



WAIANAE COAST NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 24

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**DRAFT INITIAL CONVENING MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020**  
**WAIANAE DISTRICT PARK – MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Pro Tem Poe called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. A quorum was **established with five (5)** Board members present. Note – This nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

**Board Members Present** – Calvin Endo, Pieter Meinster, Sharlette Poe, Tim Riley, and Kaukaohu Wahilani,

**Board Members Absent** – Tammy Cabral, Josiah Jury, Johnnie-Mae Perry, and Joseph Simpliciano.

**Guests:** Joseph Lapilio (Waianae Economic Development Council); William Aila (Director, Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) Governor David Ige's Representative); Patrice Tanna (Senator Maile Shimabukuro's Office); Victor Flint (Naval Facilities – NAVFAC); Robin Hermance, Naomi Hanohano, Don P. Matsumura, Alvin Auo, Jonathan Doane, Joe Aquino, Lilinoe Quindiea, David Peterson Jr., Micah Doane, Richard Lanford, Micheal Eli, Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai, James Manaku Sr.; Lindon Valenciano (Neighborhood Assistant).

**Pule:** Endo led the Pule.

**Election of Officers and Initial Convening Business for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021:**

**Riley MOVED and Wahilani SECONDED to retain the elected officers; to retain the day, time and location of Board meetings the same as the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Waianae District Park Multipurpose room; to continue to participate in Olelo Broadcast with the appropriate funding; to keep the Oral testimony rules to remain the same; and to retain committees and their membership. The Motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT; 5-0-0 (Aye: Endo, Meinster, Poe, Riley, Wahilani; Nay: none; Abstain: none).**

**Elected Officers Retained as follows:**

- **Chair:** Sharlette Poe
- **1st Vice Chair:** Time Riley
- **2nd Vice Chair:** Josiah Jury
- **Secretary:** Johnnie-Mae Perry
- **Treasurer:** Calvin Endo
- **Sergeant at Arms:** Kaukaohu Wahilani

**Public Safety Reports:** Chair Poe noted that some officials and their representatives notified her that they will not be attending tonight's meeting, however they have submitted their written reports. Please contact Chair Poe to receive a copy of the report for guests who were not present to report.

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD):** No representative was present.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD):** No representative was present.

**BOARD BUSINESS:**

**Approval of Tuesday, March 3, 2020 Minutes:** Riley MOVED and Wahilani SECONDED to approve the Tuesday, March 3, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented. The Motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT; 5-0-0 (Aye: Endo, Meinster, Poe, Riley, Wahilani; Nay: none; Abstain: none).

**Approval of Tuesday, August 4, 2020 Agenda:** Riley MOVED and Perry SECONDED to approve the Tuesday, August 4, 2020 agenda as presented. The Motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT; 5-0-0 (Aye: Endo, Meinster, Poe, Riley, Wahilani; Nay: none; Abstain: none).

**Treasurer's Report:** Endo reported a balance of \$951.24. Chair Poe noted that to save money, the Board members agreed that there will only be one (1) mail out of agendas a month.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. **Mail Out:** Resident Robin Hermance inquired and Chair Poe replied that the mail out is sent monthly.

2. Audit Mailing List: Meinster inquired if the Board mailing list could be audited and that he be removed from the physical list because he is mailed two (2) copies every month.

Waianae Moku Community and Economic Recovery: Joseph Lapilio, Waianae Economic Development Council (WEDC), provided an overview of WEDC by laying out their organization's activities such as grants, made in Waianae products online, and business training to increase opportunities for Waianae Coast residents. He also included proposals from summit meetings, adding that they hope to get good ideas and input from the community.

Questions, comments, and concerns: Community Assistance: Chair Poe inquired what the Board can do to assist. Meinster asked and Lapilio noted the process in the materials provided. Meinster asked if individuals reached out and Lapilio replied that WEDC has assisted with the community including the swimming pool. Lapilio suggested registering for their weekly bulletin at [info@waianaemoku.com](mailto:info@waianaemoku.com). Wahilani cited the WEDC vision, he suggested, and Lapilio replied that the Protectors of Paradise can be included in the meeting group.

Elected City Officials & Community Reports:

Board of Water Supply (BWS): No representative present.

United States Army Garrison: No representative present.

United States Navy: Victor Flint of Naval Facilities (NAVFAC) reported:

- Pearl Harbor: The Secretary of the Navy awarded Pearl Harbor the 2020 Energy Excellence Award.
- Data Towers: A background was provided regarding the data tracking towers in the area, noting that Phases 2 and 3 are to be determined and community input was received.
- Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC): The Biannual exercise begins Monday, August 17, 2020 through Monday, August 31, 2020 and it will be completely at sea due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) concerns.
- End of World War II (WWII) Events: Upcoming End of WWII event schedule was provided for Saturday, August 29, 2020 to Wednesday, September 2, 2020.
- Hurricane: Hurricane Season is from June 1 to September 30 and the Navy is ready to assist if requested.
- Red Hill: Public meetings are not available, however online access is available. Flint noted the concerns from the community, however there are no leaks and the water is safe to drink.

Questions, comments, concerns:

1. Illegally Parked Boats: Resident Micah Doane noted that he has been observing illegally parked boats at Moku Bay and other coastal areas, adding that it poses a danger from Unexploded Ordinances (UXO). Flint replied that UXO found in the sea is Navy jurisdiction, however they do not enforce ocean violations. Wahilani reiterated the concern of policing and shared his experience. Flint suggested reporting to HPD for it to be on record to initiate a response.
2. Illegal Campers: Wahilani shared his Protectors of Paradise experience with military illegally camping at Kaena State Park. He inquired and Flint responded that they can do something by ordering personnel.
3. Jobs: Chair Poe noted that the Army is holding a job fair. For more information visit [www.himwr.com/jobs](http://www.himwr.com/jobs).

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: No representative present. Chair Poe reminded the community that some officials and their representatives notified her that they will not be attending tonight and have submitted their written reports, adding that she be contacted for a copy of their written reports.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. Hidden Fees: Resident Richard Lanford shared his experience with registering his vehicle on the kiosk because there were a hidden kiosk fee, adding that it is unfair and that people should be notified.
2. Beach Clean-up: Resident Jonathon Doane requested an update regarding the beach sweeps that was discussed in the past. He noted that that homeless and other bulk items were removed, however beaches like Waikomo need a deep cleaning because beaches are still contaminated. Resident Doane noted that the City needs to be accountable for maintenance, clean-up, and enforcement if they are allowing people to camp on the beach.
3. Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act: Resident Doane inquired if CARES Act funds could be used to help out the Waianae Coast.

Councilmember Kymberly Pine: No representative present.

Residents'/Community Concerns:

- Paving: Resident Lanford requested support to pave the turn into Nanakuli Avenue from the highway.
- Kaena State Park: Resident Micah Doane requested more enforcement at the State Park because the illegal activity there affects the whole coastline, noting past incidents of gunfire and criminal activity.

- Army Cases: Resident Doane thanked Wahilani for his community involvement and requested an update from the Army regarding COVID cases on Hawaii's Army bases including the Thai soldier cases during training.
- Caves: Resident Doane requested the Military Police report so hikers can be informed and educated about the caves. Chair Poe added that a past panel included the community to police the area. Wahilani shared his experience of hikers with no regard for these historic areas and preservation.
- Maili Parking: Resident Lapilio expressed his concerns of illegal parking along Farrington Highway in Maili because it is dangerous and needs more enforcement.
- Dumping: Wahilani noted that the chop shop at Waikomo was shut down with community effort and that the Department of Hawaiian Homeland (DHHL) land in Lualualei Valley has become a dumping ground.
- Highway Study: Meinster reported that the Farrington Highway study was completed, but feedback is still welcomed at [www.hidot.granicusideas.com](http://www.hidot.granicusideas.com), noting the virtual forum and the scope of the project change.

#### ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES:

Governor David Ige's Representative: DHHL Director William Aila reported:

- Newsletter: Governor Ige is vetoing legislature appropriated funds to be reallocated to a more flexible account meant to supplement Congress' decision regarding funding like police and unemployment.
- Proclamation: The Governor is working with the Mayors of each county so that each county can determine their proclamations such as less than 10 gathering except for government activities, including Neighborhood Boards. Aila noted that people need to take personal responsibility because the increase in cases could lead to another shut down. He concluded that there is no indication of reopening tourism without controlling the COVID numbers first.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. Extension: Wahilani inquired and Aila responded that Governor Ige may make an announcement soon to extend debt loans such as mortgage relief and rental assistance. Meinster inquired and Aila replied that it would extend to businesses if the business is dependent on a government agency where the director could put payment on the back end. Meinster noted that if Governor Ige places further restrictions, small businesses feel the consequences for those not following the rules. Aila noted the process of policing business activity to keep open, adding that the goal is to balance remaining open with safety precautions.
2. Enforcement: Meinster noted the lack of enforcement and Aila replied that there is a need to prioritize enforcement because of personnel numbers.
3. Economic Diversity: Wahilani noted that Hawaii is reliant on tourism and that alternatives such as agriculture is needed to diversify the economy. Aila reported that Governor Ige and legislatures are discussing economic revitalization and what actions need to be taken. Chair Poe noted that the spreadsheet from tonight's presentation provided community proposals and Aila replied that the public has a voice by demanding local products from vendors and stores. Resident Lanford expressed his feelings of discrepancy to tourism reliance because he has industry experience, however he reiterated the need for economic diversity and the community to support small businesses for them to survive. Chair Poe noted that they need to look at these issues of tourism reliance.

**Meinster departed the meeting at 8:08 p.m.; four (4) members present.**

4. Assistance: Resident David Peterson inquired and Aila replied that legislatures are still discussing unemployment insurance and essential worker assistance because it is a vicious cycle of debt.
5. Revitalization: Wahilani suggested economic revitalization with fish, agriculture, stopping agriculture land sales, and restructuring the Jones Act. Alia replied that they are good ideas but they need leadership in legislature to initiate looking at other alternatives other than tourism.
6. Paperwork: Resident James Manaku noted his experience trying to attain paperwork for his campaign because no one was there and he should have been notified that it was not needed anymore. Aila replied that he will take it back to the campaign committee but those who can are working remotely.
7. Incoming Travel: Resident Michael Eli noted that he had urged the State to stop incoming travel because of COVID cases, noting that such action was not taken because they do not care about the people.
8. RIMPAC: Resident Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai suggested that RIMPAC participants should not come to land.
9. Support: Resident Keliikoa-Kamai noted that the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) need to step up and enforce at the State Park because the community needs support with cleaning and educating about the area's cultural importance.
10. Exemption: Chair Poe inquired and Aila replied that the military is exempt from quarantine because they report to the Department of Defense (DOD), however the DOD is enforcing quarantine protocols.
11. Travel: Resident Keliikoa-Kamai requested that inter-island travel be tightened up to mitigate violators.
12. Reopening Schools: Endo expressed concerns of schools reopening, especially with the need of substitute teachers because they would not be able to open with a staffing shortage. Aila replied that it will be judged on opening day and will be working on solutions along the way. Wahilani reiterated school reopening concerns because it puts the children at risk.

State Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Senate District 21: Patrice Tanna reported: Newsletter: A legislative update was provided, noting that session had wrapped up. Waianae Elementary School Principal, Ray Pikelny was recognized for the 2020 Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership Award and Complex Area Superintendent (CAS) Ann Mahi retired after 37 years. The free meals for keiki program continues until Friday, August 14, 2020 and the schedule was provided. \$250,000 was secured for the Waianae Swimming Pool project.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. Capital Improvement Project (CIP): Resident Keliikoa-Kamai inquired what projects and programs got funded in the CIP wrap up.
2. Enforcement: Resident Keliikoa-Kamai requested enforcement at the beaches to ease nightly enforcement.

State Representative Cedric Gates, House District 44: No representative present.

State Representative Stacelynn Eli, House District 43: No representative present.

Announcements:

1. Chair Poe noted to keep an eye out for community meetings and that they are exploring virtual meetings to keep the community engaged.
2. The next regular meeting of the Waianae Neighborhood Board No. 24 is 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at the Waianae District Park Multi-Purpose Room.
3. Regular Board meetings are broadcasted every third Monday at 9:00 p.m. and every second and fourth Saturday at 12:00 p.m. on Olelo digital channel 49.
4. Complete your 2020 Census surveys! It will help the Waianae Moku recover from the effects of COVID-19 like unemployment, health impacts, business recovery, and industry diversification. Riley noted the importance to have an accurate count for the current fiscal state, adding that the library can assist filing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Submitted by: Lindon Valenciano, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Brandy Clark, Neighborhood Assistant

Final review by: