



## NUUANU/ PUNCHBOWL NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 12

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 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 10 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, Jim Bannan, Audrey Hidano, Ellen Kitamura, Paula Kurashige, Phil Nerney, Patrick Smith, and Sylvia Young.

**Board Members Absent:** Joe Duax (notified) and Bob Vieira.

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

**Guests:** Carolee Kubo (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative, Department of Human Resources, Director), Chris Delaunay (Councilmember Carol Fukunaga's Office); Captain Cary Yamamoto (Honolulu Fire Department); Sergeant Lurbe (Honolulu Police Department, District 1); Keoni Mattos (Board of Water Supply), Sylvia Oyoma, Ronald Higa, Aaron Landry (Car2Go), Steve Miller, Martha L. McDermott, Rik Papa, Paul Kauhane, Wallace Lee, Curtis Crabbe, and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office).

### CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – There was no representative and no report at this time.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD), District 1 – Sergeant Lurbe reported the following:

- **February 2015 Crime Statistics** – There were 5 motor vehicle thefts, 4 burglaries, 12 thefts, 6 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV), 0 assaults, 0 sex assaults, 0 graffiti, and 2 drugs cases. There were 734 calls for service in District 1. Visit [www.honoluluupd.org](http://www.honoluluupd.org) for a further breakdown of the statistics.
- **Safety Tips** – The tips were on burglary prevention. According to the FBI, a burglary occurs somewhere in the United States every 15 seconds. By definition, the crime of burglary is when a suspect enters a residence or dwelling and commits a crime or offense. "Be a Good Neighbor" and look out for each other. If neighbors see something suspicious, call 911 and notify HPD.

Comments followed:

1. **Stop Line** – Bannan was concerned about the stop line at intersections on Puowaina Drive. HPD responded that after stopping, the driver may slowly move forward to see traffic. Sergeant Lurbe noted the concern.
2. **Solicitors** – Aiona noted that solicitors are coming to the house without IDs and looking around. HPD advised to call 911.
3. **Name of Reporting Officer** – Smith asked for the officer's name. It was Sergeant Lurbe.
4. **Good Job** – Kurashige commented that HPD is doing a good job with the Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW). A resident asked about the Neighborhood Watch in Subdistrict 2. Aiona will look it up at work and notify the resident of the patrol dates and times. On Pacific Heights, there is an e-mail list and Smith was e-mailing reports of suspicious vehicles to residents and the HPD. McDermott requested more patrols in the evenings and submitted a community concerns form.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD), District 5 – A HPD Lieutenant reported the following:

- **Crime Statistics February 2015** – There were 1 motor vehicle theft, 7 burglaries, 1 thefts, and 10 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV). These statistics are for Beats 571, 572, and 573, as requested, rather than for the entire District 5, which had 885 total calls for service. More statistical information can be found at the HPD public website at [www.honoluluupd.org](http://www.honoluluupd.org)
- **Break-ins** – To help prevent break-ins of jalousie windows, put silicone in every other louver to seal it. Use two (2) key dead-bolt locks.

Comments followed:

1. Stop Line – HPD noted that the stop line is six (6) feet from the corner of the intersection.
2. Thank you – Kurashige thanked HPD for a good report.
3. One (1) Key – Aiona suggest one (1) key for all dead-bolts and added that it may cost \$20.00 to \$50.00 per set.
4. Known Gangs – HPD District 5 includes west of Nu'uuanu Avenue to the H-3 and District 1 includes from Nu'uuanu Avenue to Punahou Street. There were arrests in Beat 573.

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

- February 2015 Statistics – There were 1 structure, and 2 rubbish fires; 40 medical emergencies and 27 miscellaneous calls for service.
- Cooking Safety Tips – According to the National Fire Protection Association, more fires start in the kitchen than in any other place in the home. Two (2) out of every five (5) home fires start there. Cook only when alert and not when drowsy or have been drinking. Keep an eye on what one is cooking. If one needs to step away from the stove, turn it off. If there is a fire, go outside and call 911. Stay outside.

Comments followed: Hikers – Aiona was concerned that hikers sometimes get lost and trespass on private property. HPD enforces and HFD rescues. Captain Yamamoto added that there is no control over the hikers.

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

1. Stolen Cars – Kurashige reported two (2) stolen cars with license plates that did not match. HPD advised to report suspicious activity.
2. Attempted Burglary – One (1) attempted burglary was prevented by a barking dog. HPD advised to call 911.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Keoni Mattos reported the following:

- Water Main Breaks – There were two (2) water main breaks in February 2015 – one (1) on Friday, February 6, 2015 at 2085 Puowaina Drive and one (1) on Thursday, February 26, 2015 on Old Pali Highway.
- Telephone Scam Warning – BWS would like to warn the community of a telephone scam where a person claiming to be a BWS employee told customers that a large sum of money was owed and they were threatened that the bill amount must be paid immediately to avoid water service shut off. Everyone is encouraged to call the BWS for verification. BWS does not call customers outside its business hours of Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., to request payment. BWS does not call customers, demand payment, and collect payment all in the same phone call.
- National Fix-a-Leak – Monday, March 16 to Sunday, March 22, 2015 is National Fix-a-Leak Week. During the observation, all residents are encouraged to check for property leaks and to fix them promptly. Checking for and making timely repairs to property leaks helps to save water, lowers the combined water and wastewater bill, and prevents potential damage to one's home. For more information about leak detection call 748-5041 or visit [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com). Mattos had free leak detection dye tablets at the meeting.
- Customer Satisfaction – It was asked what the average call wait time for customer service was. Customer satisfaction is an important component to the BWS mission. The BWS has taken a number of steps to address customer service concerns. Since early 2013, Customer Care has hired additional staff and adjusted its scheduling, so that more agents are manning the phones. The department also streamlined its distribution of back office paperwork to establish faster response times. Today, the average number of calls received per day is 650, which is half the number of calls to the BWS call center last year during the height of the recalculated bill complaints. The average speed of answer is one (1) to two (2) minutes.
- Main Breaks on Puiwa Road and Park Street -- There have been multiple water main breaks on Puiwa Road and Park Street. It was asked the status of the road repair and is BWS looking to replace the water main. BWS is aware of these outstanding road patches and is working to secure a contractor and necessary permits to repair sections of Puiwa Road and Park Street. At this time, the BWS's Six (6)-Year Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Plan does not include a project to replace water lines on Puiwa Road or Park Street. However, this could change as the BWS continually analyzes the water system to identify and prioritize which mains need to be replaced. In fact, history of main breaks is an important consideration in the project prioritization process. BWS staff is monitoring the situation – an update will be provided when information becomes available.

Comments followed:

1. Wood Street – Kurashige noted the Wood Street sidewalks were in disrepair and that the homeless were still bathing on Pali Highway.

2. Booth District Park Disrepair – Aiona noted the ongoing problems.

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

#### RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

No Speed Limit Sign Replacement – Resident Paul Kauhane reported that since December 1, 2011, HECO has replaced a utility pole, but the City has failed to replace the speed limit sign, creating a speeding zone. Kauhane submitted a community concerns form to Neighborhood Assistant Ho.

Car Sharing – Aaron Landry, of Car2Go and a member of the Ala Moana/Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board No. 11, explained that Car2Go is a point to point car service.

Pauoa Cut-off from Pali Highway – Resident Curtis Crabbe noted that the afternoon traffic exiting the Pali Highway to Pauoa Road and Pacific Heights is congested. Crabbe proposed to have two (2) lanes of traffic and a tow away zone on the right side from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Chris Delaunay has submitted the request for a traffic study to the Department of Transportation Services (DTS). Crabbe thanked the Board. As a contractor, who does work off-island, Crabbe could sympathize with owners with vehicles that appear to be abandoned for 24 hours.

Sidewalks on Pauoa Road – A resident reported that people were falling on sidewalks on Pauoa Road from the Pauoa Elementary School to where the bus turns around because the sidewalks were in disrepair and narrow.

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – The *City News March 2015* was distributed and Director Carolee Kubo reported the following;

- Booth District Park Roof Repairs – The project went out to bid and the construction start date was Sunday, March 15, 2015.
- Kamamalu Neighborhood Park Play Court Lighting – The cope development/consultant procurement process is ongoing.
- The Honolulu Zoo – The Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts (MOCA) and the Honolulu Zoo are asking for donations of lāi (ti leaf) to help repair the hale lāi. Green, yellow or brown ti leaves with stems may be dropped off in plastic bags at the Honolulu Zoo entrance.
- Crosswalk Stickers – The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Traffic Signals & Technology Division will begin placing stickers on crosswalk signal poles as workers go out to inspect or repair crosswalk signal poles island-wide. Only when the white man walking signal appears, pedestrians may start walking. When the flashing red hand or countdown signal appears, pedestrians may not start walking. Board members commented about the countdown signals.
- King Street Cycle Track – Two (2)-way lights should be installed soon. The three (3)-day bicycle count was over 600 in February 2015. There was an accident shown on TV. The parking meter is on the sidewalk.

Comments followed:

1. Lengthening the Timing of the Lights – Kurashige requested an increase in the time to cross Pali Highway in the mornings.
2. Eliminate the Countdowns – Many Board members were in favor of eliminating the traffic countdown signal.
3. Roof Repair – Hidano pointed out that the project starts on Sunday, March 15, 2015. Director Kubo will follow up. Missing gutters were mentioned. Aiona suggested reviewing the entire park for existing problems, including the lack of funding and staff.
4. Update on Kawanānakoā Park – Young requested an update on Kawanānakoā Park. Director Kubo will follow up.
5. Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) – Chair Nerney stated he was disappointed that the DPP did not require developers to come before the Neighborhood Boards for public input.

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

- David Niau Memorial Walk/Ride – Chad Taniguchi of Hawaii Bicycling League is spearheading the David Niau Memorial Walk/Ride on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. to honor the neighborhood bicyclist who

passed away from injuries sustained from a traffic collision at the intersection of Nuuanu Avenue and Judd Street on Sunday, February 1, 2015.

- Community Solutions Meeting – A community solutions meeting to discuss actions to safeguard pedestrians, bicyclists of all ages will follow the memorial walk/ride at 10:00 a.m. The Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 and the Liliha/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14 will hold a special joint meeting, which is being co-sponsored by area legislators Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Representative Sylvia Luke, Representative Takashi Ohno and Councilmember Carol Fukunaga. Patrick Smith offered to be the Secretary for the joint meeting.
- Fact Sheet on Rock Slide Project on Prospect Street – A fact sheet was distributed.
- Homeless Encampment – The homeless encampment on Pauoa Stream, under the jurisdiction of the State, was removed by HPD.
- Damaged Playground Equipment – The damaged playground equipment will be repaired by September 2015.
- Kawananakoa Park Complaints – Kawananakoa Park complaints about graffiti and damaged urinals in the park's restrooms were reported to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), which sent repair teams to replace urinals in the men's restrooms twice during early March. HPD officers were also able to apprehend a male juvenile for breaking/damaging the second urinal replacement.

Comments followed:

1. Kawananakoa Auditorium Update – Delaunay will follow up.
2. Rock Slide Project on Prospect Street – Bannan lamented the loss of parking and questioned who requested the rock slide project.
3. Wood Street – Kurashige mentioned that the tree was removed from the Pauoa Stream.
4. Pali Highway Pauoa Entrance to Kailua – Rock fall is due to people walking at the top of the hill.
5. Homeless Encampment – Smith reported a psychotic person, living near the Shell service station, about three (3) houses up the street. Smith would like to know who the property owner is.

Governor David Ige's Representative – There was no representative present and no report was available. Chair Nerney had visited Governor Ige's website and requested a representative. Chair Nerney also saw Governor Ige in person and he responded, "We'll see."

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland – Senator Chun Oakland was not present. However, a packet of information was distributed.

Representative Sylvia Luke – Representative Luke was not present. However, a written report was distributed.

Representative Takashi Ohno – Representative Ohno was not present and no report was available. Young received e-mails about a meeting on Pali Highway from Representative Ohno.

## BOARD BUSINESS

Consideration of Whether to Adopt a Position about Senate Bill 419, Concerning Permitted Interactions – The bill crossed over to the House and would allow Board members to attend meetings, but not vote. No action was taken.

Consideration of Whether to Adopt a Position about Whether Neighborhood Boards Should Be Subject to Chapter 92 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (Open Meetings), Including Whether to Adopt a Position about Senate Bill 420 – As there was no pending legislation, no action was taken.

Adoption of the October 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes – **Smith moved and Aiona seconded that the Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 approve the October 21, 2014 meeting minutes. As there were no objections, the Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 approved the October 21, 2014 meeting minutes as circulated by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-0 (AYE: Aiona, Baijo, Bannan, Hidano, Kitamura, Kurashige, Nerney, Smith, and Young).**

Adoption of the February 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes – **Smith moved and Aiona seconded that the Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 approve the February 17, 2015 meeting minutes as amended. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-0 (AYE: Aiona, Baijo, Bannan, Hidano, Kitamura, Kurashige, Nerney, Smith, and Young).** The amendments were as follows:

- Page 4, under January 2015 minutes, it should read, "Hidano noted that in the January 2015 set of minutes, Booth Park is scheduled to start on a Sunday. Koyanagi responded that he will follow up".
- Page 4, under Complete Streets, it should read, "Kurashige noted that there have been different organizations giving helmets away and commented that more than 1,000 helmets have been given away."
- Page 4, under Abandoned Cars, it should read, "Bannan noted that to report abandoned cars, go online and fill out the form and it will be taken care of. Bannan commented that they will send a notification when the car is gone. Bannan noted that they had great service."

Pali Highway Lighting – Young suggested that everyone attend the meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at the Nu'uuanu Elementary School from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to hear from the State Department of Transportation (HDOT).

#### REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Baijo reported that in February 2015, \$21.54 was spent for the printing and mailing of the agendas and minutes, leaving a balance of \$305.79. The Treasurer's report was filed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Board Meeting – The next meeting for the Nu'uuanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. in the Pauoa Elementary School cafeteria. Chair Nerney thanked Principal Dale Arakaki and his staff for allowing the Board to meet at the school. Chair Nerney mentioned that he will be absent for the meeting. Smith will also be absent on Tuesday, April 21, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Submitted by:  
K Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:  
Uyen Vong, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:  
Patrick Smith, Secretary and  
Phil Nerney, Chair