



## KANEOHE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 30

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016 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 11 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, Donald Dawson, Nancy Davlantes, Warren B. Ditch Jr., Marie Gavigan, Felipe San Nicolas, Jon Hanks, Mo Radke, Bill Sager, Holly Sevier, and Lori Zakahi (arrived at 7:24 p.m.).

**Board Members Absent:** Mahealani Cypher and Stuart Saito.

**Guests:** Lieutenant John Asing (Honolulu Police Department); Captain Paul Bass (Honolulu Fire Department); Tiffany Patrick (Marine Corps Base Hawaii); Lori Kahikina Director of Environmental Sciences (City and County of Honolulu); Roderick Becker (State of Hawaii Governor David Ige's Representative); Richard Haru (Representative Ken Ito); Councilmember Ikaika Anderson and Francisco Figueiedo (Councilmember Ikaika Anderson's Representative); Brigitte Mukai, Quinton Jennell, Crystal Lee, Claren Afong (Hawaii Pacific University); Doug Dykstra (Windward Community College); Lynn Fallin and Mark Fridovich (Department of Health); Mary Camille Salvador and Lisa Lepere (University of Hawaii Nursing); Carol Lee, Glenn Uyeshiro, Ben Baniaga, KC Connors, Mathew May, Jasmine Barber, Kathleen Merriam, Robert Harter, Bonnie Beatson, and Ron Barber (Residents); Liane Briggs (Kaneohe Community Gardens); and James Skizewski (Neighborhood Commission Office).

**FILLING OF VACANCIES ON BOARD:** There are two (2) vacancies in Sub-districts 8 and 12. There were no nominations or volunteers.

### CITY/STATE MONTHLY REPORTS

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD):** Captain (Cpt.) David Kubo reported the following:

- **August 2016 Fire Statistics:** There was 1 brush fire and 9 activated alarms (no fire). There were 99 medical responses, 6 motor vehicle crash/collisions, 1 mountain rescue, 1 ocean rescue, and 1 hazardous materials incident.
- **Unusual Incident:** Cpt. Kubo reported that at the scene of a rollover accident a citizen pulled a victim out of the rolled over car exposing himself to the victim's blood and cutting himself in the process. He has been inquiring if he needs to get tested for any blood-borne diseases. The Fire and Emergency Medical Services are not allowed to divulge any personal information. Good Samaritans should evaluate whether the risk to themselves outweighs the aid to another person and decide accordingly.
- **Dryer Safety Tip:** The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is the failure to properly maintain them. Follow these simple safety tips to prevent clothes and dryer fires in homes:
  - Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
  - Clean the lint filter before and after each cycle.
  - Clean the back of the dryer where lint can build up.
  - Check the venting system behind the dryer to ensure it is not damaged or restricted.
  - Ensure the outdoor vent covering is open while the dryer is operating.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. **Glove Training:** Sager emphasized the importance of the use of gloves and Cpt. Kubo agreed that especially in the instance of a rolled vehicle gloves are important to protect from glass.
2. **Hazardous Materials:** A resident asked and Cpt. Kubo responded that he will try to get more details pertaining to the hazardous materials incident.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD) District 4:** Lieutenant (Lt.) John Asing circulated a handout and reported the following:

- **August 2016 Statistics:** There were 13 motor vehicle thefts, 8 burglaries, 47 thefts, and 16 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (JEMV).

- Pua Alowalo Street: Lt. Asing noted that Pua Alowalo Street has been monitored and tickets have been given for speeding.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Pua Alowalo Street: Collins asked and Lt. Asing responded that four (4) tickets were given in the Pua Alowalo Street area. Lt. Asing added that the area is still being monitored.
2. Drug Busts: Resident Baniaga asked and Lt. Asing responded that he does not know how many drug busts occurred in July 2016. Baniaga raised concerns about drug activity in the Bayview Sewer Treatment Center area.
3. H-3 Tunnel Accident: Gavigan asked and Lt. Asing responded that he will try to get information regarding the car that was on fire in the H-3 tunnel area last month.
4. Homeless: Resident Connors thanked Officer Raymond Craig for his efforts helping with the homeless.

Kaneohe Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH): No representative present, no report provided.

### ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Governor David Ige's Representative: Roderick Becker Deputy Director of the Department of Finance circulated Governor Ige's newsletter Capital Connection and reported the following:

- Like Like Highway: Becker reported that the Department of Transportation (DOT) sent crews to make repairs to Like Like Highway and work orders have been put in for additional repairs along the area.
- Bonds: The State of Hawaii will be issuing bonds during the week of Monday, September 26, 2016, for those who would like to purchase bonds please contact the Department of Finance. Becker added that the State of Hawaii's bond rating was evaluated by Standard and Poor's (S&P), Moody's, and Fitch. Two (2) of the three (3) agencies upgraded the state's bond rating.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Bonds: Chair Radke asked and Becker responded that the funds generated from the bond issuance will be used for capital improvement projects.
2. Windward Mall: Collins asked and Becker responded that he will look into the validity of changing the entrance into Windward Mall to an exit allowing for easier access to the major roadway.
3. Kamehameha Highway: Resident Baniaga urged Governor Ige to fix Kamehameha Highway before another major storm hits.
4. Pua Alowalo Street: Resident Lee urged Governor Ige to consider changing the speed limit on Pua Alowalo Street.
5. Homeless Alliance: Resident Connors thanked Governor Ige for sending a representative to the Homeless Alliance meeting. Connors requested information regarding a homeless outreach and veteran's outreach coordinator. Chair Radke noted he sits on a Homeless Veterans Council.

**Lori Zakahi arrived at 7:24 p.m., 12 members present.**

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Lori Kahikina Director of Environmental Sciences (ENV) circulated Mayor Caldwell's City News and reported the following:

- Follow Up on Last Months Concerns:
  - Kaneohe Community Gardens: The Honolulu Botanical Gardens (HBG) reported that Kaneohe Community Garden is fenced on three (3) sides; HBG does not currently have the resources to install additional fencing or to catch stray animals such as dogs and/or cats. Garden members have been instructed to report any sightings of stray animals within the garden to the police department.
  - Park and Ride: The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) is aware there is interest among Windward residents in having a park-and-ride facility in Kaneohe. DTS is examining various options to realign the way bus service is currently provided in Kaneohe by Routes 55, 56, 65 and 77, including consideration of ways to provide park-and-ride accommodations at locations convenient for transit riders who will be using the realigned service. Proposed options will be presented to the Neighborhood Board/community/public early next year.
  - Homelessness: The Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Operating budget includes \$5.4 million to pay for rent and support services for homeless individuals, island-wide. An additional Grants in Aid award of \$41,073 was awarded to the Institute of Human Services to provide employment-focused homeless outreach complementing housing in Council District III. There is no specific CIP funding for the homeless in Kaneohe.

- o Pua Alowalo Street: DTS will be conducting an investigation, which may require research, site observations, and an analysis of the traffic history. DTS will apprise the board of the results of their findings by the end of the year.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Crosswalk Button: Sevier stated that the crosswalk button near the intersection of Pookela Street and Keaahala Road at the skate park is broken. Chair Radke urged the community to use the City and County of Honolulu 3-1-1 application that allows reporting of City and County of Honolulu issues.
2. Illegal Transient Rentals: Resident Connors expressed the need for additional monies to fund illegal transient rentals investigating. Kahikina responded that the investigation of illegal rentals is only a small portion of the investigators duties and money for the investigating of illegal transient rentals is still present.
3. Waikalua Road: Resident Baniaga requested the paving schedule for Waikalua Road and Kahikina responded that the prioritized schedule of road paving can be found online. Kahikina added that she could show Baniaga where to find the paving schedule.

Senator Jill Tokuda: No representative present, no report provided.

Councilmember Ikaika Anderson: Councilmember Ikaika Anderson circulated a handout and reported the following:

- Namoku Street: Councilmember Anderson thanked Mayor Kirk Caldwell for working in conjunction with his office to get the paving of Namoku Street started. Councilmember Anderson noted that the repaving work is ongoing.
- Waikalua Road: Councilmember Anderson stated that the funding for the repaving of Waikalua Road has been provided and the project is only awaiting a start date to be determined.
- Real Property Tax Deadlines: Councilmember Anderson noted that the deadline for the low income tax credit and the homeowner's exemption is Friday, September 30, 2016. Councilmember Anderson urged the public to file for their Real Property Tax Homeowner Exemptions as it will reduce the rate at which property is taxed. For more information please call Councilmember Anderson's office at (808) 768-5003.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Tax Exemptions: Gavigan asked and Councilmember Anderson responded that the best way to find out if one qualifies for the tax exemptions would be to call his office.
2. Wong Residence: Collins asked and Councilmember Anderson responded that the Department of Permitting and Planning continues to work with the community regarding the violations pertaining to the Wong residence. Councilmember Anderson added that he has suggested a foreclosure of the property until Mr. Wong shows that he recognizes the violations and works with the City and County of Honolulu to address the fines and issues regarding the property.
3. Homelessness: Resident Connors asked about the lack of funds to address homelessness in Kaneohe and Councilmember Anderson are responded that his office is looking at the portfolio of city-owned properties in East Honolulu to find a property that could be used for the Housing First Initiative. Councilmember Anderson added that the problem with the Housing First Initiative is that communities often don't want homeless shelters in their area. Councilmember Anderson stated that a site hasn't been found of yet. Councilmember Anderson noted that the City Council appropriates funds but it is up to the administration to administer them accordingly. Councilmember Anderson asked the public if they are open to a Housing First Initiative in this community and Chair Radke responded that the board is open to a presentation regarding the Housing First Initiative and its potential sites in Kaneohe. Councilmember Anderson stated that at first he was against the Housing First Initiative but the alternative of having the homeless on the streets in the public is a worse option. Councilmember Anderson noted that Jun Yang has done his research regarding the Housing First Initiative and added it is the best option.
4. Map: Collins asked and Councilmember Anderson responded that he could provide a map of all city owned properties in the area.
5. Housing First: Gavigan noted that the Housing First Initiative has worked in cities such as New York City. Gavigan asked and Councilmember Anderson responded that Jun Yang is the coordinator on homelessness for the City and County of Honolulu while Peter Borges is the Housing coordinator for the City Council. Gavigan asked and Councilmember Anderson responded that Jun Yang does work with private and public services to address homelessness. Councilmember Anderson concluded that success has been found in regards to addressing homelessness as shown through the works done in the Sand Island area.
6. Census: Resident Baniaga asked and Councilmember Anderson responded that there is no census regarding the homeless in the City and County of Honolulu. Resident Connors noted that she was the only volunteer for the homeless count done for the surrounding area and her best guess to the amount of homeless population in the Kaneohe community is 300.

7. Film Office Assistant: Resident Connors expressed the need for an assistant for Walea Constantinau and asked what committed her issue should be brought before. Councilmember Anderson responded that the City Council Committees were restructured in July 2016 by City Council Chair Martin and that the request should be brought before the Budget Committee who is chaired by Councilmember Ann Kobayashi.

Representative Ken Ito: No representative present, no report was circulated.

Representative Jarrett Keohokalole: No representative present, no report was circulated.

### COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Windward Community College (WCC): Lonnie Breatson reported the following:

- 1776: Breatson announced that the musical 1776 at Paliku Theater has been extended until Sunday, September 25, 2016.
- Windward Ho'olaule'a: Breatson announced that on Saturday, October 1, 2016, a Ho'olaule'a Event will be held at WCC and will feature entertainment by Brother Nolan, Weldon Kekauoha, and Mapuana De Silva's Halau Hula. Breatson added that this event will coincide with Blue Zones' first anniversary.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Ho'olaule'a: Sager announced that the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board will have tables at the Ho'olaule'a event and entities such as Red Cross, and the Department of Emergency Management will be in attendance. Sager requested volunteers to help him with the table set up and occupation during the event.

Hawaii Pacific University (HPU): No representative present, no report was circulated.

Blue Zones Project: No representative present, no report was circulated.

### BOARD BUSINESS

State Hospital Master Plan Update: Kira Downing of the State Hospital reported the following:

- Master Plan Update: Downing introduced Brian Isa from the Department of Accounting and General Services and Mark Fridovich of the Department of Health. Downing stated that the hospital was initially built in 1932 and is owned and operated by the Department of Health. This is the only hospital in the state that admits and discharged patients by judicial order which has led to issues of overcrowding. Downing continued that the Hawaii State Hospital Plan was created in 2005 and updated in 2015 to address increasing patient population by specifically designing care for high risk patients as well as improve safety for patients, staff and the public. The master plan update will maximize operational efficiency to ensure the ongoing viability of the hospitals operations. The updated plan contains 15 zoning plans that will increase the amount of beds throughout the facility. Downing added that the State Hospital is working toward the entitlement process and developing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which will be completed later this year. The first phase of this project is a new patient facility that will take the place of the Goddard building which is currently being demolished. The new facility will provide 144 additional beds as well as enhance hospital staff safety. The 2016 legislature appropriated \$160 million dollars for the planning design and construction of the new facility. The coming facility will have four (4) floors and be totally self-contained with proper security fencing and lighting. Additionally, the central nursing stations will be designed with clear view lines to allow for easy access to the facility and patients. Five (5) existing patient care building will remain in operation. Upon completion of the new patient facility the Hawaii Sate Hospital will evaluate its resources and needs in order to determine its plan for the Guensberg Building. A skilled nursing facility will be constructed as a separate project at the existing Bishop Building site, and its environmental impacts will be evaluated and addressed in a separate EIS which will be brought before the board. Maintenance shop and plant operations will be relocated from shared Windward Community College property. Site entrance, gateway, and parking improvements will be made. The EIS draft pertaining to this new facility project will be presented on Thursday, October 6, 2016, the public will have 60 days to provide comments. The final EIS of the Goddard Building Project will hopefully be finished in early 2017 targeting a mid-2020 completion date. For any questions email Brian Isa at [brian.s.isa@hawaii.gov](mailto:brian.s.isa@hawaii.gov).

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Sally Ports: Sevier asked and Fridovich responded that the prior facilities sally ports were retrofitted which led to complications. Isa added that the new facilities designs will be improved.
2. Traffic: Resident Baniaga asked and Isa responded that traffic has been taken into account in the EIS. WCC Chancellor Dykstra noted that he believes the initial EIS covered the Goddard Project and the Avalon Bishop

Building Project. Chancellor Dykstra noted he won't feel comfortable unless both project put forth separate EIS. Brian Isa noted that the Avalon facility will have a separate EIS. Isa noted he has no details pertaining to the Bishop Building EIS as they are still in the development stage. Chancellor Dykstra noted the need for the renewal of a certificate of need for the Avalon Facility and Isa responded that he cannot speak to the Avalon project details.

Victims' Rights: Sager stated that he desired the board to take a position on victims' rights and circulated the resolution which is in support of victims' rights.

**Sager moved and Ditch seconded a motion to support victims' rights legislation.** Chair Radke called for a vote. The No. 30 Kaneohe Neighborhood Board has approved a resolution in support of victims' rights, **10-0-2 (AYE: Carlile, Collins, Dawson, Davlantes, Ditch Jr., San Nicolas, Hanks, Radke, Sager, and Zakahi; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: Sevier and Gavigan).**

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**APPROVAL OF THE August 18, 2016, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – San Nicolas moved and Sevier seconded the July 21, 2016 regular meeting minutes be APPROVED as written, 12-0-0 (Aye: Carlile, Collins, Dawson, Davlantes, Ditch Jr., San Nicolas, Hanks, Radke, Sager, Zakahi, Sevier and Gavigan Nay: None; Abstain: None).**

**APPROVAL OF THE September 6, 2016, Agenda Planning MINUTES – Hanks moved and Sevier seconded that the August 2, 2016 regular meeting minutes be APPROVED as written, 12-0-0 (Aye: Carlile, Collins, Dawson, Davlantes, Ditch Jr., San Nicolas, Hanks, Radke, Sager, Zakahi, Sevier and Gavigan Nay: None; Abstain: None).**

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Hearing no objections,** Chair Radke added "State Legislative Monitoring Committee" to the agenda under subsection "Committee Reports".

City and County Ordinance: Davlantes reported that she has spoken with the charter commission who is working on a brochure outlining the proposed charter amendments that will be sent to all households. However, testimony regarding each proposal could not be found. Davlantes added that she is working with the charter commission to figure out how to find the corresponding proposed charter amendment testimony.

**Sager moved and Ditch Jr. seconded a motion to add decision making to the agenda regarding the resolution to urge the Neighborhood Commission Office to emphasize to the City and County of Honolulu Charter Commission the necessity and importance of providing sufficient information to Oahu voters on the proposed chart amendments before they vote. The motion was passed, 12-0-0 (Aye: Carlile, Collins, Dawson, Davlantes, Ditch Jr., San Nicolas, Hanks, Radke, Sager, Zakahi, Sevier and Gavigan Nay: None; Abstain: None).**

**Sager moved and Ditch Jr. seconded a motion to support a resolution to urge the Neighborhood Commission Office to emphasize to the City and County of Honolulu Charter Commission the necessity and importance of providing sufficient information to Oahu voters on the proposed chart amendments before they vote. The motion was passed, 12-0-0 (Aye: Carlile, Collins, Dawson, Davlantes, Ditch Jr., San Nicolas, Hanks, Radke, Sager, Zakahi, Sevier and Gavigan Nay: None; Abstain: None).**

Emergency Management Committee: Sager announced on Monday, September 26, 2016, a hazardous awareness and response program will be held at Kaneohe District Park beginning at 6:30 p.m. Sager also announced he will be proposing a resolution next month regarding mosquito control and the impacts of mosquitos in relation to the Zika virus and Dengue Fever.

Treasurers Report: San Nicolas reported that \$32.88 in August 2016 and the remaining balance is \$311.42.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Radke thanked Skizewski and San Nicolas for their efforts in producing the board banners which will be set up along the fence on the perimeter of the school on meeting days. Chair Radke also thanked Dixon and Collins for updating the boards Facebook page that keeps the community involved.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Submitted by: James Skizewski, Neighborhood Assistant I  
Reviewed by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant Supervisor  
Reviewed by: Jon Hanks, Board Secretary  
Approved and Finalized by: Mo Radke, Chair