



NUUANU/ PUNCHBOWL NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 12

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2007 PAUOA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Secretary-Treasurer Jack Schweigert called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. with a quorum of 10 present. In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Schweigert became the Acting Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT - Mason Aiona, James Bannan, Richard Carreira, Heather Crislip, Jay Fidell (7:50 p.m.), John Harrison, Audrey Hidano, Phil Nerney, Bob Tom, Wendy Ogawa, Jack Schweigert and Sylvia Young (7:38 p.m.).

MEMBERS ABSENT - Al Canopin, Jr., Patricia Jones and Paula Kurashige.

VACANCIES - None.

GUESTS - Russell Suzuki (Deputy Attorney General, Attorney General's Office, Governor Linda Lingle's representative); Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Blayne Higa (Representative Sylvia Luke's Office staff), Katie Churchey (Representative Corinne Ching's Office staff), Shawn Hamamoto (Councilmember Rod Tam's Office staff), Capt. David Yamada (Honolulu Fire Department), Sgt. Russell Ontiveros (District 5, Kalihi, Honolulu Police Department); Sgt. Alan Togami (District 1, Honolulu, Honolulu Police Department); Paul Smith, Pat Lee (Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff). Nine people from the public did not sign in.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) - Capt. Yamada reported: 1) Fires - 5 structure, 1 rubbish and 1 vehicle fire, which had \$1,000 damage, one structure fire had \$1500 damage due to unattended cooking; 35 medical, 1 search/rescue and 11 miscellaneous service calls. 2) Fire Safety Tip: As August is the start of a new school year, be careful while driving near schools and mindful of students crossing the street. Take the time to teach your children how to cross the street safely and remind them to call 9-1-1 for emergencies. 3) Capt. Yamada explained Bill 48, extending the width of available space on a street from 10 feet to 12 feet for the free movement of emergency vehicles, is now before the City Council. It proposed. This bill would eliminate an estimated 35,000 parking spaces on Oahu. At first, HFD was in favor of the bill, but after learning that so many parking spaces would be eliminated, they felt the existing law was adequate.

Comments followed. 1) Aiona reported that on July 24 the Pauoa School's fire alarms went off at 1:30 a.m. and were not turned off until 6:00 a.m. by the school staff.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) - Sgt. Ontiveros (District 5, Kalihi) reported: 1) For Beats 158, 160 and 161, there were 0 robberies, 5 burglaries, 9 Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle (UEMV), 7 auto thefts, 1 assaults, 7 property damage, 52 motor vehicle collisions, 0 driving under the influence (DUI), 0 sex offenses, 3 family offenses, 2 drug offenses, 0 graffiti and 85 miscellaneous services. No comments followed.

Sgt. Alan Togami (District 1, Honolulu) reported: 1) July 2007 statistics - 14 arguments, 2 assaults, 3 burglaries, 0 drugs/narcotics, 0 DUIs, 0 family offenses, 2 graffiti, 0 homicides, 2 motor vehicle thefts, 24 motor vehicle collisions, 1 property damages, 0 robberies, 0 sex offenses, 11 thefts, 34 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV) for a total of 93 offenses; and UEMVs doubled from 17 to 34.

Comments followed. 1) Tom asked about the UEMVs and the number of arrests. There were a lot at the Pali lookout and a recent auto theft suspect had 56 prior offenses. 2) Young noted the June/July statistics for District 1 and District 5 were in different formats. She was also concerned that on the Internet, there was a registered sex offender in Pauoa with the same last name. To reduce crime, Young suggested parents should take control of their children. 3) Aiona records descriptions of cars and license plates of people behaving in a suspicious manner around Booth Park; one was registered on Molokai. 4) Hidano suggested taking ownership of your community. She once chased a suspect and went to court to testify. 5) Nerney reported graffiti on signs at Morgan's Corner Bridge,



the poor condition of the pavement on Old Pali Road, dumping at Morgan's Corner Bridge and green waste left out early. Carreira suggested calling 832-7840 about green waste issues.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Residents' Concerns - Resident Paul Smith reported submitting a complaint last month where the witness' name was released, so the witness got "visits" from various people. Neighborhood Assistant Ho read the City's Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) response, which said the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) determined that the wall is City owned. DFM contacted Structural Systems, Inc. asking them to repair the wall, but to date, they have been unresponsive. DFM is now working with Corporation Counsel for a demand letter to be sent to Structural Systems, Inc. requiring repairs to the City wall. HPD Officer Nathan Chung investigated the damages to the rock wall located opposite of 2670 Pacific Heights Road and a Motor Vehicle Collision report was submitted, case number 07-298093. Ho was not authorized to read the rest of the Mayor's representative report. Acting Chair Schweigert briefly looked over the report and decided to respect its confidentiality. Audrey Hidano suggested that in the future, if the Mayor's representative can not make the meeting to give the report to an "authorized" person, like Chair Paula Kurashige.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative - No representative present, but the Mayor's newsletter and the Discover Recycling Fair flyer were distributed.

Councilmember Rod Tam - Shawn Hamamoto distributed his newsletter and was available to hear community concerns.

Comments followed. 1) Aiona requested trimming of trees at Booth Park, especially along Namilimili Street. 2) Nerney asked about the auwai under Puiwa Road/Park Street. 3) Resident Paul Smith asked if anyone had "pull" with Roads Division to fill potholes.

(8:10 p.m.) Seven people from the public left the meeting.

Board of Water Supply - Iris Oda's report was e-mailed to Board members.

Governor Linda Lingle's representative - Russell Suzuki distributed the Governor's Update and Message to the Neighborhood Boards and was available to hear concerns.

Legislators:

Senator Carol Fukunaga - No representative was present, but her newsletter was available.

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland - Senator Chun Oakland distributed information about the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Summit on September 22 and reported that during the Legislative session she focused on family and children issues. During the Interim, she made site visits to the Leeward homeless.

Comments followed. 1) Nerney asked about the mood of the Legislature about solar energy. She replied that there were tax credits for solar energy available and that the Legislature supported solar energy.

Representative Sylvia Luke - No representative was present, but her newsletter was available.

Representative Corinne Ching - Katie Churchey distributed an "I Love Liliha" flyer, announcing a Town Festival on Saturday, August 25 at the Prince David Kawanakoa playground from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There would be tours of the historic Liliha-Nu'uano Corridor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Emphasis Leader for Bus Transportation - Pauoa - Heather Crislip volunteered to be the Emphasis Leader to investigate bus routes for Pauoa seniors.

Emphasis Leader for Planning/Permitting/Variations - No one volunteered, but Young suggested that if an issue came up, a person in the affected Subdistrict would volunteer to investigate and report back to the Board. Shawn Hamamoto was asked to follow up on "Ohana zoning." Acting Chair Schweigert deferred this item.

Emphasis Leader for Safety - Board members requested more information. Acting Chair Schweigert deferred this item.

Emphasis Leader for Nu'uaniu/Liliha Corridor - Board members requested more information. Acting Chair Schweigert deferred this item.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Citizen Advisory Committee - Fidell asked if the representative had to be a Neighborhood Board member or could the Board appoint an interested community person, as meetings are held during the work day. Neighborhood Assistant Ho would follow up.

Board of Education (BOE) - Selection of liaison representatives with schools in the Nu'uaniu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 district. Board members requested more information. Acting Chair Schweigert deferred this item.

Marshallese Consulate - Bob Tom volunteered to be the liaison representative.

Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Summit - On Saturday, September 22, 2007 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa's Coral Ballroom, 2005 Kalia Road, Waikiki from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Board may authorize payment for one attendee (\$20.50), plus parking (\$6.00). Several Board members would not be available to attend the summit and Nerney asked if the Board could appoint an interested community person to attend. Young felt that since the registration would come out of the Board's budget, it should be a Board member. Neighborhood Assistant Ho would follow up.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Time Limit Policy - Chair Paula Kurashige proposed a time limit policy of 10 minutes per presentation and two minutes per speaker per the agenda. Discussion followed. Fidell argued that the Chair determines the time limit using common sense. Young added the Revised Neighborhood Plan (RNP) will have time limits. Nerney agreed with Fidell that the Board could adopt a time limit policy, but the Chair could waive it. Aiona suggested limiting the agenda to allow more people to testify with the time limit. Carreira proposed a three-minute time limit.

Carreira moved; Young seconded that time limit policy should be ten minutes for presentations and three minutes for each speaker and the Chair can use discretion to extend the time limit. Discussion followed and Harrison offered an amendment.

Harrison moved; Nerney seconded to amend the motion with "only at regular, scheduled Board meetings." The motion was NOT adopted, 6-6-0. Eight votes were needed for adoption. Aye - Aiona, Fidell, Harrison, Hidano, Nerney and Schweigert. **No** - Bannan, Carreira, Crislip, Tom, Ogawa and Young.

The original motion was ADOPTED, 9-3-0. Aye - Aiona, Bannan, Carreira, Crislip, Hidano, Tom, Ogawa, Schweigert and Young. **No** - Fidell, Harrison and Nerney.

Board Recesses - The Neighborhood Plan (NP) requires that the Board meet at least ten times a year. Aiona proposed recesses for November and December for the holiday season. Neighborhood Assistant Ho added the NP does not allow recesses for two consecutive months. **Nerney moved; Bannan seconded that the Nu'uaniu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 recess in December 2007. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 12-0-0. Aye** - Aiona, Bannan, Carreira, Crislip, Fidell, Harrison, Hidano, Nerney, Tom, Ogawa, Schweigert and Young

Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project (HHCTCP) - Fidell felt that there has not been full discussion on the proposed fixed rail system, which would cost Oahu residents \$10,000 per person. As Neighborhood Board No. 12 is the closest to community, it should sponsor a speaker on rail and vote on this issue, representing the residents. Pat Lee stated the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) would come out next summer and there would be a round of community meetings and public hearings. Nerney asked the percentage of Federal funds of the estimated \$5.8 billion cost. Lee replied about \$900 million to \$1.2 billion or about one-fourth. Nerney thought it was 90 percent in 1991. Acting Chair Schweigert offered to try to get Cliff Slater and put him next month's agenda. To publicize the event, Carreira proposed the Board purchase two banners to display around the neighborhood.

Purchase of two Nu'uaniu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 signs to publicize meetings. Young pointed out that this item was not on the agenda. Neighborhood Assistant Ho explained that the Board may add it

to the agenda with a two-thirds vote (12), if the item was not of major importance and did not affect a large number of people.

Carreira moved; Tom seconded that the Nu'uaniu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 place this item on the agenda. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 12-0-0. Aye - Aiona, Bannan, Carreira, Crislip, Fidell, Harrison, Hidano, Nerney, Tom, Ogawa, Schweigert and Young.

Carreira moved; Tom seconded that the Nu'uaniu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 purchases two banners before the September meeting for up to \$100. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 12-0-0. Aye - Aiona, Bannan, Carreira, Crislip, Fidell, Harrison, Hidano, Nerney, Tom, Ogawa, Schweigert and Young.

(9:15 p.m.) Young and Ogawa left the meeting.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 19, 2007 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - Corrections were made.

- Page 4, **REVIEW AND CORRECTION OF THE MAY 15, 2007 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** - The following corrections were 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, the correct spelling of Representative Ching's first name, "Corinne".
 - Page 3, after Representative Corinne W.L. Ching provided the following:, it should read, "Katie Churchey gave a verbal report:
- Page 5, it should read, "**Representative Sylvia Luke** - No report."

Harrison moved; Bannan seconded that the June regular meeting minutes be approved as corrected. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 10-0-0. Aye - Aiona, Bannan, Carreira, Crislip, Fidell, Harrison, Hidano, Nerney, Tom and Schweigert.

APPROVAL OF JULY 17, 2007 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - Corrections were made.

Page 4, under **Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project (HHCTCP) Update**, it should read, "...the 20-mile Minimal Operable Segment (MOS) will travel from the University of Hawaii -West Oahu in Kapolei to the Ala Moana Center...."

Harrison moved; Bannan seconded that the July regular meeting minutes be approved as corrected. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 10-0-0. Aye - Aiona, Bannan, Carreira, Crislip, Fidell, Harrison, Hidano, Nerney, Tom and Schweigert.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) The Chair would like to thank Principal Roberta Richards and staff members Joanne Gomes and Nora Keaulana of Pauoa Elementary School for the use of their school for the Nu'uaniu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 regular meetings.
- 2) The community meeting for Wastewater Treatment is scheduled for Wednesday, August 22, at Kapolei Hale from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- 3) The next Nu'uaniu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at the Pauoa Elementary School Cafeteria at 7:15 p.m.
- 4) The third annual Discover Recycling Fair is scheduled for Thursday, September 20 through Saturday, September 22 at the Neal S. Blaisdell Arena.
- 5) The Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Summit is scheduled for Saturday, September 22, 2007 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa's Coral Ballroom from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Submitted by:
K. Russell Ho
Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:
Paula Kurashige, Chair
and Jack Schweigert, Secretary/Treasurer