



## NUUANU/ PUNCHBOWL NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 12

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### REGULAR MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2007 PAUOA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 7:15 P.M.

#### STATE, CITY & COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS, OMPO, AND OTHER AGENCIES

State, City & County Elected Officials, OMPO, and other agencies are encouraged to bring ample copies of their published reports to the scheduled Neighborhood Board meeting, or to deliver them to the Neighborhood Board Commission (Attn: Chair – NHB #12, Honolulu Hale, 530 S. King Street, Suite #400) **NO LATER THAN MAY 14, 2007 (Monday)**. Reports submitted will be distributed to Board members, and extra copies provided will be made available for attending guests.

#### CITIZENS/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Citizens are encouraged to contact their elected neighborhood Board members regarding their issues. (See Neighborhood Board No 12 Directory as published on the City's website – below).
- Citizens are encouraged to submit written requests (for agenda consideration), **21 days prior** to future Neighborhood Board meetings to: Chair – NHB #12, Honolulu Hale. 530 S. King Street, Suite 400, Honolulu Hi 96813.
- Neighborhood Board Members are encouraged to immediately notify and/or forward citizens/community concerns received by them to the **CHAIR**, for timely implementation and referral towards bringing concerns to a closure. The intention of the Chair is to circumvent a "bottleneck effect" in addressing citizens'/community concerns at future Neighborhood Board Meetings.

The Chair requests that board members **NOT BEING ABLE TO ATTEND** this scheduled board meeting to call him **BEFORE 4:00 P.M.** at **688-7337 or 527-5569**. If it is determined by the Chair that the board will not have a quorum, the meeting will be **CANCELLED**. All invited guests listed on the agenda will be notified. Citizens wishing to attend the meeting may call the Chair at **688-7337**, to confirm **if** the meeting will proceed as scheduled.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR: AL CANOPIN, JR.

#### 2. VACANCIES:

- A. Subdistrict 1 - one seat
- B. Subdistrict 2 - one seat

#### 3. BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEMBER(S) JAMES MARN & AUDREY HIDANO.

#### 4. HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)
- Honolulu Police Department (HPD)
  - 1) District 1 – Honolulu
  - 2) District 5 – Kalihi



**5. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 17, 2007.**

**6. STATE OF HAWAII - EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

- **Honorable Governor Linda Lingle, or her representative:  
Mark Bennett (State Attorney General)**

**7. STATE OF HAWAII – LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

- **Honorable Senator Carol Fukunaga**
- **Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland**
- **Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke**
- **Honorable Representative Corrine W.L. Ching**

**8. WRITTEN REPORTS SUBMITTED BY FEDERAL, STATE & CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**9. BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY (Iris Oda)**

**A. UPDATE – SAFETY CONCERNS REGARDING THE NU'UNAU RESERVOIR DAM**

**10. PROPOSED RAIL SYSTEM (Jay Fidel)**

**Purpose: Information & Discussion Only – No Policy Making**

**11. OMPO – Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization Report (Jay Fidel/Heather Mullins-Crislip)**

**12. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**13. ADJOURNMENT (NO LATER THAN 9:00 P.M.)**

**NUUANU/PUNCHBOWL NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD DIRECTORY**

**SUBDISTRICT 1:**

**Chair** Al Canopin Jr. – (C) 688-7337 (E) 527-5569  
James Bannan – 521-5465  
Richard Carreira – 537-4106  
Remy Luria – (B) 538-8300  
James Marn – 537-3262

**SUBDISTRICT 3:**

**Vice Chair** Paula Kurashige – 595-7094  
Dean Asahina – 595-6452 (B) 845-3986  
Audrey Hidano – 595-6262 (B) 847-5555  
Philip Nerney – 537-1777  
Jay Fidel – W) 566-2105 C) 780-9254

**SUBDISTRICT 2:**

**Secretary/Treasurer** Sylvia Young – 845-9022  
**Vice Secretary/Treasurer** Wendy Ogawa – 479-6286x216  
Mason Aiona – 538-6173  
Heather Mullins Crislip (Unlisted)

*Any person requiring accommodations to participate in this meeting may call the  
Neighborhood Commission Office at 523-4944*

*Neighborhood Board Agendas and Minutes are available on the City's web page at [www.honolulu.gov/nco/nb12/index.htm](http://www.honolulu.gov/nco/nb12/index.htm)*

## **Nuuanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board**

### **Inventory of Community Concerns**

### **May 15, 2007**

- **ITEM # 1: By Board Sec./Treasurer Patt Spencer (May 16, 2006) – Request for a sprinkler system on Puowaina Drive (Vacant lot where the “Welcome to Papakolea” signage is placed), and for the planting of Hawaiian plants. –RISR 158005.**

**NOTE:** Funds were removed from the previous Mayor Jeremy Harris’s City Administration.

**STATUS/Action Taken:**

June 7<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 - Office of the Managing Director informed Councilmember Tam’s office that this matter was referred to the Department of Design and Construction for a response.

June 8, 2006 – The Chair received a phone call from the land acquisition department. Their surveyors are backlogged for approximately 12 weeks. They will attempt to expedite the process but cannot guarantee a specific timetable.

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February 7, 2007 – Chair Al Canopin, Jr. sent a follow-up inquiry to the City Administration.

February 8, 2007 – Chair Al Canopin, Jr. receive as response from Deputy Director Eugene C. Lee (Department of Design and Construction) who stated “The City Real Property Assessment Division records indicate that Tax Map Key No. 2-2-014, 015 showed outlined in yellow on the enclosed map, is owned by the State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Should you have any questions, call Dodie Browne of the Land Division at 527-5068.

February 8, 2007 – Chair Al Canopin, Jr. communicated with Puni Kekauoha (Executive Director – Papakolea Community Development Corporation to inform her of the response. It was agreed that Chair Al Canopin, Jr. will send a letter to Senator Carol Fukunaga to place funding in the next “state” budget cycle for this project.

March 2, 2007 – Chair Al Canopin, Jr. forwarded a letter to Senator Carol Fukunaga to request funding for the requested sprinkler system.

- **ITEM # 2: Request by Vice Chair Paula Kurashige – 11Jan07 – RISR 191824 – 38 Wood Street**

Chair Al Canopin, Jr. submitted a “Request for Investigative Service Report” form to the City Administration for a response – in a request to provide maintenance (cutting grass, trimming trees, disposing of rubbish, etc.) at 38 Wood Street.

January 25, 2007 – Chair Al Canopin, Jr. received a response from Laverne Higa (Director & Chief Engineer) from the Department of Facility Maintenance as follows: “The Department of Facility Maintenance has been assigned to look into this matter. This assignment may require site inspections and research that could delay our response. We anticipate a response to you by March 6, 2007.”

March 6, 2007 – Chair Al Canopin, Jr., received a response from Director and Chief Engineer Laverne Higa (Department of Facility Maintenance) and stated: “The subject location referred to is an auwae. The city-owned portion of this auwae was cleaned by a Division of Road Maintenance crew on 2/1/2007. Area will be monitored

and cleaned as necessary. Should there be any questions, please call Melvin Miyata, District Road Maintenance Superintendent of the Halawa Corporation Yard, at 484-7630.

March 12, 2007 – Chair Al Canopin, Jr. was informed by Vanessa Matautia (NCO) with additional information provided by Vice Chair Paula Kurashige as follows: “The subject location - Tax map key no. 22045049, which is a City owned piece of property. A small triangle of land in which goes between Kurashige property (tmk 22045076) and the Wong property (tmk 22045030). The grassy area is where she is requesting help since she has paid to have the area cleaned. Kurashige also requests that any debris cleaned from the awae or the grassy area be picked up and not left to rot near the neighboring properties.” Chair Al Canopin, Jr. submitted another request to the City Administration/Managing Director’s Office, to re-open the case.

• **ITEM # 3: Request by Neighborhood Board Member Heather Crislip – August 2006 – RISR**

Chair Al Canopin, Jr. submitted a “Request for Investigative Service Report” form to the City Administration on January 18, 2007 for a response to the following concerns:

- (1) There is a 25 MPH Speed Limit sign across from Pacific Heights Road 2349 that is completely obscured by vines hanging down from the property above. There is a great deal of speeding around the blind curve as a result. I am requesting that the sign be maintained.
- (2) The Bus Stop in the 2300 block of Pacific Heights Road (Route 15) has graffiti, which should be cleaned up.

January 18, 2007 - Chair Al Canopin, Jr. apologized to neighborhood board member Heather Crislip for his “oversight” in not initiating the process towards resolving the concerns she raised in a timely manner.

February 7, 2007 – Chair Al Canopin, Jr. received a response from the Department of Transportation Services. The Oahu Transit Services, Inc. bus stop crew removed/painted over the graffiti at the bus stop on the 2300 block of Pacific Heights Road on January 26, 2007.

February 20, 2007 – Board Member Heather Crislip informed Chair Al Canopin, Jr. that the graffiti still exists at the site location, and we still have not received a response regarding the vines covering the speed limit sign. Chair Al Canopin, Jr. state he will re-open the inquiry to the City Administration.

February 26, 2007 – Chair Al Canopin, Jr. submitted notification to the City Administration to re-open the inquiry previously submitted, and to obtain a response from the Department of Transportation Services, and the Department of Facility Maintenance.

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• **ITEM # 4: Request by Representative Sylvia Luke – 1Feb07 - via letter concerning the poor road condition of Lusitana Street, and large potholes located at the intersection of Lusitana Street and Pauoa Avenue.**

February 7, 2007 – Chair Al Canopin, Jr. submitted a Pot Hole Service Report to the Department of Facility Maintenance for action. Chair Al Canopin, Jr. also responded to Representative Sylvia Luke via a fax and letter, that Lusitana Street is currently being programmed by the City Administration for resurfacing. It is also anticipated that the road crew will be in our community in 2 months, and should there be a delay, she will be informed.

• **ITEM # 5: Request by Vice Chair Paula Kurashige – Concerning replacement and installation of signage throughout Nuuanu – The listing of signs that needed to be replaced or installed was made via the Nuuanu Neighborhood Security Watch Sign Survey (February 2006)**

February 8, 2007 – Chair Al Canopin, Jr. RE-Submitted to the City Administration a 7 page listing of signs that needed to be replaced or installed that was submitted to him by Vice Chair Paula Kurashige a year prior. All previous documentation that was forwarded to the City Administration and HPD officer Byron Anaya who was assigned to the project was lost or misplaced. Chair Al Canopin, Jr. also forwarded a copy of the recovered documentation to Vice Chair Paula Kurashige for her records.

February 21, 2007 – Chair Al Canopin, Jr. received a phone call from HPD officer Steven Mata (845-0950) who said that the sign survey will be forwarded to the Department of Transportation Services, and the Department of Facility Maintenance. He also informed Vice-Chair Paula Kurashige.

March 5, 2007 – Chair Al Canopin, Jr. received the following response via the City Managing Director's Office from the Honolulu Police Department as follows: "On February 15, 2007, Officer Fabian Mata spoke to Mr. Albert Bolosan of the Community Affairs Section (CAS), Honolulu Police Department, about the procedures of installing/replacing Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) signs. It was determined that Ms. Paula Kurashige's application to install/replace NSW signs in the Nuuanu neighborhood is already on file with the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM). Her application was submitted a while back; however, due to the overwhelming request for NSW signs, the Department of Facility Maintenance has yet to process her request. On February 21, 2007, Officer Mata spoke to Ms. Kurashige to report the status of her application.

April 20, 2007 – Chair Al Canopin, Jr. received a response from Laverne Higa (Director & Chief Engineer – Department of Facility Maintenance) as follows: "All faded or damaged Neighborhood Watch Signs were replaced on April 7, 2007. Should there be any questions, please call Melvin Miyata, District Road Maintenance Superintendent of the Halawa Corporation Yard at 484-7630."

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- **ITEM # 6: Request by Riley Hakoda (20Mar07) Punchbowl beautification.**

Riley Hakoda suggested that the federal government be approached to extend, and care for the outer crater perimeter to facilitate a more neighborhood friendly resource that would encourage casual vehicle/bicycle/pedestrian traffic to deter trash dumping, illegal parking, graffiti, criminal activity, etc.

March 20, 2007 – Chair Al Canopin, Jr. informed Riley Hakoda that he will place his concern on the NHB 12 agenda for April 17, 2007.

March 21, 2007, - Chair Al Canopin, Jr. referred this concern to Councilmember Rod Tam.

- **ITEM # 7: Request by Hilda Sakai (13Mar07) Fire Hazard – Jurisdiction for Trimming of Overgrown Trees in back of Hookui Street thru Auwaiolimu Street.**

March 13, 2007 – Chair Al Canopin, Jr. sent a written inquiry to the City Administration to inspect the area of concern, determine who has the jurisdiction and responsibility to trim the overgrown trees. Residents were concerned because the night before, a vehicle and some of the trees were on fire.

March 28- 2007 – Chair Al Canopin, Jr. received a response from Director Lester Chang (Department of Parks and Recreation) who stated: "A supervisor of the Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Urban Forestry (DUF), recently inspected "scramble egg" trees at the described location. On March 20, 2007, the supervisor telephoned Ms. Sakai to inform her that, as confirmed with the Department of Design & Construction, Division of Land Survey Acquisition, these trees grow within the property owned by the State of Hawaii. Concerns regarding

the maintenance of State-owned trees may be reported to the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation (DOT) at 831-6714.

March 28, 2007 – Chair Al Canopin, Jr. forwarded a letter to Senator Carol Fukunaga to submit an inquiry to the State Department of Transportation to verify jurisdiction, and to take appropriate maintenance action to ensure that the trees in the area does not pose a fire hazard to residents in the area.

**ITEM # 8: Request by Mason Aiona – Safety Hazard @ Booth District Park (Namilimili St. & Pauoa Ave.) – Removed “No Parking Anytime Sign”** The sign & pole was removed by someone, placed on a chain-lined boundary, and is a safety hazard to children in the area.

April 2, 2007 – Chair Al Canopin Jr. submitted a request to the City Administration to take appropriate action. Ref #202721.

April 13, 2007 – Chair Al Canopin Jr. received a response from the Director of Facility Maintenance (LaVerne Higa) “This request will require research that could delay their response. They anticipate a response to be provided by May 22, 2007.”

April 20, 2007 – Chair Al Canopin Jr. received a response from the Director of Facility Maintenance (LaVerne Higa) “The No Parking Anytime” sign was re-installed on April 12, 2007 by the Division of Road Maintenance Personnel. Should there be any further questions, please call Melvin Miyata (District Superintendent of Road Division – Halawa Corporation yard at 484-7630.”

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**ITEM # 9: Request by Ellen Wong – Why is there a lack of senior activities at Booth Park?**

April 4, 2007 – Councilmember Tam submitted a letter to the Director – Department of Parks and Recreation (Lester Chang) asking him to investigate the feasibility of increasing the amount of senior activities and programs at Booth Park. Ref: #203916.

May 8, 2007 – Chair Al Canopin, Jr. received a response from the Director Lester Chang from the Department of Parks & Recreation as follows: “All activities have had to be curtailed at the Booth District Park until the gym and recreation center renovation projects are completed. When the projects are completed, we expect to offer several senior activities such as aquarobics, arts and crafts, ceramics, and ukulele classes, during the Fall and Spring programs. Should you have any questions, please call Ms. Rosalind Young, West Honolulu District Manager at 522-7071.”