# APPENDIX A-3

Neighborhood Board Meeting Minutes





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# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017 BENJAMIN PARKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> – Chair Radke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **Quorum was established with 11 members present.** Note: This 17-member Board requires nine (9) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

<u>Board Members Present</u> – Gloria Carlile, Deborah Collins, Mahealani Cypher, Donald Dawson, Warren B. Ditch Jr., Jon Hanks, Mo Radke, Bill Sager, Jeremiah Sanders, Felipe San Nicolas, and Holly Sevier.

Board Members Absent - Kenneth Cho, Nancy Devlantes, Marie Gavigan, and Stuart Saito.

<u>Guests</u> - Firefighter III Nelson Faulkner (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant John Asing (Honolulu Police Department); Director Lori Kahikina (Department of Environmental Services, Mayor Caldwell's Representative); Roderick Becker (Governor David Ige's representative); William May (Hawaii State Hospital); Cherie Andrade (Blue Zones); Vince Carias, Wal Rapoza, Barbara Shimei, Harry and Lorraine Abilla, Vernon Ansdell, Bruce Dusseault, Chris Wong (Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board No. 16 Chair), Tom Lawrence, John Wong, Ray Cabrera, Ben Baniaga, Melvin and Sherry Tsutsumi, Thomas Whitaker, Vince Povo, Lataunya Povo, Mathew Kievlan, Jesse Palmer, Gary Reavis, Barry Castillo Jr., Darlene Lilinoe Young, Jay Morford, Monique Ornellas, Ilima Liu, Dennisa Manuel, Tiffany Woo, Ron Komine Jr., Robert Perrierra, Angela Texeira, Jennifer Wisdom, Jay Silberman, Dudlay Dias, Lyra Hancock, Au Kealii Chock, Barbara G. Ripple, Richard Miller, Bob Cheung, Joe and Kitty O'Reilly, Regina Yoshimuri, Sheri Hanor, Caitlin and Carissa Yoshimori, Lucian Keane, Patricia Camero, Janine Tully, Jaimie Chu, Rich McCreedy, Chuck Burrows, Cristina Cruz, Florence Kim, Mindy Kadowaki, Kylee Pakele-Kadawaki, Carolyn Kawahara, Henry Adachi, Melva Kulubu, Ed Lesperance, Dancetta Feary, Ken Rose, Michael Nishizawa, Casey Red, Konni Pratt, Kami Pratt, Rocky Kaluhiwa, Malin and Sam Linn, Cara Haitsuka, Belinda DeRego, BJ Abbey, Douglas Motonaga, Elsie Hataye, Susan and Jimmy Wong, Cathy Veillard, Kevin and Lyronine Lori, Lynette Santos, Pat Boland, Elsa Dasigo, Maile Linn, David and Melie Au, Corina Iwanaga, Sherri Farthing, Ryan Routh, Ted Kanemori, Tina Freitas, Edgar Pratt, Wendy Ginoza, Mara Chang, Erik Kling, Stacy Haitsuka, Robert Walls, Masa Swingaki, Glenn Masavedi, Glenn Uyeshiro, Bill Cunningham, Linda Chang, Lianne Chang, Mitchell Chang, Grant Yoshimori, Julianne McCreedy, John and Cheryl Goody, Valerie Wong, Ernest Suh, Keith Kunchaski, and Alii Tampos (Residents); and Relley Araceley (Neighborhood Commission Office).

<u>FILLING OF VACANCIES</u> – Chair Radke noted one (1) vacancy for sub-district 2 (Windward Mall) and one (1) vacancy for sub-district 6 (Waikalua).

#### **CITY/STATE MONTHLY REPORTS**

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Acting Captain Nelson Faulkner reported the following:

- <u>April 2017 Fire Statistics</u>: There was 1 structure fire, 2 wild land brush fires, 3 cooking fires, 7 activated alarms, 105 medical responses, 1 motor vehicle collision with a pedestrian, 12 motor vehicle crash/collisions, 1 ocean rescue, and 1 hazardous materials incident.
- <u>Fire Safety Tip Brush Fires/Wild lands</u>: The National Fire Protection Association suggests that residents with surrounding brush take the following steps to prevent fires near your home:
  - Keep your lawn hydrated and maintained. If your lawn is brown, cut it down to decrease possible fire intensity.
  - Dry grass and shrubs are fuel for fires. Clear leaves from roof, gutters, porches, or decks as this helps keep fires from entering the home.
  - Have a plan in place if you must evacuate

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: <u>Rescues</u>: A resident asked and Captain Faulkner responded that there were no rescues in April 2017 at Haiku stairs.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – There was no representative present; no report was available.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) - There was no representative present; no report was available.

3. <u>Community</u>: Various community members noted opposition to the project and voiced displeasure with the lack of communication with community members. The community members noted that traffic would become much worse. Collins thanked the community for being present at the meeting.

Hanks moved and Collins seconded that the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30 request the City Council oppose building Serenity Gardens at its currently proposed lot. The motion was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, 11-0-0 (Aye: Carlile, Collins, Cypher, Dawson, Ditch Jr., Hanks, Radke, Sager, Sanders, San Nicolas, and Sevier; Nay: None; Abstain: None;).

<u>Hawaiian Memorial Park (HMP) Mortuary</u> – Scott Ezer and Kehau Watson gave a visual presentation and reported the following:

- <u>History</u>: HMP first opened in 1958. In the 1980's gifted 33 acres to the State of Hawaii to help with the overflow at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl. 93% of the current property has been sold.
- Former Plans: The previous 2007 and 2010 plans were abandoned.
- New Plan: The new plan will expand the cultural reserve area and will be managed by a Native Hawaiian 501C-3 organization. The buffer from the adjoining neighbors will increase to 150 feet. Half of the proposed site will be committee to the cultural site or open space. HMP is committed to designing storm drainage to address 100-year storm flooding. Ezer provided image renderings of the proposed visual mitigation efforts.
- <u>Council</u>: HMP has requested an amendment to the Sustainable Communities Plan that would move the community growth boundary about 50 acres for the new project site. The language states that the boundary change would include the cemetery development only.
- <u>Preservations/Conservation</u>: Watson noted her specialty in mitigation and historic preservation. The 50 acre natural preserve will be managed by a Native Hawaiian 501C-3 and would protect a thousand year old heiau. All historical sites in the area will be preserved. Hula Halau are being worked with to utilize the local fauna. A draft preservation plan is in place and a management plan is being drafted. The Lekoa Street entrance will be closed. All 150 acres will be put into a conservation easement in perpetuity that will be held by a separate land trust. 120 acres are going to remain as open air space.
- <u>Summary</u>: Ezer noted that the housing and mausoleum has been removed from the previous plans. The buffer from Pohai Nani has been increased to 2,000 feet and 150 feet from adjacent residents. 28 acres are being proposed for development of the cemetery. Storm water runoff mitigation is planned.

#### Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- 1. <u>Flooding</u>: A resident voiced opposition to the project due to flooding affect it would have with the adjacent community. The resident noted that the area legislators have voiced opposition to the extension. Another resident urged the cemetery be kept out of the community as flooding could destroy Kaneohe Bay.
- 2. Opposition: Resident Grant Yoshimori noted that the land is within the State Conservation District. In 2009 the State Land Use Commission (LUC) denied HMP's request to rezone the land and noted that there is adequate space available in the area for interment. Grading would worsen landslide possibilities. Yoshimori voiced support for preserving the area without the need of developing the cemetery. The LUC noted that the Hoary Bat could use the petition area of the land. Yoshimori requested the board oppose the project.
- 3. Hiking/Jogging: A resident asked about hiking and jogging access to the area behind the proposed project site.
- 4. <u>Support</u>: Rocky Kaluhiwa voiced support for the expansion of HMP and read a letter of support from the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club for President Alice P. Hewett. Chris Wong, Chair of the Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board No. 16 voiced support for HMP. Cypher voiced support for HMP.
- 5. Need: Sanders noted that a survey taken in 2013 showed 70% of residents chose cremation. Sanders asked and Ezer answered that the 28 acres would last for 60 years and that the need for number of interments has not changed. Ezer noted that the funeral home and the endowment will become the main revenue generators in the future.
- 6. <u>Progress</u>: San Nicolas asked and Ezer answered that the plan is in the early stages of design. Ezer noted that the general ideas will not be changed but that the specifics need to be detailed. The next step is to go to the LUC. San Nicolas asked and Ezer answered that the plan is still a draft. Watson clarified that the idea was to get to the community as early as possible.
- 7. <u>Flooding (continued)</u>: Chair Radke asked and Ezer replied that when the plan goes to the LUC it will have a fully developed engineering report that will address flooding. Chair Radke thanked HMP for their efforts to address the community's concerns.
- 8. <u>Progress (continued)</u>: Professor Dick Miller noted that a decision should not be made until more details are provided. Chair Radke asked and Ezer responded that the information will be posted online when they are solidified.
- 9. Opposition/Support: Several residents reiterated their opposition and support for HMP's expansion.

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10. <u>Progress (continued)</u>: Ditch urged HMP to address all the concerns that were brought up. Sevier requested a topographical map and an engineer at a future meeting to address the community's concerns with flooding.

<u>Haiku Stairs</u> – Ditch recommended the issue be tabled to the next meeting due to time constraints. Sager noted that the BWS deadline for comments on the environmental impact statement (EIS) is on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 and requested the community be given a chance to voice their opinions. Chair Radke noted that the number of residents present and desiring to have their comments heard constituted an issue of great community importance and if any board members had to leave they could. Any board members wishing to stay to hear the testimony were welcome to stay. All board members stayed. Chair Radke noted that the resolution could be introduced but that no board action would be taken. Chair Radke read the resolution provided by Sager regarding reopening the Haiku Stairs to the general public under a controlled and managed access plan. Chair Radke noted that the EIS is set to consider the removal of the stairs, providing a legal access alternative, or to do nothing. Cypher noted that BWS may be willing to take late testimony from the board. Cypher encouraged the community to email the board members so that they have a physical copy of the community's concerns.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- 1. Opening: Sager noted support for opening access to Haiku Stairs under a managed access plan and support for the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club's management plans for the area.
- 2. <u>Trespassers</u>: Ditch noted the need to address issues with trespassing and stated that the visitors need to be educated. Chair Radke noted that the managed access area might take away the issues with folks trespassing on private home property. Dr. Vernon Ansdell, President of Friends of Haiku Stairs, noted that a managed access plan has been worked on for the past couple years and that a robust security plan would greatly benefit the area. Chair Radke asked and L. Young noted that the hikers are trespassing on private property to get around the security.
- 3. <u>Jurisdiction</u>: Resident Ken Rose noted that the area is landlocked due to agency ownership of the land surrounding the area by Kamehameha Schools, the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL), the Department of Transportation (HDOT), and Windward Community College (WCC). Each of the agencies has stated that they will not allow public access on their land and that no single agency has come forward to take over the stairs. HPD is unable to cite trespassers unless the complainant is the landowner and is present at the citing. Rose noted that it will be extremely difficult for the organization chosen to undertake the managed access to address all the issues related to Haiku Stairs while also managing Haiku Stairs. Chair Radke noted the possibility of creating an access point that had parking away from Haiku neighborhood, which would allow the managing organization to control the number of hikers on the trail.
- 4. <u>Citation</u>: Chair Radke asked and Rose responded that landowner must be at the site to file a citation. Rose noted that there a multitude of entry points for the trail. Chair Radke asked if it would be possible to garner enough community support to block the various entry points.
- 5. Opposition: A resident requested a HPD officer in the area at all times to cite trespassers. Multiple residents voiced opposition to reopening Haiku Stairs and urged that it be removed due to noise complaints as well as the trespassing issues. Representative Ito reported that through multiple discussions with the various landowners he found that no one is willing to allow access to their land.
- 6. <u>Support</u>: Multiple residents voiced support for a managed access plan. Various residents stated that Haiku Stairs is a world-class attraction. A resident suggested a separate parking area, toilets, and posted opening times. Sager noted that individuals were allowed access to Haiku Stairs without issue in the past.
- 7. <u>Coast Guard</u>: A resident asked and another resident noted that trespassing was not really an issue in the past when the Coast Guard was managing access to the trail.
- 8. <u>Jurisdiction (continued)</u>: A resident asked how the issue with the property owners (Agency's) would be addressed by the plan. Chair Radke noted that agency landowners draw no benefit from exposing themselves to liability, if the plan could garner community support including the affected private land owners, then it could be more practical to approach the agency landowners with a different community mindset and they may be more amenable to transferring right of way to a private entity operating the stairs. A resident voiced strong concerns with a large number of visitors to Haiku Stairs if it were opened and Chair Radke stated that the plan that was proposed would accept around 60 hikers a day at most.
- 9. <u>Cultural Access</u>: Kaluhiwa noted that the Hawaiian Civic Clubs have a cultural responsibility to oversee the caretaking of the area and noted that cultural access was consistently allowed in the past.
- 10. <u>Opposition (continued)</u>: Rose voiced passionate opposition to opening Haiku Stairs. Rose noted that the community would continue to listen to finding a possible solution.
- 11. Support (continued): Dr. Ansdell stated that the Friends of Haiku Stairs could work.
- 12. EIS: Chair Radke reiterated the BWS EIS deadline of Tuesday, May 23, 2017. Cypher will follow up on if BWS will allow late testimony.



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# INITIAL CONVENING MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017 BENJAMIN PARKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> – Chair Pro Tem Maurice "Mo" Radke called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. **Quorum was established with 10 members present.** Note: This 17-member Board requires nine (9) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

<u>Board Members Present</u> – Mahealani Cypher, Donald Dawson, Holly Seveir (appointed at the meeting), Lora Burbage, Brandie Berkley (appointed at the meeting), Deborah Collins, Nancy Davlantes, Maurice "Mo" Radke, Gloria Carlile, Jeremiah Sander, Jonathan Hanks, Bill Sager

Board Members Absent - Kenneth M. Cho Jr., Daniel Kaanana,

<u>Guests</u> – Rod Becker (Governor's Representative); Senator Jill Tokuka, Representative Ken Ito and Richard Haru (Office of Representative Ken Ito); Grant Yoshimori, Jon Long, Nathan Yuen, Grace Wandason, Mara Soriano, Dudluy Diak, Dymian Racma, Lori Kahikina, Lieutenant E. Yiu (Honolulu Police Department), Grant Yoshimori, Julianne McCreedy, Betlye Harris, P. Carnero, Rocky Kahuluiwa, Maeghan Priddy, Rustin Worley, Bruce Pattisen, Tina M. Pattison, Jacob Pattison, Shannon Hirao, Michael Delaney, Darrel Kong, Drancisco Figueiredlo, Reverend Samuel Coy, Reverend Bolis Ripple, Dick Miller, Bob Cheung, Rich McCregor, Travis Cornsell, Al Keeli'i Chock, Tiffany Patrick, Katrina Medina, Jon Medira, Jon Medira, Tom Whitlin, Brandie Berkley, Steve Golden, Malin Linn, Robert Larm, Anthony Chun, Darlene Yong, La'a Velardo, Jovena Ahlo, Rod Baker, Robert H. Harter, Chris Wong, Jimmy Wong, Bree Ichimasa, Cathy Valland, Harilan Padilla (Residents), and Thomas Baldwin (Neighborhood Assistant)

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO SERVE FROM JULY 1, 2017 to JUNE 30, 2018

Chair - Chair Pro Tem Radke opened the nomination for Chair of the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30.

Sager nominated Maurice "Mo" Radke as Chair of the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30. The motion to elect Maurice "Mo" Radke as Chair of the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30 WAS ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 10-0-0; (AYE: Burbage, Carlile, Collins, Cypher, Davlantes, Dawson, Hanks, Radke, Sager, Sander; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).

Vice Chair - Chair Radke opened the nomination for Vice Chair of the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30.

Hanks nominated Bill Sager as Vice Chair of the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30. The motion to elect Bill Sager as Vice Chair of the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30 WAS ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 10-0-0; (AYE: Burbage, Carlile, Collins, Cypher, Davlantes, Dawson, Hanks, Radke, Sager, Sander; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).

Secretary - Chair Radke opened the nomination for Secretary of the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30.

Radke nominated Jonathan Hanks as Secretary of the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30. The motion to elect Jon Hanks as Secretary of the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30 WAS ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 10-0-0; (AYE: Burbage, Carlile, Collins, Cypher, Davlantes, Dawson, Hanks, Radke, Sager, Sander; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).

Treasurer – Chair Radke opened the nomination for Treasurer of the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30.

Hanks nominated Jeremiah Sander as Treasurer of the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30. The motion to elect Jeremiah Sander as Treasurer of the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30 WAS ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 10-0-0; (AYE: Burbage, Carlile, Collins, Cypher, Davlantes, Dawson, Hanks, Radke, Sager, Sander; NAY:; ABSTAIN:).

Representative Ken Ito's Office - Representative Ito commented that he was certain on the date for Special Session.

<u>Questions, comments, and concerns followed:</u> <u>State Homeless Funding:</u> Collins asked and Rerpresentative Ito responded that in regards to State Homeless funding and a lack of service providers on the Windward side, the Governor's Representative is a better source for that information.

Representative Jarrett Keohokalole – No representative was present; no report was available.

#### **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

<u>Windward Community College (WCC)</u>: Bonnie Beatsu announced the Windward Ho'olaulea. The celebration is on Saturday, October 7, 2017, at WCC Campus. Vendors looking to have a booth are advised to go to <a href="https://windwardhoolaulea.com/booths">https://windwardhoolaulea.com/booths</a> to apply.

Hawaii Pacific University: No representative was present; no report was available.

Blue Zones: Berkeley gave a general overview of the Blue Zone Project and announced a meeting at the Windward Mall on Wednesday, July 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Restricted Parking: Ray Cabrera asked the Board to support restricted night time parking in the Haiku community to help minimize trespasser parking. Cabrera referenced a successful Restricted Parking system used in Kalihi.

#### Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- 1. Public Street: Cypher expressed her concerns about restricting the parking on a public street.
- 2. <u>HPD</u>: Collins expressed her concerns that HPD will not be able to enforce the parking because they do not already handle trespassers. Dawson responded that it is easier to cite parking violators than to catch trespassers.

Burgage moved to request the Department of Transportation to explore restricted parking for residents near Haiku Stairs. The motion WAS ADOPTED by HAND VOTE, 10-0-2 (AYE: Burbage, Berkeley, Carlile, Collins, Davlantes, Dawson, Hanks, Radke, Sager, Sander; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: Cypher, Sevier).

Jeremiah Sander left the meeting at 8:38 p.m. 11 members were present

# **BOARD BUSINESS**

Hawaii Memorial Park (HMP) Expansion: Scott Ezer gave a presentation on the HMP Expansion: HMP has gathered over 830 signatures for the project. The support is for an amendment request they have with the City County to amend the Koolaupoko Sustainable Community Plan to allow the expansion of Hawaii Memorial. Only after approval can they go to state land use commission with the specific project. The full project will be discussed in the future with the state land use commission. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required for the current process, but will be needed for State Land Use commission. Ezer mentioned that the grading plan came from civil engineers and that the overall volume of storm water by the project site will decrease by 19% than currently on the property during a 10 year one hour storm event. The new plan conforms to the City and County of Honolulu's Best Management Practices. Ezer also commented that sediment basins will collect and retain runoff and will prevent storm water from flowing off the property during peak runoff. The containment features are designed to drain within 48 hours. Any overflow will be piped into the City and County of Honolulu sewer system.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Environmental Impact Statement: Sager expressed his concerns with making a final decision before the EIS is available. Ezer responded that the decision before the board would only allow the project to go to the next step, and is not an approval of the final project. Sager commented that the resolution ought to be reworded to reflect that intent.

Sager moved and Cypher seconded the motion to approve the resolution for the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30 to support the Hawaii Memorial Park Expansion.

Chair Radke distributed the resolution and read it aloud for the Board and community.

Sager moved to amend the motion to add the words "with the understanding that the final decision on the project will depend on an evaluation of the EIS."

- Environmental Impact Statement (continued): Chair Radke asked when the EIS will come out and Ezer responded
  that it will not come out until next year after approval by the City Council. The estimated time would be late first
  quarter 2018. Sager expressed his concern that approving the resolution will facilitate more community boundary
  changes.
- The Next Phase: A resident commented that an amendment could be made to only allow the project to go to the next step, but not count as an approval of the final project

Cypher motioned to amend the resolution to add the words "to allow the project to move to the next phase of the approval process"

<u>Support of the Project</u>: A resident commented that a vote for the resolution is a support for expansion, regardless of whether or not it goes to the next step.

The motion WAS NOT ADOPTED by HAND VOTE: 7-0-4 (AYE: Burbage, Carlile, Collins, Cypher, Dawson, Radke, Sager NAY: None ABSTAIN: Berkeley, Davlantes, Hanks, Sevier )

<u>Impact of vote</u>: Burbage asked and Ezer responded that he is unsure of the impact of a no vote would be on the City Council's decision. Ezer clarified again that this vote only urges that the project goes to the next level.

Sager motioned to postpone the resolution until a review of the Environmental Impact Statement.

- <u>Unfair to HMP and Community</u>: Cypher commented that this motion would be unfair to HMP, as the Board has put them off since 2007. Cypher continued, commenting that the issue involves the resting place for many community members, and postponing the resolution would be unfair them.
- Revisions of the Plan: Chair Radke commended HMP for revising their plans based on community input. Chair Radke told the community that the plan before the Board today is the revised plan based on previous community input, and thanked HMP for doing their due diligence. Chair Radke also thanked Grant Yoshimori for his efforts with "Save Kaneohe" and asked Yoshimori for his comments.
- <u>Endangered Species</u>: Resident Yoshimori spoke in opposition to the plan, commenting that the current zoning is for conservation, and that the current habitat in question is home to the rare Black Damsel Fly, and other issues that could lead to potential flooding is unsustainable.
- <u>Community Objections</u>: Yoshimori commented that they have collected over 1000 signatures against the expansion, and that to pass this resolution would make it more likely that the City Council will approve community boundary changes in the future. Yoshimori also commented that HMP has an alternative 22 acres across the park they can use instead. A resident commented that he is concerned with flooding risks associated with the project.
- Revisions of the Plan (continued): Resident Mordord commented that they listened to the community with diligence when redrafting their plan.
- Flooding Risks: Resident Al Chock expressed his concerns at the flooding risks with this development.
- Expansion Support: Resident Vanita Rae Smith expressed her overwhelming support for the expansion of the HMP. Resident Rocky Kahahiwa expressed her support for the expansion because of HMP's support of veterans and the community as a whole.
- <u>Expansion Opposition</u>: Resident Betty Joe Harris expressed her concerns with the risks of flooding from the development, citing historical examples of floods in the community, and voiced her opposition to the expansion. A resident expressed their concerns with the project, citing the endangered species in the area, and the expansion will destroy the habitat of the Damsel Fly, voicing their opposition to the project.

Chair Radke moved that the motion be postponed until the next regular meeting due to a lack of time. The motion WAS ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 11-0-0; (AYE: Burbage, Berkeley, Carlile, Collins, Cypher, Davlantes, Dawson, Hanks, Radke, Sager, Sevier; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).

Chair Radke encouraged the Board members to do their research on the project before the next meeting.

Hanks left the meeting at 9:38 p.m. 10 members were present.



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Board Members Absent - Kenneth Cho, Gloria Carlile

<u>Guests</u> – State Representative Jarrett Keohokalole; Lori Kahikina (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative); Richard Haru (Office of Representative Ken Ito); Francisco (Office of Councilmember Ikaika Anderson); Lieutenant M. Kuroda (Honolulu Police Department); Ian Jenss (Windward Community College), William May, Tiffany Patrick (Marine Corps Base Hawaii); Dodge Watson (Honua Consulting); Adam Myers, Michael Flumian, Ken Rose, Ed Lesperance, Samson Watson, Jacob Leong, Shirena Leong, Wendey Tamashiro, Bennie Beatsa, John Ferreira, Alexis Penee, Justin Taylor, Stephanie Boland (Residents); Jackson Coley and Thomas Baldwin (Neighborhood Assistants)

#### FILING OF VACANCIES ON BOARD

Chair Radke announced the three (3) vacancies on the Board.

Hearing no volunteers, and with no objections, Chair Radke moved to the City/State Monthly Reports.

#### CITY/STATE MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – A representative of HFD reported the following

- <u>July Statistics</u>: There were 16 activated alarms, 100 medical emergencies, 9 motor vehicle collisions, 1 mountain rescue, 1 ocean rescue
- Helicopter Costs: The Public information officer stated that the typical cost for a helicopter rescue is \$1500 an hour.
   Costs are not over budgeted HFD expenses. Charging for people search and rescue can be dangerous and some people may refuse or delay a call for help.
- August Fire Safety Tip <u>Grilling Safety</u>: Each year a national average of 8,900 home fires are grilling-related and almost half of all injuries involving grills are due to thermal burns. Follow these tips for safe grilling:
  - o Propane and charcoal barbeque grills should only be used outdoors.
  - o Grills should be placed well away from the home, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
  - Keep children and pets at least three (3) feet away from the grill area.
  - o Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup.
  - o Never leave your grill unattended.
  - o Ensure that the gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

#### Charcoal Grills

- o Charcoal chimney starters allow you to light the charcoal using newspaper as fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, only use charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- o Keep charcoal fluid out of children's reach and away from heat sources.
- o After grilling, let the coals cool completely before disposing it in a metal container.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Mountain Rescues: A resident asked and the HFD representative responded that he can check to see if the one (1) mountain rescue was related to Haiku Stairs.

#### Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- 1. <u>Ground-Level Option</u>: Sager asked and Representative Keohokalole responded that exploring a ground level alternative for Rail would be unfeasible, as it would require a new Environmental Impact Statement (EIS.) Representative Keohokalole commented that a new EIS, just as the previous one, would likely be challenged in court. He commented that the initial rising costs of Rail were due to early court challenges, and felt that the same would happen again with a new EIS. He explained that local economists advise continuing the project, and with the \$17 billion state debt, changing course now wouldn't be a feasible idea.
- 2. <u>Affordable Housing</u>: Collins asked and Representative Keohokalole responded that appropriations have been taken from the State General Fund to affordable housing. One target of spending is towards infrastructure, especially sewer infrastructure. Representative Keohokalole commented that affordable housing funding incentivizes high rise development in the urban core. A rental housing revolving fund exists for developers who choose to build rental housing projects in the urban core since those projects tend to be riskier than building luxury housing.
- 3. <u>Watershed Protection</u>: A resident asked and Representative Keohokalole responded that in regards to providing water to high rise developments, the Board of Water Supply (BWS) actively engages with the Legislature to ensure that water will be available. Representative Keohokalole commented that numerous watershed protection efforts, including fencing off key plant species from invasive species, ensure available water for the county.
- 4. Rail Financing: A resident asked and Representative Keohokalole commented that the House's position at the end of the session was to increase the TAT to cover financial shortfalls. He explained that the proposal adopted by the Senate parallels Mayor Kirk Caldwell's proposal in 2015 to extend the GET for a number of years and borrow money off the future proceeds to cover the cost of construction.

# **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

Windward Community College (WCC): A representative from WCC reported the following

- <u>Start of Classes</u>: WCC classes start on Monday, August 21, 2017, with 2400 students registered. The representative commented that there is still time to register, and seniors can take classes for free if seats are available.
- The King & I: The representative announced the King & I will be performed at Paliku Theatre on Friday, September 8, 2017.
- Raku Ho'olaulea: The representative from WCC announced the Raku Ho'olaulea, an annual community Raku ceramics workshop, firing, and campout at Camp Mokule'ia from Friday, September 8, 2017 to Saturday, October 7, 2017.
- <u>17th Annual Windward Ho'olaulea</u>: The representative from WCC invited the Board and the community to The 17th Annual Windward Ho'olaulea celebration that begins on October 7, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the great lawn at WCC.

<u>Blue Zones Project</u>: <u>Walking Moai</u>: Berkley announced the Walking Moai event from Blue Zones Project beginning on Saturday, September 23, 2017 in which participants walk with community members over the course of 10 weeks to promote healthy living.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

<u>Hawaii Memorial Park (HMP) Resolution</u>: Chair Radke acknowledged the detailed discussion regarding the HMP Resolution that was left unfinished at the last meeting on Wednesday, July 19, 2017. Char Radke announced that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be generated for the HMP Expansion, and that the questions raised at the Board meeting will be addressed in the EIS.

Chair Radke moved and Sevier seconded to defer the motion to approve the Hawaii Memorial Park Expansion until an Environmental Impact Statement related to the expansion is produced and when the Board members have reviewed its content. The motion WAS ADOPTED by VOICE VOTE; 12-0-0 (AYE: Berkeley, Burbage, Collins, Cypher, Davlantes, Dawson, Hanks, Kaanana, Radke, Sager, Sanders, Sevier NAY: None ABSTAIN: None)

#### **B**oard Member Picture Taking

8:17 p.m. Chair Radke called for a Recess for the Board to take a photo

8:23 p.m. Chair Radke called the meeting back to order.



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# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018 BENJAMIN PARKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> – Chair Maurice "Mo" Radke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **Quorum was established with 10 members present.** Note- This 17-member Board requires nine (9) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

<u>Board Members Present</u> – Gloria Carlile, Deborah Collins, Mahealani Cypher, Donald Dawson, Kirk Johnson, Daniel Kaanana, Steven Minakami, Trenton Oshiro (appointed at meeting), Chair Mo Radke, Bill Sager, and Holly Sevier.

Board Members Absent - Brandie Berkley, Lora Burbage, Nancy Davlantes, and Jeremiah Sanders.

Guests – Director of Environmental Services Lori Kahikina (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative); Daniel Yamashiro (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Michael Kuroda (Honolulu Police Department); Danny Hayes (Marine Corps Base Hawaii); Micah Pregitzer (Hawaii State Teachers Association); Stanley Lau (Affordable Hawaii Coalition); Lee Miyashiro (Residential Youth Services and Empowerment); Ben Baniyaga, Fred Collins, Janie Lye (Residents); and Thomas Baldwin and James Skizewski (Neighborhood Commission Office).

#### CITY/STATE MONTHLY REPORTS

Filling of Vacancies - No residents volunteered to fill the vacancies.

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Daniel Yamashiro reported the following:

- <u>September 2018 Statistics</u> There were 2 structure fires, 4 activated alarms, 113 medical calls,13 motor vehicle collisions, 1 mountain rescue, and 1 hazardous materials incident.
- <u>Safety Tip Halloween Safety</u>: When selecting a costume, stay away from long, trailing fabric, as it can be a trip hazard or attach to an object and cause a fall. If you create your own costume, select materials that will not easily ignite if it comes into contact with heat or flame. If your child is wearing a mask, ensure the eye holes are large enough so they can see out. Provide children with flashlights for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume. It is safest to use a flashlight or battery-operated candle in a jack-o-lantern. The HFD discourages the use of candles.

<u>Honolulu Police Department (HPD)</u> – Lieutenant Michael Kuroda reported the following: <u>September 2018 Statistics</u> – There were 5 motor vehicle thefts, 8 burglaries, 26 thefts, and 19 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV).

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: <u>UEMV</u>: Minakami asked and Lieutenant Kuroda responded that the majority of UEMV increases were likely due to enforcements in Kahuku dispersing criminals into the neighboring communities.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) - Community Relations Liasion Danny Hayes reported the following:

- <u>Trans-Pacific Flight</u> Hayes reported that eight (8) MV22 Osprey aircraft completed a trans-pacific flight from Darwin, Australia to MCBH at the end of September 2018.
- <u>Logistics</u>: Hayes reported that logistic support vessels recently transferred supplies from MCBH to Hawaii Island for an exercise.

Hawaii State Hospital (HSH) - No representative was present; no report was given.

Hearing no objections, Chair Radke moved to the Filling of Vacancies.

Filling of Vacancies - Trenton Oshiro introduced himself and volunteered to fill the seat in Sub-district 6.

Councilmember Ikaika Anderson's Office - No representative was present; no report was given.

Senator Jill Tokuda's Office - No representative was available; no report was given.

Representative Ken Ito's Office – No representative was available; no report was given.

Representative Jarrett Keohokalole – No representative was available; no report was given.

#### **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

Windward Community College (WCC) - No representative was present; no report was given.

Institute for Human Services (IHS) – No representative was present; no report was given.

Blue Zones Project – No representative was present; no report was given.

<u>Certificate</u> – Chair Radke presented a Certificate of Recognition from the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30 to Resident Bill Dixon for his volunteer efforts in community outreach and the Board's online blog.

#### **BOARD BUSINESS**

Resolution relating to 46-107 Lilipuna Road (Wong Residence): Resolution drafter and introducer Collins read the Resolution Opposing The Special Management Area Use Permit For The Development By Charles Tsu Yew Wong At 46-107 Lilipuna Road – Kaneohe, Tax Map Key 4-6-001:007 (see end of minutes for adopted resolution language). Discussion followed:

- Mangrove Comments: Vice Chair Sager expressed his support for the intent of the resolution, recommending striking the language prescribing ecological benefits to the mangroves, commenting that mangroves are an aggressive invasive species to the environment. Kaanana agreed with the recommendation, adding that concerns with silt accumulation are exacerbated by mangroves. Kaanana expressed support for the overall intention of the resolution.
- <u>Lack of DPP Enforcement</u>: Kaanana expressed concerns with the lack of enforcement despite the numerous Notices of Violation levied against the Wong property. Kaanana highlighted an excerpt from one of the notices, which issued a stop work order under the penalty of the work to be completed by the City and County of Honolulu and the cost to be taken on by the property owner. He asked and Director Kahikina responded that there is no precedence of DPP taking over construction or taking down structures with these violations, adding that there is a general lack of enforcement capabilities.
- <u>Mangrove Comments (continued)</u>: Collins accepted the recommendation to strike the language related to the Mangroves.

Vice Chair Sager moved and Collins seconded to amend the resolution by striking the two (2) WHERE AS paragraphs related to mangroves. The motion was adopted by UNANIMOUS CONSENT; 11-0-0 (AYE: Carlile, Collins, Cypher, Dawson, Johnson, Kaanana, Minakami, Oshiro, Radke, Sager, Sevier NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None.)

• <u>Lack of DPP Enforcement (continued)</u>: Cypher commented that the passage of Bill 60 could allow the DPP to have the enforcement capabilities they need. She added that the proposal of the property owners of the Wong residence should not be approved in light of the recurring disregard of the violations.

The Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30 adopted the resolution Opposing The Special Management Area Use Permit For The Development By Charles Tsu Yew Wong At 46-107 Lilipuna Road – Kaneohe, Tax Map Key 4-6-001:007 by UNANIMOUS CONSENT; 11-0-0 (AYE: Carlile, Collins, Cypher, Dawson, Johnson, Kaanana, Minakami, Oshiro, Radke, Sager, Sevier NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ) Copies of the resolution were provided to the Neighborhood Assistant for distribution.

<u>Hawaiian Memorial Park – Planning Committee</u>: Chair Radke commented that the Planning Committee met following the release of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed expansion of Hawaiian Memorial Park (HMP). A report from the Planning Committee was provided to the Board:

- <u>Brief Overview</u>: Planning Committee Chair Cypher reported that the HMP proposal has been discussed among the community over many years, with proposals receiving criticism on certain issues from the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30. She commented that the Planning Committee was able to meet and discuss the recent EIS, with the intent of identifying concerns that had been raised at the last meeting of the Board where the expansion was discussed, to clarify mitigations that have been completed by the landowner to address the concerns, and to invite any stakeholders to identify any remaining concerns they might have with the 2018 proposal. She added that the representatives of the landowner were present to discuss the issues, commenting that the proposal received a mixed reception among the residents. The original concerns addressed included flooding, traffic impact, impact on cultural resources, potential urbanization of the area, threats to endangered species, and the expansion's inconsistency with the Koolaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan. Additional comments were provided by the community. She added that Sager had identified the drainage plan as a potential point of concern.
- Response: Cypher commented that, while some issues still exist, the landowner has conducted sufficient due diligence to mitigate the community's concerns. Chair Radke asked and Cypher clarified that a recommendation is not on the report, as the report provided information as to what was discussed.

#### Cypher moved and Collins seconded to adopt the report from the Planning Committee.

#### Discussion followed:

- <u>Drainage</u>: Vice Chair Sager expressed concerns that the drainage system ought to be designed to withstand a
  category five (5) hurricane. Cypher commented that, according to an employee with the DPP, the project is in
  compliance with their drainage requirements to satisfy the City's flooding concerns. Chair Radke concluded that
  more information not mentioned in the EIS related to drainage concerns ought to be sought to satisfy Sager's
  concerns. A resident described her background in climate change organizations, and commented that a written
  comment ought to be submitted related to this issue to the EIS or the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).
- 2. <u>Comment Deadlines</u>: Chair Radke asked and the resident responded that the comments are due for the EIS are due on Sunday, October 23, 2018. Chair Radke asked and the resident responded that comments are best submitted by the EIS deadline, as those comments are addressed individually for the FEIS.

The motion WAS ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT; 11-0-0 (AYE: Carlile, Collins, Cypher, Dawson, Johnson, Kaanana, Minakami, Oshiro, Radke, Sager, Sevier NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. )

- 3. <u>Distribution</u>: Cypher requested the report be distributed to related City and State agencies. Chair Radke expressed concerns that the report itself makes no mention of correspondence. Vice Chair Sager commented that it might be appropriate given the conditions to submit the report as testimony for the EIS.
- 4. Recommendation: Vice Chair Sager comment that the transmitted report should be tied only to the draft EIS, and not commit the Board to supporting the project as a whole until the FEIS has been reviewed by the Board. Chair Radke summarized the second report released by the Planning Committee. The report/recommendation expressed that, due to the sufficient due diligence by the property owner to address and mitigate community concerns regarding their proposed expansion of HMP, the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board No. 30 expresses support for the revised expansion plan of HMP. Chair Radke asked and Vice Chair Sager clarified that the recommendation, if adopted by the Board, ought to be amended to clarify the Board's right to hold their final decision pending review of the FEIS. Cypher recommended that the adoption of the recommendation be deferred until a later time, adding that the community information provided in the first report would still useful information. Chair Radke commented that the adopted informational report would be submitted with action on the recommendation to be taken up at a later date.
- 5. Other Concerns: Resident Richard expressed his concerns with the apparent consensus to support the HMP proposal, commenting that there are still community concerns that must be addressed. He advised the Board members to spend more time discussing the concerns with their community members to better understand other community concerns that are not being addressed. Chair Radke clarified that there is no consensus to support the proposal tonight, only to forward information that was delivered during the Planning Committee meeting. Resident Richard requested Board members discuss other potential impacts with constituents. Chair Radke encouraged community members and Board members to continue participating in the EIS process.
- 6. <u>Drafting of the Report</u>: Resident Mary asked and Cypher responded that the contents reflected in the Planning Committee report were based on the comments of 13 individuals. Resident Mary requested the names be made public, and Cypher responded that the adopted report will be attached to the minutes or posted online at the NCO website.