



## KANEOHE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 30

c/o NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION • 530 SOUTH KING STREET, ROOM 406 • HONOLULU, HAWAII, 96813  
PHONE: (808) 768-3710 • FAX: (808) 768-3711 • INTERNET: www.honolulu.gov/nco

### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2015**

### **BENJAMIN PARKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Mo Radke called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. **Quorum was established with 11 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 (arrived at 7:04 p.m.), Donald Dawson, Nancy Davlantes, Warren B. Ditch Jr., John Flanigan, Marie Gavigan (arrived at 7:04 p.m.), Jonathan Hanks, Mo Radke, Bill Sager, Stuart Saito, Felipe San Nicolas, Dennis Sanada, Holly Sevier, and Lori Zakahi (arrived at 7:04 p.m.).

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT** – Gloria Carlile and Mahealani Cypher.

**GUESTS** – Captain Darrell Kong (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant John Vines (Honolulu Police Department); Director of the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) Lori Kahikina (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative); Rod Becker (Governor David Ige's Representative); Shannon Wood, Howard Kawakami, Doug White, Lek White, Ted Kanemori, Ben Baniaga, Kevin Ansdan, Robert Harter (Residents); and Neil Baarde (Neighborhood Commission Office).

### **FILLING OF A VACANCY**

- **There is One (1) Vacancy in Subdistrict 12** – Hearing no nominations or volunteers, Chair Radke deferred this item until the January 2016 meeting.

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

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** – Captain Darrell Kong reported the following:

- **November 2015 Fire Statistics** – There was 1 cooking fire, 9 activated alarms (no fires), 120 medical emergencies, 9 motor vehicle crashes/collisions, 1 ocean rescue, and hazardous materials incident.
- **Fire Safety Tip** – Dried Christmas trees, wreaths, and other natural decorations are extremely flammable. Remove such items from home, or consider recycling the tree at a participating green waste center. It is against the law for children under the age of 18 to possess or have access to fireworks. Leftover fireworks are potential fire hazards and can be great temptation for children to play with. For disposal of fireworks, call 911, and the Honolulu Police Department will dispatch a patrol officer to collect the unused fireworks.

Comments followed: **Christmas Trees** – Ted Kanemori asked if there is a certain type of Christmas tree that is more flammable than others. Captain Kong responded that he is unsure but everyone should keep their trees as fresh as possible.

**Collins, Gavigan, and Zakahi arrived at 7:04 p.m.; 14 members present.**

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

- **November 2015 Statistics** – There were 7 motor vehicle thefts, 23 burglaries, 46 thefts, and 13 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (JEMV).
- **Safety Tips** – HPD is asking the community for help this holiday season and asked the community to please report and illegal fireworks. Pictures or videos can be taken and used to help HPD. HPD asked the community to please have a safe and happy holidays.

Comments followed:

1. **UPS Using U-Hauls** – Davlantes asked if it is common for UPS to use a U-Haul to help deliver packages. Lieutenant Vines responded that it is not a common method used but it was probably because UPS needed more delivery trucks for the holiday season.
2. **Fighting on Kahuhipa Street** – Ditch Jr. asked what caused the fight on Kahuhipa Street last month. Lieutenant Vines noted he will follow up. Lieutenant Vines submitted Lieutenant Asings' responses. In the report, Lieutenant Asing noted that he has patrolled the area since and has learned that the fight was caused by a love triangle over

a girl. The victim did not want to prosecute so the case was closed as records. The injuries sustained in the fight were all minor.

3. Illegal Fireworks – Flanigan raised a concern about notifying HPD about illegal fireworks and asked if someone is repeatedly setting off the illegal fireworks, should the community call repeatedly as well. Lieutenant Vines responded that the community should call every day because they are still violating the law. If possible, please give the location and/or the name of the neighborhood or street.
4. Drug Dealer's Rotating Parks – Chair Radke asked about the drug dealers rotating parks follow up from November 2015. Lieutenant Vines responded that Kaneohe Beach Park has been getting many violations and many people have been cited. The people being cited were not specifically for drugs but other activities as well. HPD will stay on top of all the parks and will be using people from the plain clothes unit. Chair Radke asked if one (1) of the plain clothes unit members can come to the January 2016 meeting and talk to board. Lieutenant Vines will follow up.
5. Kaneohe Bay Drive – Lieutenant Vines noted that HPD has been making checks and patrolling Kaneohe Bay Drive more and noted that Kaneohe Bay Drive is generally not a heavy traffic area.
6. HPD Officers – Ben Baniaga raised a concern about the three (3) separate incidents where police officers were beat up and asked why they did not have back up. Lieutenant Vines will follow up. Baniaga commented that he would like to see each squad car with two (2) officers in them. Lieutenant Vines noted that the community will only see two (2) officers in a car during training because HPD presence is needed elsewhere.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) – No representative was present; No report was provided.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS – There were no resident or community concerns.

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Governor David Ige's Representative – Rod Becker reported the following:

- Apologies – Becker apologized for not being present, but noted that he will be attending the meeting for the next three (3) years and will follow up with all of the community's concerns.
- Board and Commissions Volunteers – The Governor's Office is looking for qualified volunteers to fill vacancies on boards, commissions, and committees statewide. For a complete list of vacancies as well as an online application, go to <http://boards.hawaii.gov/>. If there are any questions, please contact Ibarra at [Sharon.s.ibarra@hawaii.gov](mailto:Sharon.s.ibarra@hawaii.gov).

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Budget – Baniaga noted that the conditions of the roads are really bad and asked about the budget. The highway budget is tight but the proposals being made for improvements during the upcoming session will be addressed. Chair Radke asked where the funds will come from. Becker responded that he is unsure, but the proposals have not been finalized yet. Baniaga suggested Hawaii having a lottery for more funding of projects as well as take care of City and State employees.

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

- Shopping Carts Issue – The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) appreciates the constituent's comments and will relay the thanks to the DFM Stored Property Ordinance Team.
- Removal of Homeless from Zippy's – HPD Officers did not observe any homeless in the area and noted that the sidewalk is clear.
- Bus Stop at Kahinani Way and Saddle Road – The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) evaluated the request and determined that it is not feasible to establish a bus stop on Mokapu Saddle Road at Kahinani Way. The section of Mokapu Saddle Road between Kaneohe Bay Drive and Oneawa Street contains limited development and is traversed by Express Routes 85 and PH5 only on weekdays during the morning and afternoon peak periods. The requested bus stop would be serviced only on weekday afternoons by five (5) Express Route 85 trips and one (1) Express Route PH5 trip. The nearest bus stop to Kahinani Way is located approximately 1,200 feet away on Kaneohe Bay Drive at Mikiola Drive. In addition, Mokapu Saddle Road is under the jurisdiction of the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) and for all new bus stops, they require the City to provide all improvements necessary to meet current HDOT design criteria including ADA accessibility requirements. As such, it is not feasible to provide required improvements for a limited-use bus stop.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Pookela Street Sidewalk – Sager thanked the City for maintaining the sidewalk, the overhead brush, and the heavy grass on Pookela Street.
2. Homeless People by Zippy's – Ditch Jr. thanked HPD for checking by the Zippy's and commented that there is another homeless person on Kamehameha Highway by the Pizza Hut and noted that she has made a residence

out of the bus stop. She was last seen in a wheelchair and could need medical attention. Director Kahikina will follow up.

3. Repaving of Waikalua Road – Sanada asked when Waikalua Road will be repaved. Director Kahikina will follow up. Baniaga thanked the City and State for patching up some pot holes in November 2015 but commented that the City and State missed the other 200 on Waikalua Road mostly fronting Ben Parker Church.
4. Housing Qualifications – Kanemori raised a concern about 460 homeless people being put into housing and asked what qualifications and what treatments are done after the homeless are put into housing. Director Kahikina responded that the City contracts providers to help treat those in need and commented that she will follow up to see if other City departments have more information.
5. H-Power – A resident raised a concern about an article she read about H-Power in Civil Beat and asked if the City can provide information. Director Kahikina responded that when the auditor came to the City and County of Honolulu to audit the H-Power, there were some questionable expenditures - which prompted the resignation of the previous Director. H-Power is not a financial burden. Civil Beat did not get the whole story. The contract states that the City can always make construction fixes. The media does not have the full story but it is available.

Councilmember Ikaika Anderson – Councilmember Ikaika Anderson was not present; A report was provided.

Senator Jill Tokuda – Senator Tokuda was not present; No report was provided.

Representative Ken Ito – Representative Ito was not present; No report was provided.

Representative Jarrett Keohokalole – Representative Keohokalole arrived at 7:30. No report was provided. Representative Keohokalole passed out flyers to an event “Law Makers Listen” which will be held on Monday January 11, 2016 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at He’eia Elementary School Cafeteria. Representative Keohokalole invited the community to join him and leaders from the Hawaii State House of Representatives for a community update on the 2016 Legislative session and hear your feedback on the issues that matter most to you.

#### COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Windward Community College (WCC) – No representative was present; No report was provided.

Blue Zones Project Report – No representative was present; No report was provided.

#### BOARD BUSINESS

Adoption of November 17, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes – **Flanigan moved and Saito seconded that the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30 approve the November 17, 2015 regular meeting minutes. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 14-0-0. (AYE: Collins, Dawson, Davlantes, Ditch Jr., Flanigan, Gavigan, Hanks, Radke, Sager, Saito, San Nicolas, Sanada, Sevier, and Zakahi.)**

Adoption of the December 1, 2015 Agenda Planning Meeting Minutes – **San Nicolas moved and Flanigan seconded that the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30 approve the December 1, 2015 Agenda planning meeting minutes. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 14-0-0. (AYE: Collins, Dawson, Davlantes, Ditch Jr., Flanigan, Gavigan, Hanks, Radke, Sager, Saito, San Nicolas, Sanada, Sevier, and Zakahi.)**

Kaneohe Person of the Year Award – Chair Radke read the certificate and noted that the recipient of the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board’s Person of the Year Award goes to Patty Yamashiro-Hironaka. Yamashiro Hironaka thanked the Board and commented that it is quite an honor and was unexpected. Yamashiro-Hironaka noted that Kaneohe is in her blood, she grew up in Kaneohe and noted that Kaneohe will always be her home and her community.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Board Meeting – The next regular meeting of the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30 will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Benjamin Parker Elementary School Cafeteria.
- Next Agenda Planning Meeting – The next agenda planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Kaneohe Community and Senior Center. The agenda will be as follows:
  1. Call to Order
  2. Proposed Briefings
    - a.
  3. Community Concerns

- a.
- 4. Board Business
  - a. Committee discussions
- 5. Announcements
  - a.
- 6. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Submitted by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant II

Reviewed by: , Neighborhood Assistant

Approved and Finalized by: Mo Radke, Chair