



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

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021 ZOOM APPLICATION

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Legal 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:** Jack Legal, Scott Stensrud, Thad Sprog, Mick Ferreira, Troy Cullen (arrived at 8:25 p.m.), and Kioni Dudley.

**Board Members Absent:** Mike Frank, Robert Helsham, and Moon Kahele.

**Guests:** Firefighter Jeffrey Gaskell (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Ivan Sanches, Corporal Roland Pagan (Honolulu Police Department) Rian Adachi (Honolulu Board of Water Supply); Councilmember Andria Tupola, Louis Galdeira (Councilmember Andria Tupola's Office); Jerry Pupillo (Mayor Rick Blangiardi's Representative); Roz Makaula (Communications Director, Senator Kai Kahele's Office); Blake Dahneke (United States Congressman Ed Case's Office); Keahi Renaud (Senator Maile Shimabukuro's Office); Frank Genadio (Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization); Kim Scott (Representative Sharon Har's Office), Linda Frysztacki, Jay Egusa (Kapolei Transit Center and Mobility Hub Presenters, City Department of Transportation); Roger Babcock (Deputy Director, Department of Facility and Maintenance), Judi Beth Hinds (Stormwater Presenter, G70); Thomas Lee, Tony Gaston (Hunt Companies Hawaii); Residents Ed Ryglewicz, Steve Vendt, and Robert Zighar; Brandy Clark (Neighborhood Commission Office).

**ROLL CALL:** The Neighborhood Assistant carried out a roll call. Quorum was established with five (5) members present.

### CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD):** Firefighter Gaskell was present and gave the following report:

- **March 2021 Statistics:** There were two (2) structure fires, four (4) wildland/brush fires, six (6) activated alarms, 142 medical calls, two (2) motor vehicle collisions, and one (1) hazardous material incident.
- **Safety tip:** Firefighter Gaskell shared fire escape planning tips.

**Questions, comments and concerns followed:** **Tips:** Chair Legal commented on the importance of this tip, especially since the summer season is approaching.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD):** Lieutenant Sanches gave the following report: **March 2021 Statistics/Statistics from Kapolei:** There were 56/25 auto thefts, 45/16 burglaries, 156/47 thefts, 82/33 unauthorized entry into motor vehicles (UEMVs), with the total calls for service of 10,654/3,507.

**Questions, comments and concerns followed:**

1. **Increase:** Ferreira inquired if there was a substantial increase from the month before. Lieutenant Sanches responded there has been a slight increase but noted a decrease in regular theft.
2. **Speeding Enforcement:** Ferreira and Stensrud asked about enforcement in residential areas due to speeding concerns on Kama'aha Street near Kapolei Elementary School; Stensrud noted there is no easy place to pull over and also noted concerns with speeding near the school. Corporal Pagan responded there has been construction done in that area and stated few to no complaints have been placed by the Community of any pedestrian accidents. Stensrud noted of one (1) pedestrian death on Kama'aha Street, Corporal Pagan replied he will speak with the day watch team.
3. **Radar Trailer:** Ferreira queried about the radar trailer and how grant money should be fashioned to support a radar trailer, Corporal Pagan answered with a suggestion for the State Department of Transportation (HDOT) to do a speed study. Stensrud noted that four-way stops are cheaper and effective but also noted there were two (2) light poles lost to speeding and stated that is not effective.
4. **Sit-In/Lie-In Ordinances:** Resident Ed Ryglewicz mentioned a lady parked by Zippy's and noted there has been no enforcement from HPD nor from senior management from Zippy's. Corporal Pagan responded that

the woman has been cited daily, explained bureaucratic procedures behind citing her and explained why she is near the HPD office. Ryglewicz asked about ordinances for sit/lie-in, Corporal Pagan redirected that question to councilmembers present. Ferreira mentioned that he is familiar with this woman who was offered services, and gave a brief update, which involved explaining why the homeless are near the police station. Chair Legal thanked HPD for their efforts in assisting this woman.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – BWS Representative Adachi reported one (1) water main break on Monday, March 9, 2021, an extension of suspension of water shut-off for those unable to pay will be through Wednesday, June 30, 2021. For more information, for financial support, or for payment arrangements, call 808-748-5070. Adachi also reported details surrounding Water Conservation Week (from Sunday, May 2, 2021 to Saturday, May 8, 2021), an annual poetry contest, and noted two (2) construction projects in the Makakilo district.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Stairway to Heaven: Spreg inquired and Adachi replied that the ownership of this trail belongs to the City. Adachi noted BWS had the same issues that the City is currently dealing with.

Mayor Rick Blangiardi's Representative: Jerry Pupillo reported the following:

- 2021 Neighborhood Board Elections: Beginning, Tuesday, December 1, 2020 through Friday, February 19, 2021, residents across O'ahu may register to become a candidate in the 2021 Neighborhood Board Election. Any O'ahu resident who is 18 years of age can become a candidate. The Neighborhood Board Election will be held online from Monday, April 26, 2021 through Friday, May 21, 2021. For more information call 808-768-3710 or visit [www.honolulu.gov/NCO](http://www.honolulu.gov/NCO).
- Short Term Rentals: The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) has suspended the start of the Short Term Rental (STR) registration program because of concerns with Ordinance 19-18 and the STR registration process that were raised at a recent public hearing on draft administrative rules. DPP is reassessing Ordinance 19-18 and are considering amending the Ordinance.
- Follow Up Responses: Stairway to Heaven Ownership: Pupillo stated the hike belongs to the Department of Parks and Recreation and explained ownership proposal to withdraw the stairs; noted there is ongoing dialogue with this issue.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Makakilo Drive Extension: Ferreira explained importance of having this particular extension and inquired of Pupillo when this will gain traction to be completed.
2. Abandoned Vehicles: Ryglewicz asked how many employees are handling abandoned cars from Ewa to Makaha.
3. Registration Amnesty: Ferreira queried about registration amnesty due to the pandemic, Pupillo responded with extensions to those with expired drivers' licenses. Pupillo explained further there is a push for registration online but it is up to the City Council to vote in order to enact such a process.

Councilmember Andria Tupola – Councilmember Tupola spoke of the issues behind the Makakilo Drive Extension and stated the main problem was the decision to build through the gulch or over it.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Sit/Lie-in Ordinances: Ryglewicz inquired about the stance that Councilmember Tupola had of instituting sit/lie-in ordinances. Councilmember Tupola replied to institute said ordinances would be too costly and too unfeasible, noted it has already been enforced by HPD but is willing to have a conversation with HPD on how to use it as a useful tool.
2. Bridge for Makakilo Drive: Ryglewicz noted there was no bridge for Makakilo. Dudley inquired about where the bridge would be built and noted the plan was to turn right prior to precipice and around it instead of over it. Spreg noted it is not feasible unless the house on the end was condemned. Councilmember Tupola noted the US Army Corps of Engineers wanted it filled and stated she will give the timeline and map to Chair Legal for distribution to the Board. Dudley suggested purchasing the last two (2) houses on the end than building a bridge; suggested to look at every option. Genadio stated the bridge option was abandoned two (2) years ago and suggested to ask a representative from construction company RM Towill to report to the next Board meeting. Councilmember Tupola stated she spoke with the City Department of Transportation (DTS) and noted RM Towill has not been part of this project yet; also noted the City Council selected Saratoga Road for the extension of the rail and not the contractor. Chair Legal suggested there be a town hall meeting to discuss this issue. Spreg stated his support for the town hall meeting.
3. Haiku Stairs: Spreg asked about the issues surrounding Haiku Stairs. Councilmember Tupola responded that Councilmember Esther Kia'aina wanted \$1 million to tear it down but is open to discussing options; noted the controversial stages that exist behind this issue. Councilmember Tupola asked Pupillo where the Blangiardi administration stands on treating aforementioned stairs.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO): Genadio gave the following report:

- Oahu Regional Transportation Plan: Genadio mentioned Kiana Otsuka, who reported the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan that included results from vehicle miles traveled by 2045 while road delays are expected to decrease by 20% as transit ridership expected to increase by 50%.
- Concrete Bulb-Outs: Genadio reported results briefed from the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) enabling additional concrete bulb-outs at several intersections utilized to mitigate traffic from Waipahu.
- Cost for Projects: Genadio mentioned the building of Ala Pono Bridge Project, on top of the multimodal improvements done to Waiawa/Aloha Stadium Station will total \$89.8 million for completion of both projects.
- Rail: Genadio noted the Honolulu Authority Rail Transit (HART) no longer reports to the Board and mentioned rail estimates of \$12.5 billion, pushing the completion of the project to 2031 along with concerns of corrosion of tensioning wires over completed portions. Genadio noted of a power point utilizing maglev (magnetic levitation) technology and emailed said power point to the Mayor, members of the HART Board, City Council, State Legislature and the United States Congressional Delegation.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Legal asked the Board and Community if there were any amendments addressed, Genadio had the following amendment to make: Page 3, under section "Questions, comments and concerns", item 2: strike "for the rail end point", add "that" and "for rail routing through Kalaeloa to West Kapolei."

**Ferreira MOVED and Dudley SECONDED the MOTION to APPROVE the Wednesday, March 24, 2021 Draft Meeting Minutes AS AMENDED. The March 2021 Draft Meeting Minutes were APPROVED AS AMENDED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, (5-0-0). (Aye: Dudley, Legal, Speg, Stensrud, and Ferreira; Nay: None; Abstain: None.)**

The following amendment has been noted: Page 3, under section "Questions, comments and concerns", item 2: strike "for the rail end point", add "that" and "for rail routing through Kalaeloa to West Kapolei."

#### COMMUNITY/BOARD CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senate Bill (SB) 375: Ferreira spoke of details revolving around this senate bill, which would support funding for the renovation and repairs of the Kalaeloa Air Traffic Control Tower.

Tobacco Cessation Bill: Stensrud thanked Representatives Har and Shimabukuro for voting "no" to the first bill regarding tobacco cessation.

Traffic Concerns: Resident Robert Zighar expressed traffic concerns on Palailai Street and requested speeding mitigation methods.

#### STATE REPORTS

United States (US) Congressman Ed Case: Representative for Congressman Case Blake Dahneke gave report, which included a response from President Joe Biden's address to Congress, mentioned foci which included methods for recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic while disseminating COVID-19 information; also voted for bills to give Hawaii and the US support via American Rescue Plan and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Attendance at Board Meetings: Chair Legal asked and Dahneke responded that she will be coming quarterly even though Nestor Garcia may report to the Board monthly.

US Congressman Kaiuli'i Kahele: Communications Director Roz Makaula gave report, which included a statement from President Biden's joint statement to Congress, spoke of contents with a meeting with President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris and a caucus to address hate and violence against Asian-Americans; mentioned a "yes" vote to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act and voted "yes" against workplace violence; spoke on the House floor to address the need for equal pay and for equal work and to honor Master Navigator Chad "Kalepa" Baybayan; and attended a committee meeting addressing cesspools.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Committees: Chair Legal inquired which Committees that Congressman Kahele is a part of in Congress, Makaula replied he is on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the House Armed Services Committee.

Governor David Ige's Representative – Robert Yu, Deputy Director of the Department of Budget and Finance was present, Yu gave a report which included how the American Rescue Plan affects the State budget shortfall, COVID-19 vaccine distributions updates, and updates to unemployment insurance.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Mask Mandate: Chair Legal asked about the mask mandate for O'ahu, Director Yu responded the Center for Disease Control (CDC) relaxed the law as of yesterday, so one can go outside mask-less if already vaccinated.

**Cullen arrived at 8:25 p.m., six (6) Board members present.**

Highways Division, Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT): No representative was present, no report was given.

Senator Mike Gabbard: Legislative Aide Meg Turner gave report and took questions.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Legislative Session: Chair Legal asked and Turner responded the legislative session will be over on Thursday, April 29, 2021.

Senator Maile Shimabukuro: Legislative Aide Patrice Tanna gave report and acknowledged Stensrud's thanks for the support shown for House Bill (HB) 1296 (Tobacco Cessation Bill).

State Representative Sharon Har: Legislative Aide Kim Scott gave report and took questions.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Kaiser Facility: Ferreira queried when Representative Har will take a tour of the Kaiser Facility, also queried when the Veterans' Home will be available for groundbreaking. Scott responded the tour will happen in May or early June 2021, and will email Chair Legal with more information.

State Representative Ty Cullen: No representative was present; no report was given.

State Representative Stacelynn Eli: No representative was present; no report was given

Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) Francine Murray: Murray gave report and took questions.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Rail Route: Murray mentioned the route was plotted based on an environment impact study that was conducted for the entire 32 mile segment.
2. Bill 375: Ferreira noted this bill might not pass and asked for grant money while thanking Malama for her hard work.

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

Kapolei Transit Center & Mobility Hub- Linda Frysztacki and Jay Egusa: Egusa introduced Frysztacki, who did the presentation of a possible multimodal center in Kapolei.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Location: Ferreira noted a residential commercial walking area would be more appropriate in the Campbell area. Dudley echoed Ferreira's comment, added it does not make sense to have five (5) acres with higher buildings built in 10 years. Ryglewicz asked about other locations to house the transit center and mobility hub, also asked about noise mitigation concerns. Egusa replied it is all part of the original plan in Kapolei to address those concerns. Ryglewicz inquired about other locations and suggested trading property for another. Egusa responded Royal Kunia was another location considered.
2. Support: Stensrud expressed support for this project, stated this will encourage others to stop usage of greenhouse emissions by utilizing public transportation. Chair Legal noted he sees the practical side of this project.
3. Opposition: Ferreira suggested to block a street for the transit hub similar to Hotel Street; noted the land swap with the City or State would not be appropriate and stated his opposition to this project.
4. Town Hall: Chair Legal queried and Frysztacki answered there will be a town hall meeting during the site planning stages, and will continue to update the Board.

Storm Water Utility Study Update, Judi Beth Hinds, Roger Babcock (Department of Facility and Maintenance (DFM): Hinds gave report on the update, which involved the importance of adopting the stormwater fee, included \$91 million for using fees instead of property taxes and \$22 million from the highway fund.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Bills: Ryglewicz asked about a property tax decrease and how the billing portion will be handled. Babcock responded it is revenue neutral and the City Council will be the deciding factor on those bills.
2. Manpower: Ryglewicz queried and Babcock answered that the manpower behind the fee will be handled by DFM. Hinds noted the fee has been accounted for legal aid and audits, with the funding for billing accommodated by administration staff and software involved.

3. Impervious Surface: Genadio inquired how much the fee would be if it were 400-foot high rise condominium if the fee is based on the amount of impervious surface that exists. Babcock responded that Genadio is correct, it is based on the amount of impervious surface area which will go into the general fund that is considered to be a fair way to assess the fees. Hinds also responded how much stormwater exists on impervious surfaces generates how much it goes to into the system, stated it is cheaper to obtain 60% credit; also noted the shorter the buildings, the smaller the fee is.
4. Qualifications: Stensrud inquired if all the regions receive the same expense. Babcock replied it is not based on annual run-off and noted it does not matter how much rainwater is present. Stensrud noted it does not make sense to obtain 60% reduction. Hinds responded it minimizes how much impervious surface cost of maintenance on the Leeward side, noted it is tougher on the infrastructure and is not expensive to maintain.
5. Military: Dudley asked and Hinds replied that the military will be charged regarding this fee.

Veterans Association (VA) Aloha Clinic in Kalaeloa- Hunt Companies- Thomas Lee and Tony Gaston: Lee gave an update on the clinic and infrastructure that will activate 200 jobs.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Solar Parking Enclosures: Ferreira queried why there were no solar parking enclosures in the schematics of this project, also requested this question be answered in May 2021's meeting.
2. Impervious or Pervious: Stensrud asked and Gaston replied the new surface parking area will be both pervious and impervious but will collaborate with the City and County. Stensrud inquired about current City and County codes not allowing for parking. Gaston responded he was referring to the roadway that is currently being abided by HCDA guidelines.
3. Trees: Resident Steve Vendt questioned and Gaston answered that the project will be adding 150 new trees.
4. Roads: Genadio queried and Gaston responded the Hunt Companies will be paying for the road.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chair Legal requested this item be deferred to May 2021's meeting, hearing no objections, this item was deferred.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chair Legal deferred this item to May 2021's meeting.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Scheduled Meeting – The next scheduled board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via Webex.

ADOJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Submitted by: Brandy Clark, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Lindon Valenciano, Neighborhood Assistant

Finalized by: