

Enchanted Lake Residents Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 10 December 2024

PRESENT: Greg Colbert, Mike Compton (remote), Linda Jenks, Connie Jewell, Todd Jewell, Alan Richardson, Fran Tannen, Cindy Turner and Melody Spencer (Admin Assistant).

ABSENT: Gus Gustavson and Margaret Novack.

SPECIAL GUESTS: Jim Scofield and Hugo De Vries.

CALL TO ORDER: **Greg Colbert** called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM. A quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER MINUTES – M. Novack had emailed draft minutes to the board prior to the meeting. T. Jewell moved to approve the minutes and L. Jenks seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT – G. Gustavson had emailed the Monthly Financial Report for the month ending November 2024 to the Board along with the following summary prior to the meeting:

The Profit and Loss Year to Date spreadsheet for this FY and last FY is attached. Revenues are tracking approximately the same as last year. Although assessment revenues are \$2226 greater than last year, \$2200 of that revenue was the payoff of the delinquent property account. There were only two additional assessment payments in November. Therefore, assessment revenues represent about 107 Assessed Members (SFD) and 15 Kukilakila Voluntary Members.

Investment income is \$10,168 for July to November, which represents income from our Treasury Bills. There was essentially no investment income in November as no Treasury Bills matured. The American Savings Bank September end of month balance is \$2,252 in Savings and \$21,576 in checking.

The Financial report was accepted by acclimation pending audit.

ADMINISTRATION:

Communications Log: provided by email.

Kailua Neighborhood Board Meeting Report: **M. Novack** had emailed the report prior to the meeting:

The KNB approved three subcommittee motions:

- a. Requests that the City and County of Honolulu establish standardized beach information and warning signs at all City and County beach parks. A comprehensive sign should be placed at each park entrance and near each lifeguard station to include hazardous currents and shore breaks and current conditions including wave heights, jellyfish advisories, brown water advisories, shark sightings, turtle or monk seal cautions, and beach hours. Such beach signs should be updated on a daily basis as needed.

- b. Supports the formation of a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) to investigate the possibility of a landfill in Kailua. There was considerable spirited discussion about this topic. Apparently, there was no consultation with Kailua/Windward officials before it was announced that four of the five candidate locations for Oahu's next landfill site were in the Kailua area. It seems a "PIG" is not used very often. There was some consternation about what the actual rules are and who could chair one.
- c. The KNB urges, the Legislature to adopt Good Government Reforms.
WHEREAS the Kailua Neighborhood Board is a citizens' advisory board whose purpose is to "increase and assure effective citizen participation in the decisions of government"; and
WHEREAS although the Hawaii State Legislature convened the Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct (CISC) in 2022 "for the purpose of reforming basic underpinnings of our state governance, specifically the laws surrounding corruption, lobbying, ethics, and campaign spending", during the legislative sessions that followed the CISC's issuance of its final report, legislators failed to act on its most impactful proposals, including increasing safeguards on campaign contributions, prohibiting unilateral power to kill bills, allowing public immediate viewing of testimony, improving public financing of elections, and allowing the public to vote on term limits for legislators; and
WHEREAS the legislature adopts its own rules of operation because the Hawaii Constitution contains very few requirements and has the authority to implement rules changes to make itself more transparent and ethical; and
WHEREAS both the House and Senate have adopted rules that give committee chairs the power to decide which bills referred to their committees receive hearings, and which do not; and
WHEREAS the rules regarding the releasing of the testimony only require release at the time of the hearing, which impedes committee members and the public from gaining a better understanding of the issues prior to the hearing; and
WHEREAS bills that do not create or expend funds (non-fiscal bills) are often needlessly referred to the House and Senate finance committees, creating an insurmountable backlog and inevitably giving chairs the authority to defer bills not in their purview; and
WHEREAS co-sponsorship of bills promotes collaboration and ensures that bills with board support receive proper consideration and ensuring popular bills can't be blocked by leadership; and
WHEREAS bills can be substantially amended without prior notice or public discussion, and amendments in writing provide clarity for the public but also for the legislators themselves, along with assuring all amendments are voted on in public; and
WHEREAS bills introduced by request do not always include disclosure of the entity that made the introduction and allow lawmakers to be inculpable; and THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kailua Neighborhood Board respectfully urges the legislature to pass the following amendments to the House and Senate Rules before the 2025 Legislative Session:

1. Each committee shall make all testimony it receives immediately available for public review – at least 22 hours before the hearing, and at least 2 hours before the hearing for “late” testimony;
 2. Each committee shall vote on the disposition of all bills referred to the committee and shall not use “deferrals” as a means of hiding committee member positions on bills;
 3. Bills that do not create or expend funds (non-fiscal bills) shall not be referred to finance committees;
 4. Amendments to bills must be in the possession of all committee legislators before the amended version of the bill can be voted on;
 5. Bills introduced “by request” must include a disclosure of the entity that made the request;
 6. Enact term limits on Chair and Leadership Positions to curb the outsized and corrupting power that such positions can accumulate over time.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Hawai'i, members of the 2025 Hawai'i State Legislature, and all Neighborhood Boards.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Relations Committee, Annual Meeting: Discussion was had about the annual Christmas Boat Parade to be scheduled for Friday 12/20/24 or Saturday 12/21/24, depending on weather. December 28 was offered as a backup date.

Dredging Committee – G. Colbert See Executive Session.

Environmental Committee – L. Jenks briefed the board on the report which was emailed prior to the meeting.

Two major letters have gone out, one to Carol Tyau-Beam, the State NFIP Coordinator at DLNR regarding the flood maps, and the second one to Gene Albano, Director of C&C DFM, thanking him for the recent berm openings and making suggestions about future berm openings. We included a list of desirable dates for future berm openings for the coming year and encouraged him to meet with us while Bob Bourke is here on island in December/ January. The letters are a product of significant collaboration between many of us, and I am happy to report our progress on getting these done. See the two attached letters.

Derek's report was sent earlier and shows similar results to what we have seen in the past. Salinity decreases during periods when the berm is not open. Dissolved oxygen is variable but is often lower than desirable. Also of note is that there is a decrease in nutrients moving from mauka to makai, indicating that the pond is doing its job of reducing nutrient loads in the water prior to it making its way to the ocean.

There have been no berm openings during the past month.

There is a collaboration project that has started involving restoration of Kailua Beach that we will be following, to see if there will be any impact on the status of the berm.

The lake level has been steady at 2.0 feet, with rainfall offsetting evaporation.

A single Brant goose has been seen in the Kaelepulu wetland and lake near the wetland over the last few weeks. It's considered a rarity in the Hawaiian Islands. This small species of goose breeds in the Arctic, and winters along the coasts in North America, Europe and Asia.



Operations Committee – G. Colbert reported that the eco-harvester was taken out to Kimo's Cove and removed 2 barge loads of lake debris which was dried out and removed.

His earlier efforts to notify the residents of a rental home on Wanao Rd of an upcoming mangrove removal resulted in his establishing contact with the latest management company. They have been very cooperative about overdue maintenance fees. They claimed they didn't know the owners were in arrears and stated they will pay-up. They will also compensate Sean O'Connell for the mangrove removal.

M. Compton is in progress with a long-term project to take photos of docks along the lake to monitor their condition to determine if repairs need to be made on residents' docks.

AJOURNMENT: G. Colbert adjourned the meeting at 8:27 PM.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY: Melody Spencer

NEXT MEETING:

- Board of Directors Meeting – 14 Jan 2025 at 7:00 pm – Virtual
- Kailua Neighborhood Board Meeting: 6 January 2025– ?

Note: See the *Enchanted Lake Residents Association/Ka'elepulu Pond website's home page for meeting schedule and link to the approved board meeting minutes (kaelepulupond.org).*