



## NUUANU/ PUNCHBOWL NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 12

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2007 PAUOA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

**CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Pro Tem Paula Kurashige called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. with a quorum of nine members present. She welcomed everyone to the June meeting of the Nu'uaniu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12.

**MEMBERS PRESENT** - Paula Kurashige, Mason Aiona, James Bannan, Al Canopin, Jr., Jay Fidell, John Harrison, Audrey Hidano, Phil Nerney, Bob Tom, Wendy Ogawa, Jack Schweigert (elected at this meeting) and Sylvia Young.

**MEMBERS ABSENT** - Richard Carreira (excused), Heather M. Crislip (excused) and Patricia Jones (excused).

**VACANCIES** - None.

**GUESTS** - Dana Viola (Department of the Attorney General, Governor Linda Lingle's representative); Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Katie Churchey (Representative Corinne W.L. Ching's Office staff), Captain David Yamada (Honolulu Fire Department), Lt. Norman Kau, Sgt. Victor Lau, Kent Harada, Sgt. Sam Fontanilla, (Honolulu Police Department); Riley Hakoda, Paul Smith, Adrienne King (Family Law Section, Hawaii State Bar Association); Pat Lee (Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project), Gary Omori, Carl Middleton (Board member of the Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

#### CHAIR PRO TEM'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Neighborhood Assistant Ho would take minutes of the meeting.
2. Oath of Office – Board members who have not taken the oath must take it immediately, since they cannot be seated until doing so.
3. "Sunshine Law" Training - The Revised Ordinances of Honolulu require that all board members have "Sunshine Law" training every two years.

**SWEARING IN OF BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT AT JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> CEREMONY:** Neighborhood Assistant Ho administered the Oath of Office to Audrey Hidano.

**ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR** (Annual election of officers for the term June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008) - **Nerney nominated Paula Kurashige for Chair.** No second is required for nominations. **Bannan nominated Al Canopin, Jr. Hidano moved, Nerney seconded that the nominations be closed.** By roll call vote, there were **fives votes for Al Canopin:** Aiona, Bannan, Canopin, Ogawa and Young and **six votes for Paula Kurashige:** Fidell, Harrison, Hidano, Kurashige, Nerney and Tom. A quorum of eight votes was needed to decide the election.

(7:30 p.m.) Chair Pro Tem Kurashige called for a recess; the meeting resumed order.

After the second roll call vote, the results were the same. There were **fives votes for Al Canopin, Jr.:** Aiona, Bannan, Canopin, Ogawa and Young and **six votes for Paula Kurashige:** Fidell, Harrison, Hidano, Kurashige, Nerney and Tom.

Comments followed: Fidell noted that six votes was a "de facto majority." Young, an original Neighborhood Board member from 34 years ago, spoke in favor of voting for Canopin. Bannan also spoke in favor of Canopin.



As the Neighborhood Plan (NP) states that no business shall be conducted until the election of the Chair, the Board was not allowed to hear the public safety reports or dismiss the representatives from the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) and Honolulu Police Department (HPD).

**Canopin moved, Bannan seconded to elect Paula Kurashige as Chair for one month.** Chair Pro Tem Kurashige ruled the motion "out of order." Canopin withdrew his nomination and **Paula Kurashige was elected Chair by unanimous consent.**

**ELECTION OF REMAINING OFFICERS** (Vice Chair, Recording Secretary/Treasurer, Sergeant At Arms) -

**Vice Chair - Bannan nominated Canopin for Vice Chair; Nerney nominated Fidell for Vice Chair. Bannan moved, Young seconded that the nominations be closed.** By roll call vote, there were **eight votes for Canopin:** Aiona, Bannan, Canopin, Hidano, Kurashige, Tom, Ogawa and Young and **three votes for Fidell:** Fidell, Harrison and Nerney.

**Recording Secretary/Treasurer - Canopin nominated Young for Recording Secretary/Treasurer. Young declined the nomination. Nerney, Harrison, Fidell, Hidano, Aiona and Bannan declined, also.** Chair Kurashige deferred this agenda item to the next meeting.

**Sergeant At Arms - Hidano nominated Mason Aiona for Sergeant At Arms. Young moved, Hidano seconded that the nominations be closed.** There no objections. **Mason Aiona was elected Sergeant At Arms by unanimous consent.**

**FILLING OF ONE VACANCY IN SUBDISTRICT 2** – is the area in the vicinity of Pacific Heights, Pauoa and Booth roads. The 2007-2009 term is from June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2009.

**Young nominated Jack Schweigert; Tom nominated Paul Smith.** Paul Smith has been a resident since 1989 and is concerned about pedestrian rights and property taxes. Jack Schweigert was Santa and is a lawyer, concerned about civil rights and development of the back of the valley. There were **ten votes for Jack Schweigert:** Aiona, Bannan, Canopin, Fidell, Harrison, Hidano, Kurashige, Nerney, Ogawa and Young and **one for vote for Paul Smith:** Tom. **Jack Schweigert was elected to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 2.** Neighborhood Assistant Ho administered the Oath of Office to Schweigert.

(8:05 p.m.) **Canopin moved, Bannan seconded for the Board to hear the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) and the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) reports. The motion carried, unanimously.**

#### **HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) - Captain D. Yamada** distributed his monthly report, which reported the following:

1. There 1 structure and 1 vehicle fire, 38 medical emergencies and 9 miscellaneous service calls.
2. Fire Safety Tip- With brush fire season upon us, remember to maintain a 30-foot wide clearing in between any structure and vegetation. Recent rains may have overgrown vegetation in some breaks

Independence Day is just around the corner, so consider leaving fireworks to the professionals and enjoy one of the many public fireworks displays around town. If you use fireworks, follow all warnings and instructions. Young children should never be given fireworks. Older children should only use fireworks under the direct supervision of an adult. Have a happy and safe Independence Day celebration!

There were no comments.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD) - Sgt. Victor Lau** (District 1, Honolulu) distributed his May 2007 report and mentioned the following:

There was/were 1 robbery, 11 burglaries, 29 Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle (UEMV), 9 auto thefts, 6 assaults, 13 property damage, 42 Motor Vehicle Collisions (MVC), 1 driving under the influence (DUI), 1 sex offence, 6 family offenses, 0 drug offenses, 4 graffiti and 170 miscellaneous services.

Comments followed.

1. Young reported that she saw two local young men, near 2441 Pacific Heights Drive with binoculars, scanning the neighborhood. Lau advised her to call 9-1-1. Unfortunately, it is six months later and she needs to find the vehicle's license number.
2. Tom asked the difference between a burglary and a theft. Lau responded that a burglary is in a building, while a theft is outside. If the garage is attached to a dwelling, then it may be a burglary. A suggestion was made to sketch the suspect and give it to a detective.
3. Paul Smith mentioned skateboarders on the 2200 block of Pacific Heights Drive. Lau would follow up on skateboarders. Also, people are parking there.
4. Aiona requested more security from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. at the Booth park.
5. Harrison was concerned about the "spikes" in UEMV and assaults. Lau advised not to leave uncovered valuables in vehicles.

**HPD – District 5, Kalihi** - Sgt. Sam Fontanilla reported the following statistics:

For May 2007 there were - 9 arguments, 3 assaults, 11 burglaries, 0 drugs/narcotics, 2 DUIs, 1 family offense, 0 graffiti, 0 homicides, 4 motor vehicle thefts, 17 motor vehicle collisions, 1 property damage, 0 robberies, 0 sex offenses, 8 thefts and 20 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV) for a total of 76 offenses.

Comments followed.

1. Young was concerned about hurricane season. She was advised to look in the front of the telephone book and Vice Chair Canopin had put some information in packets in front of each Board member.
2. Chair Kurashige asked about Kapena Falls. Sgt. Fontanilla mentioned that a person was swinging on a rope and fell six or seven feet on the rocks. They were non-fatal injuries.
3. Nerney was concerned graffiti on Henry Street and motor vehicle thefts. Vice Chair Canopin mentioned that he had submitted Nerney's graffiti concern to Mayor's representative Gail Haraguchi.
4. Aiona was concerned about the homeless people at the Kam Bowl after the bowling alley closed. They were hanging around 5:00 p.m. and he took pictures. Sgt. Fontanilla mentioned that officers have to witness any criminal activity to make an arrest.
5. Young had a good report about Officer "Boom."
6. Other concerns mentioned were that for both Beats 572 and 573, there were 10 Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle (UEMV), of which 6 or 7 were at the Pali lookout; on Waokanaka Street, there may be people "going through things;" a "chop" house and a low-flying helicopter.

**PRE-ESTABLISH BOARD MEETING DATE/TIME/PLACE - (8:34 p.m.)**

**Nerney moved and Young seconded that the Board continue to meet on the third Tuesday of the month. The motion carried, unanimously.**

**Bannan moved and Aiona seconded that the Board continue to start the meetings at 7:15 p.m. The motion carried, unanimously.**

**Bannan moved, Young seconded that the Board continue to meet at the Pauoa Elementary School. The motion failed 5-7-0; due to the necessary eight votes to pass the motion. Aye:** Aiona, Bannan, Canopin, Ogawa and Young. **Nay:** Fidell, Harrison, Hidano, Kurashige, Nerney, Schweigert and Tom.

Chair Kurashige deferred this item to the next meeting. She would like to form a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) to investigate various meeting locations and she would place it on next agenda.

**REVIEW AND CORRECTION OF THE MAY 15, 2007 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** - The following correction was made to the May 15, 2007 regular meeting minutes:

- Page 2, in the middle, it should read, "**APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 17, 2007 BOARD MEETING** - ....
- Page 3, under Representative Corinne W.L. Ching, correct spelling of Rep. Ching's first name, "Corinne".

The May 15, 2007 regular meeting minutes were accepted as corrected. Neighborhood Assistant Ho would follow up on the corrected copy of the April minutes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** (8:49 p.m.) - The May treasurer's report was read. For Fiscal Year (FY) 2007, \$3,018.00 was allocated to Neighborhood Board No. 12 for the Operating/Publicity budget. The previous Operating/Publicity balance was \$2,522.47 and with \$37.83 expended for the printing and mailout of the agenda and minutes, the remaining balance was \$2,484.64. The Refreshment balance remained at \$120.00. **Ogawa moved, Young seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted as read. The motion carried by unanimous consent.** Young requested that Neighborhood Assistant Ho explain when was a fiscal year. Ho responded that Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 goes from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD EXPENDITURES** – Board must approve ALL expenditures over \$25. Chair has authority to spend up to \$25 without Board approval. All approvals must be within Board appropriated amounts.

**Newsletter or videotaping** - No discussion.

**Refreshments** - No discussion.

Chair Kurashige deferred these items to the next meeting.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY ASSIGNED NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD ASSISTANT** - K. Russell Ho was introduced.

**BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEMBER RICHARD CARREIRA** - He was not present.

#### **CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU - EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

**Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative** - Gail Haraguchi, Deputy Director, Department of Enterprise Services, had submitted her report as follows:

1. Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM), timeline status of the resurfacing of Nuuanu/Punchbowl/Pauoa streets. Potholes are very large and deep and residents are concerned that fixing potholes will not be enough to address the issue.

The response was - Roadways in the Nuuanu/Punchbowl/Pauoa areas found to be in need of resurfacing will be programmed for contract resurfacing in the next Rehabilitation of Localized Streets project. The

actual date when the resurfacing will be done has not been determined at this time. The project is tentatively scheduled to be advertised for bids from interested contractors by the end of this year with construction in early 2008.

Resurfacing will depend on the availability of funds and clearances for possible conflicts with planned underground utility projects.

2. Department of Design and Construction (DDC)/Board of Water Supply (BWS) - Request of project for Puiwa Street (approximately 305 Puiwa) re: private retaining walls crumbling and property eroding from City-owned streambeds. Reference: #3 on Inventory of Community concerns. Requesting response from administration as community has complained that City is not being very responsive in past attempts.

The response was - DDC has inspected the site and provided recommendations to DFM. The existing drainline and manholes were inspected for leaks. CCTV effort found much debris which needs to be cleaned by DFM. CCTV work will again be done after cleaning. Based upon the inspection a repair method will be implemented before the road is repaired.

The BWS response was - As noted in the agenda for the Neighborhood Board No. 12 April 17, 2007 meeting, "The City Administration/Department of Design and Construction is fully aware of the issue, and is responsible for this project." Additionally, at the Neighborhood Board No. 12 May 15, 2007 meeting, BWS liaison Iris Oda noted that the property in question is not owned by Board of Water Supply.

Vice Chair Canopin mentioned that he received no response yet about the graffiti at Nuuanu Neighborhood Park and potholes near 2909 Park Street.

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

### **CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU – LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

**Councilmember Rod Tam** - Councilmember Tam's newsletter was distributed.

### **STATE OF HAWAII - EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

**Governor Linda Lingle's representative** - Dana Viola represented Mark Bennett, State Attorney General and was available to take community concerns. There were none.

### **STATE OF HAWAII – LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

**Senator Carol Fukunaga** - Senator Fukunaga's newsletter was distributed.

**Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland** - Senator Chun Oakland's newsletter was distributed.

**Representative Sylvia Luke** - Representative Luke's newsletter was distributed.

**Representative Corinne W.L. Ching** - Katie Churchey distributed Representative Ching's newsletter and was available to report back concerns.

Comments followed.

1. Schweigert commented on the Lanakila Meals on Wheels
2. Nerney was concerned about forming a new Condo Commission. He opposed it, as it would mark the end of self-governance.

3. Concern was expressed for the Nuuanu retirement community, health care and hurricane season.
4. The annual "I Love Liliha" event is scheduled for August 25.
5. Representative Ching is focusing on Palama settlement and restoring the historic building.
6. Chair Kurashige mentioned a resolution on the Liliha/Nu'uuanu corridors and the Lanakila Meals on Wheels.

**BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY** - Iris Oda had contacted Neighborhood Assistant Ho and could not attend tonight's meeting due to illness. Vice Chair Canopin requested that the BWS report be "read into the minutes." It was as follows:

1. **MAIN BREAK REPORT:** There were no mainbreaks for May.
2. **GENERAL WATER ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The BWS has been investing millions of dollars annually on proactive, preventative infrastructure projects to help insure reliable water service and to effectively minimize water loss and service disruptions. We've been doing that by going out and proactively repairing and replacing aging water mains and facilities, but one of the newest ways we're doing that is by using GPS, or Global Positioning System, technology. We just wrapped up phase one of this project, in which workers from Wolper incorporated went out to Mililani, Waikele, Waipahu, Pearl City and Aiea with state-of-the-art equipment to map the exact location of our water meters, valves and hydrants using satellite data.

Having these updated locations increases the accuracy of our records, as we can now tell where facilities are within a few feet of where they are on our maps. Over the years, BWS has tried to be at the forefront of using technology to increase the effectiveness of the water system, and the use of GPS technology for this program is no exception. Plans are currently underway to expand the project to the rest of the island. This is just another way that BWS continues to advance our mission of "Water for Life - Ka Wai Ola."

3. **Water Savings Tips:** a) When installing a drip irrigation system, don't exceed 200 feet of poly tubing from valve to end cap. Don't exceed a total flow of 200 gallons per hour per valve. b) We're more likely to notice leaky faucets indoors, but don't forget to check outdoor faucets, pipes, and hoses for leaks.

**PUNCHBOWL BEAUTIFICATION CONCEPT** – Riley Hakoda distributed "The Vision" of Punchbowl Beautification and mentioned that he had visited the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 a couple of times and was asking the Nu'uuanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 for support for his project.

**Hidano moved, Aiona seconded to support the concept of the vision of the Punchbowl Beautification project and requests that the Board be updated periodically. The Board votes to support Mr. Hakoda's efforts to pursue planning activities related to the vision of expanded visitor facilities adjacent to the Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery. The Board requests that periodic reports on funding and planning efforts for this project be provided to the Board. The motion carried, 9-2-1. Ayes:** Aiona, Bannan, Canopin, Fidell, Harrison, Hidano, Kurashige, Nerney and Schweigert. **Nay:** Ogawa and Young. **Abstained:** Bob Tom.

Young voted "Nay" because Hakoda did not give specific details of his project. Young requested that her comments are recorded in the minutes. \_\_\_\_\_ changed his vote to "Nay." **The motion carried, 8-3-1.**

**OAHU METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (OMPO) REPORT** - Jay Fidell had no report.

**PROPOSED RAIL SYSTEM** - Jay Fidell had no report. Chair Kurashige deferred this to the next meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Adrienne King from the Family Law section of the Hawaii Bar Association requested to be on the next meeting's agenda. She distributed "Save Honolulu Family Court" and a proposed resolution.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Hearing no objections, Chair Kurashige adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted by K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant.