



MAKAKILO/KAPOLEI/HONOKAI HALE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 34

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2017** **KAPOLEI HALE – CONFERENCE ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Pro Tem Evelyn Souza called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. **Quorum was established with seven (7) members present.** Note – This nine (9) member board requires five (5) members to establish quorum and take official Board action.

Board Members Present – Evelyn Souza, Dean Kalani Capelouto, Kioni Dudley, Jack Legal, Scott Stensrud, Melanie Gonzalez and Kanani Wond (arrived at 7:25 p.m.).

Board Members Absent – Troy C. Cullen.

Guests – Lieutenant William Beckley (Honolulu Police Department); Captain William Steinke (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); Pat Lee (Honolulu Authority on Rapid Transit); Steve Vendt (Hawaiian Railway); Councilmember Kimberly Pine, Richard Levine, Kathy Davenport, Marc Early (Councilmember Kimberly Pine's Office); Wendee Wilson (Representative Sharon Har's Office); Heidi Armstrong (Department of Education); Maurice Monserez, Michael Frank, Frank Genadio, Lolita Takeda, Thad Spreg, John Bond, Miguel Gonzalez, Richard Landford, Shirley Landford, Roberta Chang, Daniel Chang (Residents); Aran Wilson (Neighborhood Commission Office).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of Chair (Five (5) votes required for election): Chair Pro Tem Souza opened the nominations. Chair Pro Tem Souza nominated Kioni Dudley. Capelouto nominated Chair Pro Tem Souza. Chair Pro Tem Souza declined the nomination. Legal nominated Stensrud.

- Stensrud: Stensrud briefly spoke about how he wants the Board to represent the whole community and believes his experience at the University of Hawaii working with students and faculty can benefit the Board.
- Dudley: Dudley briefly spoke about his concern for the people in the community and his 18 years of service on the Board, and how he will stand up for community opposition to developers.

As there were no other nominations, Chair Pro Tem Souza took a ROLL CALL VOTE. There were THREE (3) VOTES for Dudley (Capelouto, Dudley, Souza); and **THREE (3) VOTES for Stensrud** (Gonzalez, Legal, Stensrud).

Hearing no objections, the election of officers was deferred until the next meeting.

FILLING OF BOARD VACANIES: Hearing no objections, this item was deferred until the next meeting.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Steinke reported the following:

- June 2017 Fire Statistics: There was 1 structure fire, 1 wildland/brush fire, 3 nuisance fires, 20 activated alarms, 161 emergencies, 2 motor vehicle collision with pedestrians, 8 motor vehicle crash/collisions and 1 ocean rescue.
- Fire Safety Tip: HFD encourages every family to take the necessary steps to prepare for the hurricane season that runs from June through November. Everyone should have a plan in place, a survival kit, and a way of staying informed on impending disasters. Additional information can be found on the City and County of Honolulu's website at www.honolulu.gov/dem.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant William Beckley reported the following: June 2017 Statistics: There were 54 motor vehicle thefts, 45 burglaries, 173 thefts, 85 unauthorized entry into motor vehicles (UEMV), and 7,737 total calls for service.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Abandoned Vehicles: Stensrud would like to know how residents can report abandoned vehicles, and the process for those vehicles to be removed. Lieutenant Beckley answered that HPD handles the reporting and tagging of abandoned cars. If a car has been stripped it will be classified as derelict and creates a more pressing matter. The process for removal can be time consuming, but unfortunately HPD does not perform this service. Abandoned vehicles may take longer than derelict vehicles to be removed.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – No representative was present; a report was not provided.

Chair Pro Tem Souza passed the gavel to Dudley.

MEETING DETERMINATION-DATE/TIME/LOCATION

Dudley briefly discussed keeping the date, time and location the same. Hearing no objections, the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 adopted the meeting time, date and location to 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Kapalama Hale, 1000 Uluohia Street by **UNANIMOUS CONSENT** (Capeluoto, Souza, Dudley, Stensrud, Legal, Gonzalez).

DETERMINATION OF BOARD RECESS SCHEDULE

Dudley briefly discussed the Board's recess schedule in the past, and hearing no objections the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 agreed to recess in November 2017 by **UNANIMOUS CONSENT** (Capeluoto, Souza, Dudley, Stensrud, Legal, Gonzalez).

REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OLELO BROADCAST OR REQUEST FUNDS FOR AN ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

Dudley briefly discussed the Board's use of the Olelo Broadcast in the past, and hearing no objections the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 agreed to continue to use Olelo by **UNANIMOUS CONSENT** (Capeluoto, Souza, Dudley, Stensrud, Legal, Gonzalez).

ADOPTION OF ORAL TESTIMONY RULES

Dudley defined the rules as anyone wishing to speak is asked to raise their hand, and when recognized by the Chair, to address comments to the Chair. Speakers are encouraged to keep their comments under three (3) minutes, and those giving reports are urged to keep their reports under three (3) minutes. Please silence all electronic devices. Hearing no objections, the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 agreed adopted the rules by **UNANIMOUS CONSENT** (Capeluoto, Souza, Dudley, Stensrud, Legal, and Gonzalez).

Dudley returned the gavel to Chair Pro Tem Souza.

COMMUNITY/BOARD CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Wakea Street and Kapolei Parkway: Maurice Monserez spoke about getting Wakea Street connected to Kapolei Parkway. His concern is getting out of the Mehana residences safely, and with the park opening in the near future, he believes this issue needs to be addressed before there is more traffic. Monserez passed out some information and asked for this issue to be added to the next month's agenda.
- New Principal at Makalani Elementary: Heidi Armstrong of the State Department of Education (DOE) introduced the new principal for Mauka Lani Elementary, Sam Izumi. Izumi introduced himself to the audience and spoke about his former positions at Hau'ula Elementary and Kahuku Elementary School as well as his goal to perpetuate the successes achieved at MAuka Lani Elementary and improve the school.

Wond arrived to the meeting at 7:25 p.m.; Seven (7) members present.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Sam Izumi: Chair Pro Tem Souza asked why he chose to move to the Kapolei area, and Izumi answered that he enjoyed his work in the Koolauloa area, but was looking to branch out and found that the Kapolei area has students who come from similar backgrounds to his former pupils. Izumi hopes to bring his experience to help the school and the community in any way he can. Legal thanked Izumi for choosing Kapolei, and remarked that the purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with a full one.
2. Fallout Shelter: Souza remarked that Mauka Lani Elementary is not a designated fallout shelter. Izumi responded that he will speak to his Safety and Security Officer about this matter. Dudley added that there is a shortage of shelters in the area.
3. Hawaiian Railway: Steve Vendt of Hawaiian Railways updated the Board on the letter sent to the State Department of Transportation (DOT) that was forwarded to Dr. Alan Downer of the State Historic

Preservation Division and has yet to receive a response. Senator Will Espero has attempted to get in contact with no such luck. The issue surrounds Hawaiian Railways being forbidden to work on the track in February 2017, and actions taken to get the company in operation have been stalled in the State Historic Preservation Division. Legal asked for clarification that Dr. Downer is causing the stall, and Vendt responded that he is the head of the Division.

4. Rail Meeting: Frank Genadio informed the Board and the audience that there will be a "People's Public Hearing" on Rail on Saturday, August 5, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at Washington Middle School Cafeteria which will discuss Rail's need for financial accountability and audit, alternative technologies (magnetic levitation, etc.), and citizens' input on Rail financing alternatives. Flyers were made available to the public.
5. Traffic Safety: Lolita Takeda gave an impassioned speech about traffic and pedestrian safety as students begin heading back to school. She reminded the audience of tragedies that have happened in their community and pointed out Kapolei Parkway as being an especially dangerous area with a six (6) lane parkway that grade school children use to get to school. She has personally been touched by a tragedy in her own family and would like pedestrian safety issues to better addressed. Stensrud recommended getting community and school involvement to create opportunities to make the streets safer. Wond thanked Takeda for bringing up this issue and agreed that this has been a problem for a while. Wond has been working with the Flag Program and they are running into issues with poles not being erected on both sides of Kapolei Parkway. This is also a state owned street so there must be coordination with the appropriate departments. She updated the audience on work that was done on Kekuilani Loop in response to the kupuna who was struck and killed by a motor vehicle. Wond asked exactly where Takeda was referencing, and Takeda answered that there are four (4) crosswalks near Kapolei Middle School that need to be addressed. Wond responded that she will take up this issue with the State to have pedestrian marked crosswalks installed and referenced other areas around the island that have such markings.
6. Halfway House: Roberta Chang attended the May 2017 meeting to voice concerns about a halfway house on Hookomo Street and thanked Rock Riggs, Senator Mike Gabbard, Representative Sharon Har, and the Palehua Community Association (PCA) for their help. She especially thanked Riggs for returning her call the following day to follow up with the Department of Human Services (DHS) who in turn informed her that the property is a care home. She also thanked Dr. Bridget Williams for providing her further information on the home.

Gonzalez departed the meeting at 7:42 p.m.; Six (6) members present.

BOARD BUSINESS

- Approval of the Wednesday, June 28, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes: Hearing no objections, this item was deferred until the next meeting.
- Creation of Board Committees and Members: Hearing no objections, this item was deferred until the next meeting.
- Pueo Habitat Presentation: Dudley apologized that the presenters were running late for the meeting, and remarked that they should arrive later in the meeting.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) Deputy Director Timothy Hiu introduced Anthony Lee, an appraiser at the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS), and Lee reported the following:

- Residential Use Dedication Program: Lee spoke about City Ordinance 17-13, the residential use dedication program that allows certain condominium owners to consider dedicating their properties for residential use for a five (5) year period if their units are being used as a primary residence, or a long term rental (longer than 30 days at a time). This option will allow the properties that are currently on land zoned as mix use, hotel, or commercial, and whose Declaration of Condominium or Horizontal Property Regime specifically states that the unit is allowed to be used as residential, to be classified as residential, and thereby eligible for the historically lower real property tax rate. This information is especially important to those residing at the Ko Olina Beach Villas and the flex units at the Mehana residences. Letters were sent out to eligible owners of these properties. The deadline to file this dedication is Friday, September 1, 2017. There will be no grace period or extension given. If approved, the owner must commit to a five (5) year dedication, which is automatically renewable for additional five (5) year periods unless cancelled by the property owner or the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS). If there are any questions, call their offices at 768-3799.

- **Newsletter:** Deputy Director Hiu highlighted the Mayor's newsletter and copies were made available for the public, and spoke about some myths surrounding Rail such as switching to magnetic levitation as a cheaper alternative, switching to at-grade transit or bus transit from Middle Street to Ala Moana Center.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. **Renewable Lease:** Legal asked if the five (5) year dedication is renewable. Lee responded that it is an automatic renewal, but if the owner sells the property the new owner must reapply. Legal clarified that the tax would be \$3.50 per \$1,000, and Lee responded yes.
2. **Rising Housing Prices:** Dudley was concerned about rising house and condo prices and the tax burden residents are suffering from. He asked if the City is making money off of rising prices of condos with the taxes being collected, and what happens to the property owner. Lee answered that residents have a homeowner's exemption of \$80,000 and when they reach 65 years old it becomes a \$120,000 exemption as well as other considerations for people on fixed incomes. Dudley asked if the assessment values go up as property values go up. Lee answered that there are annual reevaluations.
3. **List of Properties:** Capeluoto asked if the list of properties provided by BFS is the complete list of eligible homeowners. Lee answered that the list is complete to the best of his knowledge. Capeluoto asked what the criteria for eligibility was, who decided this, and if this was done ethically. Lee answered that the properties on the list are not zoned residential. Many of them are apartment mixed use. If they are resort zoned, it is written in their documents that they may carry on mixed usage. The Ko Olina Beach Villas for example have people who live in the building, and this dedication is provided for those residents who either live in these residences or rent them on a long term basis. Steven Takata clarified that the projects on the list have mixed uses. They can be used for either commercial or residential purposes. For those who reside in these properties, the city is asking they send in a residential use dedication to change their property to residential usage. If no dedication is sent people will be placed in the higher tax rate.
4. **Enforcement:** Wond asked how the renters will be monitored. Lee answered that there will be a compliance unit that will investigate homeowners who apply for the dedication and then use their property for commercial purposes. Wond asked if this will include Bed and Breakfast establishments, and Lee answered that this would be a separate issue. The compliance people in place are set to monitor the rental use dedication program.
5. **U-Turn:** Capeluoto asked about a U-turn at the bottom of Palailai Street and Makakilo Drive that is missing a stop sign and a no right turn on red sign. This is creating a safety hazard with the new U-turn rule on Makakilo Drive.

Governor David Ige's Representative – No representative was present; a report was not provided.

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

- **Trains:** The second set of four car trains has arrived in Honolulu. There will be 80 train cars in the fleet, for a total of 20 four (4) car trains, with 17 trains operating on the system during peak hours and eight (8) trains during non-peak hours.
- **Testing:** Trains undergo both static and dynamic testing before the system can be certified for revenue passenger service. Recently trains were placed up on the guideway for clearance testing to check the spacing between the guideway structures and the train. Once the third rail system is electrified, trains will begin regular dynamic test runs up on the guideway.
- **Waipahu Train Control Center:** HART's train control center in Waipahu will manage all aspects of operations for the rail system. Trains will operate using a driverless, fully automated train control system, which continuously monitors and adjusts the speed of the trains on the guideway to stay within the programmed limits. Safe speeds are programmed to take into account the track alignment, curves, inclines and track conditions. Should the system detect a train exceeding the allowable speed limit, the system will automatically bring the train to a safe stop. The system also continuously monitors the distance between trains, the position of track switches and detects any unscheduled opening of train and platform doors and gates. If these or similar conditions were to occur, trains will automatically be brought to a safe stop. Even forces external to the rail system, such as high wind speeds and seismic activity, are monitored by the train control system. If detected, all trains will respond with the safest course of action.
- **Traction Power Substations:** The trains operate on electricity, with 14 traction power substations (Three (3) Megawatts each) designed for the 20 mile route, and four (4) back-up diesel generators. A platform screen gate system will separate passengers on the boarding platforms from the tracks and is automated to safely open only when a train arrives, and closes as the train departs.

- **Specifications:** Each rail car is 64 feet long, 14 feet high and 10 feet wide, weighing 72,000 pounds. Each four car train will have: Closed-circuit security cameras, emergency call box, audible announcements, visual announcement boards, air conditioning, free Wi Fi, space for surfboards, coolers, luggage, strollers, bicycles and wheelchairs, ADA compliance with priority seats onboard, an open gangway between train cars for easy access, and three (3) plug-type doors per side on each train vehicle, 12 doors on each side of a four (4) car train.
- **Hours of Operation:** Trains will operate from 4am to midnight, and arrive every five (5) minutes during peak time and every 11 minutes during non-peak hours. Rail will be fully integrated with the bus system, with a single system-wide fare and one-pass system for the bus and rail. HART plans to open the first 10 miles (from Aloha Stadium to East Kapolei) for revenue passenger service in late 2021, and pending additional funding, the full 20 mile system could open in 2025.
- **More Information:** For general project information, traffic updates, meeting notices and more information, please visit the website www.honolulutransit.org, call the project hotline at 566-2299 or email a question at info@honolulutransit.org.

Senator Mike Gabbard – Rock Riggs reported the following:

- **Special Session:** The House and Senate will meet for a special session in the last week of August 2017 to discuss funding for the Rail project. Riggs paraphrased a quote from Senator Gabbard stating that as Senator from the Kapolei area he is aware that his district will benefit from transit oriented development (TOD) and Rail, but is not pleased with the rising costs and is upset that HART cancelled a special audit.
- **Rail Work:** Senator Gabbard has been in contact with Ford Fujikami of the Department of Transportation (DOT) in regards to work on the railways, and was told the DOT is waiting for an approval from outside the agency.
- **Listen Story:** Senator Gabbard's next Listen Story meeting will be Saturday, August 19, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Kapolei High School Teacher's Lounge.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. **Pueo Study:** Dudley received an email from Senator Gabbard in regards to having the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) hold a meeting to update interested parties about the pueo study. Dudley suggested having it at the next Neighborhood Board meeting. Riggs answered that Senator Gabbard is still in communications with DLNR to hold a meeting at the appropriate time in the future. Dudley stressed his concern surrounding this study.
2. **Rail Funding:** A resident asked what will be approved for the Rail funding, and informed the Board that there should be a meeting about the pueo at the University of Hawaii West Oahu in August 2017.
3. **Hawaiian Railway:** Steve Vendt of Hawaiian Railways reiterated the issue his company is having with the DOT prohibiting them from working on the tracks. Riggs noted his concern.

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

Representative Andria Tupola – No representative was present; no report was provided.

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

State Representative Ty Cullen – Representative Cullen reported the following:

- **Creative Media Program:** Representative Cullen reported that The University of Hawaii West Oahu academy of creative media announced a new partnership with Waipahu High School and Waianae Seariders Productions. Students can now take college level courses focusing on creative media while they are in high school. The goal is to have students graduate from high school with a college juniors' level of credits towards a creative media degree.
- **Pedestrian Safety Month:** August is pedestrian awareness month and Representative Cullen stressed driver and pedestrian safety. He recommends visiting Walk Wise Hawaii website at <http://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/safe-communities/walkwisehawaii/>. Representative Cullen remarked that they were able to pass a bill this past session to address community crosswalks.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. **Pueo Study:** Mike Lee was concerned about the status of the pueo study and that the Board was unaware that a resolution regarding the study was turned down on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 due to lack of research. He spoke of his struggles surrounding the study, and asked for the State Representatives to take action. Representative Cullen answered that he spoke with DLNR prior to the meeting and was informed about the contact between the department and interested parties. Representative Cullen also

remarked that the resolution calls for a state wide report, but is aware that the level or urgency is higher in the Ewa Plains area, and will follow up on the status of the study.

2. Crosswalk: Lolita Takeda asked if Representative Cullen's office can look into installing a crosswalk near the bus stop on Farrington Highway, near Kahi Mohala. Representative Cullen answered that he will work with Councilmember Pine due to Farrington Highway and the bus stops being under City jurisdiction.
3. Pueo Study: There were further concerns brought up by Board members and residents about the why the pueo surveys are being done randomly state wide, and that it was believed the Senate Concurrent Resolution 31 Senate Draft 1 (SCR31 SD1) stated the survey would begin in Ewa. Board members and residents believed the Kapolei Area is more urgent than other areas. Representative Cullen answered that he cannot speak for the Senate. Capeluoto asked if the State is in violation of an agreement and liable to claims from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA). Mike Lee remarked that he will seek representation from OHA and claim damages as a native Hawaiian for DLNR and the State being in violation of a verbal contract.

Representative Sharon Har: Wendee Wilson reported the following: Kaulaka'i Parkway: As the second city continues to grow, Representative Har continues working closely with the DOT to find additional ways to improve our drives in and around our community. Representative Har worked to get the delineators removed and work to restripe the roads should be finished in August 2017. Additionally, Representative Har continues to work with DOT to replace the "no right turn on red" from Kaulaka'i Parkway onto Kapolei Parkway, so that drivers can turn right on red after stop, as was permitted prior to the mall opening.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Kapolei Parkway Crossing: Wond brought up the issue with the unmarked crosswalk on Kapolei Parkway, and Wilson deferred the question to Councilmember Pine as this is under the City's jurisdiction.

Councilmember Kimberly Pine – Councilmember Pine reported the following:

- Affordable Housing Project: Councilmember Pine gave an update on Keahumoa Place, which will be a 320-unit affordable rental complex in east Kapolei that could break ground as early as this year.
- Kapolei Regional Park: Thanks to Wond and Stensrud for their work to help improve Kapolei Regional Park.
- City Budget Amendments: Councilmember Pine highlighted some budget amendments affecting the area including funds for: improvements to Kamokila Boulevard and Kapolei Parkway, the Makakilo Drive extension, improvements at Kapolei Regional Park, improvements to Leeward parks, and increasing lifeguard coverage in Leeward Oahu.
- Resurfacing of Roads: Councilmember Pine remarked that there will be resurfacing of the roads in the area beginning in October 2017.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Makakilo Drive Extension: Dudley asked for clarification on the funds allocated for the Makakilo Drive extension and what they will be used for. Councilmember Pine answered that the third installment of the design found an alternative plan that should save around \$30 million. The project started out as a \$80 million to \$100 million project that made it difficult to prioritize this project for immediate work, but the \$30 million in savings may change that. Dudley asked if a bridge was being built, and Councilmember Pine answered that she will have to follow up on that question.
2. Pueo Study: Mike Lee asked for Councilmember Pine to write to DLNR to get answers surrounding the pueo study.
3. Artwork: A resident was concerned about the expenses on artwork, and believes the artwork being hung should feature more local art. Councilmember Pine answered that it is a State law that requires art to be hung in government buildings.

TREASURERS REPORT: There was \$16.56 spent on postage, leaving a remaining balance of \$20.00.

Hearing no objections, Chair Pro Tem Souza returned to the agenda item "Presentation about the progress of the pueo habitat study."

Presentation About the Progress of the Pueo Habitat Study: Mike Lee gave an update on the status of the pueo study. The study starts in August 2017 and ends in December 2017, but has already begun on the North Shore which is not as heavily impacted by development as the Kapolei area. Lee addressed some issues with UHWO and the barnyard owl in regards to the endangered species act, as well as various other reasons. Lee expressed his disapproval of UHWO, and would like the Chancellor of UHWO to attend a board meeting.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Meeting: Dudley asked about having a meeting at UHWO and explained the difficulties for all of the Board members to attend due to sunshine law rules. Dudley suggested having a special meeting, and Stensrud clarified that if the meetings are public then all Board members may attend. Dudley added that it would be beneficial if the Board can act as a body during the meeting.

Boardmember Dudley moved, and Wond seconded, that the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 “attend a meeting about the pueo study to be coordinated by Senator Mike Gabbard.” The motion was adopted by UANANIMOUS CONSENT by VOICE VOTE, 6-0-0; (Aye: Dudley, Souza, Stensrud, Wond, Capeluoto, Legal; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at Kapolei Hale Conference Room A at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Submitted by: Aran Wilson, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed by: Dylan Whitsell, Public Relations Assistant
Finalized by: Evelyn Souza, Chair