

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, AND THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS, STRICTLY ENFORCE CITY ORDINANCES, AND ADDRESS COMMUNITY CONCERNS AT LUALUALEI BEACH PARK #2.

WHEREAS, Lualualei Beach Park #2 is a part of an 18-acre City and County of Honolulu ("City") park within a residential area, among other features, one comfort station, and picnic facilities, in addition to undeveloped land, and is located at 86-82 Pōkaī Bay St, Wai'anae, HI 96792, (TMK:86001007:0000 ); and

WHEREAS, Lualualei Beach Park #2 is located on State of Hawaii ("State") land that was set aside by Executive Order 1402 by the Governor for the purpose of a public park under the control and management of the City Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR"); and

WHEREAS, illegal activities such as camping, dumping, littering, vehicular traffic through the park and beach areas, burnouts, and street racing in the vicinity of Lualualei Beach Park #2 and along those portions of Pōkaī Bay Street affect the quality of life of surrounding neighbors, noise nuisances and the safety of the general public; and

WHEREAS, illegal activities of prostitution and vandalism in comfort stations; public use of drugs, and distribution throughout the vicinity of Lualualei Beach Park #2 affect the neighborhood, as well as the safety and well-being of the general public; and

WHEREAS, often, there are disturbances such as loud music, unpermitted parties, underage drinking, and domestic disputes at the park after closure hours that have a negative impact on residents and community members; and

WHEREAS, during the 10:00 pm park closure hours, community members report disturbances to HPD, but due to staff shortages and emergency prioritizing, shift change during 10:00 pm results in longer response times, sometimes two to three hours later response times, making it unsafe for Kupuna to physically meet with police officers; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Pōkaī Bay Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) created a petition which gained the support and 74 signatures of neighborhood residents; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, there was a police officer and suspect shooting. In 2020, on Pōkaī Bay Street, there was an arson case opened after a home was burnt down, and another case of the promotion of a dangerous drug #3 suspect was carrying a deadly weapon and breaking park closure rules. In 2021, there was a game room reported and bust on Pōkaī Bay Street; and

WHEREAS, members of the surrounding community have developed a plan to improve and protect Lualualei Beach Park, which includes the following steps:

- 1) Recognition of the undeveloped area of Lualualei Beach Park as a part of the more extensive City park by the DPR and the Honolulu Police Department ("HPD");
- 2) Adoption of closure hours between 8:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. and enforcement of park rules by the HPD;
- 3) Installation of signage that clearly states park rules, including specific prohibitions on illegal camping, trespassing, illegal dumping, and use of fireworks, and distinctly states the newly adopted park hours by the DPR;
- 4) Installation of gates at park entrances and to be secured during closure hours;
- 5) Placement of barriers, such as chains connected to posts or bollards, around the developed portion of Lualualei Beach Park #2 and extend from Pokai Bay Street where it intersects Farrington to inhibit the amassing of cars, trash, and campsites along the unimproved park area there as well park to prevent vehicular traffic in the picnic and beach areas around the parking areas; and
- 6) Installation of barriers along the stretch of Pōkaʻī Bay Street abutting the undeveloped portions of Lualualei Beach Park to prevent vehicles from entering the park when gates are closed and to deter illegal camping; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the members of the Pōkaʻī Bay Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) have petitioned and signed signatures of neighborhood residents in agreeance with earlier park closure hours to lock the comfort station and park closure hours from 8pm – 5am to prevent vandalism, noise nuisances, the use of the comfort station for illegal activity and sleeping quarters; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the members of the Pōkaʻī Bay Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW), neighborhood residents, and the Waiʻanae Community urges the City and County of Honolulu, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Honolulu Police Department to improve the quality of life and conditions also to address community concerns at Lualualei Beach Park #2 through the following actions:

- 1) Recognition of the undeveloped area of Lualualei Beach Park as a part of the more extensive City park by the DPR and the Honolulu Police Department ("HPD");

2) Adoption of closure hours between 8:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. and enforcement of park rules by the HPD;

3) Installation of signage that clearly states park rules, including specific prohibitions on illegal camping, trespassing, illegal dumping, no motorized vehicles beyond designated park areas and use of fireworks, and distinctly states the newly adapted park hours by the DPR;

4) Installation of gates at park entrances and to be secured during closure hours;

5) Placement of barriers, such as chains connected to posts or bollards, around the developed portion of the park to prevent vehicular traffic in the picnic and beach areas around the parking areas;

6) Installation of barriers along the stretch of Pōkaʻī Bay Street abutting the undeveloped portions of Lualualei Beach Park to prevent vehicles from entering the park when gates are closed and to deter illegal camping; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Honolulu City Council and the Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Facility and Maintenance, and the Honolulu Police Department create a multi-agency effort which is needed to clean and maintain the park and to enforce City ordinances, park rules; now, therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Waiʻanae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 supports this resolution in its request for assistance from the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Honolulu Police Department, with support from the Mayor's office, to address the concerns listed in this resolution to ensure public and environmental health and safety at Lualualei Beach Park #2; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Director of Parks and Recreation, and the Chief of Police.

INTRODUCED BY: Carmen Guzman-Simpliciano and the Pōkaʻī Bay Neighborhood Security Watch Group and residents of Pōkaʻī Bay area.