



## NANAKULI-MAILI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 36

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013 NANA KAPONO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Cynthia Rezendes called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. **Quorum was established with seven (7) members present.** Note – This nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

**Board Members Present** – Hanalei Aipoalani, Keoki Aiwohi, Polly “Granny” Grace, Patty Teruya, Richard B. Landford, James Manaku Sr., and Cynthia Rezendes.

**Board Members Absent** – Glenn V. Butler and Henry Kaiawe Makaanani.

**Vacancies** – None.

**Guests** – Lieutenant J. Trinidad, Captain Tim Boswell, and Officer Jodi Williard (Honolulu Police Department); Shirley Landford; Keoni Mattos (Board of Water Supply); Stacelynn Eli; Fire Fighter 1 Carl Otsuka (Honolulu Fire Department); Mike Freitas; Councilmember Kymberly Pine; Kiran Polk and Jame Schaedel (Councilmember Pine's Office staff); Shirleen Gill; Jacqueline Barfield; Johnnie Mae Perry (Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board); Mapuana Tector; Representative Jo Jordan; Luwella K. Leonardi; Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai; Blanca Larson; Maenette Benham, Jeffery Acido and Paul Lacoco Jr. (University of Hawaii Presidential Selection Committee); Geanine Kahalewai (Senator Maile Shimabukuro's Office staff); Charles Zahn (Neighborhood Commission); Dixie Kalamau; Major Kari McEwen (Army); August Barozo; and Kazuaki McArthur (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

#### CITY/STATE MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Fire Fighter 1 Carl Otsuka reported the following;

- August 2013 Statistics: Included 1 structure fire, 10 wild land fires, 9 rubbish fires, 1 vehicle fire, 93 medical emergencies, 1 search and rescue, and 7 miscellaneous calls for service.
- Safety Tip: Extinguish candles before you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid using candles in the bedroom and areas where people fall asleep. Keep candles at least 12-inches away from items that can burn. Use candle holders that are sturdy and will not easily tip over. Extinguish a candle before it goes too close to the holder or the container. Never use a candle if an oxygen tank is used in the home. Don't use candles during a power outage; use flashlights and battery operated lights instead. Consider using flameless candles. Never leave children alone with a candle. Place matches and lighters out children's reach.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant J. Trinidad reported the following;

- August 2013 Statistics: Included 485 total arrests, 392 adult arrests, and 93 juvenile arrests.
- Safety Tip: Always lock your car. Never leave a second set of keys in your car. Park in well lit areas. Park in attended lots. When parking in attended lots, leave only the ignition key with the attendant. Don't leave valuables in plain view. Park with wheels turned toward the curb. Always use an emergency brake when parked.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Valuables: Manaku suggested taking valuables with you instead of leaving them in the car.
2. Speeding: Teruya raised concern of motorists speeding and kicking up dirt on the depot road makai of Farrington Highway, opposite Helelua Street. Teruya suggested HPD monitor the area during morning traffic.



3. Unmarked Crossings: Rezentes noted that at the previous meeting, Manaku raised concern over the use of unmarked crossings on Farrington Highway. Manaku clarified that there are two (2) bus stops on either side of Farrington Highway, at Kimo Street, and noted that there are no marked crosswalks near the location. Trinidad confirmed that unmarked crossings do exist, but was not able to provide any specifics on the issue. Officer Jodi Williard clarified that pedestrians that are 300-feet from the nearest marked crossing are permitted to cross the road without being cited for jay walking.
4. Nanakuli Elementary School Crossing: Captain Tim Boswell reported that HPD is aware and are sending personnel to address the speeding issues at Nanakuli Elementary School. Boswell noted that there will be an anti-speeding campaign the morning of September 30, 2013. A community member noted that HPD issued five (5) speeding citations within 30 minutes while doing speed monitoring at the school. The community member noted that the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) refuses to do anything about the issue. The community member suggested the installation of school zone signage to issue larger fines to those caught speeding. Rezentes suggested working with State and City legislators for the hiring of crossing guards and sign implementation. Teruya suggested and Boswell noted that electronic speed monitoring devices can be placed in the area to help curb speeding. Johnnie Mae Perry suggested conducting a traffic study.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Keoni Mattos circulated a report and highlighted the following;

- BWS History: Included in the report is a history of BWS, its makeup, and the origin of its semi-autonomous status. Additional information can be found at [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).
- Mailiili Road: BWS completed work to reconstruct Mailiili Road, which was reopened in early August. BWS appreciates the patience and cooperation of area residents as this emergency work was performed. Some of the benefits that this construction project provided to the community included:
  - The installation of a concrete jacket on the existing 20-inch water main that will improve the structural integrity of the water main and prevent another break of this magnitude.
  - Construction of a new retaining wall. This is a significant improvement from the previous structure, as the walls were falling apart.
  - This project was used as an opportunity to widen the roadway which will help to improve traffic flow.
- Estimated Billing Update: BWS staff continues to work diligently to reduce the number of estimated bills, review all affected accounts, and reconcile bills to ensure that customers have been accurately and fairly charged. In May, approximately 16% of customers were affected; that number has since been reduced to 5%. A detailed FAQ on the estimated billing issue is posted on the BWS website.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Thank You: Teruya thanked Mattos for his service.
2. Water Leaks: Grace expressed concern about water leaks at public parks and questioned who pays the water bill. Mattos advised that, in general, water rates at City parks are billed to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and Hawaii State Parks are billed to State Departments. Mattos encouraged residents to call the BWS water waste hotline at 748-5041 to report instances of water waste.
3. Private Water Systems: A community member requested a list of users who do not pay for water. Mattos clarified that BWS is a water service provider and its water rates are used to cover the operation and maintenance of the water system. On Oahu, there are many private water system owners who maintain their own water systems. Rezentes clarified that the State Commission on Water Resource Management determines who is allowed to take water from water sources. Mattos to follow up.

Military Representative – Major Kari McEwen reported the following;

- Purple Heart: Robert Cox was presented the Purple Heart by U.S. Representative Tulsi Gabbard at a ceremony on August 31, 2013.

- School Partnerships: The Army continues its partnerships with local schools. A fitness program was held at Nanaikapono and Maili Elementary Schools. Soldiers will also be painting a mural at Leihoku Elementary School.
- Marine Resource Study: The Draft Marine Resource Study Plan is available at the Army Garrison Hawaii website. Samples are currently being collected as part of the study.

Mayor's Representative – Don Aweau reported the following;

- Mayor's Report: Unfortunately, the Mayor's Representative reports are not finalized in time for copies to be made for the Board. The report is incorporated into the minutes.
- Park Permits and Construction: Normally, permits for events at City parks would not be approved in areas that directly conflict with construction.
- Event Notification: Event planners are not required to provide advance notice to Neighborhood Boards when putting on a large event.
- Toilet Paper Dispensers: Toilet Paper dispensers are installed in all comfort stations unless they are repeatedly vandalized. If this occurs then a plastic gallon container is cut out to hold the toilet paper and placed in the stall.
- Water Waste: Park users should not be running hoses to their campsites for personal use. Park staff is instructed to disconnect hoses when they see this occurring. There was a neighbor at Keaau Beach Park who was volunteering to assist with weed whacking and watering the grass. He was turning the sprinklers on at inappropriate times. His services have been discontinued. Watering of the grass is done on weekdays when the park is not heavily used.
- Nani Kai Park: Additional parking would take away more space for picnics. Funding would have to be appropriated for design and construction.
- Puu O Hulu Park Bathrooms: No funds have been appropriated or allotted for this project because current goals are to fix and repair existing facilities and not build new ones. The City has applied for funding from third party sources for this comfort station, but has not received funding.
- Maili Carnival: Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Carnival rules allow a carnival at Maili Beach Park. DPR approved the permit for the carnival.

Questions, comments and concerns followed;

1. Puu O Hulu Park: Teruya was dissatisfied with the statement that funding was not approved for the bathrooms at Puu O Hulu Park. Teruya noted that the City had appropriated money for design of a comfort station three (3) times. However, the City did not release the funding and the funding lapsed instead.
2. Buses: Manaku raised concern of buses driving into Makaha and being labeled "Not In Service". Manaku suggested the bus pick up riders along the way instead of going all the way to Makaha while not being in service.
3. Rail Workforce: Manaku asked how much of the workforce for the rail project is comprised of locals.
4. Nani Kai Park: Landford noted that the Diamond Head end of Nani Kai Park is heavily used by the community. However, there are "No Parking" signs at that end; forcing park users to unload and drive to the Waianae end of the park to park their vehicles.
5. Event Notice: Aipoalani asked and Aweau clarified that unlike parades, carnivals need not provide advance notice to the community.
6. Maili Carnival: Grace raised concern that the portable bathrooms used at the Maili carnival were hooked up to the fire hydrant with no meter attached.

7. Lualualei Force Main: Rezendes raised concern that when the Lualualei Force Main project began, the area surrounding the project has become derelict and unsightly. Rezendes asked when the project would be completed, and if the City would be restoring the area to the condition it was in before the project started.
8. Trucking Permits: Perry extended an invitation to the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) to attend the next Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board meeting to discuss the approval of trucking permits. Rezendes requested that comments be kept to issues that directly impact the Nanakuli-Maili Neighborhood Board area.
9. Lack of Bathrooms: Mapuana Tector reported that children are forced to urinate on trees or go into the community and surrounding businesses to look for bathrooms due to the lack of a bathroom at Puu O Hulu Park.
10. Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC): Tector asked if OCCC would be moved due to rail plans.
11. Speed Calming: Aipoalani noted that Farrington Highway, near Makaha Beach has a reduced speed limit and grooves in the road that act as speed calming agents. It was suggested implementing similar measures to address speeding near Nanakuli Elementary School.
12. Camping: August Barozo noted that the grass is dying at Nanakuli Park due to the length of camping allowed. It was suggested limiting the days camping is permitted at the park.
13. Mopeds: Barozo suggested moped riders be required to wear helmets and have insurance.
14. Concerns: A community member reiterated the concerns brought up regarding the buses and Puu o Hulu Park.

Councilmember Kymberly Pine – Councilmember Pine circulated a newsletter and provided an update on the circumstances surrounding the grey sludge dumping in Waianae Valley. It was noted that the sludge was first reported in August 2013. DPP followed up on the report and sent an investigator. The property owner was not able to provide documentation and fines were assessed. DPP will continue to issue fines until the issue is resolved. Pine noted that there is grant money available and directed the community to read the newsletter.

Questions, comments and concerns followed;

1. Illegal Dumping: Teruya thanked Pine for working on the sludge issue. Teruya noted that illegal dumping occurs all the time. However, in this particular instance, the company was caught in the act.
2. Special Meeting: Aipoalani asked if the Sunshine Law would apply to Board members if they attend the special meeting regarding the grey sludge dumping on September 18, 2013. Rezendes noted that if the Board is potentially looking at discussing the matter in the future, the Board should comply with the provisions of the Sunshine Law and limit its membership to four (4) members at the meeting. Board members Aipoalani, Butler, Grace, and Rezendes were identified as the members authorized to attend the meeting. Teruya was identified as an alternate.
3. Waianae Problem: Perry noted that illegal dumping is not only a Waianae problem.
4. Truckers: Tector asked what the best practice is for truckers. Tector also asked who is in charge of tracking what is transported by truckers.
5. Thank You: Pine was thanked for taking a strong stance on the issue. It was noted that environmental injustices should not go unchecked.

#### BOARD BUSINESS:

Adoption of August 20, 2013 Minutes – **Teruya moved, and Aipoalani seconded to approve the August 20, 2013 minutes as amended. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 7-0-0 (Aye: Aipoalani, Aiwohi, Grace, Teruya, Landford, Manaku, and Rezendes).** Corrections included;

- Page 4 – Under Puu O Hulu Park Funding should read: Councilmember Pine is looking at **ways** to expedite the process...

Approval of September 17, 2013 Meeting Agenda – Rezentes reported that the vRide presentation will be postponed to the next regular meeting.

**Teruya moved, and Aipoalani seconded to approve the agenda. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 7-0-0 (Aye: Aipoalani, Aiwohi, Grace, Teruya, Landford, Manaku, and Rezentes).** Corrections included;

Treasurer's Report – Grace read the Treasurer's Report and noted expenditures totaling \$135.67 during the month of August 2013, and a remaining balance of \$1,106.80. The report was filed.

Chair's Report – Rezentes circulated a report to Board members and highlighted the following;

- Kaala Farms: Kaala Farms is celebrating 35 years and a plethora of activities are available to the community. The event will be held on September 21, 2013. Please RSVP by September 18, 2013.
- Preliminary Flood Insurance Maps: New flood insurance maps are available for review at the (Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) websites.
- Public Hearing: There will be a public hearing on September 27, 2013, at 1:30 p.m., at the Mission Memorial Conference Room regarding the application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the Hawaiian Railway Society to rezone agricultural land.
- Ka Pua Initiative: The next Ka Pua Initiative meetings are scheduled for October 8, 2013 at the Waianae District Park Multipurpose Room and on October 17, 2013 at the Nanakuli High School Multipurpose Room. Both meetings are from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Nanakuli Public Library: A public hearing to discuss the Nanakuli Public Library is being held on September 20, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., at Kapolei Hale.
- Special Meeting: The Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board has scheduled a special meeting on September 18, 2013, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at the Waianae District Park Multipurpose Room to discuss findings on the Hawaii Kai grey sludge being dumped in Waianae valley.
- Bishop Museum: The Bishop Museum will be having a new Lego exhibit from October 5, 2013 through January 5, 2014.

#### RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Mountain Access: Manaku raised concern of new housing in Kunia impeding access to the mountains.

1. Heiau: Manaku raised concern of private owners purchasing land with Heiau located on it and restricting access from the public. Manaku noted that some of these individuals are doing tours of the Heiau.
2. Cess Pools: A community member noted that homeowners with cess pools pay for the pumping of their cess pools as needed. It was noted that these homes are not connected to the City sewer system.
3. Manapua Trucks/Night Activities: Tector raised concern that manapua trucks are selling illegal items late at night. It was suggested someone take a look into what they are selling. Concern was also raised of possible prostitution along Nanakuli Avenue. Tector also raised concern regarding two (2) semi trucks racing down Farrington Highway.
4. Sewer Charge: A community member noted that she has a cess pool and expressed that she should not be charged City sewer fees if not using the City system.
5. Dumping: Luwella Leonardi encouraged community members to keep track of illegal dumping along the leeward coast. Leonardi noted that the coral in Hawaii Kai is dying due to invasive species in the area.

Concern was raised that the sludge being transported from Hawaii Kai could also be harmful to the coral and sea life in Waianae.

NEW BUSINESS:

University of Hawaii (UH) Presidential Selection Committee – Maenette Benham introduced Jeffery Acido and Paul Lacoco Jr. Benham reported that the UH Presidential Selection Committee is going to the communities to gather input on what type of criteria should be used in choosing the next UH president. The UH Board of regents is seeking a capable search consultant in finding and hiring a new president. The process is anticipated to take between six (6) to nine (9) months.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Local: Manaku suggested finding someone local to fill the position. Grace noted that the person elected needs to be able to understand the way of life in Hawaii. Grace noted that if a local person were to be hired, it would give hope to future generations to do the same. Several other community members expressed the need for a local candidate.
2. Hawaiian Studies: Aipoalani suggested the new president be someone who will place more of an emphasis on the Hawaiian studies program.
3. Sludge: Perry suggested writing a letter to John Clark regarding the sludge from Hawaii Kai being dumped in Waianae. Rezentes encouraged speakers to confine comments to the current presentation.
4. Accountability: A community member expressed a lack of confidence in the selection committee. It was suggested that a report listing each candidate's complete qualifications be brought for review before selecting a president.
5. Process: Aipoalani asked and Benham clarified that the selection process can be found by visiting [www.hawaii.edu](http://www.hawaii.edu).
6. Pay: A community member raised concern that each new president has had a higher salary than their predecessor. It was suggested that a cap be placed on the salary to not exceed that of the former president. It was also suggested that the president stay at the residence provided them by the school.
7. Diverse Cultures: Aweau suggested the new president understand the Hawaiian culture and the interactions between the vast amounts of cultures in Hawaii.
8. Suggestions: Aipoalani suggested Dean Maenette Benham and Keali'i'olu'olu Gora apply for the position.

Aiwohi departed the meeting at 9:04 p.m.; **six (6) members present.**

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Senator Maile Shimabukuro – Geanine Kahalewai circulated a newsletter and reported the following;

- Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL): Senators Shimabukuro and Ige will be hosting an informational briefing to follow up on the hearing on the DHHL audit sometime in November 2013.
- Hawaii Kai Sludge: Senator Shimabukuro will be making a presentation on the Hawaii Kai sludge issue in Waianae at the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board special meeting on September 18, 2013.
- Kapolei Access to Justice: Community members can visit the Kapolei Access to Justice Room at Kapolei Courthouse for free limited legal assistance on Family Court Civil issues each first and third Thursday of each month.
- Median Barriers: Several residents have proposed placing barriers in the median of Farrington Highway, between Black Rock and Kahe Point to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety.

- Beach Cleanups: Community members are invited to join in cleanups on September 21, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., at Nanakuli, Maili Point, Pokai Bay, and Makaha Beach.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

Sludge: Perry disagreed with the notion that the sludge is being used for agricultural purposes.

Representative Karen Awana – A representative was not present. A report was not provided.

Representative Jo Jordan – Representative Jordan circulated a newsletter and reported the following;

- Town Hall Meeting on Education: There will be a town hall meeting on education on September 27, 2013. Don Horner and Ann Mahi will be in attendance.
- H-Power: H-Power has successfully processed tires as part of its test project to convert used tires into energy.
- Nanakuli Public Library: A public meeting to discuss the special management use area permit (SMP) for the proposed Nanakuli Public Library is being held on September 30, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., at Kapolei Hale.
- Volunteer Legal Estate Services: Volunteer Legal Estate Services is holding an estate planning information session to discuss wills, power of attorney, and advance health care initiatives on October 5, 2013, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Ka Pua: Community members are encouraged to participate in the Ka Pua meetings scheduled for October 8, 2013 at the Waianae District Park Multipurpose Room and on October 17, 2013 at the Nanakuli High School Multipurpose Room. Both meetings are from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Hawaiian Immersion: A meeting is being scheduled for October 1, 2013 to discuss the updated policy for Hawaiian Immersion programs. This is the first update in more than 25 years.
- Hawaiian Railway Society: Community members were encouraged to keep track of the CUP for the Hawaiian Railway Society. It was noted that the Hawaiian Railway Society made an agreement with the State to sell some land on Farrington Highway to allow for a left turn lane. It was noted that the left turn lane has yet to be built.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed;

1. Mahalo: Teruya thanked Jordan for her attendance and noted that her actual State representative does not attend the meetings.
2. Hawaiian Railway Society: Manaku asked and Jordan clarified that the Hawaiian Railway Society museum is located in Ewa. Manaku expressed that he thought that the Hawaiian Railway Society was donating the land for the community's benefit.
3. Zipper Lane: Grace asked when the zipper lane would be extended toward Nanakuli. Jordan noted that a feasibility study is set to be conducted next year.
4. Roadwork Hours: A community member raised concern that H-1 work in town does not start until 9:00 a.m.; however, the work on the west end of H-1 starts at 7:30 a.m.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Makakilo/Kapolei Neighborhood Board: The Kapolei Makakilo Neighborhood Board has reversed its position and now opposes the Hoopili project and Ewa Development Plan.
2. Next Meeting: The next Nanakuli-Maili Neighborhood Board is scheduled for October 15, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., at Nanaikapono Elementary School Cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Submitted by: Kazuaki McArthur, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Nola Frank, Neighborhood Commission Office staff; Cynthia Rezentes, Chair