



## NUUANU/ PUNCHBOWL NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 12

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### **DRAFT MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD** **TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015** **PAUOA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Joe Duax called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. **Quorum was not established with six (6) members present.** (Note - This 15-member Board requires eight (8) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.) Vice Chair Duax announced that although there was no quorum, the Board was allowed to receive reports.

**Board Members Present** – Mason Aiona, Clarence Baijo, Jim Bannan, Joe Duax, Paula Kurashige, and Sylvia Young.

**Board Members Absent** – Audrey Hidano (notified), Ellen Kitamura, Phil Nerney (notified), Patrick Smith (notified), and Bob Vieira.

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

**Guests** – Nelson Koyanagi (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services, Director), Chris Delaunay (Councilmember Carol Fukunaga's Office), Captain Michael Chun (Honolulu Fire Department), Lieutenant B. Lee and Sergeant S. Masaki II (Honolulu Police Department, District 1), Sergeant Calvin Sung (Honolulu Police Department, District 5), J. Tokusafu, Cindy Aban; Rodney Nakashima and Mark Kamahele (Aikea); Melva Starkey, Steve Miller, Malia K. Harunaga (Hawaii Bicycling League); Mike Lum; and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office).

### **CITY MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** – Captain Michael Chun reported the following:

- **March 2015 Statistics** – There were 3 structure, 0 wildland, 3 rubbish and 1 vehicle fires; 42 medical emergencies, 2 search/rescues, and 10 miscellaneous calls for service. There were 4 major incidents, involving 2 or more companies.
- **Fire Safety Tips** – The HFD reminds the public to call 911 in case of an emergency. Do not drive to the nearest fire station. It is possible that the fire company may not be at the fire station due to other emergencies or performing other duties such as fire inspections, training, and educational activities. When 911 is called, the operator dispatches the closest available fire company to the emergency site. When calling 911, give the operator the initial need (police, fire, or ambulance) and after being transferred to the appropriate agency, provide an accurate description of the need and address or location.

Comments followed:

1. **Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Classes** – Kurashige mentioned that there was a class by the Department of Education (DOE) at Nu'uuanu Elementary School for parents and children. Captain Chun responded that he was not aware of the course, but the HFD offers classes on AEDs and Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification. Kurashige thanked Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) for giving the classes. Young added that courses are also offered by the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association.
2. **Thank You** – Baijo thanked the HFD for its recent response to an emergency and service, which is often not publicized.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD), District 1** – Lieutenant B. Lee introduced Sergeant S. Masaki and reported the following:

- **March 2015/February 2015 Crime Statistics** – There were 10/5 motor vehicle thefts, 6/4 burglaries, 11/12 thefts, 4/6 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV), 3/0 assaults, 0/0 sex assaults, 3/0 graffiti, and 3/2 drugs cases. There were 740/734 calls for service in District 1. Visit [www.honolulupd.org](http://www.honolulupd.org) for a further breakdown of the statistics.
- **Burglary Prevention Safety Tips** – According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), a burglary occurs every 15 seconds somewhere in the United States. By definition, the crime of burglary is when a suspect enters a residence or dwelling and commits a crime or offense. Some tips include: use a solid core or metal

door for all entrance points. Sliding-glass patio doors should be secured with a secondary lock. Use highly visible alarm decals, beware of dog decals or security watch decal, which have been proven effective. Be sure someone cannot reach through an open window and unlock the door. Use anti-lift devices to prevent windows from being lifted out

- Good Neighbors – Good neighbors look out for each other. If a neighbor sees something, say something. Place valuables in a safe and mark for identification. Take pictures of items and catalog valuables. Secure other valuables such as social security cards and passports, and driver's license in a secure area.

Comments followed: Other Tips – Aiona suggested fencing off resident's property and installing an alarm system. Lieutenant Lee advised to cut the hedges low near windows, so that suspects cannot hide.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD), District 5 – Sergeant Calvin Sung reported the following:

- Crime Statistics for March 2015 – There were 4 motor vehicle thefts, 9 burglaries, 10 thefts, and 8 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 950 total calls for service. More statistical information can be found at the HPD public website at [www.honolulu.hpd.org](http://www.honolulu.hpd.org)

Comments followed:

1. Nu'uanu Pali Lookout – Kurashige was concerned about patrolling the Pali Lookout to protect the tourists, as the parking vendors have left. Sergeant Sung responded that HPD has reserve officers to monitor the lookout. Sergeant Sung responded for Baijo that reserve officers volunteer their time, may be in uniform, and may use personal vehicles with the blue light on top. Young added that she noticed solo bike officers near Kapena Falls on the Kailua bound lanes.
2. Speeding Near Nu'uanu Elementary School – Kurashige reported speeding vehicles near Nu'uanu Elementary School and on Wood Street. Sergeant Sung answered for Kurashige that the Community Policing Team uses varied activities to slow down traffic.

Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) – Kurashige reported that the Nu'uanu Valley NSW is re-grouping from 32 members. Although the numbers have been declining, everything has been reported. Kurashige added that she started with the NSW in 1989.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – There was no representative present and no report available. Kurashige commented that in March 2015 the BWS cut down a tree on Wood Street, but the orange cones remained.

FILLING OF VACANCIES ON BOARD: There were two (2) vacancies in Subdistrict 1 [Punchbowl] and two (2) vacancies in Subdistrict 3 [Nu'uanu]. There was one (1) interested person in the audience. As there was no quorum, no action could be taken. Vice Chair Duax deferred this item to the next meeting and invited the resident back to the next regular meeting.

#### RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

5:30 p.m. Meeting – Young mentioned that there was a planning meeting for parents and teachers of Pauoa Elementary School that was held prior to the Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board meeting. The school has 300 students and wants to increase enrollment to 400 students. Young encouraged everyone to notify other residents. If parents are from other districts and are working in downtown, Young suggested that parents apply for a geographical exception (GE) at Pauoa Elementary School. Also, the principal wants to look at using a trail that leads up to Auwaiolimu Street, which is owned by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), to evacuate students in case of an emergency, instead of using only Booth Park.

Support the Kaiser Workers – Community member Rodney Nakashima thanked the Board for serving the community and asked the Board to support the Kaiser Permanente workers, who live in the neighborhood. The workers are in a three (3) year labor dispute with Kaiser. Nakashima suggested that the Board hold a forum to listen to both sides.

Pauoa Elementary School – School staff member Melva Starkey thanked Young for mentioning Pauoa Elementary School.

Community Engagement – Cindy Aban is a healthcare worker, who is from Waipahu and she watches other Neighborhood Boards on 'Olelo. Aban suggested contacting Leeward area parents, who work for big companies in Honolulu, and teaching them how to get a geographical exception (GE) at Pauoa Elementary School. This alternative may help Leeward area parents avoid added expenses when traffic accidents occur on the freeways.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – The *City News April 2015* was distributed and Nelson Koyanagi reported the following:

- 88th Lei Day Celebration/Youth Hawaiian Lei Contest – The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will be accepting entries at Queen Kapiolani Park, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 1, 2015. For more information call Barbara Lowe at 373-8013.
- Summer Fun Program – The summer fun program period is from Friday, June 12, 2015 – Friday, July 24, 2014. For more information go to [www.honoluluiparks.com](http://www.honoluluiparks.com).
- "Sew a Lei" for Memorial Day – The Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts (MOCA) is now accepting ti leaf donations for "Sew a Lei" for Memorial Day. MOCA has a goal of 1,000 la'i lei. Collections began on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 and ends on Monday, May 18, 2015. Drop off donations to the MOCA office on the second floor of Mission Memorial Building, next to Honolulu Hale.
- Deadline to Apply for Project Graduation Grants – There is one (1) month left to apply for Project Graduation grants from the HPD. HPD will provide up to \$1,500 to pay for ground transportation expenses associated with Project Grad events. For more information, please visit [www.honolulupd.org](http://www.honolulupd.org).
- Booth District Park – 1. Two (2) out of four (4) swings were working at Booth District Park. The swing seats were removed due to the brackets being worn out and posing a safety concern. A work order was initiated on Friday, March 20, 2015, to repair or replace the brackets. 2. The gym roof was leaking. The gym roof is scheduled for repairs by Tori's Roofing. The City is waiting for the repair schedule. 3. No water on the grass for one (1) month. The sprinklers were shut off to allow the field to dry, because the ground was too soft and the power mowers were getting stuck. The sprinklers will be turned on this week to allow the field to be watered. 4. Workers for the park were not putting on hot water for the showers. It is DPR's practice that the City parks with shower and pool heaters be turned on during the months of November through February for a maximum of three (3) hours per day. 5. Bathrooms outside and inside the gym not being cleaned. The roving crew cleans, maintains, and restocks the bathrooms daily. 6. The baseball back stop is on the ground cracked and is a hazard. The baseball backstop will be removed by the end of April 2015. 7. Metal pipe with wheels on outside for volleyball court is a hazard. The metal pipe with wheels will be removed by the end of April 2015. 8. City workers not pulling all trash bags every day. They are also dropping off other trash bags from somewhere else in the park. The trash bags are pulled and changed daily as needed. The trash bags are left at a designated site to be picked up daily by the refuse crew. 9. No gutters above the entrance to gym. Again, the gym roof is scheduled for repairs by Tori's Roofing.
- Booth District Park Flooding – Booth District Park was recently flooded for more than a month. The BWS investigation staff confirmed there are no BWS lines or easements at Booth District Park. There was no evidence of flooding at the time of inspection on Thursday, April 2, 2015. However, a supervisor of the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) inspected the area and found that a valve box was leaking. The irrigation was shut off and the valve box was repaired. Kekuanoni Street Speed Limit Sign – A resident reported that on Kekuanoni Street, mauka bound, the speed limit sign was removed, when they fixed the poles, but was never replaced. It was noted that the City has been contacted, but nothing has been done. The street is now like a race track and it has been three (3) years plus. The Division of Road Maintenance crews will replace the missing 25 miles per hour (mph) speed limit sign by the end of April 2015. Department of Transportation Services (DTS) is currently conducting an investigation and will inform the Board upon completion of its study by September 2015.
- Pali Highway at Pacific Heights Road – There are no traffic lights at Pali Highway and Pacific Heights Road. DTS will look into this matter and inform the Board by September 2015.
- Rush Hour – During rush hour (3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.), DTS should open two (2) lanes for a 400-foot length (near Kaloko Lane and Lynn's Deli), where drivers can go up Pacific Heights Road or turn left. DTS will look into this matter and inform the Board by September 2015.
- Solid Line on Puakini Street – Board member Young had reported that when driving from Puakini Street up the Pali Highway from Pacific Heights Road, the solid line (no crossing) should be extended so drivers cannot cross there. DTS will look into this matter and inform the Board by September 2015. Young added that it may be under the State Department of Transportation (HDOT). Koyanagi will follow up with HDOT.
- Countdown at Crosswalk Signals – Young did not want the "countdown seconds" at the cross walk signals. Koyanagi explained there are federal guidelines for "best practices" to limit the City's liability. Under Control Devices (MUTCD) Section 4E.07 paragraph 1, "All pedestrian signal heads used at crosswalks where the pedestrian change interval is more than seven (7) seconds shall include a pedestrian change interval countdown display in order to inform pedestrians of the number of seconds remaining in the pedestrian change interval." DTS is posting signs on the street posts for pedestrian safety. Young, who travels

extensively across the U.S., will observe the countdown signals in every city visited and will report her findings to DTS Director Mike Formby or to the federal Department of Transportation (DOT).

- Kanealii Street – At the March 2015 meeting, it was reported that the sidewalks on Kanealii Street are made of asphalt and the edges are crumbling away. People are falling down because of this. It was asked if it can be repaired. Division of Road Maintenance crews will investigate and schedule the repair work to the asphalt sidewalk on Kanealii Street in May 2015. If a specific location is known, note a nearby address. Young mentioned that the resident, who reported this concern last month said it was on the Diamond Head-side of Pauoa Road from the Pauoa Elementary School to the bus turnaround.
- Stop Line at Puowaina Street – Bannan reported that the "stop line" on Puowaina Street is too far back from the intersection that drivers cannot see the crossing traffic and must go forward several more feet to be able to see the cars coming across the path. DTS requests a specific street that intersects with Puowaina Street that motorists cannot see the crossing traffic. Bannan noted that Hookui was the cross street.
- Bus Stop #750 – It was reported that the bus stop #750 near 1721 Lusitana Street should be relocated. People get off and have to walk behind the bus to cross the street and cannot see the oncoming cars, which is dangerous. The cross walk should be in front of the bus stop. Bus stop #750 is appropriately sited based on the roadway/traffic conditions of the area. The unique configuration of the Lusitana Street/Puowaina Drive intersection in conjunction with the locations of Nehe and Milo Lanes, precludes relocating the bus stop as requested. It typically takes a short time for buses to pick up or drop off passengers at this bus stop before proceeding on its route. Therefore, pedestrians should exercise patience and caution, and wait for the bus to depart the stop before stepping into the crosswalk.
- Concern on Pacific Heights – Resident Martha McDermott was concerned about what appears to be an increasing amount of crime in the Pacific Heights neighborhood. McDermott's motor scooter was stolen right outside McDermott's front gate around 1:00 a.m. on Monday, February 9, 2015. A few weeks later, McDermott was awakened to the sound of a car alarm going off at 3:00 a.m. Both incidents have been reported, and McDermott would appreciate more police presence during these hours. Officers from the District 1 (Central Honolulu) Crime Reduction Unit conducted various checks and did not observe criminal activity in the area. HPD will continue surveillance of the Pacific Heights area and take the appropriate enforcement action, when violations are observed.
- Tow Away Zone – Resident Curtis Crabbe would like to request a 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. tow away zone on the Pauoa Road exit from Pali Highway heading towards Kailua. With two (2) lanes, one (1) for left turns and straight ahead and one (1) for straight ahead and right turns, traffic would move faster. DTS requests more clarification of the location, i.e. specific address where Mr. Crabbe requests a 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. tow away zone sign. Aiona talked with Crabbe, who talked with the affected residents, who felt it would be inconvenient for them to move their cars for a tow away zone. The left lane would be for left turns only on Pauoa Road and the right lane would be for straight ahead to Pacific Heights Road and for right turns on Pauoa Road. The location is in front of Kaloko Lane and Lynn's Delicatessen.

Comments followed:

1. Booth District Park – Aiona questioned the DPR's practice that the City parks with shower and pool heaters be turned on only during the months of November through February for a maximum of three (3) hours per day. Koyanagi noted that the policy was to save money on electricity. Koyanagi answered for Aiona that the roof contract was awarded to Tory's Roofing and the repairs should start soon.
2. Puiwa Bridge – Kurashige reported that the Puiwa Bridge is covered with debris and weeds and pedestrians are walking on the street. The resident, who reported her concern is getting frustrated for lack of response.
3. City Council Records – Kurashige questioned if previous City Councilmembers leave records from the terms of service. Koyanagi deferred the question to Chris Delaunay from Councilmember Carol Fukunaga's Office.
4. Saving Money – Aiona agreed with the policy of saving money at Booth District Park and suggested checking the automatic timers for the lights on the outside of the auditorium, next to the pool, then the gym. The lights are kept on all the time. Koyanagi will follow up.

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

- Update on the Budget – There will be additional funds allocated for the playground apparatus in the Nu'uuanu Valley Park area, due to additional funds needed to make the apparatus Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant.
- Memorial Ride – Delaunay thanked the members of the Nu'uuanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 and community for supporting a successful David Niau Memorial Ride and Community Solutions meeting. There were over 125 residents and stakeholders at 15 Craigsides. Questions posed were sent to DTS, State

Department of Health (DOH), Hawaii Bicycling League (HBL), and HPD. Responses will be reported in the future.

- Puiwa Bridge – Councilmember Fukunaga's Office submitted the request for tree removal to Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM), who sent the request to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which usually takes about 45 days to process.
- Pauoa Road – Delaunay did a site visit of the asphalt sidewalks from Lusitana Street to Pauoa Elementary School, noted the addresses of the exact locations, and reported them to DFM. He will continue his site visit to the bus turnaround.
- City Council – Delaunay noted that former City Councilmember Tulsi Gabbard passed on records to Councilmember Carol Fukunaga. Concerning the Kaimuki Shopping Center, two (2) people fell down in 2014 and Kurashige reported it to former Councilmember Stanley Chang. Councilmember Trevor Ozawa's Office staff could not find the report, as Kurashige witnessed another person has fallen. The asphalt parking lot at the Kaimuki Shopping Center is not safe for senior walkers. Delaunay suggested that Kurashige call Councilmember Trevor Ozawa's Office to put in a request. Delaunay will follow up with the record keeping concerns.

Community Concerns Form – Vice Chair Duax mentioned that written concerns may be submitted to Mayor's Representative Koyanagi or to Delaunay from Councilmember Fukunaga's Office.

Governor David Ige's Representative – There was no representative present and no report was available. A request for a representative has been submitted.

Councilmember Carol Fukunaga (continued) – Final Comments – Kurashige was concerned that the HDOT does not use Nu'uanu Avenue as a connector from Pali Highway to School Street (H-1 West). Delaunay mentioned that at the special joint meeting on Saturday, April 4, 2015, the HBL offered suggestions for traffic calming on Nu'uanu Avenue. Young added that the City DTS has jurisdiction over Nu'uanu Avenue and Delaunay pointed out that the HDOT has jurisdiction over the top part by Wyllie Street. Young suggested that instead of a special joint meeting, that Councilmember Carol Fukunaga call a town hall meeting. As there were three (3) Neighborhood Commission (NC) members affected by attendance at the joint meeting, Young did not want to violate the Office of Information Practices' (OIP) "Sunshine Law" and did not attend.

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland – Senator Chun Oakland was not present and no report was available.

Representative Sylvia Luke – Representative Luke was not present and no report was available.

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

## PRESENTATION

Bicycle Education – Malia Harunaga, Adult Education and Senior Cycling Manager, Hawaii Bicycling League (HBL) shared the following:

- Introduction – The Hawaii Bicycling League is a 40-year old non-profit organization that is working to enable more people to ride bicycles for transportation, health, and recreation through education, advocacy, and events.
- Problems with Dualist Thinking – Rather than Us (motorists/bicyclists) versus Them (bicyclists/motorists), the HBL wants to think of people riding bicycles, people driving vehicles, and people using the sidewalks. All individuals have rights to the roads.
- O'ahu Bike Plan – The O'ahu Bike Plan is the master plan created by the City to guide the development of O'ahu's bikeways. There are no plans for bike lanes in the Nu'uanu area.
- King Street Cycle Track – The King Street Cycle Track is a protected bike lane for safety. The cyclist is protected from the "door zone," where a person in a car opens a door. In New York City there was a 49% increase in retail sales. There is also better pedestrian safety. From traffic studies, sidewalk biking is down from 70% to 14%. The two (2)-way, lights will go in soon. The HBL wants to educate people, both cyclists and drivers.
- Wear a Helmet – Cyclists, age 16 and under, must wear an approved helmet per Sec. 291C-150.
- Free Cycling Workshops – Free cycling workshops are available to educate kids and there is free senior cycling at the Neal Blaisdell Park in Aiea, every Tuesday and Thursday. There are seven (7) seats available. Call 735-5756, or e-mail Malia at [malia@hbl.org](mailto:malia@hbl.org), or visit – [www.hbl.org/seniors](http://www.hbl.org/seniors). For more information visit – [www.hbl.org](http://www.hbl.org).

Comments followed:

1. Seniors – Young noted that she supports educating kids. As older people may have balance problems, Harunaga added that tricycles are also good for their backs, the Pearl Harbor bike path is wide, and senior bicycling is good for the heart.
2. Helmets – Kurashige mentioned that over 3,000 helmets have been given out by Queen's Medical Center, TNT Tinting, and other community-minded groups at free give-outs.
3. Final Comment – A Board member noticed a moped riding in the bike lane. A moped is considered a bicycle.

#### BOARD BUSINESS

Three (3) Absences Letter for Bob Vieira – As there was no quorum, no action could be taken on the three (3) absences letter.

Adoption of the March 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes – As there was no quorum, no action could be taken on the adoption of the Tuesday, March 17, 2015 meeting minutes.

Pali Highway Lighting – There was no update for the Pali Highway lighting.

Brief Summary of the Special Joint Meeting – The special joint meeting with the Liliha/Alewa Neighborhood Board No. 14 on Saturday, April 4, 2015 was previously reported by Chris Delaunay from Councilmember Fukunaga's Office.

#### REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Baijo reported that in March 2015, \$29.88 was spent for the printing and mailing of the agendas and minutes and for miscellaneous printing, leaving a balance of \$275.91. The Treasurer's report was filed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Board Meeting – The next Nu'uuanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. in the Pauoa Elementary School cafetorium. Vice Chair Duax thanked Principal Dale Arakaki and his staff for allowing the Board to meet at the school.
- Neighborhood Board Elections – Kurashige requested Neighborhood Assistant K. Russell Ho to explain the Neighborhood Board Election process. The Neighborhood Board elections will start on Friday, April 24, 2015 and continue through Friday, May 15, 2015. The elections are held on odd-numbered years and the next term will run from Wednesday, July 1, 2015 to Friday, June 30, 2017. The Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) will mailout instructions for the online voting, which won national recognition for the first no-paper balloting for a government in the U.S. There will be walk-in voting, as computers will be set up on the second floor at the Mission Memorial Building (next to Honolulu Hale), at the Kapolei Hale, and at two sites on the Windward side. Also, there will be telephone voting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Bannan gave notice that he would be absent for the Tuesday, May 19, 2015 meeting.

Submitted by:

K Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:

Stephen Saito, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:

Patrick Smith, Secretary,  
Joe Duax, Vice Chair, and  
Phil Nerney, Chair