



NUUANU/ PUNCHBOWL NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 12

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2007 PAUOA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Paula Kurashige called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m. with a quorum of ten members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mason Aiona, James Bannan, Al Canopin, Jr., Heather Crislip, John Harrison, Audrey Hidano (7:45 p.m.), Paula Kurashige, James Marn (appointed at this meeting), Phil Nerney, Bob Tom, Wendy Ogawa and Sylvia Young.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Carreira (notified), Jay Fidell and Jack Schweigert (notified).

VACANCIES: None.

GUESTS: Mark Bennett (State Attorney General, Governor Linda Lingle's representative); Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Katie Churchey (Representative Corinne Ching's Office Manager), Gail Haraguchi (Deputy Director, Department of Enterprise Services, Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative); Shawn Hamamoto (Councilmember Rod Tam's Office staff), Capt. David Yamada (Nu'uaniu Station, Honolulu Fire Department), Maj. Clayton Saito, Lt. Norman Kau and Sgt. Jon Oshiro (District 1, Honolulu, Honolulu Police Department); Sgt. Keith Kessler (District 5, Kalihi, Honolulu Police Department); Riley Hakoda (Punchbowl Beautification Project), Dr. Panos Prevedouros (Professor of Traffic and Transportation Engineering, University of Hawaii); Cliff Slater (HonoluluTraffic.com), Pat Lee (Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project), Toru Hamayasu (Department of Transportation Services), Alan Nguyen, Kara Albers, Valynn Phaw, Mehaha Moore and Nicole Marcos (Nursing students, University of Hawaii); Jan Farrant, Elisa Yadao, and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) - Capt. Yamada reported:

1) 3 structure, 2 rubbish and 2 vehicle fires; 40 medical emergencies and 14 miscellaneous service calls for a total of 61 calls for service. There was one major fire, which caused about \$4,000 damage.

2) Fire Safety Tip: When selecting Halloween costumes, ensure they are flame-resistant, made of lightweight fabric, brightly colored, and clearly visible to motorists. Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape. Keep the length of costumes short to prevent tripping. A natural mask of cosmetics is better than a mask that may restrict breathing or obscure vision. Children should carry flashlights to light their way.

Comments followed:

Chair Kurashige mentioned that Jack Schweigert received a resident's concern about rats and a fire hazard at 2173 Booth Road. She was advised to call the State Department of Health (DOH) Vector Control Office. HFD would follow up, too.

FILLING OF VACANCY IN SUBDISTRICT 1 (Punchbowl) - Chair Kurashige asked for any volunteers to fill the vacancy due to the resignation of Patricia Jones. James Marn volunteered. He was self-employed and is now retired. As a former Board member, he would like to continue serving on the Board. Young and Canopin spoke in favor of Marn. As there was no other candidates, **Young moved; Canopin seconded that James Marn be appointed to the Nu'uaniu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12. The motion was ADOPTED, unanimously, 10-0-0.**

Neighborhood Assistant Ho administered the Oath of Office to James Marn.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD)

District 1, Honolulu - Sgt. Jon Oshiro reported:



1) 0 robberies, 0 burglaries, 17 Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle (UEMV), 7 auto thefts, 1 assault, 14 property damage, 29 motor vehicle collisions (MVC), 4 driving under the influence (DUI), 1 sex offense, 1 family offense, 0 drug offenses, 0 graffiti and 74 miscellaneous services.

2) Regarding Paul Smith's concern of loitering and drinking near the 2400-block of Pacific Heights Road, HPD found no violations, but will continue monitoring.

3) This Halloween HPD is especially concerned about tampered candy. Call the police immediately if you find a tampered treat..

4) Regarding the statistics, there were no graffiti cases. This morning at 3:00 a.m. one male and one female were arrested at 2004 Pacific Heights Road (at the Pali Highway entrance near the Shell service station on Booth Road). A witness called in the complaint.

Comments followed:

1) Harrington reported this morning a few military helicopters were flying overhead. District 5, HPD thought it might have been the "Blue Angels" flying back to the mainland. HPD will follow up.

2) Young reported that at the Honolulu Credit Union parking lot for two months people have been drinking and relieving themselves on weekday nights. The property manager comes in the next morning and finds the lot messy. HPD will follow up.

3) When Tom asked if the graffiti vandals were from this district and what happens to them now, Sgt. Oshiro replied that in this particular case, they were not from this district and they would go through the court system.

Sgt. Oshiro introduced Maj. Clayton Saito, who replaced Maj. Randal Macadangdang.

Recommendation to Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) of closure of Booth Park - As there were no objections, Chair Kurashige moved this item up in the agenda. Aiona recommended closure of Booth Park from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., because of noise, loitering, drinking of alcoholic beverages and other violations. He added that the Booth Park supervisor was also in favor of the closure.

Comments followed.

When Young asked why 5:00 a.m. instead of 6:00 a.m., Aiona replied that he was informed by Neighborhood Assistant Ho that in other neighborhoods, many seniors start walking and exercising before 6:00 a.m. **Aiona moved; Young seconded that the Nu'uaniu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 recommends that the Booth Park be closed from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. The motion was ADOPTED unanimously.**

Canopin moved; Ogawa seconded that the Nu'uaniu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 notify the Department of Parks and Recreation to post the appropriate signage at the park. The motion was ADOPTED unanimously.

District 5, Kalihi - Sgt. Keith Kessler reported:

The September statistics were 11 arguments, 3 assaults, 3 burglaries, 0 drugs/narcotics, 0 DUIs, 1 family offense, 0 graffiti, 0 homicides, 4 motor vehicle thefts, 22 motor vehicle collisions, 0 property damages, 0 robberies, 0 sex offenses, 6 thefts, 15 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV) for a total of 65 offenses. He noted that Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle (UEMV) was down 6 from last month.

Comments followed:

1) Sgt. Kessler would follow up on the military helicopters.

2) He mentioned that car break-ins were down, but other thefts were up. Chair Kurashige reported her husband's car was stolen and found stripped in Kailua.

3) Phil Nerney has been reporting barking dogs for the last six months. HPD advised him to call Officer Fabian Mata, who is in charge of Community Relations, with the address of the barking dogs.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Residents' Concerns -

1) Chair Kurashige announced that the property owners at 2979 Laola Street are seeking a variance and the public hearing is on October 24.

2) **Punchbowl Beautification Project Update** - Riley Hakoda submitted "Per Director Castegnetti, plans presented at the Veteran Affairs forum conducted by (U.S.) Senator (Daniel) Akaka are not for general public circulation yet. No update received from Senator Akaka's office regarding plan status. (No response from Jon Yoshimura.) No update received from Department of Veteran Affairs regarding action on Punchbowl."

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative - Gail Haraguchi reported:

1) Regarding Dowsett Highlands, the applicant requested and was granted a first extension of the tentative approval that will expire on November 19, 2007. Review of the construction plans by the pertinent agencies continues. Upon approval of the plans by these agencies and the Director of Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), construction may commence.

2) Regarding the "sink hole" at Puiwa Street and Park Street, the departments investigated the problem and identified that groundwater had infiltrated into the City's drain line causing sediment to enter the drain system and causing the sink hole. A steel plate was installed to temporarily resolve the safety issue for motorists on the interim until the sink hole problem is resolved. Department of Design and Construction (DDC) responded that the contractor, Insituform Technologies, will be issued a notice to proceed on October 1, 2007. They have been contracted to install a liner in the existing drain pipe. The cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) process that will be used will create a new pipe within the existing pipe and stop any infiltration of ground water into the pipe. Depending upon material delivery, it is anticipated that field work may commence on or about October 25, 2007. The liner for the drain line is expected to be installed by October 31, 2007. Following the liner installation and repair of the drain line, Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) will repair the sink hole, remove the steel plate and repair the road pavement.

3) There is a large amount of graffiti on the Ewa-side of Punchbowl on a concrete/tile wall (property under construction) located on Prospect Street between San Antonio and Madeira Streets) that can be seen from all parts of Honolulu. Apparently, construction has stopped and the private property owners are in Taiwan. DPP responded that it does not have the legal authority to force a property owner to remove graffiti on private property. The department, however, does send private property owners "courtesy" letters informing them that there is graffiti on their properties and requesting the owners to voluntarily cooperate by immediately removing or covering the graffiti. DPP will make a site visit to ascertain the property location and send the courtesy letter. Provision of street address or tax map key will facilitate the process.

4) There are many road signs along Pali Highway and in Nuuanu that are unreadable due to graffiti or wear and tear. DFM responded that Pali Highway is under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation (DOT) and concerns regarding signage should be referred to them. For roads in Nuuanu, please provide specific locations. Regarding Jay Fidell's concerns about potholes and other public projects, she distributed the Mayor's Midterm Report, which details the Mayor's accomplishments.

5) Regarding Bannan's question if the Neighborhood Board is informed of the number of buildings on a property, a formal response is forthcoming.

Comments followed:

1) Marn will follow up on address of the graffiti on the side of Punchbowl.

2) When Nerney asked for clarification that Dowsett Highlands was granted a first extension of the tentative approval that will expire on November 19, 2007, Mayor's representative Haraguchi replied that was what her report stated.

3) Aiona is working with Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) about the tree at Booth Park that needed trimming.

4) Nerney thanked the City for clearing the sewer line.

5) Young pointed out that in August Haraguchi was absent and Neighborhood Assistant Ho read only part of the report. Haraguchi replied that she left a message on his cell phone, giving him authorization to read the entire report.

Councilmember Rod Tam - Shawn Hamamoto distributed Councilmember Tam's newsletter and was available to hear concerns. Nerney offered to work with the City Council on any ordinance about barking dogs.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - No representative present, but Iris Oda had emailed:

1) MAIN BREAK REPORT: One main break on September 5 at 12:55 p.m. at Pauoa Road and Lusitana Street.

2) GENERAL WATER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A) October is "Make A Difference Month," and the BWS would like to encourage everyone to "make a difference" by helping to preserve and protect the precious water resources. Don't let the faucet run and run. Take shorter showers. Check for leaks in plumbing and toilets. Put a nozzle on the garden hose. Install water-efficient plumbing fixtures. Water lawns every other day and don't water between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Grow plants that match the home's climate conditions. For recommendations, visit the Oahu Planting Guide at www.boardofwatersupply.com.
- B) A man was recently sentenced to five years in prison for stealing copper from a BWS facility. BWS was able to prosecute this thief, because a resident, who witnessed the thief in action, called 9-1-1. Report suspicious activity, such as illegal dumping, vandalism, theft, etc. to the police by calling 9-1-1 immediately. These criminal acts not only impact their facilities, but also cost their customers money.

Governor Linda Lingle's representative - Mark Bennett reported:

1) The Attorney General's Office does not regulate charitable organizations, but fundraisers must register. There were bills in the Legislature, but no bills passed.

2) Intermediate Court of Appeals Judge Lim passed away and Governor Lingle nominated Circuit Court Judge Randy Lee to replace him. Lee would have to go through the Senate confirmation process.

3) There will be a Special Session of the Legislature on the Superferry and to fix the "extended term sentencing by juries" law.

Comments and discussion followed on Environmental Impact Statements, appeals, Circuit Court Judge Randy Lee and more overseeing of charities.

Legislators:

Senator Carol Fukunaga - Senator Fukunaga's newsletter was made available.

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland - Senator Chun Oakland distributed her materials and reported that the Special Session would run from October 24 to October 31 and one topic would be the Superferry.

Representative Sylvia Luke - Blayne Higa notified Chair Kurashige that Representative Luke and he would not attend the meeting, due to prior commitments.

Representative Corinne W.L. Ching - Katie Churchey distributed Representative Ching's newsletter earlier.

PRESENTATIONS: (8:10 p.m.)

Alternatives to the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project (HHCTCP) - Dr. Panos Prevedouros was not prepared to make a presentation, but was ready to answer questions. His position can be found at www.honolulutraffic.com. After some discussion, the Board decided that both sides would return for the February 2008 Neighborhood Board meeting.

Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project (HHCTCP) - Pat Lee, Toru Hamayasu, and others were prepared to make a presentation representing the City's position, which can be found at www.honolulutransit.org. After some discussion, the Board decided that both sides would return for the February 2008 Neighborhood Board meeting. Tom requested that the Board widely publicize the February meeting.

38 Wood Street Maintenance - Chair Kurashige was concerned about the maintenance of property behind 38 Wood Street. Mayor's representative Haraguchi asked Chair Kurashige to write her concerns down and she would follow up.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO)'s Citizen Advisory Committee - No one volunteered to serve.

Liaison with Lincoln Elementary and R.L. Stevenson Middle Schools - Vice Chair Canopin volunteered to serve as liaison with Lincoln Elementary and R. L. Stevenson Middle Schools.

Formation of a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) for the 2007 Draft Revised Neighborhood Plan (RNP) - The "Sunshine Law" allows a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) of more than two Board members but less than a quorum (8) to investigate a subject and report back at the next Board meeting. The Board could then take action. Al Canopin, Heather Crislip and John Harrison expressed interest in serving on this PIG.

Crislip moved; Canopin seconded that the Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 form a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) to review the 2007 Draft Revised Neighborhood Plan (RNP), attend public hearings and report back to the Board. The motion was ADOPTED, 9-1-2. Aye - Aiona, Bannan, Canopin, Crislip, Harrison, Hidano, Kurashige, Marn and Nerney. **Nay** - Young. **Abstained** - Tom and Ogawa. Young voted "Nay," because the public hearings were scheduled for November 3 and 5 and the Board did not have time to study the RNP and vote on revisions. "It was moot." (Note: The Neighborhood Commission would be accepting public input until December 7, 2007.)

Volunteers to represent the Board at the Pauoa Elementary School's Craft Fair - Vice Chair Canopin volunteered to work at the Pauoa Craft Fair on Saturday, October 27.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 21, 2007 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: As there were no objections, the August 21, 2007 regular meeting minutes were approved as circulated by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2007 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Corrections were made:

- Page 1, **MEMBERS ABSENT**, replace "(excused)" with "(notified)."
- Page 1, under **GUESTS** and on Pages 3 and 4, under **Nu'uanu Dam report**, it should read, "Barry Usagawa."
- Page 4, near the top, it should read, "(9:12 p.m.) Three BWS people, three students...."
- Page 4, under **Punchbowl Beautification Project Update**, it should read, "Riley Hakoda reported meeting with the Veterans Administration to present 'Plan D,' which is the National Cemetery Administration's plan for an exterior visitor center. This "Plan D" would free space for more burial plots and extend the useful life of Punchbowl by 20 years."

The September 18, 2007 regular meeting minutes were approved as corrected, 9-0-3. Aye - Aiona, Bannan, Canopin, Crislip, Harrison, Kurashige, Marn, Nerney and Tom. **Abstained** - Hidano, Ogawa and Young. Since they did not attend the September meeting, they did not feel that they could vote on it.

Young mentioned the current Neighborhood Plan (NP) does not allow "excused" absences. The new 2007 Revised Neighborhood Plan (RNP) is undergoing review. She suggested changing "excused" absences to "notified" absences. The Neighborhood Commission is also discussing a "unified" format for agendas and minutes. Vice Chair Canopin suggested using Neighborhood Assistant Ho's formats. Chair Kurashige and the Board acknowledged Neighborhood Assistant Ho for his hard work.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ogawa reported that as of October 16, 2007, the Fiscal Year 2008 appropriation was \$5,178.00, of which \$1,520.00 was projected for Operating costs. With \$45.37 expended for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes, the balance was \$1,474.63. The Publicity budget remained at \$3,538.00 and the Refreshment Budget remained at \$120.00. The Treasurer's Report was filed as read.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 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.
- The Pauoa Elementary School is announcing their Craft Fair on Saturday, October 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- The Board of Water Supply (BWS) is presenting its 2007 Neighborhood Board Orientation Workshop on Saturday, October 27 at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden, 99-1268 Iwaena Street from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- A public hearing for the 2007 Draft Revised Neighborhood Plan is scheduled for Monday, November 5 at the Mayor's Conference Room on the third floor of Honolulu Hale, 530 S. King Street from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- The Second Annual City & County of Honolulu Transit Symposium is scheduled for November 13, 2007 at the Neal Blaisdell Center - Pikake Room from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Symposium will feature major cities with successful transit systems discussing key aspects of their project development. To register, download the form from www.honolulutransit.org and call 523-3005 or fax the registration form to 737-0454.
- The next Nu'uaniu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 20, 2007, at 7:15 p.m., at the Pauoa Elementary School Cafeteria.
- Aikane O Nuuanu, the PTA at Nuuanu Elementary School, needs one or two adults interested in helping out with their Morning Care program from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. weekdays. The pay is \$10.00 per hour.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by:

K. Russell Ho
Neighborhood Assistant