



## NUUANU/ PUNCHBOWL NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 12

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### **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA** **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 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 February 19, 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. ORDER & DECORUM**

#### **3. SUNSHINE LAW TRAINING & CERTIFICATION**

#### **4. VACANCIES:**

A. Subdistrict 2 - (one seat) – Patt Spencer

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

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

#### **6. BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEMBER(S)**



**SYLVIA YOUNG, AND JAY FIDELL.**

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

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

**8. STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - Scott Ishikawa**

**9. PROSTITUTION – Senate Bill 706, House Bill 982  
(Reverend Pam Vessels and/or Tracy Ryan)**

**10. ILIO'ULAOKALANI COALITION – Power Point Presentation (Relating to the Kahuku Community, and the protection of all shorelines along Kahuku Golf Course from future development.)**

**11. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – (Variance Requirement) for AHA Punana Leo Hawaiian Immersion Pre-School proposed for 243 N. Judd Street. – Leinaala Medeiros**

**12. CHAIR'S LETTER to elected State and City representatives, dated February 12, 2007.**

**13. BILLS/RESOLUTIONS received by the Chair, seeking support from the Neighborhood Board.**

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

**15. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 17, 2007.**

**16. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**17. ADJOURNMENT (NO LATER THAN 9:15 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*

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[www.honolulu.gov/nco/nb12/index.htm](http://www.honolulu.gov/nco/nb12/index.htm)

## Inventory of Community Concerns **February 20, 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 20th, 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.

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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. would send a letter to Senator Carol Fukunaga to place funding in the next “state” budget cycle for this project.

- **ITEM #2: Inspection of severely damaged & abandoned home at 1848-A Puowaina Drive Request by: Yeong Bu Kim – November 6, 2006.** Ref RISR 181714

November 22, 2006 – Chair Al Canopin, Jr. received a response from the Department of Planning and Permitting Director Henry Eng who stated: “Notice of Violation was issued for a structure extensively damaged by rot and termites....total amount of fines assessed is \$16,800....case was referred to Corporation Counsel for legal assistance. If the violator does not initiate corrective action as a result of our attorney’s legal demands, an advisory may be placed on the property owner’s driver’s license and vehicle, preventing their renewal, and the total amount of assessed fines may be placed as a lien on the property with foreclosure on the lien as an option to collection of the fines.”

- **ITEM #3: Request by Vice Chair Paula Kurashige – Nuuanu – (Mamaloa Place, Old Pali Road, Nuuanu/Pali Drive, Palimalu Drive) - 15Dec06 - RISR 187037**

Chair Al Canopin, Jr. submitted a “Request for Investigative Service Report” form to the City Administration for a response

- (1) Increase HPD visibility and surveillance at the location(s) identified above during 9:00 a.m. thru 4:00 p.m.
  - (2) HPD Officer Fabian Mata to communicate regularly with the Nuuanu Security Watch Coordinator (Lisa Nakano), and Nuuanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board Vice Chair Paula Kurashige regarding all Neighborhood Board Security Watch issues, and to notify them of “imminent” HPD alerts in the area.
  - (3) HPD - District 1 (Beats 158 & 160) to provide the Nuuanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board their “Crime Statistical Report” with more specific/detailed information and format used by HPD – District 2, to their Neighborhood Watch network.
  - (4) HPD - District 5 (Beats 572 & 573) to provide the Nuuanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board their “Crime Statistical Report” with more specific/detailed information and format used by HPD – District 2, to their Neighborhood Watch network.
  - (5) HPD to establish a online “Public Awareness Bulletin Web-Link” for the community to access. Inform the Nuuanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board, and the Nuuanu Neighborhood Security Watch network on where to access the “web-link”.
  - (6) Contact the requestor should you require more information.
- Respond to the requestor and our office with your findings, recommendations, and a timetable in bringing these request(s) to a closure.

NOTE: HPD did not inform the Nuuanu Neighborhood Watch network that HPD Officer Byron Anaya was being replaced by HPD Officer Fabian Mata. Burglaries at the locations identified above, have increased significantly within the past three months.

RESPONSE by Honolulu Police Department (HPD):

“On December 19, 2006, Officer Fabian Mata of District 5 (Kalihi) contacted Nuuanu Security Watch (NSW) Coordinator Lisa Nakano and spoke with her regarding the NSW information that can be provided. He asked Ms. Nakano to remind the residents to call 911 to report suspicious activities so that the beat officers can be dispatched to make immediate checks of the area. Officer Mata also e-mailed Ms. Nakano the November 2007 District 5 crime statistics for her neighborhood beats.

District 2 (Wahiawa) is able to provide more detailed statistical and mapping reports due to the Crime Analysis Targeting program that was implemented in their district on a pilot basis through a grant. District 1 (Central Honolulu) and District 5 do not have the capability at this time to provide the statistical information in the same format as the District 2 reports.

On December 26, 2006, Officer Fabian Mata spoke to Vice Chair Paula Kurashige of Neighborhood Board No. 12 and explained to her that the “Public Awareness Bulletin Web Link” for community use is on a trial basis in District 2.

Should there be any questions, Officer Mata may be contacted at 845-0950.

- **ITEM # 4: Request by Pat Jones (former NHB member) – 14Nov06 - RISR 183370**

Chair Al Canopin, Jr. submitted a “Request for Investigative Service Report” form to the City Administration for a response to resolve the issue concerning the C&C garbage bins, and abandoned vehicles at 38 & 50 Propect Street.

RESPONSE by Honolulu Police Department:

On November 11, 2006 - Officer Richard Fikani checked 3 vehicles that he marked abandoned the day prior – all vehicles were moved from the location.

On November 27, 2006 – Officer Richard Fikani issued citations to vehicles for improper parking and traffic infractions.

Should there be any questions, contact Officer Fabian Loo (Acting Captain).

- **ITEM #5: Requested by Denise Oguma of Royal Elementary School – 20Nov06 - Chair Al Canopin,** Jr. submitted a “Request for Investigative Service Report” form to the City Administration for a response - requesting the Honolulu Police Department to monitor and take appropriate enforcement action for violations witnessed in regards to the increasing number of “homeless” individuals who store their belongings, and remain at the location, that drink alcohol in public, engaging in inappropriate activities, and littering the area. School children are afraid to go near the homeless individuals. The children need to use the overpass to attend school, and for their physical exercise class at Kamamalu Park.

RESPONSE: Sergeant Lawrence Santos of District 1 was assigned to this complaint. Officers Kerri Nagasawa, Taylor Hoopii, and Brandon Fukuda check the area for violations but did not find any individuals sleeping in the area, or personal belongings being stored there. The officer will continue to make periodic checks of the area for violations. Should there be any questions, contact Officer Fabian Loo (Acting Captain).

- **ITEM#6: Request by Ioane Kamauoha of Papakolea – 23Oct06 - RISR 179456**

Chair Al Canopin, Jr. submitted a “Request for Investigative Service Report” form to the City Administration for a response – in a request to improve street lights in Papakolea, on Kaulula’au St. their street light but the light bulbs are on every other light pole, also to lower the speed limit on Kaulula’au St.

January 18, 2007 - RESPONSE by Department of Facility Maintenance Director Laverne Higa: “Department of Design & Construction/MED did a lighting analysis and recommended that Department of Facility Maintenance install lights along Kaululaau Street to improve the illumination. The work was completed by DFM on January 11, 2007. The Department of Facility Maintenance installed seven (7) new street lights along Kaululaau Street in Papakolea. A request for energization of the street lights was sent to Hawaiian Electric Company on January 17, 2007.

RESPONSE by Department of Transportation Service: "We have completed an evaluation of Kaululaau Street, which included a review of its accident history, and found that the 25 mile per hour (MPH) speed limit is appropriate for the roadway. We also conducted a field check and verified that there are "SPEED LIMIT 25" signs appropriately posted on the roadway. Consequently, we do not recommend lowering the speed limit to 10 MPH at this time. We are always concerned about traffic safety, especially when children are involved. For this reason, we do not condone children playing on public roadways. We suggest that they play in City parks or within the properties of their homes under adult supervision. Should you have any questions, please call Leon Lau at 768-8326."

RESPONSE by the Honolulu Police Department (7Feb07) – The complaint was assigned to Officers George Faris and Jason Kenjo of District 1. Kaululaau Street was monitored for speeding violations, however, the officers did not observe any violations. Patrol officers will continue to monitor the area and take enforcement action as needed. Should there be any questions, Acting Major Thomas Grossi can be reached at 529-3386.

- **ITEM #7: 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."

- **ITEM #8: Request by Vice Chair Paula Kurashige – 26Jan07 – Zone Section Flat #: 2243-001 - Collapsed retaining wall and property erosion at 137, 141 and 305 Puiwa Road, etc.** Vice-Chair Kurashige informed Chair Canopin that there has been no response from the city regarding the issue as stated above, and stated that Blaine Higa from Representative Sylvia Luke's office was seeking to obtain the necessary Board of Health Permits for the project.

January 29, 2007 – Chair Canopin discussed this concern with Shawn Hamamoto of Councilmember Rod Tam's office. Shawn Hamamoto stated: "he was informed by the City Administration that after the city receives the Department of Health permits, the City Administration the process will take over a year to further proceed with the project. The procurement process for the project may possibly take another 2 years. In addition, permits will be needed for the use of heavy equipment in the area, and approved access by adjoining property owner(s) will be required. The City Administration/Department of Design and Construction is fully aware of the issue, and is responsible for this project – NOT the office of Councilmember Rod Tam."

February 1, 2007 – Shawn Hamamoto of Councilmember Rod Tam's office informed Chair Al Canopin, Jr. that funding for the project should not be a problem. Obtaining permits for use of heavy equipment, and "Right-Of-Way" access from approximately ½ dozen property owners in the area may be a problem. Should anyone have questions concerning this project, Dennis Toyama from the Department of Design & Construction can be reached at 523-4756.

- **ITEM #9: 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, 2006 – 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.

- **ITEM #10 Request by Wynn Tessa Gold – 6 Feb 07 – Kamamalu Street**

Chair Al Canopin, Jr. submitted a "Request for Investigative Service Report" form to the City Administration on February 6, 2007 for appropriate action::

- HPD to take appropriate enforcement action towards speeding motorists at the location. Speeding activity occurs during 9:00 a.m. thru 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. thru 8 p.m. daily.
- DTS to make an assessment to improve traffic/resident safety at the location, and take appropriate action regarding "lack of visibility" at blind turns, and where vehicles are parked.
- Install Speed Limit and "Slow Down" and 4 way Stop signage where it is justified.

- **ITEM # 11: Request by Pat Jones (former NHB member) – 12Jan07 - RISR 191844**

Chair Al Canopin, Jr. submitted a "Request for Investigative Service Report" form to the City Administration for a response to resolve the issue concerning the following:

1. Vehicles parked on both sides of the driveway at 50 Prospect Street impairs the visibility of oncoming traffic, and is even more hazardous when large pickup trucks and boats with trailers are parked there. Clearance of four feet on each side of the driveway is not sufficient for clear visibility.
2. Officer Robert Oaks told "requestor" that they will no longer take enforcement action for vehicles parked in unimproved sidewalk locations, because the City Council passed a bill to that effect.

February 7, 2007 – Chair Al Canopin, Jr. received a response from the Honolulu Police Department as follows: “This complaint was assigned to Sergeant Yiu Kay Chan and Officer Joshua Eagle of District 1. The officers went out to Prospect Street and located the vehicles parked on the unimproved sidewalk area. They met with Mr. Jeffrey Price, the owner of the vehicles, to inform him of the violations. He requested that he be given two days to comply, due to the inoperable condition on one of the vehicles. This request was granted on January 28, 2007, a follow-up check of the area revealed all vehicles involved were legally parked. Patrol officers will continue to monitor the area and take enforcement action as needed. Officer Robert Oakes was given in-service training regarding the issuance of citations for unimproved sidewalk violations. Should there be any questions, Acting Major Thomas Grossi can be reached at 529-3386.”

February 7, 2007 – Chair Al Canopin, Jr. received a response from Melvin N. Kaku (Director, Department of Transportation Services) as follows: “We were informed by Ms. Jones that her concerns pertained to vehicles parking on the unimproved sidewalk at her driveway. We explained to her that the City Traffic Code prohibits vehicles from parking on the unimproved sidewalks and signs are not necessary for enforcement. Ms. Jones also notified us the Honolulu Police Department has contacted her, and that her concerns have been addressed. Should there be any further questions, please contact Leon Lau of my staff at 768-8326.”

- **ITEM # 12: 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.