



KAILUA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 31

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015 KAILUA RECREATION CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Chuck Prentiss called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with a **quorum of 16 members present**. Note: This 19-member Board requires 10 members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Larry Bartley, Jon Chinen (arrived at 7:04 p.m.), Matt Darnell, Douglas Dudevoir, Michael Espenan, Tim Freeman, Vernon Hinsvark, Malina Kaulukukui, Levani Lipton, Tony Locricchio, Teresa Parsons, Chuck Prentiss, Claudine Tomasa, Ronald Weinberg, Gary Weller, Donna Wong, and Jeff Zuckernick (departed at 9:00 p.m.).

Board Members Absent: Bill Hicks.

Guests: Lieutenant John Vines (Honolulu Police Department); Captain Mark Kuwaye and Firefighter I Chad Kaulukukui (Honolulu Fire Department); Alenka Remec (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative); Francisco Figueiredo (Councilmember Ikaika Anderson's Office); Senator Laura Thielen; Representative Cynthia Thielen; Janine Tully (Representative Ken Ito's Office); Liz Feeney and Tiffany Patrick (Marine Corps Base Hawaii); Wes Yokoyama and Emily Dong (City Department of Design and Construction's representatives); Director Lori Kahikina (City Department of Environmental Services); David Bills and Raina H. Pasatiempo (Bills Engineering, Inc.); Chris Nakamatsu, Susan Dominy, Claire Ganiko, and Cheryl Parker (Maunawili Estate Community Association); Harvey Lee and Matthew Kirk (The Institute for Family Enrichment, LLC); Robert Gratz (Hamakua Entrance Advocacy Group); Jimmy Crockett and Eileen Hilton (Windward Coalition); Terry Scott; Michelle Jones; David Bius; Tyler Jones; Koa Short; Susie Jannoizzi; David White; James Kwong; Judy Fujimoto; Fuji Fujimoto; Ursula Retherford; Glenn Uyeshiro; Kaleo Ahina; Erik Horn; Alex Lui-Kwan; David Amodo (DVDmodo); and Uyen Vong (Neighborhood Commission Office).

VACANCY: Chair Prentiss announced the vacancy in Subdistrict 2 (Enchanted Lake, Keolu Hills). Since there were no nominations, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Neighborhood Board Elections:** Chair Prentiss announced the following: Online voting in the neighborhood board elections has begun and will be ongoing until Friday, May 15, 2015. Residents should not throw away mailed items from the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) during the election period as it may contain the passcode required for voting. For any questions, contact the NCO at 768-3710.

Chinen arrived at 7:04 p.m.; **17 members were present.**

- **Kailua Neighborhood Survey:** Lipton shared the results of the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 community survey. The 213 respondents were selected at the Kailua Town Party held on Sunday, April 26, 2015. Lipton asked that the survey results be published on the NCO website. Weinberg questioned the validity of the results. Lipton acknowledged the difficulty in getting accurate results from a town fair. Chair Prentiss asked Lipton to email a copy of the results to the Board members.

PUBLIC AGENCIES

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

- **April 2015 Crime Statistics:** There were 14 motor vehicle thefts, 8 burglaries, 45 thefts, and 31 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. HPD Position on Park Closure: Bartley asked about HPD's position on the park closure issue that was previously discussed at the City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Parks Advisory Board meeting. Lieutenant Vines recommended Bartley to contact the Chief of Police. Lieutenant Vines will also follow up.
2. White Van: Wong reported on behalf of a resident a white van at a park that has been in the same location for more than 24 hours.

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Firefighter I Chad Kaulukukui reported the following:

- April 2015 Fire Statistics: There were 2 structure fires, 1 wildland fire, 5 rubbish fires, 5 vehicle fires, 103 medical emergencies, 7 search and rescues, 84 miscellaneous emergencies, and 8 companies that responded to major incidents. There was one (1) major incident at Aikahi Park Shopping Center.
- Fire Safety Tip: The public is encouraged to call 911 in emergencies. Do not drive to the nearest fire station. It is possible that the fire company may not be at the fire station due to other emergencies or performing other duties such as fire inspections, training, and educational activities. When 911 is called, the operator dispatches the closest available fire company to the emergency. When calling 911, give the operator the initial need (police, fire, or ambulance) and after being transferred to the appropriate agency, provide an accurate description of the need and address of the emergency.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Aikahi Park Shopping Center: Weller asked for a report following the completion of the investigation involving an incident at Aikahi Park Shopping Center. Firefighter Kaulukukui will follow up.
2. Aikahi Fire Station: Weller asked for an update on the roof repairs and new traffic light at the Aikahi Fire Station. Captain Mark Kuwaye asked Weller to contact HFD's public relations office in regards to his question about the roof repairs. Captain Kuwaye will also follow up.

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

- New Commander: As of Tuesday, May 5, 2015, Colonel Sean C. Killeen replaced Colonel Eric W. Schaefer and assumed command of MCBH.
- Clean Up Project: In partnership with HPD, DPR, and Job Corps, MCBH will be participating in a beautification project at Bellows Beach Park.
- Training Events: There are several training events throughout the state in May 2015. The training areas include Kaneohe Bay, Bellows, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and the Big Island.
- Kaneohe Bay Air Show: The 2015 Kaneohe Bay Air Show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 17-18, 2015. More information can be found online.
- Airfield Hours: This weekend, the airfield will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Noise Complaints: Lipton asked who to contact in regards to complaints about MCBH's target practices. Feeney suggested Lipton to contact MCBH at 808-257-8832.
2. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Study: Wong asked for an update on the FAA study relating to airports. Feeney will follow up.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Alenka Remec reported the following:

- Neighborhood Board Elections: For those without access to voting by phone or computer, there is a voting station at the Mission Memorial Building (MMB) from Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Residents may also vote at the Hauula Civic Center on Tuesday, May 12, 2015. The voting period ends on Friday, May 15, 2015.
- Summer Fun Registration and Program: Registration for Summer Fun will be held on Saturday, May 9, Monday and Tuesday, May 11 and 12, 2015. The Summer Fun program will run from Friday, June 12 through Friday, July 24, 2015.
- "Sew a Lei" for Memorial Day: The Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts (MOCA) will continue to collect donations of ti leaves for Memorial Day. Donations may be dropped off at MOCA.
- The Journey Home Puppet Show: The Journey Home Puppet Show will be appearing at the Kaneohe Public Library at 2:00 p.m.
- Mangrove Clearance Project: Regarding a question brought up last month, Resolution 15-102, relating to funds for the eradication of mangroves at Hamakua Marsh and Kaelepulu and Kawainui Streams, was approved with assistance from Councilmember Ikaika Anderson's Office.

- Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs) for Parks: Regarding a question brought up last month, \$959,000 was appropriated for the current CIPs for parks in District 4. There are several ongoing projects using current CIP funds.
- Kailua Wastewater Plant Digesters: Regarding a question brought up last month, there are currently two (2) backup digesters and two (2) working digesters at the Kailua Wastewater Plant.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Kailua Wastewater Plant Digesters: Chair Prentiss clarified that his original question relating to the Kailua Wastewater Plant digesters was when the digesters will be repaired. Remec will follow up.
2. Previous Questions by Parsons: Parsons asked for an update on her previous questions regarding Japanese translation for the traffic stickers on crosswalk poles, and an update regarding audible countdown timers at crosswalks. Remec noted that answers for these questions were provided at the last meeting. Remec reiterated that DTS is following up on the request for Japanese translation, and that installing audible countdown timers at crosswalks may cause noise concerns in residential areas. Parsons replied that her request would only affect the downtown Kailua area where there are not many residences.
3. Mangrove Clearance Project: Bartley asked for clarification on the mangrove clearance project. Remec replied that a resolution was passed by the City Council to authorize Mayor Caldwell to request Governor David Ige to release funds for the eradication of the mangrove at Hamakua Martsh and Kaelepulu and Kawainui Streams. Bartley asked for an update at the next meeting, and Remec replied that the project will happen within the next couple of weeks.
4. New Neighborhood Commissioners: Weinberg asked and Remec replied that Neighborhood Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.
5. Sunset on the Beach: Weinberg asked and Remec replied that Sunset on the Beach is mainly sponsored by the Waikiki Improvement Association (WIA), however more sponsors are needed. Remec added that the infrastructure that holds up the screen is in deterioration, repairs are costly, and the State is no longer subsidizing the event.

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

RESIDENTS' AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

- Maunawili Falls: Chris Nakamatsu and Cheryl Parker of the Maunawili Estate Community Association (MECA) brought up concerns about the Maunawili Falls trail. Handouts regarding the Maunawili Falls trail were circulated. Nakamatsu noted many concerns regarding the trail such as the trail being built too close to residences, that there are too many hikers, and that frequent hiker rescues add additional expenses to taxpayers. Chair Prentiss referred the concern to the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31's Parks and Recreation Committee. Wong asked and Nakamatsu replied that the resolution, relating to a Maunawili Falls trail study, was passed by the Hawaii State Legislature. Nakamatsu noted that the consultant recommended six (6) different solutions, with the primary solution costing \$6.5 million. Nakamatsu also noted that the City's Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is the only thing keeping the trail open, but MECA is requesting the City to reconsider the CUP.
- Medical Marijuana Dispensary Bill: Community members Harvey Lee and Matthew Kirk from The Institute for Family Enrichment, LLC brought up concerns about House Bill 321, relating to medical marijuana dispensaries. Lee noted that there will be three (3) dispensaries on Oahu and HB 321 will prohibit counties from enacting zoning regulations that would discriminate against licensed dispensaries and production centers that would grow the marijuana product. Lee stated that marijuana is second to alcohol in usage by children, and gave statistics of marijuana use compared to alcohol consumption by high school and middle school students. Chair Prentiss referred the concerns to the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31's Planning, Zoning, and Environment Committee and the area elected officials. Weinberg asked about vapor, and Lee replied that there has not been any conclusive studies about e-cigarettes. Locricchio stated that Lee did not address the medical marijuana issue.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Representative Chris Lee – No representative was present; no report was provided.

Councilmember Ikaika Anderson – Chair Prentiss stated that a representative from Councilmember Anderson's Office was present earlier, but had left the meeting. Copies of Councilmember Anderson's report were available.

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

Senator Laura Thielen – Senator Thielen circulated copies of her newsletter, and presented the following:

- Senate Bill (SB) 519: SB 519, relating to vacation rentals, passed with amendments. The amendments will allow single-family residences to be added to the list of entities that can be designated as a transient accommodation rental for tax purposes. The bill also requires all transient accommodation rentals to have a registration number and a point of contact with a local contact number or email address to be published in online advertisements. The bill will be in effect in June 2016. Violations will be dealt with in escalating penalties. The bill still needs to be approved by Governor Ige.
- Senate Reorganization: Senator Thielen was offered the chairmanship for the Senate Health Committee, but she declined the position.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Senate Reorganization: Wong expressed sympathy in regards to the Senate reorganization, and commented that Kailua was well represented by Senator Thielen when she was chair of the Water and Land Committee (WAL).
2. SB 519: Bartley congratulated Senator Thielen on the passing of SB 519, relating to vacation rentals.
3. Committee Assignments: Chinen asked what committees Senator Thielen will be assigned to. Senator Thielen replied that she does not know, but she will continue to be involved in committees that are important to her and the Kailua community. Senator Thielen stated that she does not support the current Senate leadership.
4. Compliments: Locricchio offered compliments to Senator Thielen.
5. Party Alliance: Weinberg asked for clarification on Senator Thielen's party alliance. Chair Prentiss dismissed the question because of its irrelevance.
6. Medical Marijuana Dispensary Bill: Senator Thielen stated she had sent an inquiry regarding the zoning issue relating to the medical marijuana dispensary bill to the Senate Majority Office.

Representative Ken Ito – Janine Tully circulated copies of Representative Ito's newsletter, and reported the following: Maunawili Falls: Representative Ken Ito met with Councilmember Anderson and Corbett Kalama from HRT about a masterplan for the Maunawili Falls trail. State legislators were also in discussion about the ownership and boundaries of Old Government Road.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Maunawili Trail: Locricchio expressed frustration that Representative Ito is only listening to one side of the Maunawili Falls trail issue. Wong asked and Tully replied that Maunawili Falls trail may be under the jurisdiction of the State, but no department has claimed responsibility for the road. Wong noted that according to the Attorney General, the trail is public property.
2. Toll Tax: Weinberg asked about implementing a toll tax for the trail.

Representative Cynthia Thielen – Chair Prentiss announced that Representative Thielen was present earlier, but had departed the meeting. Representative Thielen's newsletter was available at the meeting.

PRESENTATION:

Report of the Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) on Vacation Rental Enforcement – Wong distributed copies of the PIG report on vacation rental enforcement. Wong noted that according to Sunshine Law, action can be taken at the next Board meeting following this meeting's report. Chair Prentiss stated that the PIG is now disbanded.

Discussion followed: Councilmember Anderson's Emails: Chair Prentiss noted that Councilmember Anderson stated at the last Board meeting that he received many emails in support of vacation rentals. Chair Prentiss noted that the Planning, Zoning, and Environment Committee requested copies of Councilmember Anderson's emails from January 2015 that pertained to vacation rentals. Weinberg commented that the Board is setting a precedent, and that it is an unproductive use of time and energy. Chair Prentiss commented that only public information were requested. Wong noted that the request did not include emails relating to legal bed and breakfast operations.

A'ala Drive Wastewater Pump Station Force Main Replacement – Hardcopies of the presentation and factsheets about the project were provided at the meeting. David Bills from Bills Engineering, Inc. reported the following:

- Background: The existing force main is made of cast iron and is 700 feet long starting from the A'ala Drive Wastewater Pump Station (WWPS) toward Kailua on the makai-side of Mokulua Drive. The existing force main has been around for 45 years and will eventually break since the force main is close to sea level.

- Project's Objective: The project's objective is to replace 700 feet of cast iron six (6)-inch force main with a new plastic eight (8)-inch force main. The two (2) potential installation options are horizontal directional drilling (HDD) or conventional open trench with full perimeter ground water control.
- Purpose of the Presentation: The purpose of this presentation is to gather feedback from the community.
- HDD vs. Open Trench Methods: Unlike the open trench method, the major visible impacts of the HDD method would only be near the exit and entry points. The open trench method is more cumbersome. The HDD method is expected to take one (1) to one and a half (1.5) months, while the open trench method is expected to take four (4) to five (5) months. There will be 12 driveways that would be impacted for the HDD method and eight (8) driveways for the open trench method. There are no utility impacts anticipated if the HDD method is used.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Impact on Water Level Using HDD Method: Parsons asked and Bills replied that the impact will only affect the hall if the HDD method is used. Bills noted that previous projects using the same method were successful.

At 8:26 p.m., Chair Prentiss relinquished the gavel to Darnell.

2. Noise Level: Parsons asked about the noise level, and Bills replied that he had not requested noise or drilling permits for the project since construction will be completed during normal hours of the day.
3. Selection of Contractor: Dudevoir asked and Bills replied that the HDD method is specialized, and that the contractor will have to provide evidence of completion of similar projects in the past. Weinberg asked and Bills replied that his personal resume includes five (5) similar projects.
4. Impacted Driveways: Bills clarified for Lipton on how the driveways will be impacted. Bills noted that the driveways would only be impacted for a few days.
5. Geotechnical Report: Espenan asked for the geotechnical report. Bills replied that it is already available. James Kwan, a geotechnician, replied to Espenan's questions.
6. Cost Difference: A resident asked and Kwan replied that it depends on the contractor that is hired for the job as well as other geological factors. Bills reiterated that they cannot guarantee what the final cost of the project will be.

At 8:40 p.m., Darnell returned the gavel to Chair Prentiss.

BOARD MOTIONS

Motion 1 – Chair Prentiss read **Motion 1: The Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 endorses exploration of the concept to use a "land marina" as a cost effective solution to help address Hawaii's homeless issue. The motion was moved by Locricchio and seconded by Weinberg.**

Discussion followed:

1. Introduction: Locricchio reported that the homeless issue is getting worse and current methods in addressing homelessness are not working. Locricchio stated that a study showed that these boats are in great condition and can be used immediately. Locricchio remarked that the motion asks the board to explore the concept of using a "land marina", and the City to expend funds for the idea. Locricchio also noted that residents can donate boats for tax credit.
2. Location of Land Marinas: Lipton asked where the land marinas would be located. Locricchio replied that no selection has been made yet, but it should be on state or city lands and the City should be responsible for selecting the site.
3. Exploration: Freeman asked who is leading the exploration. Locricchio replied that the City has not been successful in their efforts to address homelessness.
4. Motion in Support by Dudevoir and Parsons: Dudevoir and Parsons spoke in favor of the motion.
5. Container Homes: Locricchio noted the downsides of building container homes: the containers would be built in China and would be located in backyards which does not solve homelessness.

Motion 1 was ADOPTED by MAJORITY CONSENT, 10-4-3 (AYE: Bartley, Dudevoir, Kaulukukui, Lipton, Locricchio, Parsons, Tomasa, Weinberg, Weller, and Wong; NAY: Darnell, Espenan, Freeman, and Zuckernick; ABSTAIN: Chinen, Hinsvark, and Prentiss).

Motion 2 – Chair Prentiss read Motion 2: The Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 supports, in principle, a landscaping improvement project on the North and South makai corners of Hamakua Drive and Aoloa Road. (Note: City fence permit will be required).

Weinberg moved to table the motion indefinitely. There was no second.

Motion 2 was moved by Chair Prentiss and seconded by Darnell.

Discussion followed:

1. Background information: Resident Robert Gratz explained that the Hamakua Entrance Advocacy Group (HEAG) would like to erect a screening wall at the Hamakua Drive and Aoloa Street intersection. Gratz noted that HEAG has met with Alexander and Baldwin, one of the property owners.
2. Property Owners: Freeman asked and Gratz replied that Alexander and Baldwin is one of the property owners and the other property owner is Hokulani. Gratz also noted that the cost of the improvements project is estimated at \$180,000.
3. Responsibility: Weller asked and Gratz replied that there would be an easement agreement with Alexander and Baldwin. In response to Weller's follow up question about funding mechanism, Gratz replied that there would be creative financing.
4. Pedestrian Safety: Parsons asked how tall the wall is going to be. Parsons noted her concerns for pedestrian safety such as traffic visibility for drivers. Chair Prentiss noted that the design is schematic. Gratz replied that the project meets federal guidelines in terms of traffic visibility.
5. Motion Clarification: Tomasa asked who would be responsible for effecting the motion, and noted that the neighborhood board cannot make decisions for private property owners. Chair Prentiss clarified that the motion asks that the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 support Gratz's efforts with the project, and that the support is in principle of the project.

At 9:00 p.m., Zuckernick departed the meeting. **16 members were present.**

6. Input from Nearby Residents: Lipton expressed concerns that other businesses will do the same, and asked what the nearby residents think about the project.

Motion 2 was ADOPTED by MAJORITY CONSENT, 11-1-4 (AYE: Chinen, Darnell, Dudevoir, Espenan, Freeman, Hinsvark, Kaulukukui, Locricchio, Prentiss, Weller, and Wong; NAY: Parsons; ABSTAIN: Bartley, Lipton, Tomasa, and Weinberg).

By request of Bartley, Chair Prentiss took the agenda out of order to the previous agenda item: Residents' Concerns.

RESIDENTS' AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS: Park Closures: Resident Alex Lui-Kwan brought up previous mentioned concerns about park operation hours at Kalama Beach Park. Lui-Kwan noted that DPR stated that extending the operation hours is a safety issue and that the hours of operation is decided by Corporation Counsel. However, Corporation Counsel stated that it should not be an issue as long as the closing time is "reasonable". Bartley noted that this issue will be discussed at the next Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31's Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. Chinen noted that this is an ongoing concern for the committee, and asked for clarifications if Director Nekota cited safety as a concern for closing Kalama Beach Park at 6:00 p.m. Lui-Kwan clarified that it was the district supervisor who cited safety as a concern if the park were to close at a later time. Locricchio noted that other parks in nearby areas closes at 10:00 p.m. Locricchio stated he would like to make a motion. Chair Prentiss reminded him that the issue has been referred to the Parks Committee.

Chair Prentiss restored the order of the agenda to item VIII. Motion 3.

Motion 3 – Chair Prentiss read Motion 3: The Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 opposes the placement and variance for the co-located antenna at 1300 Kailua Road because the additional height violates the required setback and is visibly intrusive. The motion was moved and seconded by the Planning, Zoning, and Environment Committee.

Discussion followed:

1. Pictures: Wong circulated pictures of the antenna at 1300 Kailua Road, and voiced support for the motion.
2. Ownership: Weinberg asked and Chair Prentiss noted that the antenna is owned by Verizon.

3. Dimension: Dudevoir asked if the extension would double the dimension of the existing antenna. Parsons stated yes, and noted concerns about the setbacks.
4. Stealth Antenna: Chair Prentiss noted that traditionally, the Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 would prefer a stealth antenna.
5. Verizon Customer: Bartley disclosed that he is a Verizon customer.

Motion 3 was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 16-0-0 (AYE: Bartley, Chinen, Darnell, Dudevoir, Espenan, Freeman, Hinsvark, Kaulukukui, Lipton, Locricchio, Parsons, Prentiss, Tomasa, Weinberg, Weller, and Wong; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).

Motion 4 – Chair Prentiss read Motion 4: The Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 requests that the City and County of Honolulu and the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) not award any new rail system construction contracts until an independent comprehensive review is conducted in which the following are analyzed and publicized:

- a. **The current projected cost based upon the experience to date.**
- b. **A firm estimate of the annual operating costs for the rail system once completed.**
- c. **The timeline for completion of the project.**
- d. **A revised estimate of the likely reduction in traffic congestion upon completion of the rail project.**
- e. **A rigorous review of alternatives to rail, such as bus rapid transit, which would have a similar or larger reduction in traffic congestion.**
- f. **A review of how the already built infrastructure could be utilized for the completion of alternatives.**
- g. **A review of the interaction between the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the states after rail/tunnel projects were terminated in Florida and New Jersey. This review should include an assessment of how much funding they were forced to reimburse to the U.S. DOT.**
- h. **An assessment of current public opinion conducted by an independent third party.**

The motion was moved and seconded by the Transportation and Public Works Committee.

Discussion followed:

1. Previous Motion: Tomasa noted that this motion is different from the motion that was presented at the last Board meeting.
2. Cost: Dudevoir noted the high costs in building and operating the rail system.
3. Motion in Support: Bartley spoke in favor of the motion citing high energy consumption associated with operations of the rail system.
4. Board's Influence: Weinberg expressed skepticism that Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31's motion would affect the rail project.

Motion 4 was ADOPTED by MAJORITY CONSENT, 14-1-1 (AYE: Bartley, Darnell, Dudevoir, Freeman, Hinsvark, Kaulukukui, Lipton, Locricchio, Parsons, Prentiss, Tomasa, Weinberg, Weller, and Wong; NAY: Chinen; ABSTAIN: Espenan).

Motion 5 – Chair Prentiss read an excerpt of the motion: The Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 (KNB) seeks to have an Independent expert in Rail Mass Transit review the Land Ferry Mass/Personal Transportation system presented at the last Board meeting. Chair Prentiss noted that the rest of the motion is written on the agenda. Motion 5 was moved and seconded by the Transportation and Public Works Committee.

Locricchio gave a brief summary of why an independent expert should be sought to think of an alternative mass transit system. Locricchio suggested that this motion be sent to the transportation committee.

Discussion followed:

1. Motion in Support: Kaulukukui voiced support for an independent review, but noted that the reasons listed in the rest of the motion does not make sense.

Kaulukukui moved to recommit the motion to the Transportation and Public Works Committee. The motion was seconded.

At 9:39 p.m., Chair Prentiss called for a recess. At 9:40, the meeting was reconvened.

2. Objection: Dudevoir voiced objections to the motion to recommit to the Transportation and Public Works Committee.

The motion to recommit Motion 5 was ADOPTED by MAJORITY CONSENT, 10-6-0 (AYE: Bartley, Chinen, Darnell, Espenan, Freeman, Hinsvark, Kaulukukui, Lipton, Parsons, and Prentiss; NAY: Dudevoir, Locricchio, Tomasa, Weinberg, Weller, and Wong; ABSTAIN: None).

Regular Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2015: **As there were no objections, the regular meeting minutes of April 2, 2015 were APPROVED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 16-0-0 (AYE: Bartley, Chinen, Darnell, Dudevoir, Espenan, Freeman, Hinsvark, Kaulukukui, Lipton, Locricchio, Parsons, Prentiss, Tomasa, Weinberg, Weller, and Wong; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreation: Committee Chair Chinen reported the following:

- Deferred Bills: Bill 8 was deferred at the Parks, Community and Customer Services Committee meeting that was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 due to technical and complex issues. Bill 9 was deferred in committee pending proposed amendments. Bill 11 was deferred in the Budget Committee.
- Kaapuni Street Beach Access: Discussions about Kaapuni Street beach access are underway.

Transportation and Public Works: Chair Prentiss noted that Committee Chair Hicks was not present at the meeting.

Public Safety, Public Health, and Civil Defense (PHPSCD): Committee Chair Tomasa stood by her report and announced that planning is underway for the Saturday, September 12, 2015 emergency preparedness meeting. The next PHPSCD Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2015, 6:30 p.m. at the Kailua Recreation Center, Arts and Crafts room.

Government and Community Services: Committee Chair Darnell announced that the next Government and Community Services Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2015.

Planning, Zoning, & Environment: Committee Chair Wong did not have a report.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Tomasa reported a remaining balance of \$265 as of April 2015. The report was filed.

Chair's Report: Chair Prentiss announced that the committee agendas are due by Sunday, May 24, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Submitted by: Uyen Vong, Neighborhood Assistant I
Reviewed by: K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant I
Reviewed and finalized by: Chuck Prentiss, Chair

Kailua Neighborhood Board Community Survey Results (draft)

Background and Demographics

On the 26th of April 2015, during the *I love Kailua Town Party* participants were randomly selected to participate in the Kailua Neighborhood Board’s 2015 community survey¹ about issues affecting Kailua. There were a total of 213 responses. In some cases, the back page of some of the surveys was not completed This is most likely due to the fact that some respondents did not turn the survey over.

Of the 213 respondents who answered the community survey, 90 or (42.3%) said that had voted in the 2013 neighborhood board election, 108 or (50.7%) said they did not vote and 15 or (7.0%) did not respond. The graphics and pie charts below indicate the response for each question. In most cases, the data for no response or no opinion were combined or aggregated and were included in the final tally of the results. In future analysis, it might be useful to drill deeper in the responses according to sub-district. This report is meant as a general overview.

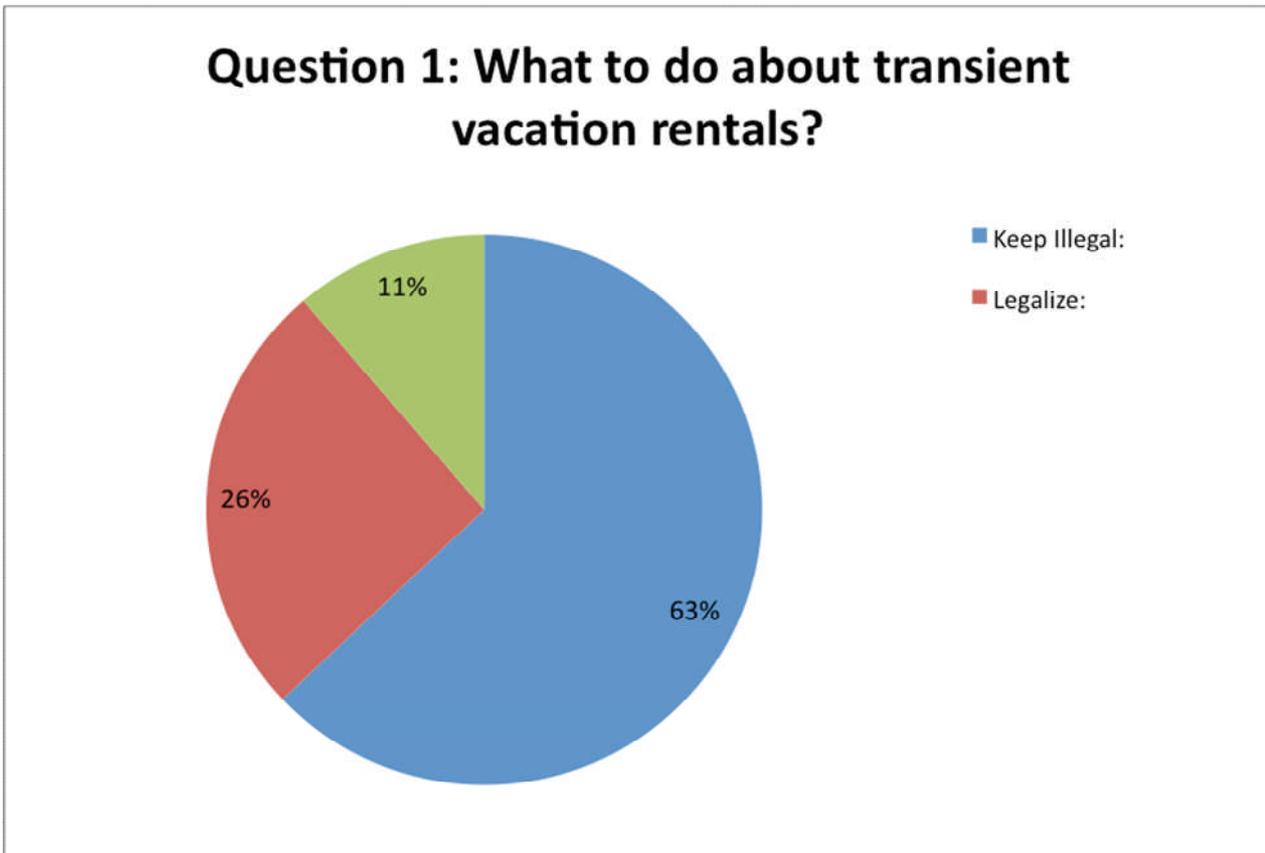
The survey document is attached to this report as **Appendix 1**. A completed version of comments can be found in **Appendix 2**.

Table 1: Respondents by Sub-District

Sub-District 1 (Kalaheo Beach Lots, Ku’ulei Tract, Lanikai)	65	30%
Sub-District 2 (Enchanted Lake, Keolu, Keolu Hills)	57	27%
Sub-District 3 (Maunawili, Pohakapu, Olomana)	16	7.5%
Sub-District 4 (Coconut Grove, Aikahi, Kalaheo Hillside, Kailua Town)	57	26.7%
Did not list a sub-district or from other districts or visiting	18	8.5%

¹ Survey instrument attached to the end of this report.

Question 1: Asked about what residents would recommend doing with the increase in transient vacation rentals. 63% of respondents reported that we should keep them illegal. 26% of respondents reported that we should legalize new TVRs and 11% either had not opinion or did not respond.



Community Comments:

Keep TVRs illegal

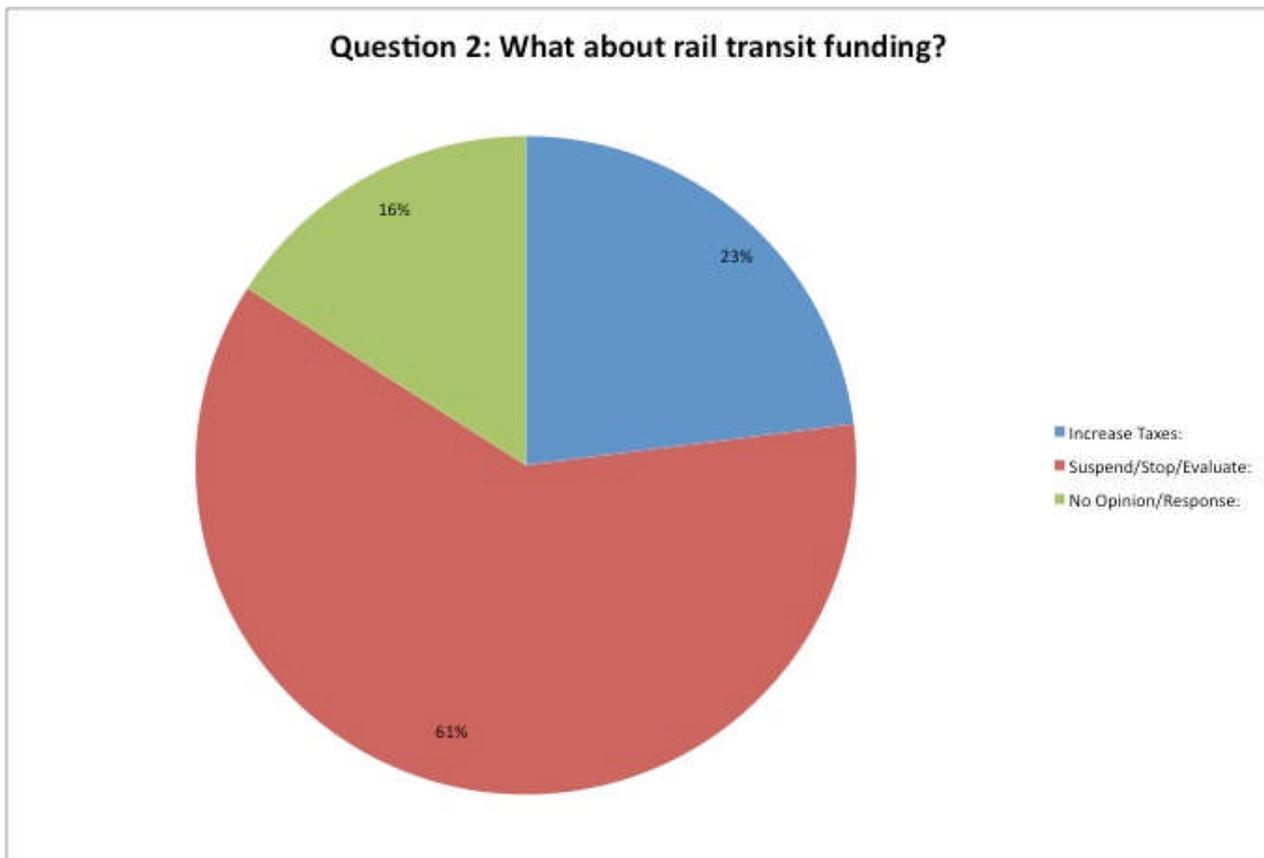
- Enforce existing regulations.
- No new permits until enforcement is adequate for current.
- TVRs increase rents and make living here unaffordable.
- Leave Kailua a family neighborhood and not a mini Waikiki.
- Residents have rights!
- Bring back 'ohana-based community! Illegal TVRs destroy the fabric of our community.
- It decreases affordability for young families and anyone – even dual income ones! Mainland owners would rather rent out TVRs, since they make more money.
- They are skirting around the law with verbage that allows them to continue.
- Illegal B&Bs not fair to those who abide by the law and pay proper taxes to support infrastructure.
- TVRs make residential rental very difficult and residents are forced to move away due to high and less long-term rentals.
- B&Bs are more acceptable than TVRs if they maintain a residential appearance and are limited in size
- The homeless population increases as fewer affordable rentals are available.

- A very limited number of legal TVRs and B&Bs would be acceptable if they paid taxes.
- Illegal increased housing density is hard on the infrastructure; illegal rentals should be penalized.
- Parking is an issue on the side streets.
- Ruining our neighborhoods.
- The city's "enforcement" is non-existent. That is unacceptable, and DPP certainly can't handle more rentals.
- Fund City positions for enforcement.
- Deputize neighborhood board members or others to enforce if (City) doesn't have enough staff!

Legalize TVRs

- Legalize, control and collect taxes!
- Needs to be a balanced approach to permitting and enforcement. TVRs are an asset to the community.
- Have a limited lottery – owner-occupied for TVR and B&B.
- Allow more legal, regulated residential B&B's, but cap the number.
- City can't set up rules and regulate if it stays totally illegal.
- But no "free lunch" for anyone. Laws need to be made and more importantly, enforced, with taxes going to the sustainability of Kailua.
- Thoughtful regulation is necessary to protect the public, tourists, and owners. Higher taxes may prevent entry and a better solution than banning.
- Vacation rentals not a problem unless you live right next door.
- There is a need for families to have company nearby, esp if they're extended, large relatives.

Question 2: Asked about what we should do about the increase in projected costs for the Honolulu rail transit project. 23% of respondents said we should increase taxes, 61.03% said we should suspend, stop, and further evaluate our current situation and future options and 16% either had no opinion or did not answer the question.



Community Comments:

Increase taxes to cover costs

- We need it desperately and it's already started. They keep building houses and no reasonable roads to travel.
- Rail is desperately needed because of the traffic, but it needs to be put in economically and efficiently.
- Alleviating traffic congestion is beneficial for everyone on O'ahu, even if Kailua residents will not benefit directly. As O'ahu's population continues to grow, more options need to be available, whether it be rail, cars, bus, carpool bike, walking. A modern city needs choices for its people.
- Get the rail built. (2) We've been talking about it for 30-40 years. It will benefit all, even us on the Windward side.

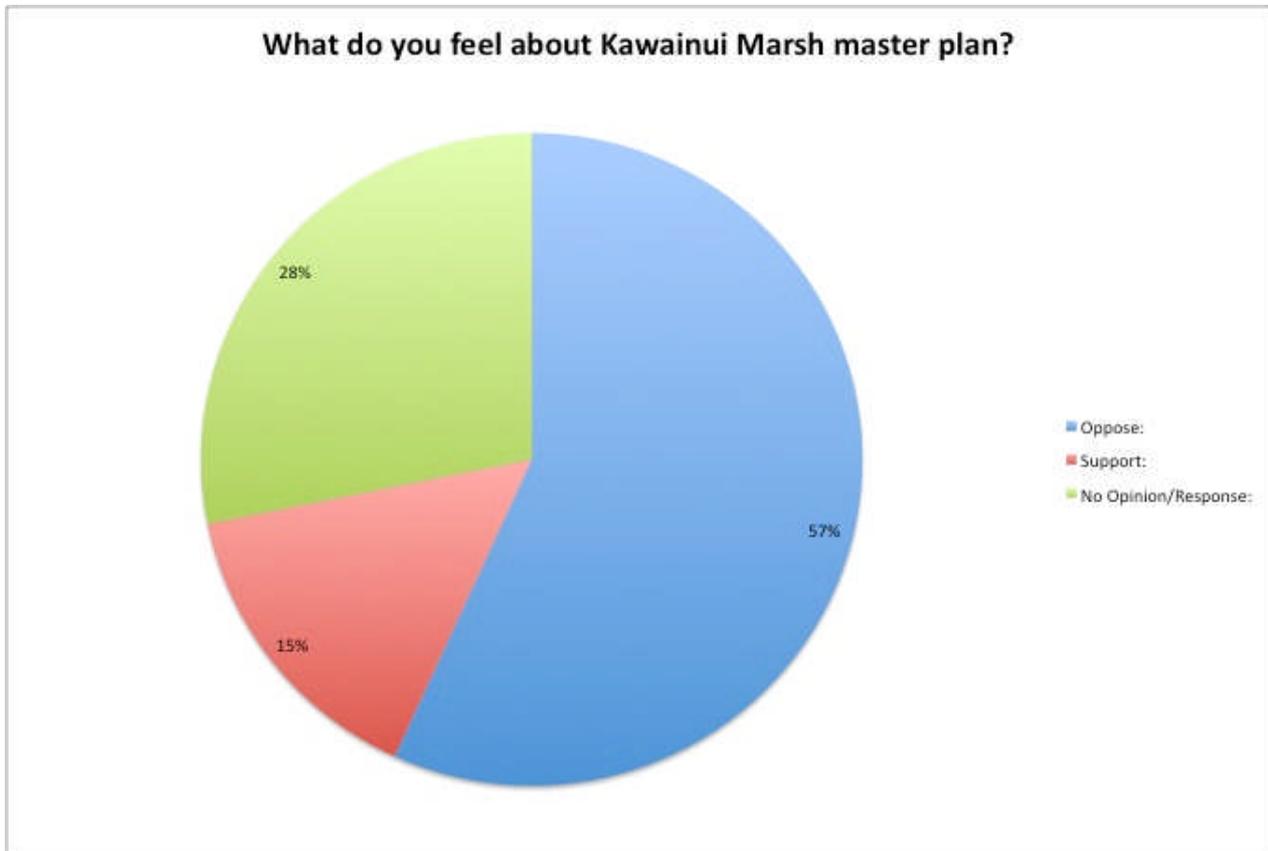
Suspend Contracts:

- Need more *unbiased* oversight of construction and costs. Who will actually use rail?

Stop Construction and Evaluate:

- Stop it and use money for needy causes, eg, road repair
- Stagger school or work hours to allow for commuter traffic.
- Invest more in The Bus, park-n-ride, dedicated bus and HOV lanes during rush hours.
- Ditch the rail and create an inter-island ferry system.
- Rail will bankrupt this state.
- The rail is a black hole for tax money. End the madness now.
- The rail will do nothing but put a temporary band-aid on a much larger problem.

Question 3: Asked respondents about development mentioned in Kawainui Marsh master plan. 15.02% of respondents supported the development, 56.81% opposed the development, and 28.17% had no opinion or did not answer the question. These results may indicate that people are not informed or lack awareness about this particular issue.



Community Comments:

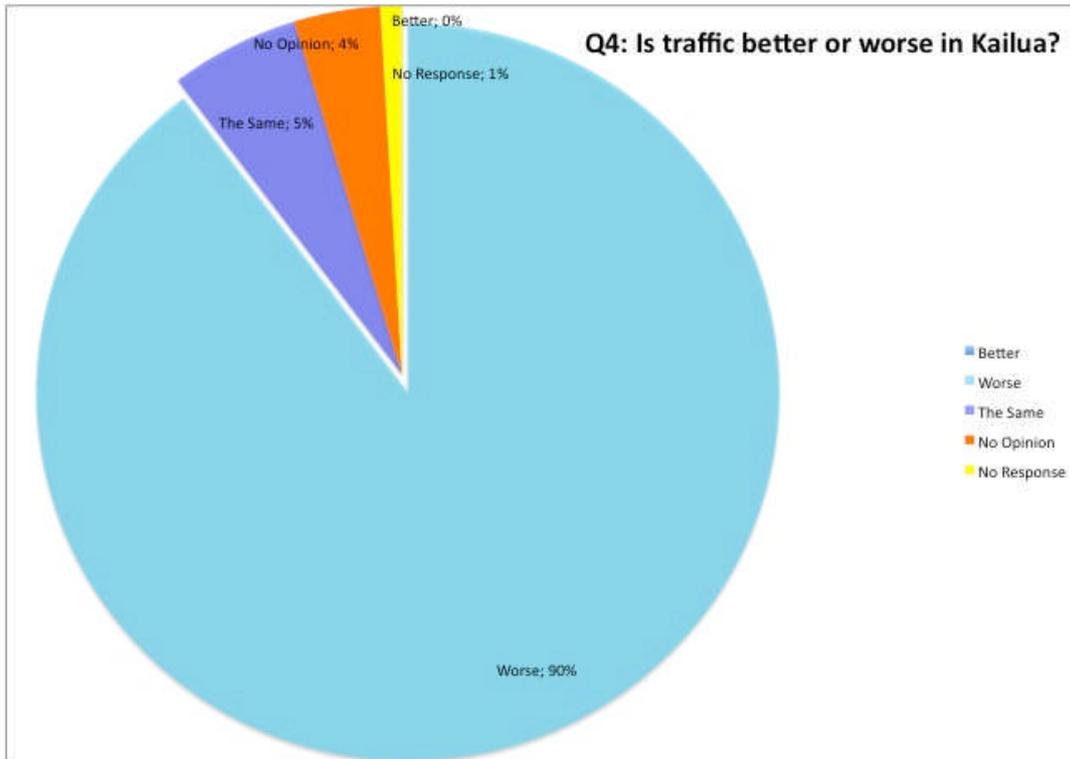
Oppose the Kawainui Marsh Master Plan

- Deal with conservation, but no additional building or parking for recreation.
- Don't mess with nature's work. Leave as is
- Leave the Marsh alone.
- Proposed development is too high for the site.
- Our kupuna's wishes should be honored.
- Beautification and maintenance only; no tourist accommodations (eg. parking)
- Hard to know. Not keen on increased traffic, but if cultural component enacted, it could be a nice thing.
- Should be preserved as a wetland refuge for plants and animals.
- Encourage community to support and maintain it.
- Oppose full scale development but support limited development.
- This is just another tourist attraction that will create traffic and other negative issues.
- However, I do like the beautification in the area near the remote dump site.
- State cannot take care of existing parks – it would be a mess and result in more problems (pollution, vandalism, etc.)

Support the Kawainui Marsh Master Plan

- Not sure. I want assurances re: limited access and no big tourist venues. Controlled and limited tours could be okay.
- Support slightly: for restoration, preservation, education. Against increased tourism/commercial.
- Well done and control here is needed.
- We need a cultural site. Kailua was traditionally a center of culture for Hawaiians on O‘ahu. We need to return to that.
- Oppose full scale development but support limited development.
- Your question is skewed. It’s not about development it’s about properly and responsibly managing this important resource. There is no “development” planned in the marsh. The proposed projects are for people on the edges, where they belong.
- Low impact development can minimize impacts. Fund state positions to maintain and enforce laws that prevent abuse by commercial interests.

Question 4: Asked about the current traffic situation in Kailua, specifically if traffic had gotten worse, better or stayed the same. 89.67% of respondents said that traffic in Kailua has gotten worse, 5.69% said that traffic has stayed the same, 3.76% did not have an opinion on the traffic issue, 0.94% did not respond, and 0% said that traffic has improved in Kailua.



Community Comments:

Traffic is worse & reasons for why traffic has increased:

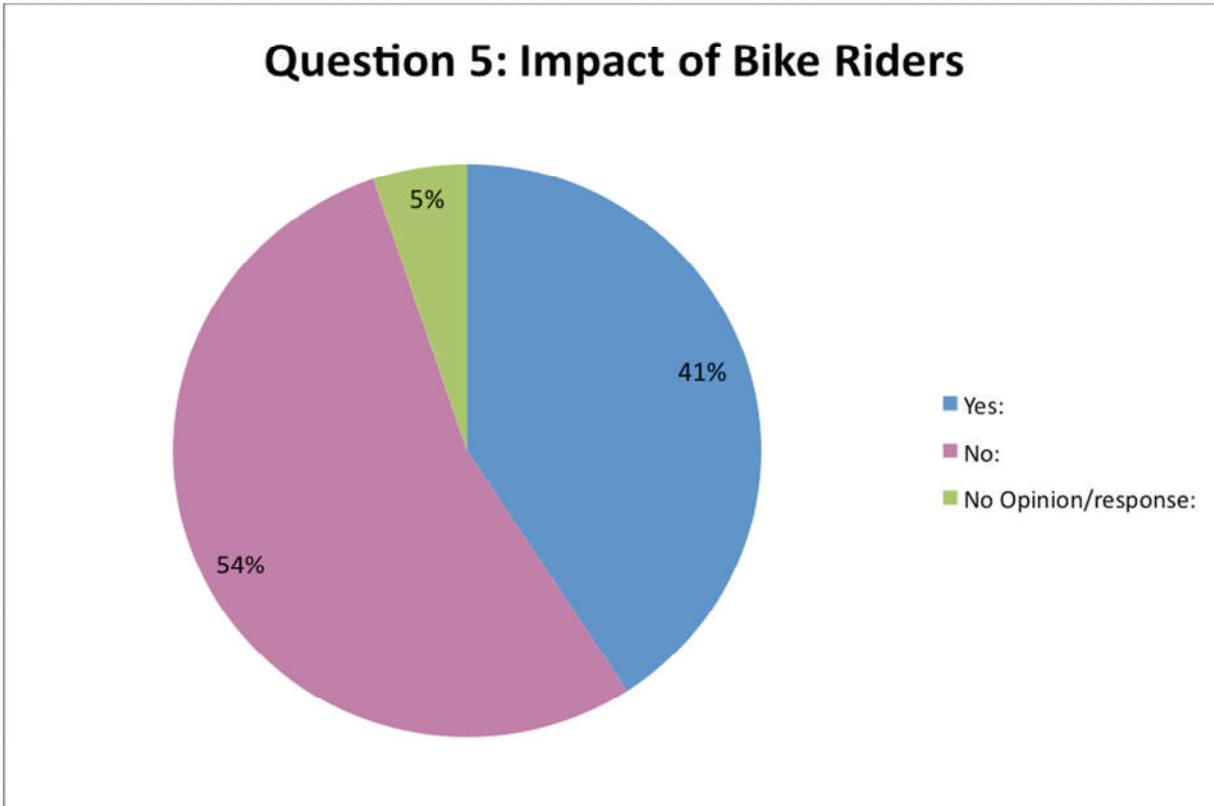
- Tourism
- Tour buses.....should be banned
- Construction . . . on Kailua Rd.
- Kailua is being built like a smaller Waikiki and doesn't have the parking and infrastructure to support all the tourism activities, TVRs.
- More cars; more pedestrians; too much large growth; no benefit to residents, only tourists; too crowded.
- Inadequate biking infrastructure; overdeveloped neighborhoods.
- I moved to Kaneohe because of the traffic and noise in Kailua.
- Target (23); Target intersection; Whole Foods; big stores
- My area is awful. I have to very careful to consolidate all my errands and make only 1-2 trips into [Kailua] town a week. Rarely venture into Kailua town anymore (2)
- Lack of planning and prior performance by developers.
- Living on Mokapu Blvd and having been away for 3 years, I've seen a vast increase in traffic in front of our house at Oneawa light, as cars coming down pali Hwy now turn left on Kam Hwy to H-3 and get to Kailua by going around Kailua town.
- I live by the boat ramp and cannot leave the house at times.
- More vehicles per household.

- Need signs directing people to the beach parks – many lost folks.
- More people moving to Kailua from Mainland.
- Allowing the CEO of Kaneohe Ranch/A&B to develop without following laws!
- Esp at Pali/Castle Junction.
- Shame of those responsible for allowing a Target in my town!
- Development without traffic planning.
- We need to make out town's streets "complete streets" – streets that are for all of us, not just for our vehicles: people, bikes, pedestrians, activities, and parklets.
- Unsafe conditions for pedestrians, esp school-aged children and elderly
- EMS can't get out of Lanikai.
- What used to take me 5 minutes to get around, now takes 10-15 minutes.
- Aoloa St. gate!

Traffic is same:

- Need left turn phase mauka and makai on Kailua Rd. at Hamakua to allow time for left turns and free up the back up on Kailua rd.

Question 5: Asked about whether drivers have been adversely affected by the increase in bicyclists. 40.85% said that bicyclists had negatively impacted them. 54% of respondents said that bicyclists had not negatively impacted them and 5% had no opinion or did not answer the question.



Community Comments:

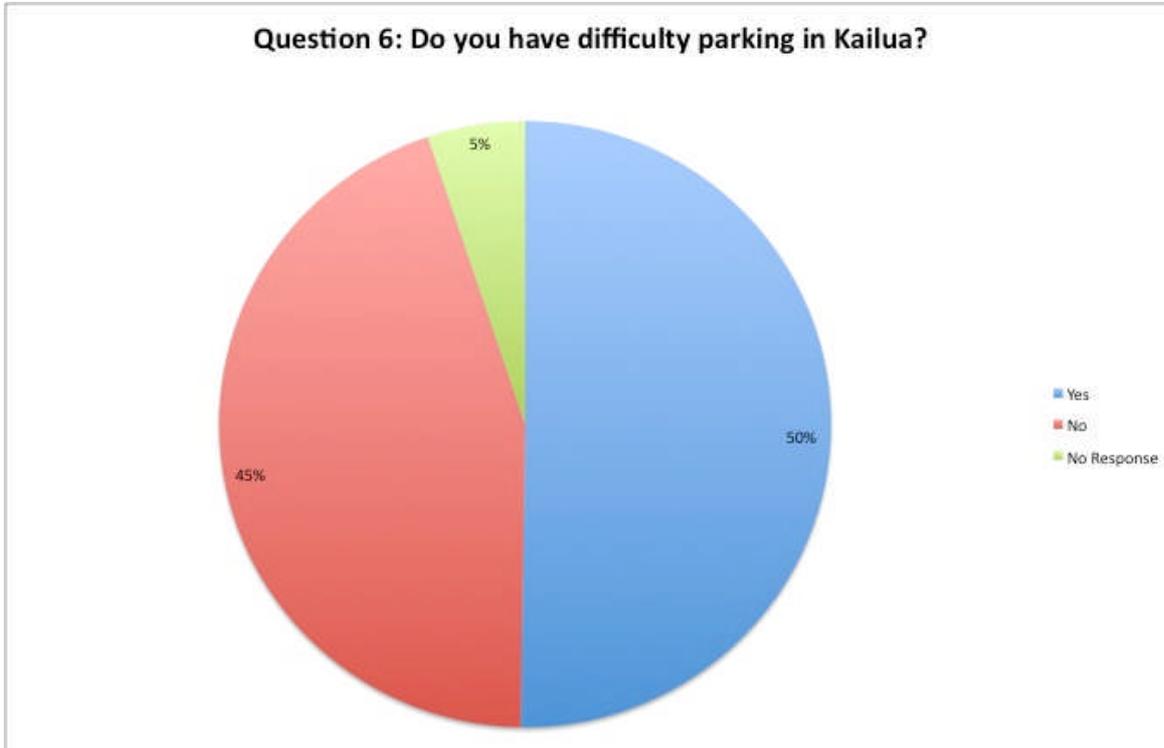
Negatively impacted by a bike rider (Yes)

- Require (vendors?) to educate (Hawai'i Bicycle League) renters (and others) on the laws/safe biking. Video in Japanese, Korean
- Safer/more bike lanes. Too dangerous to ride on the road. Better road explanation to tourists.
- I have been hit/almost hit. We need bike facilities.
- I almost hit someone biking down the street and not stopping at stop sign.
- Increase signage.
- Cap the # of rentals per day
- Speed limits?
- Enforce violations
- Too much for a driver to look out for/need to drive slow near them.
- I drive my kids to school in the morning and after school and it is dangerous! I am afraid of hitting a biker and people jaywalking.
- Bikes should not be on sidewalks.
- Take away bike rentals.

Negatively Impacted by a bike rider (No)

- Bike users have been encouraged. Why should it be restricted to residents only?
- As a biker, I have been nearly hit by cars who don't look! Biker safety would improve by drivers who are cautious.
- Bikes have rights too. Bike paths would be a good thing.
- There are a lot of lazy people who could walk or ride bikes but drive instead.
- Drivers: get used to it.

Question 6: Asked if people were having difficulty finding parking throughout Kailua. 50.23% of respondents said that yes, they had difficulty finding parking in Kailua, 44.60% said that they did not have difficulty finding parking and 5.16% did not respond to the question.



Community Comments:

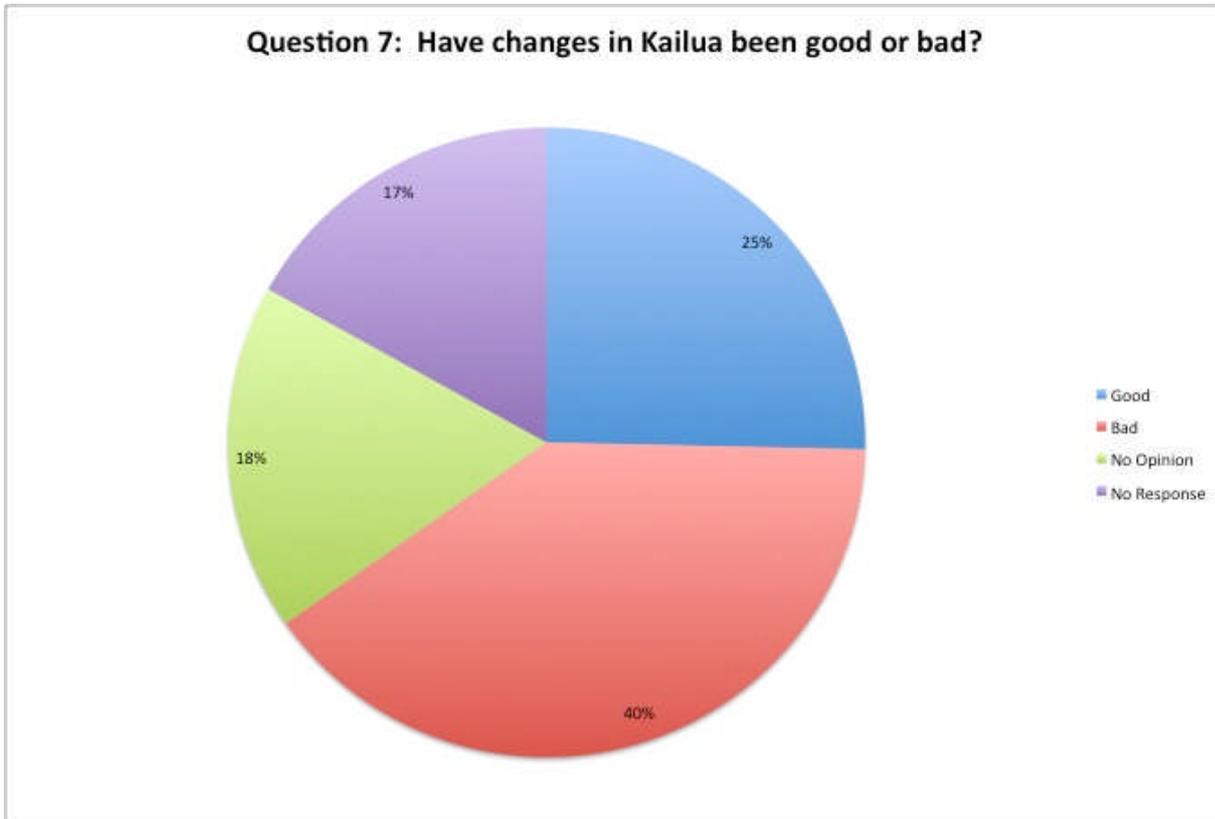
Trouble parking in Kailua (yes) and reasons for difficulty finding parking

- Tourists & buses/non-Windward residents.
- Especially on weekends and if Target parking lot is full.
- Especially in specialty shop areas.
- Too many outsiders moving in.
- Too much going on in a concentrated area.
- Illegal TVRs
- Illegal encroachment on public right of way by property owners.
- Handicap parking is not proportionate to passes distributed. Very unfriendly.
- Overdevelopment; Kailua being turned into a resort destination at the expense of our residential way of life. Target and chains are not in scale for town size.
- Tourists and locals abusing designated parking for businesses.
- Difficult finding parking on Thursdays – Farmer’s Market.
- People come to experience small community. We could encourage them to park in a satellite lot and shuttle in. Where to put satellite lot?
- Poor planning.

Trouble parking in Kailua (no) and reasons for no difficulty finding parking

- I walk and catch the bus – rarely drive
- In Lanikai, mainly.
- Businesses should provide parking for employees

Question 7: Asked if changes in Kailua have been good or not good for the community. 25.35% of respondents said that the changes have been good for the community, while 39.91% said that changes have been bad for the community, 17.84% had no opinion and 16.90% did not respond to the question. In the future, it would be pertinent to qualify what is meant by change and then distill the answers into more detail. *Change* can mean something different to different respondents.



Community Comments:

Changes have been good

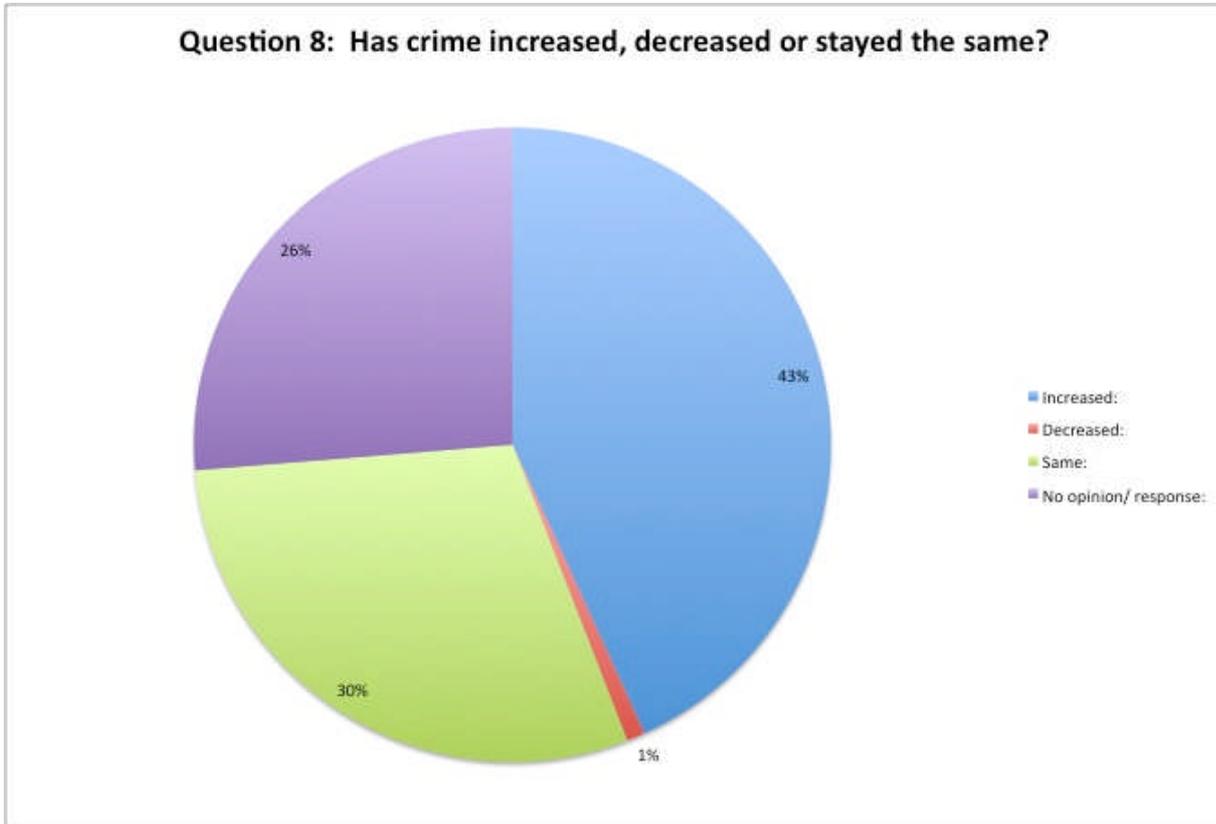
- Some good, but not the building.
- The changes have been a small net positive.
- Some good, some not so good. The sweet lazy beach town is gone. I'm glad business is thriving but it's not good for residents. Also, prices have risen because of tourists.
- Buildings were ready for renovation and done well.
- Yes and no. Changes have brought new money into the community, but we need to keep the small town feel.
- Some good, e.g. Outdoor Circle
- Restaurants are good.
- I grew up here my whole life. I like seeing the tourist money bring business in Kailua. As a biker, I love the bike lanes here. Just need more transit options.
- Target is (the only) negative impact. No more development. Keep Kailua Kailua!
- Refurbishing of delapidated buildings/roads have been good, but high rents are forcing out distinctive small businesses. Kailua risks becoming characterless.
- But not entirely. Not enough focus on agriculture and preserving the environment.
- More vibrant, more shopping and restaurant options; more pedestrian activity.

- Over-all, yes, but increase in tourism is becoming a problem.
- Continue to work on safe roads for pedestrians, bicycles, kupuna and kids on scooters.
- Target is convenient.

Changes have not been good

- Kailua has lost its small town charm
- Over-development is rampant, unplanned, far too rapid, and for big business only.
- Good for investors and commercial activities. Bad for our residential community and housing.
- Since the 1970's it has been going downhill.
- Becoming another Hawai'i Kai, Waikiki
- Too much traffic and tourists.
- Too many tourist businesses.
- The growth is taking the small town/local merchants out of business. Get rid of Corporate America!
- Awful – greedy with no regard to residents.
- Some of the redevelopment of blighted properties have been good, however, with the push to use Kailua as a tourist destination, it takes away from those who live here.
- The condos on Kailua Rd. are too expensive for locals.
- This is not a location for big box stores. The sale to A & B comes with increased rates for local business.
- Too fast; poor regulations.
- Too many TVRs and houses renting out rooms – sense of community is being lost.
- Commercialization has diminished ease of living here – forced out restaurants as A&B increases rent and choose what restaurants are good for tourism.
- Rents too high.
- Changes are dividing the town; less Aloha
- We are on the way to having a population density of Tokyo or Manilla. Inadequate infrastructure.
- Economic gain for certain members of community have resulted in loss of quality of life for others.

Question 8: Asked about whether respondents felt crime has increased or decreased in Kailua. 43.19% of respondents said that crime has increased, 0.94% of respondents said that crime has decreased, 29.58% of respondents stated that crime has stayed the same and 26.29% of respondents did not have an opinion or did not respond to the question.

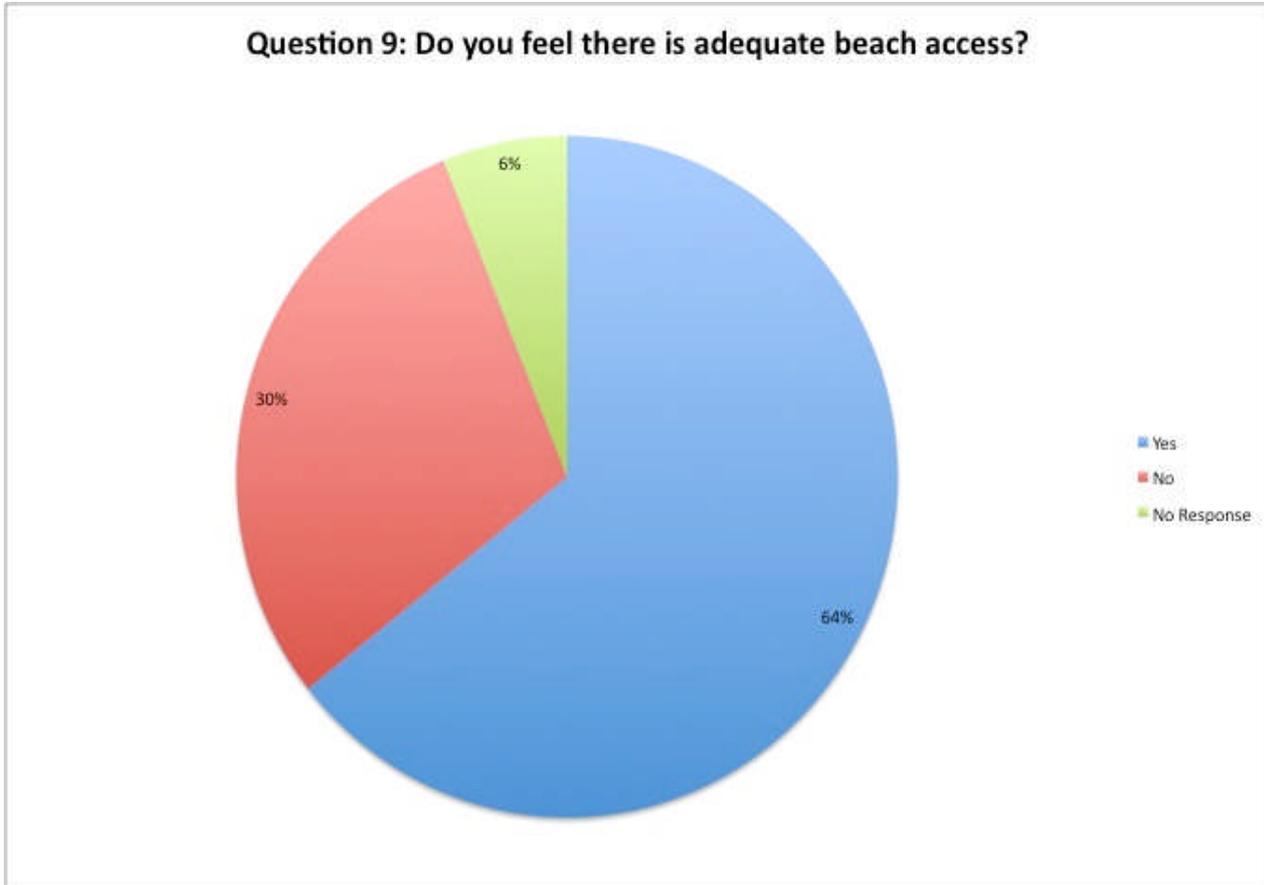


Community Comments:

Crime has increased in Kailua and reasons why it has increased

- Homelessness
- Drugs
- Break-ins
- Homelessness
- Robberies
- Less cops and enforcement
- Police apathy.
- Tourists make easy targets. Inadequate enforcement, incompetent prosecution, “turn em loose” judges make crime an attractive occupation.
- More deaths
- Need more jobs and activities for teens.
- Because of gentrification!

Question 9: Asked about whether there was adequate beach access to our beaches in Kailua. 64.32% of respondents said that there was adequate beach access, 29.58% felt there was not adequate beach access and 6.10% of respondents did not answer the question.



Community Comments:

Yes. There is adequate access

- Adequate access for residents, but the increase in tourism has impacted beach accesses.
- Yes, but too many tourists from TVRs and use private accesses which are not for their use.
- Yes, except for Lanikai. Use part of Lanikai Park as a parking lot.
- But please don't gate accesses.
- Yes, but I don't appreciate certain areas trying to claim access as private.
- But more parking is needed.
- The problem is tht the tourists from TVRs leave trash and are up at all hours of the night.
- Need more support, e.g., bathrooms.

No. There is inadequate beach access and recommendations to improve access

- Privatization of beach access problematic, esp along Kalaheo Ave. ; "Private" beach access laws should be taken by eminent domain every 1,000 ft.
- Lanikai. And parking
- Kalama Beach Park.

- There are few right of ways for such a long stretch of beach.
- Along Kalaheo Ave.
- All beach access should be kept open; not closed off by certain neighborhoods.
- Area near Castles.
- Access should be improved for local residents.
- Parking, especially along Kalaheo Ave. is inadequate.
- Ka'apuni private beach access is closed; need an access between Ku'ulei and Kalama Beach.

Question 10: Asked about what issues people want the Kailua Neighborhood Board to address in 2015-2017 term. This section is worth further exploration because it provides valuable insight highlighting the issues our community faces directly from residents as well as innovative ideas for Kailua. The most frequent responses centered upon traffic, development issues, bike safety, tourism, protecting our beaches and cleaning up the beach parks, enforcing and regulating B&Bs and TVRs, preserving the character of Kailua and keeping it affordable for local families and local business owners.

Community Concerns:

- Parking/traffic
- Bike facilities/bike lanes and bike safety
- Stop developers/commercialism/tourism.
- Put a cap on development and make Lanikai more accessible to residents.
- Keep corporations from taking over Kailua. Not interested in living in new Waikiki.
- Need to be collaborative and compromise. No need to be unruly or aggressive.
- Pressure DLNR to enforce laws on beach encroachment.
- Finding a way to make A & B better prioritize local businesses for commercial leases, and other long-term decisions.
- Prevent A&B from changing the character of the town detrimentally.
- Stop # of CPRing of lots and illegal TVRs
- Let's get agreement on a balanced approach to TVRs;
- Legal owner-occupied B&Bs and regulate.
- Get behind "complete streets". Learn what it's about. Hamakua and Ku'ulei are perfect places to start.
- Get behind the DLNR's Kawainui Marsh Master Plan – it's well-thought out and long term.
- Control traffic and speed along Kalaheo so we can encourage bike use.
- Increase law enforcement; reduce crime; neighborhood watch/safety. More police visibility – walk in the community.
- Kite surfers, runners taking over Kalapawai beach; enforce beach rules/laws
- Improve relations between beach users (residents, tourists, paddlers, kitesurfers, runners
- Ban parking/enforce parking restrictions in Lanikai.
- Regulate # of cars in/out of Lanikai. Xmas was horrendous!
- Support the survival of small Mom and Pop/local stores; resident-focused activities.
- Get Kailua back to basics/local.
- Save the Marsh – no more buildings; no visitor center.
- Prevent proliferation of "big box" stores
- Trash pick up; keep Kailua clean
- Fix and upate Kailua Beach park bathrooms; an embarrassment. Needs better maintenance and cleaning.
- Refurbish/re-build Kailua Beach Park pavillion.
- Build handicap sidewalk ramps around lake and business areas.
- Corruption in govt; judicial system (failures (releasing multi-offenders)
- Tour helicopters and Cessna airplanes are inundating our skies above residential areas!
Regulate them!
- Sea level rise.
- Beach access
- More signs. Less police, fire and emergency sirens.

- Shuttle service to and from Kailua and Lanikai Beach to cut down on parking and traffic congestion problems.
- “Smart City” development that’s walkable, sustainable, livable.
- KNB-specific:
 - Polite respectful board members; better public address system at meetings.
 - Positive attitude and positive feedback to those who come before the board, whether or not you agree.
 - Current board is rude.
- Open the gate from Kailua Rd into Kailua Gardens.
- No car traffic in town.
- Controlling pill box hiking traffic – we sorely need trail maintenance.
- Traffic at Kalapawai (a signal, not a round-about would be helpful).
- Eliminate bike rentals until we have better bike lanes.
- No tour buses and parking.
- More underground utilities!
- Need dog parks.
- Close Kailua Rd. And make it a walking mall.
- Shut down the Lanikai Pill Box trail – it is not maintained, resulting in injuries evacuated by helicopter; noise pollution to residents and parking nightmares on Ka’elepulu St. Reduce the amount of tourism, buses, planned Kawainui development. Renovations to Kailua library and parking lot. Intervene on commercial rent prices that are driving local businesses out of Kailua (Mu’umu’u Heaven).
- Homelessness
- Crosswalks at beach entrances.
- Build a community center that can accomodate @ 200 people for parties, etc.
- Town beautification; bring the community together. KNB are elected to work for the community, not for their own personal interests.
- Enforce zoning laws.
- Noise, esp motorcycles.
- Closed circuit TV in town.
- Affordable housing.
- Parklets
- On Keolu Dr. (in front of skate park), there should be a red curb tht prevents cars from parking at that intersection. When one car stops to make a left turn, a car is parked next to the curb, and no one can go around – so the traffic backs up to Akamai St.
- Create pedestrian and multi-modal pathways – connect schools to neighborhoods.
- Keep Kalama Beach parking and bathrooms open longer.
- Keep a watch on the Kawainui Marsh projects. Seems like it may end up a land grab. Totally opposed to development on a large scale there.
- Stop letting for-profit interests ruin us!
- Aoloa St. gate!

Additional Comments from Surveys

- Please leave Kailua a small town/great town/residential, not tourist.
- No commercial activites on Kailua Beach.
- Would like to have Kailua town party twice a year.
- I only moved here a year ago, but notice prices rising and increased traffic.

- Just because traffic gets worse doesn't mean you put a moratorium on parking or development. It's how we deal with these changes. Kailua should find middle ground for quality of life for its residents and supporting economic activity, regardless. More transit options need to exist. More bike lanes, bus, rail will allow people more mobility options, whether you choose to exercise those options or not.
- Everything is geared towards tourists.
- Don't let Mainland owners ruin Kailua.
- I like the elimination of sports businesses on the beach!

Appendix 1: Kailua Community Survey 2015

The Kailua Neighborhood Board works to address issues that matter to residents of our community. Please take a few minutes to complete this anonymous survey, which will greatly help direct our work.

Do you live in Kailua? **Yes** **No**

If you answered **YES**, in which part of Kailua do you reside?

- Sub district 1 - (Kalaheo Beach Lots, Ku'ulei Tract, Kalama Tract, Lanikai, Kailua Beach)
- Sub district 2 - (Enchanted Lake, Keolu, Keolu Hills)
- Sub district 3 - (Maunawili, Pohakapu)
- Sub district 4 - (Coconut Grove, Aikahi, Kalaheo Hillside, Kailua Town area)

If you answered **NO**, please describe where you reside _____

Did you vote in the 2013 neighborhood board election? **Yes** **No**

Please circle your response:

1. Transient Vacation Rentals (rentals less than 30 days known as TVRs), and bed and breakfasts (B&Bs) have been illegal on Oahu since 1989 (with the exception of a limited number that were grandfathered at the time). Many new illegal transient vacation rentals have started since 1989. What do you think we should do about this?

- a. TVR and B&B lodging in residential areas should remain illegal and enforcement should be increased.
- b. They should remain illegal but the current low level of enforcement is acceptable.
- c. Change the law to legalize TVR and B&B in residential neighborhoods.
- d. No opinion

Comments:

2. Projected costs for Honolulu's Rail Transit Project have increased significantly. What do you think we should do about this?

- a. Increase taxes to cover the project's costs.
- b. Suspend new contracts on the project until the project is fully re-evaluated.
- c. Stop further construction and evaluate more effective alternatives including re-use of work already started.
- d. No opinion

Comments:

3. How do you feel about development mentioned in the Kawainui Marsh Master Plan?

- a. Strongly oppose
- b. Strongly support
- c. No opinion

Comments:

4. Do you think traffic has gotten better or worse in Kailua town? Please share reasons why.

- a. Better
- b. Worse
- c. Stayed the same
- d. No opinion

Comments:

5. Residents using bikes and bike rentals by tourists have increased the number of riders on our roads. Sometimes this has resulted in near misses between vehicle traffic and bike riders. Have you or someone you know been negatively impacted by a bike rider in Kailua?

- a. Yes
- b. No

Comments: (If you answered YES, do you have any suggestions on what can be done to decrease potential accidents?)

6. Are you having trouble finding parking in Kailua town and throughout Kailua?

- a. Yes b. No

Comments: (If you answered YES, what do you think are the reasons for lack of parking spaces?)

7. Kailua town has changed over the past few years. Do you think the changes have been good for the community or not so good for the community?

- a. Yes, the changes have been good b. No, the changes have not been good c. No opinion

Comments: (Please give a reason for your choice.)

8. In your experience has crime increased or decreased in Kailua?

- a. Increased b. Decreased c. Stayed about the same d. No opinion

Comments: (Please explain why you think crime has increased or decreased.)

9. Do you think there is adequate beach access in Kailua?

- a. Yes b. No

Comments: (Please identify areas where you think better beach access is needed.)

10. Please list issues that you would like the Kailua Neighborhood Board to work on in the next 2 years.

If you would like a response to your list of issues please provide your email address:

If you would like to be added to the monthly distribution of Kailua Neighborhood Board **Minutes and Agendas**, please write your e-mail address: _____

Appendix 2: KNB Survey Comments*2

Questions	Comments
<p># 1: TVRs: keep illegal, increase enforcement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TVRs increase rents and make living here unaffordable. (3) - Leave Kailua a family neighborhood (3) and not a mini Waikiki. - Residents have rights! - Bring back 'ohana-based community! Illegal TVRs destroy the fabric of our community. (3) - It decreases affordability for young families and anyone – even dual income ones! Mainland owners would rather rent out TVRs, since they make more money. - They are skirting around the law with verbage that allows them to continue. - No new permits until enforcement is adequate for current. (2) - Illegal B&Bs not fair to those who abide by the law and pay proper taxes to support infrastructure. (2) - TVRs make residential rental very difficult and residents are forced to move away due to high and less long-term rentals. - Enforce exsiting regulations. (6) - B&Bs are more acceptable than TVRs if they maintain a residential appearance and are limited in size (2-3 rooms). - Allow for resort expansion (eg Turtle Bay) - The homeless population increases as fewer affordabe rentals are available. - A very limited number of legal TVRs and B&Bs would be acceptable if they paid taxes. (2) - Illegal increased housing density is hard on the infrastructure (2); illegal rentals should be penalized. (2) - Don't grandfather. - Parking is an issue on the side streets.

² Note that the number in parentheses represents the number of respondents who supported a specific comment.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clogs streets. - ** Current enforcement is a joke. Call me for details. Dave 561-6255. - Ruining our neighborhoods. - The city’s “enforcement” is non-existent. That is unacceptable, and DPP certainly can’t handle more rentals. - Fund City positions for enforcement. - Deputize neighborhood board members or others to enforce if (City) doesn’t have enough staff!
<p># 1: TVRs: keep illegal, current level enforcement ok</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need the legal ones already in place.
<p># 1: TVRs: legalize</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yes – would love a B & B. I would rent one! (not a Kailua resident; lives in HNL) - Needs to be a balanced approach to permitting and enforcement. TVRs are an asset to the community. - Have a limited lottery – owner-occupied for TVR and B&B. - Legalize, control (5) and collect taxes! (2) - Allow more legal, regulated residential B&B’s, but cap the number. - City can’t set up rules and regulate if it stays totally illegal. - <i>But no “free lunch”for anyone. Laws need to be made and more importantly, enforced, with taxes going to the sustainability of Kailua.</i> - Thoughtfu regulation is necessary to protect the public, tourists, and owners. Higher taxes may prevent entry and a better solution than banning. - Or at least decriminalize. - Vacation rentals not a problem unless you live right next door. - There is a need for famlies to have company nearby, esp if they’re extended, large relatives.
<p># 2: Rail Transit: increase taxes to cover costs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We need it desperately (2) and it’s already started. They keep building houses and no reasonable roads to travel. - Rail is desperately needed because of the traffic, but it needs

	<p>to be put in economically and efficiently.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alleviating traffic congestion is beneficial for everyone on O’ahu, even if Kalua residents will not benefit directly. As O’ahu’s population continues to grow, more options need to be available, whether it be rail, cars, bus, carpool bike, walking. A modern city needs choices for its people. - Get the rail built. (2) We’e been talking about it for 30-40 years. It will benefit all, even us on the Windward side.
<p># 2. Rail Transit: suspend contracts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need more <i>unbiased</i> oversight of construction and costs. Who will actually use rail?
<p># 2. Rail Transit: stop construction and evaluate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stop it and use money for needy causes, eg, road repair - Stagger school or work hours to allow for commuter traffic. - Should <u>never</u> have been started without a more detailed projected costs. - Invest more in The Bus, park-n-ride, dedicated bus and HOV lanes during rush hours. - Ditch the rail and create an inter-island ferry system. - Rail will bankrupt this state. - The rail is a black hole for tax money. End the madness now. - The rail will do nothing but put a temporary band-aid on a much larger problem.
<p># 3: Kawainui Marsh Plan: oppose</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Don’t mess with nature’s work. Leave as is (2) - Leave the Marsh <u>alone</u>. (2) - <i>Deal with conservation, but no additional building or parking for recreation.</i> (4) - Proposed development is too high for the site. - Our kupuna’s wishes should be honored. - Beautification and maintenance only; no tourist accommodations (eg, parking) - Hard to know. Not keen on increased traffic, but if cultural component enacted, it could be a nice thing. - Should be preserved as a wetland refuge for plants and animals.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourage community to support and maintain it. - Oppose full scale development but support limited development. - This is just another tourist attraction that will create traffic and other negative issues. - However, I do like the beautification in the area near the remote dump site. - State cannot take care of existing parks – it would be a mess and result in more problems (pollution, vandalism, etc.)
<p># 3: Kawainui Marsh Plan: support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not sure. I want assurances re: limited access and no big tourist venues. Controlled and limited tours could be okay. - <i>Support slightly: for restoration, preservation, education. Against increased tourism/commercial (3).</i> - Well done and control here is needed. - We need a cultural site. Kailua was traditionally a center of culture for Hawaiians on O’ahu. We need to return to that. (2) - Oppose full scale development but support limited development (same comment as above). - Your question is skewed. It’s not about development it’s about properly and responsibly managing this important resource. There is no “development” planned in the marsh. The proposed projects are for people on the edges, where they belong. - Low impact development can minimize impacts. Fund state positions to maintain and enforce laws that prevent abuse by commercial interests.
<p># 4: Traffic: Better</p>	
<p># 4: Traffic: worse</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I moved to Kaneohe because of the traffic and noise in Kailua. - More cars; more pedestrians; too much large growth; no benefit to residents, only tourists; too crowded. - Kailua is being built like a smaller Waikiki and doesn’t have the parking and infrastructure to support all the tourism activities, TVRs. (5) - Tour buses (8)... should be banned (2)

- *Target (23)*; Target intersection; Whole Foods; big stores
- My area is awful. I have to very careful to consolidte all my errands and make only 1-2 trips into town a week. Rarely venture into Kailua town anymore (2)
- Lack of planning and prior performance by developers.
- Living on Mokapu Blvd and having been away for 3 years, I've seen a vast increase in traffic in front of our house at Oneawa light, as cars coming down pali Hwy now turn left on Kam Hwy to H-3 and get to Kailua by going around Kailua town.
- Crazy worse! Awful! (3)
- I live by the boat ramp and cannot leave the house at times.
- Inadequate biking infrastructure (2); overdeveloped neighborhoods.
- More vehicles per household.
- Tourism (12)
- Construction (2) . . . on Kailua Rd. (1)
- Need signs directing people to the beach parks – many lost folks.
- More people moving to Kailua from Mainland.
- Allowing the CEO of Kaneohe Ranch/A&B to develop without following laws!
- Esp at Pali/Castle Junction.
- Shame of those responsible for allowing a Target in my town!
- Development without traffic planning. (2)
- We need to make out town's streets "complete streets" – streets that are for all of us, not just for our vehicles: people, bikes, pedestrians, activities, and parklets.
- Unsafe conditions for pedestrians, esp school-aged children and elderly.
- EMS can't get out of Lanikai.
- What used to take me 5 minutes to get around now takes 10-15 minutes.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aoloa St. gate!
<p># 4: Traffic: same</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need left turn phase mauka and makai on Kailua Rd. at Hamakua to allow time for left turns and free up the back up on Kaiua rd.
<p># 5: Negatively impacted by bike rider: yes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I have been hit/almost hit (2) We need bike facilities. - I almost hit someone biking down the street and not stopping at stop sign. - Increase signage (5) - Require (vendors?) to educate (Hawai'i Bicycle League) renters (and others) on the laws/safe biking (20). Video in Japanese (2), Korean - Don't rent to tourists. - Only the obvious rental bikes. - <i>Safer/more bike lanes</i> (15). Too dangerous to ride on the road. Better road explanation to tourists (3). - Cap the # of rentals per day; - Speed limits? - Enforce violations - Too much for a driver to look out for/need to drive slow near them (2). - I drive my kids to school in the morning and 20ft after school and it is dangerous! I am afraid of hitting a biker and people jaywalking. - Bikes should not be on sidewalks. (4) - Take away bike rentals.
<p># 5: Negatively impacted by bike rider: no</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bike users have been encouraged. Why should it be restricted to residents only? - As a biker, I have been nearly hit by <u>cars</u> who don't look! (4) Biker safety would improve by drivers who are cautious. - But almost. - Bikes have rights too. Bike paths would be a good thing. - There are a lot of lazy people who could walk or ride bikes

	<p>but drive instead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drivers: get used to it.
<p># 6: Trouble parking in Kailua: yes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Esp on weekends and if Target parking lot is full. - Esp in specialty shop areas. - Too many outsiders moving in. (2) - Too much going on in a concentrated area. - Illegal TVRs (5) - Illegal encroachment on public right of way by property owners. - Handicap parking is not proportionate to passes distributed. Very unfriendly. - Tourists & buses/non-Windward residents. (15) - Overdevelopment; Kailua being turned into a resort destination at th expense of our residential way of life. Target and chains (3) are not in scale for town size. - Tourists and locals abusing designated parking for businesses. - Difficult finding prking on Thursdays – Farmer’s Market. (2) - People come to experience small community. We could encourage them to park in a satellite lot and shuttle in. Where to put satellite lot? - Poor planning.
<p># 6: Trouble parking in Kailua: no</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I walk and catch the bus – rarely drive (2) - In Lanikai, mainly. - Businesses should provide parking for employees
<p># 7: Changes to Kailua: good</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some good, but not the building. - The changes have been a <u>small</u> net positive. - Some good, some not so good. The sweet lazy beach town is gone. I’m glad business is thriving but its <u>not</u> good for residents. Also, prices have risen because of tourists. - Buldings were ready for renovation and done well. - Yes and no. Changes have brought new money into the

	<p>community, but we need to keep the small town feel. (2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some good, eg. Outdoor Circle - Restaurants are good. - I grew up here my whole life. I like seeing the tourist money bring business in Kailua. As a biker, I love the bike lanes here. Just need more transit options. - Target is (the only) negative impact. (2). No more development. Keep Kailua Kailua! - Refurbishing of delapidated buildings/roads have been good, but high rents are forcing out distinctive small businesses. Kailua risks becoming characterless. - But not entirely. Not enough focus on agriculture and preserving the environment. - More vibrant, more shopping and restaurant options; more pedestrian activity. - Over-all, yes, but increase in tourism is becoming a problem. (3) - Continue to work on safe roads for pedestrians, bicycles, kupuna nd kids on scooters. - Target is convenient.
<p># 7: Changes to Kailua: bad</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Over-development (4) is rampant, unplanned, far too rapid, and for big business only. - Good for investors an commercial activities. Bad for our residential community and housing. - Since the 1970's it has been going downhill. - Kailua has lost its small town charm. (8) Becoming another Hawai'i Kai, Waikiki (3) - Too much traffic and tourists (4). - Too many tourist businesses. - The growth is taking the small town/local merchants out of business. Get rid of Corporate America! - Awful – greedy with no regard to residents. - Some of the redevelopment of blighted properties have been good, however, with the push to use Kailua as a tourist

	<p>destination, it takes away from those who live here.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The condos on Kailua Rd. are too expensive for locals. - This is not a location for big box stores. (4) The sale to A & B comes with increased rates for local business. (3) - Too fast; poor regulations. - Too many TVRs (5) and houses renting out rooms – sense of community is being lost. (3) - Commercialization has diminished ease of living here – forced out restaurants as A&B increases rent and choose what restaurants are good for tourism. (2) - Rents too high. - Changes are dividing the town; less aloha - We are on the way to having a population density of Tokyo or Manilla. Inadequate infrastructure. - Economic gain for certain members of community have resulted in loss of quality of life for others.
<p># 8: Crime in Kailua: increased</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Car theft mainly. - Drugs (6) - Break-ins (4) - Homelessness (6) - Robberies (3) - Less cops and enforcement. - Police apathy. - Tourists make easy targets. (3) Inadequate enforcement, incompetent prosecution, “turn em loose” judges make crime an attractive occupation. - More deaths - Need more jobs and activities for teens. - Because of <u>gentrification!</u>
<p># 8: Crime in Kailua: decreased</p>	
<p># 8: Crime in Kailua: same</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crime is very minimal, compared to other locations.

<p># 9: Adequate beach access: yes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yes, but too many tourists from TVRs (2) and use private accesses which are not for their use. - Yes, except for Lanikai. (2) Use part of Lanikai Park as a parking lot. - But please don't gate accesses. - Adequate access for residents, but the increase in tourism has impacted beach accesses. - Yes, but I don't appreciate certain areas trying to claim access as private. - But more parking is needed. - The problem is tht the tourists from TVRs leave trash and are up at all hours of the night. - Need more support, eg, bathrooms.
<p># 9: Adequate beach access: no. Where needed?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lanikai. (5) And parking (2) - Kalama. - There are few right of ways for such a long stretch of beach. - Along Kalaheo Ave. (3) - Privatization of beach access problematic (8), esp along Kalaheo Ave. ; "Private" beach access laws should be taken by eminent domain every 1,000 ft. - All beach access should be kept open; (3) not closed off by certain neighborhoods. - Area near Castles. - Access should be improved for local residents. - Parking, especially along Kalaheo Ave. is inadequate. - Ka'apuni private beach access is closed; need an access between Ku'ulei and Kalama Beach.
<p># 10: Issues for KNB next 2 years</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stop developers/commercialism/tourism. (8) - Put a cap on development (5) and make Lanikai more

	<p>accessible to residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Keep corporations from taking over Kailua. Not interested in living in new Waikiki.- Bike facilities/bike lanes (9); bike safety (4).- Need to be collaborative and compromise. No need to be unruly or aggressive.- Pressure DLNR to enforce laws on beach encroachment. (2)- Finding a way to make A & B better prioritize local businesses for commercial leases, and other long-term decisions.- Prevent A&B from changing the character of the town detrimentally.- Stop # of CPRing of lots and illegal TVRs. (19)- Let's get agreement on a balanced approach to TVRs;- Legal owner-occupied B&Bs and regulate (3)- Parking/traffic (21).- Get behind "complete streets". Learn what it's about. Hamakua and Ku'ulei are perfect places to start.- Get behind the DLNR's Kawainui Marsh Master Plan – it's well-thought out and long term.- Control traffic and speed along Kalaheo so we can encourage bike use.- Increase law enforcement (3); reduce crime (4); neighborhood watch/safety (2). More police visibility – walk in the community.- Kite surfers, runners taking over Kalapawai beach; enforce beach rules/laws (2)- Improve relations between beach users (residents, tourists, paddlers, kitesurfers, runners)- Ban parking/enforce parking restrictions in Lanikai. (3)- Regulate # of cars in/out of Lanikai. Xmas was horrendous!- Support the survival of small Mom and Pop/local stores.(5); resident-focused activities.
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- Get Kailua back to basics/local (3).
- Save the Marsh – no more buildings; no visitor center.
- The Marsh (3)
- Prevent proliferation of “big box” stores (4)
- Trash pick up; keep Kailua clean (2)
- Fix and upate Kailua Beach park bathrooms. (3); an embarrassment. Needs better maintenance and cleaning.
- Refurbish/re-build Kailua Beach Park pavillion.
- Build handicap sidewalk ramps around lake and business areas.
- Corruption in govt; judicial system (failures (releasing multi-offenders)
- Tour helicopters and Cessna airplanes are inundating our skies above residential areas! Regulate them!
- Sea level rise.
- Beach access. (2)
- More signs. Less police, fire and emergency sirens.
- Shuttle service to and from Kailua and Lanikai Beach to cut down on parking and traffic congestion problems. (5)
- “Smart City” development that’s walkable, sustainable, livable.
- KNB-specific:
 - Polite respectful board members; better public address system at meetings.
 - Positive attitude and positive feedback to those who come before the board, whether or not you agree.
 - Current board is rude.
- Open the gate from Kailua Rd into Kailua Gardens.
- No car traffic in town.
- Controlling pill box hiking traffic – we sorely need trail maintenance.
- Traffic at Kalapawai (a signal, not a round-about would be

	<p>helpful).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Eliminate bike rentals until we have better bike lanes.- No tour buses and parking. (2)- More underground utilities!- Need dog parks. (3)- Close Kailua Rd.. And make it a walking mall.- Shut down the Lanikai Pill Box trail – it is not maintained, resulting in injuries evacuated by helicopter; noise pollution to residents and parking nightmares on Ka’elepulu St. Reduce the amount of tourism, buses, planned Kawainui development. Renovations to Kailua library and parking lot. Intervene on commercial rent prices that are driving local businesses out of Kailua (Mu’umu’u Heaven).- Homelessness (6);- Crosswalks at beach entrances.- Build a community center that can accomodate @ 200 people for parties, etc.- Town beautification; bring the community together. KNB are elected to work for the community, not for their own personal interests.- Enforce zoning laws. (4)- Noise, esp motorcycles.- Closed circuit TV in town (2).- Affordable housing. (2)- Parklets- On Keolu Dr. (in front of skate park), there should be a red curb tht prevents cars from parking at that intersection. When one car stops to make a left turn, a car is parked next to the curb, and no one can go around – so the traffic backs up to Akamai St.- Create pedestrian and multi-modal pathways – connect schools to neighborhoods.- Keep Kalama Beach parking and bathrooms open longer.- Keep a watch on the Kawainui Marsh projects. Seems like it may end up a land grab. Totally opposed to development on
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	<p>a large scale there.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Stop letting for-profit interests ruin us!- Aoloa St. gate!
# 11: Other issues/comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Please leave Kailua a small town/great town/residential, not tourist. (6)- No commercial activites on Kailua Beach. (2)- Would like to have Kailua town party twice a year.- I only moved here a year ago, but notice prices rising and increased traffic.- Just because traffic gets worse doesn't mean you put a moritorium on parking or development. It's how we deal with these changes. Kailua should find middle ground for quality of life for its residents and supporting economic activity, regrdless. More transit options need to exist. More bike lanes, bus, rail will allow people more mobility options, whether you choose to exercise those options or not.- Everything is geared towards tourists.- Dont let Mainland owners ruin Kailua.- I like the elimination of sports businesses on the beach!