



## MAKAKILO/KAPOLEI/HONOKAI HALE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 34

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### DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2016 KAPOLEI HIGH SCHOOL CAFETORIUM

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Evelyn Souza called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. **Quorum was established with seven (7) 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, Kioni Dudley, Jack Legal, Michael Madix (arrived at 7:12 p.m.), Brandon Mutchek, Evelyn Souza, Thad Spreg, and Kanani Wond (arrived at 7:06 p.m.).

Board Members Absent: None.

Guests: Lieutenant Farrel Sojot (Honolulu Police Department); Brad Kitsu (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative); Rian Adachi (Board of Water Supply); Pat Lee (Honolulu Authority on Rapid Transportation); Meg Turner (Senator Mike Gabbard's Office); Wendee Wilson (Representative Sharon Har's Office); Kalei Gilbert (Representative Andria Tupola's Office); Steve Vendt (Hawaiian Railway); Noe Lopes, Kaukaohu Waihilani, and Lopaka Lonoaea (AHA Aloha Aina); Yvonne Samia (Kroc Center of Hawaii); Iwalani McBrayer and Annie Aea (Kaupe'a Hawaiian Home Land); Guy Kapeliela (Hope Chapel – Second City); Rodney Boucher (Red Cross); Dixie K. Kalamau; Mia Obciana; Frank Genadio; Michelle Tomas; Jackie Zahn; John Bond; Mike Lee; Tom Berg; Doris Dudley; Rodney Boucher; videographer; and Uyen Vong (Neighborhood Commission Office).

Roll Call/ Statement of Order and Decorum: Attendance was taken by roll call. Chair Souza read the statement on order and decorum.

**Wond arrived at 7:06 p.m.; there were eight (8) members present.**

### CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): No representative was present.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant Farrel Sojot presented the following: Captain Benjamin Mahi: Captain Benjamin Mahi recently transferred to District 8. *Captain Mahi introduced himself.*

**Madix arrived at 7:12 p.m.; there were nine (9) members present.**

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Traffic Congestion: Capelouto asked and Lieutenant Sojot answered that DTS is currently conducting a study regarding traffic congestion near Kamokila Boulevard and Farrington Highway. Captain Mahi added that utilizing special duty officers to monitor traffic was not effective because there was a large volume of cars passing through.
2. Resolution on Housing: Dudley commented that the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 passed a resolution for a moratorium on housing until the freeway is restored to level of service D, and asked for HPD's support for the resolution. Captain Mahi replied that HPD only monitors traffic, and relies on completed studies for further action. Dudley noted that he is asking other neighborhood boards to support the resolution.
3. Cars on Shoulder Lane: Chair Souza asked if HPD patrols the freeway from Kualakai to Kunia for cars using the unimproved shoulder lane. Captain Mahi will follow up.
4. Speeding Cars: Madix asked for monitoring of cars traveling over the speed limit on Kapolei Parkway near Kapolei High School and Kapolei Middle School.

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

- Main Break: There are no main breaks to report for February 2016.

- **Reminder to Check for Leaks:** The average American household wastes more than 10,000 gallons of water each year due to running toilets, dripping faucets, and other household leaks. In observance of National Fix-A-Leak Week, March 13-19 2016, and to promote water efficiency and savings, BWS reminds residents to check their homes for potential water leaks. Free leak detection dye tablets are available to the public at the BWS Public Service Building at 630 South Beretania Street. More information on how to find leaks can be found at [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com), including an instructional video on how to check for leaks.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. **Leaks:** Chair Souza asked and Adachi replied that dye tablets or food coloring can be dropped in the toilet tanks to check for leaks. Adachi added that a common approach to checking leaks is to turn off all fixture, then check the dial on the water meter.
2. **Invoice Number:** Legal commented that he manages vacant properties that he pays the water bill for, and he is having issues with receiving reimbursement because BWS does not provide invoice numbers. Adachi will follow up.

### BOARD BUSINESS

**Transportation Committee:** Chair Souza appointed Dean Capelouto as the chair of the Transportation Committee. There were no objections.

**Dudley moved and Cullen seconded to name Spreg, Madix, Mutchek and resident Frank Genadio as committee members. The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0 (AYE: Capelouto, Cullen, Dudley, Legal, Madix, Mutchek, Spreg, Souza, and Wond; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

**Proposed Town Hall Meeting:** Chair Souza explained that the Board passed a resolution for a moratorium on housing to address current levels of traffic congestion. Chair Souza noted that traffic issues should be resolved before additional homes are built. Dudley reiterated Chair Souza's statements that additional homes will greatly exasperate current traffic congestion. Dudley commented that he is hopeful that by collaborating with other neighborhood boards they will be able to get the City Council's support.

**Legal moved and Mutchek seconded for the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 to host a town hall meeting.**

Discussion followed:

1. **Support of Motion:** Legal spoke in support of having a town hall meeting. Madix noted that traffic is a top issue when speaking to his constituents.
2. **Level of Service D:** Spreg asked and Dudley replied level of service D is the norm across the nation for peak hour traffic on freeways and is relatively free flowing.
3. **Clarification of Motion:** Cullen asked the Board to discuss the town hall meeting, not on the resolution passed by the Board last month.
4. **Adequate Infrastructure:** Capelouto commented that there should be adequate infrastructure before additional homes are built.

**The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0 (AYE: Capelouto, Cullen, Dudley, Legal, Madix, Mutchek, Spreg, Souza, and Wond; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

**Resolution on Rewards Program and Signs at City Parks:** Dudley read the proposed resolution on a rewards program and signs at City parks.

**Legal moved and Cullen seconded for the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 to adopt the previously stated resolution.**

Discussion followed:

1. **CrimeStoppers:** Legal asked if the rewards program will be run by CrimeStoppers or HPD, and asked how the program would be funded. Chair Souza replied that the program would be funded by CrimeStoppers, and that if the rewards exceeds \$1,000, then the City Council should fund the program.
2. **History of Rewards Program:** Wond asked and Chair Souza replied that she does not know of any other parks that have tried this rewards program. Chair Souza added that Councilmember Pine is aware of this resolution.

**The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0 (AYE:** Capelouto, Cullen, Dudley, Legal, Madix, Mutchek, Spreg, Souza, and Wond; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None).

Relocation to Kapolei Hale: Chair Souza explained that the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) asked if the Board could consider relocating its meeting to another site since there will be a dramatic fee increase in using Kapolei High School.

**Legal moved and Madix seconded for the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 to relocate its regular meetings to Kapolei Hale.**

Discussion followed:

1. Pillars: Legal commented that a previous concern about using Kapolei Hale was the pillars that may obstruct the view for some audience members.
2. Security: Chair Souza noted that security is provided at Kapolei Hale.
3. Opposition by Dudley: Dudley spoke in opposition of Kapolei Hale, and asked what the fee increase is.
4. Timeframe: Spreg asked for a timeframe for moving to Kapolei Hale if the Board votes in support of Kapolei Hale. Chair Souza noted that she will make an inquiry and report back to the board at the next meeting.

**Legal withdrew his motion.**

## PRESENTATIONS

**Seeing no objections, Chair Souza moved the agenda to item V. c: Presentation on Kapolei Commons.**

Kapolei Commons: Jeff Dinsmore of the MacNaughton Group commented that the latest additions to Kapolei Commons are five (5) new restaurants and a luxury movie theater. Residents will be able to enjoy the new entertainment center without having to leave the Kapolei neighborhood.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. New Jobs: Madix asked and Dinsmore replied that approximately 60 people will be hired for the new movie theater, and about 80 people will be hired for the new restaurants.
2. Movie Tickets: Wond asked and Dinsmore replied that the cost of the movie tickets will be \$2 more expensive than Consolidated Theaters. Dinsmore added that the movie theater is smaller and offers reserved seating.
3. Consolidated Theater: Cullen asked and Dinsmore replied that Consolidated Theaters will still be in operation.
4. Traffic: Chair Souza asked and Dinsmore responded that they are not worried about any increase in traffic because most of the customers will be residents. Dinsmore added that the theater is the only luxury theater on Oahu.

**Seeing no objections, Chair Souza moved the agenda to item V. d: Discussion and action concerning Kaupe'a Wall.**

Kaupe'a Wall: Iwalani McBrayer of the Kaupe'a Homestead Association circulated a handout and presented the following: Chronology of Requests: The request to build the wall started in January 2008 with Micah Kane, then Chair of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), and Connie Kita of its Planning Department. The current chair and deputy chair of DHHL are not very responsive to this request. The Kaupe'a Homestead Association is asking for support from the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 to urge Governor David Ige to take action.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Request Details: Chair Souza asked and McBrayer answered that the Kaupe'a Homestead Association is seeking funding and construction by DHHL. McBrayer added that the DHHL chair and deputy chair may be purposely stalling the project by not responding to the request. Chair Souza recommended McBrayer to contact Senator Maile Shimabukuro and Senator Brickwood Galuteria of the Hawaiian Affairs Caucus.
2. Reason for Request: Legal asked and McBrayer replied that the reason for the request to build the wall is to conform to the other existing walls in the area. McBrayer added that the cost of the wall may be the reason why DHHL is not going forward with the request.
3. Support by Resident: A resident commented that the Board should support the request.
4. Source of Funding: Wond asked and McBrayer replied that she is seeking either funding as a capital improvement project (CIP) or from DHHL, whichever is available.

5. Cost of Wall: Chair Souza asked and McBrayer replied that the cost estimate is approximately \$585,000.
6. Letter of Support: Spreg recommended the Board to copy “Exhibit 19” of the handout provided by McBrayer and send a letter in support on behalf of the Board.
7. Design: Mutchek asked if the wall design could be changed to minimize the cost. McBrayer replied that the design is made to protect the homes in case of a vehicle collision. Mutchek asked to add landscaping for visual aesthetics. McBrayer replied that aesthetics is not part of the design.

**Dudley moved and Madix seconded for the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 to use wording from “Exhibit 19” and send a letter of support.**

**The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0 (AYE: Capelouto, Cullen, Dudley, Legal, Madix, Mutchek, Spreg, Souza, Wond; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

**Seeing no objections, Chair Souza moved the agenda to item V. b: Legislation by Representative Ty Cullen concerning pueo (owl) study.**

Legislation Concerning Pueo (Owl) Study: Chair Souza apologized that she did not follow up on the request for Representative Cullen to speak at tonight’s meeting. Chair Souza thanked Representative Cullen for introducing legislation regarding the pueo. Chair Souza read the aforementioned legislation, House Concurrent Resolution 178, urging the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to preserve pueo habitat areas across the state and conduct an extensive pueo habitat inventory. Chair Souza added that the resolution was amended by House Speaker Joe Souki to extend the scope to the entire state of Hawaii. Resident Mike Lee noted that this is an important issue to the community and residents should submit testimony in support of the bill. Resident John Bond noted that he and someone else wrote this resolution, and he frequently sees the pueo. Bond circulated pictures of the pueo.

Pueo Sighting near KROC Center and University of Hawaii – West Oahu (UH West Oahu): Tom Berg reported that the development of Ho’opili threatens the existence and habitat of the pueo. Berg also noted that he has been promised by DLNR that there would be a study on the pueo, but the study does not exist. M. Lee shared that the pueo is an important part of Hawaiian history.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Environmental Impact Statement (EIS): Madix asked how the EIS passed if Berg and M. Lee allege that there have been numerous pueo sightings. M. Lee replied that the EIS was not comprehensive.
2. Pueo Habitat: Chair Souza asked if Berg and M. Lee would be satisfied if the pueo was given a habitat. M. Lee commented that habitats mean that they must be sustainable, and that the gulches where the pueo have been sighted are owned by DLNR and D.R. Horton, the developer for Ho’opili.
3. Support by Wond: Wond noted her support to preserve the pueo habitat.
4. Support by Residents: Michelle Tomas, Dixie Kalamau, Noe Lopes, and another resident spoke in support of the resolution.

**Wond left at 9:04 p.m.; 8 members were present.**

5. Support by Board Members: Dudley, Madix, Cullen, Legal, and Chair Souza spoke in support of preserving the pueo and the relating resolution.

**Madix moved and Mutchek seconded for the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 to support the resolution.**

Discussion followed: Scope of the Resolution: Capelouto commented that he supports protecting the owl, but is concerned with the scope of the resolution to the neighbor islands. Chair Souza recommended Capelouto to provide testimony to the subject legislative committee.

**The motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0 (AYE: Capelouto, Cullen, Dudley, Legal, Madix, Mutchek, Spreg, and Souza; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

#### COMMUNITY/BOARD – CONCERNS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 6th Annual Leeward Music Festival: Resident Doris Dudley announced that the 6th annual Leeward Music Festival will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at the KROC Center at 6:45 p.m. The entrance fee is \$5.
- Hawaiian Railway: Steve Vendt, operations manager of the Hawaiian Railway announced that the Hawaiian Railway may be closing due to a Department of Transportation (DOT) plan to construct a road

from Kapolei Parkway to Roosevelt Avenue. Vendt encouraged residents to contact the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) to support continued operations of the Hawaiian Railway. Capelouto invited Vendt to present the issue to the Transportation Committee. Chair Souza extended the invitation for Vendt to present at the next regular meeting.

- 2nd Annual Hero Run: Yvonne Samia, community relations manager from the KROC Center announced that the 2nd annual Hero Run is happening on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 7:00 a.m.
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): Community member Rodney Boucher announced several upcoming trainings offered by the Red Cross and CERT. Individuals wishing to volunteer for the disaster fairs should visit [www.hawaii.gov/doh](http://www.hawaii.gov/doh) for more information.
- Consolidated Theaters: Rod Tengan requested and Chair Souza agreed to add Consolidated Theaters to the April 2016 agenda.
- National Guard: Cullen commented that the Hawaii National Guard has started to deploy to Qatar to fight the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), and asked the board to excuse his future absences as he will be on deployment.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Sprog noted that his comments to the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation's (HART's) representative were not included in the minutes for the past two (2) months.

#### MONTHLY REPORTS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Brad Kitsu presented the following:

- Title VI Program Report Public Hearing: The public hearing for the 2016 Title VI Program report will be held on Friday, April 8, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at the Mission Memorial Building meeting room.
- Earth Month: Earth Month starts on Saturday, April 2, 2016.
- Ali'i Place: The City is the fee owner of the property on 1099 Alakea Street. The Bristol Ali'i Holdings, LLC has a 65-year ground lease for the parcel which is set to expire in 2054. The Department of Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS) has not received any purchase offer for the property.

Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine: No representative was present; no report was provided.

**Cullen left at 9:37 p.m.; 7 members were present.**

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

Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA): No representative was present. Capelouto asked for the board's support on a petition.

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

- West Oahu Farrington Highway Segment: Foundation and column work has been completed from Kualakai Parkway to Farrington Highway to Leeward Community College. The Rail Operations Center is almost completed. The first four (4) rail cars are in Honolulu and have been transported to the Operations Center. Work on the stations in Waipahu and East Kapolei is starting. The East Kapolei station group's contract is \$56 million and the Farrington Highway station group's contract is \$80 million.
- Kamehameha Highway Guideway: Utility relocations, drilled shafts, and foundation and column work are continuing along Kamehameha Highway. The second balanced cantilever which will cross over H-1 near the Waiau Power Plant and Sears Distribution Center is scheduled to start in May 2016. The Kamehameha Highway Guideway station group construction contract should be completed by the end of 2018 and is \$116 million. Guideway work for this segment should be completed by the end of 2017.
- Airport Guideway: Utility relocations are continuing on the Airport segment. The guideway and stations are currently out for bid.
- City Center Guideway: Crews are preparing for the temporary relocation of utilities in Kalihi on Dillingham to widen the roadway on the makai side of the boulevard in preparation for guideway work down the center of the boulevard. HART is awaiting award of the City Center guideway and stations contract.
- General Information: For general project information, traffic updates, meeting notices, visit [www.honolulutransit.org](http://www.honolulutransit.org) or call the project hotline at 566-2299 or email a question at [info@honolulutransit.org](mailto:info@honolulutransit.org).

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. UH West Oahu Station: Madix asked if the access to the UH West Oahu Station is on the east or west side of North-South Road. P. Lee replied that the station is east of Kualakai Parkway.
2. Relocation of Residential Units: Capelouto asked about relocation of public housing units near the Aloha Stadium. P. Lee stated he is unaware of any relocations in that area.
3. Water along the Route: Capelouto noted that he has concerns about construction crews drilling into the water table in the Pearl City area. P. Lee will follow up.
4. TheBus: Madix commented that TheBus does not allow luggage on busses, and asked if the policy will change to allow people fully use public transportation by taking the bus and then the rail to the airport. P. Lee will follow up.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (CONTINUED): The minutes were deferred.

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

- Hemp Bill: Senator Gabbard's "hemp bill" is scheduled for a hearing in the House Finance Committee on Friday, April 1, 2016. Senator Gabbard is hopeful that the bill will pass.
- Wildlife Species Bill: Senator Gabbard's "wildlife species bill", relating to banning of certain animal products, allows the state to work with federal agencies in regards to the illegal ivory trade.
- Talk Story Session: Senator Gabbard's next talk story session will be on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at Kapolei High School teacher's lounge.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: North-South Road: Capelouto asked Turner to let Senator Gabbard know that the North-South Road issue in regards to the rail is an important issue to the community.

Senator Maile Shimabukuro: No representative was available; no report was given.

Representative Sharon Har: Wendee Wilson reported the following:

- Maunakea Scholars: Several students from Kapolei High School participated in the Maunakea Scholars Program and will be offered an opportunity to visit Maunakea on Hawaii Island.
- Hawaii: Next 50: Congratulations to Angelica Devers from Kapolei Middle School, one of the winners of the Hawaii: Next 50 contest.

Representative Andria Tupola: Kalei Gilbert circulated a report and presented the following: Legislative Update: The legislature is currently in its 2nd crossover and is voting on Senate bills. A summary of important bills will be listed in a written report and will be presented at the May 2016 regular board meeting.

Representative Ty Cullen: No representative was present; a report was provided.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Committee Update: Wond was not present; there was no update.

Chair's Report: There was no update.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Madix reported expenditures of \$48.35 in February 2016, leaving a remaining balance of \$34.30. The report was filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the Kapolei High School cafeteria, pending confirmation.

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

Submitted By: Uyen Vong, Public Relations Assistant

Reviewed By: Sam Wolff, Neighborhood Assistant I

Reviewed By: Final Approval By: Chair Evelyn Souza