



North Shore Chamber of Commerce
Laniakea Stakeholders Task Force Agenda
Chamber Offices/Visitor Center
September 2, 2015, 6:30 to 7:30pm

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I. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM and established that there was a quorum. She introduced guest Boyd Ready, appointed acting Recording Secretary.

II. Members present (9) were: Antya Miller, Chamber Executive Director, Bill Quinlan Chamber Board Member, Kathleen Pahinui, Chair of the North Shore Neighborhood Board (NSNB), Jeanne Martinson, President of Sunset Beach Community Association, Bill Martin, Save Laniakea Coalition (group that brought lawsuit against state), Malia Evans, Hawaiian Culture and Anthropology, Bob Justice, Kawaihoa NSNB representative, Kalani Fronda, Land Assets Manager of Landowner/Kamehameha Schools, John DeSoto, Kawaihoa Ranch

Guests: Laura Figueira (Council Chair Ernie Martin's office), Senator Gil Riviere, and Representative Feki Pouha.

III. Chamber Board of Directors Motion from July 21, 2015 Meeting

“That we facilitate a meeting with the Governor with key stakeholders from our community, developing consensus beforehand, and also keep our elected officials informed of this initiative.”

The charge by the Board of Directors to the Committee was read, and was approved by acclamation.

IV. Governance

The Chair reviewed that this was a task force of the Chamber which is governed by Roberts' Rules of Order per the organization's bylaws. The voting members on the task force are the stakeholder representatives, and the role of the elected officials/representatives is to guide, inform, and advise the task force and be informed of/involved with the process.

V. Agenda for Meeting with Governor/Designee:

Introductions

Background Information

- Number of Visitors and Oahu Residents to North Shore: Antya
- Role of North Shore in Island's Tourism: Kathleen
- Popularity of Laniakea ("Turtle Beach"): # 1 Traffic Issue on N.S.: Jeanne
- Impacts on Residents in Area: Malia
- Need for Investment in Infrastructure of North Shore: Gil
- Brief Summary of Lawsuit: Laura

What are HDOT's Plan & Timeline for Below:

- Environmental Assessment for Barriers
- Special Management Area Permit (SMA) for Barriers
- 2012 Traffic Alternatives Analysis

Mahalo!

Note: the Mayor should be invited/involved with the meeting with the Governor or representative.

VI. Short-term Traffic Mitigation

A. Elected Officials (2 minutes each)

- Senator Riviere: Met with the Director of DOT and was told they hope to get the Environmental Assessment (EA) done in a year. This is probably optimistic. Yet the Alternatives Analysis that has been on-going since 2012 won't be done until next year. If the DOT considers the barriers a long-term solution, they should put it in the Alternatives Analysis. Regardless the study should be completed.
 - Council Chair Martin's Office (Laura Figueira): Laura briefly summarized the judgement regarding Laniakea and noted that the current statutory definition of a "park" is not descriptive of a developed park. If the EA takes a minimum of one year, plus the time to obtain the SMA permit, it may be quicker to revisit the definition of "park" to accurately describe a developed park. Then the barriers could go back in until an alternative is developed. Laura noted that we are spending very little on the housing/homeless crisis in comparison to the \$20 to \$45 million quoted for Laniakea. Her feeling is that there is not now, nor will there likely be, sufficient State money for even the most minimal highway re-alignment in the foreseeable future.

One possible alternative is to have an "escape route" like they have on the Big Island and leave Kamehameha Hwy. as is. She proposed that we could use Cane Haul Road at Kawailoa Drive and come out at Ashley Road (or the reverse) when Laniakea is jammed up. Malia brought up concerns regarding a heiau close to Cane Haul Road. Kalani stated that Kamehameha Schools would be willing to look at this alternative and they would build in a buffer for the heiau to address Malia's concern. There are five owners of Cane Haul Road including KS. This possibility should be added as an alternative.
 - Representative Pouha: Feki didn't have anything to add to the above.
- B. Task Force Discussion:
- *Kathleen Pahinui made a point of personal privilege on abstention from voting.
 - *A motion by Bob Justice, seconded by Kathleen, to advocate that the DOT complete the SMA, re-install the barriers as a temporary solution and complete the Alternatives Analysis was made and withdrawn after discussion. The consensus was that we should urge the governor to complete the Alternatives Analysis as quickly as possible as stated in the press releases.

VII. Next Meeting: TBD When Hear from Governor's Office

It was agreed that we don't need to meet until we hear from the Governor's office. Future agenda items should be: Address other possible alternatives to alleviate traffic such as redirecting tourist traffic, a shuttle between Haleiwa and Turtle Bay Resort, etc.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm. Announcements followed.