (e.g. dust in their homes, dirt tracked on the roadway by the trucks leaving the landfill).
- 8) PVT needs (P.B.A.) – Performance, Behavior, and Accountability.
- 9) Kanahele suggested that PVT's company provide \$5M should be set aside to assist members of the community with health issues that are becoming apparent with our kupuna and young children.
- 10) Resident request that the State DOH should be placing Air Quality Measuring devices in the community to monitor PVT.
- 11) A question was asked to PVT General Mgr. in what do they provide to the community. PVT gives ten (10) \$500.00 scholarships to Nanakuli High School and ten (10) to Waianae High School.
- 12) Could the waste could not be sent to Waimanalo Gulch Landfill because Waimanalo Landfill is for municipal waste only. And why does all the contamination trash are delivered to PVT Landfill in Nanakuli?
- 13) The Air Force has no active landfills in any of their installations.
- 14) Dust screens need to be fixed along the boundary and proper landscape should be addressed.
- 15) A big concern about viewing the PVT Landfill from Farrington Highway can only show you how high this landfill has gone up in height and it's now higher than the homes along the site.
- 16) Board member Keli hand delivered all the complaints to Steve Joseph, GM from PVT Landfill.
- 17) Residents clearly express their dissatisfaction from the Department of Health in monitoring this Landfill and must support the community and the people who live near by.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Job Fair at Honolulu Community College March 28th at 12 noon.
- 2) Quest is under Federal investigation for mismanagement of their health fund. And the Waianae Health Comprehensive Center is against Quest.
- 3) Prince Kuhio Day in Waianae.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Transportation Committee: No report.

Planning & Zoning Committee: No report.

Parks & Recreation Committee: Kelii reported the following:

- We will be meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Maili Community Center at Maili Community Park.

Health, Human Services, Public Safety Committee: No report.

Education Committee: Kelii reported the following:

- We will be meeting on Wednesday, April 1st, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Maili Community Center at the Maili Community Park.

Housing Committee: Rezentes reported the following:

- We will meet on Thursday, March 26th.
- Update on the shelters.
- Mike Sessions will be assisting with housing at the Maili Beach Place; this is self help condo units for all those interested.

MONTHLY REPORTS – PART 4:

U.S. Congresswoman Mazie Hirono — Chief of Staff John White informed everyone that copies of his report was distributed. He also added that he understands the community's concern regarding the PVT Landfill issues and he would work with the board.

Governor's Representative - Ryan Markham wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day, and circulated the Governor's report.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) There is a need for a State Highway Patrol on our highways
- 2) The community needs more accountability for the State DOH.
- 3) A suggestion to have more DOT inspectors to monitor the commercial vehicles that travel along Farrington Highway.
- 4) A resident comment that the Superferry and the Governor should follow the laws regarding the E.I.S.

Senate President Colleen Hanabusa – Senator's report was distributed.

Representative Karen Awana – Representative Awana highlighted her report and shared some of the bills that were proposed in this legislature.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Submitted by Dean Harvest
Reviewed by: Patty Teruya, Chair