



NU'UANU/ PUNCHBOWL NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 12

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 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, Jim Bannan, Joe Duax, Paula Kurashige, Phil Nerney, Patrick Smith, Bob Vieira, and Sylvia Young.

Board Members Absent – Audrey Hidano (notified).

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'uuanu).

Guests – Nelson Koyanagi (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services, Director), Councilmember Carol Fukunaga, Director Michele Nekota (Department of Parks and Recreation), Captain Craig Uchimura (Honolulu Fire Department), Lieutenant Stephen Silva and Sergeant Ryan Nishimura (Honolulu Police Department, District 1), Lieutenant Brian West and Sergeant Joseph Kim (Honolulu Police Department, District 5), Joli Tokusato (Aikea), Rodney Nakashima, Ronald Higa, Dan and Edee Trapp, Wally and Cathy Lee, Mike Lum; Rik Papa and Barry Sullivan (Kapiwai Project); Carolyn Donohoe Mather, Shayne Paculan, and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office).

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Craig Uchimura reported the following:

- **May 2015 Statistics** – There were 2 wildland, 1 rubbish, and 2 vehicle fires; 30 medical emergencies, 1 search/rescue, and 19 miscellaneous calls for service. There were no major incidents.
- **Fire Safety Tips** –The HFD reminds the public to call 911 in case of an emergency and to not drive to the nearest fire station. 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. After the call comes to 911, the dispatcher will dispatch the nearest fire company. When calling 911, give the dispatcher 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: **Charging for Rescues** – Young asked about charging for rescues. Captain Uchimura was waiting for guidance from the Mayor. Councilmember Carol Fukunaga mentioned that this issue came up at the budget hearings and will be reported on later on the agenda.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD), District 1 – Lieutenant Stephen Silva reported the following:

- **May 2015/April 2015 Crime Statistics** – There were 4/5 motor vehicle thefts, 5/5 burglaries, 9/11 thefts, 7/5 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV), 2/5 assaults, 1/0 sex assaults, 2/4 graffiti, and 1/0 drugs cases. There were 735/757 calls for service in District 1. Visit www.honolulu.hpd.org for a further breakdown of the statistics.
- **Pedestrian Safety Tips** – Pedestrian safety tips included: Be safe and be seen, make the pedestrian visible as possible, wear bright/light colored clothing and reflective materials, carry a flashlight when walking at night, cross the street in well-lit areas, avoid dangerous behaviors, walk facing traffic, do not assume vehicles will stop, make eye contact with drivers, and cross streets at marked crosswalks or intersections.

Comments followed: **Homeless** – Smith reported that a resident saw a homeless man setting up a tent on Board of Water Supply (BWS) property and asked what the procedure was. HPD advised to call 911 and an officer will be dispatched.

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

- Crime Statistics for May/April 2015 – There were 1/4 motor vehicle thefts, 7/5 burglaries, 19 /20 thefts, and 17/10 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (JEMV). There was a series of car break-ins, but one case may have been reported by a suspect.
- Community Policing Team – HPD is working on reducing the number of crimes, on education in the schools, and teaming up with patrols to make the community safer.
- Safety Tip – Like the HFD, HPD advises the public not to go to the nearest station, but to call 911 and wait for HPD to arrive. Then, give the details for the call. For pedestrian safety, there is no automatic pedestrian right of way. The pedestrian should stop, look both ways before crossing, and proceed with caution. This advice is especially for elderly pedestrians.

Comments followed:

1. Thank You – Kurashige thanked HPD for the work in upper Dowsett and reported that there was a chase and three (3) cars were hit. Lieutenant West noted that the incident involved two (2) kids racing.
2. Homeless Man – Kurashige reported that on Saturday, June 13, 2015 a homeless man was suspiciously wandering through the neighborhood and trying to enter homes. Lieutenant West suggested calling 911 and taking a picture for identification. Kurashige added that the man is still in the neighborhood.
3. Burglaries in Pauoa – Lieutenant West responded for Vieira to ask District 1.
4. Escape Route – Kurashige clarified what she mentioned last month about a possible escape route in the HPD Five (5) Year Plan. Chair Nerney noted that the Board will cover this item later in the agenda.
5. Other Comments – Chair Nerney noticed that questions are brought up after the HPD leaves and suggested that now is the time to ask the questions.

Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) – Kurashige noted that she had talked with Councilmember Carol Fukunaga, Representative Sylvia Luke, and Senator Chun Oakland about problems in the area.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Keoni Mattos was not present. Chair Nerney mentioned that a report was received.

Comments followed: Homeless Man – Kurashige reported that the homeless man is still using the water faucet to bathe himself. He is using a screwdriver to open and close the faucet.

FILLING OF VACANCIES ON BOARD: Chair Nerney explained that 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'uuanu). Chair Nerney added that if there were any volunteers tonight, then they would serve for only tonight's meeting. As there were no nominations or volunteers, the six (6) vacancies remained.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Quorum – Chair Nerney answered for a resident that quorum for this 15-member Neighborhood Board is eight (8) and that any changes to the Neighborhood Plan (NP) would go to the Neighborhood Commission (NC). Chair Nerney acknowledged that in the summer, Board members may go on vacations. The resident congratulated the Board for achieving quorum tonight.

Another Homeless Camp – A resident asked if there was a NSW for Pauoa/Pacific Heights and reported another homeless camp with people wandering through the neighborhood. Chair Nerney reminded everyone to ask HPD questions when officers are here. Kurashige answered for the resident that the issue has been brought up to Councilmember Fukunaga's Office. The NSW for Pauoa is under Mason Aiona, Smith noted that the homeless camp was cleared. The resident added that there are two (2) tents erected. Smith added that Councilmember Fukunaga and Mayor Kirk Caldwell know about it. Young added that there is a NSW for Pacific Heights. Aiona noted that he watches his neighborhood across from Booth Park. Neighbors walk for one-half hour on one (1) Saturday a month. Vieira offered to investigate with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) about trespassing. Chair Nerney added that there is a need for a Governor's Representative. Young mentioned that the homeless are sleeping in the new homes and leave early in the mornings and this happened to a neighbor.

Booth Road Surveys – A resident asked if the surveys were for the sidewalks. Vieira mentioned speaking with the surveyors, who were asking about the BWS waterlines for future projects.

Booth Road Parking – A resident mentioned that as there was parking on both sides of the street, pedestrians are walking down the middle of the road, Chair Nerney noted that both the Mayor's Representative and Councilmember

Fukunaga are listed on the agenda and the questions may be directed to them. Vieira added that due to the high cost of living in Hawaii, children are moving back to live with their parents. Also, the resident added that there are more young renters and no street parking.

Frustrated Resident – A resident businesswoman was frustrated with the slow reaction of government to the Sit/Lie bill enforcement.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

- Honolulu Zoo – The Honolulu Zoo's summer concert series, The Wildest Show in Town, will be every Wednesday from Wednesday, June 3, 2015 to Wednesday, August 5, 2015 and will feature activities for keiki. For more information call 926-3191 or visit www.HonoluluZoo.org/wild.
- Twilight Summer Concert Series – From June 2015 to July 2015 the Twilight Summer Concert Series will be on every Thursday. Take a stroll through Foster Botanical Garden in the late afternoon and enjoy a concert from 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. There is free admission from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Booth Park – Director Koyanagi introduced Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Director Michele Nekota and reported the concerns from last month:
 - a. Bathrooms – Bathrooms not cleaned, even in the gym. Floors are wet and dirty. There is rubbish in the corner and there is no toilet paper. The response was – The outdoor comfort station facility is cleaned by the roving crew, and the gym bathrooms are cleaned by the swimming pool custodian, Monday through Friday, between 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. On weekends, the cleaning is done by a grounds keeper at approximately 7:00 a.m. Times may vary, depending upon available staffing as the grounds keepers from the roving crew also works with the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) on the Stored Property Ordinance (SPO) and Park Closure Hours enforcement operations in the West Honolulu District. Whenever these operations are scheduled, it's necessary to adjust the crew's work hours. Toilet paper is restocked during the first cleaning of the day as needed; and is checked/re-stocked, as needed, at least once more during the day.
 - b. Poles – Poles (with chains) along park perimeter are not capped. Poles have jagged edges and pose a safety issue. There are 2 poles that need to be repaired and a request for repair was initiated on Wednesday, June 10, 2015.
 - c. Grass – Grass is not trimmed around perimeter. The grass around the perimeter was trimmed on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 and Thursday, May 21, 2015. The next scheduled trimming was to be done on Thursday, June 11, 2015, weather permitting.
 - d. Chain – Chain at parking lot entrance is not always open when parks are open. The chain at the parking lot entrance is closed during the children's Summer Fun program for the safety of the children. The lot is between the recreation building and gym/playcourts and there is no other walking path for them to get to and from the gym/playcourts. The staff at the gym is usually available to open the chain, whenever someone needs to use the handicap stall, and also to watch that the children do not go out into the parking lot. Call the gym office at 522-7040 to schedule staff assistance. The handicap stalls are most often used during scheduled pool activities. During those periods, pool staff provides access to the parking lot at the beginning of the activity. On Friday night, June 12, 2015, DPR Director Michelle Nekota visited Booth Park. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) stalls were available. Call for service.

As there were no objections Chair Nerney changed the order of the agenda.

Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation: Request for Review of Rule Enforcement Policies at Booth Park – Residents had many concerns about Booth Park, which included: The homeless were using the restrooms for washing and bathing. Director Nekota suggested calling 911. When the maintenance crew finishes cutting the grass, it leaves the grass on the road and does not pick-up the grass. Other people (non-residents) are using the gym. The staff closes the "open" gym at 2:30 p.m., but the people arrive 4:15 p.m. The staff does not sign out the balls. Residents suggested to post hours for the "open" gym and to post the schedule for the week. Other concerns include the restrooms, permits for weekend use, and bounce houses.

Comments followed:

1. Thank you – Aiona thanked Director Nekota for attending and asked who monitors cleaning of the restrooms on the weekends. Director Nekota responded that there are spot checks done, even by herself. Aiona confirmed that the grass is blown onto the streets, which eventually goes into the ocean. Chair Nerney added

that Booth Park has been a major focus of this Board for years. Chair Nerney thanked Director Nekota for her attendance. Director Nekota will follow up on the concerns and is open to establishing communication.

2. Swing Sets – A resident mentioned that only one (1) of four (4) swings is working. Director Nekota responded that there are new, strict, playground safety standards nationwide, for example, there is no 10-foot padding around the swings. DPR needs certification.
3. Sleeping on the Job – The resident had reported that from 11:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. a work crew was spotted sleeping on job. This happens every day, after the crew leaves after working for two (2) hours at Beretania Park. Director Nekota will follow up on roving crews. For Nu'uuanu Community Park the playground equipment pathway will be laid first.
4. Kudos – Vieira mentioned that this was the first time he has seen the DPR Director at a Neighborhood Board meeting. Director Nekota's email address is at mnekota@honolulu.gov.

As there were no objections Chair Nerney restored the order of the agenda.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS (continued)

Kapiwai Project – Rik Papa presented his monthly update on the Kapiwai Project at 2914 Booth Road. There had been discussion with the neighbors before pouring the concrete and the website is at www.2914BoothRoad.com. A resident was concerned about big trucks on one (1)-lane bridge. Papa responded that the bridge has been assessed and will be assessed afterwards. Other routes have been considered. Vieira suggested to use another route. Another resident commented that buses not go on the bridge, but big trucks do. Papa responded that Kapiwai was not a "gated community."

Comments followed: Concerns about the Bridge – If everyone complained about the bridge, then Young would be concerned, as she wants to rebuild above the bridge. Papa responded that Department of Transportation Services (DTS) had approved the traffic plan. When the concrete was poured, more trips were made, using smaller trucks. Once the project is done, the City will assess again. The bridge can hold up to 16,000 pounds. It was DTS-approved.

Councilmember Carol Fukunaga – Councilmember Fukunaga presented retiring Board member Jim Bannan a Certificate of Recognition for his 17+ years of serving on the Board. Chair Nerney added his congratulations. Councilmember Fukunaga distributed her newsletter and reported the following:

- Charging for Rescues – Councilmember Fukunaga mentioned HFD noted that if the HFD charged for rescues, hikers would delay calling and endanger themselves and the first responders more.
- Memorial Walk and Community Forum on Saturday, April 4, 2015 – Most of the questions from the community forum were sent to City Department of Transportation Services (DTS), the State Department of Transportation (HDOT), and the Hawaii Bicycling League (HBL) in late April 2015, and responses to the questions are pending.
- Pedestrian Safety – On Monday, June 1, 2015 one of the Lanakila Pacific staff was hit by a car while crossing Kuakini Street at the Bachelot Street intersection. The president and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the organization and administrator of Ho'opono Services for the Blind Branch of Department of Human Services (DHS) recently sent letters to DTS Director Formby, requesting a re-examination of the department's earlier reluctance to install a traffic light and crosswalk at this intersection. Area legislators Chun Oakland, Fukunaga, and Ohno also joined Lanakila Pacific and Ho'opono Services for the Blind in requesting a traffic light and crosswalk at that intersection, pointing out that some of the Fiscal Year (FY) 15 funds appropriated for "Complete Streets" initiatives in the Nuuanu-Liliha area could be used to pay for the pedestrian safety improvements.
- Regulation of Bird Raising in Residential Neighborhoods – Councilmember Fukunaga has requested a bill to address neighborhood concerns, regarding individuals who raise large numbers of birds or pigeons in residential neighborhoods. The City of Portland requires bird owners in residential areas to obtain support for their activities from two-thirds (2/3) of the property owners within 200 feet of the property, and to obtain a permit to raise birds in residential areas.
- Homeless Housing/Services – Councilmember Fukunaga noted reports of a new homeless encampment along Pali Highway. The final versions of the City's Operating budget (Bill 13) and Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) budget included the following appropriations to Department of Community Services (DCS) and HPD for homeless housing solutions: \$32 million in CIP funds for the homeless relocation initiative - to "acquire, lease, develop and/or renovate facilities" to relocate homeless individuals and families from parks, facilities and other public areas to emergency, transitional and/or permanent supportive housing - with an emphasis on assistance to working homeless and homeless families with children.

Comments followed:

1. Policy on Homeless – Smith asked what the City policy on homeless is. Councilmember Fukunaga responded that housing is encouraged. There are drug and mental issues in Chinatown. Families are encouraged to go to the Institute for Human Services (IHS). In an emergency, call 911 first. If on private property, there are different procedures.
2. Homeless Encampment at Pokai Bay – Young pointed out that at an encampment on the Leeward side, the people have pooled their money to rent portable potties and have their own rules (self-rule). Kids must go to school. At least one parent must be working. The camp is on State land. Councilmember Fukunaga noted that the Hilo Hattie site was looked at. It was suggested that State/City land along the transit route, Transit-Oriented Development (TOD), should have for affordable housing. Homelessness is a health and safety issue.
3. Salt Lake City, Utah – Vieira mentioned that in Salt Lake City they have a homeless solution, the abundance of affordable housing.
4. Charleston, South Carolina – Councilmember Fukunaga noted that in Charleston, the public housing has strict rules. Residents must maintain the housing and there is a time limit.
5. San Francisco – Councilmember Fukunaga added that in San Francisco, they hit the target of 3,000 units and increased to 30,000 units.
6. In Hawaii – Councilmember Fukunaga mentioned that an inter-agency council has put real money and real numbers. The City/State are co-operating.
7. Bills – The zoning committee will hear on Thursday, June 18, 2015 bills, relating to Transient Vacation Units (TVU), or vacation rentals and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU), or Ohana zoning. It is difficult to decide about these issues. It was mentioned to eliminate illegal TVU.
8. State Legislature – It was mentioned that the State passed bills to make Hawaii energy sufficient. Councilmember Fukunaga noted that a City resolution was passed to be energy sufficient, but older buildings have a long way to go.
9. Public Housing – A few months ago, it was announced that Mayor Wright housing would be upgraded through public/private partnerships with mixed income buildings.
10. Thank You – Kurashige thank Councilmember Fukunaga for the Channel 54 interview yesterday, on Ohana Arts.

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

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.

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 – Bob Vieira mentioned that he was in Salt Lake City, Utah and that he wanted to remain on the Board. **As there were no objections, the Board took no action to declare his seat vacant, 8-0-0 (AYE: Aiona, Bannan, Duax, Kurashige, Nerney, Smith, Vieira, and Young; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).** Vieira remained on the Board.

Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation: Request for Review of Rule Enforcement Policies at Booth Park – This item was previously discussed.

Consideration of Whether to Request Governor David Ige to Appoint a Representative to the Nu'uaniu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 – **Smith moved and Young seconded that Chair Nerney write a letter to Governor Ige, requesting a representative be appointed to attend the Nu'uaniu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 monthly meetings. As there were no objections, the Nu'uaniu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 ADOPTED the motion by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 8-0-0 (AYE: Aiona, Bannan, Duax, Kurashige, Nerney, Smith, Vieira, and Young; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

Consideration of Request for Action by Board of Water Supply, Concerning Recurrent Water Leakage and Associated Road Repair on Park Street – There was no discussion.

Adoption of March 17, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes – Bannan moved and Young seconded that the Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 approve the March 17, 2015 regular meeting minutes. As there were no corrections or objections, the Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 approved the March 17, 2015 regular meeting minutes by **UNANIMOUS CONSENT 8-0-0** (AYE: Aiona, Bannan, Duax, Kurashige, Nerney, Smith, Vieira, and Young; **NAY**: None; **ABSTAIN**: None).

Adoption of April 21, 2015 Memorandum for the Record – Bannan moved and Young seconded that the Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 approve the April 21, 2015 Memorandum for the Record. As there were no corrections or objections, the Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 approved the April 21, 2015 Memorandum for the Record by **UNANIMOUS CONSENT 8-0-0** (AYE: Aiona, Bannan, Duax, Kurashige, Nerney, Smith, Vieira, and Young; **NAY**: None; **ABSTAIN**: None).

Adoption of May 19, 2015 Memorandum for the Record – Bannan moved and Young seconded that the Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 approve the May 19, 2015 Memorandum for the Record. Discussion followed. Chair Nerney verified with Rik Papa what was said at the Tuesday, May 19, 2015 meeting. Kurashige attempted to explain her amendments, p. 1 Wood Street, re-written Five (5)-year plan, escape route for the community, p. 3 Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), but was unsuccessful. **As there were no objections, the Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 approved the May 19, 2015 Memorandum for the Record as amended, by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 8-0-0** (AYE: Aiona, Bannan, Duax, Kurashige, Nerney, Smith, Vieira, and Young; **NAY**: None; **ABSTAIN**: None). The amendments were as follows:

- Page 1 and page 3, the name is, "Rik Papa."
- Page 3, under Million Dollar Price Tags, it should read, "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 asked Rik Papa if they were working within all permits. Papa said, "Yes." A resident asked about the roads. Papa responded that the project is within all requirements. Chair Nerney mentioned that the developer had been before the Board multiple times."

Pali Highway Lighting – There was no new updates for this item.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – Chair Nerney reported that in May 2015, \$19.02 was spent for the printing and mailing of the agendas and minutes, leaving a balance of \$229.77. The Treasurer's report was filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Board Meeting – The next Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 is scheduled for Tuesday, July 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.

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business before the Board, Chair Nerney adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by:
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Reviewed by:
Nola Frank, Neighborhood Assistant

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