



## NU'UANU/ PUNCHBOWL NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 12

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### **DRAFT MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015 PAUOA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Phil Nerney called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. **Quorum was not established with seven (7) 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, Audrey Hidano, Paula Kurashige, Phil Nerney, Patrick Smith, and Sylvia Young.

**Board Members Absent** – Jim Bannan (notified), Joe Duax (notified), and Bob Vieira.

**Vacancies** – There were six (6) vacancies: three (3) in Subdistrict 1 (Punchbowl), one (1) due to the resignation of Clarence Baijo; one (1) in Subdistrict 2 (Pauoa), due to the resignation of Ellen Kitamura; and two (2) in Subdistrict 3 (Nu'uano).

**Guests** – Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Nelson Koyanagi (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services, Director), Chris Delaunay (Councilmember Carol Fukunaga's Office), Captain Cary K. Yamamoto (Honolulu Fire Department), Lieutenant Baron Lee and Sergeant J. Castro (Honolulu Police Department, District 1), Lieutenant Brian West (Honolulu Police Department, District 5), Keoni Mattos (Board of Water Supply), Lester Kodama, Ellen Kitamura, Cathy Lee, Rik Pepa, Liberty Peralta (car2go). Ronald Higa, Shayne Paculan, and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office).

### CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

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

- **April 2015 Statistics** – There were 1 structure, 0 wildland, 0 rubbish, and 0 vehicle fires; 33 medical emergencies, 0 search/rescues, and 11 miscellaneous calls for service. There were no major/unusual incidents.
- **No Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Program** – There is no CPR program from the Department of Education (DOE) implemented this year through legislation. There is a group of individuals involved with CPR/Automated external defibrillator (AED) training that have been pushing for CPR in schools for a few years now. Hawaii's American Heart Association has made CPR in schools one of its year 2015 projects and the HFD would support CPR in schools. Time saves lives. Studies show that the sooner CPR is started the greater the chance of survival. Some of the larger communities, like Seattle, require CPR in schools in order to get a driver's license and statistics show an amazing survivability rate from sudden cardiac arrests.
- **Fire Safety Tips** – Smoke alarms are a very important part of fire safety in the home. Statistics show that working smoke alarms in homes can substantially reduce the risk of fire deaths in residential fires. Smoke alarms alert occupants of smoke and fire 24 hours a day. HFD would like to increase the public's awareness of the importance of smoke alarms and encourages everyone to install a smoke alarm in each bedroom, sleeping area, and on every level in the home. Families are also encouraged to install smoke alarms on behalf of senior family, friends, and neighbors.

The HFD's Smoke Alarms for Everyone (SAFE) Program's purpose is to install free smoke alarms and educate residents on fire prevention and the importance of testing and maintaining smoke alarms. Approximately 3,620 smoke alarms have been installed in more than 785 homes, since the program's inception in October 2008.

The HFD is planning another SAFE installation during the summer. If interested in signing up, contact the Community Relations Office at 723-7167.

Comments followed:

1. **Wood Street** – Kurashige reported accidents near Wood Street and suggested that in their "Five (5) year plan," her street could be used for an escape route. HFD would let Honolulu Police Department (HPD) re-route the traffic and HFD would bring in the Olomana unit.

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

- April 2015/March 2015 Crime Statistics – There were 5/10 motor vehicle thefts, 5/6 burglaries, 11/11 thefts, 5/4 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV), 5/3 assaults, 0/0 ex assaults, 4/3 graffiti, and 0/3 drugs cases. There were 757/740 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 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 and Other Comments – Aiona mentioned that drivers have to watch for pedestrians, too. Be aware of the car in the back. It is summer time and residents should watch out for the neighbor's property. Also, kids are out of school.
2. Criminal Activity Near Jiffy Lube – A resident reported seeing teenager selling drugs near Jiffy Lube. It was suggested to meet with Councilmember Carol Fukunaga and the Prosecutor's Office. HPD suggested calling Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) at 732-3922. Kurashige mentioned the Weed and Seed program and knows the Jiffy Lube owners.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD), District 5 – Lieutenant Brian West knows the area. As HPD is not able to witness the criminal activity, first call the Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW), then HPD, and then Narcotics/Vice. E-mail Lieutenant West at – [bwest@honolulu.gov](mailto:bwest@honolulu.gov). Lieutenant West reported the following:

- Crime Statistics for April/March 2015 – There were 9/8 motor vehicle thefts, 5/14 burglaries, 35/22 thefts, and 10/7 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 1,319/1,389 total calls for service. More statistical information can be found at the HPD public website at [www.honoluluupd.org](http://www.honoluluupd.org)
- Safety Tip – For older people, prepare an In Case of Emergency (ICE) folder with medications and contact information. When first responders arrive at the emergency site, the ICE folder will provide valuable, needed information.

Comments followed:

1. Nu'uuanu Pali Lookout – Kurashige noted that there was no cameras at the Pali Lookout and wanted to prevent tourist thefts on Pali Highway. Lieutenant West did not say that HPD would provide the cameras, but it is the City's responsibility. HPD has different methods for providing public safety at the Pali Lookout, like undercover patrols and solo bike officers.

Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) – Kurashige and Aiona had no report.

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

- Main Breaks – There were no water main breaks in April 2015.
- 2015 Water Conservation Week Poster and Poetry Contests Winners Announced – BWS would like to say "mahalo" to more than 1,400 student artists and 275 poets, who participated in the 2015 Water Conservation Week poster and poetry contests. Their art and poetry creatively depict the contest theme, "Water Matters - Conserve It", highlighting the message of preserving and protecting the precious water supply for future generations. The contest winners were announced and recognized at an awards ceremony in April 2015. The full list of winners and an online art gallery are available on the BWS website at – [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com). Also, these posters and poems will be on exhibit at: Kapolei Hale from Tuesday, May 19 to Thursday, May 28; Kahala Mall from Monday, June 1 to Thursday, June 11; Windward Mall from Monday, June 15 to Thursday, June 25; and BWS Public Service Building Lobby from Monday, June 29 to Friday, August 14, 2015. Congratulations to the winners!

Comments followed:

1. Wood Street – Kurashige mentioned that there are 10 orange cones left behind after BWS cut the tree near Wood Street.
2. Park Street – Chair Nerney noted that he will put "Restoring Park Street back to its original state" on the next agenda.

FILLING OF VACANCIES ON BOARD: There were two (2) vacancies in Subdistrict 1 [Punchbowl], one vacancy in Subdistrict 2 [Pauoa] (due to the resignation of Ellen Kitamura), and two (2) vacancies in Subdistrict 3 [Nu'uaniu]. As there was no quorum, no action could be taken.

### RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

2914 Booth Road – Rik Pepa updated the development project at the end of Booth Road. In March 2015, construction was started. For more information, visit the website at – [www.2914BoothRoad.com](http://www.2914BoothRoad.com) or call Pepa at (808) 478-4498. There will also be a 100,000 gallon water tank for the BWS.

Comments followed:

1. Million Dollar Price Tags – Kurashige noted the \$1.3 to \$1.8 million price tags, which are the market value. Young noted that the price tag was consistent with other properties in the neighborhood. Chair Nerney mentioned that the project is working within all permits. A resident asked about the roads. Pepa responded that the project is within all requirements. Chair Nerney explained that the project developers have made several presentations before the Board and are complying with all of the rules.

Three (3) Absences for former Board member Ellen Kitamura – Ellen Kitamura explained the reason for her three absences was to care for her elderly parents and so, she resigned from serving on the Board and for next term. Chair Nerney acknowledged that Kitamura was a positive contributor to the Neighborhood Board and thanked her for her service to the community.

### ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – The *City News May 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.honoluluparks.com](http://www.honoluluparks.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.

Comments followed:

1. Booth District Park – Aiona questioned the savings by turning off the hot water and suggested that the DPR fix the photo-voltaic timer. Hot water only a few months was not acceptable.
2. Pacific Heights Road Exit from the Pali Highway – It was previously reported that the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will do a study and report back to the Board.
3. Home Exemption – Kurashige had questions about the home owner's tax exemption and Bill 31 and the other 14 bills dealing to property tax exemptions and the "Residential A" classification. Budget Director Koyanagi will discuss these bills with Kurashige outside of the meeting.
4. Booth Park – A resident claimed that the staff at Booth Park does not clean the restrooms daily, that he filed a complaint with the City's Complaint Office against three (3) staff members sleeping, and that he had photos. He also mentioned sharp posts. Aiona added that roving crews are not working.

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

- Feral Chickens – Call DPR
- Records – There is no requirement to pass on records, but the office received records from former Councilmember Tulsi Gabbard.
- Pali Lookout Statistics – There were no statistics, regarding the Pali Lookout.

Comments followed:

1. Bill 6, Sit/Lie Bill – Young asked if Mayor Caldwell will sign Bill 6 Sit/Lie, as it will affect other areas, outside Waikiki. Young was concerned about Pacific Heights. Delaunay did not know.

2. Other Comments – Young asked about the Chinatown revitalization meeting that met last week. Delaunay did not attend. Young was concerned about the homeless above the on-ramp by the Shell gas station, on top of the hill and concerned about neighboring districts, which installed light-emitting diodes (LED) lights. Young was also concerned about pigeons cooing and advised not to feed the pigeons.
3. Saturday, April 4, 2015 Special Meeting – Smith asked who will take the lead with the follow-up questions. Councilmember Carol Fukunaga send the questions out to the various government agencies and no responses have been received yet.
4. Fiscal Year (FY) 15, \$1 million for Complete Streets – Delaunay responded for Smith that the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) is responsible for the Complete Streets initiative.
5. City Budget – Delaunay mentioned that Wednesday, June 3, 2015 will be the third reading for the City Budget. Baijo encourage the Administration to pass the \$32 million for the homeless. Young added that the \$32 million for homeless relocation was in the in the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). The Neighborhood Boards used to give input about the needs in the neighborhood. Young pointed out that seniors who use the park are from other areas. Last month, the homeless were on the hillside, as loose rocks were falling onto Pali Highway.
6. Sewer System – Kurashige mentioned recent smoke testing and blockage, causing smoke in neighbors' houses.

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

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland – Senator Chun Oakland had departed the meeting. Chris Delaunay reported the following:

- Pali Highway Resurfacing – From a letter from the State Department of Transportation (HDOT) – "The Pali Highway Resurfacing Waokanaka Street to Kamehameha Highway and Pali Highway Lighting Replacement Vineyard Boulevard to Kamehameha Highway project is currently in Pre-Final review and we (HDOT) are completing the environmental documents such as NPDES, Section 106, Section 7, and CatEX. This project is currently scheduled to be ready for advertising in early 2016. The highway lighting from Vineyard Boulevard to Kamehameha Highway will be replaced except for the Pali tunnel lighting, which will be done under a separate project."

Comments followed:

1. Thank you – Chair Nerney thanked Senator Chun Oakland for the letter to State Department of Transportation (HDOT) and the response.
2. Catholic Charities – Patrick Smith was concerned about Catholic Charities receiving state (public) funds going to religious institutions.

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.

## BOARD BUSINESS

Consideration of Whether to Declare the Seat of Bob Vieira Vacant, and to Appoint a Successor, Due to Three (3) Absences, Pursuant to Neighborhood Plan §2-14-106 – As there was no quorum, no action could be taken.

Consideration of Whether to Declare the Seat of Ellen Kitamura Vacant, and to Appoint a Successor, Due to Three (3) Absences, Pursuant to Neighborhood Plan §2-14-106 – As there was no quorum, no action could be taken.

Adoption of March 17, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes – As there was no quorum, no action could be taken.

Adoption of April 21, 2015 Memorandum for the Record – As there was no quorum, no action could be taken.

Consideration of Whether to Request Governor David Ige to Appoint a Representative to the Nu'uuanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 – As there was no quorum, no action could be taken.

Pali Highway Lighting – Chair Nerney thanked Senator Chun Oakland for the update.

## REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Baijo reported that in April 2015, \$27.12 was spent for the printing and mailing of the agendas and minutes, leaving a balance of \$248.79. The Treasurer's report was filed.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Board Meeting – The next Nu'uano/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. in the Pauoa Elementary School cafetorium. Chair Nerney thanked Principal Dale Arakaki and his staff for allowing the Board to meet at the school.
- Notice to Motorists – Ideal Construction has reportedly been contracted to perform repairs and modifications to the drainage system at Meleana Place, in Nuuanu. Access to Meleana Place from Waokanaka Street will reportedly be reserved for local residents only. Work will reportedly occur from about May 26, 2015 to April 28, 2016. Contact the City and County of Honolulu Department of Design and Construction at 768-8829 for additional information.

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business before the Board, Chair Nerney adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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