



KAILUA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 31

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020 KAILUA RECREATION CENTER

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. with a **quorum of 11 members including 7 members present and four (4) members who attended online**. Note: This 19-member Board requires 10 members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present – Bill Hicks, Levani Lipton, Jeff Zuckernick, Gary Weller, Susan Dowsett, Claudine Tomasa (Attended the meeting online), Daniel Vermillion, Robert Harris (Attended the meeting online), Teresa Parsons (Attended the meeting online 7:35pm), Donna Wong (Attended the meeting online), Colin Kippen (Attended the meeting online), Kelly Aylward, and Josiah Akau (Attended the meeting online 7:35pm).

Board Members Absent – Steve Trecker, Alan Akao, Kevin Cooper, Jonathan White, Al Smith, Jennifer Tobara-Honold

- Guests – Brandi Higa (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative); Representative Chris Lee; Senator Jarrett Keohokalole; Nelson K. Faulkner (Honolulu Fire Department); Dennis Toyama (Department of Design and Construction), Russell Arakaki, (ParEn, Inc), John Medlock, Lea Hollingworth-Ramsey, Sue Wadas; Travis Saito and Christopher Naylor (Neighborhood Commission Office). **Note: Name was not included if not legible or on the guest attendance sheet.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. A moment of silence for the passing of Former Kailua Board member Knud Lindgard, who served the Kailua Neighborhood Board from 1999-2011.
- B. Kailua Neighborhood Board meetings must complete by 9:50 pm and this room must be vacated by 10:00 pm. To be fair to everyone, please limit any questions or concerns to three minutes.
- C. It is hurricane season and the Red Cross of Hawaii has an increased need for trained volunteers to run community shelters and offer support throughout the year. Volunteers carry out 90% of the humanitarian work of the Red Cross. It is through the efforts of ordinary people that the Red Cross of Hawaii can do extraordinary things. If you are over 18 and willing to work virtually doing office type work from home, or in person in a disaster shelter before, during and/or after a disaster event, please contact Mary Finley at 284-6849.

PUBLIC AGENCIES

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – No representative was present; no report was given.

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

- July 2020 Statistics: There was one (1) structure fire, one (1) wildlife fire, (2) nuisance fires, six (6) activated alarms, 87 medical emergencies, nine (9) motor vehicle crash with pedestrian, three (3) motor vehicle crashes/collisions.
- Safety Tip – Safety tips on grilling safety included tips for using propane and charcoal barbeques.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – No representative was present; Chair Hicks reported the following:

- Main Breaks: There were three (3) main breaks in July 2020.
 - o Saturday, July 11, 2020: 830 Auloa Road
 - o Friday, July 25, 2020: 1687 Kanapuu Drive
 - o Wednesday, July 29, 2020: 1389 Akalani Loop
- Water Emergency Preparedness: Natural disasters, power outages, or other unexpected events can affect the Board of Water Supply's (BWS) ability to provide water service to the community. Remember, a disaster could cause customers to lose service for a few days to even longer, depending on severity of damage to the water system. Before a disaster strikes, make sure you have your preparedness kit ready to go. Residents should store at least one (1) gallon of water per person per day for at least fourteen days. Babies, nursing mothers, and people with medical conditions may need more. Also, in the event of an emergency, it is very important to stay tuned to media reports to receive water information bulletins and take any appropriate actions announced by the BWS or other emergency response agencies. More

information about water emergency preparedness, including a video demonstrating how best to store drinking water in your home, is available online at hbws.me/prep.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) – No representative was present; no report was given

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Brandi Higa, Information Specialist, was present; the following report was given:

- Asbestos at the Kanapuu Sink Hole: Higa noted that the asbestos is under the safe exposure limit. Higa noted DDC has a summary of considerations regarding asbestos containing material at Kanapuu Drive Culvert Emergency Repair Site is posted on DDC Website at: <http://www.honolulu.gov/ddc/aboutus.html>. Higa noted the revised construction completion date is estimated to be in the first quarter of calendar year 2021.
- Traffic Signal at Kuulei Road and Aulike Street: Higa noted the traffic signal is not federally funded by the Safe Routes to Schools program. The traffic signal project is funded using Federal Highway (FHWA) funds, and project has gone out to bid. Higa noted the contract for construction is being reviewed (low bidder is Jack Endo Electric). Higa noted contract execution and Notice to Proceed is estimated to be issued in late October 2020.
- Monster House 296 Iliana St: Department of Planning and Permitting (DDP) reported under Building Permit (BP) No. 842182, the required setbacks for the front, side, and rear of the property, new dwelling height at 24 feet high, and the total floor area, which includes the existing Ohana dwelling structure is 6,683 square feet on a 10,007-square-foot lot, are all in accordance to the approved plans. The Floor Area Ratio (FAR) is 0.67 and does not exceed the 50 percent lot coverage. No building code violations were observed at this time.
- Keolu Drive Update: Responding to previous inquires the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) reported a study regarding speeding along Keolu Drive between Akiohala and Akipohe streets, which included a field investigation and a review of the area's traffic collision history. Due to the developments related to the COVID-19 crisis and the statewide "Stay-at-Home, Work-from-Home" order, the DTS is unable to obtain accurate traffic volume and speed counts at this time. DTS conducted a speed study in February of 2018, which found that motorists were speeding in both directions along Keolu Drive between Akea Place and Akanaha Place. They issued a work order (reference Paint and Sign Work Order 3380) to the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) to install larger speed limit signs to increase conspicuity and encourage speed compliance along this portion of Keolu Drive. Speed feedback signs were also installed in the vicinity of Kaelepulu Elementary School in May of 2019. In addition, DTS asked HPD to monitor the area for speeding violations. HPD's review of the area's traffic collision history revealed that there were collisions involving motorists drifting out of their lanes and colliding with parked vehicles on Keolu Drive in the vicinity of Kaelepulu Elementary School within the past three years. Therefore, DTS installed thicker edge of pavement lines with raised pavement markers at 10 feet on center along the edge to provide additional guidance to motorists traveling this area.
- Mayor's Emergency Order 2020-23: Higa noted the Mayor's Emergency Order 2020-23 is effective at 12:00 a.m. Friday August 7 at midnight, and will continue through Friday September 4, 2020. City and County of Honolulu parks and botanical gardens ("City Parks") and State of Hawai'i parks within the City ("State Parks"), are closed for public use. Outdoor organized team sports which applies to outdoor team sports such as baseball, soccer, football, outdoor volleyball, outdoor basketball, and similar outdoor team sports must close and may not operate within the City. Fitness Facilities in the City may resume operations under certain requirements and conditions, except that all group classes (i.e., three (3) or more persons) in Fitness Facilities are prohibited. Indoor attractions such as bowling alleys, arcades, mini golf, and other similar indoor entertainment facilities/operations must close and may not operate within the City.

Questions and comments followed:

1. Committee Meetings: Chair Hicks asked if Committee Meetings are able to continue to be exempt from the new emergency order considering gathering limitations in the upcoming weeks. Higa confirmed Neighborhood Boards are considered a government function and any decision for cancelling meetings during this time is the under the Neighborhood Board Chairs' discretion.
2. Comfort Stations: Vice Chair Lipton asked if comfort stations will be closed with the new order. Vice Chair Lipton expressed concerns from the community there have been homelessness arising and if there is a lack of public comfort stations operations there will be a buildup of trash and sanitary concern. Higa responded comfort stations will continue to operate during normal park hours. Higa noted the only time comfort stations

would be closed is if there is vandalism or repairs being made. Higa noted if the community noticed any issues they are able to call 768-2489 and will be able to resolve the problem more quickly.

3. Park Sign: Weller expressed confusion at Kailua District Park observing a park sign noted the park is closed and community members may understand comfort stations are closed when they should be open.
4. Boat Ramp: Resident asked for an update on Kailua Beach Boat Ramp.
5. Kailua Road Bypass Bike Route: Resident Medlock expressed concerns regarding the previous shutdown that the Kailua Road Bypass Bike Route, which runs along the back side of Kailua Beach Park parallel to Kailua Road, was closed. He requested that it remain open for safety reasons.
6. Path on Kawainui Park: Resident Medlock noted lack social distancing was caused when a path on Kawainui Park was closed from the previous order and requested for the pathway to remain open for walkers and bicyclists.
7. Military Personnel: Vice Chair Lipton asked if the new orders apply for military personnel. Higa responded if Military personnel are on the City public space they will have to follow the City regulations.
8. Hiking Trails: A Resident asked which hiking trails are closed and open during the updated order. Higa responded State Parks at Na Ala Hele are operational during this time and for more information visit <https://hawaii Trails.hawaii.gov>.
9. Stairway to Heaven: Weller asked about the plans for Stairway to Heaven after BWS transferred it to the City. Higa noted the City is planning to make it safe for the public and working on bids for the Stairs. Higa noted the Mayor wants it to be open and may look similar to a concession stand like Hanauma Bay and parking would not be near residential housing. Weller expressed concerns with a group of hikers bringing a trampoline on top of Stairway to Heaven. Higa expressed concerns with that issue and noted the risk for first responders in this situation.

Harris exited the meeting at 7:35 p.m. 10 members present.

Parsons and Akau joined the meeting online at 7:35 p.m.;12 members present.

Governor David Ige's Representative – No representative was present; no report was given.

RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- 4G Small Cells: Resident Wadas asked about an update of the AT&T 4G Small Cells in Kailua. Chair Hicks noted there is no motion on the AT&T 4G Small Cells and it is still at the committee level during this time.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councilmember Ikaika Anderson: No representative was present; no report was given.

Senator Laura Thielen: No representative was present; no report was given.

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole: Senator Keohokalole was present; the following report was given:

- COVID-19 Update: Keohokalole noted concerns by the end of the month with tracking to be in a serious situation currently with a surge of COVID-19 and increase of hospitalizations.
- Contact Tracing: Keohokalole noted there is a challenge with contact tracing and confidentiality with privacy laws in terms of identifying individuals that tested positive and releasing information out to the public. Keohokalole noted it was the relaxation of the social distancing order and causes related to large gatherings including parties and funerals. Keohokalole noted in addition the service industry has workers coming to work sick when they need to stay home.
- Coding Mechanism: Keohokalole noted the State is considering a color coding mechanism to take away from the confusion of new and changing orders so everyone knows what to expect for limitations or re-openings.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Small Groups: Zuckernick expressed concerns the vast majority of the problems are the result of a small group of people and the rest of the community will have the consequence for further restrictions. Zuckernick asked what will the health officials do to target these individuals. Keohokalole noted in agreement and the Chief of Police hiring more HPD Officers during this time using the CARES money which received 75 million dollars for law enforcement. Keohokalole noted continuing quarantine violations has been an ongoing frustration and knew it would be difficult to enforce, stated that the lockdown measures work and the reopening did not work. Keohokalole noted there are a small group of people showing the consequences for the communities and it is very difficult when three (3) fire stations are limited due to having COVID-19 cases. Aylward responded there reasons were because of multi-generation households where young adults who do

not have another place to stay are living with grandparents or parents. Keohokalole noted large outbreaks also include public housing areas and dense living situations.

2. Unemployment Benefits: Aylward expressed concerns with the \$600 a week supplement to unemployment benefits discontinuing, asked about what will the State do for those families lacking for meals and facing possible evictions. Keohokalole noted there is a portion of money in place with the State. The \$600 a week funding is stalled and the governor vetoed a \$100 per week supplement. Vice Chair Lipton noted the cost of living is high in Hawaii and not good for living with just the unemployment benefits.
3. Hospital Capacity: Vice Chair Lipton asked if hospitals are at full capacity, and what is the alternative choice in this situation. Keohokalole noted several hotels have been scoped for excess bed space here on Oahu and on neighbor islands, including the possibility at the Hawai'i Convention Center. Keohokalole noted the National Guard supplement for quarantine investigations, including airport screening, will end soon. Keohokalole noted the State will have to continue funding unless there is more federal funding available in the future. A resident asked who made that order and Keohokalole noted it was in a memo by President Trump and needs to look further with the information provided in the press release.
4. Statistics: Weller expressed concerns that the public needs more statistics regarding who was exposed to COVID-19. Weller noted there needs to be a map where more exact locations of those exposed are provided to make the public aware. When there are all red areas it does not protect the community since there is no exact location of the exposed COVID-19 areas. Keohokalole agreed there needs to be more information given to the public and noted the information is complicated with rules in place. Keohokalole noted there needs to be better metrics regarding the cases. Keohokalole noted with maps of addresses where they have COVID-19 does not necessarily confirm where they were exposed to it first. Keohokalole noted in a report by the Department of Health (DOH) a death occurred today was exposed by another individual who went to a spin class who then was exposed by a person at the Hawaiian Airlines training.
5. South Korea: Vice Chair Lipton asked if the State is looking into similar options to what South Korea was doing by geotagging devices with alerts of potential COVID-19 infections. Keohokalole noted the State looked into it and South Korea is not the same kind of free democracy that recognize civil rights. Keohokalole noted for the State to work with technology companies to have voluntary tracking applications that people are able to download and geotag all of a person's locations in case a contact tracer calls – with it you can open your calendar to find where the person has been in the last 14 days as of that day.
6. Asymptomatic Cases: Aylward noted about the caution of asymptomatic cases within the community when people feel healthy and are playing sporting activities at the park.
7. Ventilators: Chair Hicks noted the recent increase of COVID-19 in some other countries and states and asked what Hawaii's most critical shortages would be if the surge continues: ventilators, hospital beds, medical staff, PPE, etc.? Keohokalole noted clinical treatments are improving and noted ventilators are now not as critical treatment equipment as before in the beginning of the pandemic and will look further into this question next month.
8. Opinion Article: A resident read an opinion article and expressed concerns of the recent surge of four (4) percent of the population infected and where are they from if they are from spin classes or fitness facilities. Keohokalole noted it was an opinion article there is no probable statistics and will look into further reporting. Keohokalole noted the surge is happening with 1,000 cases reported in four (4) days and needed a better picture of where the cases are happening. In most cases it is happening in the back of restaurants, bars, social gatherings and funerals.

Representative Cynthia Thielen: No representative was present; a report was disseminated to the board.

Representative Chris Lee: Representative Lee was present; the following report was given:

- COVID-19 Update: Lee noted there is a more enforcement action with tagging Hawaii as a safe spot on social media and targeting travel agents spreading misinformation. Representative Lee expressed concerns about the misinformation provided, which included Hawaii does not need masks nor people wear them and those actions can be a potential hazard for our communities.
- Mail-in Election: Lee noted as of Thursday August 6, the deadline has passed for mailing-in election ballots. Lee noted drop-off ballot stations and Honolulu Hale will be collecting until Saturday, August 8 at 7pm. Lee noted in person voting and same day registration will take place at Honolulu Hale. Lee noted in 2019 the State wanted to increase voter turnout with mail-ballots and traditionally 60-70 percent of the voting has been by absentee ballots and universal mail-in ballots are a way to reach out to new voters. Lee noted the voter turnout is at 40 percent more in voter turnout than in 2016.
- Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) Signature Match: Lee noted there is a safer voting system using A.I for signature match from identification cards and driver licenses. Lee noted for people attempting to forge signatures it is a felony with a 20-year maximum prison sentence.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Mail-in Ballots: A resident noted on the Nextdoor Application that a fellow community member recently received their mail-in ballot this week and missed the deadline for mailing it in. The resident asked what was the reason for delay of receiving the mail-in ballot. Lee noted there were cases and in some cases, other people's ballots were received and sent back stating it is not the correct person. Lee noted as a safeguard to go on-line or call the Office of Elections for an update status for your mail-in ballot.
2. Statistics: Weller asked if there are statistics after voting of how many registered voters voted. Weller suggested the Office of Elections and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) work together to research who is living or not. Lee noted there are multiple databases to make sure no State or Federal department is hacked with personal information. Lee noted there are Federal laws that limit the databases which can be populated with voter data. Lee noted the Office of Elections will note the number of registered voters.

Representative Scot Matayoshi: No representative was present; no report was given.

PRESENTATIONS

Kapa'a Industrial Park Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement by Manfred Zapka, Sustainable Design & Consulting LLC. was present attending online; the following presentation was given:

- Kapa'a Light Industrial Park Development: Zapka noted implementing the updated site development plan and new proposed improvement impact mitigation strategy. Zapka noted for 2020 requiring a Supplementary Environmental Impact Study (SEIS) for minor SMP Modification Acceptance, completed Public Scoping and Supplementary Environmental Impact Study Publication Notice (SEISPN) and now Drafting SEIS.
- Location: Zapka noted the location west of Kailua nearby H-3 and Kawainui Marsh
- Existing Conditions: Zapka noted existing conditions are in the process of adding buildings within the upper portion of the site and start of mass grading in the lower portion side.
- Boundaries: Zapka noted there are new TMK designations: two (2) TMKs 4-2-15:013 and 014. The original EIS, zone change and SMP had three (3) TMKs. Only the lower portion of the site is within the SMA area.
- Major Changes: Changes between the approved EIS and the proposed supplemental EIS include: (1) Storm water drainage and treatment technology; better pollution control: Reason More stringent storm water permit guidelines design constraints; (2) Rainwater Harvesting for irrigation: Reason Less vegetated area to irrigate; (3) Site Finish Grade Elevation; increased site elevation: Reason Required for storm water Conveyance; (4) Site perimeter Berms; increased to accommodate increased site grade: Reason Required to stabilize finish grade; still will provide visual impact mitigation (shield external views); (5) Pervious and Vegetated Areas; reduced: Reason Avoid infiltration and generation of harmful leachate; (6) Wastewater Treatment Technology; Advanced technology: Reason Desire to lower impacts; (7) Changed site road access: use only one road access; Reason Reduce traffic risks and create simpler traffic flow; (8) Changed layout of buildings; Reason Improve internal movement and align to traffic flow.
- Following Steps: Zapka noted the next steps: End of Public Scoping Period Thursday July 23 2020, draft supplemental EIS (SEIS) October 2020, Draft SEIS Public Comment period (45 Days) Nov/Dec 2020, Final SEIS January 2021.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Development Concerns: Parsons expressed concerns on the general development of the plan and requested more clarity. Parsons noted this involves a huge amount of land and asks where will storm water drain on the 11-acres of asphalt. Parsons asked where is the storm water being funneled to and who is managing the system if it is not going into Kawa stream to Kawainui and finally to Kailua Bay? Parson is concerned if best management practices will be used. Parsons expressed concerns with no traffic studies taking place and how much water is going to be flowing out of the area and what will happen if retention ponds are going to leak. Parsons noted previous concerns happening in Kawa with minor zoning changes. Zapka noted the concerns and input. Zapka will look into improvement of the development plan; once the draft is completed, there are 45 days for public input and concerns for the development. Zapka noted storm water is generated everywhere and this landfill was made 60 years ago. Zapka noted those concerns and the developers' need to use the best management practices in order to go through with the development.

Susan Dowsett exited the meeting at 8:35 p.m.; 11 members present.

Kanapuu Drive Emergency Culvert Repair Project Update by Dennis Toyama, Department of Design and Construction (DDC), Civil Division was present; the following presentation was given:

- Asbestos Exposure: Toyama noted the asbestos exposure was all ambient and employee exposure sample results have been below Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulatory limits. Abatement work and monitoring will continue until complete and if monitoring indicates OSHA regulatory limits are exceeded, work will stop.
- Culvert Removal: Toyama noted the asbestos abatement contractor began cutting the culvert into sections and removing the sections from the trench. Toyama noted sections are being wrapped and/or bagged appropriately and disposed of at a licensed landfill.
- Removal Completion Date: Toyama noted the removal completion date will be early 2021.
- Information Updates: Toyama noted to visit <http://www.honolulu.gov/ddc/aboutus.html> for more information updates.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Compensation: Weller asked if neighbors are being compensated for the inconvenience of the project. Toyama responded neighbors are not being compensated although neighbors have filed claims and are working with Corporation Consul to help on this process.

Kawailoa Road Drainage Improvement Project at Kailua Beach Park by Russell Arakaki, ParEn, Inc. was present; the following presentation was given:

- Kawailoa Road Drainage Improvement: Arakaki noted location of the Kawailoa Road drainage improvement along Kawailoa Road, Alala Road, and Mokulua Drive. Arakaki noted the flooding at Kailua Beach Park 2004 covered the majority of the park. Arakaki noted the proposed drainage improvements next to Kawailoa Road will include a new Earth Berm. Alala Road will have a new 4' wide concrete swale with reinforced concrete retaining walls and 4' high chain link fence. It will include new sidewalk culverts five (5) total and new 5' wide concrete sidewalk and 6' high curb. Nearby Mokulua Drive, a new 3'x2' concrete box drain and new outlet structure will be built.
- Permits and Approvals: Arakaki noted pending permits and approvals for the Archaeological Monitoring Plan, NPDES Permit and Grading and Street Usage Permit. Arakaki noted the project does not require Section 404 Permit, Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Coastal Zone Management Certification. Arakaki noted advertised for Bids May 2020, Bid award June 2020 (RMY Construction) and the Start construction early part of 2021, and completed construction in the middle part of 2022.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Root Mitigation: Weller asked if there are sections for trees with root mitigation. Arakaki noted the hiring of Steve Nims to do a tree assessment report and the outlet areas there will be some impact with designing drainage improvements.
2. Drainage: Wong asked what will the drainage improvements solve. Arakaki noted it will solve flooding and subdivision. Chair Hicks noted it will address the long standing problem of flooding at the park and asked how long did this process take for the drainage improvements. Arakaki noted the Study was in 2012 and the design was finished recently of this year.
3. Concrete Swales: Representative Lee expressed concerns on the mainland where they are removing concrete swales. Arakaki noted Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) and Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) studied into further alternatives including rocks and concluded there would be a potential hazard of throwing and vandalism. Arakaki noted to research more alternative solutions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hearing no objections, the Thursday, July 4, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes were APPROVED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT; (11-0-0) (Aye: Hicks, Lipton, Zuckernick, Aylward, Weller, Tomasa, Vermillion, Parsons, Akau, Wong, and Kippen; Nay: None; Abstain: None.)

Amendment to the Minutes for July 2, 2020: Water Quality Meeting Minutes Correction from "upland" to "inland".

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Harris attended the meeting online, Chair Hicks reported August 2020 expenses of \$110.90 with a remaining balance of \$374.10.

CHAIR'S REPORT: Committee agendas for September, 2020 are due by Sunday, August 23, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Hicks adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Submitted by: Travis Saito, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed by: Brandy Clark, Neighborhood Assistant
Revised by: Bill Hicks, Chairman KNB