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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2009 HAHAIONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Elizabeth Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. with **a quorum of nine (9) members present**, and subsequently became Acting Chair. Note – This 15-member Board requires eight members for a quorum and to take official action.

Members Present – René Garvin, Aaron Isgar, Wayne Levy, Carl Makino, Amy Monk, Elizabeth Reilly, Maxine Rutkowski, David Tanabe, Gary Weller.

Members Absent – Robert Clark, Frank De Giacomo (notified absence), Marian Grey (notified absence), Jeanette Hanson (notified absence), and Greg Knudsen (notified absence).

Vacancies – There is one vacancy in Subdistrict 8 (Lunalilo Park, Mauka).

Guests – Firefighter I. Aipa, Firefighter M. Lee, Firefighter K. Liftee-Kau (Honolulu Fire Department); Sergeant M. Asato, Lieutenant A. Kurosu (Honolulu Police Department); Justin K. L. Kessler (Board of Water Supply); Curt Cottrell, Chairperson Laura Thielen (State Department of Land and Natural Resources); Gordon Bruce (Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative – City Department of Information Technology, Director); Councilmember Charles Djou; Kenny Amazaki (Councilmember Charles Djou's Office); Russ Saito (Governor Linda Lingle's Representative – State Department of Accounting and General Services, Comptroller); Senator Sam Slom; Representative Gene Ward; Representative Lyla Berg; Duane Fukamoto, Jeanie Li, Michael Quartero (Atlapac Fishing Club); Richard Hawkins (Colony Marina); Thomas Yamabe (Kamilonui Cooperative); Ivonne Cardenas, Bob Farrell (Makakilo.com, Videographers); Brian Beres (Mariner's Ridge); Stanley Chang, Dennis Hui, Natalie Iwasa, Ann Marie Kirk, Ronald Livingston, Rich Turbin; Rachel M. Glanstein, K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office).

FILLING OF VACANT POSITION (Subdistrict 8): There were no nominations or volunteers to fill the vacancy.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

September 29, 2009 – The September 29, 2009 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED as CORRECTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT (9-0-0) (AYE: Garvin, Isgar, Levy, Makino, Monk, Reilly, Rutkowski, Tanabe, Weller), **with the following corrections:**

- * Page 3 – Public Generated Issues – item no. 1 – fifth and sixth sentences – The Safe Walk Routes to School Program ~~has given her a~~ is offering mini-grants of \$1,000 and she will apply for one to have a Bike Rodeo. She will try to get ~~other area~~ schools involved with different projects under the SRTS program.
- * Page 5 – Officials' Reports – Mayor's Office... – second Comments followed paragraph – item no. 1 – first sentence – Natalie Iwasa felt that the ADA-compliant ramps installed recently at Waioli Street and Hawaii Kai Drive were at a lower priority than the intersection near Kamiloiki Elementary School.
- * Page 5 – Officials' Reports – Mayor's Office... – second Comments followed paragraph – item no. 2 – At ~~Kamilo Niu~~ Kamiloiki Neighborhood Park, Iwasa requested manual instead of automatic lighting.
- * Page 6 – Old Business – first paragraph – after the third sentence, add a new sentence – The project was modified to stop at Wailua Street.

October 27, 2009 – Approval of the October 27, 2009 regular meeting minutes was deferred.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT: Vice Chair Reilly indicated that the Operating Account balance was \$1,306.89, and the Publicity Account balance was \$1,750. The Treasurer's report was filed.



STATUS REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Firefighter K. Liftee-Kau distributed the report and highlighted the following:

- 1) November 2009 Statistics – There was 1 vehicle fire, 35 medical emergencies, 5 search/rescues and 11 miscellaneous emergency calls for service.
- 2) Fire Safety Tip – Holiday Tips – This holiday season, consider a fire-resistant, artificial Christmas tree; otherwise, choose a fresh natural tree, and keep it hydrated and away from any heat source. Decorate with noncombustible materials. Choose only Underwriter's Laboratory-approved electrical decorations and follow manufacturer's instructions. Do not overload extension cords. A significant portion of home fires originate in the kitchen, so don't leave cooking unattended, even for a minute. Keep an ABC-rated fire extinguisher close and know how to use it. Don't wear long, loose-sleeved clothing while cooking, turn handles on pots and pans inward to prevent accidents, and keep children away from the kitchen. If hosting overnight guests, share the home escape plan with them.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

Miscellaneous Emergencies – Miscellaneous emergency calls include, for example, a fire alarm with no fire, and assisting a fallen person.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sergeant M. Asato circulated the report and indicated that it contained: (a) a map of the beats; (b) statistics; (c) personal safety information; and (d) contact information.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- 1) Hawea Heiau – An issue came up recently about whether or not Hawaiians were allowed in a certain cultural site, specifically Hawea Heiau; State law may protect Hawaiians on certain cultural sites from private property owners. At the recent incident at the Hawea Heiau, police officers shined their flashlights on the faces of those participating in the Hawaiian religious/cultural ceremony. Laura Thielen, Chairperson of the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), mentioned that there are cases where permission may be needed from DLNR for people to access certain sites. Ms. Thielen added that DLNR only handles access to land under its supervision, and DLNR may have some regulatory authority over private property but not much. General questions about liability were raised. PASH Information was given to the police about the rights and access of Native Hawaiians. It was hoped that the landowner of the property that contains Hawea Heiau would work with the State Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) to ensure that access is provided, regulations are followed, etc.
- 2) Pedestrians in Roadways at Night – The presence of pedestrians and/or joggers in the roadway at night is dangerous, and police officers have discretion on whether to issue warnings or fines (\$70 for pedestrians in roadways, \$130 for jaywalking).
- 3) Theft of Recyclables – There haven't been any calls during the evening shifts about thefts of recyclables.
- 4) Problems on Mariner's Ridge – On Mariner's Ridge, there is a person in the area sending threatening letters to residents. Four years ago, new residents had their dog placed in a trash can, unharmed but trapped. About a year and a half later, letters were sent with implied threats of violence to the dog for its barking; neighbors also received some letters, and the situation has escalated to threatening phone calls. It was inquired how residents should proceed to stop these threatening actions. When reports are made to patrol officers, if they indicate misdemeanors, then the cases go to a follow-up officer, who may often receive over 100 cases per day.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Justin K. L. Kessler conveyed the following information:

- 1) Main Breaks – There were no main breaks in October 2009. There were one main break on November 20, 2009 at 11:20 a.m. at 1223 Pihana Street in Kalama Valley.
- 2) Fire Hydrants – Fire hydrants have an important part in the efforts of the BWS to provide safe and dependable water service. Hydrants serve as an active means of fire protection as well as providing a

source of water for contractors working on construction projects, street sanitation, and other uses. BWS has installed and is responsible for the maintenance of over 20,000 fire hydrants on Oahu, excluding Federal and private water systems; standard maintenance includes flushing, lubricating, inspecting valves, painting, and assigning hydrant numbers, and occurs every 18 months. Water from each hydrant is checked to ensure sufficient water pressure for efficient and reliable water service in case of a fire. Only BWS and HFD employees are allowed to take water from a fire hydrant, unless authorized by the BWS. For more information, go to www.boardofwatersupply.com; to report a malfunctioning hydrant, call 748-5000.

- 3) Halawa Xeriscape Garden Workshops – BWS holds fun and educational workshops featuring xeriscape (unthirsty) plants and gardening techniques that help residents to conserve water outdoors. The workshops titled "Rain Barrel Water Catchment" and "The Unthirsty Miracle Tree: Kalamungay" were held on November 14 and 21, 2009. "Xeriscape Holiday Wreath" workshops will be held on November 28 and December 5, 2009. Go to www.boardofwatersupply.com for more information.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

Hydrant Test Resulted in Missing Asphalt – A BWS employee tested a fire hydrant in the area a few weeks ago, and a piece of asphalt exploded and has yet to be repaired.

RECOGNITION OF K. RUSSELL HO: The Board expressed their appreciation for K. Russell Ho's years of service to the Board as Neighborhood Assistant, and presented him with lei and a poinsettia plant. Representative Gene Ward awarded Mr. Ho a certificate of recognition and appreciation from the State House of Representatives for his decades of public service. Everyone spoke of Mr. Ho's extra service to the community.

PRESENTATIONS:

Status of Recreational Renaissance Plan B, Including Parking Fees for Non-Residents at Makapuu Lighthouse Trail – Ms. Thielen, Chairperson of DLNR, distributed handouts, introduced Curt Cottrell, also from DLNR, and they detailed the following information:

- 1) Previous Plan A – A team attended a past meeting to present the first Plan A.
- 2) Handouts – The report explained Plan B in detail, and everyone was encouraged to read it.
- 3) National Parks – Many State parks are modeled after national parks; however national parks receive about \$4.5 million per park per year, and State parks receive less than \$70,000 per park per year (calculated from an average of five parks across the State).
- 4) Historical/Cultural Sites – State parks have historical and cultural sites, and are used for more than just sporting events, etc.
- 5) Funding – With the economic crisis and tightening budgets, funding for parks is disappearing. DLNR has not been as aggressive when requesting funding as some other departments. Funding is needed to manage the State's many parks, trails, etc.
- 6) Fees – Approximately 80% of the revenue that supports the parks comes from leases, development fees, etc., but fee increases may be required to make up the remainder of the revenue. It may be difficult to get 100% of residents to agree on fee increases, but it's hoped that everyone will at least agree that the parks need support. Plan B proposed entry fees at eight State parks for tourists only, similar to Diamond Head's fees of \$1 per person or \$5 per car though Diamond Head charges both the resident and visitor fees, Ka Iwi fees would only apply to visitors. The goal is phase in the fees to avoid unintentional consequences.
- 7) Parking Systems – For Ka Iwi, and some other parks, there are no plans to install a parking booth, although different parking systems are being considered; some new parking systems allow the use of credit cards. Someone can show their residency and park for free by using a license or other State identification. It's not desired to charge residents for use of the State parks, since they contain many cultural sites that should be open to Native Hawaiians. Residents would not be discouraged from making donations, however.

- 8) Not Commercialization – DLNR has no intention of using the Ka Iwi Park commercially. The goal is not to commercialize parks, but to generate income to allow their preservation and maintenance.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- 1) Nighttime Use of Parks – A member of the Atlapac Fishing Club (AFC) related that club members often use the Ka Iwi coast area for overnight fishing; questions were raised about being able to park cars overnight at the parking lot. It was explained that there would be no parking fees for residents, and that the gate there currently closes at night and reopens in the morning and this procedure is unlikely to change. The Ka Iwi parking lot is locked at night to eliminate the illicit activity (motorcycle gangs, drug activity, etc.) happening there in the evenings; the area previously belonged to Kamehameha Schools before they gave it to DLNR. Many Oahu parks are shut down at night; however, the neighbor islands are less likely to close down their parks at night. DLNR does issue permits for nighttime excursions, such as during a full moon.
- 2) New Parking Systems – One of the technologies being considered uses a solar-powered machine to keep track of parking with a high-tech collection system that would accept credit cards, and could scan drivers' license cards to determine residency (or use the credit card zip code for that). The parking system involves a machine in the lot that motorists use after parking, instead of an entry gate. Concern was expressed that the addition of parking systems may hurt the beauty of the affected parks; many enjoy the parks because they are undeveloped. It was reiterated that the new parking system technology doesn't require a great deal of development. DLNR would issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) and invite vendors to bid on the project; the vendor selected is usually the one with the best price. The vendor would be required to do checks of the parks, and conditions can be added to require a security presence prescribing a certain number of nighttime visits; the extra requirements are often worth a small loss in income since they greatly increase safety and preservation. Revenues from any parking system would go to a State park special fund for operating, managing, and improving parks. The advantages of a private vendor handling the parking system (versus the State) are that: (a) they are specialists in parking systems; (b) the cost would likely be less to pay a vendor to manage the parks rather than State employees; (c) the DLNR staff is already overworked; and (d) the State doesn't really have the money to buy and install the needed equipment that a vendor could provide. It was suggested to make money available in the budget for the State to own and run the parking system, which would likely generate more income in the long run. Not all parks would receive the same parking system, if any; for example, at Kokee Park, DLNR has a good relationship with the non-profit organization who runs the property, and they may be able to work as partners on a parking system.
- 3) Fees and Income – Collecting fees from walk-ins may be more difficult, either to be done on the honor system or to be linked with the parking system; there are not often a great deal of walk-ins to some of the State parks, due to their locations, although there are some on weekends. It was requested to be placed in writing that residents wouldn't be charged these proposed park parking fees. Ms. Thielen indicated that it's written in the submittal that parking fees apply only to visitors, not residents; she continued to state that she would like the parking fee rules to be put into the Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), to ensure a public process if the rules were to be changed. Hawaii camping fees, which were the lowest in the nation, may be increased from \$5 to \$10. A fee for visitor only was proposed for the Makapu'u Trail, but not the lookout. Using the 2002 and 2007 Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) surveys with visitor counts, resident and non-resident, an estimated \$2 million per year total is anticipated from the fee additions and increases. DLNR is studying the national park model regarding entry fees, and trying to think of creative ways to generate revenue. Different figures have been used to describe the cost and potential income of the Makapu'u Lighthouse. It was clarified that if the traffic to a certain park won't support the price of the installation of a parking system and a vendor to operate it, then there's no reason for installation. It was noted that the parking or walk-in machines should accept State identification cards as well as driver's licenses.
- 4) Park Resources and Management – The goal of Plan B is to better care for the State's resources. DLNR acquired more land in Pupukea, but received no more staff or funding to care for the area. The community has expressed its disappointment in the poor management of parks, etc.; it was clarified that resources are needed to manage the parks and other lands that DLNR maintains. DLNR's portion of the total State budget is less than 1%. It may be preferred to increase enforcement of current rules and generate income from the fines for violations. It was inquired why the State doesn't use prison labor to maintain the parks.
- 5) Committee Investigation – It was suggested to refer the issue to the Parks and Recreation Committee (PR); Ms. Thielen offered to take into consideration any recommendations for the RFP from the committee.

- 6) Tourists – It may not be welcoming to tourists to levy more taxes on them. It was suggested to offer tourists the opportunity to pay a flat fee to secure entry into every State park listed in a brochure that's given to them to better advertise the State's features. Selling one-time purchase lifetime tickets to State parks was also proposed.
- 7) Cost-Benefit Analysis – Questions were raised about analyzing the cost-benefits of Plan B, and it was inquired if more imaginative ideas were considered.
- 8) Conservation – DLNR would like to move the Ka Iwi area into a wilderness district which is in addition to the Governor's current action to move the Ka Iwi makai lands from urban to conservation designation to keep it protected in perpetuity as well as uphold the public's desire to fend off development at Ka Iwi. Open areas need to be preserved.
- 9) Hawea Heiau Issues – The Hawea Heiau land issues (developer, fines, penalties, etc.) are currently under investigation, so Ms. Thielen is not allowed to comment on them; more than just DLNR is involved. Ms. Thielen assured that she will follow up with the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) and convey any information to the Board and the Burial Council. The preservation plan for Hawea Heiau complex needs community input and a planned timeline. The State requires an applicant to hire an archaeologist to create the preservation plan, and then the State reviews the plan; however, some residents felt that such a plan would then be biased, and expressed the concern that the community wouldn't be consulted. Most residents oppose any development for Hawea Heiau.

Makino raised a point of order that the discussion did not relate to the current agenda item; Acting Chair Reilly ruled the point of order well-taken and reminded everyone to keep their debate to the subject of Recreational Renaissance Plan B.

- 10) Limiting Access – It was felt that much of the plans seem to limit access of the public to natural resources. DLNR is not proposing to restrict any access to the Ka Iwi coast or to Kaena Point. Regarding Kapapa Island, the camping rules may be changed, but the intent is to avoid affects on fishermen.
- 11) National Park Model – Almost all national parks charge entry fees; the national parks receive base funding from the Federal government and use 80% of the fees they collect. It was suggested to sell items or offer concessions at parks, as they do in national parks.
- 12) Parking Lot Crime – In the past, there have consistently been HPD officers in area parking lots because of the car break-ins, and officers have requested signs in the park to warn visitors to lock their cars.

Without objection, the agenda item Coastal Area Memorials on the Ka Iwi Coast (9.3) was heard next.

NEW BUSINESS [1]:

Discussion of Coast Area Memorials on the Ka Iwi Coast [1] – This item was discussed somewhat during the above agenda item. Acting Chair Reilly referenced a recent November 21, 2009 article in the Honolulu Advertiser. Ms. Thielen provided the following background information:

Background – It has been a custom to create memorials or shrines along the coast for those who passed away; originally DLNR saw no problem with the shrines, but then they began to greatly increase in number. DLNR wants to be sensitive in removing the memorials, to avoid causing pain to the families, but it was pointed out that their placement on State land is illegal. The informal policy may be changed, after community input is received, to allow one shrine per group, so that the coast isn't covered with shrines.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- 1) Many Areas Affected – This issue may cover many different communities, and the areas affected include park lands, boat harbors, any unencumbered State lands, etc.
- 2) Structures on Public Lands – It was reiterated that private individuals are not allowed to erect any structures on public lands without permits.

- 3) Letter – A letter was requested from DLNR to help the Board to explain the issues to the community; it may be a good idea to provide a copy of the letter to some other affected Neighborhood Boards (NB's) as well.

PUBLIC GENERATED ISSUES:

Lion's Club Holiday Parade – On November 28, 2009, the Lion's Club will hold a Holiday Parade from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Lunalilo Home Road; volunteers were requested to please call 396-7721.

Hanauma Bay Education – The City spent about \$13 million to upgrade Hanauma Bay Park to better educate visitors and children, which included the installation of touch-screen computers. However, the computers have been out of order for about nine months, arguably eliminating the educational value of the project. The video that is offered is decently made, but the projector needed to display it hasn't worked for the past four to eight months. The financial procedures that the City is required to follow, similar to the State's, seem to preclude preventative maintenance and rapid repair. It's rumored that there's still about \$4 million in the Hanauma Bay Fund, and with a recent fee increase, there should be enough money available to fix the computers and projector. A resident wrote to the City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) about the out of order equipment and didn't yet receive a response. It was queried as to when the equipment will be repaired or replaced.

OFFICIALS' REPORTS:

Mayor's Office Representative – Gordon Bruce, the Director of the City Department of Information Technology (DIT), circulated the newsletter, and supplied the following information:

- 1) Hanauma Bay – The Hanauma Bay Fund has to follow State procurement laws, set up to prevent the misuse of taxpayer money; Mr. Bruce will follow up on the status of the equipment at Hanauma Bay.
- 2) Emailed Mayor's Reports – The Mayor's reports (with the questions asked and the follow-up provided) is an internal document, but Mr. Bruce will try to email it a few days before the meeting to Board members.
- 3) Bulky Trash Pickup – The bulky trash pickup process will be monitored (for at least 30 days), and citations may begin two days after the bulky items are noted, possibly to include \$500 fines per day. It was added that Hawaii Kai was the first area to receive free monthly bulky trash pickup.
- 4) Rail Project – Although the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the rail project doesn't require financial information, the City noted some financial information.
- 5) Park Lighting – DPR has discovered that the manually operated light timers that allow park user interaction are no longer available. The City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) is exploring other types of timer mechanisms that would allow variable time selectivity and adjustment appropriate for each park. The Kamilo Nui/Iki Park will be checked because the lights should not remain on late into the night.
- 6) Koko Crater Botanical Garden and Equestrian Center – The Honolulu Botanical Gardens is concerned with fulfilling its mission to "plan, develop, curate, maintain and study documented collections of tropical plants in an aesthetic setting for the purposes of conservation, botany, horticulture, education and passive recreation"; therefore, the preservation of its plan collections is of primary concern. Visitors to the garden meander through the different trails to access various sections. To protect the plan specimens, no vehicles are allowed on the trails except for maintenance vehicles. There does not appear to be any suitable, alternative riding trails within the area that would be appropriate for humans and horses to safely share. There are issues still pending with the concessionaire regarding burial of horses, removal of fences, etc. For more information about the gardens, please call Ms. Winifred Singeo at 522-7060.
- 7) Hanapepe Beach Right-of-Way (BROW) Concerns – The Board previously adopted a resolution requesting the immediate removal of the locked gate and replacement of the ladder at the Hanapepe BROW, in addition to requesting DPR to ask the homeowners to trim the trees there. Hanapepe BROW will remain locked until repairs can be made to make it safe for public use. DPR is reviewing options, and all repairs will require plans to be reviewed by DDC. Funding for the repairs is being sought from existing funds and future Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds. Legal action requiring the adjacent neighbors to trim their trees that caused the damage to the fence and the deterioration to the stairs is also being considered.

- 8) Hahaione Stream Cleaning – Hahaione Stream cleaning is tentatively scheduled for mid-December 2009, pending availability of manpower and equipment. Any branches growing on private property that encroach into the City right-of-way should be removed by the property owner; the City has very limited resources.
- 9) Honolulu Statistics – Honolulu is estimated to be the 12th largest city in the U.S., and is ranked 8th in the nation for the use of technology for delivery of public services and information to residents.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- 1) Koko Crater Botanical Garden and Equestrian Center – There is a contract between the botanical garden and the concessionaire for use of the trail. The agreement spells out the area that the equestrian center is allowed to use, and it doesn't include some of the areas that they are currently using; if more space is needed, permission must be requested before use.
- 2) Bulky Trash Pickup – Sometimes the bulky items are too big or heavy to be handled except by lifting professionals, and they can't/won't wait for the right pickup day (Sears for example no longer hauls refrigerators away, and just put them at the curb). One suggestion was that the City go by weight and not cite people if the items are heavy. Questions were raised about how those rules would be enforced. It was suggested to refer the matter to the Environmental Committee. The chronic illegal dumping on Kahala Avenue was cited (not done by area residents), and residents stated they called the City Department of Environmental Services (ENV) with no response. There was general agreement that homeowners shouldn't be punished because others are dumping in front of their property. Another proposal was to increase the amount of time to put out bulky items, such as allow the items to be placed out the weekend prior, instead of the day before, so that elders, etc., can arrange help to put out the items at the right time.

Solutions, including stricter rules for placement of bulky items and notice for any citations need to be discussed.

- 3) Hanapepe Beach Right-of-Way (BROW) – Consternation was expressed that it was the owners of the houses worth millions of dollars on either side of the Hanapepe BROW who caused the damage to the area, and it was strongly urged that those homeowners be made to pay for the repairs. At the very least, it was recommended that fines be imposed. Mr. Bruce noted that the City still must follow its legal and procurement procedures, even in protection of a BROW.
- 4) Water Fountain Turned Off – It was inquired why the water fountain by the 7-11 store on Pepeekeo Street. was recently turned off.

Councilmember Charles Djou – Kenny Amazaki, from Councilmember Charles Djou's Office, distributed the report and announced that the next Council committee hearings would be held on December 1 and 3, 2009, and the next full Council meeting would be held on December 16, 2009.

Governor's Office Representative – Russ Saito, the Comptroller of the State Department of Accounting and General Services, circulated the newsletter, and called attention to the following items:

- 1) Furlough Fridays – Gov. Lingle announced a plan to restore 27 Fridays of class time over the next year-and-a-half by using part of the Rainy Day Fund and 15 non-classroom days beginning January 1, 2010.
- 2) Tourism and Exports – Gov. Lingle traveled to China to try to boost tourism and exports. The trip had three purposes: (a) increase business opportunities in Hawaii; (b) boost tourism; and (c) increase energy collaboration. The trip at the very least, resulted in a Hawaii booth in Shanghai to display products from Hawaii and direct flights from China to Hawaii from the largest airline in China next year.
- 3) H1N1 Vaccine Program – DOH has begun a program to administer the H1N1 flu vaccine to children; those less than 10 years old need two doses of the vaccine.
- 4) Makapu'u Highway Improvements – The roadwork will start on November 29, 2009, and will run for one week before stopping for the holidays. Work will continue on January 4, 2010 and will continue for approximately 15 months. Obstruction to traffic will be minimized as much as possible.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

H1N1 Vaccine Program – Kaiser Hospital indicated that the State Department of Health (DOH) did not give them enough of the H1N1 flu vaccine for their high risk members; however, DOH reported that Kaiser chose not to participate in the DOH program yet. Mr. Saito will follow up.

Senator Sam Slom – Senator Sam Slom distributed his report and touched on the following items:

- 1) Furlough Fridays – Sen. Slom was opposed to a special session to discuss Furlough Fridays, and is opposed to raiding the Rainy Day Fund (or any special funds) to eliminate the furlough days.
- 2) Judge Edwin Nacino Appointed – The Senate met in special session for two days to facilitate Judge Nacino's appointment to the First Circuit Court for Oahu.
- 3) State Bridges Need Repair – Out of the State's 1,175 bridges a total of 446 of them (38%) are considered structurally deficient or functionally obsolete in a survey published by Better Roads magazine. The cost for upgrades is \$4 billion, which some legislators are proposing to pay for with new taxes.
- 4) Budget Shortfall – The legislature is looking at raiding the General Excise Tax collection for rail and the Transient Accommodations Tax to use to close the \$2 billion budget deficit.
- 5) Session Opening – The session opens on January 20, 2010, with no usual entertainment and food.

Senator Fred Hemmings – No representative or report present.

Representative Gene Ward – Representative Gene Ward circulated his report and emphasized the following:

- 1) Kalaniana'ole Highway Retaining Wall Project – The State Department of Transportation (DOT) announced that there will be no daytime lane closures during the Kalaniana'ole Highway Retaining Wall project. The improvements should last for another 75 years. The project is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2010, and road closures will end by September 2010. The timing of the nighttime closures will be Sunday through Thursday between 9:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.
- 2) Koko Crater Botanical Garden and Equestrian Center – Rep. Ward didn't receive the letter referenced earlier in the meeting regarding the Equestrian Center and its agreement with the garden.
- 3) Furlough Fridays – The contract must be reopened to change the Furlough Fridays, and it hopefully will be done soon. Rep. Ward supports a special session and raiding the Rainy Day Fund to eliminate furloughs. If Furlough Fridays are not resolved, community feedback will be sought on how legislators should proceed in a town hall meeting on December 9, 2009. Call Beth at 586-6420 for more information.
- 4) Maunalua Bay Safety Solutions – A meeting was held on November 3, 2009, to address safety issues in Maunalua Bay in response to Keahu Lum's fatal accident on October 4, 2009. A list of doable no-cost or low-cost ideas were suggested, such as more signs on buoys regarding boat speed limits, enlarging no-wake areas and re-zoning certain areas of the bay for swimmers and divers only to avoid conflicts. The consensus at the meeting was that the biggest issue was the lack of enforcement of existing rules. Rep. Ward is awaiting a meeting with DLNR's community contact, Malama Maunalua.
- 5) Session Opening – Rep. Ward felt it appropriate, in the down economy, with one-third of revenue lost, to not have a celebration to mark the opening of the session. More efficiency is needed during this session.

Representative Lyla Berg – Representative Lyla Berg distributed her report and specified the following information:

- 1) Furlough Fridays – A non-profit organization, Hawaii Education Matters, is working on the school furloughs.
- 2) Keiki Identification (ID) Cards – The Keiki ID program is a free service to parents or guardians, providing them a credit card sized photo ID for their child (12 years and younger only). The program will be offered at a booth at Kahala Mall on December 5, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

- 3) Shop with a Cop – Each year, Kahala Mall's security partners with HPD to select one child per school to participate in its Shop with a Cop program. A total of 18 children (fourth through sixth grades) were chosen to participate in this event, which will be held on December 5, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 4) Chaminade High School Workshops – In response to public school furloughs, Chaminade University will hold three half-day events for high school students at its Waialae campus. The next workshop, Germs on Me, Part 1, will be held on December 4, 2009, where students will learn introductory concepts in disease prevention and bacteriology and conduct experiments by culturing their own bacteria.
- 5) Session Opening – Rep. Berg also felt it appropriate to not have the usual celebration to mark the opening of the session, and stated that the legislators would get down to work after the brief opening ceremony.
- 6) Historic Site Protection – Rep. Berg inquired about what DLNR needs to enable SHPD to fulfill its mission and protect historic sites such as Hawea Heiau.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

Olelo Television Program – All legislators are invited to use Olelo studio time to inform and engage the public, so Rep. Berg started a television program, *Voice of Change*, to post interviews and display community concerns. The show will begin on January 6, 2010, at 7:30 p.m., on Channel 52.

NEW BUSINESS [2]:

Discussion/Action on \$60 Allocation for One-Year Fee for Domain Name "hknb.org" – Acting Chair Reilly explained that former Board member A.J. Halagao paid for the domain name and web-hosting for the Board for the past two months, and will continue to work with the Communications Committee on content and provide updates pro-bono.

Weller moved to allocate \$60 for the fee for the domain name hknb.org and hosting fee. Discussion ensued:

- 1) Useful Resource – The Board's website was widely deemed to be a useful resource. It was suggested to reevaluate the usefulness of the website after a year. The website has a great deal of information about area civic groups, activities, what the Board does, etc.
- 2) Updates – Reilly will work with Mr. Halagao on updates to the website.
- 3) Neighborhood Boards' Web Presence – Some other Neighborhood Boards have websites, such as Kailua (No. 31), and Kaneohe (No. 30) has a blog. The official Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) website can be difficult to navigate to find the Board's individual websites.

The motion to allocate \$60 for the fee for the domain name hknb.org and hosting fee was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0 (AYE: Garvin, Isgar, Levy, Makino, Monk, Reilly, Rutkowski, Tanabe, Weller).

Discussion/Action on City Council Resolution 09-301 Relating to Street Lighting Technologies – Natalie Iwasa conveyed that the Council adopted Resolution 09-301 to request the City look at newer street lighting technologies in reaction to the Hawaii Kai lighting issues, one of which is the installation of a 40-year old technology into a residential area. Councilmember Djou is still working on a bill related to lighting and limits to electrical usage.

Discussion of Coast Area Memorials on the Ka Iwi Coast [2] – This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parks and Recreation (PR) – PR Chair Isgar reported that the following issues were recently discussed: (a) Koko Head District Park, Kamilo Nui/Iki lighting improvements and timers; (b) beach access; (c) Koko Head Equestrian Center; (d) Hanauma Bay Fund; and (e) Maunaloa Bay. The next meeting will be held in late January or early February 2010. An item to be discussed is the proposal for an Adopt-a-Park program for Koko Head District Park.

Education – Education Committee Chair Makino relayed the following: (a) the Kaiser High School community council approved the conversion of three planning days to instructional days; (b) the Hawaii Kai Jaycees will sponsor Springfest's Happy Days in Hawaii Kai, with rides for children, food, games, and crafts, on March 27, 2010;

(c) the fundraising project Cougar Park has so far raised about \$20,000 (\$150 per family); and (d) school community councils will consider policies prohibiting loss of instruction days and prohibiting participation in activities that take students away from class time; for example, school athletes often miss as many as 20 instructional days.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

Furlough Days – Elementary schools in the area haven indicated that they will match the schedules of instructional days to make it easier on students and their families. Flyers with Friday activities were mailed out, but there didn't seem to be many kids involved in the activities.

Transportation and Safety (TS) – TS Chair Garvin circulated notes of the last meeting and summarized the following items that were recently discussed: (a) no construction projects to repair the sidewalks on Lunalilo Home Road, but maintenance is constant and ongoing; (b) the repaving of Lunalilo Home Road will wait until Sandwich Islands has installed their telecommunications lines; (c) legislative changes would be needed to all re-use of asphalt when roads are repaved; (d) a third traffic lane will be added on Kalaniana'ole Highway, Ewa-bound, from Keahole Street to Hawaii Kai Drive in January 2010 to ease traffic congestion; (e) no immediate plans to add a left turn lane into Koko Marina Center and a second right turn lane from Lunalilo Home Road at Kalaniana'ole Highway; (f) Makapuu repaving project; (g) pedestrian countdown timer walk signals; (h) no CIP's for the area are scheduled by the City at this time; (i) planned resurfacing of Kalaniana'ole Highway from West Hind Drive to Lunalilo Home Road in late Summer 2010; and (j) the Independence Day at Maunalua Bay Block Party proposal.

Environment – Environment Committee Chair Levy recounted the following recently discussed items: (a) graffiti was a large issue, and if legislation relating to graffiti is introduced again, an increase in penalties would be desired; and (b) a suggestion was made to have the homeless manage the parks, but slavery is not the intent, and it didn't seem fair to allow the homeless to live in the parks.

Planning and Zoning (PZ) – PZ Chair Weller noted that Hawea Heiau/Park ownership changed hands and is currently owned by an auctioneer, but the property will be conveyed back to landowner in the near future.

Community Relations; Communications; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) – No reports were given for these items.

OTHER BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Board Member Announcements – The following announcements were detailed: (a) the Lion's Club is sponsoring the Hawaii Kai parade on November 29, 2009, and help is needed for the farmer's float on Friday before the parade; (b) the presentation heard from the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council differed from the article written on the organization published in the Honolulu Weekly, providing two different views; (c) the report from Hawaii American Water about odor control measures was received as promised; and (d) the Neighborhood Commission Office mandatory agenda template period has concluded, the Neighborhood Commission (NC) requested comments, Chair Knudsen has voiced his opposition to the agenda template, and anyone else is invited to comment to the NC or to Chair Knudsen.

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

December Recess and Next Meeting – The Board will recess in December. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2010, 7:00 p.m., at Hahaione Elementary School Cafeteria.

Olelo Broadcast of Meetings – Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board regular meetings are broadcast every Tuesday of the month at 9:00 p.m. on Olelo Channel 54. Check TV listings to confirm schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

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