



NANAKULI-MAILI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 36

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015** **NANAIKAPONO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Cynthia Rezentes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **Quorum was established with nine (9) members present.** Note – This nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Members Present: Hanalei Aipoalani, Jolyn Ballenti, Stacelynn Eli, Polly Grace, Bill Kumia, Richard B. Landford, James Manaku Sr., Cynthia Rezentes and Patty Kahanamoku –Teruya (departed at 9:45 p.m.).

Members Absent: None.

Guests: Firefighter Gary L. K. N. Cabanilla and Captain Glin Nelson (Honolulu Fire Department); Sergeant Philip White (Honolulu Police Department); Kauai G. O. Hilo (Board of Water Supply); Major Carol Hickey (U.S. Army Hawaii); Jun Yang (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative); Senator Maile Shimabukuro; Stacy Garcia (Senator Shimabukuro's Office staff); Hau'oli Hiers (Representative Andria Tupola's Office staff); Representative Jo Jordan; Shirley Landford; Sophie Flores and Renato M. (MVCA); Arviella P. Kelii; Arviella Kelii Benavides; Betty Kaahaaina; Kristy Arizumi; Brianna Taylor; Tom Berg; Ritchel Erice; Anna Inano; Estrella Cabanzag; Alice Greenwood; Lokana Keliikoa Pua; Davis Brown; Kanai G.O. Hilo; Dixie K. Kalamau; Alex Pelen; Garland Pelen; Karen Awana; Victor Flint; Lori Snyder (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Vacancies: None.

CITY/STATE MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Firefighter Gary L. K. N. Cabanilla reported the following:

- **February 2015 Fire Statistics:** There were 0 structure fires, 4 wildland fires, 3 rubbish fires, 1 vehicle fire, 2 other fires, and 51 medical emergencies.
- **Cooking Safety Tips:** Cook only when alert. Keep watch of what is cooking, and turn off the stove if leaving the area. Keep dish towels, paper towels, and potholders away from the stove. Avoid cooking in loose clothing; loose sleeves can easily catch on fire. Keep hot items away from counter or table edges. If a fire has started, go outside, call 9-1-1, and stay outside.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Sergeant (Sgt.) Philip White report the following:

- **February/January 2015 Crime Statistics:** There were 28/33 motor vehicle thefts, 54/50 burglaries 157/173 thefts, 41/71 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV), and 6,630/7,470 calls for service. More details can be found on www.honolulu.hpd.org.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. **Height of HPD Station:** Sgt. White answered for Manaku that the new HPD station is two (2) stories tall.
2. **Burglaries:** Teruya asked for a response about a quote from the news that said that HPD was not doing their job regarding burglaries. Sgt. White responded that HPD takes burglaries seriously, but they are the most difficult to solve because there are frequently no witnesses. Landford noted a community member's grandson was burglarized at a bus stop, HPD was not responsive, and asked if there was a solution to prevent this. Sgt. White encouraged the community to ask for a supervisor if they feel that they are not getting the help they need.
3. **Local Artists:** Teruya thanked HPD for using local artists to decorate the new HPD building.
4. **Lower Calls in Service:** Kumia thanked HPD for the lower amount of calls for service in February 2015.
5. **Crosswalk Law Concern:** Community member Alice Greenwood voiced concern that a new law is causing drivers to brake fast when they see a pedestrian in the road, resulting in car accidents. Sgt. White noted that HPD investigates the car accident, which includes interviews with the pedestrian and the drivers.
6. **Mopeds:** Sgt. White answered for community member Arviella P. Kelii that mopeds are legal on the roadway; moped drivers pay a registration fee and must have a valid driver's license.

7. Homeless Hoarding Cats: Ballenti voiced concern about homeless hoarding cats in a hole dug in the ground at Nanakuli Beach Park. HPD arrived at the scene and did not take any action. Rezendes requested clarity on the rules about animals on beach parks. Sgt. White noted that HPD takes animal violations seriously, and noted the Humane Society is having trouble responding because of the funding cuts.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Kauai Hilo reported the following:

- Water Main Breaks: No water main breaks were reported for February 2015.
- Telephone Scam: BWS customers are being targeted in an attempt to fraudulently collect money. Anyone who receives unexpected and/or aggressive phone calls in reference to a past due bill should not give any information to the caller and should call the BWS for verification. Precautions include knowing one's own account status, understanding BWS collection procedures, safeguarding personal information, and hang up on suspicious callers. Call 9-1-1 and BWS at 748-5000 to file a report for suspicious activity.
- National Fix-a-Leak Week: Monday, March 16, 2015 through Sunday, March 22, 2015 is National Fix-a-Leak Week. Residents are encouraged to check for property leaks by using leak detection dye tablets.

Military Representative: Major Carol Hickey reported the following:

- Introduction: Major Hickey introduced herself as the new military representative for the Nanakuli-Maili Neighborhood Board No. 36.
- Lualualei Naval Magazine: Major Hickey noted that the point of contact for hunting at Lualualei Naval Magazine is Mr. Victor Flint, the community liaison for Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam at 448-2711.
- Mākua Marine Study: The community input deadline is Friday, April 3, 2015 on a study of marine resources near Mākua Beach.
- Malama Mākua Cultural Access: Malama Mākua's next scheduled cultural access event will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2015.
- Concert Series: Sean Naauao will be performing on Friday, April 24, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the United States Army Garrison concert series. Admission is free.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Jun Yang provided the City News handout and highlighted the following:

- The Honolulu Zoo: The Mayor's Office of the Culture and the Arts and the Honolulu Zoo are asking for donations of lāi (ti leaf) to help repair the thatched roof of the hale lāi. Green, Yellow or brown ti leaves with the stems may be dropped off in plastic bags at the Honolulu Zoo entrance.
- Crosswalk Stickers: The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will begin placing stickers on crosswalk signal poles to inform pedestrians about crosswalk safety.
- City News Highlights: The March 2015 City News includes a review of the Mayor's State of the City address, Mayor Caldwell's Top Priorities, the pledge to end veteran homelessness and make O'ahu streets safer, and an article about the vandalism of Waianae Satellite City Hall.
- Sea Country Park Restrooms: Funds from Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 line item project, Comfort Stations at Various Parks, was allotted to provide funds for the design. Construction funds will also come from that project. The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) is proceeding with the process to hire a consultant to design the new comfort station.
- Waianae Coast Improvement Funds: There is no special fund for Waipio Park because it does not generate sufficient fees to pay for the costs to operate and maintain the park. The fees collected go towards the general funds, which pays for the cost to maintain City parks. Having special funds complicates the process, increases administrative expenses and siphons funds from other core City services.
- Princess Kahanu Estates: The Princess Kahanu Estates Community Association (PKECA) requested the removal of the City bus service from the Princess Kahanu Estates subdivision. The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) preference is to retain the City bus service, but evaluation of this request is currently pending the receipt of PKECA's community survey addressing this request.
- Sea Country: DTS informed a Sea Country resident to submit a request for bus service to DTS that includes their community association's survey of residents. To date, DTS has not received a request.
- Ko Olina Resort: At this time, DTS is unable to provide bus service in the Ko Olina Resort area because its roadways are privately owned. Aliinui Drive is not a thoroughfare and there is no turn-around area that can safely accommodate a transit bus. Two (2) DTS representatives are confirmed to attend the Nanakuli-Maili Neighborhood Board No. 36 Transportation Committee meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2015 to address the concern.

Questions comments and concerns followed:

1. Crosswalk Procedures: Manaku requested that pedestrians enter and walk on the right side of the crosswalk, similar to how vehicles travel.

2. Comfort Station Upgrades: Manaku requested upgrading Nanakuli Beach Park and Sea Country comfort stations, and noted that money could be saved by painting the bathrooms rather than tearing them down and rebuilding.
3. Mayor's Report: Aipoalani requested that the Board receive a copy of the Mayor's report.
4. Haunama Bay: Aipoalani requested the original Haunama Bay Nature Parks fees policy.
5. End Veteran Homelessness Pledge: Aipoalani inquired where the funding would come for the resources to help end veteran homelessness. Yang noted most of the resources were coming from the federal government, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Veterans Administration (VA). Yang clarified for Kumia that the term veteran in this case is any veteran who was honorably or generally discharged, and after veterans are housed there are services available to help them build community.
6. Bicycle Lane Concern: Landford voiced concern that an elderly resident who is losing hearing was close to getting hit by a bicyclist, and requested that the pedestrian rules be clarified.
7. Comfort Station Upgrades (Part Two (2)): Teruya asked when the actual construction will begin for upgrading of the comfort stations. Manaku inquired why the City needs to pay for the design of a project such as the comfort station upgrades if the project had been designed previously.
8. Summer Fun: Teruya requested that Mayor Caldwell release the Summer Fun Leeward Benefits Package.
9. Ulehawa Stream: Teruya noted there was a bad odor coming from Ulehawa Stream on Sunday, March 15, 2015, and thanked the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) for arriving at the scene and investigating the odor. Yang noted that The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) reported that they are authorized to bring large equipment to fix the stream in the middle of April 2015. Community member Arviella P. Kelii requested a "No Swimming" sign be posted at the stream. Kumia requested the community be told if the Ulehawa Stream is contaminated.
10. Comfort Station Upgrades (Part Three (3)): Grace requested a meeting with Mayor Caldwell to discuss the installation of comfort stations at Sea Country Park.
11. Crosswalk Fine: Community member Alice Greenwood inquired what the fine amount was for if a vehicle was in a crosswalk. Yang will follow up.
12. Program Registration: Community member Arviella Kelii Benavides noted that Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) programs are free online, but the applications list programs as \$15. Yang will follow up.
13. End Veteran Homelessness Pledge (Part Two (2)): Kumia emphasized his desire to take care of the homeless in Nanakuli. Community member Alice Greenwood reiterated that it is the federal government's responsibility to take care of the veterans. Resident Antonio Benavides noted that there were already shelters in the Waianae district strictly for veterans. Yang responded that the Veteran's Homelessness Pledge would not pour money into services that already exist.

Councilmember Kymberly Pine: Kathy Davenport distributed a report and highlighted the following:

- Hire Leeward Job and Career Fair: The Hire Leeward Job and Career Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the University of Hawaii West Oahu Campus.
- City Budget: The City Budget is in review; forward any questions or comments about the budget to Councilmember Pine's office.
- Military Relocation: Councilmember Pine is a military wife and supporter of service men and women, but objects to any decision to move or relocate military activities without the military first reaching out to give the members of the community an opportunity to voice their opinion.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Good Luck: Teruya wished Councilmember Pine good luck on a healthy delivery.
2. Thank You: Grace noted that it was Representative Jordan that sent the prisoners to clean Hakimo Road, instead of Councilmember Pine.
3. Comfort Station Location: Manaku asked where the new comfort stations would be located. Davenport will follow up.
4. Beach Park Funds: Resident Awana thanked Councilmember Pine for allocating funds for the Maili Beach Park, and inquired about how much is funding is allocated for the other beach parks such as Kaupuni Park. Resident Lokana Keliikoa Pua echoed Awana's desire for aide for Kaupuni Park. Davenport will follow up.
5. Crosswalk Fine: Community member Alice Greenwood voiced concern that the new crosswalk law would cause more traffic accidents.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Adoption of February 17, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes: By **UNANIMOUS CONSENT**, the **February 17, 2015 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED, 9-0-0** (Aye: Aipoalani, Ballenti, Eli, Grace, Kumia, Landford, Manaku, Rezentes and Teruya).

Approval of the March 17, 2015 Agenda: By **UNANIMOUS CONSENT**, the **February 17, 2015 regular meeting agenda was APPROVED as amended, 9-0-0** (Aye: Aipoalani, Ballenti, Eli, Grace, Landford, Manaku, Rezentes and Teruya). Amendment included:

Under NEW BUSINESS, add "D. Application 15226 Request for Category #2 for dispense of alcohol, live music entertainment at A&G Steak in Nanakuli, Hawaii"

Correction to the Minutes: A community member requested a change to the Tuesday, February 17, 2015 minutes. Considering that the minutes were already approved, the amendment will be addressed at the next Nanakuli-Maili Neighborhood Board No. 36 regular meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Grace reported expenditures of \$45.17, leaving a balance of \$508.85. The report was filed.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

- Mail Scam: Community member Arviella Benavides cautioned residents of a scam where a check is received in the mail, and money will be taken from one's account if the check is cashed.
- Solar Panel Concern: Manaku voiced concern that the reflection of solar panels are killing birds in flight.
- Amount of Doors on Houses: Manaku voiced concern about houses that only have one (1) door. Landford responded that the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) does not require a certain amount of doors at a home, and windows are considered a second fire escape.
- Zoning Concern: Resident Estrella Cabanzag noted that her neighbor on Hakimo Road raises pigs, but is changing his pig farm into a construction site. Cabanzag noted that diesel is polluting the air all day which negatively affects the health of neighbors, and voiced concern that the land is not zoned for construction.
- Agricultural Sub-Committee: Resident Sophie Flores requested that the Nanakuli-Maili Neighborhood Board No. 36 reinstate the agricultural sub-committee.
- The Big Fix: A spokesperson from the non-profit "The Big Fix" announced that they will be in Nanakuli on Saturday, March 21, 2015 to spay and neuter pets. (Poi Dogs and Popoki)
- Disaster Preparedness Workshops: Awana announced free disaster preparedness workshops on the third Wednesday of every month from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Waianae District Park.
- Illegal Fireworks: Awana requested that the Board follow up on the status of illegal fireworks regarding the concern from November 2014.
- Easter Event: Resident Lokana Keliikoa Pua announced that the Ark of Safety Christian Fellowship will be hosting an Easter egg hunt event with food vendors on Friday, April 3, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 4, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Waianae Intermediate School.

NEW BUSINESS:

Support Letter Requesting the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) review steel wheel on steel rail versus MAGLEV technology: Landford voiced concern that the City is not giving proper answers to the taxpayers about the rail.

Discussion followed:

- HART Presentation: Eli noted it would be irresponsible to make this motion without first inviting HART to present. Teruya noted the Board has never had a presentation from HART.
- Noise: Kumia voiced concern about the loud noise from steel on steel rail, and was worried that the students close to the rail would have difficulty focusing from the noise. Manaku and Grace echoed Kumia's concern.
- Charter Amendment: Aipoalani reminded the Board and community that a charter amendment was voted on and passed by over 52% of the Honolulu population to use steel wheel on steel rail. Community member Tom Berg noted that voters never had the opportunity to choose the type of rail system for Honolulu, but steel wheel on steel rail was the default system.

- Against Cost: Landford clarified that he was not against the rail, but against the high cost of rail, and is requesting answers of the possibility of a cheaper system.

The motion from Landford to support a request that HART review steel wheel on steel rail versus MAGLEV technology and the costs for each was FAILED TO BE ADOPTED by ROLL CALL, 2-7-0 (Aye: Landford and Manaku No: Aipoalani, Ballenti, Eli, Grace, Kumia, Rezentes and Teruya).

Eli moved and Kumia seconded to invite Brennon Morioka from HART to do a presentation for the Board and community at the next Nanakuli-Mailii Neighborhood Board No. 36 meeting.

Discussion followed:

- Noise: Manaku requested the presenter bring a noise simulator of the steel on steel rail.
- Correct Answers: Landford voiced concern that the community would not receive the correct answers from HART. Eli noted this would allow the community to ask the questions.
- Special Meeting: Aipoalani recommended hosting a special meeting for this presentation. Teruya noted that a special meeting would allow enough time for HART to answer all of the community's questions, and community member Arviella Benavides echoed support for a special meeting.
- Berg's Question to HART: Berg requested the answer to when the community forfeited the right to ask the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to amend the project technology.

The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-0 (Aye: Aipoalani, Ballenti, Eli, Grace, Kumia, Landford, Manaku, Rezentes and Teruya). Teruya requested that the Board commit to attending the special meeting.

Variance on Kamehameha Highway: Landford noted that a meeting was held on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 requesting for a community agreement for a noise variance to work at night, and voiced concern about nearby residents being disturbed by the noise. Rezentes noted testimony can be sent to the Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH). Teruya voiced concern that the Information Traffic Meeting notice distributed did not specify that the meeting was about the noise variance for night work.

Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle and Little Fire Ants: Chair Rezentes noted that three (3) adult coconut rhinoceros beetles were found in the Lualualei area along Paakea Road. The beetles were thought to be brought to the island from mulch and is found near coconut palms, date palms, pineapple, and banana. Chair Rezentes requested a presentation in April 2015 for more information.

A and G Steak and Things Liquor License Application: Alex and Garland Pelen has requested a liquor license for his restaurant, A and G Steak and Things, in order to serve liquor during restaurant hours. Pelen noted it was not a nightclub, but a family restaurant open until 10:00 p.m.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- Time: Teruya voiced concern that the application would allow liquor dispensary until 2:00 a.m. Pelen's lawyer noted that the restaurant would close at 10:00 p.m. and liquor sales would end when the restaurant closes. Chair Rezentes noted that under those terms, the hours of the restaurant could change and the sale of alcohol could extend with those hours. Pelen agreed to put a cap on the permit that says all liquor dispensaries would end at 10:00 p.m.
- Location: Teruya voiced concern about a liquor establishment at Pacific Shopping Mall, and noted that in November 2014 the Board worked to shut down an arcade in the same area that was open until 2:00 a.m. Ballenti voiced concern about the dispensing of alcohol in a traffic congested area. Community member Alice Greenwood voiced concern that the homeless usually congregate where liquor is dispensed.
- Clarification: Garland Pelen clarified for Eli that this is a family restaurant similar to Outback Steakhouse, and this request is a way to make extra money for her family to pay the bills. Garland Pelen clarified for Teruya that the Waianae restaurant is not serving liquor because that location might not last due to high rent.
- Bartender Certification: Alex Pelen noted for Kumia that all bartenders will be certified by the liquor commission.
- Local Family: Awana noted that the Pelen family was from Waianae, had originally started a wagon in Windward Mall, and relocated because business grew. Awana encouraged the Board to construct a motion to help the business reach its desired results. Eli encouraged the Board to support a local family trying to keep business in the community.

- Other Applicant: Teruya noted another applicant will be attending the April 2015 Nanakuli-Maili Neighborhood Board meeting for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to host parties with liquor until 12:00 a.m.
- Action: Eli recommended that the Board take no action and leave the decision to the community. **Aipoalani moved and Landford seconded that the Board support A & G liquor application for their restaurant establishment to close and stop dispensing liquor at 10:00 p.m.** Discussion: Support: Eli noted that she supported the motion. Against: Grace noted she would be against serving liquor at a family restaurant. The motion was **ADOPTED** by **ROLL CALL, 5-4-0 (Aye: Aipoalani, Eli, Kumia, Landford and Manaku. No: Ballenti, Grace, Teruya and Rezentes).**

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Governor David Ige's Representative: A representative was not present; a report was not provided.

Teruya departed at 9:45 p.m. There were eight (8) members present.

Senator Maile Shimabukuro: Senator Shimabukuro provided a handout and reported the following:

- Donated Slippers: Slippers were donated to Nanakuli Elementary School and Waianae Elementary School. Board member Eli helped transport the slippers.
- Legislation Update: Senator Shimabukuro provided updates on current legislation.
- Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Chair Nomination: The full Senate vote on the DLNR Chair nomination will be on Wednesday, March 18, 2015.
- Introduction: Senator Shimabukuro introduced staff member Stacy Garcia Jr.

Representative Andria Tupola: Hau'oli Hiers distributed a report and highlighted the following:

- Town Hall: Representative Tupola will hold a town hall meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Proposed Bills: Bills include HB459 Relating to Sex Education and Hb321 Relating to Medical Marijuana Dispensaries.
- Paakea Road Clean-up: The next Paakea Road clean-up will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015.

Representative Jo Jordan: Representative Jo Jordan circulated her written report and highlighted the following:

- Free Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Equipment for Farmers: The State Department of Human Services (DHS) is offering eligible farmers markets and direct marketing farmers free EBT equipment to process Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.
- Preschool Open Doors Program (POD) Application Period: Applications will be accepted between March 1, 2015 and April 30, 2015. Applications received during this time will be considered for preschool participation between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016.
- Emerging Leader Alike Maunakea: Hawaii Business Magazine named Native Hawaiian Health's Alike Maunakea one (1) of twenty leaders to watch.
- Mākua Marine Study: The community input deadline is Friday, April 3, 2015 on a study of marine resources near Mākua Beach.
- Pop-Up Legal Clinic: Volunteer attorneys will be available to provide legal advice on Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Waianae High School. Walk-ins are welcome, but to reserve an appointment call 528-7046.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Thank You: Grace thanked Representative Jordan for sending the prisoners to clean Hakimo Road. Eli thanked Representative Jordan for consistently attending the Board meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chair Rezentes announced that the Housing Committee will meet on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at Maile Community Park at 7:00 p.m. and the Transportation Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Maile Community Park.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next Nanakuli-Maili Neighborhood Board No. 36 regular Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Submitted by: Lori Snyder, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Nola Frank, Neighborhood Assistant; Final Review by: Cynthia Rezentes, Chair