



## NORTH SHORE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 27

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020 WAIMEA VALLEY PIKAKE PAVILION 7:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Pro Tem Kathleen Pahinui called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **A quorum was established with 13 members present.** Note – This 15-member Board requires eight (8) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

**Board Members Present:** Kathleen Ells, Thomas Shirai, John Hirota, Tehani Louis-Perkins, Kathleen Pahinui, Racquel Achiu, Leif Andersen, Michael Lyons, Carol Philips, Richard Whyte, SharLyn Foo, Roberts Leinau, Blake McElheny (arrived at 7:20 p.m.) and Boyd Ready.

**Board Members Absent:** Maka Casson-Fisher.

**Guests:** Ron Weidenbach (Hawaii Fish Company); Reed Matsuura (Councilmember Heidi Tsuneyoshi's Office); Sergeant Ross Furuhashi and Kory Kaneshiro (Honolulu Police Department); Bruce Wilkonson (Honolulu Fire Department); Deputy Director of Harbors Division Derek Chow (Governor David Ige's Office); Eric Anderson, Patricia Moore, Dale Moore, Jane Moore, Ryan Sprager, John Thielst, Sue Chin, Joslyn Kikila, Kawika Paselna, Marina Whyte, Allen Mozo, Kristin Whisman, Lynelle DaMate, Frank Kimitch, Diane Andersen, Zaz Dahlin, Nicole Correa and Lauren Shirashi (residents); Casey Ishitani (Neighborhood Assistant). **Names are not included if not legible on the sign-in sheet.**

### ELECTION OF OFFICER TO SERVE FROM TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020 TO FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2021

**Chair:** Chair Pro Tem Pahinui inquired if there were any nominations.

**Shirai Moved and Andersen Seconded to maintain the current Board Officers with the exception of Vice Chair which had been vacated. The Motion was ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 13-0-0 (Aye:** Ells, Shirai, Hirota, Louis-Perkins, Pahinui, Achiu, Andersen, Lyons, Philips, Whyte, Foo, Leinau and Ready; **Nay:** None; **Abstain:** None).

**Pahinui was appointed as Chair. Philips was appointed as Secretary. Leinau was appointed as Treasurer.**

**Vice Chair:** Chair Pahinui inquired if there were any nominations for Vice Chair. Achiu nominated Casson-Fisher. There were no other nominees.

**Achiu Moved and Philips Seconded to appoint Casson-Fisher as Vice Chair. The Motion was ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 13-0-0 (Aye:** Ells, Shirai, Hirota, Louis-Perkins, Pahinui, Achiu, Andersen, Lyons, Philips, Whyte, Foo, Leinau and Ready; **Nay:** None; **Abstain:** None).

### CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD):** Fire Fighter (FFS) Bruce Wilkinson reported the following.

- **June 2020 Statistics:** There was one (1) structure fire, five (5) wildland fires, two (2) nuisance fires, two (2) activated alarms, 46 medical emergencies, three (3) motor vehicle crashes, three (3) mountain rescues, two (2) ocean rescues.
- **Fire Safety Tip:** Residents can find emergency preparedness information at the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Emergency Management's website at [www.honolulu.gov/dem](http://www.honolulu.gov/dem).

Questions, comments and concerns followed. **Waialua Fire Station:** Leinau inquired about the size of the new Waialua Fire Station and Andersen responded that it will be five (5) acres.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD):** HPD Sergeant Ross Furuhashi reported that statistics can be found at <http://www.honolulu.org/>.

Questions, comments and concerns followed.

1. Contact: Foo inquired about Sergeant Furuhashi's contact information and he responded that it is [rfuruhashi@hpd.org](mailto:rfuruhashi@hpd.org).
2. Speeding: Shirai raised concerns regarding constant speeding and reckless driving along Kamehameha Highway near Crozier Lane around 4:00 a.m.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Chair Pahinui reported the following.

- Smart Irrigation: July 2020 is Smart Irrigation Month and BWS is encouraging residents to reduce water usage.
- Poster Contest: The winners of the poster contest have been posted on <https://www.boardofwatersupply.com/>.

Questions, comments and concerns followed. Rain Barrels: Leinau inquired and Chair Pahinui confirmed if residents may contact BWS for information regarding rain barrels.

**McElheny arrived at 7:20 p.m. There were 14 Board members present.**

#### MEETING DETERMINATION

Date/Time/Location from August 2020 to June 2021: Pahinui inquired if the Board would Move to maintain the current date, time, location, recess schedule (December 2020 and April 2021), Olelo broadcasting and oral testimony rules.

**Shirai Moved and Lyons Seconded to maintain the current date, time, location, recess schedule (December 2020 and April 2021), Olelo broadcasting and oral testimony rules for the North Shore Neighborhood Board No. 27 Regular Meetings. The Motion was ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0 (Aye: Ells, Shirai, Hirota, Louis-Perkins, Pahinui, Achiu, Andersen, Lyons, Philips, Whyte, Foo, Leinau, Ready and McElheny; Nay: None; Abstain: None).**

#### RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Laniakea Beach: A resident raised concerns regarding loud beach parties being held at night at Laniakea Beach. The resident reported alcohol usage, harassment of turtles and defecation.

Storm Shelters: Resident Lynell DaMate raised concerns regarding the lack of emergency storm shelters on the North Shore.

Traffic Issues: A resident raised that speed bumps may be necessary near Waiialua High and Intermediate School due to reckless driving. The resident requested that speed limit / no speeding signs also be placed along Farrington Highway.

Wells: A resident inquired if wells are allowed on the North Shore and Chair Pahinui responded that wells are permitted with the proper permit.

Devil Weed: Resident DaMate raised concerns regarding devil weed near Waihee.

Campaign Signs: Resident DaMate raised concerns regarding campaign signs being left on resident properties.

#### BOARD BUSINESS

Creation of Board Committees and Members: Chair Pahinui asked to defer the set-up of the Health and Emergency Preparedness Committee as Casson-Fisher, who has volunteered as chair, is out. The formation of this committee will be taken up at the August board meeting. Chair Pahinui inquired if the Board would maintain the current committee chairs, with the exception of the Parks Committee Chair which had been vacated. Foo nominated Louis-Perkins as Parks Committee Chair.

**Foo Moved and Andersen Seconded to appoint Louis-Perkins as Parks Committee Chair while maintaining all other Committee Chairs. The Motion was ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0 (Aye: Ells, Shirai, Hirota, Louis-Perkins, Pahinui, Achiu, Andersen, Lyons, Philips, Whyte, Foo, Leinau, Ready and McElheny; Nay: None; Abstain: None).**

**Louis-Perkins was appointed as the Parks Committee Chair. Philips was re-appointed as Transportation Committee Chair. Anderson was re-appointed as the Agriculture Committee Chair.**

Support of Land Transfer to State of Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) and Leasing of Land to Hawaii Fish Company: Resident Ron Weidenbach reported that his company Hawaii Fish Company is currently in the process of requesting a land transfer. The property is currently engaged in aquaponics with produce and tilapia. Weidenbach raised that the aquaponics potential for North Shore is very important and that he requires a letter of support from the Neighborhood Board to attach to an Environmental Assessment for a land transfer.

**Lyons Moved and Andersen Seconded to draft a letter of support of the land transfer to the State Dept of Agriculture and leasing of the land to Hawaii Fish Company.**

Discussion: Shirai raised concerns regarding the proximity of Weidenbach's property and Dillingham Airfield. He also raised concerns regarding the salinity of the water table. Weidenbach responded that he will also explore ogo (seaweed) production. Leinau inquired about the length of time that Weidenbach is requesting and he responded that he has been approved for a 65-year lease and would like to renew it. Achiu inquired if Waialua High School students could volunteer at the property. Ready raised that the Hawaii Constitution allows for State lands to be used for the purposes presented by Weidenbach.

**The Motion was ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0 (Aye: Ells, Shirai, Hirota, Louis-Perkins, Pahinui, Achiu, Andersen, Lyons, Philips, Whyte, Foo, Leinau, Ready and McElheny; Nay: None; Abstain: None).**

**Chair Pahinui stated that a presentation regarding LED light installation at Banzai Skateboard Park was left off the agenda and the Closure of Laniakea Beach by Senator Gil Riviere was left on by mistake. Board agreed to the change; however; Elgin Onaga was not available to present the LED light installation. This item is deferred to the August 2020 meeting.**

66-084 Haleiwa Road, Special Management Area Permit: Patty Moore and Dale Moore presented plans for a two (2) family dwelling. They requested support from the Board in the form of a letter regarding the acquisition of a special management area permit.

**Philips Moved and Achiu Seconded to support a special management area permit for 66-084 Haleiwa Road.**

Discussion: Achiu thanked the Moores for letting Board visit the property. Philips inquired why a special management area permit is required and Patty Moore responded that it was due to the merger of units on the property which exceeded the \$500,000 threshold. Ready inquired if the Moores required a consultant and Dale Moore responded that they have a consultant who confirmed and filed a report.

**The Motion was ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 14-0-0 (Aye: Ells, Shirai, Hirota, Louis-Perkins, Pahinui, Achiu, Andersen, Lyons, Philips, Whyte, Foo, Leinau, Ready and McElheny; Nay: None; Abstain: None).**

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS

Governor David Ige's Representative: Harbors Division Deputy Director Derek Chow reported the following.

- Hurricane Douglas: Before Hurricane Douglas approached, Harbors Division partnered with the Coast Guard to ensure that the maritime industry and cargo delivery operated as long as possible. All ports were closed prior to the storm's impacts.
- Unemployment Claims: Deputy Director Chow acknowledged that the unemployment claims process has delays, citing the outdated system as a source of contention.
- Visitor Quarantine: The 14-day quarantine mandate has been extended to Tuesday, September 1, 2020.
- Farrington Highway: Deputy Director Chow will take concerns regarding the need for a speed bump near Waialua High and Intermediate School as well as the lack of speed signage along Farrington Highway.

Questions, comments and concerns followed.

1. Unemployment Claims: Lyons raised concerns regarding the delay in unemployment claims being filed and received. Ells raised concerns regarding self-employed residents not receiving their claims. Deputy Director Chow responded that residents may contact the Unemployment call center at (808) 762-5752.

Andersen inquired if claims will be accumulated if not met and Deputy Director Chow responded that they will be.

2. Tax Office: Foo inquired if residents may receive Transient Accommodation Tax (TAT) numbers if requested and Deputy Director Chow responded that he will get back to the Board.
3. Mail-In Ballots: Leinau inquired over mail-in voting safeguards and Deputy Director Chow responded that he will get back to the Board. Ready raised concerns regarding the lack of independent observers associated with voting booths claiming that the risks of votes being bought are raised.
4. Dillingham Airfield: Shirai requested an update regarding Dillingham Airfield and Deputy Director Chow responded that the lease has been extended to the end of 2020.
5. HDOA: Achiu raised concerns regarding House Bill (HB) 2035 failing in session, stating that HDOA will need to find Resolutions to the agricultural industry.
6. Cultural Reports: McElheny and Chair Pahinui requested that the Department of Transportation (HDOT) release studies of culturally significant areas. Deputy Director Chow responded that he will need to redact sensitive information before bringing it to the Board.
7. Quarantine: Foo inquired who at the State of Hawaii checks on incoming travelers subject to quarantine and Deputy Director Chow responded that it is the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT).
8. Shelters: Phillips raised concerns regarding the lack of storm shelters on the North Shore. Andersen raised concerns regarding the lack of signs signifying inundation levels in case of a tsunami, stating that signs would inform residents and tourists of the minimal safety distance from waves and flooding.
9. Schools: A resident raised concerns regarding masks possibly being discretionary at public schools.

Senator Gil Riviere: A representative was not present. No report was given.

Representative Lauren Matsumoto: Representative Matsumoto reported the following.

- Mask Drive: Community members and Hawaii Mercantile made over 7000 masks for HFD, teachers and others.
- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA): Residents may contact Representative Matsumoto regarding PUA inquiries at (808) 586-9490.

Questions, comments and concerns followed.

1. Potholes: Lyons raised concerns regarding large potholes along Wilikina Drive near Schofield Barracks and Kamehameha Highway. Representative Matsumoto responded that she will put a work request in for repairs.
2. Agriculture: Achiu reiterated concerns regarding the HB 2035 not passing. Chair Pahinui requested that Representative Matsumoto report to the Board when agricultural Bills are included.
3. Schools: A resident reiterated concerns regarding masks in public schools.

Representative Sean Quinlan: A representative was not present. No report was given.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Office: A representative was not present. No report was given.

Councilmember Heidi Tsuneyoshi: Reed Matsuura of Councilmember Tsuneyoshi's office reported that the Waiialua District Pool has asbestos and wires that will need to be grounded before being opened.

Questions, comments and concerns followed.

1. Storm Water Tax: Leinau inquired why a storm water tax is being applied to private roads. Matsuura responded that Oahu's number of roads on private lands and gated communities necessitates a tax given the area that they cover.
2. Tennis Courts: Ells inquired if the tennis courts at Waiialua District Park are open and Chair Pahinui responded that they are.
3. Property Taxes: Lyons raised concerns regarding property taxes raising.
4. City Budget: Andersen raised concerns regarding the City and County of Honolulu's budget and Matsuura responded that it relies on allotments from the State of Hawaii. Phillips raised concerns that the rail budget may factor into the budget.
5. Waiialua Fire Station: Leinau inquired about the location of Waiialua Fire Station's parking lot and Matsuura responded that it will be across the street from the proposed property.

**McElheny left at 9:05 p.m. There were 13 Board members present.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Approval of Tuesday, June 23, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes: Chair Pahinui inquired if there were any corrections to the minutes. Resident DaMate raised that she has corrections. The Neighborhood Assistant responded that minutes are amendable at future meetings if there are any corrections that must be retroactively applied to them.

**Philips Moved and Lyons Seconded to Adopt the Tuesday, June 23, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. The Motion was ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 13-0-0 (Aye: Ells, Shirai, Hirota, Louis-Perkins, Pahinui, Achiu, Andersen, Lyons, Philips, Whyte, Foo, Leinau and Ready; Nay: None; Abstain: None).**

Treasurer's Report: Leinau reported a remaining balance of \$503.62.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at Waimea Valley Pikake Pavilion from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m. due to facility closure.

Submitted by: Casey Ishitani, Neighborhood Assistant  
Reviewed by: Naomi Hanohano, Neighborhood Assistant  
Finalized By: Chair Kathleen Pahinui