



## MAKAKILO/KAPOLEI/HONOKAI HALE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 34

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017 KAPOLEI HALE – CONFERENCE ROOM**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Vice-Chair Kioni Dudley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **Quorum was established with five (5) members present.** Note – This nine (9) member board requires five (5) members to establish quorum and take official Board action.

**Board Members Present** – Dean Kalani Capelouto, Kioni Dudley, Jack Legal (arrived at 8:05 p.m.), Michael Madix, Brandon Mutchek (arrived at 7:18 p.m.), Christopher Pierce, Thad Spreg, and Kanani Wond (arrived at 7:12 p.m.).

**Board Members Absent** – Evelyn Souza.

**Guests** – Lieutenant Trent Umano (Honolulu Police Department); Captain Gary Atud (Honolulu Fire Department); Timothy Hiu (Deputy Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting, Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative); Rock Riggs (Senator Mike Gabbard's Office); Representative Andria Tupola; Rian Adachi (Board of Water Supply); Pat Lee (Honolulu Authority on Rapid Transit); Steve Vendt (Hawaiian Railway); Jeff Moniz; Sharon Bell; Roberta and Daniel Chang; Hans and Debra Tobles; Sasha Hernandez; Maenette Benham; Kevin Kalanta; Robert Hasham Sr.; Stuart Kritzen; Kiran Polk; Relley Araceley (Neighborhood Commission Office); and videographer (DVDModo).

**Roll Call/Statement of Order and Decorum** – The Neighborhood Assistant (NA) took a roll call attendance.

**Approval of the April 26, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes** – **The board moved to approve the APRIL 26, 2017 minutes as amended. The motion was NOT APPROVED, 2-1-2 (AYE: Capelouto and Pierce; NAY: Spreg; ABSTAIN: Dudley and Madix).** Amendments are as follows:

- **Page 2: BOARD BUSINESS:** Traffic Mitigation Working Group Report: Rail: "at best" language should read "that cannot fit during rush hours at best case".
- **Page 5: Governor David Ige's Representative: Sustainability:** Capelouto questioned "export water" as the point and suggested it may be "import water".

### **CITY MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** – Captain Gary Atud reported the following:

- **April 2017 Statistics:** There were 4 structure fires, 2 wildland/brush fires, 2 nuisance fires, 19 activated alarms, 139 medical emergencies, and 9 motor vehicle crashes/collisions.
- **Smoke Alarms Safety Tip:** Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button. If the smoke alarm has a nine (9)-volt battery, change it annually. The entire smoke alarm should be replaced every ten years. HFD will conduct its Smoke Alarms For Everyone (SAFE) program on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. Interested residents should call 723-7168 for a free SAFE smoke alarm installation.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. **Duration:** Dudley asked and Captain Atud responded that the SAFE program would likely last the entire week.
2. **Trailers:** Spreg asked and Captain Atud answered that the trailers fronting the Makakilo Fire Station are temporary and are being used for the current renovations being done.

**Honoulu Police Department (HPD)** – Lieutenant Trent Umano reported the following: **April 2017 Statistics:** There were 40 motor vehicle thefts, 52 burglaries, 201 thefts, 85 unauthorized entry into motor vehicles (UEMV), and 7,477 total calls for service.

**Board of Water Supply (BWS)** – Rian Adachi reported the following:

- **Main Break Report:** The main break for April 2017 was unavailable.
- **Haiku Stairs Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):** BWS has published an Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (EISPN) for public review and comment regarding possible actions for the

Haiku Stairs. The EISPN is available for download at [www.boardofwatersupply.com/community/haiku-stars](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com/community/haiku-stars). Comments must have been sent to [haikustairs@g70.design](mailto:haikustairs@g70.design) by Tuesday, May 23, 2017. For more information residents can contact Jeffery Overton of G70 at 523-5866.

- 2017 Water Conservation Week Poster and Poetry Contest: More than 800 student artists and 300 poets participated in the 2017 Water Conservation Week contest. The winners were announced and recognized at an awards ceremony in May 2017. The full list of winners and an online gallery are available at [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com). Also the posters and poems will be on exhibit at:
  - Honolulu Hale Lane Gallery from Wednesday, May 10, to Wednesday, May 31, 2017.
  - Kapolei Hale from Monday, June 5, to Friday, June 23, 2017.
  - Windward Mall from Monday, June 26, to Friday, July 14, 2017.
  - Kahala Mall from Monday, July 17, to Friday, August 11, 2017.
  - BWS Public Service Building Lobby from Monday, August 14, to Thursday, August 31, 2017.
- Desalination Plant: The project is still in the works and the comments that were submitted are still being responded to. Adachi will follow up next month.

**Wond arrived to the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Six (6) members were present.**

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Deadline: Spreg asked and Adachi responded that the deadline had just passed but that there may be some flexibility to accepting late testimony.
2. Grass Cutting: Thad requested the grass fronting the three (3) water towers along Makakilo Drive be cut. Adachi will check on the jurisdiction of the area and will follow up.

#### BOARD BUSINESS

**Mutcheck arrived to the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Seven (7) members were present.**

Michaels Organization Project on Keahumoa Place – Liz Char and Stuart Kritzer gave a short presentation and reported the following:

- Details: The project is a 100 unit affordable multi-family rental project for families making anywhere between 30% to 100% of the area median income (AMI).
- Timeline: The project will be done in four (4) phases. Phase 1 will hopefully begin at the end of 2017 or the beginning of 2018. Phase 1 will include 75 one (1) and two (2) bedroom units and will serve households below 60% of the AMI. Max rent for a two (2) bedroom unit at 60% of AMI would be about \$1400 a month.
- Land: The land is currently owned by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) and the developers will be given a 60 to 65 year lease. After the lease period the project will revert back to the State. There is a nearby Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) park already slated to be built. There will be one (1) parking space per unit minimum.
- Accessibility: There will be unit available for the audio and/or visually impaired in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Affordable: Dudley asked and Char responded that the project is awarded tax credits from the State and those tax credits are then sold to tax credit investors who will provide a certain amount of equity to make the project affordable.
2. Traffic: Dudley voiced concerns with increased traffic in the area due to the completion of the new rental sites and asked if the units could be rented to current residents of the area. Char replied that the project is anticipated to attract individuals who already live in the area.
3. Rents: Wond asked and Char responded that 100% of the units will be affordable units and will be so for the lifetime of the lease. Char noted that the rent values may change due to the rate changes by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Char noted that HUD sets the max rent amounts.

University of Hawaii at West Oahu (UH West) Updates – Chancellor Maenette Benham PhD introduced the UH West team, provided various handouts, and reported the following:

- Beginning: Dr. Benham noted she began working at UH West on January 1, 2017. Dr. Benham held a three (3) hour conversation with the faculty and staff and introduced the theme of the year “pupukahi i holomua.”
- Goals: UH West’s five (5) principles are po’okela (excellence), kauhale (creating a place people want to be), hana lawelawe (service), malama honua (sustainability), wai wai (abundance). A long range plan process is currently ongoing.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Capacity: Madix asked and Dr. Benham responded that the enrollment capacity is 3,000. Dr. Benham stated that UH West is highly effective in utilizing its space restrictions and that 40% of the student populations are utilizing "hybrid classes". UH West is looking to be sustainable at about 8,000 in 10 to 12 years. Dr. Benham noted that the Health Sciences and Administration building will be opened by Fall of 2018 to be followed by the Creative Media Facility.
2. Grand Entrance: Madix asked and Vice Chancellor for Administration, Kevin Ishida, responded that the grand entrance from Kualakai Parkway is called "road B" and the Honolulu Authority on Rapid Transit (HART) is currently hearing request for proposals (RFP) to build out the road.
3. Retail: Madix asked and Ishida answered that currently UH West encompasses 500 acres with 350 acres are set aside for facilities and the remaining acreage is scheduled for "University Village", which will incorporate student housing, faculty housing, and other shops that can blend with the campus environment.
4. Student Body: Capelouto asked and Dr. Benham answered that there is an Associated Students of the University of Hawaii at West Oahu (ASUHWO) which is associated with the Associated Students of the University of Hawaii (ASUH) at Manoa. The president of ASUHWO sits on the senior management team of UH West and other ASUHWO representatives are also members on other strategic planning committees while also being voting members of the faculty center.
5. Population: Dudley noted appreciation for the large population of Hawaiian students and female students. Dr. Benham noted that there are a number of ongoing initiatives to encourage greater student enrollment.
6. Pueo: Dudley asked and Dr. Benham answered that the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) has been given an award from the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to work on the mapping of the Pueo habitat in the area.
7. Hawaiians: Wond asked and Dr. Benham responded that the Bachelors of Applied Sciences (BAS) programs were recently approved by the Board of Regents. The BAS degree for Sustainable Communities and Food Systems is one (1) of the fastest growing degree at UH West. A request is being processed for 200 acres mauka of the freeway to be used for the Educational Agricultural Program. Melissa Saul noted that UH West has received Title 3 federal grants to increase service for Hawaiian students on campus. Three (3) programs are currently specifically designed to promote Hawaiian culture and ideals. Wond asked and Saul responded that the programs noted will be organic.
8. Walkways: Wond asked and Dr. Benham replied that UH West is committed to emphasizing the flora of the Leeward area into the campus landscape.

Makakilo Drive Extension – Capelouto reported that Councilmember Pine's office stated that the project is still in the design phase and the total cost for the project is \$6 million. That last \$1.5 million is being requested in the fiscal year (FY) 2018 budget. The project's construction cost has dropped to \$65 million. RM Towill will let the board know when they are ready to do their community outreach. Capelouto noted that the community would like to be involved during the design phase of the project.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Madix reported a monthly expenditure of \$63.49 with a remaining balance of -\$0.38. **Madix moved and Pierce seconded that the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 request adequate funding from the Neighborhood Commission Office to cover printing and postage costs for the remainder of the fiscal year. The motion was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0, (AYE: Capelouto, Dudley, Madix, Mutchek, Pierce, Speg, Wond; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None)**

#### COMMUNITY/BOARD CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Red Carpet Fun Run – Sharon Bell provided handouts and gave a short announcement that the Red Carpet Fun Run would be held in the area on Saturday, July 22, 2017. The course will be similar to the Bubble Run. A portion of the fees/proceeds will be donated to Barber's Point Elementary School as well as to the local Wounded Warrior Project.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Development: Wond noted concern that with the development occurring in the Kalaeloa area could be a detriment to the race routes.
2. Permission: Madix asked and Bell answered that the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) provided a list of required tasks for a permit. Bell noted that a portion of the route is on privately owned land so that a temporary lease agreement had to be drawn up.

#### COMMUNITY/BOARD CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

- Halfway House – Roberta Chang distributed a handout which highlighted her concerns with a possible halfway house located at 91-1237 Hookomo Street. Chang noted that the property once housed teenagers

but are recently caring for adult male individuals. The neighbors are concerned with the lack of community outreach to inform them of what is going on at the house.

**Legal arrived to the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Eight (8) members were present.**

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Association: Madix asked and Chang responded that she will be addressing the Palehua Community Association (PCA) on Saturday May, 27, 2017. Chang noted the responses she has received from previous inquiries is unsatisfactory.
  2. Permitting: Capelouto thanked Chang for bringing the issue to the Neighborhood Board. Legal noted a previous issue with a halfway house that was being proposed in Honokai Hale that did not present to the board. Capelouto noted interest and would like to provide an answer to the community.
  3. PCA: Pierce stated he is a part of the PCA and noted that Associa is the company that handles the violations of the areas covenants.
  4. Conditional Use Permit (CUP): Resident Debbie Toppler stated that Chair Souza was not aware of a CUP for the property being proposed in the past. Dudley asked if Councilmember Pine was informed of the issue and Chang responded that the office was contacted but no response was received. Dudley asked and Chang answered that the community is concerned with the lack of information regarding the tenants of the property.
  5. Complaints Office: Resident Mike Freitas stated that the community should call the City Complaints Office at 768-4381 which would begin an investigation process into the situation. Freitas noted that other halfway houses have had to make presentations to the Neighborhood Board.
- Hawaiian Railway Society – Steve Vendt reported that the Railway Society has sent emails to the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) and the Federal Highways Administration (FHA) but no progress has been made since the last meeting.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Rail: Legal stated hearing that that there will not be any future requests for crossings. Vendt noted that he did not hear this before.
2. Action: Capelouto asked if it would help if the board were to formerly address SHPD and the Department of Transportation (HDOT). Vendt was unsure.
3. Safety: Capelouto asked and Vendt responded that the Railway Society is likely responsible to determine the safety of the Hawaiian Railway.

**COMMUNITY/BOARD CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)**

- U-Turn – Madix noted a newly allowed “U-Turn” at the intersection of Palailai Street and Makakilo Drive as residents drive mauka along Makakilo Drive. Madix noted that right turns from Palailai Street should be made illegal on red lights as there is insufficient space with the newly allowed U-Turn. Madix asked why the U-Turn is acceptable now and when/if the community was involved in the decision.
- Capital Improvement Project (CIP) – Legal noted displeasure with the lack of CIP funding in the board area.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

Mayor Kirk Caldwell – Dudley noted that the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) Deputy Director, Timothy Hiu, was not able to be present at the meeting but provided a report. Madix reported the following:

- Jurisdiction: The City and County of Honolulu owns the stretch of Farrington Highway from the area of Kapolei Golf Course Road to Kualakai Parkway.
- Staffing: The Department of Customer Services (CSD) discourages people from standing in line over night for a driver license road test. Those standing in line often have later appointments but still choose to take a chance and take the place of a “no-show” appointment. Not only is this a great inconvenience to them, but it causes a safety issue as well. CSD encourages use of the appointment system online at [www.honolulu.gov](http://www.honolulu.gov). A quick check today showed five (5) appointments available in Kapolei this week alone. CSD recommends frequent checking as the check schedule changes often with cancellations. With proper planning and advance scheduling the assigned staffing is sufficient to meet needs.
- 92-849 Palailai Street Issue: The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) reports that investigation of the tax map key (TMK) for 92-849 Palailai Street (9-2-016:024) indicates that there exists a private drain easement at the rear of the property and no City easement. In the adjacent property, TMK 9-2-016:025, the tax map shows a small (50 square feet) City drain easement fronting Palailai Street connected to a private drain easement along the property line of the 92-849 property and within TMK 9-2-016:025. It was

reported that the next door neighbor is aware of his responsibility to maintain the concrete ditch and was out on May 6, 2017, with weed whacker, a machete, and weed poison cleaning the area of concern. A DFM crew will be checking the drain inlet within its easement area and the drain line beneath Palailai Street and scheduling maintenance as needed. DPP reports the correct address of this property is 92-853 Palailai Street. A DPP inspection was conducted on the property for the overgrowth and trash. No trash was noted within the culvert. A Notice of Violation was issued on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 to the property owner for overgrowth in the private drainage culvert

Governor David Ige's Representative – No representative was present; a report was provided.

**Spreg departed the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Seven (7) members were present.**

Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) – Pat Lee reported the following:

- Legislature: Senate Bill 1183, which would extend the half percent general excise tax (GET) surcharge for rail construction did not pass this legislative session. The Senate and the House were unable to come to an agreement. We are hopeful that the measure will be revisited.
- Project Recovery Plan: HART has submitted the project recovery plan to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as requested. The document outlines the preferred Plan A, which is to complete the 20 mile, 21 station project to Ala Moana, pending additional funding. The recovery plan also details Plan B, which ends at the downtown station while deferring stations in Kalihi, and explains the risks and deficiencies of doing so in detail. The 249 page report is available on the project website.
- Access: Generally residents will be able to get to the rail stations by taking TheBus, taking the private buses or shuttle services that will be operating, or walking or biking to the station, be dropped off by car or drive to a park-and-ride lot at several stations along the alignment. There will be automobile drop-off and pick-up (kiss-and-ride) areas, as well as bike racks at each of the 21 rail stations. Bicyclists can take their bikes onto the trains and utilize the vertical bike racks on each of the rail cars. The Handi-Van will offer drop off and pick up services to the stations for those needing to use the Handi-van service.
- Park-And-Ride: There are four (4) park-and-ride lots planned for the rail system, at the East Kapolei station (900 stalls), UH-West Oahu (1000), Pearl Highlands (1600 stall parking garage) and Aloha Stadium (600) stations, providing a total of 4,100 parking spaces combined. A dedicated access ramp will directly connect the H-2 Freeway to the Pearl Highlands Station's park-and-ride facility and bus transit center for commuters coming in from Mililani and other parts of Central Oahu and the North Shore.
- The Bus: The City's bus routes will be reconfigured to provide shuttle services to the rail stations from nearby residential neighborhoods and high-use facilities and activity areas, such as shopping centers, schools and hospitals. There will be four (4) new bus transit centers at following stations: UH West Oahu, West Loch, Pearl Highlands, and Aloha Stadium.
- General Information: For general project information, traffic updates, meeting notices and more information, please visit the website [www.honolulutransit.org](http://www.honolulutransit.org), call the project hotline at 566-2299 or email a question at [info@honolulutransit.org](mailto:info@honolulutransit.org).

Questions, comment, and concerns followed:

1. Recovery Plan: Capelouto asked and Lee responded that the recovery plan does have a portion that is not completed that addresses the rest of the rail being constructed to the current budget. Capelouto asked and Lee responded that the FTA wants a completed report.
2. Parking: Dudley asked and Lee noted that the plans for the Pearl Highlands parking structure is contingent on future funding. Lee noted that if more funding cannot be secured then the parking structure and several stations would have to be deferred until a time at which funding is available.
3. Water Rise: Dudley voiced concerns with water rise in the Ala Moana area.

**Spreg returned to the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Eight (8) members were present.**

Senator Mike Gabbard – Rock Riggs distributed a newsletter and reported the following:

- Bills: Senate Bill (SB) 808, SB 786, SB 773, and Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 77 passed the 2017 Legislature and are awaiting signature from the Governor's Office.
- Funding: \$77 million was appropriated for construction of a new East Kapolei Middle School. \$8 million for construction of T-Hangars, \$3.3 million for design and construction of runway lighting, and \$10 million for utility system improvements at Kalaeloa Airport. \$3 million for design and construction to Midway Road for the Kalaeloa Enterprise Avenue Energy Corridor. \$800,000 was appropriated for design and construction for replacement of balcony and stairway guardrails for the Youth Challenge Academy.

- Listen Story: The next Listen Story will be held on Saturday, June 17, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Ewa Mahiko District Park Meeting Room.

Senator Maile Shimabukuro – No representative was present; no report was provided.

Representative Sharon Har – No representative was present; no report was provided.

Representative Andria Tupola – Representative Tupola provided a handout and reported the following:

- Bills: Representative Tupola highlighted the following bills from her “Highlights” handout: House Bill (HB) 180, HB 209, HB1414, SB 1146, HB 206, HB1401, HB 451, SB 1183, and SB 658.
- Dispensary Town Hall: A Town Hall in collaboration with Representative Sharon Har and Ty Cullen will be held on Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at Kapolei High School beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Thanks: Capelouto thanked Representative Tupola for the bills highlight packet.
2. Insurance: Legal thanked Representative Tupola for her stance on the recent flood insurance bill. Legal asked and Representative Tupola responded that the State will not be undertaking the task of collecting property taxes to be divvied up to the Counties and would require a constitutional change.

Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) – No representative was present; no report was provided.

State Representative Ty Cullen – No representative was present at the time; a report was provided.

Councilmember Kymberly Pine – No representative was present; a report was provided.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – There were none to report.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at Kapolei Hale Conference Room A at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Relley Araceley, Public Relations Assistant

Reviewed by: Dylan Whitsell, Neighborhood Assistant

Finalized by: Evelyn Souza, Chair