



## NUUANU/ PUNCHBOWL NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 12

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** **TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015** **PAUOA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Phil Nerney called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. **Quorum was established with eight (8) members present.** Note - This 15-member Board requires eight (8) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

**Board Members Present:** Mason Aiona, Clarence Baijo, Joe Duax, Audrey Hidano, Paula Kurashige, Phil Nerney, Patrick Smith, and Bob Vieira.

**Board Members Absent:** Jim Bannan, Ellen Kitamura (notified), and Sylvia Young (notified).

**Vacancies:** There were four (4) vacancies: two (2) in Subdistrict 1 (Punchbowl) and two (2) in Subdistrict 3 (Nu'uauu).

**Guests:** Mudra Josephson (Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland's Office staff), Nelson Koyanagi (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services, Director); Chris Delaunay (Councilmember Carol Fukunaga's Office staff); Captain Cary Yamamoto (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant B. Lee and Sergeant S. Masaki, II (Honolulu Police Department, District 1); Lieutenant B. West and Sergeant K. Kessler (Honolulu Police Department, District 5), Randy Bartlett (Hawaii Invasive Species Council), Ronald Higa, Garrett Iwai, and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Chair Nerney changed the order of the agenda.

### **CITY MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** – Captain Cary Yamamoto reported the following:

- **December 2014 Statistics** – There were 0 structure, 0 wildland, 0 rubbish, and 0 vehicle fires; 46 medical emergencies, 0 search and rescues, and 21 miscellaneous calls for service. There were no major incidents.
- **Fire Safety Tips** – Purchase a microwave oven that has an independent testing laboratory label. Complete and return the product registration card in case of a product recall. Always supervise children using a microwave oven. If the microwave oven catches fire, keep the door closed, turn off the oven, and unplug it. If the fire does not extinguish, go outside and call 911.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD), District 1** – Lieutenant B. Lee reported the following:

- **December 2014 Crime Statistics** – There were 3 motor vehicle thefts, 6 burglaries, 10 thefts, 14 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (JEMV), 3 assaults, 0 sex assaults, 1 graffiti, and 2 drugs cases. There were 703 calls for service in District 1. Visit [www.honolulu.hpd.org](http://www.honolulu.hpd.org) for further breakdown of the statistics.
- **Safety Tips** – The tips were on Pedestrian Safety, which included: Be safe and be seen. Wear bright/light colored clothing and reflective materials. Be smart and alert. Avoid dangerous behaviors. Always walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic. Do not assume vehicles will stop. Make eye contact with drivers. Do not rely solely on pedestrian signals. Look left, right, and left again before crossing a street. Obey traffic signals. Do not wear headphones or talk on a cell phone while crossing.

Comments followed:

1. **Pedestrian Safety** – Aiona noticed many pedestrian accidents were due to both pedestrians and drivers failing to make "eye to eye" contact and drivers texting while driving. Lieutenant Lee added that accidents may increase at night, when there is less visibility.
2. **On the Street** – A resident commented on parking on the sidewalks and enforcing of parking violations. Lieutenant Lee noted that patrol officers are very busy and these violations may not be high priority. Chair Nerney suggested calling 911 to report them.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD), District 5** – Sergeant K. Kessler reported the following:

- Crime Statistics for December 2014 – There were 5 motor vehicle thefts, 3 burglaries, 18 thefts, and 13 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV). These statistics are for Beats 571, 572, and 573, as requested, rather than for the whole District 5, which had 948 total calls for service.

Comments followed: Cameras at Pali Lookout – Kurashige noted the surveillance cameras were still not repaired at the Pali Lookout. Chair Nerney mentioned that he received communication from the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) that no one will fix the camera. Kurashige commented that there will be an increase in crime.

Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) – Kurashige reported the following:

- Telephone Scams – There are various telephone scams going on.
- Identity Theft – Kurashige added there are machines that can scan credit cards and passports to steal identities and had a holder for credit cards and passports that shields identity thefts at airports and retail stores.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Ellen Kitamura was not present, but a written report was submitted. Chair Nerney reported that there were water main breaks on Puiwa Road and Park Street for the BWS to fix.

ELECTION OF A SECRETARY AND A TREASURER TO SERVE FROM JULY 1, 2014 to JUNE 30, 2015 – **Chair Nerney nominated Patrick Smith to be the Secretary.** No second is required. **As there were no other nominations and no objections, Patrick Smith was elected to be the Secretary by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 8-0-0 (AYE: Aiona, Baijo, Duax, Hidano, Kurashige, Nerney, Smith, and Vieira).**

**Chair Nerney nominated Clarence Baijo to be the Treasurer.** No second is required. **As there were no other nominations and no objections, Clarence Baijo was elected to be the Secretary by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 8-0-0 (AYE: Aiona, Baijo, Duax, Hidano, Kurashige, Nerney, Smith, and Vieira).**

FILLING OF VACANCIES ON BOARD There were two (2) vacancies in Subdistrict 1 [Punchbowl] and two (2) vacancies in Subdistrict 3 [Nu'uano]. As there were no volunteers or nominations, Chair Nerney deferred this item to the next meeting.

#### RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Coconut Rhinoceros Beetles (CRB) and Little Fire Ants (LFA) – Randy Bartlett gave a short presentation about the CRB and LFA, which have been discovered in Hawaii for about a year. The CRB have damaged about 80% of the palm trees on Guam. The CRB fly at night, breed in mulch piles and have been found at Pearl Harbor, Diamond Head, and Mililani. The LFA are out of control on the Big Island of Hawaii and on the neighbor islands. On Oahu two (2) infestations are in Waimanalo and Mililani Mauka. The LFA have a painful sting, which can blind pets. Check outside one's home using the "Chopstick test." Spread a thin layer of peanut butter on a chopstick and leave out for about 45 minutes. Then, place the chopstick in a plastic bag and freeze. Mail the chopstick to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) for testing.

Comments followed:

1. CRB Eradication – Bartlett answered for Smith that there is a better chance of eradication of the CRB than the LFA, as the area of infestation is on a military base and there can be the elimination of mulch piles. Kurashige found a black cocoon, which became a black moth.
2. LFA Eradication – Bartlett answered for Baijo that the eradication process for the LFA is the use of pesticides within federal regulations. Kurashige noted that certain pesticides do not work. Bartlett added that with over 40 varieties of ants, certain pesticides will not work on the LFA.

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – The City News January 2015 was distributed and Nelson Koyanagi reported the following;

- Dowsett Highlands Relief Sewer – The project is in the planning/design phase.
- Booth District Park Roof Repairs – The project went out to bid and the anticipated construction start date is Sunday, March 15, 2015.
- Kamamalu Neighborhood Park Play Court Lighting – The cope development/consultant procurement process is ongoing.

- Candidate and Voter Registration for the 2015 Neighborhood Board Elections – Candidate registration for the 2015 Neighborhood Board Elections has begun and the deadline to apply is Friday, February 20, 2015. Paper applications are available on the front table or apply online at [www.honolulu.gov/nco](http://www.honolulu.gov/nco). For more information, call 768-3708.
- Keep Hawaii's Heroes – On Monday, November 9, 2014 Mayor Caldwell co-sponsored a petition named Keep Hawaii's Heroes, urging the Army to maintain its military presence in Hawaii. The proposal by the Army would reduce over 16,000 personnel at Schofield Barracks and 4,000 personnel at Fort Shafter. The considered proposal would eliminate 19,800 soldiers and approximately 30,000 civilians. Mayor Caldwell has asked the community to join him in signing the petition and encourages anyone to sign up and testify at the Army's Listening Session to be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at the Hale Koa Hotel. A petition is located on the table. For more information, visit [www.KeepHawaiiisHeroes.org](http://www.KeepHawaiiisHeroes.org) or visit at [info@KeepHawaiiisHeroes.org](mailto:info@KeepHawaiiisHeroes.org).
- Sewer Project #1972065 – Department of Environmental Services (ENV) determined that there was no safety or environmental hazard. Therefore, the project costs were not justified. At this time, the City's focus is on the Consent Decree and higher priority projects, instead of system expansion to areas not currently with sewers.
- Public Hearings – The Nu'uano/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 wants to be informed of zoning variances prior to Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) posting it in their public hearings. It is a long-standing standard procedure of the DPP, when accepting a zoning variance for processing, to notify the affected Neighborhood Board in writing of the acceptance of that variance application. Regarding Variance Application No. 2014/VAR-10, the public hearing was held and closed on Thursday, November 20, 2014, and the deadline for action is Monday, January 19, 2015. In reviewing this file, it was discovered that the Nu'uano Neighborhood Board No. 12 had not been notified in writing of the acceptance of this particular application for processing. This was a procedural oversight due to staff error should not happen again.

Comments followed:

1. DPP Requirements – Koyanagi answered for Chair Nerney that an applicant is not required to come before the Neighborhood Boards before submitting an application.
2. Keep Hawaii's Heroes – Vieira reported that the Chamber of Commerce had only 500 signatures of the 40,000 goal. Vieira suggested that volunteers circulated the petitions in the neighborhood. Baijo asked for facts and Kurashige asked for petitions. A fact sheet and petitions were circulated by Koyanagi and the Neighborhood Assistant.

Councilmember Carol Fukunaga – Chris Delaunay distributed Councilmember Fukunaga's newsletter and reported the following:

- Public and Private Streets Repair – The newsletter listed the construction projects for the Rehabilitation of Localized Streets, including privately-owned streets. Additional details of the starting date for construction, estimated at mid-2015, and the contractor will be provided at the next Neighborhood Board meeting.
- Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Response on Nu'uano-Pauoa Intersection Congestion – On Friday, January 16, 2015, DTS) replied to area legislators' follow-up questions and comments resulting from last year's "Complete Streets" Nu'uano-Liliha Walk Audits. Copies of the response were available.
- New Committee Assignments -- Councilmember Fukunaga begins her full four-year term in 2015 as Chair of the Committee on Public Works, Infrastructure, and Sustainability (PWIS).
- Pali Highway Lighting – Bids for Phase I and Phase II will go out to bid in September 2015.

Comments followed:

1. King Street Cycle Track – Vieira mentioned that he has been monitoring the number of bicycle riders and had several comments. The two (2)-year pilot project means there are less lanes for cars. Having parking on the other side of the Cycle Track looks dangerous. Vieira suggested putting a counter on the road.
2. Ownership of Street in Liliha – A resident asked who owned a street in Liliha. Delaunay will follow up with the resident.

Governor David Ige's Representative – There was no representative present and no report was available.

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland – Mudra Josephson distributed Senator Chun Oakland's packet of information and mentioned the following:

- Legislative Timetable – The Opening Session on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Senate Chambers. From 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. everyone is invited for lunch in Room 229.

Comments followed:

1. Helmet Law – Kurashige mentioned that with the recent accident of a 13-year old girl, the "Helmet Law" bill should be passed.
2. Metal Bottle Caps – Kurashige noted that the Department of Health (DOH) is not recycling metal bottle caps and the metal detectors are not pulling the metal from the landfill.

Representative Sylvia Luke – Representative Luke was not present. However, a written report was available. It was reported that Representative Luke will be the Chair of the House Finance Committee for the session.

Representative Takashi Ohno – Representative Ohno was not present and no report was available.

#### BOARD BUSINESS

Adoption of the October 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes – **Vice Chair Duax moved and Aiona seconded that the Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 approve the October 21, 2014 meeting minutes as circulated.** Discussion followed. Kurashige was absent from the meeting and mentioned not receiving the mail with the October 21, 2014 minutes. **The motion was NOT ADOPTED, 7-0-1 (AYE: Aiona, Baijo, Duax, Hidano, Nerney, Smith, and Vieira; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: Kurashige).** See note at the beginning.

Adoption of the November 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes – **Vice Chair Duax moved and Aiona seconded that the Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 approve the November 18, 2014 meeting minutes as circulated. As there were no objections or corrections, the motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 8-0-0 (AYE: Aiona, Baijo, Duax, Hidano, Kurashige, Nerney, Smith, and Vieira).**

Pali Highway Lighting – This item was previously discussed.

#### REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Baijo reported that in December 2014, \$16.40 was spent for the printing and mailing of the agendas and minutes, leaving a balance of \$353.20. The Treasurer's report was filed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Board Meeting – The next meeting for the Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. in the Pauoa Elementary School cafetorium. Thanks to Principal Dale Arakaki and his staff for allowing the Board to meet at the school.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Submitted by:

K Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:

Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:

Patrick Smith, Secretary and  
Phil Nerney, Chair