



KAHALU'U NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 29

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**DRAFT – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015  
KAHALU'U KEY PROJECT**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Flora Obayashi called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. **A quorum was established with 10 members present.** Note – This 15-member Board requires eight (8) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

**Board Members Present:** Daniel Bender (departed at 8:45 p.m.), Rocky Kaluhiwa, Marina Pasion, Ken LeVasseur, Ron Kubo, Clifford Loo, Art Machado, Yvonne Nelson, Flora Obayashi, and Alice Taum.

**Board Members Absent:** Lee Gomes, Amy Luersen, Lola Jean Tangaro

**Vacancies:** There were two (2) vacancies in subdistrict 6.

**Guests:** Lieutenant John Vines (Honolulu Police Department); Art Challacombe (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative); Barry Usugawa (Board of Water Supply); Tiffany Patrick, and Elizabeth Feeney (Marine Corps Base Hawaii); Michael Sakata (Council Chair Ernie Martin's Office); Francisco Figueiredo (Councilmember Ikaika Anderson's Office); Marie Samudio; Anthony Poponi; Bennett Young; Anthony T. Austin; Verna Haili, Juliana Leoiki-Haili; Lorraine Kalakau, Charles Tanouye; Eldean Kukahiko; Brian Nuss; Jerry Kaluhiwa (Kaneohe Bay Regional Council); and Jordan Ozaki (Neighborhood Commission Office).

**PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD):** A representative was not present and no report was provided.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD):** Lieutenant John Vines reported the following:

- **March 2015 Statistics:** Statistics included 2 motor vehicle thefts, 2 burglaries, 8 thefts, and 12 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (JEMV).
- **Assessment:** HPD is scheduled for an on-site assessment by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). The public is invited to participate. For more information, call the Professional Standards Office at 808-723-3775.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: **Tanker Accident:** Machado raised a concern about the travel time on Kamehameha Highway following the traffic accident near Waiahole Homestead Road on Friday, March 27, 2015. Bender speculated that the delay was partially due to Oahu having only two (2) teams of medical investigators. Lieutenant Vines explained that there were many factors for the delay, including a downed utility pole and a spilled substance. Lieutenant Vines further noted that fatalities and complications can cause delays of four (4) hours or longer and that HPD is unlikely to set up detours far from the accident, as some areas near accidents need to remain accessible to the public. Lieutenant Vines encouraged the community to monitor radio reports for traffic conditions. Community member Charles Tanouye suggested that a ferry boat could help to alleviate traffic. Community member Marie Samudio raised a concern about timely communication between HPD, the media and the public. A community member suggested that the City use trailer signs to assist with traffic communication.

**FILLING OF VACANCIES:** As there were no nominations, this item was deferred.

**INFORMATIONAL SESSION:**

**Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH):** Elizabeth Feeney reported the following:

- **Weed Warriors Service Project:** There will be a service project to remove invasive species at Bellows Air Force Base on Saturday, April 11, 2015. For more information visit [www.MCCSHawaii.com](http://www.MCCSHawaii.com).

- Keiki and Adult Triathlons: MCBH will be hosting a Keiki Triathlon on Saturday, May 2, 2015 and an Adult Triathlon on Sunday, May 3, 2015. Registration closes Tuesday, April 28, 2015
- Kaneohe Bay Air Show: MCBH is hosting the Kaneohe Bay Air Show on Saturday, October 17, 2015 and Sunday, October 18, 2015. The free event is open to the public. Applications are available for local food vendors at [www.kaneohebairshow.com](http://www.kaneohebairshow.com).

Kaneohe Bay Regional Council (KBRC): Jerry Kaluhiwa reported that the issue regarding abandoned boats has been resolved. Bender asked and Kaluhiwa answered that the ban of alcohol at the Kaneohe Sandbar is under review. Kaluhiwa noted that there was a large amount of testimony from the community in favor of keeping the holiday ban.

Kahalu'u Stream/Flood Control Lagoon Department of Health (DOH) Update: Watson Okubo distributed a University of Hawaii (UH) Sea Grant College Program proposal and reported the following:

- Staffing Change: There will be a change in work schedules and sample collections due to a staff member's departure from the department.
- Sea Grant Funding Sought: A group of DOH and UH scientists are seeking funding from the Sea Grant to conduct research on hydraulic and geochemical connectivity between wastewaters and land-use and the oceanic waters of Kaneohe Bay. Okubo explained the importance of this study and emphasized the need of funding from the Sea Grant Program.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) General Announcements: Barry Usagawa reported the following:

- Waihee Valley Access: A meeting was held to address Waihee Valley access issues. There will be "No Trespassing" signs posted near the watershed while the BWS acquires data from hikers and makes a decision regarding access.
- Stakeholder Advisory Group: BWS will ask community leaders to provide feedback on BWS services and program as part of a three (3) year stakeholder advisory program.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Survey Proctors: Taum added that volunteers will be sought to help proctor the Waihee Valley access survey. BWS is looking to conduct the surveys in May 2015.

#### RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

There were no residents' or community concerns brought up at this time.

#### COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Important Agricultural Lands (IAL) Workshop: Chair Obayashi announced that the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) will be holding a public meeting to identify and map Oahu's IAL on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Windward Community College (WCC) Hale Akoakoa. Chair Obayashi referenced the Sunshine Law and noted that only seven (7) board members can attend this meeting. Chair Obayashi deferred to Art Challacombe to further explain the meeting. Challacombe reported that the community input will be used for land use planning, preservation, and protection of lands. For more information, contact 768-8001.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Sunshine Law: Kaluhiwa noted she will be attending the meeting, but not as a neighborhood board member. Chair Obayashi explored the possibility of calling a special meeting so that more than seven (7) members could attend but she later determined that less than seven (7) members would be attending.

Neighborhood Board Elections: Jordan Ozaki reported the following: Elections: The 2015 Neighborhood Board Elections will be held from Friday, April 24, 2015 to Friday, May 15, 2015. All eligible voters will receive a passcode in the mail which is needed to access an electronic ballot. Those without internet access, may use a public computer or vote by telephone. Instructions and candidate profiles will be included with the mailed passcode.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Contested Races: Chair Obayashi asked and Ozaki answered that the voters will be able to vote for the number of seats the subdistrict has. Instructions will be contained with the passcode mailing.
2. Lost Passcodes: Chair Obayashi asked and Ozaki answered that those who do not receive a passcode should contact the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) for a replacement.
3. Uncontested Races: A community member asked, and Ozaki answered that areas with uncontested races will not receive ballots.

4. Subdistricts: Loo raised a concern about only being allowed to vote for candidates within one's own subdistrict. Ozaki explained it was the decision of the Board during its' formation to have subdistricts, ensuring that there is equal representation from each of the Board's areas. Machado asked and Ozaki answered that changing the Board's seats to have at-large seats would have to be a decision of the board and implemented through the Neighborhood Commission.
5. Website Security: Kaluhiwa raised a concerned about people not wanting to use their last four digits of their social security numbers. Ozaki noted that the website is a secure website.
6. Chairmen Pro Tempore: Bender asked and Chair Obayashi noted that she will serve as the Chairmen Pro tempore until the Board elects a Chair at the first meeting.
7. Candidacy Eligibility: A community asked and Ozaki answered that candidates affirm that they reside in the district or subdistrict in which they are running to represent and are a registered voter for the neighborhood board election.
8. Residency and Voting Numbers: Machado asked about residency and renting. Ozaki reported that eligibility is based on the address that is written on the candidate form, and should be based on where one spends the most time and pays bills. Machado asked about the number of voters and Ozaki noted that a breakdown of voting numbers and past elections may be found on the Neighborhood Commission Website at [www.honolulu.gov/nco](http://www.honolulu.gov/nco).

Ahilama Road/Waihee Stream Bridge Repair: Community member Verna Haili showed the Board a photo of a bridge near her residence. The last storm caused a wall to collapse, leaving the fence near the river in danger of collapsing. Gravel bags were placed to hold the wall, however during the storm, water came over the bridge. There are funds to repair the wall that is supporting the bridge, however Haili's concern lies with the spillway under the bridge, as heavy rains could divert the stream to her home.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. City Action: LeVasseur further explained that the water diverts from the Wong residence and crosses the road. LeVasseur further noted that the City recognizes that the wall needs to be replaced but they are not dealing with the bridge or diversion of the stream. Challacombe reported that he will follow up with the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) and the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM).
2. Design: Community member Lorraine Kalakau noted that that she raised concerns about the Waihee Stream bridge years ago. Kalakau and community member Bennet Young also noted that they take issue with the original design of the bridge. Loo commented that the old bridge was higher and did not have erosion problems. Taum asked if there are design recommendations.
3. Emergency Procedure: Nelson asked if there is an emergency procedure to remove the rocks under the bridge. Challacombe noted he will relay the information on the concerns back to Chair Obayashi before May 2015.
4. Benchmarks: Community member Anthony Austin suggested establishing benchmarks to measure progress with the issue.
5. Erosion and Flooding: A community member reported that his son purchased land near the bridge and raised concerns about the property flooding during heavy rains. Community member Nuss asked and a community member answered that approximately 6-80 feet of land was lost due to erosion.
6. Kalohaku Stream: Peter Fields raised a concern about Kalohaku Stream having similar bridge issues as the Ahilama Road Bridge.
7. Lawsuit: Passion asked if this issue leaves the City and County vulnerable to a lawsuit.
8. Summary: Challacombe summarized the discussion noting that there are long and short term issues. The long-term issue is the redesign of the bridge, requiring an engineering review and design. The short-term issue is the spillway and wall maintenance and threat of flooding, to be addressed by DFM.

Update on intersection redesign at Hui Iwa Street and Apoalewa Place: Community member Brian Nuss raised a concern about drifters and speeders on Hui Iwa Street and Apoalewa Street. Nuss noted that there has been incidences of cars hitting the rock wall near a home, putting home occupants in danger. Nuss reported that he was told that speed bumps or bollards cannot be installed.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Bollards: Nelson asked and Nuss answered that the City has told him that bollards are not installed on private property or City property. Challacombe noted that the bollards may pose a liability for the City if installed on the sidewalk. Challacombe will follow up.
2. Support for Action: Machado commented that it has been seven (7) years since the issue first came to the Board's attention and noted his support for the Board to take action.
3. Privately Owned Road: LeVasseur commented that part of the area near the road is owned by Dan Ostrow Construction Company.

4. Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Invitation: Bender asked if DTS could be invited to discuss options for the road.

Department of Emergency Management (DEM) Presentation: This item was deferred.

Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) Formation to Plan Community Disaster Preparedness Event: Marie Samudio presented a PowerPoint on CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training. She noted that CERT certification is a free three (3) day training, and open to those 14 years of age or older with all types of physical capabilities. There is discussion for establishing training for Kahalu'u neighborhoods however, preparedness fairs are currently held in different locations on the island. Visit [Oahudem.org](http://Oahudem.org) or email Jen Inouye at [mommyinouye@yahoo.com](mailto:mommyinouye@yahoo.com) for currently scheduled trainings and preparedness fairs.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Community Event: Chair Obayashi noted that there are preparedness fairs at Windward Mall and in Kailua, and commented that the Board may not need to organize a separate disaster community event or form a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG).
2. Potential Workshop: Machado suggested there could be a potential workshop.
3. Tsunami Maps: Nuss noted that Kailua has a disaster preparedness plan and that Kahalu'u does not have a plan. Nuss invited that Board to look at new tsunami maps.
4. DEM Invitation: Chair Obayashi reported that she will issue an invitation to DEM to present to the Board.

**Bender departed the meeting at 8:45 p.m. (9 members present)**

#### REPORTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Deputy Director Art Challacombe reported the following:

- Sewers: The Ahuimanu Wastewater Pre-treatment Facilities (WWPTF) Equalization Facility project is in the planning and design phase.
- Parks: Key Project improvement projects are going out to bid. The Kualoa Regional Park Wastewater Improvements has gone out to bid and pending an award.
- 88th Lei Day Celebration: The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will be accepting entries at the lei receiving booth at Queen Kapiolani Park on Friday, May 1, 2015, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- Summer Fun Registration and Program: The summer fun program registration period is from Friday, June 12, 2014 to Friday, July 24, 2015. Registration is as follows: District 3 and 4 – Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to noon; Monday, May 11 and Tuesday May 12, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. District 1 and 2 – Saturday, May 16, 2015 9:00 a.m. to noon; Monday, May 18 and Tuesday, May 19, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information visit [www.honolulu parks.com](http://www.honolulu parks.com)
- Ti Leaf Collection: The Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts (MOCA) and the Honolulu Zoo are still asking for donations of ti leaf to help repair the hale la'i until Monday, May 18, 2015. Donations may be dropped off at the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts (MOCA) office on the second floor of the Mission Memorial Building.
- Age Friendly Cities: Written comments are being accepted on the action plan for the Age-Friendly City Initiative until Friday, April 24, 2015. This initiative is an effort to transform Honolulu's built environment to age friendly. The Action Plan and more information can be found online at [www.kupunatokeiki.com](http://www.kupunatokeiki.com). Comments may be mailed to the University of Hawaii, Center on Aging, 1960 East-West Road, BioMed T705B, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822 or emailed to [kupuna2keiki@gmail.com](mailto:kupuna2keiki@gmail.com).
- Project Graduation Grants: Friday, May 1, 2015 is the deadline to apply for Project Graduation grants from the Honolulu Police Department. Project Grad celebrations are adult-supervised, alcohol-and drug-free events held for high school seniors on their graduation night. HPD will provide up to \$1,500 to pay for ground transportation expenses associated with Project Grad events. For more information, visit [www.honolulu pd.org](http://www.honolulu pd.org).
- Kualoa Beach Park: In response to questions at previous meeting, DPR reported that the perquisite housing at City Parks is offered to City Parks personnel by a priority based on position and qualification and not by work location. The bathrooms are cleaned and checked at least three (3) times daily and the condition varies, depending on the usage and users. Staff is on duty on Saturdays and Sundays and the caretaker that lives that the perquisite housing checks and cleans the restrooms after regular working hours. DPR will try to do additional checks of comfort stations when possible. DPR encourages visitors to turn off faucets, use the trash bins, and report acts of vandalism to HPD.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Kamehameha Highway Repaving: Kaluhiwa asked how long the Kamehameha Highway repaving will take to complete. Machado commented that a contractor reported that the repaving may be completed by May 2015 at the earliest.
2. Road Obstructions Due to Construction: Machado asked and Challacombe reported that developers with projects that will obstruct portions of public roadways should contact DTS for a street-usage permit and HPD for off-duty officers. Challacombe also recommended calling 911 to report incidences of roadway obstruction.
3. Swanzy Beach Park: Kaluhiwa raised a concern about a missing section of foam grounding at the kid's playground at Swanzy Beach Park. Kaluhiwa also noted that only one toilet was working at the park during her visit and reported dangerous conditions on the basketball court.
4. Monkey Pod Tree: Chair Obayashi noted that on Prince Kuhio Day, Kamehameha Highway was blocked off due to the removal of a Monkey Pod tree between Lulani Street and St. John's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church.

Council Chair Ernie Martin: Michael Sakata provided a handout and reported the following: Budget: The budget process is continuing and budget proposals have passed through with amendments. Ahilama Bridge money is appropriated.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Follow up Request: Kaluhiwa asked the office of Council Chair Ernie Martin to follow up with Larry Medeiros concerning Swanzy Park issues.

Councilmember Ikaika Anderson: Francisco Figueiredo provided a handout and reported the following:

- Resolution 15-72: There was a hearing for Resolution 15-72, which allows a limited number of permits to be issued to owner occupied bed and breakfasts.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Stairway to Heaven (Haiku Stairs): Machado asked and Figueiredo explained that Councilmember Anderson established a task force comprised of community stakeholders to decide on the outcome of the Haiku Stairs. The task force recommended a managed access point, however there is still an ongoing search for a government entity to take over the managed access point from BWS.
2. Sand Bar: Kaluhiwa thanked Councilmember Anderson for supporting the permanent ban on alcohol during three (3) day weekends at the Kaneohe Bay sand bar.

Senator Gil Riviere: Senator Riviere reported the following:

- Confirmations: Kekoa Kaluhiwa was confirmed as the Deputy Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). Suzanne Case is under consideration for the position of DLNR Director.
- Second Crossover: Second Crossover is on Thursday, April 16, 2015
- Legislative Measures: Senate Bill (SB) 284, the Turtle Bay conservation easement bill, is being heard in the House Finance Committee. The funding for Turtle Bay is set to expire on Tuesday, June 30, 2015, however SB 284 would allow State officials to complete the deal by Thursday, December 31, 2015. SB 284 also requires DLNR to manage the conservation easement. SB 1166, introduced by Senator Riviere, relating to native Hawaiian burial practices is moving forward through the legislative process. The rail tax bill is also still moving forward and Senator Riviere does not support the bill and would like to see HART cut costs.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Public Input: Chair Obayashi asked and Senator Riviere answered that at this point, public input for SB 284 is no longer sought.
2. Thank You: Kaluhiwa thanked Senator Riviere for introducing SB 1166.

Governor David Ige's Representative: A representative was not present and a report was not provided.

Senator Jill Tokuda: A representative was not present and a report was not provided.

Representative Jarrett Keohokalole: Representative Keohokalole was not present. Taum read an email from Representative Keohokalole which stated the following: Representative Keohokalole was unable to attend the Board meeting as he is in House Finance Committee hearings. Representative Keohokalole wrote a letter to DTS Director Mike Formby on Friday, March 20, 2015 requesting information about bus route creation processes, and specifically, an express bus route from WCC to University of Hawaii at Manoa. A Next Era community meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at WCC Hale Akoakoa at 5:00 p.m. A bill concerning Kahekili Highway passed out of the House Finance Committee.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Kahekili Highway Widening Concern: Chair Obayashi reported that she testified on the Kahekili Highway measure on behalf of the board and asked for bus service on Kahekili Highway.

Representative Feki Pouha: A representative was not present and a report was not provided.

#### BOARD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report: The treasure's report was deferred.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 11, 2015 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Kaluhiwa moved and Machado seconded that the **Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board No. 29 approve the March 11, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes as amended. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS consent, 9-0-0 (AYE: Kaluhiwa, Passion, Kubo, LeVasseur, Loo, Machado, Nelson, Obayashi, and Taum)**. Amendments included the following:

- Page 1, 3, and 6, "Bryan Nuss" should be "Brian Nuss."
- Page 6, "CERT would like to eventually organize hurricane shelters locations" should read "DEM would like to eventually organize hurricane shelter locations."
- Page 3 "Governor David Ige recognizes the problem" should read "ORTP (Oahu Regional Traffic Plan 2035 recognizes the declining population of the Windward area and slight increase in job growth."
- Page 4 "Old Hawaiian Bank" should read "Old First Hawaiian Bank."

Members Absence Reports: The absence reports were deferred.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislation: Chair Obayashi reported that she sent in testimony on behalf of the Board for SB 1118 and testified in person at Transportation committee hearing for SB 182.

Preservation of Hawaiian Heritage: Kaluhiwa reported that she attended a meeting for the ahu o laka (sand bar) and encourages testimony on from the Board. Kaluhiwa noted that at a previous meeting, the Board approved a motion to support the permanent band of alcohol for three-day holiday weekends.

Military and Civilian Affairs: Chair Obayashi and Machado reported that they attended an open house at MCBH and viewed MCBH expansion plans.

Banner: Machado reported that a two (2) feet by six (6) feet banner costs approximately \$60 plus tax and a three (3) feet by six (6) feet banner costs approximately \$90 plus tax. The Board agreed that they would prefer green letters on a white banner.

There were no reports from the following committees: Water and Environment, Transportation and Safety, Parks and Recreation, Planning, and Legislation and School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board No. 29 regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at KEY Project.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 09:53 p.m.

Submitted By: Jordan Ozaki, Neighborhood Assistant  
Reviewed By: Stephen Saito, Neighborhood Assistant  
Reviewed and Finalized By: Flora Obayashi, Chairperson