



WAIMANALO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 32

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015 298 REGIMENT MFTU RTI AUDITORIUM

Call to Order – Chair Wilson Kekoa Ho called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with a quorum of eight (8) members present. Note – This 13-member Board requires seven (7) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action. Chair Ho welcomed everyone to the Neighborhood Board meeting and thanked the Hawaii National Guard (HNG), under the Command of Colonel Paul Littlefield for the use of this auditorium.

Members Present – Joe Albinio, Shannon Alivado, Michael Buck, Rosina Ho, Wilson Kekoa Ho, Andrew Jamila (arrived at 7:50 p.m.), Marvella Kuulei Laughlin, Herb Nakamura, and Reneè Wallace Silberstein.

Members Absent – Courtney Paulos and Ted Radovich.

Vacancies – There were two (2) vacancies – one (1) vacancy in Subdistrict 8, New Homestead; and one (1) vacancy in Subdistrict 11, Hale Apuni.

Guests – Colonel Paul Littlefield (Hawaii National Guard), Robert Kroning (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative, Department of Design and Construction, Director), Councilmember J. Ikaika Anderson and Don Aweau (Councilmember Ikaika Anderson's Office); Acting Captain Daniel Lauro Yamamoto (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Darryl Kon and Corporal Tony Bustamante (Honolulu Police Department); Danielle Ornellas (Board of Water Supply), Jennifer Lee (Department of Parks and Recreation), Jim Murphy and T.J. Joseph (Honolulu Habitat for Humanity), Hapaki Nakamura (KNOW), Ileen Wong, Abraleen Kelunui, Mahina Kaai, Calvin and Frencha Kalilimoku (Hawaii Hazards Awareness and Resilience Program [HHARP]), Pastor Kevin Hart and Melvin Aiu (Ocean View Baptist Church), Julie Dugan (Hawaii Job Corps), Noel Richardson (Waimanalo Elementary and Intermediate School); Moana Akana and Kamakana Aquino (WHHA); Scotty Reis Moniz (Waimanalo Canoe Club), Denise Espania and Moana Scholf (Malama Honua Public Charter School), Ilima Ho-Lastimosa (University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources), Bernie Strand (Waimanalo Ahupua'a Coalition), Charnay Kalama-McComber (Hui Malama o Ke Kai Foundation), Kalani Kalima, Raul Tarus (BOCA HAWAII), Piilani Kai (Waimanalo Health Center), Sharon (Kupuna Hale), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office).

Opening Pule – Chair Ho noted that meetings begin with an opening prayer. Those not wishing to participate were allowed to remove themselves. The Board's newest member, Reneè Wallace Silberstein, gave the pule.

Certificate of Appointment – Chair Ho mentioned that last month Silberstein was appointed to the Board and presented a Certificate of Appointment.

CITY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) Report – Acting Captain Daniel Lauro reported the following:

- February 2015 Fire Statistics – There were 1 structure, 0 wildland, 1 rubbish, and 0 vehicle fires; 42 medical, 0 search/rescues, and 24 miscellaneous calls for service. There were no major incidents.
- Cooking Safety Tips: According to the National Fire Protection Association, more fires start in the kitchen than in any other place in the home. Two (2) out of every five (5) home fires start there. Cook only when alert and not when drowsy or have been drinking. Keep an eye on what one is cooking. If one needs to step away from the stove, turn it off. If one has a fire, go outside and call 911. Stay outside.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) Report – Lieutenant Darryl Kon, Third Watch Commander, reported the following:

- February 2015 Crime Statistics – There were 3 motor vehicle thefts, 2 burglaries, 8 thefts, and 11 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV). There was a slight increase in UEMVs.
- Follow-up from Last Month – HPD talked to the Waimanalo Polo Field Board about the fallen trees due to the high winds. Their Board members are working on damages and with Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) to trim the trees.

- Clean-Up – On Wednesday, March 4, 2015 the City and Honolulu Police Department (HPD) District 4 participated in a Clean-Up. Six (6) tons of trash were collected and one (1) family was placed in public housing.
- All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) – HPD will be adding ATVs to its patrol operations.
- Safety Tips – The tips were on burglary prevention.
- Statistics – More statistics were on the HPD website at - www.honoluluupd.org.

Comments followed:

1. More Operations – Chair Ho asked if there will be increased operations. HPD policy is to not publicize operations.
2. Commercial Ban in Kailua – Alivado asked about the commercial activities ban in Kailua. Lieutenant Kon mentioned that four (4) citations were issued on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at Kailua Beach. It appears that the vendors are moving north to Kaneohe. There is increased traffic, but pedestrian traffic slows the flow.
3. Introductions – Chair Ho asked for introductions. Lieutenant Kon introduced Corporal Tony Bustamante.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – The City News March 2015 was distributed and Director Robert Kroning reported the following:

- The Honolulu Zoo – The Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts and the Honolulu Zoo are asking for donations of lāi (ti leaf) to help repair the hale lāi. Green, yellow or brown ti leaves with stems may be dropped off in plastic bags at the Honolulu Zoo entrance.
- Crosswalk Stickers – The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Traffic Signals & Technology Division will begin placing stickers on crosswalk signal poles as workers go out to inspect or repair crosswalk signal poles island-wide. Only when the white man walking signal comes on, pedestrians may start walking. When the flashing red hand or countdown signal comes on, pedestrians may not start walking.

Comments followed:

1. Thank you – Chair Ho thanked the State Department of Transportation (HDOT) for the response to the Board's letter, regarding pedestrian safety in Waimanalo, written by Joe Albinio. Director Kroning will forward the message.
2. Commercial Activities Ban Bill – Buck asked for a timetable on the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) bill to ban commercial activities in Waimanalo. Kroning will follow up.

Councilmember J. Ikaika Anderson – Don Aweau distributed Councilmember Anderson's newsletter and reported the following:

- Bill 8 (2015), Relating to Public Parks – Aweau distributed copies of Bill 8. There will be one (1) more committee meeting. Two (2) people testified – one (1) in favor and one (1) against, but add permitting.

Comments followed:

1. Bill 8 Legislation for Commercial Ban Exemption – Buck asked what the status of the legislation for the commercial ban with exemption for carnivals, educational activities, and Farmers Markets. The Office of Council Services requested additional community input on the exemptions, so that the bill will be defensible in court. Buck requested a timetable by May 2015.
2. Bill 9 – Alivado asked about Bill 9, which would prohibit convicted felons from going to City parks. Alivado was concerned for persons in recovery that use the parks for healing and reuniting with the community. The bill was deferred, as HPD wanted to look at community responses.

At 7:50 p.m. Jamila arrived at the meeting; **nine (9) members present**.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Danielle Ornellas reported the following:

- Telephone Scam Warning – BWS would like to warn the community of a telephone scam where a person claiming to be a BWS employee told customers that a large sum of money was owed and they were threatened that the bill amount must be paid immediately to avoid water service shut off. Everyone is encouraged to call the BWS for verification. BWS does not call customers outside its business hours of Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., to request payment. BWS does not call customers, demand payment, and collect payment all in the same phone call.
- National Fix-a-Leak – Monday, March 16 to Sunday, March 22, 2015 is National Fix-a-Leak Week. During the observation, all residents are encouraged to check for property leaks and to fix them promptly. Checking

for and making timely repairs to property leaks helps to save water, lowers the combined water and wastewater bill, and prevents potential damage to one's home. For more information about leak detection call 748-5041 or visit www.boardofwatersupply.com. Ornellas had free leak detection dye tablets.

FILLING OF BOARD VACANCIES

- Subdistrict 11, Hale Aupuni – As there were no Board member nominations or volunteers to fill the vacancy, this item was deferred to the next meeting.
- Subdistrict 8, New Homestead – Chair Ho announced that the two (2) candidates from last month were en route. This item will be deferred until later.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Malama Honua Public Charter School – Fundraiser Luau – A young girl spoke about a fundraiser luau on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at the Hale Kealoha Restaurant in Kailua. There will be two (2) sittings, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The restaurant is on Pali Lane. There will be good food, entertainment, and a silent auction. A flyer is forthcoming. Denise Espania reported the following: Open House – The last Open House will be on Sunday, March 15, 2015. There are still openings for kindergarten, but slots for grades 1, 2, and 3 will be decided by lottery. The school had field trips, where the children learned about aquaponics and about loving the environment. Two (2) Saturdays ago on February 28, 2015, the school had a fundraiser, where it sold smoked meats.

Neighborhood Board Elections – Chair Ho announced that the sign-up period for the Neighborhood Board Elections was done. Voting is next from Friday, April 24, 2015 to Friday, May 15, 2015. More publicity is coming.

Continued Damages at Kakaina Homestead – Andrew Jamila reported that due to high winds, rain, and flooding, the project has been delayed one and one-half (1 1/2) years. Residents had complained about the entrance and egress to the project. The dust screens were down. Some paving was done, but it is still bumpy. Residents have been writing Chair Ho and this item will be kept on the agenda.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Forty (40)-foot Camper – Jamila mentioned a large 40-foot camper/mobile home traversing Waimanalo. Aweau stated that Councilmember Anderson will investigate this matter. Aweau will follow up on the laws, concerning mobile homes in Hawaii.

Honoring Mr. Tiger Wong – Jamila thanked Councilmember Anderson and Aweau for honoring 95 year old Tiger Wong on Wednesday, March 11, 2015. Wong will be presented an honorary certificate at the City Council Chambers on the third floor of Honolulu Hale.

FILLING OF BOARD VACANCIES -- Subdistrict 8, New Homestead – Kalani Kalima arrived at the meeting, but Noe Galeai did not. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

BOARD BUSINESS

Rebuilders Addiction Ministries (RAM) Program – Pastor Kevin Hart was in the military in Hawaii and after discharge, got into ice. He returned to the mainland and went to a Christian rehabilitation program. Pastor Kevin and Ocean View Baptist Church have been working with the people at the Waimanalo Beach Park. The Church wants to get a building and maybe start a Christian school. Melvin Aiu can speak “gang,” “organized crime,” “convict,” “homeless,” “community board,” and “church.” The Rebuilders Addiction Ministries has a 60+% success rate.

Habitat for Humanity (HHH) – Jim Murphy and T.J. Joseph explained the three (3) parts of their program:

- Build Homes for Partner Families – There is no interest charged and no profit made. The partner families volunteer to help others.
- Home Repair Program for Interiors – Participants learn to do minor repairs.
- Brush with Kindness – HHH arranges seven (7)-year loans with no interest for \$500.00 to \$10,000.00 for critical repair, exteriors, and accessibility, ramps, handrails, and landscaping. HHH interviews families, figure out the costs, give financial counseling, and help to get the loans. There is a lengthy application process.

Comments followed:

1. Commendation – Jamila commended the Habilitat program.
2. Funding Source – Buck asked the funding source. Murphy responded that HHH has a home improvement discount outlet called ReStore, where supplies are donated and they use volunteer labor. When partner families repay the mortgage, future projects are funded.

Bike Race – Raul Tarus came from Brazil in 1989. He owns BOCA HAWAII, a bike shop in Kaka’ako. Tarus has helped the Make A Wish Foundation. This bicycle ride will be on Sunday, March 22, 2015 and there will be no riding on the back roads of Waimanalo. The estimated 50 riders will leave Maunawili at 6:35 a.m. There will be two (2) police officers – one (1) escorting the front bicyclist and one (1) at the end. Alivado encouraged Tarus to give to non-profits organizations in Waimanalo.

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University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) – Ilima Ho-Lastimosa reported that Chair Ho was mentioned in a news story. Chair Ho thanked the Hawaii Job Corps for the program.

Hawaii Job Corps (HJC) – Julie Dugan mentioned that the HJC was almost at full capacity for classes. Its security and protective services trade will be in a MidWeek article. The first graduates will graduate in July 2015. Dugan announced that the car wash last month was rained out. It will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Hawaii Job Corps Center, 41-467 Hihimanu Street. Volunteers will wash cars, pick-up trucks, and mini vans. All funds will be donated to the Hawaii Foodbank Drive.

Waimanalo Canoe Club Activities – Scotty Reis Moniz announced that kid’s youth program will start on Monday, March 30, 2015. There will be an upcoming Waimanalo regatta. Reis Moniz will be visiting the Waimanalo Intermediate School. Last year the girls’ team visited the Waimanalo Neighborhood Board. The Head Coach is his brother, Nolan. Chair Ho mentioned that Rosina Ho has the paint and the volunteers to paint the halau, but needs to know the date. Reis Moniz will follow up.

Waimanalo Health Center (WHC) – Piilani Kai noted that the medical clinic hours were extended to 8:00 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. On Tuesday, March 24, 2015, Whole Foods will donate five (5) percent of sales to the WHC.

Emergency Hawaii Hazards Awareness and Resilience Program (HHARP) Update – Frencha Kalilimoku mentioned that there were 19 new Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) community members for a total of 80. There were 12 from the Hawaii Job Corps, seven (7) were from the Kapuna Hale, and 61 were from churches, retirees, government workers, business owners, and homemakers. There were two (2) new HAM radio operators for a total of 11. All are CERT-trained. 30 of the 80 are First Aid/CPR trained. This weekend, Saturday, March 14, 2015, Kalilimoku will be speaking at the State Advisory Council group for the Hawaii National Guard on Waimanalo. On Tuesday, March 17, 2015 HHARP will be at the Waimanalo seniors. The next regular monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11, 2015. The HHARP will be participating at the Prince Kuhio event on Thursday, March 26, 2015. The HHARP will be recognized in June 2015 for completing its course. For more information, call Kalilimoku at 259-7222.

EDUCATION REPORTS

Waimanalo Elementary and Intermediate School (WEIS) – Principal Noel Richardson reported that next week will be Spring Break from Monday, March 16, 2015 to Friday, March 20, 2015. On Wednesday, April 8, 2015, WEIS will be holding Poetry Night from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. WEIS will no longer have the split bell schedule, but will return to the former bell schedule of ending at 2:05 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays and at 1:15 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Comments followed: No Adult Supervision – A community member, Sharon from Kupuna Hale, was concerned that when the power outage hit Waimanalo, the library was closed, the children were released, the parents were not called, and there was no adult supervision. Principal Richardson explained that he had no jurisdiction over the public library. The school librarian called parents. Principal Richardson encouraged parents to enroll the children in the after school A+ program, which costs \$80.00 a month. The parking lot is also under the library jurisdiction. Jamila thanked Principal Richardson for the clarification.

Blanche Pope Elementary School – There was no representative present and no report available.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Senator Laura Thielen and Representative Chris Lee – Senator Thielen and Representative Lee were at the Legislature for First Crossover.

MILITARY REPORTS

Bellows Air Force Station (BAFS) – There was no representative present and no report available.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) – Tiffany Patrick was not present, but had asked Chair Ho to announce that The Beast 10 K Run will be on Saturday, March 21, 2015. The Air Show will be on Saturday, October 17, 2015 and on Sunday, October 18, 2015.

Hawaii National Guard (HNG) – Colonel Paul Littlefield mentioned that on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., there will be a ceremony honoring the World War II National Guard.

Malama Honua Public Charter School – Principal Denise Espania had reported earlier.

Governor David Ige's Representative – There was no representative present and no report available.

Hawaiian Homestead – Kamakana Aquino, the new President of the Hawaiian Homestead, mentioned that on Tuesday March 3, 2015 a Special Election decided the new officers. Aquino had an updated flyer for the Prince Kuhio events on Thursday, March 26, 2015 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center Halau. There will be food vendors and activities. The Royal Hawaiian Band will play, starting at 11:00 a.m.

Waimanalo Market Co-op – There was no representative present and no report available.

Waimanalo Ahupua'a Coalition (WAC) – Bernie Strand announced there will be "Reshaping the Future of Our Ohana" event at the WEIS, near the cafeteria, on Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The WAC plans to provide information to the homeless, veterans, and families. 300 plate lunches will be provided. Strand had a flyer for vendor applications. No money will be exchanged and donations of fruits and vegetables are welcomed. There will be a Tripler Army Medical Chaplain and Strand acknowledged U.S. Senators Brian Schatz and Mazie Hirono, State Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, State Senator Laura Thielen, State Representative Chris Lee, Councilmember J. Ikaika Anderson, Windward Baptist Church with Pastors Akana and Hart, the Waimanalo Health Center, the MCBH, the HNG, and the HPD.

Hui Malama O Ke Kai Foundation (HMKEF) – The HMKEF plans to build a traditional Hawaiian Hale Wa'a (canoe house). Jamila mentioned the flyer, which noted the ground blessing and community work day on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at the Hui Malama O Ke Kai Program Site, 41-477 Hihimanu Street. Lunch will be provided. Bring shoes, gloves, and a reusable water bottle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no new announcements.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Submitted by:
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Reviewed by:
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Reviewed by:
Wilson Kekoa Ho, Chair