



KAHALU'U NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 29

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DRAFT – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015
KAHALU'U KEY PROJECT

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Flora Obayashi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **A quorum was established with nine (9) 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 8:27 p.m.), Lee Gomes, Ron Kubo, Rocky Kaluhiwa, Ken LeVasseur, Clifford Loo, Amy Luersen (arrived at 7:04 p.m.), Art Machado, Flora Obayashi, and Marina Pasion.

Board Members Absent: Yvonne Nelson, Lola Jean Tangaro, and Alice Taum.

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

Guests: Captain Warren Faurot (Honolulu Fire Department), Lieutenant Darryl Kon (Honolulu Police Department); Senator Gil Riviere; Art Challacombe (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative); Barry Usugawa (Board of Water Supply); Tiffany Patrick, Doug Wadsworth, and Elizabeth Feeney (Marine Corps Base Hawaii); Michael Sakata (Council Chair Ernie Martin's Office); Francisco Figueiredo (Councilmember Ikaika Anderson's Office); Representative Jarrett Keohokalole; Jerry Kaluhiwa (Kaneohe Bay Regional Council); John Reppun (Key Project); Watson Okubo (Department of Health); Scott Stensrud (Blue Zone Project), Anthony Austin, Oliver Kupau, Peter Field, Karen Field, Blake Leoiki-Haili, Juliana Leoiki-Haili, Rick Towill (Residents); Neil Baarde (Neighborhood Commission Office).

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant Darryl Kon reported the following:

- **Statistics:** 4 motor vehicle thefts, 12 burglaries, 10 thefts, 2 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV).
- **Safety Tip:** Residents should prepare for the 11 hurricane storms that are expected to come.

Luersen arrived at 7:04 p.m. There were 10 members present.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. **Body Cameras:** Bender asked what the final outcome of the idea of having HPD officers wear body cameras. Lieutenant Kon responded that they will be in the testing phase because there is no policy yet.
2. **Party:** Oliver Kupau raised a concern about the big party in the area that was broken up and asked how many tickets or citations were given and asked if any cars were towed. Lieutenant Kon responded that it was a two (2) day operation with the NARC detail. John Reppun commented that it was a chicken fight, where 300 cars were on City property. Lieutenant Kon noted he will follow up with more information.
3. **Speeding cars near Kualoa Regional Park:** Pasion raised a concern about cars speeding and overtaking other cars near Kualoa Regional Park and asked if HPD can patrol the area a bit more. Lieutenant Kon will follow up.
4. **Kahalu'u Regional Park Task Force/Master Plan Advisory Committee:** In response to the chicken fight problem, Luersen recommended reinstating the task force and advisory committee as a forum to address park uses under the purview of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Warren Faurot reported the following:

- **Statistics:** There were 4 wildland fires, 2 rubbish fires, 41 medical emergencies, 7 search and rescues, and 7 miscellaneous calls for service.
- **Fire Safety Tip:** Brush fires can cause great damage to communities. To prevent brushfires, remove flammable materials, dead vegetation and woodpiles from within 30 feet of the home, keep laws hydrated and maintained, and clear leaves and other vegetation debris from porches and roofs.

- Waihe'e Access Gate: Parked cars in front of gate blocked fire trucks access to emergency situation and impacted response time because personnel had to hike into the emergency location. This was a dangerous situation for life safety when fire trucks have to wait for access until cars are towed. The group WAI, (Waihe'e Ahupua'a Initiative) has been working on a solution for managed access.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Helicopter: Jerry Kaluhiwa asked if the helicopter has been repaired and is ready. Captain Faurot responded that the helicopter issues are serious because they are both down. The maintenance program dropped the ball and currently, HFD is using HPD helicopters but only for life saving emergencies.
2. National Guard Funding: Tanouye raised a concern and asked if HFD still has funding with the National Guard. Captain Faurot responded that the funding is still there and HFD still works with the National Guard from time to time.

FILLING OF VACANCIES: There were no nominations 1 seat in Hui Iwa Loop and the item was deferred. Chair Obayashi reminded the Board members that Saturday, June 27, 2015 is installation.

RECOGNITION AND MAHALO TO BOARD MEMBERS: Chair Obayashi wanted to recognize three (3) Board members that will not be returning to the Board next term: Rocky Kaluhiwa, Amy Luersen, and Alice Taum. They have served the Board for a combined total of 45 years and commented that they should be recognized for their outstanding public service.

- Rocky Kaluhiwa: Chair Obayashi recognized a charter Board member who started in 1976. Kaluhiwa was a founding member of the Kahaluu Neighborhood Board and the Board's "go-to" when needing information and resources about Ko'olaupoko culture and traditions. Chair Obayashi presented a certificate of appreciation and Challacombe presented her with a lei. Kaluhiwa noted that it was her kuleana to protect the community and noted that she will be holding cultural tours and commented that she will always be around. Gov. Ige has appointed Rocky to the Ahumoku Commission.
- Amy Luersen: Chair Obayashi wanted to recognize a very treasured and valuable member. It was noted that Governor Ige had appointed her to the HCDA. Luersen has served the Board from 1991–2015, 24 years of service. Chair Obayashi presented Luersen with a certificate of appreciation and Sakata presented Luersen with a lei. Luersen thanked the community and the Board and noted that when she was a part of the Board she felt as if she was a part of the community.

Chair Obayashi called for a recess at 7:30 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 7:33 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION:

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH): Doug Wadsworth, Chief of Staff MCBH, reported the following:

- MV22 Osprey Accident: Wadsworth thanked the community for their support and their sympathy for the loss of two marines. When the incident occurred, the civilians at Bellows Field Beach Park helped and assisted in the mishap. The unit was participating in a training exercise of a long range raid and the military is still not sure what caused the malfunction. Wadsworth noted that the military will finish the clean up and will brief the community when the update is received.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Previous Crash: LeVasseur asked if the Mishap Board revealed anything because of the first crash because the plane appeared to have landed leveled. Wadsworth responded that he is unsure but noted it was probably caused by a vortex ring state hitting propellers.
2. RIMPAC 2012 Hovercraft Incident: Luersen had asked for information on the RIMPAC 2012 hovercraft damage to Kaneohe Bay coral reefs. Luersen reported that she received a response from Mark Matsunage, US Navy, about environmental briefings and read the letter. Luersen thanked MCBH for facilitating the USN response and hopes that RIMPAC 2016 will continue to protect Kaneohe Bay against further damage. There was no coral reef damage in RIMPAC 2014.

Kaneohe Bay Regional Council (KBRC) Meeting: Jerry Kaluhiwa reported that there is a community member that goes out on his boat and takes loads and loads of seaweed. The invasive species of seaweed is fine, but when Kaluhiwa searched the boat he saw all types of seaweed. He was also seen taking some coral. Kaluhiwa noted that he will work with the Council to discuss the issue at their Thursday, July 9, 2015 at Windward Community College (WCC) at 7:00 p.m. it was noted that DLNR will be present as well.

Kahalu'u Stream/Flood Control Lagoon Department of Health (DOH) Update: Watson Okubo distributed a handout and reported the following:

- Monitoring: The Clean Water Branch (CWB) will continue to monitor the stream in Kahalu'u. CWB staff attended a training workshop that was hosted by Water Resources Research Center, University of Hawaii (UH) from Monday, June 1, 2015 to Friday, June 5, 2015, which focused on a novel instrument. A Portable Multi-Use Automated Concentration System (PMACS), which is capable of concentrating microorganisms such as viruses, bacteria and protozoa from large sample volumes. Soon, CWB will meet with Dr. Marek Kirs to go over the data and confirm sites for sampling.
- Cesspool Issues: CWB was invited by Representative Jarrett Keohokalole to attend a meeting at KEY Project to discuss cesspool issues with Chris Kanazawa, State Director, Rural Development, USDA. In attendance was Senator Gil Riviere, John Reppun, and Kaipo Kukahiko.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Signs on Bridge: Machado asked and Okubo answered that the 'No Fishing' signs are up and on the bridge. Machado noted that the issue is the crabbers and fishermen cannot read English. Machado warned them not to eat what they catch. Okubo noted that he will try to find a Vietnamese speaker to convey the message. LeVasseur thanked Okubo for the Waihe'e Stream sign.

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

- Red Hill Fuel Storage Tank Leak Update: A 27,000 gallon jet fuel leak from Tank 5 at Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility was reported by the U.S. Navy in January 2014. Since then the BWS has been working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Health (DOH) urging the Navy to take the necessary steps to prevent fuel contamination from reaching the BWS wells and protect the groundwater aquifers and now and in the future. An Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) was issued in June 2015 by the DOH, EPA and Navy. A public meeting to discuss the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2015 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Moanalua Middle School cafeteria (1289 Mahole Street). In order to receive consideration, the deadline for comments on the AOC should be submitted by Wednesday, July 1, 2015.
- Kamehameha Highway Report: The project started in November 2013 where pipes were installed for over two (2) miles. The steel plates should be removed soon because they will start fixing the fire hydrants and noted that the bagged hydrants are the hydrants that will be taken out. There have been conflicts with the utilities. The original plan was extended to August 2015 because the road was and still is in bad shape. BWS will repave the trenches but not the entire road. Usagawa noted that he will inform the Board when the repaving schedule is official. Ken LeVasseur would e-mail to Usagawa a synopsis of Kamehameha Highway repaving proposal.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Kualoa Regional Park: Pasion raised a concern about the number of plates on Kamehameha Highway. Usagawa responded that the plates will be removed soon and noted he will inform the board when the schedule is official.
2. Quality Assurance: Oliver Kupau noted that BWS should check on holes created by the contractors work because it seems as if the contractor does not take pride in his work.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Office of Information Practices (OIP): LeVasseur raised a concern about an OIP article in the Sunday Paper and noted that OIP is crippling the neighborhood Boards. The article describes OIP limiting community testimony to the beginning of Board meetings.

Kahalu'u Bridge: Loo raised a concern about the Department of Transportation (HDOT) ignoring the requests from the Board because Kahalu'u Bridge is in bad condition. Every time it rains, the water collects and stays on the bridge. Loo's concern was referred to Ken LeVasseur, Transportation and Safety Committee Chair.

Boat Tour: Bender suggested the Board go on Kaluhiwa's Kaneohe Bay boat tour for one (1) of the Board meetings.

Kahalu'u Master Plan: John Reppun noted that restarting the Kahalu'u Regional Park Task Force and Master Plan Advisory Committee would be a good idea, and prevent illegal activity such as chicken fights. Luersen noted that reviving the task force will inform CIP projects and move them forward for better uses of that space.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS OR CONCERNS:

Bender departed the meeting at 8:27 p.m.; Nine (9) members present.

Ahilama Road/Waihe'e Stream Bridge Repair Update: Chair Obayashi announced that she invited the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) and The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) but they could not attend due to prior commitments. LeVasseur projected the photographs of the bridge and a video of the stream showing a dangerous and life-threatening situation and recommended the City dig down for a 10 feet clearance and rebuild the road-blocked spillway. Because the existing five (5) inch clearance has turned the bridge into a dam, the volume of water has been cut in half and overflowing water goes over the road and damages the wall and road. The Army Corps of Engineers and DLNR addressed this issue at the June 13, 2012 Board meeting.

Deputy Director Art Challacombe noted that the DDC plans to expedite the project and have applied to Procurement for an emergency project permit. Although, the DDC requested emergency status from permitting agencies, it remains the responsibility of the permitting agencies to review and approve the project permits. At this time, DDC is in the pre-final design and awaiting approvals of permits from the respective agencies. Once they receive the approvals, the DDC will expedite and finalize the design and proceeding with the construction of the project. DFM has determined the City portion of the stream to encompass the area immediately beneath the bridge. Plans are being prepared for the removal of rocks, sediment and debris from within the area. In order to perform the work, the City is preparing an application for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permit. Additional permits may be required by the State Department of Health and other agencies based upon a determination by the USACE. DFM will perform the work expeditiously once all necessary regulatory permits have been acquired.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Permits: LeVasseur commented that the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) from their water resource division, has a type of permit that is regenerating when the permit is issued. Challacombe responded that they are called stream permits and noted that he will talk to DFM and approach the situation correctly. Challacombe noted he will try to setup a meeting and invite the City agencies and Chair Obayashi.
2. Jurisdiction: Reppun noted that the City's jurisdiction is under the bridge, the problem is mauka. It forces the stream right or left leading behind the fence and the wall. The approach should be from mauka or Makai because the stream sediment comes down the valley. Reppun suggested inviting the State Water Resource Agency as well for better standpoints. Blake Leoiki-Haili agreed with Reppun and noted that he is concerned about the families that still try to swim near or under the bridge and commented that the wall needs maintenance and his liability as landowner. Challacombe commented that the DDC is worried about the wall and DFM will worry about the rest. LeVasseur noted that the jurisdiction goes to the spillway, DFM can deal with the issue until the DDC is ready. Machado noted that the Board has been spending too much time talking about the issue and noted that the Board should take more action. LeVasseur asked if Challacombe can talk to the resident because safety is an issue because the residents need some sort of safety measure because hurricane season is coming soon and they need a plan.

Blue Zone Project Koolaupoko: Scott Stensrud distributed a handout and explained the history of the Blue Zone Project. The power of nine (9) is a way of applying principles from the people who have lived the longest, which are: Downshift, reverse disease by finding a stress relieving strategy that works. Purpose, wake up with a purpose each day to add up to seven (7) years to life. Plant Slant, put less meat and more plants on your plate. Wine at 5:00 p.m., enjoy a glass of wine with good friends each day. Family First, invest time with family and add up to six (6) years to your life. The 80% rule, eat mindfully and stop when 80% full. Move Naturally, find ways to move more! You'll burn calories without thinking about it. Right Tribe, surround yourself with people who supports positive behaviors. Belong, belong to a faith-based community, and attend services four (4) times a month to add four (4) to 14 years to your lifespan. Stensrud noted that two (2) most dangerous times in life are the first year of life and the second is the first year after retirement. In order to expand lifespan, a change in lifestyle is needed. Stensrud noted that he is looking for community members and noted he will be around if anyone would like to join.

A Creative Solution for Repaving Kamehameha Highway: Rick Towill reported that the road has been trashed due to the lack of maintenance. The City works with BWS to fix the solution, instead of repaving the trenches and noted that they should start at King School and finish one (1) section at a time.

LeVasseur moved and Machado seconded that the Kahaluu Neighborhood Board No. 29 would like to request that the City and County of Honolulu investigate the possibility that they require that the paving subcontractor for Nan that is supposed to do the trench patch for the BWS trenching job on Kamehameha Highway could instead take the equivalent square footage that they used to bid on the trench patch and instead of patching, simply begin repaving the entire right of way beginning at Haiku Road, King School, the Long Bridge or Hygienic Store until they have expired that equivalent square footage.

Discussion Followed: Trenches: Luersen asked if the difference would be not to trench the six (6) inches on each side. LeVasseur responded that the City can put temporary patches over the trench. The six (6) inches can be removed and compacted after the trench is paved. Gomes asked Challacombe if the road will be paved soon. Challacombe responded that he will talk to BWS and DDC because the contracts have already been sent out. Machado noted he has received many complaints and asked when the true date of the paving will be. Challacombe will follow up. Loo asked if the trench will be patched by hot or cold mix. Challacombe responded that the mix is usually and supposed to be a hot mix. LeVasseur noted that if the Board makes a motion, it will show the desperation of the community because the issue needs to be solved. Chair Obayashi called for the vote.

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REPORTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Deputy Director Art Challacombe noted he has nothing new to report and is available to take questions.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Kualoa Regional Park: Pasion asked if Challacombe can get a copy of the Kualoa Regional Park Master Plan. Challacombe will follow up.
2. Tree Cutting: Gomes asked who is responsible for cutting trees along Ahuimanu Road and Ahilama Road, because the school buses will be coming soon and noted that there are many low branches that will hit the bus. Gomes asked Challacombe to schedule tree trimming before school starts.
3. Illegal Weddings: Kubo noted that there have been some illegal weddings being conducted at 47-847 Kamehameha Highway, where they valet park guests' cars in the residential area and asked if HPD can inspect the situation. Challacombe will follow up.

Council Chair Ernie Martin: Michael Sakata provided a handout and reported the following:

- Budget: The Councilmembers adopted the City's annual budgets for Fiscal Year 2016. Some of the noteworthy additions included in the Capital Improvement budget will fund a number of projects supported by the communities for the improvement of existing city facilities for District 2.
- Thanks: Sakata thanked Luersen and Kaluhiwa for their outstanding years of service to the community and to the Board.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Kahaluu Regional Park: Machado raised a concern about the walking shoulders of the park and asked if DPR can cut the grass because many people use the park and noted that most of the park is overgrown.
2. Mango Tree: Machado also raised a concern about a mango tree on Kamehameha Highway and Hunakai Street that is over blossomed and is causing a bad blind spot for drivers.

Councilmember Ikaika Anderson: Francisco Figueiredo reported the following:

- Budget Bills: City Council has passed the City's budget bills. A list can be found on the City's website.
- Zoning Committee: A special zoning committee meeting will be on Monday, June 15, 2015. The agenda has been posted online with an issue involving camping near rivers. Next Thursday, June 18, 2015 will be the regular zoning committee meeting where the Bed and Breakfast bills will be heard.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Camp Fees: Kaluhiwa asked if camping fees go to the parks or if the money goes to the general fund. Figueiredo responded that the money goes to the general funds but Council can allocate the funds if the administration allows them. Challacombe commented that it is official administrative policy not to create special funds. The administration does not advocate for specific park projects.

Senator Gil Riviere: Senator Riviere reported the following:

- Senate Reorganization: With the Senate reorganizing, it was noted that Senator Riviere is still on the Agriculture Committee, but is no longer the Vice Chair of the committee. The Senate has combined the Water, Land, and Agricultural Committee. Senator Riviere announced that he is the new Vice Chair of human services.
- Bills: The Turtle Bay Bill will be signed by Governor Ige. The traditional burials bill is still with Governor Ige and noted that Governor Ige has until Monday, June 29, 2015 to veto the bills. Ka'a'awa Highway has been declared and emergency road by Governor Ige, it is not a one (1) way road. HDOT has been pushing for an electronic sign board that will warn people when a bridge or a road is closed.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Electronic Sign Board: Luersen suggested putting the sign at Haiku Road or by the Hygienic Store because it is at the foot of Waihe'e, town side of the bridge. Kaluhiwa noted that it is a good idea.

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 distributed his newsletter and reported that the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) are in and it was noted that Representative Keohokalole tried to put more in for the drainage and sewage in the district. In the newsletter, there is also results of a random survey that was done in the district.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Long Bridge: Loo raised a concern about the soil by the Long Bridge and asked if DOT can cut the soil on the Kahuku side of the bridge because it is causing some ponding on the bridge.
2. Hospital Expansion: Chair Obayashi asked about hospital expansion plans. Representative Keohokalole responded that the project will move forward and noted that it is an evolving situation.
3. Super Sucker Boat: Kaluhiwa noted that if Representative Keohokalole contacts Mark Fox, he can take the committee on the super sucker boat. Representative Keohokalole thanked Kaluhiwa for her help.

Representative Feki Pouha: A representative was not present and no report was provided.

BOARD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report: Luersen noted that \$24.42 was the total spent on May 2015, with a remaining balance of \$339.84. The report was filed.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 13, 2015 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: **Machado moved and Kaluhiwa seconded that the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board No. 29 approve the May 13, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was ADOPTED, 8-0-1 (AYE: Gomes, Kubo, Kaluhiwa, LeVasseur, Loo, Machado, Obayashi, and Pasion.) (ABSTAIN: Luersen.)**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreation: Luersen suggested that the Board should hold a meeting to reinstitute the Kahalu'u Regional Park Advisory Committee.

Preservation of Hawaiian Heritage: Kaluhiwa reported that she will call Governor Ige to ask about the Burial Bill. It was noted that she would love to take the Board on a culture tour of Kaneohe Bay.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Obayashi announced that the next Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board No. 29 regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at KEY Project. Chair Obayashi thanked the Board and the community for her time as Chair. It was noted that she has learned many things and she is grateful for the opportunity and experience as Chair. Big Mahalo!

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Submitted By: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed By: Jordan Ozaki, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed and Finalized By: Flora Obayashi, Chairperson