



MAKAKILO/ KAPOLEI/ HONOKAI HALE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 34

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2015** **KAPOLEI HIGH SCHOOL CAFETORIUM**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Evelyn Souza called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. **Quorum was established with six (6) members present.** Note – This nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members to establish quorum and take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Dean Kalani Capelouto, Troy Cullen (arrived at 7:52 p.m.), Jeff Healy, Jack Legal, Jame Schaedel, Evelyn Souza, Thad Speg, and Kanani Wond (arrived at 7:18 p.m.).

Board Members Absent: Michael Kioni Dudley

Guests: Detective Andrew Brito (Honolulu Police Department); Captain Chris Powell (Honolulu Fire Department); Director Clarke Bright (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative); Kathy Davenport (Councilmember Kymberly Pine's Office); Rian Adachi (Board of Water Supply); Candace Puailihau (Representative Andria Tupola's Office); Meg Turner (Senator Gabbard's Office); Pat Lee (Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation); Rick Prahler and Beth Malvestiti (Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation); Steve Vendt (Hawaiian Railway Society); Steve Foster (Pacific Sports); Heidi Armstrong (Department of Education); Lee Tokuhara (DR Horton); Michelle Hashimoto (American Cancer Society); Cathy Finney (Kapolei Knolls); Ashley Cachero; Cindy Shaw; Frank Genadio; Jackie Zahn; Michael Golojuch, Jr.; Michael Golojuch, Sr.; Kiran Polk; and Lori Snyder (Neighborhood Commission Office).

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS: Neighborhood Assistant Lori Snyder confirmed six (6) members present.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Chris Powell reported the following:

- **March 2015 Statistics:** Statistics for the Makakilo/Kapolei/East Kapolei stations included 2 structure fires, 2 wildland fires, 6 rubbish fires, 1 vehicle fire, 107 medical emergencies, 1 search and rescue, and 69 miscellaneous emergencies.
- **Smoke Alarms Safety Tip:** Smoke alarms are a very important part of fire safety in the home. Smoke alarms substantially reduce the risk of fire deaths in residential fires and alert occupants of smoke and fire 24 hours a day. HFD encourages everyone to install smoke alarms in each bedroom, sleeping area, and on every level in the home. The HFD's Smoke Alarms for Everyone (SAFE) Program's purpose is to install free smoke alarms and educate residents on fire prevention and the importance of testing and maintaining smoke alarms. Contact the Community Relations Office at 723-7167 if interested in signing up for the next SAFE program.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Detective Andrew Brito reported the following: **March 2015 Statistics:** Statistics included 30 motor vehicle thefts, 53 burglaries, 163 thefts, 57 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (JEMV), and 7,680 total calls for service.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. **Missing Persons Statistics:** Capelouto requested statistics on missing persons, and if the cases were resolved or unresolved. Detective Brito noted that HPD has a missing person detail.
2. **Kaupea Statistics:** Wond requested monthly statistics for crimes around Kaupea.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Certificate of Appreciation: Chair Souza presented a certificate to Jackie Zahn, the wife of Charles "Charlie" Zahn, on behalf of the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 for Charles Zahn's outstanding public service rendered to the community and the City and County of Honolulu. Legal presented a lei for Jackie Zahn. Michael Golojuch, Sr. spoke of Zahn's dedication to his community and service to his country.

Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC): Rick Prahler, the Development Branch Chief for HHFDC reported the following:

- Master Plan Changes: HHFDC is the master developer for the Villages of Kapolei (VOK). In 2004, when HHFDC sold Village 8 to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), a map of the master plan showed a park and a community center adjacent to the Kaupea community; the transfer agreement stated that the master plan could be changed.
- Community Center: VOK requested that HHFDC relocate the community center from across Kapolei High School to the vicinity of the existing VOK recreation center. The facility will soon be built.
- Park: The project contains 5900 excess park credits, which means that 5900 more units could be built without having to add more parks. There are currently three (3) parks in the neighborhood. HHFDC attended a March 2015 VOKA meeting and will present at the June 2015 Hawaiian Homes Commission meeting in hopes to address the Kaupea residents' concerns.
- Request for Proposal (RFP): A RFP has been submitted for 90 units of affordable housing, but HHFDC will not go forward with the RFP until the park issue is addressed.
- Traffic: Regarding traffic concerns, VOK will be around 500 units under what they are entitled. A new stoplight will be installed at Puainako Street and Kapolei Parkway that will provide a second crosswalk. HHFDC is working with City and State to restripe lanes on Kapolei Parkway and Fort Barrette Road.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Thank You: Wond noted that she is a Director and resident of Kaupea Homestead, and thanked Prahler for providing information to the community.
2. RFP: Prahler answered for Wond that the RFP was for 90 units of single-family housing. Prahler answered for Souza that the 90 units would cover the full nine (9) acres.
3. Traffic Light: Capelouto voiced support for adding a traffic light at Puainako Street and Kapolei Parkway. Prahler answered for Schaedel that there was a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with DHHL to install a traffic signal, and HHFDC is working with an engineering firm as well as the City to ensure maintenance of the roads.
4. Affordable Housing: Michael Golojuch, Jr. requested that the developer build affordable housing, with the focus on low unit rates and more units. Wond noted the affordable housing in Kalaeloa and Ho'opili and did not believe there is a lack of housing. Michael Golojuch, Jr. laughed out loud.

Chair Souza reminded the audience to maintain order and decorum.

Kahiwelo Neighborhood Park Hours: Chair Souza noted that the Kahiwelo Neighborhood Park sign states the park closes at 10:00 p.m., yet HPD will not enforce the hours unless the signage is accepted by the Neighborhood Board. Lee Tokuhara from DR Horton noted that the sign at the park is the standard hours sign that says the park is closed from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. **Legal moved and Healy seconded that the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 accepts the park hours signage of the Kahiwelo Neighborhood Park.** The motion was **ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 8-0-0** (Capelouto, Cullen, Healy, Legal, Schaedel, Souza, Spreg, and Wond.)

Chair Souza requested that Michael Golojuch, Jr. either stop being disruptive or leave, and requested him to "shut his trap."

Agenda Item: Support or Non Support of Bill 3: Chair Souza noted that the Office of Information Practices (OIP) recommended that the Board not discuss this agenda item because the agenda item description was too vague. Discussion followed:

- Opposition to the Discussion of the Agenda Item: Legal noted that the Neighborhood Board's role is to serve the public, and some community members may not be present for the discussion because they may not know what Bill 3 is. Legal requested that the agenda item be deferred.
- Support for the Discussion of the Agenda Item: Healy noted that most of the community is aware of what Bill 3 is, and questioned if this was a way to halt the Board's discussion. Capelouto reiterated Healy's opinion. Wond and Spreg voiced support for the discussion.

Community member Michael Golojuch, Jr. approached the microphone and began speaking.

Chair Souza called a recess at 8:08 p.m.

Chair Souza returned the meeting to order at 8:13 p.m.

Chair Souza allowed the audience to ask questions or comments: Community member Michael Golojuch, Jr. noted that Capelouto singled him out as the one who filed the complaint. Chair Souza noted that Capelouto did not single anyone out.

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Chair Souza returned the meeting to order at 8:16 p.m.

Chair Souza reminded community member Golojuch, Jr. that the Board allows civil discussion without sarcasm. Community member Michael Golojuch, Jr. laughed out loud. Chair Souza requested someone call 911. Without objection, Chair Souza moved to item III.e. Navy of Ordy Pond.

Transfer from the Navy of Ordy Pond: Chair Souza noted that Tom Clements will report on this agenda item at the May 2015 Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 regular meeting.

COMMUNITY/BOARD CONCERNS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pacific Sports Events: Steve Foster from Pacific Sports announced the following events: The Firecracker Sprint Triathlon will be held on Sunday, June 28, 2015 in Kalaeloa, and the Color Run will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2015. For more information, contact 864-0113. Foster answered for Wond that in 2014 he spent \$10,000 on maintenance, which included hiring Hunt contractors for tree trimming in preparation for the Color Run.

Relay for Life: Michelle Hashimoto from the American Cancer Society announced that a Relay for Life event will be held at Kapolei High School on Friday, May 8 to Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. For more information, contact 741-5854.

After-Tax Shred Day: A free document shredding day will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Kapolei High School parking lot.

Agenda Concern: Community member Michael Golojuch, Jr. voiced concern about a lack of transparency on the agenda.

"Look Beyond Tomorrow" Rally: Community member Michael Golojuch, Jr. announced a rally called "Look Beyond Tomorrow- A Rally for Justice" at the State Capitol on Monday, April 27, 2015. Discussion will include Hawaiian rights, women's rights, housing, and equal pay. The rally will be put on by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) Caucus, the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and Moveon.org.

BOARD PRESENTATIONS:

Hawai'i Tokai International College Relocation: Chair Souza noted that Interim Chancellor Dr. Edward J. Schultz will report on this agenda item at the May 2015 Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 regular meeting.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2015: **The March 25, 2015 Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 regular meeting minutes were ADOPTED as amended, 7-1-0 (Aye: Capelouto, Cullen, Healy, Legal, Schaedel, Souza, and Wond. Nay: Sprog).** The Neighborhood Assistant received the minor spelling and grammar corrections, and amendments included:

- Page 2: Affordable Transit System: "too far progressed to be able to save money" should be changed to "too far progressed to be changed and cancelling the project would not save money".
- Page 2: Rail Car Contract: "Atachi" should be changed to "Hitachi".
- Page 2: Support: "by losing just \$1 million by changing technology" should be omitted.
- Page 3: Committee of the Whole: Capelouto's press release article read at the meeting should be attached to the minutes (full article on Page 7).
- Page 5: Revisit agenda item III motion: Remove Schaedel's name from the vote. Add "Schaedel was not present at the time of the vote."

Mayor Kirk Caldwell: Director Clarke Bright reported the following:

- Road Repairs: Rehabilitation of Localized Streets Phase 16 utility coordination is ongoing.
- 88th Lei Day Celebration: The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will be accepting entries for the Youth Hawaiian Lei contest at the lei receiving booth at Queen Kapi'olani Park on Friday, May 1, 2015 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- Summer Fun Registration and Program: Summer Fun will run from Friday, June 12, 2015 through Friday, July 24, 2015. Registration for District 1 and 2 will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to noon, Monday, May 18, 2015 and Tuesday, May 19, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. District 3 and 4 registration will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to noon, Monday, May 18, 2015 and Tuesday, May 19, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Visit www.honolulu-parks.com for more information.
- Ti Leaf Collection: The Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts (MOCA) will be accepting ti leaf donations from Wednesday, April 1, 2015 until Monday, May 18, 2015.
- Age Friendly Cities Action Plan: The Age Friendly Cities action plan is a comprehensive plan for transforming Honolulu's built environment and encouraging social involvement and healthy aging. The action plan can be found at www.kupunatokeiki.com. Comments can be submitted by Friday, April 24, 2015 to: University of Hawai'i Center on Aging, 1960 East West Road, BioMed T705B, Honolulu, HI 96822, or by e-mail at Kupuna2keiki@gmail.com. Questions can be directed to the University of Hawai'i (UH) Center on Aging at 956-5001.
- Project Graduation Deadline: The deadline to apply for Project Graduation grants is Friday, May 1, 2015. Project Graduation celebrations are adult-supervised, alcohol-free and drug-free events held for high school seniors on their graduation night. HPD supports healthy, safe choices for young people and will provide up to \$1,500 to pay for ground transportation expenses associated with Project Graduation events.
- Farrington Highway and Waiomea Street Traffic Light: The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) has checked and monitored the intersection timing and found it to be operating properly. During the morning, afternoon, and weekend peak traffic, due to the high volume of vehicles traveling on Farrington Highway, the timing of the traffic signal favors Farrington Highway.
- Waiomea Street HPD Presence: Officers from the Kapolei Police Station made checks on various dates and times but did not observe anything hazardous in the area of Waiomea Street. They will continue to monitor the area and take the necessary enforcement action. DTS will also investigate and inform the Board by July 2015.
- Fort Barrette Road and Kapolei Parkway Traffic: The traffic concern was referred to the State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation (HDOT).
- Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) Accountability: There is significant accountability with HART at the City, including but not limited to monthly reports to the HART Board of Directors, the creation of HART Board Finance and Project Oversight Committees, the HART Board Audit Committee, monthly reports to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and a project management oversight contractor. HART participates in regular meetings with the FTA and the PMOC, and can be audited by either organization at any time. HART appears regularly before the City Council, and reports to its budget and finance committee. Mayor Caldwell holds weekly meetings with HART's Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director.
- Unisex Bathrooms Proposal: Residents and community members are able to comment on the unisex bathrooms at Ala Moana Beach Park proposal by visiting www.ouralamoanapark.com. Another round of public meetings is tentatively scheduled for Summer 2015.
- Kapolei Post Office: DTS will investigate the "No Parking" zone along Haumea Street in front of the Kapolei Post Office, and will report to the Board by July 2015.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Kapolei Post Office: Wond requested the mail box at the Kapolei Post Office be moved to allow for more parking spaces.
2. Fort Barrette Road and Kapolei Parkway: Schaedel noted that DTS should be working with HDOT on expanding the Fort Barrette Road and Kapolei Parkway lanes, and requested a report of what has been discussed. Schaedel voiced concern that the new elementary school opening in July 2015 will cause more traffic.
3. Surcharge Tax Justification: Healy requested an answer to how Mayor Caldwell justifies the surcharge to taxpayers without proper oversight of how the funds are spent.
4. Road Restriping: Chair Souza requested the restriping of the roadway heading east on Farrington Highway fronting Kapolei Knolls to Kapolei Golf Course.

5. Traffic: Chair Souza inquired about any plans that the City and State have not already implemented to alleviate traffic. Director Bright answered for Capelouto that HPD will dismiss the fine for those who received tickets for driving in the shoulder lane during the heavy traffic on Tuesday, March 31, 2015.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Rian Adachi reported the following:

- March 2015 Main Break Report: There was one (1) main break on Friday, March 13, 2015 at 91-700 Haakei Street.
- Free Educational Materials for Keiki: In support of the Neighborhood Commission Office's "Community for Keiki" month, BWS is offering educational materials for youth and community organizations to learn about Oahu's precious water resources. Materials include activity and coloring books, water conservation flyers, watershed protection handouts, and "Water for Life" booklets. The materials are available online at www.boardofwatersupply.com or for pick up at the BWS headquarters at 630 South Beretania Street. For more information or to schedule a pick-up, call BWS Communications Office at 748-5041.
- Follow-Up: Adachi will continue to follow up with Spreg's concern about the Makakilo 440 fence.

Councilmember Kymberly Pine: Kathy Davenport circulated a newsletter and reported the following:

- Park Rededication: Mākaha Community Park will be rededicated on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.
- Bill 58, CD 1 (2014): Bill 58, CD 1 (2014) was amended to include wording to protect park workers' jobs. The bill is intended to increase community involvement in the upkeep of parks.
- Community Benefits Package: Mayor Caldwell has not released the Community Benefits Package, but an appointment with Mayor Caldwell to discuss what the funds would be used for was suggested.
- Rail Town Hall: Councilmember Pine is considering a town hall meeting to discuss rail alternatives.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Ko Olina Beach Parks: Healy requested that the City not assume maintenance responsibility for Ko Olina Beach Parks. Capelouto and Wond voiced concern about private owners creating private beaches. Legal noted that the residents of Ko Olina pay a beach club fee.
2. Cost of Bathroom Renovations: Spreg noted that \$1 million was an excessive amount to spend for new bathrooms at One'ula Beach Park
3. Opposition to Ho'opili: Spreg noted that the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 opposes the Ho'opili development.
4. Makakilo Community Park: Chair Souza requested upkeep of the Makakilo Community Park baseball fields, which have been reported as dusty.
5. Neighborhood Commission Bill: Community member Michael Golojuch, Jr. requested that Councilmember Pine create a bill that would give the NCO power to correct agendas.
6. Kapolei Community Park: Schaedel noted for Wond that the playground equipment at Kapolei Community Park was removed for safety reasons. Schaedel requested Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds to replace the playground that was removed from Kapolei Community Park. Chair Souza noted that the funds could be requested in the Community Benefits Package.

Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART): Pat Lee reported the following:

- Public Transportation Statistics: 2014 was a record setting year for public transportation in the United States. Americans took almost 11 billion trips on buses, trains and trolleys, the highest public transportation ridership in 58 years. The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) data shows an increase of 3.3% nationally for ridership on grade-separated rail systems, which include both elevated rail and subways. Cities with grade-separated systems that showed increased ridership over 2013 were Miami, New York, San Francisco, Atlanta, Boston, and Chicago.
- Benefits of Honolulu's Rail System: When completed, Honolulu's rail system will provide a reliable alternative to driving and help develop livable communities where people can walk, ride transit, and are less dependent on the automobile for mobility. From downtown Honolulu to the airport, the trip would take only 12 minutes; from Kaka'ako to Waipahu would take 29 minutes, and from the Kroc Center in East Kapolei to the Ala Moana Center would only take 42 minutes.
- Construction Highlights: There are about 150 columns erected, more than 205 foundations laid, about 2,400 segments cast, about 100 spans completed, and over two (2) miles of guideway completed.
- Traffic Advisories: The east bound lanes of Old Farrington Highway have already been opened during daytime hours. Westbound lanes on Farrington between Kualaka'i Parkway and Kahi Mohala are also open during the day. Regularly scheduled nightly closures continue from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Work to

build a column between the northbound and southbound lanes of the Fort Weaver overpass will take place next week. The inside lanes of Fort Weaver Road at Farrington Highway will be closed weeknights from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

- Broadcast: HART meetings will be televised live on Olelo starting Thursday, April 23, 2015. The HART Finance committee meets at 8:30 a.m. and the HART board meets at 9:00 a.m. The broadcasts will be televised on Channel 55.
- Contact: For more information, visit the website www.honolulutransit.org, call the project hotline at 566-2299 or email a question at info@honolulutransit.org.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Cracked Section: Lee answered for Capelouto that construction repairs are done by the contractor, Kiewit. Lee will follow up on the warranty and timing of the cracked rail section.
2. Documentation of Technology: Spreg requested documentation that states the rail must be steel-on-steel technology. Lee noted that a letter was distributed to the Board with that information. Davenport noted that steel-on-steel technology is listed in the Record of Decision (ROD) and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Community member Frank Genadio noted that the ROD states that a petition can be created to change the rail technology.
3. Maglev Technology: Legal requested Genadio's response to an article in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser saying Maglev is expensive and potentially unsafe. Genadio responded that the high speed maglev in the article is different than the urban maglev desired for O'ahu.
4. Traffic: Wond inquired about what HART is doing to alleviate traffic. Lee noted that there are coordination meetings and shared work zones, and HART acknowledges traffic congestion from construction.

Governor David Ige: A representative was not present and a report was not provided.

Senator Mike Gabbard: Meg Turner provided a handout and reported the following:

- Capitol Idol: The Senate won the 2015 "Capitol Idol" competition started by Senator Gabbard in 2012. This event raised \$707 for the Hawai'i Food Bank. Senator Gabbard won the individual award. To view highlights of the event, visit www.khon2.com.
- Hawai'i Tokai International College: The grand opening of the Hawai'i Tokai International College was on Friday, April 17, 2015, located on six (6) acres fronting the University of Hawai'i (UH) West O'ahu.
- Hawai'i's Industrial Hemp Research Project: The blessing of Hawai'i's industrial hemp research project was held on Friday, April 10, 2015, commemorating the arrival of the hemp seeds and first planting at the UH Waimanalo Research Station.
- Listen Story: Senator Gabbard's next Listen Story meeting will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Kapolei High School cafeteria.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. NextEra and Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) Purchase: Legal requested information about the current stage of the NextEra and HECO purchase.
2. Traffic Accountability: Healy inquired if there have been any consequences for the broken Zipmobile that caused the traffic congestion.

Senator Maile Shimabukuro: A representative was not present and a report was not provided.

Representative Sharon Har: A representative was not present and a report was provided.

Representative Andria Tupola: Candace Puailihau provided a handout and reported the following:

- Ko Olina Bus Stop: The westbound Ko Olina bus stop has closed, and the eastbound stop is still open. Representative Tupola's Office has been working with the businesses in Ko Olina to provide shuttles for employees.
- Homeless Encampment Sweeps: Homeless encampment sweeps have conducted by HPD on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 and Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at Ko Olina beaches.
- Light Timings: DTS and the City are working to fix the light timings at Honokai Hale.

Representative Ty Cullen: A representative was not present and a report was provided.

Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA): Chair Souza noted that Tesha Malama was attending a different meeting, and will attend the next Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 regular meeting.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Spreg reported a balance of \$204.36. The report was filed.

Transportation Committee: Capelouto noted that the Zipperlane incident showed how traffic is turning into a panic situation, and voiced concern for emergency vehicles needing to get to a hospital. Capelouto reported the following:

Lost Productivity: With an approximate baseline number of 53,000 homes currently on the west side of the merge; 26,000 of those being the head of households; with 12 days of lost productivity per year; and using an average estimation of a salary of \$15 per hour; the impact of 12 days lost per year with this traffic situation would result in \$114,480,000 to \$228,960,000 in lost productivity per year. The impact of just two (2) hours lost in a single day to traffic would result in \$795,000 to \$1,590,000 of lost productivity per day.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Traffic: Cullen noted that DOT is doing the best they can, that DOT should more effectively inform drivers when shoulder lanes are open, and that the community should be patient. Wond noted that the population increase issue should be addressed to help alleviate traffic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Special Meeting: There will be a special meeting regarding the City Council Bill 3 agenda item.
- Next Regular Meeting: The next Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Kapolei High School cafetorium.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Submitted By: Lori Snyder, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed By: Uyen Vong, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed By: Evelyn Souza, Chair
Reviewed By: Jame Schaedel, Secretary

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Press Release

From NB # 34 – Kapolei-Makakilo-Honokai Hale March 23, 2015

Responding to House Bill 1329 HD2, the Kapolei / Makakilo Neighborhood Board was forced into holding the “first” open forum debate on a bill that included a Motorsports facility (i.e. race track) clearly situated on a parcel of land previously approved last year by the Navy for historical preservation (the Ewa Air Battlefield). Although the House bill drawing location was after the fact claimed to be conceptual, the error was incredibly insensitive to local Veterans groups, who render honors on the location every year for fallen Hawaii based Marines.

The problem between the legislature and community leaders, stakeholders, and the general public was that officials in the legislature allowed for only 48 minutes advance notice for the general public to testify on it. But somehow, ONLY those who stood by to directly benefit financially from the bill were provided an opportunity to testify on it, before it crossed over to the Senate. No one from the community or other stakeholders were given adequate notice or equal time to respond.

Under normal process of public transparency a bill or proposed project should be presented to the community/neighborhood board for their awareness, and an endorsement on it or not. Instead, this bill was run “under the radar” having the look of political insider horse trading, unethical actions, and possibly illegal actions. The public perception is that this was a complete breakdown in the democratic process. Many asked if State Ethics or Attorney General will be taking a look into the process by which this “specific bill” was run through the house, the lack of transparency, unethical actions, possibly illegal actions, and if any backroom deals were promised.

It is most important that the public understand that the board DOES NOT OPPOSE A RACETRACK, but it did oppose THE PROCESS, by which this bill was run. The media and other stakeholders might try and characterize

this issue as a polarizing issue between racers and non-racers, when the truth is the community already has former racers sitting and elected on the board, who are just asking to have the process done right.

Specifically, the board is asking why the state would chose to do business with an entity recently evicted off DHHL property (the last race track), and the qualifications for that entity to run and “responsibly manage” another racetrack, and the thought process (in the House) behind giving an entity access (special treatment) to Special Purpose Revenue Bonds (millions of dollars), when that entity previously already owes the State money. Special Purpose Revenue Bonds are supposed to be provided to “credit worthy borrowers that must be repaid promptly and with interest”. So the whole the ethics of having the State House endorse an entity as being “credit worthy” when the entity owes the State money, is questionable.

For those wanting to bring a racetrack into the district, the board would certainly would appreciate – and welcome the ability to open dialog on this, so all of the stakeholders involved, are not left out of the conversation. The community and board is just asking that it be done the right way and with “clean hands”.

Note: The Senate already killed an earlier version of the SB, after hearing the State AG concerns, which were conveniently not heard or included in the House testimony.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL NO. 1329, HOUSE DRAFT 2

WHEREAS, the projects proposed in House Bill No. 1329, House Draft 2 are within the territorial jurisdiction of Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34; and

WHEREAS, our community welcomes a raceway facility on Oahu, but the process by which House Bill No. 1329, House Draft 2 was passed by the Hawaii House of Representatives, we believe, was flawed due to the lack of transparency when the House Committee on Finance scheduled a hearing with a 48 minute notice to the public; and

WHEREAS, the non-profit entities mentioned within, and the introducer of House Bill No. 1329, House Draft 2 had adequate time to present the projects to Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34, but chose not to; and

WHEREAS, information contained in testimony submitted in support for House Bill No. 1329, House Draft 2 before the House on Committee on Finance is debatable, if not erroneous; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Committee of the Whole of Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34, that this committee strongly OPPOSES House Bill No. 1329, House Draft 2; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology, and the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means are strongly encouraged to not schedule a hearing on House Bill No. 1329, House Draft 2; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology, the Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Senator representing the 20th Senatorial District, and the Representative representing the 43rd Representative District.