



KANEOHE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 30

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016

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 13 members present.** Note: This 17-member Board requires nine (9) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT – Gloria Carlile, Deborah Collins, Mahealani Cypher (arrived at 7:23 p.m.), Donald Dawson, Warren B. Ditch Jr., John Flanigan, Marie Gavigan, Jonathan Hanks, Mo Radke, Bill Sager, Felipe San Nicolas, Dennis Sanada (arrived at 7:02 p.m.), and Holly Sevier.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT – Nancy Davlantes, Stuart Saito, and Lori Zakahi.

GUESTS – Captain Hank Kaiwi (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant John Asing (Honolulu Police Department); Richard Haru (Representative Ken Ito); Roderick Becker (State of Hawaii); Mike McCartney (Governor David Ige's Office); Liz Feeny (Marine Corps Base Hawaii); Doug Dykstra, Rosemary Rollins, and Floyd McCoy (Windward Community College); James Currio, Joshua Villegas, Sarah Hanes, and Joy Arruda (Hawaii Pacific University); Isaac Moriwate (Earth Justice); Amy Perruso and Michael Nowica (Hawaii State Teachers Association); Bill May (Hawaii State Hospital); Matt Gilbertson (MGA Design); Charlene Hoe (HLC); Cynthia Okazaki (Blue Zone/PACT-KIFC); Mark Fridovich and Cynthia Chow (Kaneohe Library); Mariah Grims (Mental Health of America Hawaii); Terry Silva (State of Hawaii); Stacy Evensen (Marsy's Law); Howard Kawakami, Ted Kanemori, Pat and Bill Dixon, Angela Texeira, Robert Harter, KC Connors, Rhonda May, and Ben Baniaga (Residents); and Sam Wolff (Neighborhood Commission Office).

BOARD VACANCY: There was one (1) vacancy in Subdistrict 12 – Hearing no nominations or volunteers, Chair Radke deferred this item until the March 2016 meeting.

CITY/STATE MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Hank Kaiwi reported the following:

- **January 2016 Fire Statistics:** There was 1 nuisance fire, 9 activated alarms (no fires), 140 medical emergencies, 8 motor vehicle crashes/collisions, 3 motor vehicle crashes/collisions with a pedestrian, 0 ocean rescues, 1 mountain rescue, and 4 hazardous materials incidents.
- **Fire Safety Tip:** When planning a hike, inform others of the plans. Relay information on the name and location of the trail and the expected return time. Plan the hike to include sufficient daylight. Be sure to take a fully charged cell phone. If the phone has the capability, the HFD can use the phone's global positioning system (GPS) to obtain the general location. When hiking, stay on the trail. Most accidents happen when hikers leave the established trail and disregard warning signs. Staying on the trail greatly reduces the chance of having a serious fall or getting lost. For more information go to <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation/>.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: **Illegal Fireworks Statistics:** Kanemori asked and Captain Kaiwi answered that he will make a note but cannot say for sure whether the fireworks incidents are illegal.

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

- **January 2016 Statistics** – There were 15 motor vehicle thefts, 15 burglaries, 33 thefts, and 27 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV).
- **Safety Tips** – HPD is asking the community to please lock their car doors.
- **Fireworks Statistics** – There were 30 citations and 20 pounds of fireworks confiscated.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: **Kaneohe Beach Park:** Texeira commented that she believes people are living in the bathrooms at Kaneohe Beach Park and reports violence and drug use. Lieutenant Asing answered that the police are frequently at the park to check up and urged Texeira to please call the police when witnessing illegal activity.

Chair Radke asked if people can camp there at night and Texeira responded that people are allowed to have a permit during the day. Texeira further recommended that bathrooms be locked at night.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) – Liz Feeney reported the following:

- Swamp Romp: There were over 500 participants to help remove and invasive pickle weed.
- Increase in Air Craft: There will be an increase in F-18s and F-22s flying in the Kaneohe area as part of a training exercise.
- Adventure Race: Registration ends on March 15, 2016 for the event at Bellows Air Force Base.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Schools Our Keiki Deserve: Amy Perusso, treasurer of Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA), would like to be put on next month's agenda to present on HSTA's bill to improve the school system. Chair Radke requested that Amy attend the next agenda planning meeting.

U-Turn on Kamehameha Highway: Baniaga commented that there is a back-up of traffic when more than one car is attempting to make a U-turn by Windward City Shopping Center. Baniaga suggested taking 12 feet of the median to create a 100 foot long turn lane allowing moving the crosswalk further towards the Pali Highway.

Parents and Children Together (PACT): Okazaki distributed a newsletter and invited parents to Preparing your Child for Kindergarten on Thursday, February 25, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Benjamin Park Elementary School Cafeteria.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Governor David Ige's Representative – Rod Becker, Budget and Finance, reported the following:

- Enrollment for Preschool Open Doors: Enrollment began on Monday, February 1, 2016 and will be held until Thursday, March 31, 2016.
- Highway Fund: Department of Transportation (HDOT) submitted three (3) proposals: increase the fuel tax by three (3) cents a gallon, increase the motor vehicle weight tax one (1) cent a pound, and increase the vehicle registration fee by 15 dollars.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Hawaii State Hospital: Sanada stated that he saw an article about Governor David Ige releasing \$650 million for renovations. Sanada asked and Becker responded that the figure seemed very high and that the question will be addressed later during the presentation. Baniaga suggested that Hawaii State Hospital be relocated to a different part of the island such as Makua Valley or Mokuleia.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – No representative was present, no report was provided

Councilmember Ikaika Anderson – No representative was present, no report was distributed.

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

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

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Cypher arrived at 7:23 p.m. **13 members present.**

Windward Community College (WCC) – Chancellor Doug Dykstra reported the following:

- Book Signing and Discussion: On Sunday, February 21, 2016, the Hawaii Council for the Humanities and Windward Community College will be holding a book signing and discussion. The book is a pictorial chronicle done by Kapiolani Community College's (KCC) and WCC's photography professors. The book signing will occur at 1:00 p.m. and at 2:00 p.m. there will be a chant.
- Student Production: On Friday, March 11 2016 through Sunday, March 20, 2016, a tragic comedy in absurdist style will be performed at Paleku Theater. The play is recommended for ages 18 and over.
- Sixth Annual Paleku Arts Festival: On Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The public is invited to the Sixth Annual Paleku Arts Festival.

Blue Zones Project – Cynthia Ozakai reported the following:

- Organization Overview: Blue Zones Project is a community initiative aimed at making healthy choices easier. Blue Zones works with grocery stores, faith based organizations, Leahi Health in Kailua, Castle Medical Center, and Big City Diner. 10 schools are registered to become Blue Zone approved and Ko'olaupoko is a Blue Zone community.
- Upcoming Events: Blue Zones is holding a purpose workshop on Saturday, February 20, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Sweet Annie's of Waimanalo. A cooking demonstration will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. For a complete list of events, visit <https://hawaii.bluezonesproject.com/>.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS (PART 2)

Senator Jill Tokuda – Senator Tokuda reported the following: Capitol Update: Bills are heading to their final committee before crossover. Senator Tokuda was available for questions and none were asked.

BOARD BUSINESS

NextEra Takeover – Isaac Moriwake of Earth Justice reported the following:

- Opposition to NextEra Takeover: The takeover of NextEra has been opposed by Governor David Ige, various legislators, consumer advocates, state agencies, county governments, clean energy organizations, and over 50% of people surveyed.
- Reasons for Opposition: NextEra fights aggressively against customers on energy efficiency and rooftop solar. The company is heavily involved in natural gas. Residents of Hawaii will lose control of their utility and become one of many other subsidiaries. It is unlikely that NextEra will decrease rates.
- Alternative Options: Counties in Hawaii are actively working to set up public or municipal utilities.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Best Option for Oahu: Chair Radke asked and Moriwake responded that Kauai provided testimony on how Oahu's electric utility can become a co-operative. If Oahu's utility became a co-operative, it would be the largest in the U.S. Moriwake further added that Sacramento has the most progressive utility and is a model that Oahu can follow.

Hawaii State Hospital – Bill May, Administrator with Hawaii State Hospital, reported the following:

- Background: Hawaii is in a crisis because of a shortage of public psychiatric beds. The Hawaii State Hospital is currently housing 218 patients, however, the hospital was configured to only hold 170 patients. In addition to the 218 patients, there are 42 patients being housed in Ewa Beach and projections indicate admissions will continue to increase.
- Construction Plans: The beginning phase of the master plan involved the demolition of the Goddard Building and the construction of a 144 bed forensic facility. The cost for this is \$160.5 million and the request is going through the legislative process now. The Goddard Building will be demolished on Monday, February 29, 2016. The design of the new building is going to be safe, smart, secure, and therapeutic. The construction timeline is approximately four (4) years.
- Demolition of Bishop Hall: Avalon Health intends to demolish the Bishop Building and construct a 150 bed long term care facility. There are patients at the hospital currently who do not need a secure psychiatric setting but instead need to be in a nursing home.
- Benefits from Project: The hospital will get immediate relief from the overcrowding, the patients that move to this facility will get the level of care they need, the community will get 100 nursing beds and all the jobs that come with that size of facility, and WCC will have a facility for the its certified nursing assistance program.
- Land Exchange: May stated that if a land exchange had to be done, it would set the project back five (5) or six (6) years.

Windward Community College – Doug Dykstra, Chancellor of WCC, reported the following:

- Loading Dock: Dykstra commented that the location of the loading dock causes trucks to travel through the WCC campus.
- History of Land Exchange Attempts: In 2010, Hakepue School was evicted from Bishop Hall and a groundbreaking was held. After nine months (9), nothing had occurred and WCC had a meeting with the Department of Health (DOH) regarding a land exchange but was denied. In 2013, WCC met with the DOH but nothing was accomplished. Representative Ito passed a resolution urging the DOH and WCC to meet with Avalon Health to discuss a land exchange and at this time Sherwood Forest was offered. In October 2015, Dykstra went to the State Historic Preservation Division to see if anything had been filed with respect to Bishop Hal. Nothing was filed.
- Benefits of Sherwood Forest Land Exchange: The forest is not a historically protected area, Hakepue School could return to Bishop Hall, the building constructed on the forest would have vehicular access that does not interfere with WCC, and the historically protected view plain would.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Safety Precautions: Cypher asked and May replied that safety precautions will be a key feature in the design of the building. There will be a fence, a wall, and lots of technological components to increase the security of the facility. Cypher further asked for a guarantee that only nursing home patients will be housed at the facility.
2. Ball Field Adjacent to Sherwood Forest: Cypher asked and May responded that doing the land swap is not feasible this far into the process.
3. Long Term Patients: Collins asked and May responded that there are 15 to 20 patients that could move to the new facility, but over time the number will increase.
4. Money to Demolish Buildings: Sanada asked and May responded that the \$160.5 million will be used for the demolition of the Goddard building and the construction of the new 144 bed facility.
5. Bishop Hall: Sanada asked and May responded that Bishop Hall is on the state hospital land. Gilbertson further added that after all the preliminary work is done, the building can be demolished in 2016.
6. Traffic to Facility: Gilbertson commented that the traffic to this facility is much less than one of a similar size.
7. Land Exchange: Gavigan asked and May responded that the prominent reason for opposing the land exchange is timing.
8. Avalon Facility in Proximity to State Hospital: Cypher asked and May responded that the Hawaii State Hospital staff can provide consultative assistance to the staff at the new facility.
9. Avalon Benefits: Cypher asked and May responded that Avalon will benefit through the operation of 150 nursing home beds and through the billing of services.
10. Hawaii State Hospital Mission: Collins stated that Hawaii State Hospital's mission is to provide services of patients with mental illnesses, not those in need of nursing home services.
11. Timeliness of Project: Ditch expressed his frustration with the lack of action from the DOH regarding the land swap and that now the project is being rushed. May clarified that there were many things occurring to prepare for the project and now they are ready to move forward.
12. Two Presentations in One: Chair Radke stated that part of the confusion regarding this discussion is the combination of two projects into one presentation. Chair Radke further noted that the board takes no issue with the demolition and construction of a new facility where the Goddard Building currently is and reiterated that the board is frustrated by the complexity and lack of clarity as to why the land swap was not a viable alternative to the demolition of Bishop Hall.
13. Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Study (EIS): Chair Radke asked and Gilbertson responded that there will be an EA. Chair Radke further asked and Gilbertson responded that the EA will be privately funded.
14. View Plain: Chair Radke asked and Gilbertson responded that the impact to the view plain will be considered in the EA.
15. State Involvement: San Nicolas asked and May responded that the state is providing land for Avalon to construct the facility.
16. Avalon as Viable Partner: Sevier asked and May responded that the six (6) year delay in the project is not a reflection of Avalon, but due to the state.

Support for Resolution: Related to the Preferred Location of Hawaii State Hospital Long Term Facility: The Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30 requests DOH seriously consider the impact of the planned construction of a long term care facility in the Great Lawn and on the beauty of the WCC campus and that DOH enter into negotiations with the University of Hawaii (UH) to initiate a land exchange which will place the long term care facility at the entrance to WCC in the area presently called Sherwood Forest.

Sager moved and Hanks seconded to support the Resolution Related to the Preferred Location of Hawaii State Hospital Long Term Facility.

Discussion Followed:

1. Land Exchange: Sager commented that legislation has been introduced by Senator Tokuda to enable Governor David Ige to expedite the land exchange. Since the land exchange is between two (2) state agencies it can be done with the signature of Governor David Ige through Executive Order.
2. Legislation Relating to Hawaii State Hospital: Hanks stated that two (2) bills are moving through the legislature in regards to Hawaii State Hospital, Senate Bill (SB) 2539 and SB 2540. SB 2539 establishes a temporary special action team for Hawaii State Hospital to assist and advise DOH to address the capacity and consensus of issues and expedite the development of a new forensic facility ready for occupancy by Sunday, June 30, 2019. SB 2540 authorizes Governor David Ige to negotiate with any person for the development or expansion of a forensic facility of DOH and enter into a contract without necessity of compliance with the procurement code. No bill like this has ever been passed in the history of Hawaii.

3. Bills do not apply to Bishop Hall: Chair Radke asked for clarification on whether SB 2539 and SB 2540 relates to Bishop Hall and the consensus from the board was that they do not relate to Bishop Hall.
4. Plans for Visitor and Education Center: Collins stated that in 2005 the most recent plan included an education and visitor center at both the Goddard and Bishop buildings but in the most recent plan that is not included. Collins feels that it should be included.
5. Relocation of Facility: Cypher noted that there is a need for additional beds but urges that the State look at relocating the facility.
6. Bills Regarding the Goddard Building: Cypher stated that she is concerned about giving Governor David Ige the power to exempt the project from the environmental regulations because it sets a precedent that can be referred to in the future.
7. Need for More Mental Health Facilities: Hanes and Arruda stated that a facility such as the ones proposed will benefit the community greatly as there are many mentally ill patients who need long term care. As time goes on, the number of those patients will continue to grow and Hawaii needs the facility soon. Grims also commented that there is an increasing need for this facility and if it is not constructed, people with mental health problems will have no place to go.
8. Land Exchange Issues: Silva commented that where the land exchange is being proposed there is already a lot of traffic in that area and by adding another facility the traffic and parking strains will be increased. Silva further noted that long term patients go to sleep early and by having a field near it will cause disturbances to the patients.
9. Great Lawn Interference: McCoy stated that the Great Lawn should not be interfered by placing a long term care facility on the property when it is not necessary.
10. Working Together: McCartney stated that he would like to see the community work together on a solution and that Governor David Ige's office is committed to developing a quality solution. The comments and concerns will not go unheard.
11. Decision Being Made Tonight: Kanemori stated that many great points have been made and if he was on the board he would want some additional time to think about the issue.

Flanigan moved and Cypher seconded to support closing the discussion.

Flanigan moved and Sevier seconded to call for the question.

The resolution was ADOPTED, 9-2-2 (AYE: Carlile, Collins, Cypher, Ditch Jr., Flanigan, Gavigan, Hanks, Sager, and Sevier; NAY: Radke and Sanada; ABSTENTION: Dawson and San Nicolas) A copy of the Resolution is attached.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Sam Wolff, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Rise Doi, Neighborhood Assistant

Approved and Finalized by: Mo Radke, Chair

RESOLUTION RELATED TO THE PREFERRED LOCATION OF HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL LONG TERM CARE FACILITY

WHEREAS, the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board finds there is a critical need for long-term care facilities both in the Kaneohe community and at the Hawaii State Hospital (HSH); and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Hospital Master Plan includes the construction of a long term care facility across the section of the Great Lawn controlled by the Hawaii State Hospital; and

WHEREAS, any building on State property more than 50 years old is eligible for a historical review before it can be destroyed; and

WHEREAS, any changes to the Bishop Building requires the HSH to submit historical documentation to the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) prior to making any changes in the architectural features of the building; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lawn is considered an important architectural feature of Windward Community College; and

WHEREAS, any changes to the Great Lawn also requires a historical review by the SHPD, and

WHEREAS, the HSH has not submitted the necessary historical documentation to the SHPD as of 1/20/16; and

WHEREAS, construction of a two story long term care facility across the Great Lawn will block the view of the Pali and forever change the architectural character of the Great Lawn and of Windward Community College; and

WHEREAS, Windward Community College is offering a land exchange which would preserve the Great Lawn and the Bishop Building and will provide for logical expansion of the WCC campus; and

WHEREAS, the DOH has never seriously considered the possibility of a land exchange with WCC; now therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board requests the Department of Health to seriously consider the impact of the planned construction of a long term care facility on the Great Lawn and on the beauty of the Windward Community College; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board recommends the DOH enter into negotiations with UH to initiate a land exchange which will place the long term care facility at the entrance to Windward Community College in the area presently called Sherwood Forest; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to our local state legislators and to Governor Ige.

Adopted by Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No.30 at its regular meeting of February 18, 2016, by a vote of 9-2-2

Mo Radke, Chair