



PEARL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 21

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2010 WAI'IAU DISTRICT PARK

CALL TO ORDER: Chair James Pickard called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of ten (10) members present. Note – this 13 member Board requires seven (7) members for a quorum and to take official Board action.

Members Present – Roger Clemente, Sol Ray B. Duncan, Chris Lum Lee, Miles Murakami, Roger Olegario, James K. Pickard, Sr., Ronald Simpson, Cruz J. Vina, Jr., and Blake Yokotake.

Members Absent – Myrtle Nyuha and Larry Veray.

Vacancies – There are 2 (two) vacant at-large seats.

Guests – Kathleen Yoda, Robert Sato (Councilmember Gary Okino's Office), Capt. Creighton Young (Honolulu Fire Department), State Senator Clarence Nishihara, Ryan Akamine (Senator Clarence Nishihara's Office), Vicky Bowie (Pearl City Public Library), Breene Harimoto (Board of Education), Wayne Y. Yoshioka (Director, City's Department of Transportation Services), State Representative K. Mark Takai, Laurie Nonaka, Donald Fukumoto, Andrew Keliioa (Board of Water Supply) and Gloria Gaines (Neighborhood Commission Office Staff).

Pledge of Alliance – Lum Lee led everyone in the Pledge of Alliance.

Time Limit Policy and Procedures – Pickard indicated that there was no smoking or alcohol allowed in the pavilion, and summarized the time limits and Sunshine Law requirements listed on the agenda.

FILLING OF VACANCIES: There were no nominees or volunteers to fill the vacancies at this time.

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Capt. Creighton Young reported: 3 structure, 11 wild land, 2 rubbish, and 2 vehicle fires. There were also 98 medical emergencies, 2 search and rescues, and 20 miscellaneous calls. There were no major or unusual incidents reported.

There were no questions for the HFD.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – No report.

Mayor's Representative – Sandra Sagisi reported on the following:

- Unpaved Section of Ahuhu Street – Residents of Palisades were concerned that a section of the road on Ahuhu Street, from the church all the way to the 7-Eleven Store, was not paved during the resurfacing of that area. The City's Department of Design and Construction (DDC) will follow up on the area of the road identified as not being paved. However, the DDC did note that paving was done recently in areas fronting residents' homes.
- Broken Sprinkler Heads – Five sprinkler heads were repaired on February 13, 2010 located on Komomai Drive. The City's Department of Facilities and Maintenance (DFM) has requested for Board's support informing the neighboring community to minimize parking on the medians as it damages the sprinkler heads.
- Hairpin Turn after Children's House – Motorists continue to speed around hairpin turn on Komo Mai Drive after the Children's House and crash into fences. Motorists are either racing or drifting around that hairpin turn. To prevent drifting, the City's Department of Transportation Services will be using a product



on the asphalt that decreases cars from drifting around turns. Also, delineation at that hairpin turn helps as a recovering area for cars making that turn.

Board of Water Supply – Andrew Keliikoa distributed a report and noted two main breaks for the month of January. One water main break occurred on January 4, 2010 and replaced the eight-inch cast iron pipe that was installed in 1960 at 2138 Aamanu Street. The other main break was on January 5, 2010, which replaced another cast iron pipe that was installed in 1965 at 2265 Ailolo Place. An announcement of two outdoor water conservation tips followed:

- Xeriscaping – Xeriscaping involves growing unthirsty plants, using mulch, and installing proper irrigation. A household can save 30 to 80 percent in water consumption a month.
- Rainwater Catchment – The BWS promotes the use of rain barrels to collect rainwater to use for non-drinking activities such as landscape irrigation. The BWS hosts Rain Barrel Water Catchment workshops that teach people how to build, install and maintain rain barrels at home. For more information on xeriscaping and rain barrels, log on to website at www.boardofwatersupply.com
- Halawa Xeriscape Garden Workshops – Residents were invited to the next garden workshops held at Halawa Xeriscape on the following days:
 - March 20, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon – Visit with a “Plant Doctor” for plant care and gardening tips.
 - April 3, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon – Xeriscape egg decorating workshop with garden egg hunt.

To register for these classes, contact Diane Moses at 748-5363 or email tours@bws.org.

Councilmember Gary Okino’s Representative – Robert Sato distributed a report and highlighted the following:

- Credit Card Payments for Property Tax Bills – Residents can pay their real property tax bills by credit card and e-check online at www.hnlpay.com or by calling toll-free at 1-877-309-9117. Convenience fees will apply. Credit card payments are not accepted at City Hall.
- City Fiscal Year 2011 Budget – A briefing of all the City departments’ budget will start March 12th to the 23rd. Council has to approve budget by June 15, 2010.
- Bills 7 and 8 – Prohibiting tents and shopping carts in parks passed second reading and public hearing.
- Status of Bulky Item Bill – This bill was deferred in committee. There were concerns that fines to the landowner may not be the same person who actually disposed of the bulky items on the side streets. Sato will keep the Board informed of any updates.

Senator Clarence Nishihara – Sen. Nishihara distributed a report and commented on the following:

- Rainy Day and Hurricane Fund – Some bills being discussed at the Ways and Means Committee include taking some of the hurricane fund monies to help solve problems with furlough. As far as the rainy day fund, there are social service agencies and non-profit organizations that would like to attach the funds for their needs.
- Review of State Exemptions – Ways and Means are also looking into reviewing exemptions currently received by qualified tax payers; and possibly reduce the amount of exemptions in a way to help solve some of the budget shortfall of \$1.4 billion. There are other bills that are working its way through that will also address gaining more revenues by raising the general excise tax to one percent. At the end, it is between the House and Finance and Ways and Means Committees to settle things out.
- Fireworks – There are four or five bills that moved forward at the Ways and Means, one total ban, one raising fees on fire works; there is talk that it is an enforcement issue by the county; inspection and the docks, but where is the money to provide inspection.

Sen. Nishihara will give an updated report at next month's meeting. Discussions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. CIP funds for Pearl City Library – A concern was that the air conditioning condensers are taking up five parking stalls of the Pearl City Library and leaving fewer parking stalls for the patrons of the library. Sen. Nishihara will check into this matter.
2. Request for Representative at Board Meeting – Sen. Nishihara agreed to send a representative to the Board meetings if he is unable to attend.

Senator David Ige – No representative present; no report available.

Representative Roy Takumi – No representative present; no report available.

Representative Mark Takai – Rep. Takai distributed a report and highlighted the following:

- Legislative Process, A Process of the People – A 2010 edition of the Legislative Process was made available to the residents. A citizen's guide to participation in the legislative process.
- Free State Health Insurance for Children – There is a free State health insurance program called Hawaii Covering Kids for children with no health insurance. For more information call 211, a free call from all islands.
- Next Town Meeting – The next town meeting on all traffic and transportation issues is scheduled for March 18, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Pearl Ridge Elementary School Cafeteria. State legislators are co-sponsoring the event with both State DOT and City DTS staff. Residents are able to get an update on current and upcoming State and City transportation projects impacting the community. For additional information, contact 586-8455.
- Fireworks Debate – Any one interested in receiving an email blast in either supporting a total ban of fireworks, interested in the full fireworks debate, or public hearing notices contact Rep. Takai's staff at 586-8455.
- Tobacco Trust Fund – Interested residents can call Rep Takai's office at the above-mentioned number.
- Kamehameha Highway Project – The Kamehameha Highway fence project's main concern is the safety of the pedestrians. An enhanced Hawaiian motif design addressed a comment, that the chain linked fence is unattractive, in an article in the *Letter to the Editor* section of *Honolulu Advertiser*. The chained link fence is temporary and will be replaced with something nicer when the rail system comes through Kamehameha Highway.
- Elimination of 138 KV Lines – Rep. Takai will be meeting with the Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) this Friday, February 26, 2010 to discuss the undergrounding of the 138 KV lines along Kamehameha Highway. Rep. Takai believes there is an opportunity to install the 138 KV lines underground once the super structure is built.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Increase of Hurricane Insurance Premiums – The cost of hurricane insurance premiums is based on a global rating which has increased especially since Hurricane Katrina; which affected Hawaii residents and is based on estimates of what the cost will be in the event of a hurricane. At this time, Rep. Takai reminded residents to look forward to a disaster preparedness town meeting planned this coming April; a date has not been determined yet.
2. Replacing Old Fence Line on Kamehameha Highway – Rep. Takai will check into this matter.
3. Request for Representative at Board Meeting – Rep. Takai announced that he is not attending the March Board meeting; and strongly urge to contact him either by email at reptakai@capitol.hawaii.gov or by phone.

RESIDENTS/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Pearl City Gateway (Kuala Street): Construction Update of Commercial Development – No report.

Other Concerns:

Suspicious Activity Under Freeway near Hugh Street – A resident requested assistance with addressing the problems near her residence. It seemed the area under the freeway is not lighted and has become a regular gathering place for ongoing suspicious activities. There are also problems with the small commercial business rentals also under the freeway. As recommended by Chair Pickard, C. Vina will coordinate with Sen. Nishihara and meet with the concerned resident.

Concerns with City Councilmember Gary Okino Office – A lengthy discussion addressed a concern by a resident which he claimed he never received a timely response from the Councilmember's office staff. As recommended by Chair Pickard, C. Vina was assigned to meet with the resident about the situation.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Awarding of Certificates of Recognition and Acknowledgement – S. Duncan presented a Certificate of Recognition to Joan Manke, former executive secretary of the Neighborhood Commission Office, for her tireless dedication leading and guiding the direction of the Neighborhood Board system. Ms. Manke was unable to attend, and therefore, Neighborhood Assistant Gaines accepted the certificate on her behalf.

State DOT Dewatering Facility Project, Required to Construct a New concrete Pedestrian Walkway from Lehua Avenue to the Entrance of the Base Yard Update – No report.

City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) – Wayne Yoshioka responded to the following concerns:

1. Request for Repaving Hoohiki Street – Yoshioka will check with the schedule for paving projects and schedule Hoohiki Street.
2. Update of Ongoing Projects – Projects such as resurfacing and reconstruction of streets continue in the Pearl City area. As upgrading of projects occur, DTS tries to recommend other piggy back projects such as replacing pedestrian signal heads from flashing hand to countdown signals.
3. Bus Route 73 – The bus route 73 shuttle will be in full operation March 8, 2010.
4. Environmental Impact Study (EIS) Transit Station Concerns – It was discussed that the transit touchdown station is within the historic preservation area, significant to the military housing, and is being addressed before Governor Lingle signs the EIS.
5. Audible Pedestrian Signal Heads – Although the audible pedestrian signal heads serves a purpose for the visually impaired, DTS must keep in mind of residents near the traffic signals because the department has received complaints in the past about the audible pedestrian signal heads being too loud especially during the late night hours.

COMMUNITY/OTHER REPORTS:

Board of Education (BOE) – Breene Harimoto reported on the following:

- Budget – BOE continues to look for an additional \$63 million to cut in the budget and will be discussed at the BOE meeting tomorrow, February 24, 2010.
- Athletic Coaches as Department of Education (DOE) Employees – One of the legislative bills on education is a request for athletic coaches as DOE employees. Harimoto will check into this matter.

- BOE Informational Meeting – Community was invited to an informational meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, 2010 starting at 6:30 p.m. at Pearl City Elementary School. This is an informal meeting, with no formal agenda; but is an open session for residents to “talk story”.

Pearl City Community Association – Harimoto thanked the residents for supporting the Annual Huli-huli Chicken Fundraiser for the Pearl City High School scholarship fund.

Pearl City Foundation – Harimoto

Pacific Palisades Community Association – R. Simpson to report.

Pearl City Public Library – Vicky Bowie, Acting Branch Manager/Children’s Librarian reported the following:

- Furlough Schedule for Library – For March, the Hawaii State Public Library System will change their usual Wednesday Furloughs to Fridays. All libraries will be closed on March 5th, 12th, and the 19th. On Friday, March 26, libraries will be closed for Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana’ole holiday.
- Circulation of Materials – The State Librarian reported the circulation of materials has reached a ten year high for the Hawaii State Public Library System. Patrons borrowed more than 7,288 million books and other materials in fiscal year 2009.
- Parking Lot Renovations – Due to all the construction, barricades, and equipment, residents were asked to exercise caution when driving or walking through the library parking lot.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 26, MEETING: The January 26, 2010 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED AS CORRECTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT with the following correction (9-0-0), (Aye: Clemente, Duncan, Lum Lee, Murakami, Olegario, Pickard, Sr., Simpson, Vina, Jr., Yokotake):

- On Page 2 – Item 4 Disruptive Tenants – delete “nearby apartments” and replace with “...neighbor’s apartment behind the Weinberg apartment...”
- On Page 3 – Representative Roy Takumi – delete “imposed” and replace with “proposed”.

Chair’s Report – See Executive Committee Report.

TREASURER’S REPORT: C. Lum Lee read the January 2010 Treasurer’s Report and highlighted a current expense of \$30.99 for printing and postage of agenda and minutes, leaving a closing balance of \$1,093.65. No expenses were reflected in the publicity account. The report was filed.

COMMITTEES: Chair Pickard reviewed both Board positions and committee assignments:

- Board Positions – Chair Pickard reviewed the following Board positions: Board Chair is Kimo Pickard, Sr.; Cruz Vina is Vice Chair, Jr.; Secretary is Chris Lum Lee; Sergeant-At-Arms is Larry Veray; and Parliamentarian is Cruz Vina, Jr.
- Executive Committee (EXEC) – K. Pickard, Sr.; C. Vina, Jr.; and all Committee Chairs.
- Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) – Chair L. Veray, R. Olegario, R. Simpson, C. Vina, Jr., and M. Nyuha.
- Traffic and Transportation (TT) – Chair C. Vina, Jr., R. Olegario, S.R. Duncan, and B. Yokotake.
- Development Plan and Zoning (DPZ) – Chair M. Nyuha, V. Chair C. Vina, Jr., B. Yokotake, R. Simpson, M. Murakami, and R. Clemente.
- Legislative and Capitol Improvement Programs (LCIP) – Chair C. Lum Lee, S.R. Duncan, M. Murakami, and C. Vina, Jr.
- Publicity and Refreshments (PP) – V. Chair S. R. Duncan, R. Clemente, and M. Nyuha.

Legislative and Capitol Improvement Programs (LCIP) – Lum Lee reported on the following series of bills going thru the State and City legislature:

- Senate Bill 2617 – Relating to the Sunshine Law, amends notice requirement by public agency meetings to allow notification of meetings by transmitting by electronic mailing.
- Firework Bills – In both State House and State Senate there are various bills; most of which supports a total ban of fireworks; with the exception of religion and public displays and ceremonial occasions. Other firework bills support an increase in fees for violations.
- Bulky Item Bill – The bulky item bill states that a violation fee of \$250 a day will be assessed. The Bulky item bill is moving forward but without the violation fee attached.
- Bills 7 and 8 – Prohibiting tents and shopping carts in parks passed second reading will be up for public hearing tomorrow February 24, 2010.

Development Plan and Zoning (DPZ) – V. Cruz reported the following update:

- Status of Development for Remaining Manana Warehouse Properties, Pearl City Gateway Village Update – No report.
- Pacific Palisades Second Exit Road Project Update – Project continues with further details to be provided at next meeting.
- ABC Used Auto Junkyard Update – This used auto/junkyard facility is operating an unpermitted solid waste management system at its Pearl City location. No additional information was reported at this time
- Junkyard Problem Follow Up – The resident at 98-1457 Hoomahie Loop has started clearing junks from yard and progressing.
- State DOT Dewatering Facility/New Sidewalk Project – Community residents are pleased with new sidewalk.

Health, Education and Welfare – No report.

Publicity/Refreshments – No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next Committee meeting will be held on March 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., Waiiau District Park.
- The next regular Board meeting will be held on March 23, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., Waiiau District Park
- These Board meetings are broadcast on Olelo Channel 54 Thursdays at 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Recorded By: Gloria Gaines, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed By: Kimo Pickard, Sr., Chair

