



## NUUANU/ PUNCHBOWL NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 12

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### MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2007 PAUOA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Canopin called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m. The packets for each Board member containing reports of the emergency service agencies and legislators, and other items necessary to complete the evening's agenda were distributed prior to beginning of the meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mason Aiona, Jay Fidell, Phil Nerney, Sylvia Young, Wendy Ogawa, Paula Kurashige, Al Canopin, Dean Asahina, James Marn, Mano Carreira.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Heather Mullins-Crislip.

**VACANCIES:** Vacancy – Subdistrict 1 Vacancy – Subdistrict 2

**GUESTS:** Natasha Wong (Sen. Chun's Office), Ofc. Morgan Hill (HPD Dist 5), Sgt. R. Ontiveros (HPD Dist 5), Sgt. Y.K. Chang (HPD Dist 1), Lt. N Kau (HPD Dist 1), Natasha Soriano (UHM), Ruth Alcotas (UHM), Stacy Adachi (UHM), Jasen Hee (UHM), Keith Loo-Chan (UHM), Ryan Takakura (UHM), Captain David Yamada (HFD), Krissy Nakamura (UHM), Iris Oda (BWS), Colette Devou (Rep. Ching's Office), Vanessa Matautia (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

### HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Honolulu Fire Department:** Captain Yamada gave the following report:

1. Statistics for the month of March 2007: There were 5 structure, 1 rubbish and 1 vehicle fire. There were 32 medical emergencies and 8 miscellaneous.
2. Unusual Incidents: A single family house fire was started by the homeowner in Nuuanu Valley who was using a blowtorch to rid ants that were crawling along the outside wall of the house. The fire caused an estimated \$1,000 in damages to the structure.
3. Safety Tip of the month: Cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and the second major cause of death among older adults. If you are cooking and must leave the kitchen for a few minutes, turn off the stove. Keep a fire extinguisher (with a minimum rating of 2A10BC) in or near your kitchen and learn how to use it. Inspect the fire extinguisher regularly to ensure that it has not expired. A "Fire fighters' Safety Guide for Senior Citizens" brochure was passed out to Board members as well.

Questions, comments and concerns:

Aiona questioned about the rescue efforts taken on by local HFD officials and if rescuees should foot the bill for the rescue attempts because they take HFD away from those who need the services. Young commented that her grandson, who is a Boy Scout, was with a troop who had a member need medical attention while on a hike. Capt. Yamada reported that there are several incidences where experienced and responsible hikers do come into some trouble and need the help of search and rescue but for the most part, HFD is capable of providing coverage for the surrounding area if crews are out on search and rescue missions.

**Honolulu Police Department, District 1:** Sgt. Chang gave the following report- Crime statistics in Beat 158 & 160 for the month of March 2007: There were no robberies, three burglaries, 13 UEMV, 11 auto thefts, one assault, three property damage cases, 28 motor vehicle collisions, three family offenses one drug offenses, three graffiti cases and 117 miscellaneous calls.

Questions, comments and concerns:



1. Marn questioned what beats did 158 and 160 cover and Sgt. Chang reported that 158 covered all of Pacific Heights and 160 was Pauoa Valley with parts of Punchbowl area. Kurashige and Young commented that Beat 161 covers an area shared by Nuuanu/Punchbowl NB #12 and Makiki/Tantalus NB #10. Sgt. Chang did not have information available regarding beat 161 but would report back at the next Board meeting.
2. Aiona thanked HPD for helping with an incident of people in Booth Park the week before in early weekend hours. He questioned why there was such a need for the dispatcher to gain so much information and stated after taking the information down, the responding officers were not able to catch the parties involved. Sgt. Chang reported that any such illegal activity should be called into 911 with a description of the persons involved and if they left the scene, in what direction did they leave.

**Honolulu Police Department, District 5:** Officer Hill and Sgt. Ontiveros gave the following report:

1. Crime statistics for Beats 572/573 for March 2007: There were 47 arguments, 3 assaults, 6 burglaries, 1 drug case, 8 DUI, 6 family offenses, 14 motor vehicle thefts, 48 motor vehicle collisions, 13 property damage cases, 2 sex offenses, 20 thefts and 12 UEMV.
2. Graffiti: Officer Hill commented that the graffiti trends that are happening in the area and due to immigrant population, primarily the Micronesian population when they have made stops. The problem is not unique to the area as the entire island has seen an increase in activity.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Nerney questioned if the graffiti within the Nuuanu area could be blamed on a cluster of neighborhood kids and Officer Hill reported that a cluster of kids has been seen in the area moving from one end to the other side of Nuuanu. He stated that residents and business owners needed to report graffiti in order for officers to document it. Nerney stated there is a HECO box that is frequently tagged by graffiti artists.
2. Kurashige had the following comments reported that a HECO box that has been tagged is located on privately owned land. Kurashige also questioned about a burglary that happened on Niniko place and whether any arrests were made. Officer Hill and Sgt. Ontiveros did not have information but would report back at the next meeting regarding this issue. Kurashige last request was involving illegal street racing on the Pali Highway during the late evening hours heading towards Kailua. Officer Hill suggested the following tips: Notify 911 with information of the location and time because racing is an all island problem. Beat officers will more than likely be too busy responding to calls in the neighborhood but should be an issue taken up by Traffic Division of HPD. Kurashige also questioned about a Kimo Drive burglary that happened last week and what residents should look for to avoid burglaries. Officer Hill suggested residents be on alert if there cars or people who don't normally frequent the area. Elderly neighbors should also be check on in order to ensure they are not being victimized. Neighborhood Security Watch signs were removed and replaced with new signs and she thanked HPD for their push in having them changed.
3. Fidell commented that two weeks ago, there was a letter to the editor in which the writer complained about the amount of jay walking citations given out. He believed that it would be a good idea not to enforce this law and believed that it would be an issue to disseminate during shift change meetings. Officer Hill stated that the increase in jay walking citations is an order from the top, Mayor Hannemann and Police Chief Correa. He too stated that since the awareness regarding citations for jaywalking has started, fewer incidents of pedestrian accidents have been reported.

**BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEMBERS:**

**Dean Asahina.** Chair Canopin deferred this until the end of the meeting.

**Approval of the Regular meeting minutes for February 20, 2007 Board meeting** - Young moved and was seconded by Kurashige to approve the minutes with no objections and one abstaining (Fidell) and the following changes:

- On Page 2, under Sunshine Law Training & Certification; include the names of those Board members who need to attend training: Fidell, Mullins-Crislip & Marn.
- On Page 4, under State DOT #2; revise to "Nerney commented since DOT had worked in partnership with The Outdoor Circle, residents should take this into consideration".

**STATE OF HAWAII EXECUTIVE BRANCH:** No representative was available for comment.

**WRITTEN REPORTS SUBMITTED BY STATE AND CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

U.S. Representative Neil Abercrombie provided the following:

- House Approves Native Hawaiian Housing Bill
- Statement – Passage of the Iraq Supplemental Funding Bill

Mayor Mufi Hannemann provided the following:

- State of the City Address – February 22, 2007
- Info - Sewage Facts & Fiction – Public Hearing May 15, 2007, Kapolei Middle School

Councilmember Rod Tam provided the following:

- Legislative Updates & Road Work projects in the community

Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland provided the following:

- Emergency Repairs for Joseph Fasone Property (2943 Booth Road)
- Non-School Hour Program Funds Available to Schools
- State Civil Defense – Absence of backup generators for elevators in high-rise buildings
- Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan – Community Meeting Tool Kit
- Crossover Bills – Which passed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- American Cancer Society Booklet – Deciding How to Quit – a Smoker's Guide

Representative Sylvia Luke provided the following:

- Bills in Conference
- Response to Island Wide Blackout – after the October 15, 2006 Earthquake
- Info – Protecting Yourself from Identity Theft – ID Theft Procedures
- Hawaiian Electric Company Actions – Re: Power Outages

Representative Corrine W.L. Ching provided the following:

- Legislative Updates
- Historic Preservation Awareness Day Fair
- Town Meeting (Liliha/Nu'uano/Pu'unui/Alewa Heights/Palama – April 25, 2007 @ Lanakila Elementary School

**BILL 6 (GRAFFITI) – RILEY HAKOKA:** No representative was available for comment.

**PUNCHBOWL BEAUTIFICATION CONCEPT – RILEY HAKOKA:** No representative was available for comment.

**HAWAII 2050 SUSTAINABILITY PLAN – DERRICK KIYABU:** No representative was available for comment.

**OMPO – Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization Report (Jay Fidell/Heather Mullins-Crislip):**

Fidell reported that he did attend but believed that the Board should take a serious look at several options, including providing policy making initiatives that would help impact what is created. Discussion followed and Chair Canopin provided that this issue would be put on the next month's agenda.

**TRANSIENT RIDERSHIP (Heather Mullins- Crislip):** Mullins-Crislip did not attend the meeting. Chair Canopin reported that Mullins-Crislip would need to have information available for the Board in order to discuss this topic.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Iris Oda from the Board of Water Supply gave the following report:

1. Main Break Report: There was one mainbreak for the month of March. It occurred March 16 at 2625 Booth Road, to a 6-inch cast iron main that is 75 years old. As the useful lifespan of our current water main ends, BWS is spending millions of dollars to replace them to insure reliable water service and help prevent main breaks. This is just one of the many ways to continue to be the stewards of Oahu's precious water.

2. Announcements: Congratulations to 2007 Water Conservation Week Poster Contest Winner: BWS would like to congratulate Dakota Bates and Karlyn Oura of Hawaii Baptist Academy, and Cindy Trinh, Jimmy Yang and Jenny Liang of Stevenson Intermediate. Dakota and Karlyn placed second and third respectively, in the kindergarten division, and Cindy, Jimmy and Jenny earned first, third and honorable mention in the grade 5-6 division of this year's Water Conservation Week Poster Contest! Dakota, Karlyn and Jimmy, along with their teachers and other winners, will be honored by the BWS at an awards presentation on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. BWS congratulates all the winners, and thanks all of the talented students who entered this year's contest. The students who enter their artwork help to spread the important message of water conservation. To see all the winning entries log onto our website at [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).
3. Water Saving tips: You can use a screwdriver as a soil probe to test soil moisture. If it goes in easily, you don't need to water! Proper lawn watering can save thousands of gallons of water annually. For hanging baskets, planters and pots, place ice cubes under the moss or dirt to give your plants a cool drink of water and help eliminate water overflow.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Fidell questioned about the earthen dam on Old Pali Road and whether it was safe. Oda reported that preliminary tests had been done and shown that improvements could have been made and are being made at this time. Fidell also questioned on whether the level of the Nuuanu Dam is at a too low level. Oda commented that the reservoir must stay at a certain level in order for the pumps to remain active.
2. Nerney requested that BWS come back to the Board next month and give a status report regarding the status of the area reservoirs. Oda commented that this would not be a problem and would work with Chair Canopin on bringing an appropriate representative.

**Adjournment**

Chair Canopin adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Submitted by:

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