



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

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016 KAPOLEI HIGH SCHOOL**

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Evelyn Souza called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **Quorum was not established with four (4) members present.** Note – This nine (9) member board requires five (5) members to establish quorum and take official Board action. Chair Souza announced testimony and reports would be accepted as listed on the agenda.

Board Members Present – Dean Kalani Capelouto (arrived at 7:07 p.m.), Kioni Dudley, Jack Legal (arrived at 8:15 p.m.), Michael Madix (arrived at 7:20 p.m.), Christopher Pierce, Thad Spreg, Evelyn Souza, and Kanani Wond (arrived at 7:06 p.m. and departed at 9:00 p.m.).

Board Members Absent – Brandon Mutchek.

Guests – Captain Stephen Gerona, Captain Stason Tanaka, and Lieutenant Randall Arakaki (Honolulu Police Department); Captain Robyn Desuacido (Honolulu Fire Department); Clark Bright (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative); Rock Riggs (Senator Michael Gabbard's Office); Representative Andria Tupola; Rian Adachi (Board of Water Supply); Pat Lee and Chris Wong (Honolulu Authority on Rapid Transit); Victor Flint (Naval Facilities Engineering Command); Heidi Armstrong (Department of Education); Gary Gill, Michael Hayes, and Thomas Anuheelii (Gill Ewa Lands); Steve Vendt (Hawaiian Railway); Steve Foster (Pacfic Sports Events); Mike Lee, John Bond, Frank Genadio, Patricia Ulloa-Carcio, Neil Nakagawa, Allegra Matsuo Mossman, Michele Mitsuo, Kiran Polk, Iwalani McBrye, Angela Kaahue, and Howard Kim; Sharon Baillie (Neighborhood Commission Office).

Roll Call/Statement of Order and Decorum – The Neighborhood Assistant (NA) took a roll call attendance.

### CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

Honoulu Police Department (HPD) – Captain Steven Gerona introduced himself as the new executive officer at Station 8.

Comments, questions, and concerns that followed: Car Accident – Souza inquired and Tanaka answered that the car accident on Kunia Road was caused by a number of factors including driving too fast and not following the traffic laws.

**Kanani Wond arrived at 7:06 p.m.; Quorum was established with five (5) board members present.**

**Kalani Capelouto arrived at 7:07 p.m.; Six (six) board members present.**

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Randall Arakaki reported the following:

- July 2016 Statistics – There were 31 motor vehicle thefts, 43 burglaries, 170 thefts, and 57 Unauthorized Entries into Motor Vehicles (UEMVs). A total of 7,316 calls were placed for service.
- Safety Tip – Pedestrian Safety:
  - Drivers have multiple things to be aware of when driving.
  - Pedestrians have one (1) thing to be aware of when walking across the street. Please make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street.

Comments, questions, and concerns that followed:

1. Dumping – Wond noted that her community put up no dumping signs on Kamaaha Avenue in front of Kapolei Middle School and requested more police patrols around the area.
2. Thanks – John Bond thanked HPD in conjunction with the Navy police for helping curb the racing taking place out on the 'Ewa fields.

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Robyn Desuacido reported the following:

- July 2016 Statistics – There were 4 structure fires, 3 wildland/brush fires, 3 nuisance fires, 2 cooking fires, 15 activated alarms, 115 medical emergencies, and 7 motor vehicle crashes/collisions.
- Fire Safety Tip – Smoke Alarms:
  - Maintenance – Smoke alarms should be installed and maintained in every home. Working smoke alarms save lives and decreases the risk of dying in a home fire in half. Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button. If the smoke alarm has a nine (9) – volt battery, change it annually. The entire smoke alarm should be replaced every 10 years.
  - Smoke Alarms For Everyone (SAFE) – The Honolulu Fire Department will be conducting its SAFE program from Tuesday, September 13, 2016 to Friday, September 16, 2016. If anyone is interested in receiving a free smoke alarm installation, please call 723-7167 for more information.

Comments, questions, and concerns that followed:

1. Cause of Fire – Wond asked and Desuacido answered that he is unsure what started the fire in the forest up past the Hawaii Golf Course and that the Department of Forestry handled it.
2. Response – Bond inquired and Desuacido responded that if there is a fire and someone calls 911, the City and County of Honolulu HFD will respond, even if it is on military property, and then the military will be informed of the fire and they will respond as well.

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

- Water Main Breaks – There were no water main breaks in July 2016.
- General Water Announcements:
  - BWS Water Master Plan – The BWS released a draft of its Water Master Plan, which is a comprehensive evaluation of the water supplies, needs, and infrastructure over a 30-year period. Copies of the plan are available at [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).
  - Impersonation of BWS Employees – If someone is claiming to be a BWS employee, and unable to provide a reasonable combination of credentials, such as wearing official BWS attire with logo, driving a BWS labeled vehicle, and carrying an official city and county of Honolulu badge with the agency identified as the BWS, please call HPD at 911 for assistance. Individuals are claiming to be BWS employees in order to gain access to homes for robberies. Please call the BWS at 748-5041 to file an additional report of suspicious situations and encounters.
- Response/Follow-up – Check of Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) does not show levels of contaminants for current year. For other years, check the reports that were previously received. Contact the BWS Water Quality Division at 748-5080, if the previous year's reports are needed.

**Michael Madix arrived at 7:20 p.m.; Seven (7) board members present.**

Comments, questions, and concerns followed: Presentation – Souza noted the importance of having a presentation on the BWS Water Master Plan so that the public can learn and ask questions about what the future of water will be like. Dudley added that he would like to hold a planning and zoning meeting specifically for the BWS presentation. Adachi added that holding a separate meeting would be a good idea, noting the presentation with questions could span up to and over an hour. A request for presentation will be made.

## BOARD BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 27, 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – **The board approved the July 27, 2016 regular meeting minutes, 5-1-1. (AYE: Capelouto, Madix, Pierce, Souza, and Wond; NAY: Spreg; ABSTAIN: Dudley).**

## INQUIRY CONCERNING PAST RESOLUTIONS TO ELECTED OFFICIALS

Hawaii Railway Society Site – Rock Riggs of Senator Gabbard's Office noted making updates on the three (3) resolutions at last month's meeting and that there was nothing new to report. Riggs will bring a written update for next month's meeting. Representative Tupola stands behind Steve Vendt from the Hawaiian Railway, adding that she has not heard from the Department of Transportation (DOT) on any plans they may have for a parkway expansion through the yard. Spreg read an exchange he had with Senator Gabbard on Facebook, in which Senator Gabbard says he is working closely with the DOT to find a win-win solution for the Kualaka'i Parkway Expansion and that the State has put a hold on all new road capacity projects and is focusing on maintenance of roads. Vendt questioned what a win-win could be when the only feasible option seems to put the needed parkway through the rail yard, and that although the state has put a hold on new road projects for the time being, they are still starting the 106 process for historic sites with the rail yard. Capelouto suggested that a petition to preserve the rail yard site

be started adding to maintain the pressure on letting the elected officials know that there is great opposition. Souza questioned how something that is historical can become unhistorical and that Hawaii needs to remember its history.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Meetings – Madix inquired and Riggs answered that there has been dialogue between Senator Gabbard and his daughter Representative Tulsi Gabbard, however no formal meeting has been set up to discuss the rail yard matter.
2. National – Bond noted that with the importance of preserving this historic rail yard, this matter will go national and high powered attorneys and others will get involved.
3. Thanks – Matsuo thanked everyone for their support of preserving the rail yard, adding that some of us rode on the railway and it is an integral part of Hawaii history.

Signage For Rewards Program At Parks – Souza explained a request to the Department of Parks and Recreations (DPR) to put signage up deterring vandalism at parks and restrooms, and intern offering a reward for reported incidents at City and County of Honolulu parks.

Dudley would like to see the traffic resolution be put on the agenda for updates and discussion at next month's meeting. Capelouto suggested that all of the active resolutions be kept on the agenda for updates.

#### COMMUNITY/BOARD CONCERNS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Sink Holes – Lee voiced concerns over sink holes that are opening up along the rail. Lee noted that blue aggregate is being used to fill the holes, however seem to be getting bigger, noting concern for projected rain fall which could cause further damage to the sink holes and surrounding structures.
2. Swallet – Matsuo added additional concerns to the presence of sink-holes that seem to be strung along the guideway like a strand of pearls, noting that pouring concrete into certain sections of Waipahu, when the rail is being constructed may cause water underneath the ground to divert and pop up at unexpected places causing additional damage.
3. Drug Free – Ulloa-Carcio from the Kapolei Coalition for a Drug Free Hawaii announced that there will be a town hall meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at Kapolei Middle School.
4. Color Run – Foster announced a Color Run event taking place at Barber's Point on Saturday, November 4, 2016 and a Bubble Run event taking place Saturday, January 21, 2017. Both of these events benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.
5. Chorale – Dudley announced that the Kapolei Chorale Fall Session will be starting and encourages everyone who likes to sing to come out and participate, adding that Doris Dudley is the choir director. Practice will be on Sunday's at 4:30 p.m. at the Mormon Church at 92-900 Makakilo Drive.
6. Thanks – Madix thanked everyone in the audience for coming to the meeting, noting the importance of such public platforms.

#### PRESENTATIONS

Updates and Status on the Makakilo Drive Extension and Budget Appropriation – Souza voiced the importance of what an extension project would mean to the people who traverse Makakilo Drive daily. Genadio stated that there is \$3 million in the 2016-2017 fiscal year (FY) for final design, and the overall project is projected to cost \$46 million. Souza and Capelouto added that the community has a right to know what has been done with the millions of TAXPAYER dollars spent by R.M. Towill for the design / planning of the project.

Camp Palehua (formerly Camp Timberline) – Gary Gill of Gill Ewa Lands LLC, has owned the land for seven (7) years. For the past 20 years Kama'aina Kids had managed the camp on the property, however in the past year have relinquished these duties. Gill Ewa Lands LLC would like to continue on with the programs, such as camps for students and retreats for businesses and families. The permits need to be upgraded to run operations legally. One (1) of the permits is a conditional use permit and the other is a special use permit. These permits will be submitted to the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP). Gill invited the board and anyone in the audience to take a tour of the property and learn Gill Ewa Lands LLC does in terms of operations and preservations of the land.

**Jack Legal arrived at 8:15 p.m.; Eight (8) board members present.**

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Land – Madix inquired and Gill answered that the Camp operations will be around 14.84 acres, however Gill Ewa Lands LLC is around 1,600 acres in total. There is an active cattle ranch on the lower portion of land and 400 acres on the upper portion is a conservation zone.

2. Tower – Dudley inquired to the large red and white tower that he and others can see, Gill answered that this is a replacement tower and is on State land but it is owned by the City and County of Honolulu and used by the Department of Emergency Management (DEM), HPD, and HFD, the access point to the tower is through Gill Ewa Lands LLC.
3. Great – Genadio voiced his pleasure with the Camp noting the great work it does. Bond added that taking a tour of the pods on the land is one of the greatest Hawaii Historical Sites someone could see.
4. Usage – Ka'aihue inquired and Gill answered that around 1,000 acres of the land is for agricultural use, however it is best for ranch activity because the land is dry and has been used for the last 150 years for cattle and that the land could not grow different food as successfully. Gill noted he would be open to anyone that has ideas for growing food on the land.

**Legal moved and Dudley seconded to send a letter of support for the Gill Ewa Lands LLC Camp Palehua operations to the DPP. The motion passed by a voice vote, 8-0-0. (AYE: Capelouto, Dudley, Legal, Madix, Pierce, Souza, Spreng and Wond; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

Pue'o Habitat Conservation – Mike Lee reported that on Thursday, August 18, 2016 a meeting was held at University of Hawaii West Oahu (UHWO) to discuss the conservation of Pue'o. Lee stated the importance of the Pue'o to the land and the culture of Hawaii, adding that himself and Senator Gabbard had walked in the two (2) gulches many times over the past four (4) years to see where the Pue'o nest and their flight patterns, amongst other activity. Lee added that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) study is being done to see if there would be an adverse effect on the Pue'o habitat being disturbed by development, noting that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was incomplete.

**Souza passed the gavel to Dudley at 8:39 p.m., and went to speak with someone off camera.**

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Information – Madix thanked Lee for the excellent article he received. Lee acknowledged the comments and added that to save the Pue'o all people need to be involved, scientists, cultural practitioners, school children, and residents. Lee added that they want to restore the gulches adding native Hawaiian plants to help with erosion and make it a place for cultural activities.
2. Funding – Legal noted that the federal government and the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) are funding the study and that it is a good start to the preservation of the Pue'o.
3. Mice – Capelouto noted that Makakilo is known for its mice problem and that the Pue'o are natural predators which would help combat the mice issue. Lee reiterated the importance of the Pue'o to the habitat and what cultural activities can take place in the gulches. Capelouto noted that presentations at the Pue'o meeting were very eloquent.

**Souza returned to the meeting at 8:47 p.m., Dudley passed the gavel back.**

4. Saving Pue'o – Ka'aihue noted concerns about the plans to save the Pue'o, adding that there are other ways to solve the problem. Lee stated that there are steps being taken in the right direction to save the Pue'o and what they are doing now has worked in the past when helping protect and repopulate Hawaiian species.

**Wond departed the meeting at 9:00 p.m.; Seven (7) board members present.**

5. Thanks – Matsuo noted her thanks and appreciation for everyone who has taken up the issue of saving the Pue'o.
6. History – Ulloa-Carcio asked and Lee responded that the Pue'o have been on the Hawaii Endangered Species List for 10 years and that doing the population count is a good step towards revitalizing the species.
7. Formation of a Permitted Action (PIG) Group – Dudley suggested that neighborhood board #34 form a Permitted Action Group (PIG) on the Pueo to investigate the facts about the Pue'o on the 'Ewa plain, and what needs to be done to preserve it, and to negotiate the setting aside of a habitat for the Pue'o. This PIG would have the authority to speak for the board on this issue. Members of the PIG would be Souza, Dudley, Madix, and Spreng.

**Dudley moved, and Madix seconded to form a PIG to discuss and investigate the facts on Pue'o. The motion passed by a voice vote, 7-0-0. (AYE: Capelouto, Dudley, Legal, Madix, Pierce, Souza, and Spreng; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Madix stated that \$41.11 was spend on postage and other printing costs and that there is a remaining balance of \$288.52. The report was filed.

### MONTHLY REPORTS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Bandmaster Clark Bright of the Royal Hawaiian Band reported the following:

- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) – The IUCN World Conservation Congress will be held in Honolulu from Thursday, September 1 to Saturday, September 10, 2016, at venues including the Hawaii Convention Center and the Neal S. Blaisdell Center. The Congress will bring together more than 8,000 attendees from 170 countries to discuss the most challenging issues for conservation. The City and County of Honolulu wants to ensure that Oahu residents are informed and aware of what to expect in regards to traffic, security, pedestrian access and park usage that could affect their communities. Be aware that from Monday, August 29, 2016 through Friday, September 2, 2016 vehicular traffic will be impacted by the installation of traffic control devices, pedestrian sidewalk closures and parking and security measures in and around the Hawaii Convention Center and the Neal S. Blaisdell Center. Residents and visitors are urged to sign up for NIXLE email and cell phone text messages to receive traffic advisories and other important information during the World Conservation Congress. You can sign up for an account at [www.NIXLE.com](http://www.NIXLE.com). Updated information will be posted to the Department of Emergency Management website at [www.oahudem.org](http://www.oahudem.org) as they become available. If you have any questions, contact the DEM's Public Information Office at 808-723-8960 or email [jcumings@honolulu.gov](mailto:jcumings@honolulu.gov).
- Signage – The DPR is inquiring with Crime Stoppers on what type of signs they may have. DPR will then need to forward this information to Corporation Counsel for review. The surveillance cameras, which were installed on the exterior of the comfort station at Hans L'orange Park, was funded by the HPD. DPR will look into the feasibility on whether similar cameras could be installed at other parks. Thank you for your ideas, and for explaining your previous suggestions.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Potential Traffic – Madix would like to know if there will be any VIP at the IUCN that will be staying out West. And if so, will there need to be a shutdown of streets or freeways when these people will be traveling the roads.
2. Tower – Dudley would like information on the white and red tower that is used by the City HPD, HFD, and DEM. This tower was recently installed on state land above the Gill Ewa Lands LLC in Palehua. Dudley asked why is the tower so big, is there a possibility of making it smaller, and can the tower be taken down?

Councilmember Kimberly Pine – No representative was present; a report was provided.

Governor David Ige's Representative – No representative was present; a report was provided.

Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) – No representative was present; a report was not provided.

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

- Operations The 43-acre Rail Operations Center (ROC) in Waipahu is now completed, and will soon be turned over to HART and Ansaldo Honolulu, Joint Venture (JV) for testing, inspecting, operating and maintaining the fully automated, driverless rail vehicles. Ansaldo was awarded the \$1.4 billion core systems contract in 2011 to design, build and deliver the train vehicles, train control system and operate and service the trains after installation. Hitachi Corporation now owns Ansaldo.
- Details – The ROC was built by Kiewit/Kobayashi JV under a \$195 million contract, consists of four (4) major buildings and a test track. These structures include the Operations and Servicing Building, the Maintenance of Way Building, the Train Wash Facility and the Wheel Truing Building. The ROC also provides storage for the rail cars when they are not in operation. The test track will serve to test the trains prior to operation, or after they are serviced. The core systems contract includes the manufacturing and delivery of 80 train cars for Honolulu's rail transit project. The ROC operations will employ approximately 300 people.
- Completion – Over nine (9) miles of the guideway has been finished to date, with work continuing through Pearl City and Aiea to the Aloha Stadium.
- Contract – The Airport Guideway and stations contract has recently been awarded to Shimmick Traylor Granite JV for \$875 million. The airport guideway segment, which runs from Aloha Stadium to Middle Street, includes the Middle Street, Lagoon, Airport and Pearl Harbor stations. Pre-engineering work will continue in the City Center segment, which is from Middle Street to Ala Moana Center.

- Resignation – Regarding the resignation of HART CEO Dan Grabauskas, HART is searching for a replacement for the executive director and HART board member Colbert Matsumoto is leading the efforts for the board. Department of Transportation Services (DTS) director Mike Formby will serve as the acting executive director until then.
- Reminder – Just a reminder about the Shop and Dine on the Line program to assist businesses along the rail alignment during construction. The website is: [www.shopanddineontheline.com](http://www.shopanddineontheline.com). For general project information, traffic updates, meeting notices and more information, please visit the website [www.honolulultransit.org](http://www.honolulultransit.org), call the project hotline at 566-2299 or email a question at [info@honolulultransit.org](mailto:info@honolulultransit.org).

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Rail – Madix noted his happiness for the projected time to get from West Oahu to Ala Moana when the rail will be complete. Capelouto added that the resolution the board passed opposing the rail construction further proves that the rail may not have been a good idea with the CEO and Executive Director resigning. Dudley believes that the CEO Dan Grabauskas has spent rail money previously and should be reprimanded.
2. Travel – Spreg inquired into the numerical proof that the rail will lessen travel time for people driving personal vehicles.
3. Capacity – Souza asked for clarification on how much seating was available for each individual rail car which can hold a capacity of 200 people, noting that if only 75 seats were available, she as well as the other 125 possible individuals would not want to stand for 42 minutes to complete the entire trip on the rail.
4. Sink Holes – Capelouto inquired into the sink holes that are showing up along the rail route. Lee answered that at the City Council budget committee hearing, this topic came up and the sink holes are naturally occurring to the area and not due to rail construction, but will bring information on the sink holes at a later meeting.

Senator Mike Gabbard – Rock Riggs reported the following:

- Preparedness – There will be a 6th Annual Emergency Preparedness Event held on Saturday, September 10, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the 'Ewa Makai Middle School, hosted by the 'Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee. For more information call Ray Cordero at 682-0111.
- Smoke Alarms – HFD and the American Red Cross are working in conjunction to provide free smoke alarms to anyone that may need them. If you need a smoke alarm install please call the American Red Cross at 739-8111 and leave a name, number, and address. Someone will call back to schedule a smoke alarm installation appointment.
- Talk Story – Senator Gabbard will be holding his next Talk Story on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Kapolei High School in the teachers' lounge.

Senator Maile Shimabukuro – No representative was present; a report was not provided.

Representative Sharon Har – No representative was present; a report was not provided.

Representative Andria Tupola – Representative Tupola reported the following:

- Kolekole Pass – There will be a Westside Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Ka Waihona Cafeteria to discuss the Kolekole Pass.
- Emergency Kits – There will be a West Side Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, September 1, 2016 starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Kalaeloa Bowling Alley, where free energy monitoring kits will be provided by the Blue Planet Foundation.
- Wake Up Westside – There will be an Emergency Preparedness Fair on Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. held at Nanakuli High School.
- Traffic Resolution – Representative Tupola noted her opinion on the board's traffic resolution, stating that the board voiced the biggest issues they have on the head. Representative Tupola added that emergency services, schools, roads, jobs, and homes are all reasons which may cause traffic when these things are not readily available in the community.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Moratorium – Souza noted that the basis for holding the meeting on traffic, was not to get the building of homes stopped, but to have residents, legislatures, and other transportation individuals to come together to devise a means to utilize a way to travel other than the freeway.

2. Traffic – Dudley reiterated that traffic is a huge issue and that people in the community are suffering because of it. Dudley stated that the time is now for people in the legislature to do something about it.
3. Thanks – Capelouto expressed his appreciation for the involvement Representative Tupola shows for the community.

Representative Ty Cullen – No representative was present; a report was not provided.

#### REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Committee – There was nothing to report at this time.

Chairs Report – Chair Souza announced receiving a letter about a proposed Solid Waste Management Facility at Malakole Industrial Park.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Scheduled Meeting – The next scheduled board meeting will be Wednesday, September 28, 2016 in the Kapolei High School Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Submitted by: Sharon Baillie, Neighborhood Assistant I

Reviewed by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant II

Finalized by: Evelyn Souza, Chair