



## KANEOHE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 30

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### INITIAL CONVENING MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. Via Zoom Online Platform or Call-In

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Pro Tem Radke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **Quorum was established with 12 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, Deborah Collins, Mahealani Cypher, Donald Dawson, Daniel Kaanana, Samson Malani, Letani Peltier, Mo Radke, and Holly Sevier.

Board Members Absent: Makamae Namahoe, Malama Minn, and David Zamora.

Guests: Lieutenant Asing (Honolulu Police Department); Danny Hayes (United States Marine Corps); Run Heidelberg (Hawaii State Hospital); Lori Kahikina (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative); Senator Jarrett Keohokalole; Representative Lisa Kitagawa; Representative Scot Matayoshi; (Residents); Cory Dejesus (Department of Education); Bonnie Beatson (Windward Community College); Ted Kanemori (Residents); Lindon Valenciano (Neighborhood Commission Office).

Kaanana shared the ground rules of participation.

### INITIAL CONVENING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**Burk MOVED and Burbage SECONDED the Motion to retain officers as follows: Chair Radke, Vice Chair Kaanana, Secretary Cypher, and Treasurer Collins. The Motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT; 12-0-0 (Aye: Burbage, Bryant, Burk, Carlile, Collins, Cypher, Dawson, Kaanana, Malani, Peltier, Radke, and Sevier; Nay: None; Abstain: None).**

Meeting Determination-Date/Time/Location: Location was deferred due to the current situation.

Determination of Board Recess Schedule: Cypher noted that they can have a short meeting as done in the past for December so they can recognize community members.

**Cypher MOVED and Burk SECONDED to retain the elected officers; to retain the day, time and location of Board meetings the same as the third Thursday of the month at 7:00p.m.; to retain the recess schedule; to keep the adoption of oral testimony rules; and to retain committees and their membership. The Motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT; 12-0-0 (Aye: Burbage, Bryant, Burk, Carlile, Collins, Cypher, Dawson, Kaanana, Malani, Peltier, Radke, and Sevier; Nay: None; Abstain: None).**

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

### CITY/STATE MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant Asing reported the following:

- August 2020 Statistics: There were 6 motor vehicle thefts, 4 burglaries, 26 thefts, and 10 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV).
- Safety Tip: COVID (Coronavirus) Safety: COVID safety tips was provided.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Quarantine Violations: Burk inquired and Lieutenant Asing replied that quarantine violations occur more in Kailua rather than Kaneohe.
2. HPD Response: Kaanana shared HPD replies of past resident questions such as homeless is counted as Point-in-Time, the grey Titan is still under investigation, and UEMV increase is due to opportunity so please be vigilant and not be an easy target.

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Kaanana reported the following:

- August 2020 Statistics: There was 2 structure fire, 5 activated alarms (no fire), 110 medical emergencies, 8 motor vehicle crash/collisions, and 1 mountain rescue.
- Safety Tip: COVID Prevention for First Responders: COVID prevention for first responders was provided.

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

- New Commanding Officer (CO): Colonel Speros C. Koumparakis is the new base CO and his bio can be found at <https://www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/>.
- Jet Exercise: Hayes thanked the community for their patience with the recent jet training that was completed earlier in the week.
- Base: Base prevention tips and base access information can be found at the base website above.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Exercises and Procedures: Resident Kori Kahikina inquired and Hayes replied that the jet exercises was completed and is leaving this week. Resident Kahikina also inquired and Hayes replied that they are following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on base.
2. Base Access: Kaanana inquired and Hayes replies that decals are no longer required on base but paperwork needs to be up-to-date.

Hawaii State Hospital (HSH): Doctor Run Heidelberg, HSH Administrator, reported the following: Updates: Dr. Heidelberg reported that HSH is continuing social distancing, COVID mitigation classes, tests, and security checks. The new building is on track to be completed at the end of the year with a tentative opening for March 2021.

## PRESENTATIONS

Hawaii Department of Education (DOE) Facilities Briefing: Cory Dejesus, DOE Business and Facilities Specialist, provided an update for Ben Parker Elementary School drainage improvement project, noting that the project to mitigate flooding is currently in the design process. She added that they are unsure whose jurisdiction it is to pay for the bill.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Jurisdiction: Resident Kahikina noted that the bill was written for schools not to use their own funds but rather DOE to be in charge and responsible for maintenance.

## RESIDENT/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Oversized Home on Nahiku Place: Chair Radke noted complaints of an oversized home on Nahiku Place and concerns from neighbors such as lack of parking and other concerns.

Questions, comments, and concerns: Violations: Kahikina noted that it is a Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) issue and Chair Radke inquired why they cannot tear it down if they are violating multiple violations. Representative Scot Matayoshi provided his input because "imminent domain" should not be happening and suggested that Kahikina collaborate with him.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

Governor David Ige's Representative: No representative was present and no report given.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Lori Kahikina reported the following:

- Storm Water: Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) will not be implementing the storm water utility this year. Chair Radke inquired and Kahikina replied that she doesn't believe that she does not think it got voted on. Burbage noted that she emailed them and got some information.
- Duck Bill: The Mapunapuna duck bills were inspected on July 10, 2020, and are working properly. During the inspection, the duck bills were wholly underwater and closed. There is a third drain outlet at the location of the duckbills from a private drain line. A project to install another duck bill that just went out to bid last month and is anticipated to start at the end of this year or early next year.
- Stream Cleaning: The clearing of Kamooalii Stream between Likelike Highway and Kamehameha Highway was completed and Kamooalii Stream Mauka of Likelike Highway will commence upon availability of equipment and manpower.
- Overgrown Trees: Kahikina worked directly with Spectrum and Hawaiian Tel to resolve this issue.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Process: Burbage inquired about COVID mandate's process and how can public provide input and Kahikina replied that not even the cabinet has input, adding that the Mayor meets with Governor Ige and the Department of Health (DOH).
2. Parks: Burbage noted concerns of low-income children effected especially with closing of parks and playground. Kahikina replied that the new park mandate is awaiting approval. Chair Radke inquired and Kahikina will follow up about parks and the parking lots. Burbage added that parking lots are open but people are still fined.

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

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole: Senator Keohokalole reported the following:

- Reopening: Reopening was originally from the Governor's office, however each County is to implement their own actions. Senator Keohokalole added that people want to know the criteria or triggers for action and regulation in anticipation of scaling back the lockdown.
- Pretesting Program: The Governor announced the pretesting travel program is to begin Thursday, October 15, 2020; however Senator Keohokalole noted that the program must follow guidelines for quarantine exemption. He added that the program has no plans for outbound travel nor interisland.
- Suicide and Domestic Violence: Suicide numbers decreased but are disturbingly high and domestic violence increased but Senator Keohokalole is unsure if it is related to the lack of services.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Interisland: Burk inquired and Senator Keohokalole replied that those working on the interisland pilot program was surprised by the travel program announcement. Chair Radke noted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act fund dashboard. Burbage inquired and Senator Keohokalole replied that if you can follow the program requirements, then residents can travel and be exempt from quarantine upon returning to Hawaii.
2. Press Questions: Resident Ted Kanemori noted that questions during the press releases need to be controlled better and repeated by the responder because the questions coming from the reporters are muffled and inaudible.
3. Mass Testing: Resident Kanemori inquired and Senator Keohokalole replied that the mass testing was used as a diagnostic for positive tests, adding that the results was lower than expected and it was determined that community spread was not prevalent.

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

- Dashboards: They are working on a dashboard for data transparency including expert analysis, data trends, and resources. The State dashboard provides different COVID data such as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) while the City dashboard has CARES Act expenditures.
- Unemployment Insurance (UI): Representative Kitagawa provided a UI update, noting that you need to manually opt into the bonus and extension on the website. Rent relief and housing program was shared.
- DOE: Representative Kitagawa provided a DOE update for returning to school and added that online learning is continuing with future actions in discussion.
- Programs: The free and reduced meal program was extended to Monday, September 21, 2020 and the City program for small business and recovery fund is also available.
- Newsletters: Legislators have daily/weekly newsletters to keep the community informed, so please sign-up.

Representative Scot Matayoshi: Representative Matayoshi reported the following: Community Updates: Representative Matayoshi has been working on the stream cleaning and that the process is moving along. He noted that there are inconsistencies of citing violations and that HPD is supposed to be citing because violations are not against constitutional rights. Representative Matayoshi noted that they are supporting Windward Community College (WCC) operations and that the future of agriculture is to be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

#### COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Windward Community College (WCC): Resolution to Support WCC's Continued Operation for Windward Residents:

Bonnie Beatson, WCC, provided an overview of WCC impact in the community. Chair Radke noted that the presentation is same as the resolution, so he suggested introducing the resolution and asking Beatson follow-up questions.

**Cypher MOVED and Sevier SECONDED the Motion to adopt the Resolution to Support WCC's Continued Operation for Windward Residents.**

Discussion followed: Kaanana introduced and read the resolution. Beatson added that families save money with early education. Cypher inquired and Beatson replied that WCC competing for grants and funding would have adverse effects especially since WCC brings in more funding than the others.

**The Motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT; 12-0-0 (Aye: Burbage, Bryant, Burk, Carlile, Collins, Cypher, Dawson, Kaanana, Malani, Peltier, Radke, and Sevier; Nay: None; Abstain: None).**

WINDWARD CITY COUNCIL SEAT: Chair Radke noted the process for this portion. He will ask the question and they will alternate answering the questions first. Theilen and Kia'aina each provided a brief background.

- Koolaupoko Sustainability Community Plan: Theilen replied that he supports the plan and conserving beauty. Kia'aina also supports the plan especially with her experience.
- Adjoining Land Owners Sidewalk Conditions Accountability: Kia'aina replied that if the sidewalk was established by the City then land owners should not be held accountable. Theilen also agreed that it should not fall on land owners but they should maintain their own driveways.
- Improve Sidewalks Near Schools: Theilen replied that there is no specific plan about sidewalks because government has not had much success with smaller projects. Kia'aina noted that it is matter of prioritization and consulting with all parties affected.
- Food Security Short and Long-Term Plans: Kia'aina replied that food should be provided through programs. Theilen replied that food should be provided short-term and growing own our food in the long-term.
- Kaneohe Residents Paying Rail and Protect Overrun: Theilen replied that he wrote a letter to remove Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation's (HART) unilateral power by removing their leadership. Kia'aina noted her concerns of the contract, however the rail should be completed to its current plans.
- Top Priorities: Kia'aina replied that public health and safety to reopen society and economy is her top priority, as well as assisting local businesses, affordable housing, and homelessness. Theilen replied that economic recovery with people returning to work is his top priority, as well as reforming DPP due to their terrible record, affordable housing, and homelessness especially with vacation rentals contributing to the problem.
- Affordable Housing Projects: Theilen replied that discretionary exemptions should be collaborative with the community rather than how it is now without community input. Kia'aina opposes the project and appreciates the impact of sustainability plans however her concern was that the community was not consulted.

#### BOARD BUSINESS

Kaneohe Christmas Parade Cancelled: Chair Radke noted that the parade is canceled and there is no word if something else will be replacing it.

Approval of February 2020 Minutes:

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

Corrections:

- Page 3 School Cleaning: Strike out "Kuahala" and replace with "Puohala".
- Page 3 Holomanuhia Botanical Garden: Strike out all instances of "Holomanuhia" and replace with "Hoomaluhia".

#### BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Collins reported a remaining balance of \$520.41. Collins inquired if the facilities was paid to DOE or held on for facilities.

Attended Meeting Reports: Stormwater Utility Round 2 Feedback: Burbage noted that nothing new moving forward and was already discussed, adding that they need to comply with the Federal Clean Water Act with costs to the residents. Chair Radke noted being on top of the issue so that they will be ready and not blind-sided.

Haiku Stairs: Representative Matayoshi noted the request for bid/proposals, however there is currently no legal access.

State Legislative: Chair Radke suggested getting suggestions from constituents.

H.P.D. Liaison: Dawson thanked Kaanana for his efforts with HPD attending.

Homeless: Representative Kitagawa reported that the Joint Outreach Center is still open and services have dropped, adding that that the shower van will be on hold as a result.

Planning: Cypher Hawaii Memorial Park decision expected next week and Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) is starting to get information on sustainability and resiliency for Windward Oahu.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Agenda Planning Meeting: Monday, October 5, 7:00 p.m. using the virtual login credentials listed at the top of page 1 of the agenda.

Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. using the virtual login credentials listed at the top of page 1 of the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Finalized by: