



KANEHOE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 30

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DRAFT REGULAR MINUTES THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020 BENJAMIN PARKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: 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.

Board Members Present: Lora Burbage, Elena Bryant, Brenden Burk, Gloria Carlile, Mahealani Cypher, Donald Dawson, Daniel Kaanana, Samson Malani, Makamae Namahoe, Mo Radke, and Holly Sevier.

Board Members Absent: Deborah Collins, Malama Minn, Letani Peltier, and David Zamora.

Guests: Firefighter Jacob Char (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant M. Kuroda (Honolulu Police Department); Danny Hayes (United States Marine Corps); Run Heidelberg (Hawaii State Hospital); Eddie Mersereau (Governor David Ige's Representative); Lori Kahikina (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative); Alan Texeira (Councilmember Ikaika Anderson Representative); Senator Jarrett Keohokalole; Representative Lisa Kitagawa; Representative Scot Matayoshi; Richard Medeiros (Council of Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA)); Janice Lai (Kaneohe Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)); Stanley Uyehara, Lee Nagano, Michael Kerr, William Asinsen, Phillip Dang, Beatrice Hayashi, Elaine Sumihara, Lanley Morrill, Serron Decosta, Jake DeMello, Rocky Kaluhiiea, Harvard Sumida, Logan Araki, Steven Minakumo, Ted Kanemori, Ben Baniaga, Hannah and Nick, Percy and Lois Yoshikawa, Robert Inuine, Micah and Kim Kosasa, Robert Harter, Gary Upton, Nick Davison, Kauai Pratt Agure, Bev Dang, Sandy Ono, Vanessa Race, Edwin and Julie Barlongo, Aliantha Lim, Adriel Lam, Joslynn Ojiri (Residents); Lindon Valenciano (Neighborhood Commission Office). **Name was not included if not legible on the sign in sheet.**

FILLING OF VACANCIES: There is one (1) vacancy in each sub-district 12 and 13. No volunteers came forth.

CITY/STATE MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Firefighter Jacob Char reported the following:

- **Firework Incidents:** There were a total of ten (10) incidents island-wide. There was 1 structure fire, 2 dumpster fires, 2 wildland fires, 1 other/nonspecific, and 4 medical injuries.
- **January 2020 Statistics:** There was 1 structure fire, 2 nuisance fires, 2 activated alarms (no fire), 131 medical emergencies, 1 motor vehicle crash collision with a pedestrian, 9 motor vehicle crashes, 2 mountain rescues, and 1 ocean rescue.
- **Safety Tip: Candle Safety:** Candle safety tips were provided.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant Kuroda reported the following: **January 2020 Statistics:** There were 6 motor vehicle thefts, 9 burglaries, 25 thefts, and 14 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: **Abandoned Vehicles:** A resident inquired about people living inside cars and Lieutenant Kuroda responded that abandoned vehicles are cited first then towed, however the lots are overflowing and there is a backlog. Chair Radke inquired and Lieutenant Kuroda noted that they should see the Department of Community Services (DCS) for abandoned vehicle information, such as where it came from and the last owner. Resident Ben Baniaga inquired and Lieutenant Kuroda responded that private roads are not usually enforced. Baniaga noted a conflict with reporting because it is considered an easement and people still park there even with the City posting no parking signs.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH): Danny Hayes, MCBH representative reported the following:

- **Aircraft Support:** During the past month, F-18 aircrafts conducted support training and will continue for another two (2) weeks. The noise concern line is still available at 808-257-883.
- **Veteran Access:** Beverly Hodges reached out to veterans to use the facilities and exchange on base.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Process: A resident inquired and Hodges responded that the first step is the veteran's health ID card, adding that they only need to visit the pass office once and it is streamlined.

Hawaii State Hospital (HSH): Doctor Run Heidelberg, HSH Administrator, reported the following: Building Color: Dr. Heidelberg noted that the building color scheme is darker with the same ivory front and he provided paint samples to illustrate how the building will look.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Crane: Cypher inquired and Dr. Heidelberg responded that the crane was not stuck, adding that they had a delay with the elevator because of its size. Dr. Heidelberg reported that the crane should be removed around April 2020 or May 2020 and they are currently ahead of schedule.
2. Job Opportunity: Chair Radke inquired and Dr. Heidelberg responded that there are a wide array of jobs, noting that jobs will be posted online in July 2020 and HSH will be attending job fairs.

PRESNTATIONS

2020 US Census Support Resolution: Richard Medieros, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA), reported the following: 2020 Census Information: Medieros noted that the Census gauges federal funding based on population. The Census process begins in March 2020 with reminders to avoid someone coming to your home to collect information in April 2020, adding that info can be submitted beginning Thursday, March 12, 2020. Medieros noted that information collected is private and cannot be shared. He provided tips on how to identify a Census worker including the verification hotline at 1-800-932-3530.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Census Clarification: Namahoe inquired and Medieros responded that the Census will call, however they will not ask personal information over the phone unless you call them. Burbage inquired and Medieros responded that Census workers begin Thursday, March 12, 2020, with workers visiting homes in mid-April, and will end around June 2020. Kaanana inquired and Medieros clarified that everyone should be counted including children. Kaanana also inquired and Medieros reiterated that the Census data is confidential and used only as statistics. A resident inquired about homes with multiple generations and Medieros responded that one (1) person should be designated to fill out the form for the whole family. A resident inquired and Medieros responded that the Census will be available online on Friday, March 20, 2020 at the latest. The resident inquired and Medieros responded that landlords fill out the form as the head and list the tenants as non-relatives. Chair Radke inquired and Medieros responded that they are partnering with organizations to gauge homeless similar to the point-in-time count. Chair Radke inquired and Medieros responded that the Census collects data of where you are living on Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

Chair Radke introduced and read the Resolution Calling for Support for the 2020 US Decennial Census.

Cypher MOVED and Sevier SECONDED the Motion to adopt the Resolution Calling for Support for the 2020 US Decennial Census. The Motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT; 11-0-0 (Aye: Burbage, Bryant, Burk, Carlile, Cypher, Dawson, Kaanana, Malani, Namahoe, Radke, and Sevier; Nay: None; Abstain: None).

RESIDENT/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Keapuka Traffic Circle: Burk provided an update regarding the Keapuka roundabouts, noting that he contacted the City and Department of Transportation Services (DTS) have collected the data. DTS will analyze and compare the data, adding that DTS will be scheduling community meetings in Kaneohe. Robert Irvine, Anoi Road resident, noted that the roundabouts does not help because speeding still regularly occurs. He provided photos to illustrate the parking they removed, nothing that they want it back. Resident Nick Davison noted that the Keapuka roundabouts are the only ones which do not have yield signs because those in the roundabout have the right of way, adding that it is ineffective and speed bumps are better. He concluded that roundabouts work if they are correct. Resident William Asinsen requested a job order for a yield sign six (6) months ago, noting that it is danger waiting to happen. Resident Joslynn Ojiri noted that she called and spoke to DTS, adding that it seems the assessment is their justification for having it there. She requested that they remove the roundabout because most of the Keapuka residents do not want it. Resident Michael Kerr noted that it is not working because people still speed over the roundabout and recommended they use the same speed bumps on Kalihi Street. He added that they are not convinced that the signage will work. Chair Radke proposed for three (3) community volunteers to help write a resolution to assist the transportation committee in March 2020 and three (3) residents volunteered.

Bills to Be Aware of: Resident Ted Kanemori noted the storm water utility meeting in May 2020 at Castle High School because it has good intentions, however it could cost money. He also noted House Bill (HB) 2671 and Senator Keohokalole responded that HB 2671 is dead. Resident Kanemori noted to be aware of Senate Bill (SB) 2074 because they are proposing a surcharge to real property tax to fund the infrastructure and rail.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Governor David Ige's Representative: Eddie Mersereau, Governor Ige's Office, distributed a newsletter and reported the following: Newsletter Highlights: Mersereau highlighted the newsletter regarding the Joint Economic Package. He noted that DTS is looking at upgrading the repeaters in the tunnels. Mersereau concluded that the official definition for affordable housing is up 140% Average Median Income (AMI).

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Not Affordable: Resident Kauili noted that 140% AMI is not affordable and inquired when the government will address the public trust land issues.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Lori Kahikina noted some concerns from November 2019.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Haiku Road Construction: A resident inquired if the infrastructure and construction is completed at Haiku Road and requested that a speed trailer like Makiki be set up especially by Kauila Street.
2. Overgrown Stream: A resident noted that the stream parallel to Keneke Street is overgrown and Texeira responded that a Request for Investigation and Services Report (RISR) has already been submitted.
3. School Cleaning: A resident noted that the land by Kuahala Elementary School is overgrown and infested with rats. Representative Kitagawa noted that a work group is being sent on Monday, March 16, 2020.
4. Haiku Stairs and Pahia Crosswalk: Burbage inquired and Kahikina responded that she will provide an update on Haiku Stairs and the Pahia crosswalk at the next meeting.
5. Terracing: A resident expressed his concerns for flood conditions of Kamooalii Stream because residents cutting vegetation and terracing the banks.

Councilmember Ikaika Anderson: Alan Texeira of Councilmember Ikaika Anderson's Office reported the following: Updates of Previous Concerns: Texeira noted that he would gladly collaborate with the Board to set up meetings with DTS for the Keapuka roundabout assessment. Specific addresses are needed for sidewalk repairs to expedite the process and priority, however they will be repairing the whole area. The Pahia crosswalk is going out to bid next month. A RISR has been submitted for the overgrown stream. The community improvement projects budget is coming up and they are still accepting ideas.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Holomanuhia Botanical Garden: Chair Radke expressed his appreciation for Texeira for addressing the Holomanuhia overgrowth, however only half of it was cut.
2. Sidewalk Repair: Sevier inquired if she can give him a list and Texeira responded that he has a list of streets, however specific addresses will be expedited and given priority. Cypher noted that the whole block on Waikalua Road near Ann Pearl needs to be repaired to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Resident Baniaga noted that a resolution would be good to have documented so that the next electives can continue addressing these issues.

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole: Senator Keohokalole reported the following:

- Affordable Housing Definition: Senator Keohokalole noted that according to the federal Department Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 100% AMI for a four (4) person party is approximately \$100,000, adding that it does not relate here and that they need to go beyond the Federal guidelines to 80% AMI.
- Cyber Security: The technology committee is holding a Cyber security briefing is on Thursday, April 2, 2020
- Mail-In Voting: This year Hawaii has adopted the all mail-in voting with a few select voter centers, however there is a provision for a voter center on the Windward side on Election Day. Senator Keohokalole encouraged public testimony on SB 2794 for a Windward voter center.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Shower Van: Resident Baniaga inquired about the shower van and requested that they build a shower and renovate the clinic. Senator Keohokalole responded that they are currently

working on renovating, however they ran into some issues. Senator Keohokalole stated that the shower van coincides with the joint outreach center so that people can seek additional services.

Representative Lisa Kitagawa: Representative Kitagawa distributed her newsletter and reported the following:

- Community Bills: Representative Kitagawa provided an update of bills that affects and was requested by the community, adding that they will be heard by finance in next few days and encourages public testimony.
- Joint Outreach Center: Representative Kitagawa noted that they cannot force people to shower even though they are only seeking other services and she provided joint outreach center statistics.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: State Legislature Committee: Burk noted that the state legislature committee will be contacting her and other legislators for an update of bills in the community.

Representative Scot Matayoshi: Representative Matayoshi reported the following:

- Community Updates: The drainage canal will be cleaned in March or April 2020, adding that he will be adamant about regular cleaning. The City promised yield signs at the roundabouts and Representative Matayoshi suggested that the Board resolution requests adding yield signs. The first Windward dog park will be located near Bayview Golf Course by the end of the year. Representative Matayoshi provided a Haiku Stairs update, noting that the EIS suggests the removal of the stairs, however ideas can be submitted.
- Road Work: The steel plate on the H-3 will be replaced on Saturday, April 4, 2020 and Pali work is delayed.
- Upcoming Events: Town Hall for community issues at Benjamin Parker Elementary School on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 and the Kupuna Fall Prevention Fair at Windward Buddhist Temple on Saturday, February 29, 2020 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Pali Highway Tunnel: Burbage noted that the entrance of the second tunnel, Kailua bound on the Pali is not secure and is in need of more reinforcement.
2. Emergency Access: Resident Baniaga recommended that the fairway of the 5th and 6th holes be used as an emergency alternate route for the Waikalua residents if their only road shuts down.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Kaneohe Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): Kaneohe CERT leader Janice Lai reported that the Windward Community Emergency Preparedness Fair is on Saturday, May 16, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Windward Mall. She noted that many organizations were invited, including the Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) discussing their resiliency study because Windward could be without power for an extended period of time

BOARD BUSINESS

Discussion Upcoming/New Business: Census Form: Cypher announced that it would help a lot if the Census form distributed earlier was filled out and turned in to the representative.

Approval of January 2020 Minutes:

Hearing no objections, the January 2020 minutes were adopted as corrected.

Corrections: Page 2 Hawaii State Hospital (HSH): Strike out "Senator" and replace with "Representative".

Establishment Of Future Strategy Permitted Interaction Group (PIG): Chair Radke noted the importance of a PIG. The Board discussed the PIG because Sevier noted that it seems too vague and Cypher suggested the establishment of a 5-year plan. Chair Radke explained the PIG for clarification.

Hearing no objections, the 5-year Board Strategy PIG was established.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attending Meeting Reports: Storm Water Utility Bill: Burbage noted attending the community meeting regarding the storm water utility study and added that the City is looking at taxes or fees based on the amount of impervious land on your property. Chair Radke inquired and Burbage responded that it feels that majority of the community is against it because it is too vague. Burbage noted that there is another set of meetings by Fall 2020, before the Election.

Chair Radke inquired and Burbage responded that another agency will be formed. Chair Radke noted that they have an environmental committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Agenda Planning Meeting: Monday, March 2, 2020, 7:00 p.m. at Kaneohe District Park with a CERT meeting before at 6:00 p.m.

Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, March 19, 2020, 7:00 p.m. at Benjamin Parker School.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Submitted by: Lindon Valenciano, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Harry Cho, Public Relations

Finalized by: