



## KANEOHE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 30

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** **THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015** **BENJAMIN PARKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Mo Radke called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. **A quorum was established with 10 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, Marie Gavigan, Jonathan Hanks, Chad Kaukani, Felipe San Nicolas (arrived at approximately 8:00 p.m.), Mo Radke, Bill Sager, Holly Sevier, Patty Yamashiro-Hironaka, and Lori Zakahi.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT** – L.C. Morris.

**GUESTS** – Captain Mark Cabral (Honolulu Fire Department), Lieutenant John Vines (Honolulu Police Department), Liz Feeney and Doug Wadsworth (Marine Corps Base Hawaii), Director Lori Kahikina, Department of Environmental Services (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative), Ty Fukumitsu (City Department of Transportation Services), Francisco Figueiredo (Councilmember Ikaika Anderson's Office), Dr. Doug Dykstra (Windward Community College), Evern Williams and Donna Yen (Olelo Community Media), Marcus Rosehill, Jeanette Rosehill, Don Dawson, Sara Shiroma, Wendell Lum, Kahu Ricky Bermudez, Rose Kaleleiki-Rollins, Keith Rollins, Glenn Uyeshiro, Shannon Wood (Windward Ahupua'a Alliance), Pam Isayama (Windward Coalition), Eloise Lee, Evern Williams, Ty Fukumitsu, Ted Kanemori, Sherrie Au, Greg Au, Anna Simeona, Suzette Woods, Howard Kawakami, and Uyen Vong (Neighborhood Commission Office).

**FILLING OF VACANCIES** – The item was deferred to the June 2015 meeting due to a lack of volunteers.

### **CITY/STATE MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** – Captain Mark Cabral reported the following:

- **April 2015 Fire Statistics** – There were 2 vehicle fires, 93 medical alarms, and 50 miscellaneous alarms.
- **Fire Safety Tip**: Wildland fires, also known as brush fires, can cause great damage in our communities and use resources that could be better utilized elsewhere. According to the National Fire Protection Association, the following steps should be taken to prevent brush fires at home: Remove flammable materials from within 30 feet of the home, keep the lawn hydrated and maintained, and clear leaves and other vegetative debris from decks, gutters, porches, and roofs to help prevent embers from igniting the home.

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

- **April 2015 Statistics** – There were 8 motor vehicle thefts, 15 burglaries, 44 thefts, and 22 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV).
- **Safety Tip** – Graduation season is coming up. Parents should have a discussion with their graduating teens about drinking and driving.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. **Noise**: Community member Ted Kanemori asked if HPD could assist in reducing the noise level of cars and motorcycles. Lieutenant Vines replied that HPD is unable to assist, unless there is a traffic violation, accident, or if there are enough generated complaints from the community.
2. **Car Window Tints**: Community member Kahu Ricky Bermudez asked if tinted car windows are legal. Lieutenant Vines replied that tinted car windows are legal under certain circumstances, and that if the resident has a question about a particular vehicle, contact HPD directly.
3. **Neighborhood Watch Groups**: Collins commented that she had difficulty in reaching HPD in setting up a neighborhood watch group. Collins gave Lieutenant Vines her contact number for follow up.
4. **Homelessness at Kahuhipa Street**: Chair Radke asked on behalf of other residents if there have been complaints about the homeless near the businesses on Kahuhipa Street. Lieutenant Vines replied that there

have been complaints about the homeless in other areas, but none involved Kahuhipa Street. Chair Radke noted that there is also a complaint regarding the homeless at Pahia Road. Lieutenant Vines will follow up.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) – MCBH Chief of Staff Doug Wadsworth reported the following: Osprey Incident: Thank you to the Windward community for their condolences for Lance Corporal Matthew Determan and Lance Corporal Joshua Barron who lost their lives in the crash at Bellows Air Force Station. Many people in the Bellows area immediately rushed over to assist after the incident.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Safety of the Neighborhood: Community member Bermudez commented that the Waimanalo community has been telling the military for a long time that they do not want the military to train on Sundays, and that the Osprey incident has been very traumatic for him. Bermudez added that the military should not be flying over residential areas, and that residents can smell the exhaust, which is a health concern. Bermudez noted that there is an ongoing petition to sue the military. Bermudez also commented that safety vehicles did not arrive until an hour later, and asked what the response would have been if the incident occurred in a residential area. Bermudez asked who will be held accountable and responsible for the safety of the Waimanalo community, and commented that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) does not have jurisdiction over MCBH which is contrary to what MCBH previously reported. Bermudez noted that he would like Bellows Air Force Station to close by 2025.
2. Restriction: A community member asked if there are discussions to completely restrict air trainings on the weekends. Wadsworth replied that it is very rare for trainings to occur on the weekends. Chair Radke noted that out-of-state MCBH training facility users do not follow local air rules and continue to fly over residential homes. Wadsworth replied that the out-of-state facility users are briefed in advance, however MCBH is responsible for the training facility, not the facility users. Wadsworth noted that MCBH can request accountability.
3. Ospreys at MCBH: A community member asked and Wadsworth confirmed that the Ospreys will be permanently based at MCBH within the next couple of years.

#### RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Housing and Homeless Task Force: Windward Ahupua'a Alliance president and co-founder Shannon Wood commented that she is a member of the housing and homeless task force chaired by Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland. Wood noted that the task force met today to talk about housing and health issues. Chair Radke asked and Wood replied that anyone could be a member of the task force.
- Cones on Road: Community member Wendell Lum raised a concern regarding traffic safety, and commented that traffic cones can be installed on Pahia Road to reduce traffic-related deaths. Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative and Director of the City Department of Environmental Services (ENV) Lori Kahikina replied that a flashing traffic light similar to the flashing traffic light near Hawaii Pacific University (HPU) will be installed soon, and that the cones are not an approved traffic control device. Director Kahikina noted that it would take a couple of years to install the flashing traffic light. Zakahi provided pictures, and asked that during the interim, the faded paint be repainted. Director Kahikina commented that the new City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) director agreed to install the traffic signal, after many years of non-action by the previous DTS director. Director Kahikina noted that the process is long for a city and state project. DTS representative Ty Fukumitsu commented that there are many checks and balances when federal funding is involved. Sevier suggested drivers to turn on their hazard warning lights when a pedestrian is using the crosswalk. Resident Lum questioned and Director Kahikina replied that traffic lights are expensive. A resident suggested using yellow blinking lights. Fukumitsu commented that the yellow blinking lights are only effective for a brief time, and then it becomes unnoticeable; an example is the yellow blinking lights by Saint Mark Lutheran School.
- Olelo Community Media: Olelo Community Media representative Evern Williams explained that Olelo Community Media is an excellent resource for students and the community to discuss a variety of issues. Williams introduced Donna Ylen, another representative from Olelo. Sager noted that he had taken Olelo's courses, and encouraged everyone to use the Olelo studio. Chair Radke asked and Williams responded that the courses are \$150, but financial waivers can be provided. Sevier asked and Ylen replied that the minimum age requirement to take the course is 13 years old, but there could be exceptions.
- Sewer Tunnel Construction Project: Resident Suzette Woods raised concerns regarding the sewer tunnel construction project. Woods commented that residential homes and on-street parked cars on Kulauli Street are getting dirtied by the water trucks, and for six (6) days a week, residents have to close their windows. Woods noted that it has been happening for three (3) years, and that Sunday is the only day when the windows can be open. Community member Anna Simeona suggested that other streets "share the burden". Chair Radke

asked for both residents' contact numbers to give to the project manager so that the issue can be resolved directly.

- Construction at 46-107 Lilipuna Road: Community member Hugh Okuda brought up concerns regarding the construction being done at 46-107 Lilipuna Road. The owner and builder, Charles T.Y. Wong, built three (3) separate buildings on one (1) property. Okuda noted that Wong's buildings are eight (8) feet too tall, and that the grading was raised to meet the height requirement. Okuda noted that Wong continued to build after receiving a notice of violation from the building inspector, and is now applying for a variance. Okuda commented that he has copies of the stop orders. Chair Radke asked for suggestions from the Board or audience. Chair Radke noted that DPP inspectors were sent to his home when he was renovating his bathroom, and stated that he was surprised that a bigger project like this did not receive any attention from DPP. A resident commented that she called the State, and was told that home offices are allowed in single-family dwelling units. Director Kahikina asked for the address for follow-up. Okuda noted further problems with the buildings. Chair Radke asked Director Kahikina for an update prior to the next Board meeting. Director Kahikina agreed.

San Nicolas arrived at around 8:00 p.m., **11 board members were present.**

- Thank You to Military: Community member Rose Kaleleiki-Rollins noted that she comes from a military family; Rollins expressed condolences and thanked the military.
- Neighborhood Board Elections: A resident brought up concerns that there were no information regarding the candidates in the neighborhood board elections, and would like to be informed of each candidate's vision and goals as a board member. Chair Radke noted that the information could be added to the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30's blog. Olelo representative Evern Williams suggested the Board to host a show on Olelo.
- House Bill (HB) 600: Hanks noted that he and his wife operates a community care family foster home. Hanks commented that Noboru Kawamoto, one of the residents of the community care family foster home, had asked Hanks to help his wife, Elaine Kawamototo move into the same home. Chair Radke remarked that HB 600 did not pass out of committee. Hanks further noted that it has been carried over to the 2016 legislative session since the bill did not pass out of the Ways and Means (WAM) Committee. Hanks commented that the State Department of Health (DOH) and the State Department of Human Services (DHS) agreed on the language of HB 600.

**Sager read a proposed resolution to urge Governor David to step in and request the Department of Health (DOH) to act administratively to provide a waiver or exception in the Kawamoto case, allowing them to reunite in their preferred care home and live out their lives together.**

- House Bill (HB) 600 (Continue): Gavigan asked if the DOH could legally allow a waiver or exception. Sager noted that a waiver provision was included when a similar measure was passed. Gavigan noted her concern that if DOH has no legal authority, then the resolution is not effective. A DOH representative was present, and will follow up on clarification at the legality of the issue.

**Sager moved and Kaukani seconded the motion for the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30 to accept the resolution as is.**

**Further discussion followed:**

1. DOH Authority: Collins asked what would happen if the resolution passed, and DOH does not have the authority to provide a waiver. Chair Radke noted that the resolution would have to be amended.
2. Housing Specialist: Kaukini noted that he is a housing specialist and that HB 600 would help his clients.
3. Board Passing of Resolution: Sevier asked and Hanks replied that the final language in HB 600 was a joint effort. Chair Radke asked and Hanks replied Governor Ige had refused requests in the past and the Board should move this resolution forward. Hanks replied that the Board should pass the resolution even if DOH does not have any authority in issuing exemptions.

**The motion was APPROVED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 11-0-0 (AYE: Collins, Flanigan, Gavigan, Hanks, Kaukani, San Nicolas, Radke, Sager, Sevier, Yamashiro-Hironaka, and Zakahi; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

- Imu Smoke at Pu'ohala Village: Chair Radke announced a residents' or community concerns item regarding imu smoke affecting residents at Pu'ohala Village. There was no one in the audience to voice the concern.

- Swimming Program at Kaneohe Public Park: This item was postponed.

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

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

- Sewer Tunnel Construction Project: Construction for the sewer tunnel project must be worked on for six (6) days a week since the project must be finished on time; otherwise, the City will be subject to fines and penalties. Director Kahikina will follow up on the residents' complaints made earlier in the meeting.
- Haiku Road: The City Department of Facility and Maintenance (DFM) has been issued a work order to adjust the centerline and lane widths along Haiku Road. *Sevier suggested removing the centerline completely.*
- Turning Signal at Haiku Street and Kamehameha Highway: DTS has adjusted the traffic signal timing at the intersection of Haiku Street and Kamehameha Highway. The left turn timing from Kamehameha Highway into Haiku Road has been increased. DTS also adjusted the timing for Lilipuna Road (opposite of Haiku Road) on the weekends due to increased left turning vehicular demand. DTS is planning on modifying the intersection by adding a left turn arrow for Haiku Road and Lilipuna Road. DTS is currently requesting the release of design funds.

Councilmember Ikaika Anderson – Francisco Figueiredo distributed newsletters, and reported the following:

- Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs): A list of CIPs is included in the back of the newsletter. \$259,000 was included for traffic improvement projects in Kailua, Kaneohe, and Waimanalo. There is also funding for the Ahuimanu wastewater treatment facility plant as well as for various parks in Parks District 4.
- Parking in Lanikai: DTS will be restricting parking over Memorial Day weekend to help alleviate the parking situation in Lanikai. DTS will also be using Memorial Day weekend to monitor and document the effect of removing parking on the bike lane side of the loop.

Concerns followed: Crooked Signs and Faded Crosswalks: Community member Lum brought up concerns about crooked signs and faded crosswalks in Kaneohe. Lum noted that there are faded crosswalks near Puohala Elementary School. Director Kahikina will follow up.

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

Senator Jill Tokuda – No representative was present; no report was provided.

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

Representative Ken Ito – No representative was present; a report was provided.

Representative Jarrett Keohokalole – No representative was present; no report was provided.

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 – Dr. Doug Dykstra, Chancellor from Windward Community College (WCC) reported the following:

- Summer School: The first session of summer school begins on Friday, May 22, 2015, and the second session of summer school begins on Monday, July 6, 2015.
- Kaneohe Business Group: WCC is working with the Kaneohe Business Group to plan the next Windward Ho'olaule'a, scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 3, 2015.

**As there were no objections, Chair Radke took the agenda out of order to Item VII. G. Windward State Hospital Master Plan.**

#### BOARD BUSINESS

Windward State Hospital Master Plan: William (Bill) May, administrator of the Hawaii State Hospital introduced various people involved with the state hospital master plan. May presented the following:

- Major Challenges: The three (3) major challenges are safety, census, and physical plan of the hospital.
- Master Plan: The hospital was located away from residential homes when it was originally built. The new designs in the master plan will include construction within the original footprint of the hospital. The vacant building will be torn down and a new forensic building which will include 144 beds will be built. The plan will be carried out within the next 15-20 years. The Bishop Hall will also be torn down to make way for a new 150-bed facility.

Kaukani departed the meeting at around 8:41 p.m.; **10 board members were present.**

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Parcel No. 5: WCC representative Dykstra brought up concerns regarding Parcel No. 5, noting that WCC has offered an exchange of Parcel No. 5 with a comparable size of WCC's property near the Windward Comprehensive Health Center. WCC would work with a charter school to renovate Bishop Hall. WCC would also ask DPP for a permit to build an additional building in front of Bishop Hall.
2. Expenses: A resident asked how the long-term care beds are going to be paid for. May replied that it will be a mix of Medicaid and other funding mechanisms. Another resident commented that Medicaid will not cover all the expenses.
3. CIP Plan: A representative from the State Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) noted that the master plan is not finished, and further planning is needed such as an assessment and a request for public comments. The DAGS representative commented that the project also requires appropriations from the Hawaii State Legislature.
4. Preliminary Environmental Impact Statement (EIS): Chair Radke asked if the DAGS representative will report at the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30 meeting after the preliminary EIS is finished. The DAGS representative noted that a copy of the report can be sent to the Board.
5. Safe Zone: San Nicolas asked if there are safe zones for patients and the community. May replied that the buildings are fenced around the perimeter of the buildings. May also replied that the hospital has good assessment tools, and that safety is a top priority. San Nicolas commented that the new master plan seems to be moving nearer the community, however May replied that the opposite is happening. Chair reiterated San Nicolas' question, and May responded that there will be no development outside of the existing footprint. The DAGS representative noted that high risked patients are located further away from the community.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Windward Community Resilience and Livability Fair: Sager announced that the Windward Community Resilience and Livability Fair received great assistance from the community. Sager also announced that Mayor Caldwell provided a proclamation to thank the Kaneohe Neighborhood No. 30 Safety Committee as well as other organizations for their efforts in making Kaneohe a safer place. Chair Radke read the proclamation.
- Blue Zones: Sager announced that volunteers are needed for the Blue Zones project, and that more information will be available on the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30's blog.

**The unheard items on the agenda were postponed to the next meeting.**

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Uyen Vong, Neighborhood Assistant I  
Reviewed by: Stephen Saito, Neighborhood Assistant I  
Reviewed by: Bill Sager, Secretary  
Approved and Finalized by: Mo Radke, Chair