

Notes from Kailua Neighborhood Board Meeting

July 1, 2021

Comment from A & B rep – wanted to be sure the bowling alley was “safe.”

Mid-Pac will be having its annual Kailua Beach Run – from boat ramp to end of beach and back – Sunday, July 11th starting at 7am. Lasts about 1 – 1 1/2 hrs.

Fire Dept. stats for June 103 medical calls, 6 motor vehicle calls and 8 mountain rescues. KNB question – how many from the Pillboxes. Monthly tip – keep you bbq grills clean and away from your home.

KMCAS Squad 268 hosted and all girl church group to view the Osprey. It was of interest to the girls that the Base has an all female Marine aircraft crew. The Base will be having fireworks from 8:30 to 8:50 on the 4th of July off the Clipper Golf Course. It will not be open to the public – military only. But they can be seen from various Kaneohe and Kailua areas.

Lifeguards and EMS will be “easing into extended hours of service” – mobile units will no longer be closing at 5pm. The towers will close. Cut off time was not stated.

There was no new update for raising the wall at Wendy’s. Residents hope for 10 to 12 feet. Many people testified – especially those on Uluopili Loop behind Wendy’s. The lights there are very bright and shine all night right into their bedrooms, deliveries at all hours, trash being emptied and there is the second entrance through the back wall that encourages more foot traffic on their street all the time. Just wait till the Freshmen start at KHS on August 6th it was noted. A resident has visited every other Wendy’s on the island and no one else has 2 entrances. There is also the problem of many illegal U-turns and the traffic backing up on the Pali waiting to get in to the lot or drive-thru. Our Representatives have all been working on this problem and hope for some solutions.

Board member Tomasa stated the Covid halting of evictions will expire on August 6. Governor wants 70% vaccinated before all restrictions will be lifted. Lt. Gov. thinks it should be earlier. If you have been vaccinated, you may enter to win a new round of prizes that started July 12 and will go to August 20.

Some "housekeeping rules" needing votes: Meetings will be 1st Thurs. at 7pm – passed. Now legal to hold in- person meetings. Will continue to participate in Olelo broadcast program. Presentations can be up to 10 min. long and individual testimony limited to 3 minutes. All Committees and sub committees will stay in effect. They will keep the same order of business.

Peter Branco's report: A homeless woman, Sonia, was not looking good. She was seen for a wellness check and is much better now. A bill banning "ghost guns" was passed. Trash in Hamakua canal is being addressed. Call Rep. Branco's office for info. Levani Lipton inquired about the trash by Windward Boats- right as you enter Kailua. He will try to solve this problem.

Lisa Martens rep: Lisa met with Wendy's rep and is working with HPD and DOH on this problem. Big signs will alert all to no parking in Lanikai and it will also be on all social media.

Esther Kiaaina: proposed Bill 27 which requires all SMA applications go to Neighborhood Boards before it goes to Zoning. The Managing Director has assured the Rep. that money will be allocated for the long term fix of the boat ramp. Gary Weller suggested they interview local boat owners who launch there for suggestions. The Maunawili Falls Trail will be reopened when the DLNR says it is complete. Esther is trying to get a minimum of a 6 ft. wall behind Wendy's with no access to foot traffic. There is talk of perhaps a hybrid wall of plantings above the 6 ft. wall. Kiaaina was thanked for getting \$5 million for local farmers.

Scott Matayoshi: Has introduced a bill that will become law to support local farmers to increase our food security. He is also trying to push forward rules prohibiting helicopters from flying low over our communities and tourist points of interest.

Kai Kahele's rep: Spoke of his working on: Invest in America Act, removing Confederate Statues, appoint a commission to investigate the January 6th riot. He also is concerned about the low flying helicopters.

Board member David Laeha is very concerned about the lack of any enforcement of helicopter rules. Their own "governing" handbook was last updated 15 years ago.

John H.? (did not get his name)said plans for the expansion of the Women's Correctional Center has started. The farming area will not be disturbed. A traffic study is in progress and the entrance will need to be enlarged.

Kailua Town Center will host a Disaster Preparedness Fair on Sept. 4th.