



KANEHOE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 30

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015 BENJAMIN PARKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Mo Radke called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. **Quorum was established with nine (9) members present.** Note: This 17-member Board requires nine (9) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT – Deborah Collins, John Flanigan, Jonathan Hanks, Chad Kaukani, L.C. Morris, Mo Radke, Bill Sager, Felipe San Nicolas, Holly Sevier, Patty Yamashiro-Hironaka (arrived at 7:10 p.m.), Lori Zakahi (arrived at 7:40 p.m.).

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT – Marie Gavigan.

GUESTS – Captain Daniel Yamashiro (Honolulu Fire Department), Lieutenant John Vines (Honolulu Police Department), Lori Kahikina (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative), Tiffany Patrick (Marine Corps Base Hawaii), Senator Jill Tokuda, Representative Jarrett Keohokalole, Ken Haru (Representative Ken Ito's Office), Ted Kanemori, Melany Melakea, Pat Dixon, Bill Dixon, Joan Graham, Cardyn Linamen, Ben Baniaga, Glenn Uyeshiro, Nick Jannett, Faith F. Jayson, Nia Soriano, Yukari Nakamura, Bounsay Souravong-Chen, Fred Collins, Glen Kimura (Kimura Consulting, Inc.), Sherrie Au, and Uyen Vong (Neighborhood Commission Office).

FILLING OF VACANCIES – Chair Radke announced that Joni Kamiya and Roy Yanagihara have resigned as Board members. A resident clarified that Subdistrict 11, the area behind Castle High School is called Pikoiloa. As there were no volunteers, the filling of vacancies was deferred until the March 2015 meeting.

CITY/STATE MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Daniel Yamashiro reported the following:

- **January 2015 Statistics** – There were 8 structure, 1 wild land and 5 rubbish fires. There were 149 medical emergencies, 6 search and rescues, and 32 miscellaneous calls for service.
- **Safety Tip** – Follow safety precautions when hiking including letting another person know the name and location of the trail, and expected time of return. Carry a fully charged cell phone and stay on established trails as most accidents happen when hikers leave the established trail and disregard warning signs.

Question followed: **Hiker Rescues** – Flanigan provided a written copy of his request for hiker rescues statistics to Captain Yamashiro.

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

- **January 2015 Statistics** – There were 10 motor vehicle thefts, 21 burglaries, 42 thefts, and 25 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV).
- **Safety Tip** – Secure items in your yard before the arrival of high winds.
- **Haiku Stairs Trail** – The beginning of the Haiku Stairs trail was damaged. There is consideration of closing the trail. Over 160 citations have been issued.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. **Haiku Stairs** – Sevier asked if there are “no trespassing” signs on the other side of the mountain. Lieutenant Vines replied that he did not know, but the trail can be accessed from multiple points. Sevier commented that since there are no “no trespassing” signs, it may be illegal to issue citations for trespassing. Lieutenant Vines commented that citations are given at the entry point of the trail in the past when there were security guards.
2. **Hiker Rescues** – Hanks asked for specific information about the hiker rescues. Lieutenant Vines recommended Hanks to ask HFD.
3. **Haiku Stairs Website** – Chair Radke reported that there is a website that is prompting people to break the law by going onto the Haiku Stairs trail. The Friends of Haiku Stairs contacted the people behind the website, but it is unknown if the website is still online. Chair Radke will email the address of the website to Lieutenant Vines.

4. Hike Ranking – Kaukani commented that Haiku Stairs ranked second place among the 16 most beautiful places to visit.
5. Safety – Chair Radke commented that the Board of Water Supply (BWS) went to the trail today to inspect the damage but no engineers or members of the Friends of Haiku Stairs accompanied them. Chair Radke further commented that in the interest of the public, the Friends of Haiku Stairs should be able to accompany BWS in inspecting the trail.

Yamashiro-Hironaka arrived at 7:10 p.m.; 10 members were present.

6. Number of Squad Cars – Resident Ben Baniaga asked how many squad cars were added to the fleet. Lieutenant Vines will follow up.
7. Manoa Marketplace Burglary – Resident Baniaga commented that only one HPD officer responded to a burglary in progress at Manoa Marketplace because the responding officer was waiting for backup. Baniaga asked for a two-person (2-person) team for squad cars, and commented that backup officers often arrive too late to the scene. Lieutenant Vines replied that the request can be made to the HPD chief, and noted that one of the reasons why it is not recommended to have a two-person (2-person) team is because there will be fewer officers available for other areas. Lieutenant Vines further explained that in the case of the officer who did not respond at Manoa Marketplace, residents are encouraged to call 911 to speak to a supervisor. Resident Baniaga called the officer at Manoa Marketplace a “coward”, and Chair Radke reminded Baniaga that the comment was inappropriate.
8. Response Time – Flanigan commended HPD for their increased presence on streets and highways, and asked about the average response time for HPD officers to stalled vehicles. Lieutenant Vines commented that the response time depends on where the incident occurred and how frequently traveled the road is.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) – Tiffany Patrick reported the following:

- Loud “Booms” – The unusual loud “booms” were coming from the Marines unit at Schofield Barracks.
- 33rd Annual Mud Operations – Marines participated in the 33rd annual Mud Operations event in which Marines break up the invasive pickleweeds in preparation for the Hawaiian stilts nesting season.
- “The Beast” 10K – “The Beast” 10K will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2015. More information can be found at www.mccshawaii.com.
- Kaneohe Bay Airshow – The US Navy’s Blue Angels will be featured in the Kaneohe Bay Airshow scheduled for Friday-Sunday, October 16-18, 2015.

Questions followed: Plane Noise – A community member commented that three (3) nights ago, he had heard plane noises at 4:00 a.m. Patrick replied the military planes will be in operation all day, and that the noise may have come from planes during routine maintenance. The community member reminded Patrick that 4:00 a.m. is too early in the morning. Chair Radke asked and Patrick answered that the noise hotline is 247-8832, and complaints can also be made online. Resident Joan Graham asked the Board to be firmer on the noise issue, and noted that she had called the hotline many times. Patrick explained that 50% of the training has to be completed at night to prepare for deployment, and that the airfield is closed from midnight to 7:00 a.m. Resident Sherrie Au asked and Graham answered that the noise is affecting property values.

RESIDENTS’/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Kaneohe Neighborhood Board – Resident Ben Baniaga passed out a resolution regarding the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board. The resolution requests the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) to provide parliamentary training and workshops for the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board. Baniaga commented that the Board is “in crisis” and noted that Chair Radke invited the public to introduce resolutions. Baniaga further commented that the Board has not taken actions on community concerns. Chair Radke explained that the minutes will reflect that there were no comments about the public introducing Board resolutions. Chair Radke further explained that the public can participate in committee meetings in which a resolution may be brought forth. Baniaga commented that the committees have not been following Sunshine law, and the Transportation Committee has been vacant for some time. Chair Radke asked Baniaga to join the Transportation Committee. Baniaga declined.
- Underage Drinking – Resident Melany Melakea commented that underage drinking is a problem, and asked the public and Board to support a city ordinance to reduce the penalty to a misdemeanor for underage drinking in home parties. Chair explained that the Board cannot take actions since it was not on the agenda. Resident Melakea asked the public, however there was no support.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Lori Kahikina, Director of the City Department of Environmental Services (ENV) reported the following:

- Waikalua Subdivision – There is a disagreement between the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) and City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) on whether the requested bridge across Kaneohe Stream connecting Waikalua Subdivision and Puohala Subdivision is a State or City issue. An update will be provided in one (1) month.
- Waikalua Road Repaving – Waikalua Road will be resurfaced under the Rehabilitation of Streets, Phase 13B project. Bid solicitation will begin in the first quarter of 2015, and construction will commence when all permit approvals are obtained. A request for berms will be included in the bid document.
- Inaccessible Sidewalks due to Utility Poles – In regards to the concern about inaccessible sidewalks due to utility poles, HECO requests complaints to be directed to the company at 543-7070. HECO cannot install permanent sidewalks without the consent of the abutting property owners who, under the Improvement District (ID) project, would have to share the cost of constructing the improvements. Resident Baniaga asked and Kahikina answered that she will find out if the City has jurisdiction on this issue. Resident Baniaga thanked Kahikina for following up on his questions and the Caldwell administration for taking action.

Zakahi arrived at 7:40 p.m.; 11 members were present.

- Bus Shelter by P & L Drive Inn – In response to a concern by Hanks, A bus shelter by the P & L Drive Inn will be installed by Thursday, June 30, 2016, subject to the availability of funds.
- Red Curb on Haiku Road – DTS requested an extension of one (1) month to follow up on the red curbing issue on Haiku Road.
- Pedestrian Crosswalk – DTS must follow national guidelines from the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), and is unable to fulfill the request to allow flashing of traffic lights in the cross street as a warning to drivers that there are pedestrians on the crosswalk. DTS will be placing pedestrian information stickers on the traffic poles to notify pedestrians how to properly cross the street. Chair Radke asked if an amendment to the MUTCD can be made.
- Pahia Road Pedestrian Safety – Sager asked and Kahikina answered that two (2) more months are needed to hire a consultant.
- Large Trucks on Kaneohe Bay Drive – City trucks should be using H-3, not Kaneohe Bay Drive, while working on the Kaneohe/Kailua sewer tunnel project. HPD has been contacted about enforcing the law.
- Pedestrian Fatalities – There were 25 adult pedestrian fatalities in 2014 and 4 adult pedestrian fatalities in 2015. There were no juvenile pedestrian fatalities in 2014 and 2015.
- Haiku Stairs – The BWS has asked HPD to monitor Haiku Stairs, and is considering selective use of randomly timed special duty HPD officers as supplemental security. The BWS is also expending funds to reinforce the fencing at the base of Haiku Stairs and other areas. If none of this is successful, then the BWS will move ahead with the planning to remove Haiku Stairs. The Mayor's Office responded that the recent landslide caused serious damages to the infrastructure. Mayor Caldwell is in the process of evaluating a possible future for the Haiku Stairs.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Haiku Stairs – Chair Radke asked if there was any discussion of the Haiku Stairs task force's recommendation of using alternate accesses to the Stairs, and the possibility of the Haiku Stairs being managed by another entity. Kahikina will follow up.
2. Inspection – Sevier asked and Kahikina answered that she is unaware how the Mayor's Office found out about the damages from the recent landslide. Kahikina further noted that she surveyed the Haiku Stairs during the Carlisle Administration, and concluded that the Haiku Stairs was not safe. Flanigan expressed disappointment that Kahikina thought the Stairs were dangerous and pointed out that more than 100,000 people had made the climb with no reported serious injuries and that a study commissioned by a previous City administration had found that with reasonable precautions the Stairs were not dangerous. Kahikina commented that if the City repairs Haiku Stairs, then the Haiku Stairs must then comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Sevier commented to the effect that hiking trails were not subject to ADA rules.
3. Pahia Road Pedestrian Safety – Collins commented that two (2) months is too long to hire a consultant. Collins also noted that this issue was previously brought up at the Board meeting in September 2011. Kahikina explained that the procurement process is very long, and that funds have to be procured at least one (1) year

in advance. Kahikina gave an example of a lighting project near Hawaii Pacific University (HPU) which highlighted the long process of getting the project approved for construction. Kahikina also noted that another project by HPU was completed within a shorter time period because the project was paid for by HPU, a private entity.

4. Emergency Procurement – Chair Radke asked and Kahikina explained that an emergency procurement can be used for emergency situations, but once the surface problem is fixed, then the department will have to go through the regular procurement process to thoroughly fix the problem.
5. Haiku Stairs Safety Record – Flanigan disagreed with Kahikina's assessment that the Haiku Stairs are unsafe, and commented that 100,000 people have climbed Haiku Stairs with no serious accidents. Kahikina noted that the Haiku Stairs are unsafe in terms of the number of times HFD was called. Flanigan noted that the rescues were for the people hiking on nearby trails, not the Haiku Stairs trail. Kahikina will follow up on the statistics with HFD.
6. Kulauli Street – Resident Fred Collins commented that Kulauli Street needs to be repaired because it is unsafe for kids. Kahikina will follow up.
7. Haiku Stairs Fee – Resident Collins suggested charging a fee to use the stairs.
8. Kailua/Kaneohe Sewer Tunnel Project – A resident requested for a monthly update for the Kailua/Kaneohe sewer tunnel project. Kahikina noted that a monthly report may be excessive, since there are not many updates on a monthly basis.
9. Citations for Trespassing – A resident inquired about who is giving out citations for trespassing the trails, and if the citations are effective. Kahikina will follow up on the citation statistics with HPD.

Councilmember Ikaika Anderson – No representative was present; no report was provided.

Governor David Ige's Representative – No representative was present; no report was provided.

Senator Jill Tokuda – Senator Jill Tokuda provided the following:

- Koolaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan – The public comments deadline for the Koolaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan has been extended to Monday, March 16, 2015. A follow-up will be made about a further extension of the public comments deadline so that residents can comment on the plan at the next Board meeting.
- Lateral Deadline – Many staff members are still working at the State Legislature now to file bills. The State House is still working on the budget bill.

Question followed: Governor's Representative – A resident asked and Senator Tokuda answered that she will inquire to Governor Ige's Office about sending a representative to the Board meeting.

Senator Gil Riviere – No representative was present; no report was provided.

Representative Ken Ito – Richard Haru did not have anything to report; no questions were asked.

Representative Jarrett Keohokalole – Representative Keohokalole reported the following:

- Blue Zone – The Kaneohe community was designated as a Blue Zone.
- Lateral Deadline – The lateral deadline for the 2015 legislative session is tomorrow, Friday, February 20, 2015.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Bills – San Nicolas asked and Representative Keohokalole answered that he introduced four (4) bills this session; one of the surviving bills involves cesspool conversion tax credits which will greatly affect the Kahaluu area. Other bills relate to fishponds and tax modernization.
2. Rail Tax – A community member asked and Representative Keohokalole answered that more information needs to be released regarding the rail tax proposals. Representative Keohokalole noted that he had met with Mayor Caldwell to talk about the rail, and noted that he is not in support of the extension unless a concrete plan is put forth.
3. Fishponds – Community member Baniaga asked and Representative Keohokalole answered that the fishponds cannot be "grandfathered". Chair Radke asked Baniaga and Representative Keohokalole to take the discussion to the side.

Representative Cynthia Thielen – No representative was present; no report was provided.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Hawaii Pacific University – No representative was present; no report was provided.

Windward Community College – No representative was present; no report was provided.

BOARD BUSINESS

Resignations – The Board voted to accept the resignations of Roy Yanagihara and Joni Kamiya. Both motions were **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 11-0-0 (AYE: Collins, Flanigan, Hanks, Kaukani, Morris, Radke, Sager, San Nicolas, Sevier, Yamashiro-Hironaka, and Zakahi).**

Adoption of the January 15, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes – The motion to approve the January 15, 2015 regular meeting minutes was **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 11-0-0 (AYE: Collins, Flanigan, Hanks, Kaukani, Morris, Radke, Sager, San Nicolas, Sevier, Yamashiro-Hironaka, and Zakahi).**

Adoption of the February 3, 2015 Agenda Planning Minutes – The motion to approve the February 3, 2015 agenda planning minutes was **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 11-0-0 (AYE: Collins, Flanigan, Hanks, Kaukani, Morris, Radke, Sager, San Nicolas, Sevier, Yamashiro-Hironaka, and Zakahi).**

Waikalua Bayside Pier Removal – Glen Kimura of Kimura Consulting, Inc. circulated a report and presented the following:

- Project Description – The University of Hawaii at Manoa (UH Manoa) is proposing to repair the Lilipuna Pier which is used to provide access at the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology (HIMB) complex on Coconut Island. The project involves removing and replacing the existing concrete dock and repairing support piles. There are no plans to increase the pier's size as this is strictly a repair and maintenance project with no dredging work.
- Importance of Repair – Repair of the project is critical because existing water and sewer lines are located on the underside of the pier. If the pier were to collapse, damage to these lines would shut down the operations on Coconut Island.
- Construction – A temporary floating pier will be placed alongside the exiting pier to provide continued access for the shuttle boats during construction. Most work at the pier will be conducted from a barge anchored off the end of the pier.
- Coral – To avoid damage to the coral, alternative anchor locations were carefully determined with assistance from a biological consultant.
- Environmental Concerns – During construction, the contractor will follow best management practices to minimize degradation of water quality and to avoid adverse impacts to fishes, corals, and other aquatic resources.
- Timeline – Construction is estimated to take between six (6) to nine (9) months.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Pile Driving – Chair Radke asked and Kimura answered that there will be no pile driving for the project.
2. Project Cost – Sevier asked and Kimura replied that an estimated cost for the project is not available at the moment.
3. Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) – Kimura answered for San Nicolas that an EIS is not required for a maintenance and repair project.

Abandoned Shopping Carts – Chair Radke announced that the efforts to remove abandoned shopping carts were successful. Chair Radke congratulated resident Darrel Wong, Board members San Nicolas and Yamashiro-Hironaka for their efforts in removing the abandoned shopping carts.

Chair Radke took the agenda out of order to item VII.H: legislation related to Sunshine Law.

Legislation Relating to Sunshine Law – Copies of the Board's position paper on House Bill (HB) 317/Senate Bill (SB) 420 and HB313/SB419 were handed out to the Board. **Sager moved and Kaukani seconded the motion to support and forward the position paper to the appropriate legislators.**

Discussion followed: Clarification – San Nicolas asked and Chair Radke clarified the Board's position to support HB313/SB419 and oppose HB317/SB420.

The motion to support the Board's position paper on HB317/SB420 and HB313/SB419 was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 11-0-0 (AYE: Collins, Flanigan, Hanks, Kaukani, Morris, Radke, Sager, San Nicolas, Sevier, Yamashiro-Hironaka, and Zakahi).

Koolaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan – Chair Radke reported that the Hawaii Memorial Park Cemetery is considering another expansion. Chair Radke noted that this time, the expansion request is listed in the Koolaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan. Chair Radke requested DPP to extend the deadline for public comments so that the Board may discuss the topic at the next Board meeting.

Blue Zone – Sager reported that Koolaupoko has been selected as a Blue Zone community. Blue Zones are communities where people have lived long, productive, and healthy lives. The effort is to ensure that Kaneohe is a resilient and livable community.

Community Resilience and Livability Fair – Sager reported that the Community Resilience and Livability Fair will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Windward Mall.

Koolaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan (Continue) – Sager commented that a provision of the Koolaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan would support the expansion of the Hawaii Memorial Park Cemetery. Chair Radke asked and Sager replied that the support for the Hawaii Memorial Park Cemetery expansion is an amendment to the current plan. Chair Radke reiterated that this topic will be discussed at the agenda planning committee meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at the Kaneohe Community and Senior Center from 7:00 p.m.

Community Participation – Chair Radke requested the public and Board members to get involved in the neighborhood system by volunteering to be on Board committees. Chair Radke noted that there are many vacancies on the Board committees. Kaukani commented that he is the chair of the Mental Health Committee, but it has been left blank on the agenda. Kaukani reported that he participated in a discussion about procedures regarding escaped patients from the mental hospital.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – Flanigan reported that the total spent for January 2015 was \$29.02 with a remaining balance of \$367.11. The report was filed.

COMMITTEES

- State Legislature Committee – Chair Radke reported that the Board position paper on the Sunshine Law bills will be sent.
- City and County Ordinances Committee – Kaukani volunteered to chair the City and County Ordinances Committee.
- Mental Health Committee – The Mental Health Committee's report was given under "Community Participation".
- Public Health and Safety Committee – Chair Radke reported that the Public Health and Safety committees were combined into one committee; the configuration of the new committee will be discussed at another time.
- Planning Committee – There is no chair for the Planning Committee.
- Transportation Committee – There is no chair for the Transportation Committee.
- Education Committee – No report was available.
- Environmental Committee – No report was available.
- Windward Civilian/Military Committee – No report was available.
- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO), Citizen Advisory Committee – There is no chair for the OMPO, Citizen Advisory Committee
- Publicity Committee – No report was available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (SPECIAL)

- Haiku Stairs Special Task Force – Chair Radke noted that Haiku Stairs has been thoroughly discussed tonight.
- Emergency Management Planning Committee – Sager reported that he has been busy with assessing the inventory of the community and other planning activities related to emergency management.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Board Meeting – The next regular meeting of the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30 will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the Benjamin Parker School cafeteria, 45-259 Waikalua Road.

- Next Agenda Planning Meeting – The next agenda planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the Kaneohe Community and Senior Center.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Uyen Vong, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant
Approved and Finalized by: Chair Mo Radke