

KBRC Minutes
Dec 10, 2015
6:30-8:00PM
WCC, Hale Akoakoa #107
Kaneohe, HI

Member Miyasaka called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Member Tanaka provided the opening pule

There were four voting members in attendance: 1) Dr. Judy Lemus, 2) Mo Radke, 3) Jerry Kaluhiwa, and 4) Wayne Tanaka. Three non-voting members: 1) Alton Miyasaka, 2) Leo Asuncion, and 3) Tiffany Patrick

Also in attendance: Ray Sanborn, Clayton Hanagami, Rocky Kaluhiwa, Joe Pickard, Bob Twogood, Joseph Villanueva, Donna Camvel

Member Miyasaka briefed the KBRC on the last meeting of October 15, 2015, which was a phone in meeting only to approve the minutes of previous two meetings July 9, 2015 and to approved the formation of the commercial committee that would be advisory to the KBRC

Member Lemus moved to approve the KBRC October 15, 2015 minutes with Member Radke seconding. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The agenda moved to an introduction of Ms. Donna Camvel. Ms Camvel introduced herself, she is a Kaneohe resident and member of the Koolaupoko moku. She has a master's degree from the UH in Hawaiian studies; working in this community for a long time. Mrs. Rocky Kaluhiwa added more information on her chairing ARCH (Ahupuaa Restoration Council of Heeia) for a long time so she has historical information about Heeia and the State Park. Member Kaluhiwa also provided information in support of Ms. Camvel.

Member Miyasaka called for a motion to approve the nomination of Ms. Camvel as a non-voting member due to her extensive knowledge of the Kaneohe area, Koolaupoko moku, and active membership in a number of community organizations. (As a non-voting member nominated by the members, Ms. Camvel's nomination is not subject to Senate confirmation.)

Member Radke made the motion to approve with Member Kaluhiwa seconding. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Member Miyasaka moved to the next agenda item, which is a report from the commercial committee (CC) to the KBRC. The CC was formed to discuss whether certain operations on the bay are within the intent of the Kaneohe Bay master plan. The CC will provide their discussions to the KBRC, who will in turn, advise the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR).

The CC held its first meeting on December 1, 2015 in Hale Akoakoa, Windward Community College. Five persons were present: 1) Dr. Bruce Anderson, 2) Dr. Cindy Hunter, 3) Dr. Judy Lemus, 4) Mo Radke, and 5) Alton Miyasaka. Both Drs. Anderson and Hunter were part of the KBRC during the early 1990s when the master plan was being written. Their recollections of that time were very helpful to the current CC members.

Member Miyasaka projected that at least three CC meetings would be needed so that there would be additional opportunities to have further discussions on the matter. The CC decided that it would provide their discussions, both majority and minority opinions, for the KBRC's consideration so there would not be a majority rule process. Member Miyasaka would be presenting these CC discussions to the KBRC on behalf of the CC.

After consulting with the 1992 master plan, hearing the discussions in earlier KBRC meetings, and the combined memories of past members, the CC noted that the KBRC was interested in limiting the commercial recreational businesses operating in the bay at the time. The main problem the KBRC was trying to address were some jet ski and water ski operations in the bay that were thought to be incompatible with other uses.

They recommended that existing businesses (except for the jet ski and water ski operations?) would be allowed to continue operating under a permit system and that should a permitted business end, their permit would also end and not be re-issued. Eventually, all permits would be surrendered to the DLNR and there would be no such businesses over time. The KBRC also recommended a "no expansion" provision that was intended to not allow the permitted businesses to expand beyond their original operations.

The KBRC did note that there were not-for-profit and educational operations on the bay and that these kinds of operations were exempted from permits. The KBRC supported educational opportunities and their expansion. The CC also supports educational opportunities on the bay.

The CC noted that the term "education" was not defined so it is unclear what kinds of operations might fall into the education category. The CC's initial discussions were noting the difficulty in trying to define what education means. It also recognized that depending on how education is defined, it did not want to cause unintended consequences.

The CC asked DOBOR to create and provide a list of the current permits issued. Member Miyasaka noted that during an earlier discussion with Member Statts, she indicated that she had already developed such a list and would forward that list to Member Miyasaka.

Member Miyasaka moved to the next agenda item, the fishing panel (item #5 on the agenda). The discussion was about how the fishing panel chair and members would be selected. Member Kaluhiwa suggested that the persons should be fishers from the Kaneohe area. Member Lemus suggested that the fishing panel chair would be the main connection to the KBRC so the chair should be someone that the KBRC could work with. The KBRC should not be directing the fishing panel discussions nor selecting the members. The panel chair would be asked to find appropriate fishers for the panel. The panel would then self-form and have their discussions be brought before the KBRC. It was noted that this Saturday was a planned event in Kaneohe where potential fishing panel members might be found.

Member Miyasaka moved the discussions to future KBRC agenda items (item #6 on the agenda). Member Lemus asked about the status of the NERRS (National Estuarine Research Reserve System) proposal for Kaneohe. She asked if the KBRC should be discussing the proposal at future meetings to prepare a response.

Member Asuncion explained that there are two NERRS documents, the draft EIS and the draft Master Plan. Neither has been released to the public yet so there is no opportunity to provide comments. When those documents are made public, then the KBRC can begin discussions and place these items on their agenda. We don't know what the documents say so we should wait to review and comment. He estimates that February 2016 may be the next milestone. He will be notifying the KBRC as the documents are made public. The KBRC discussions and comments need to be timed with the NOAA call for public comments to ensure the KBRC comments are properly submitted for consideration.

Member Tanaka suggested that the KBRC think of ways to do more by amending the statutes to expand their duties and secure funding for support staff.

Member Asuncion noted that there should be a process to notify the KBRC if something is happening in Kaneohe Bay. The problem is there are so many things happening but no systematic or organized way to know about everything, compile this information, or inform people.

Public comments

Mr. Twogood and Mr. Villanueva asked for a copy of the list of permits.

Mr. Pickard reminded the Council of Act 208, SLH 1990 that established the Kaneohe Bay task force to study and develop recommendations for a Kaneohe Bay master plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.