



NU'UANU/ PUNCHBOWL NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 12

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 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 12 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, Audrey Hidano, Nicole Hori, Paula Kurashige, Michael Lum, Phil Nerney, Ethann Oki, Patrick Smith, Cora Spearman-Chang, Joli Tokusato, Bob Vieira (departed at 7:50 p.m.), and Sylvia Young.

Board Members Absent – Joe Duax (notified).

Vacancies – There were two (2) vacancies in Subdistrict 1 (Punchbowl).

Guests – Xan Avendano (Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland's Office), Nelson Koyanagi (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative, Department of Budget and Fiscal Services, Director), Chris Delaunay (Councilmember Carol Fukunaga's Office), Firefighter Kaleo Kia (Honolulu Fire Department), Lieutenant Patricia Heely and Sergeant Nacai (Honolulu Police Department, District 1), Lieutenant Clyde Bueno (Honolulu Police Department, District 5), Keoni D. Mattos (Board of Water Supply), Ronald Higa, Darlene Apana and Erik Ekman (University of Hawai'i – Mānoa), Tanya, Kudikd (Dwight) Jendrusch, and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office).

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Firefighter Kaleo Kia reported the following:

- September 2015 Statistics – There were 12 activated alarms, 41 medical emergencies, 1 pedestrian/vehicle accident, 1 motor vehicle collision, and 2 mountain rescues.
- Halloween Safety Tips – Avoid Halloween costumes that could ignite if they come in contact with heat or flame and use a battery-operated candle or flashlight for lanterns.

Comments followed: Fire Hydrants – A. Hidano reported a fire hydrant near Wood Street and Pali Highway, which had cones by it for months with no service tag. Firefighter Kia responded that fire hydrants are the responsibility of the Board of Water Supply (BWS) and the representative will follow up. B. Kurashige reported an accident at the corner of Wood Street and Pali Highway, where the wrong hydrant was taken apart following a collision and the parts were left on the ground.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD), District 1 – Lieutenant Patricia Heely and Sergeant Nacai reported the following:

- September 2015/August 2015 Crime Statistics – There were 6/11 motor vehicle thefts, 4/15 burglaries, 8/15 thefts, 19/15 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV), 4/1 assaults, 2/0 sex assaults, 0/1 graffiti, and 1/1 drugs cases. There were 790/845 total calls for service in District 1.
- Safety Tips – Lock vehicle doors to deter those who are looking for an easy target. Keep the vehicle neat, with shopping bags out of sight. Do not leave valuables, stash before parking, not after. Park in a lighted area where visible to the public, not near a wall. Ensure vehicle registration and insurance cards are inside. Thieves have been known to see the addresses on the registration and burglarize the homes of shoppers.

Comments followed:

1. Pedestrian Education – Aiona asked how to educate people crossing the street, while looking at the ground or their mobile phones. HPD responded that pedestrians making eye contact with the drivers would be beneficial and it can make suggestions through public service announcements.
2. Speeding Cars – Aiona was also concerned about speeding cars on Pauoa Road. Since the last meeting, there were two (2) incidents. A car hit a little boy and he went to the hospital. Another speeding car hit a parked car at 4:00 a.m. By the time the police come, the speeders are gone. HPD advised to get the license plate numbers.

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

- Crime Statistics for September 2015 – There were 2 motor vehicle thefts, 7 burglaries, 19 thefts, and 19 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV). There were 962 total calls for District 5.

Comments followed:

1. Mentally Ill Person in the Neighborhood – Kurashige was concerned when a mentally ill person is trying to get in resident's property and the police do not remove him. The crisis hotline stated that residents may request that the police officer ask for an evaluation of the person for mental health in the police report. Lieutenant Bueno responded to call 911 and if an officer comes, the first thing the officer has to do is determine whether a crime has occurred. If he determines there is a diminished mental capacity, there is the ability to confer with a psychiatrist and then may request an evaluation and take the person away to be evaluated. The other option would be a restraining order. If there's no crime, it would still be documented as a "Miscellaneous public case." Get the police report number, and then persons in an official capacity may obtain the report.
2. Halloween Night – Kurashige mentioned that on Saturday, October 31, 2015 there will be hundreds of people coming to Dowsett Avenue to celebrate Halloween, as if it is Waikiki and coming by bus and taxi, too. Traffic and double parking might occur and the police should be aware that this is expected. Lieutenant Bueno will communicate the concern to patrol officers.
3. Calling Towing Companies – Kurashige added that on Thursday, October 15, 2015 someone was operating a business and people could not get through on Wood Street. The police was notified by three (3) people, but it did not respond. Kurashige asked if community members are allowed to call towing companies to get the road open. Lieutenant Bueno responded that tow companies will not tow from a public street, unless the vehicle has been cited by the police. If there is an emergency, the police and fire department are pretty good about getting in. HPD can connect with community members directly. If the public does not get the service expected, call and ask for a supervisor, or call Kalihi station and ask for the watch lieutenant.
4. Statistics – Oki noted that District 5 reports different statistics and if statistics are maintained on sexual assault, graffiti, or drugs, as was provided by District 1. Lieutenant Bueno responded that if one visits – honolulu.hpd.org, there is crime mapping with a detailed presentation of cases. HPD can adjust what statistics are presented if the Board requests. Chair Nerney added that past practice was that HPD provided more information, but the Boards were informed that there was a HPD departmental change in what would be provided. If that policy has changed, the Board would be interested in more details. Hori asked that the report be narrowed down to beats 571, 572, and 573. Lieutenant Bueno responded to call the Kalihi station to ask for changes in the report.

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

- Increase in Incidents – There was an increase in incidents and one (1) house was vandalized on Waokanaka Street. Kurashige advised to not leave the garage door open, tell neighbors when one is going away, and notify HPD.
- Neighborhood Security Watches (NSW)s – There are seven (7) neighborhood watches, and another on Dowsett Avenue. NSWs have the support and training from the federal "weed and seed" program. Scams have increased in number, and NSWs want to make sure all the seniors know this one is going on. Kurashige passed a scam postcard around, so the other Board members could see it. Slips on the mailbox may indicate that no one is home. Oki asked if the scam postcard could be posted on the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) website. Young did not think it could be posted on the NCO website, but suggested sending the scam postcard to Executive Secretary (ES) Shawn Hamamoto to send out to the Neighborhood Boards.
- Lost Dogs/Cats – Kurashige has started a lost animal neighborhood security directory. In the last month there were seven (7) lost dogs and three (3) lost cats. One (1) was found in a pig pen at the country club and returned to the family after almost two months.

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

- Water Main Breaks – There was one (1) main break on Monday, September 28, 2015 at 60 Moanawai Place.
- Watershed Management and Protection – Drinking water is the most precious resource is heavily dependent on Oahu's Koolau and Waianae mountain ranges as two (2) of Oahu's vital watershed areas. Therefore, everyone must care for, protect, and preserve these areas for future generations. A handout explaining the characteristics of the watersheds and how everyone can help protect them is available online at www.boardofwatersupply.com. For more information, call the BWS Communications Office at 748-5041.

- Watershed Protection Tips:
 - Keep to trails when in the watersheds. Straying from trails destroy native plant life and can cause erosion.
 - Conserve water every day, all year long. Water conservation reduces the need to use ground water that is essential for healthy watershed forests and stream ecosystems.

Mattos will follow up on the out of service fire hydrants.

Comments followed:

1. Park on Prospect Street – A community member asked why the park above Kamamalu Street (by Prospect Street, makai of Huali Street) is closed. Mattos will follow up.
2. Status of the Red Hill Fuel Leak at the Storage Facility – Oki asked the status of the Red Hill fuel leak. Mattos responded that on Thursday, October 1, 2015 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State Department of Health (DOH) issued the administrative order of consent, which is what has been negotiated with the Navy. This was revised based on comments from BWS and the community. Although not a direct stakeholder, it will affect BWS' ability to provide water to the community. There is currently a 22-year period for repairs to be completed, which BWS feels is too long. BWS is still working closely with the parties involved. Visit the website and join the email list to get periodic updates.

FILLING OF VACANCIES ON BOARD – There were two (2) vacancies in Subdistrict 1 (Punchbowl). As there were no nominations, Chair Nerney deferred this item to the next meeting.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Nehe Lane – A resident lives on Nehe Lane, just off Lusitana near Kamamalu Market, and the store patrons park in the lane all the time, making it very difficult to get through. The resident had contacted Governor Linda Lingle and Mayor Kirk Caldwell, who advised to contact the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), but by the time the police respond, the vehicles have left. Chris Delaunay from Councilmember Carol Fukunaga's office will follow up.

Kapiwai Development Project Update – Rik Papa, representative for the Kapiwai development on Booth Road, mentioned that the first 10 units are into vertical construction and the next 14 units have been started. The 100,000 gallon water tank is expected to be completed next year in summer 2016.

Road closure information: Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) is planning a road closure on Booth Road on the Tuesday, October 27, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. to repair a pole across from 2846 Booth Road.

Vieira departed the meeting at 7:50 p.m., **11 members present.**

Over-grown Hedges – Hidano requested Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) building inspectors to look at the overgrown hedges along Alika Street and Dowsett Avenue. The residents cannot walk on the sidewalks.

Topical Surfacing – Hidano commented on the topical surfacing on Wood, Alika, and Henry Streets. The asphalt is not staying put, the white striping is peeling off, the asphalt has lots of crevices, and tar is sticking onto wheels and fender wells. Hidano thinks that Ala Kona Company is the contractor. Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative, Nelson Koyanagi noted that the white striping may be temporary, until it is painted, but Koyanagi will follow up.

Kapolei City Lights Parade – Resident Ronald Higa announced that the Kapolei Hale Christmas Light Parade and celebration, will be on Saturday, December 12, 2015. Fireworks will follow. The Honolulu City Lights will start on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at Honolulu Hale.

Left Turn Signal at School and Lusitania Streets – A community member mentioned a long-standing community concern of residents desiring a left turn signal for turns onto Lusitana Street at the end of School Street. Koyanagi will follow up.

Queen Emma Street – A community member added that people traveling on Queen Emma Street should have a left turn signal going east onto Bingham Street.

School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST) – SOEST at University of Hawai'i – Mānoa is holding an open house on Friday, October 23, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event is free, open to the public, and only held every two (2) years.

Topical Surfacing and More – Kurashige had many questions and comments for Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM):

1. Residents would like to know why the recent road sealant fills in gutters to the curb. This causes water to lake on streets and does not allow free flow of heavy water. Can another sealant be used for the streets?
2. Can the road-paving contract be changed?
3. Can the worms/caterpillars be put out again every day to stop gravel from going into the stream?
4. Can trucks pick up gravel/asphalt more often due to excessive gravel run-off. Any standing water should be reported to Department of Environmental Services (ENV) Environmental Services and Drainage.
5. Why is it taking so long for Puiwa residents to get their stream cleaned?
6. Why does it take so long for the bridge at Puiwa to get foliage removed?
7. Residents requested cleaning of stream between Polohilani Place and Polohinano Place since 2013: then it was to be done January 2014, then by August 2014 and it is still not done.
8. Who is liable if flooding occurs? Would City and County of Honolulu (C&C) be responsible and the State/City and County taxpayers?

Remembrance of Thomas Lalakea -- Kurashige noted the passing of Thomas Lalakea, who was a Board member, and offered condolences to his wife, who was also a Board member. Kurashige asked for a Moment of Silence for Thomas Kanamu Lalakea, who died on Tuesday, September 29, 2015.

Front Loader Trash Trucks – Smith asked about non-residential appliance refuse bins and mentioned that a court decision required that service continue to be provided. Koyanagi answered that there was a lack of funding for a new front-loader. The department had submitted requests for front loaders in a number of prior years, but it was always pulled out in the budgeting process. The Board member asked if there is a plan moving forward for service to continue, even if the front-loaders break. Koyanagi replied that he was not sure what the department is planning at this point in time.

Complete Streets – Kurashige reported that a number of people called, saying that they do not want any of the trees along Nuuanu Avenue to be cut down.

Tree by Kawananaoia School – Hori noted that during the joint Neighborhood Board session at Craigsides, there was a comment that the sidewalk on the Kawananaoia Middle School side of the Pauoa Road and Nu'uanu Avenue intersection is not handicapped accessible. Hori suggested that the wall of the schoolyard be moved back, so that there is room for the sidewalk on the other side of the large tree. Koyanagi will follow up.

Kudos to Mr. Earl Chang – Kurashige recognized Earl Chang, a resident of the area and a Department of Environmental Services (ENV) employee, who should receive accolades for his services. Kurashige provided a statement to Koyanagi.

Paving on Park Street and Park Place – Chair Nerney expressed his concerns on repaving on Park Street and Park Place. The signs were put up, but because it rained on Thursday, October 15, 2015, the work was not done. Chair Nerney asked if this work will be performed later. Koyanagi will follow up.

Trees Cut down Without a Permit – Hori asked about the trees cut down without a permit. Koyanagi reported that this item was reported last month. A Notice of Violation (NOV) was issued and fines were levied.

Traffic Control by Construction Workers – Smith asked about traffic control by construction workers, at the Symphony Condominium in Kaka'ako, what developers are allowed to do, and what parameters they've been given. Koyanagi will follow up.

Ala Moana Beach Park – A community member asked that the Neighborhood Board be notified of the next public meeting for the Ala Moana Beach Park.

Governor David Ige's Representative – Nerney noted that though Governor Ige said to a room full of people at a public meeting that he would appoint a representative, there is no representative for the Board yet.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Nelson Koyanagi, Director of the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services, reported the following:

- Booth Park – The restrooms are re-stocked once a day. The urinal has been replaced. Crews may work as early as 7:00 a.m., if there has been lots of growth. The restroom was barricaded with caution tape because it was flooded that day.

- Swing at Booth Park – A special bracket was needed, and now that the part is available, the swing should be back in service by the end of the month.
- Tree Roots – Aiona mentioned that the tree roots need to be fixed in the driveway. Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has requested to evaluate the trees on the Namilimili side of Booth Park to determine actions to prevent further damage.
- Traffic on a Certain Saturday, September 12, 2015 – The severe congestion on Kamehameha Highway and Moanalua Road was a State issue.
- Dumping in Front of 1650 Lusitana Street – This area is frequently monitored by inspectors due to past violations. Residents are encouraged to call the Refuse Division at 768-3200. Education will be provided to neighbors in the area. Education and enforcement are shown to be more effective than "No Dumping" signs. Young questioned who will be fined if the neighbors are putting items in front of her house. The resident at 1650 Lusitana mentioned that the neighboring residents of 1660 Lusitana keep dumping their bulky furniture in front of 1650 Lusitana Street. They take out their bulky furniture any day and do not follow the scheduled monthly pick up date. The resident asked for a "No Dumping" sign there. Koyanagi will take that report back, since the situation may not have been understood when the response was provided.
- Updates from Department of Transportation Services (DTS) – A resident had requested that "No parking" signs be installed from 3:30p.m.to 5:30 p.m. from Monday through Fridays at the Pauoa Road exit from Pali Highway. A study was performed, and parking restrictions between Olomana and Kaloko Lanes were not warranted at this time. The estimated wait time was one (1) to two (2) traffic light signals (one (1) to two (2) minutes) and traffic collision history did not necessitate additional traffic controls. Young added the tow away zone would make more sense for the whole segment from Pali Highway to Pauoa Road.
- Stop Line on Hookui Street – The complaint was that the stop line on Hookui Street is too far back to check for cross-traffic. A field inspection found adequate visibility and that it is located where specified. However, DTS will be making intersection modifications, pending the availability of funds.

Comments followed:

1. Booth Park Maintenance – Aiona noted that the groundskeeper crews went back to a roving crew, and that is why there have been so many complaints. Work on the gym roof is still ongoing, because the weather is unpredictable. There is a hump at the driveway to the park parking lot.
2. Crosswalks – It was mentioned that work crews were hopping from one street to another and not completing any of the crosswalks.

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

- Nu'uanu Valley Park Repairs – The Neighborhood Board report had a section on Nu'uanu Valley Park repairs.
- Road Sealant – A request has been submitted about road sealant.
- Stream Cleaning – There needs to be special permits from the State Department of Health (DOH) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to get the equipment into the stream.
- Accessibility at Kawanakoa School – One (1) consideration was that the walkway could go through the park, to preserve the tree at the intersection.
- Complete Streets – Delaunay does not know of any plans to remove trees on Nu'uanu Avenue as part of the Complete Streets project. Kurashige just wanted to record the residents' opposition to tree removal was "on the record." A letter was sent out to residents and associations along Nu'uanu Avenue and only three (3) responses were received. Councilmember Carol Fukunaga's Office forwarded the responses to Department of Transportation Services (DTS).

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

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland – Senator Chun Oakland was not present. However, Xan Avendano had dropped off a report.

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

Adoption of September 15, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes – Chair Nerney asked for a motion. **Young moved and Aiona seconded that the Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 APPROVES the September 15, 2015.** Discussion followed. **The motion was ADOPTED as amended, 10-0-1 (AYE: Aiona, Hidano, Hori, Lum,**

Nerney, Oki, Smith, Spearman-Chang, Tokusato, and Young; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** Kurashige). The amendments were as follows:

- Page 1, under ELECTION OF THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY TO SERVE FROM JULY 1, 2015 to JUNE 30, 2016 (DUE TO THE RESIGNATION OF PATRICK SMITH), "the minutes should make clear that Patrick Smith did not resign from the Board, but from the Office of Secretary and that the term of the new Secretary is from Tuesday September 15, 2015 to Thursday, June 30, 2016."
- Page 5, under Comments followed, it should read, "Pre-School on Judd Street – Oki mentioned that from 6:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. the traffic is significantly comprised of "out-of-district parents" dropping off students and people going to work."
- Page 6, under Treasurer's Report, it should read, "Treasurer Lum reported that the July 2015 expenditures for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes were \$23.25 and the August 2015 expenditures for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes were \$21.17, leaving a balance of \$294.50."

Pali Highway Lighting Report – Chair Nerney had sent a letter to State Department of Transportation (HDOT) Director Ford Fuchigami on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 and there was no response to date. Chair Nerney e-mailed Director Fuchigami again today.

Consideration of Establishing a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) – Chair Nerney mentioned establishing a PIG for evaluating a Honolulu Complete Streets Implementation Study Location Report (Nu'uauu Avenue from Kuakini Street to Craigsides Place) at the request of Councilmember Fukunaga. **Hori moved and Smith seconded that the Nu'uauu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 form a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) for the stated purposes.** Discussion followed. Young noted that a PIG would have a minimum of three (3) and up to one less than quorum, or seven (7) people serving in the group. Oki, Smith, Spearman-Chang, and Chair Nerney expressed interest as well. The chair appoints the members. **As there were objections, the motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 11-0-0 (AYE:** Aiona, Hidano, Hori, Kurashige, Lum, Nerney, Oki, Smith, Spearman-Chang, Tokusato, and Young; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** None).

Chair Nerney appointed himself, Hori (as chair of the committee), Patrick Smith, Ethan Oki, and Cora Spearman-Chang to the PIG.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Lum reported that for September 2015, \$20.38 was spent for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes, leaving a balance of \$276.20. The Treasurer's Report was filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Board Meeting – The next Nu'uauu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. in the Paoa Elementary School cafeterium. Thanks to 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 8:47 p.m.

Submitted by:
K Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:
Stephen Saito, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:
Nicole Hori, Secretary and
Phil Nerney, Chair