



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)
TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2007
PAUOA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Paula Kurashige called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. with a quorum of 12 members present. She welcomed everyone to the July meeting of the Nu'uano/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12, which represents five different communities, two different police districts and two State Senate and two State House of Representatives districts.

MEMBERS PRESENT - Paula Kurashige, Mason Aiona, James Bannan, Al Canopin, Jr., Jay Fidell, John Harrison, Audrey Hidano, Patricia Jones, Phil Nerney, Bob Tom, Wendy Ogawa, Jack Schweigert and Sylvia Young (7:38 p.m.).

MEMBERS ABSENT - Richard Carreira and Heather M. Crislip.

VACANCIES - None.

GUESTS - Mark Bennett (Attorney General, Governor Linda Lingle's representative); Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Blayne Higa (Representative Sylvia Luke's Office staff), Katie Churchey (Representative Corinne W.L. Ching's Office staff), Shawn Hamamoto (Councilmember Rod Tam's Office staff), Captain Wendell Soo (Honolulu Fire Department), Major Kurt Kendro and Sergeant C.H. So (District 5, Kalihi, Honolulu Police Department); Lieutenant Norman Kau and Sergeant Scot Yang (District 1, Honolulu, Honolulu Police Department); Iris Oda (Board of Water Supply), Carl Middleton (Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13 member), Doris Matayoshi, Beverly Diaz, Paul Smith, Adrienne King (Family Law Section, Hawaii State Bar Association); Sheila Sue-Noguchi, Riley Hakoda (Punchbowl Beautification Project), Pat Lee (Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department - Captain Wendell Soo mentioned the fire safety tip: Take the time to child-proof your home, especially since children are on summer vacation. Check for potentially dangerous situation, i.e., electrical shock, accidental falls, or poisoning from medications, cleaning fluids and houseplants. Keep matches and lighters in a safe place and out of reach of small children.

Schweigert asked about using fire trucks and equipment for parades. Captain Soo replied that the Pauoa Community Association did not organize the parade this year.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) - Sergeant Scot Yang, District 1 - Honolulu, reported the following June statistics - For Beats 158, 160 and 161, there were 0 robberies, 8 burglaries, 7 Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle (UEMV) (-22 from May), 3 auto thefts, 1 assaults, 9 property damage, 36 motor vehicle collisions, 2 driving under the influence (DUI), 0 sex offenses, 3 family offenses, 2 drug offenses, 4 graffiti and 117 miscellaneous services. HPD was monitoring skateboarders on Pacific Heights Road. The Board asked about a motorcycle accident last Friday, a possible strangulation at Booth Park on Sunday, an accident last night at 2450 Pacific Heights Road and a white pick-up truck near 2100-2140 Pacific Heights Road, which was abandoned this morning with keys still in the ignition. A Board member also complained about commercial vehicles honking their horn around blind curves. HPD advised everyone to call 9-1-1.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) - Sergeant C.H. So, District 5 - Kalihi reported the following statistics: 4 arguments, 2 assaults, 2 burglaries, 0 drugs/narcotics, 1 DUIs, 0 family offenses, 0 homicides, 0 motor vehicle thefts, 18 motor vehicle collisions, 2 property damages, 1 robbery, 0 sex offenses, 8 thefts and 17 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV) for a total of 55 offenses.



(7:38 p.m.) Young entered the meeting (13 total Board members).

Major Kurt Kendro introduced himself and would be visiting the Neighborhood Boards in his District periodically. A Board member asked about serving subpoenas to police officers. Major Kendro replied that the officers are supposed to be available. Officer Fabian Mata is the Community Watch person at 529-3386. A Board member wanted to report for District 1 that there was a robbery/burglary two weeks ago at the 2500-block of Pauoa Road.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ELECTED OFFICIALS

Residents' Concerns (issues and concerns not listed elsewhere on the Board's agenda)

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative - (7:48 p.m.) Gail Haraguchi, Deputy Director, Department of Enterprise Services distributed the Mayor's newsletter and reported on last month's concerns. 1) Concerning the maintenance (cutting grass, trimming trees, disposing of rubbish, etc.) at 38 Wood Street, the July response was - Cleaning of the City & County of Honolulu area is scheduled for July 17, 2007. We have scheduled cleaning of this area every other month. The cuttings are removed and not left on the bank area. The small tree on the bridge will also be removed at the same time. 2) There is a 25 miles per hour (mph) speed limit sign across from 2349 Pacific Heights Road that is obscured by vines hanging down from the property above. The July response was - The Department of Transportation Services (DTS), Traffic Engineering Division conducted a field check and found that the "Speed Limit 25" sign is clear of any obstructions. The Department of Facility Maintenance has confirmed that the overhanging vines and branches were recently trimmed along Pacific Heights Road. 3) Department of Transportation staff inspected the site regarding graffiti in the 2300 block of Pacific Heights Road. The graffiti is located on a private wall fronting 2306 Pacific Heights Road. The city is not permitted to touch private property. We ask that the Neighborhood Board contact the property owner to request that they remove the graffiti on their wall. 4) Concerning the potholes near 2909 Park Street, the potholes were patched on July 11, 2007. 5) Concerning the graffiti at Nuuanu Neighborhood Park basketball court, the graffiti paint-over is ongoing and will be completed by July 11, 2007. 6) Concerning the missing signs on Niniko Place, a missing "Neighborhood Security Watch" sign was replaced on April 7, 2007. However, a recent inspection of the area noted a missing "Dead End" sign that will be replaced on July 17, 2007.

Comments followed: 1) Bannan noted that on Puowaina Drive the City did a good job on repairing 60 feet of wall. 2) Fidell asked for the Pauoa/Nu'uanu street repaving schedule update for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008. 3) The Board asked when are the three bridges, located near Kimo Drive, Pelekane Street and Wood Street, to be repaired, and are they up to seismic code and what is the seismic retro-fit schedule. Haraguchi would follow up. 4) Resident Paul Smith requested that the HPD, and/or the Mayor's representative/Councilmember Tam look into the wall damage across from 2670 Pacific Heights Road. Haraguchi would follow up. 5) Young requested that the "Inventory of Community Concerns," prepared by Vice Chair Canopin, be updated. Neighborhood Assistant Ho explained that after the June meeting the "Inventory of Community Concerns" was submitted to Mayor's representative Haraguchi and she answered all of the concerns for the City in her report, two concerns were for the State and one concern was for Riley Hakoda's Punchbowl Beautification Project being placed on the June agenda, which it was.

Councilmember Rod Tam - Shawn Hamamoto distributed Councilmember Tam's newsletter and was available to hear concerns. 1) Schweigert inquired about the "cluster homes" development at the end of Booth Road. Hamamoto replied that Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) had no application yet. 2) Ogawa complained that the weekend clean up in Papakolea left a large amount of trash near the intersection of Hookui and Auwaiolimu Streets. Canopin replied that the clean up was not organized by Councilmember Tam, but by the Papakolea Community Association and they had not arranged with the City for trash removal. Councilmember Tam made arrangements with Keoki Miyamoto, Deputy Director of Environmental Services Department (ENV) to pick the trash. 3) Fidell asked Hamamoto to follow up on the status of Dowsett Highlands.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - Iris Oda will follow up on the questions about the fire hydrant problems and Nu'uanu Reservoir safety concerns in August. She gave a few remarks about dam safety and reported one main break June 21 at 2771 Pacific Heights Road of a four-inch pipe.

GENERAL WATER ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1) There has been a lot of coverage in the media recently about the statewide drought and its severe effects on Maui and Hawaii Island. While Oahu has also experienced a dryer than normal winter, rainfall totals are expected to remain lower than normal and there is no current cause for

concern. BWS does not rely on surface water or catchment systems that react quickly to rainfall to supply our water. During the summer, we tend to see a spike in water consumption, so BWS wants to remind all residents to use your water wisely - use what you need but do no waste. Also, if drought conditions continue, conserving now will help to prolong the need to call for more stringent conservation measures.

2) As a reminder, please be careful during this brushfire season. Brushfires not only put a strain on the Honolulu Fire Department, but it also puts a strain on our water sources.

3) On Saturday, August 4, the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Gardens and the Board of Water Supply will sponsor the 19th annual "Unthirsty Plant" sale at the Halawa Xeriscape gardens, which is at 99-1268 Iwaena Street from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Highlights of this year's sale include: continuous garden tours, outside vendors will sell their xeriscape plants, xeriscape gardening workshops, and a bag your own mulch giveaway. Incorporating xeriscape methods into your garden can save you 30 to 80 percent of your water consumption. For more information, call 748-5041.

Governor Linda Lingle's representative - (8:19 p.m.) Mark Bennett, State Attorney General, distributed the Governor's Update and responded to the Board's concerns. Nerney asked about Senate Concurrent Resolution 160, requesting a "sunrise review" of the regulation of entities governed by Chapter 514A or 514B, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the enforcement of policies relating to condominiums in the state through the creation of a condominium commission. Bennett responded that the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) has not taken a position. They are waiting for State Auditor Marion Higa. Schweigert acknowledged the work of the Lanakila Meals on Wheels. Bennett mentioned that that Governor attended a kick-off meeting for the Hawaii Mental Health Transformation State Incentive Grant process. There is a \$7 to10 million grant.

Legislators:

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 - Representative Ching's newsletter was distributed.

PRESENTATIONS: DISCUSSION/ACTION

Save Honolulu Family Court and proposed resolution - (8:25 p.m.) Adrienne King, Chair of the Family Law Section of the Bar Association presented her reasons favoring the proposed resolution. The response from the Judiciary, Public Affairs Office was distributed.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, when the Legislature passed Act 110, in 2005, which appropriated \$95 million to build the Kapolei Court Complex, the Legislature specifically provided that: court space and resources be retained for family court services in the existing Honolulu court location; and provided further that the Judiciary create a public participation process that allows stakeholder group representatives the opportunity to be involved in the planning process for the Kapolei Court Complex, and the Honolulu-based Family Court; and

WHEREAS from an access to justice perspective, the survey of over 2,700 Family Court users strongly supported the retention of a principal multi-court facility in downtown Honolulu serves the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Judiciary of the State of Hawaii insists on relocating the entire Family Court to Kapolei, as represented in a letter in the June 2007 issue of the Hawaii State Bar Journal by Marsha Kitagawa, Judiciary spokesperson, which position is contrary to the intent of the Legislature and the people of Oahu, and previous representations made by the Judiciary to the Legislature,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nu'uano/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12, on July 17, 2007 supports that:

- the Honolulu-based Family Court location should retain a sufficient number of judges, and staff to appropriately serve the people of Honolulu and the Windward side, with Kapolei serving the Leeward and Central districts of O'ahu,
- it opposes the removal of all district family judges and majority of family court staff to Kapolei as detrimental and unfair to the people of Honolulu and a denial of equal access to justice for the people served by this Neighborhood Board, and that
- copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, the Honolulu City Council, the Governor of the State of Hawaii, all Neighborhood Board chairs, the members of both the House and Senate of the Hawaii State Legislature, the legislators in the district served by this Board and the Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court.

Canopin moved; Young seconded that the Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 approves of the proposed resolution. The motion carried, 12-0-1. Yes - Aiona, Bannan, Canopin, Fidell, Harrison, Hidano, Jones, Kurashige, Tom, Ogawa, Schweigert and Young. Abstain - Nerney.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION/ACTION

Election of Secretary/Treasurer - (8:50 p.m.) Young nominated Jack Schweigert for Secretary/Treasurer. He was elected Secretary/Treasurer by unanimous consent.

Formation of a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) for the investigation into selection of meeting place(s) - Harrison and Fidell thought that moving the Board meeting's venue would bring more attendance by the public and give residents more opportunities to voice their concerns. **Fidell moved; Harrison seconded that the Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 form a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) to investigate various meeting sites in the district. The motion was NOT adopted, 7-6-0. Eight votes were needed for adoption. Aye - Bannan, Canopin, Fidell, Harrison, Kurashige, Nerney and Schweigert. No - Aiona, Hidano, Jones, Ogawa, Tom and Young.** Chair Kurashige suggested that the Board holding special meetings around the Neighborhood Board district.

Approval of Board Expenses

Payment for meeting place rental - Chair Kurashige mentioned that former Chair Canopin arranged for the use of the Pauoa Elementary School Cafeteria at no charge indefinitely. Canopin added that if the Board decides to move the meeting location, then it would lose the reservation.

Payment for a newsletter or for videotaping - Fidell moved; Schweigert seconded that the Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 do videotaping and if it is free, then also do the newsletter. The motion was NOT adopted, 3-8-2. Aye - Fidell, Harrison and Schweigert. No - Aiona, Bannan, Hidano, Jones, Kurashige, Nerney, Ogawa, and Young. Abstain - Canopin and Tom.

Nerney moved; Fidell seconded that the Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 not do a newsletter. The motion was withdrawn.

Young added that since the Board did not do videotaping last year, there were not enough funds in the budget. (Note: However, if the Board voted for videotaping or a newsletter, enough funds would be added to the Publicity budget.)

Payment for refreshments - Fidell moved; Nerney seconded that the Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 not have refreshments. The motion was NOT adopted, 6-7-0. Aye - Aiona, Fidell, Hidano, Nerney, Schweigert and Tom. No - Bannan, Canopin, Harrison, Jones, Kurashige, Ogawa, and Young. \$120.00 remains in the Board's budget for lei and refreshments.

Fidell moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion died for lack of a second. There were two people in the audience to give updates on agenda items.

Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project (HHCTCP) Update - (9:27 p.m.) Pat Lee distributed the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) newsletter Honolulu On The Move and explained that the 20-mile

Minimal Operable Segment (MOS) will travel from the University of Hawaii (UH) - Manoa to Kapolei; and summarized the timeline for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Preliminary Engineering (PE). For the results of the scoping process, visit the website at <http://www.honolulutransit.org>.

Comments followed. Lee would find out if it was the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) or Federal government time schedule. Schweigert suggested that in order for the Board to get to a balanced view, it should get the other side and form a committee. Lee mentioned that public comment will be accepted at the public hearings on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) next summer. Lee can be contacted at 247-2889 (answering machine).

(9:40 p.m.) Jones left the meeting.

Punchbowl Beautification Project Update - (9:40 p.m.) Last month the Board voted to support Riley Hakoda's Punchbowl Beautification Project and he said that he would return with periodic updates. He started contacting various "stakeholders." The Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands (DHHL) and the Federal government control the land around the Punchbowl crater. He talked with Roy Yee, who brought the U.S.S. Missouri to Hawai'i after working on it for 15 years. Hakoda could learn some lessons about working with the Federal government from Yee's experience, but there are some differences. Hakoda also contacted veteran groups, like the 442nd Regimental Combat Team/100th Battalion. Instead of burial at the State Veterans Cemetery at Kaneohe, they prefer burial at Punchbowl. By moving the visitors' center outside of the crater, there would be more burial space inside. However, the attrition rate is from 20 to 30 deaths per month. To get more support for his project, Hakoda contacted Rex Johnson, head of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, the Veterans Administration and the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 and the Nu'uuanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12. He would like to notify the Downtown Neighborhood Board No. 13, too.

ADJOURNMENT - Hearing no objections, Chair Kurashige adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

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Reviewed by:
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Chair
and
Jack Schweigert
Secretary/Treasurer