



PEARL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 21

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2010 WAI'AU DISTRICT PARK

CALL TO ORDER: Chair James Pickard, Sr., called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. **with a quorum of 7 (seven) members present.** Note – this 13 member Board requires seven members for a quorum and to take official Board action.

Members Present: Sol Ray B. Duncan, Christopher Lum Lee, Miles Murakami, Myrtle Nyuha, Roger Olegario, James K. Pickard, Sr., and Ronald Simpson.

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

Guests – Joyce Felmet (Pearl City Library), Kathleen Yoda, K. Miyazaki (Honolulu Police Department), Charles Fortner (Clearwire), Nelson T. Moriwaki, State Representative Roy Takumi, Dan Kent (Rep. Takumi's office), Robert Sato (City Councilmember Gar Okino), State Senator Clarence Nishihara, Ed Sniffen (State Department of Transportation-Highways) and Gloria Gaines (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

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

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

CITY/STATE MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – No report.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sgt. Ken Miyazaki distributed and reported for the month of February. There were 6,482 total calls in District 3 where 1,701 (27.25%) of the total calls occurred in the Pearl City community.

- Request to Add Number of Cases Solved to Statistics – A request was made to add the number of criminal cases solved to the monthly statistics. Sgt. Miyazaki will look into the possibility of adding criminal cases solved into the monthly statistics.

Mayor's Representative – Chair Pickard received and read the following responses from Gail Haraguchi:

- Speeding at the Hairpin Turn after the Children's House – Officers monitored the area of Komo Mai Drive and Children's House from March 15 to March 16, 2010 and issued one citation for speeding. The District 3 Community Policing Team (CPT) is coordinating a Community Traffic Awareness Partnership (CTAP) for that portion of Komo Mai Drive in the near future. All watches were notified and will continue to make periodic checks.
- Report of Suspicious Activities under the Freeway – Officer Deering of the Pearl City Station met with resident about the suspicious activities occurring under the freeway near her home. The third watch officers will follow up on the information and investigate.
- Unpaved Section of Road on Ahuhu Street – The Department of Facility Maintenance stated that the Mauka portion of the roadway was not resurfaced because the roadway's pavement condition was determined to be in fair condition when the contract for the resurfacing project was being prepared. The roadway has deteriorated faster than anticipated and it has now been identified as in need of resurfacing. Unfortunately, resurfacing cannot be done as part of the recently completed work and will be programmed under a separate contract as additional funds become available. The actual date when this work will be done has not been determined.



- Request to Repave Hoohiki Street – The City’s Department of Design and Construction (DDC) stated that Hoohiki Street, from Noelani Street to Komo Mai Drive, has been identified as in need of pavement resurfacing/reconstruction and is part of an upcoming City project currently in design. Solicitation of bids for construction is anticipated in the fourth quarter of this year with construction to follow.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Andy Keliikoa reported water no main breaks for the month of February and explained how BWS has taken several proactive steps towards reducing the amount of breaks of aging infrastructure:

- Gathering Data – BWS field crews gather data at the main repair site to determine why different pipelines failed. The data collected can be used to develop solutions that can later be incorporated in pipeline design, installation and/or maintenance.
- Detecting Leaks – BWS also has a team dedicated to detecting leaks within the water system. When leaks are detected a BWS can execute a planned repair job on the main, thereby fixing the leak before it turns into an emergency main break.
- Corrosion Control Methods – BWS is also working on corrosion control methods in an attempt to extend the life of its waterlines.

For more information about main breaks and what happens when a main break occurs, visit the “publications” section of BWS website, www.boardofwatersupply.com

1. Request to Repair Patch on Road – Near the Pearl City Elementary School where previous water main breaks were repaired are bumps on the road possibly caused after the patch on the road settled. Keliikoa will look into this matter and respond at the next meeting.

6:46 p.m. Board member Vina arrived; **8 (eight) Board members present.**

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

- Bill 78 – Bill 78, propose fines for incorrect placement of Bulky item, passed second and public hearing, and is back to the Infrastructure Committee for consideration. The next round of committee meetings will be on Tuesday, April 6, 2010. Sato will follow up with an update next month.
- Bill 7 – Bill 7 requires a permit to erect a tent in City parks, passed third reading on March 17, 2010. Temporary canopies would not apply to the ordinance.
- Bill 8 – Bill 8 restricts use of shopping carts in City parks, passed third reading on March 17, 2010.
- Budget Briefings – Bills 14, 15, and 16 (2010) respectively are Legislative, Operating, and Capital Improvement Budget bills for the Fiscal Year 2011. These bills passed First Reading on March 13, 2010 and were referred to the Budget Committee for further discussion and deliberation. A public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Honolulu Hale. A list of Capital Improvement Projects in the Pearl City area was provided to the Board members.

6:50 p.m. Board member Clemente arrived; **9 (nine) Board members present.**

State Senator Clarence Nishihara – Sen. Nishihara distributed a report and highlighted the following:

- Hawaii’s Revenue Projections – The State Council on Revenues projects a revenue growth of 6 percent instead of its previously projected 7.6 percent. The lowering of the projected revenue means a \$1.23 billion budget deficit and the need to find about \$50 million more in tax revenue.
- Visitor Spending – Compared to January 2009 (\$983.3 million), total expenditures by visitors who came by air in January 2010 rose 3.5 percent or \$33.5 million.

- Pro Bowl Returns – The Pro Bowl will be returning to Hawaii in January 2011 and will be played on the Sunday prior to Super Bowl XLV.
- Addressing the Budget Deficit – There will be no raise of taxes. The Senate Ways and Means Committee address the budget deficit by the taking of special funds to raise about \$59 million. After budget cuts, agencies such as sex abuse treatment centers, subsidized child care, Hawaii Disability Rights, multiple sclerosis, Kupuna care, and meals-on-wheels should still have enough monies to operate. The Ways and Means Committee will review State revenues for balance of the budget. Taking two-thirds of the tobacco fund is also being considered.
- Furloughs – The taking of the hurricane relief fund is still being reviewed to take care some of the furlough days.

6:51 p.m. Board member Yokotake arrived; **10 (ten) Board members present.**

State Senator David Ige – No report.

State Representative Roy Takumi – Rep. Takumi distributed a report and highlighted the following:

- Disaster Preparedness – A Disaster Preparedness community town meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15, 2010 at Waimalu Elementary School Cafeteria from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Furloughs – Both proposals to end furlough days by both the Board of Education's (BOE) and the Governor will be in tomorrow's front page newspaper. It will take \$92 million to completely eliminate the remaining furlough days this year and the 17 furlough days next year. Unless the legislature passes out the Governor's constitutional amendment bill, she doesn't want to deal with the furloughs. The Governor is proposing to abolish the BOE and have the superintendent be a member of the cabinet; which did not pass out of both Senate and House. There is a bill that allows the voters to decide whether or not there should have a BOE appointed by the Governor and not abolish the BOE.
- Board Meetings – Rep Takumi will make every attempt to attend the Board meetings. Rep. Takumi's staff will attend if he is unable to attend. Do not wait for a Board meeting, if there is concern, but contact Rep. Takumi either by phone or email.
- State Budget – There was a discussion about how difficult it was to cut Department of Education programs like the Challenger Discovery Center, the Ellison Onizuka State museum, the peer education program, and the Kupuna program; thereby reducing the Department of Education budget by \$82 million. When cutting programs, a determination had to be made as to what programs are necessary and type of service these programs provide.

State Representative Mark Takai – Rep. Takai expressed thanks to residents for attending the last town meeting Thursday, March 18, 2010 on traffic and transportation. There are 8 (eight) story boards displayed at the Pearl Ridge Shopping Center and are available for viewing until April 17, 2010. The following were highlighted:

- Video Taping of Town Meetings – Town meetings were well-attended by the community; were being videotaped and will be broadcasted twice a month on Olelo. For dates of the broadcast, contact Rep. Takai's office at 586-8455. Those interested in the material handed out at the town meetings can visit the website at www.Kamehamehaimprovement.org and in the announcement tab click on "Presentation by the State Department of Transportation and also the City Department of Transportation Services".
- Press Release – Rep. Takai will be speaking to the media on Friday, March 26, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. on "*Community-Led Initiative Continued to Make Major Improvements to Local Highway, Kamehameha Highway Improvements Project Improves Transportation in Aiea and Pearl City.*"

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

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

City Installing new Light Poles After Paving Road – A Momilani resident is concerned that the City should have planned to install the new street light poles before the road was paved rather than after; that it is a waste of taxpayers' money; and digging up the road sides and then patching the roads leads to potholes. Chair recommended that the Board's HEW and DPZ committees follow up with resident's concern.

BOARD BUSINESS – PRESENTATIONS:

Awarding of Certificates of Recognition and Acknowledgement – None.

Clearwire at Highlands Intermediate (New Plan) – Charles Fortner distributed an informational packet that included photos of Highlands Intermediate School indicating the proposed antenna and cabinet location. Due to budget cuts, Clearwire will not replace the existing Sprint monopole with a new taller pole as presented on June 23, 2009; but has a new plan to locate their equipment on the rooftop of the building on highest location which gives the same height and coverage objective as the new pole. Clearwire will be requesting from the City's Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) a new Conditional Use Permit and waiver to the zoning district height requirement to allow for a wireless facility on the rooftop of an existing building. Highlands Intermediate School will receive rent from Clearwire

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Clarification of Clearwire Plans – Clarification noted that the new plans changed from extending the height with a new pole from locating antenna and equipment on a rooftop of a building.
2. Amount of Rent Paid to School – The rent paid to Highlands Intermediate will be comparable to what Sprint is paying. Principal Martin would be the person to clarify the amount rent paid to the school.

Murakami moved and Nyuha seconded to support Clearwire, requesting from the City's Department of Planning and Permitting, a new Conditional Use Permit and waiver to the zoning district height requirement to allow for a wireless facility on the rooftop of an existing building. The motion was ADOPTED (8-0-2), (Ayes: Clemente, Lum Lee, Murakami, Nyuha, Pickard, Sr., Simpson, Vina, Jr., and Yokotake, Abstentions: Duncan and Olegario).

Dewatering Facility Sidewalk Project Update – Ed Sniffen apologized for not attending last month's Board meeting and gave a brief summary of the Dewatering Facility Sidewalk Project Update which began in January 2010. Two alternatives to the sidewalk improvements were presented to the community on February 3, 2010 and voted to support sidewalk proposal #2: Having the sidewalk away from the road and have half of the parking in place. Eighteen people included members of the Hongwanji Church and principal of Lehua Elementary School were at the meeting.

Nyuha moved and Vina seconded to support the State Department of Transportation Dewatering Facility Sidewalk Project Proposal Option #2. The motion was ADOPTED, 10-0-0, (Ayes: Clemente, Duncan, Lum Lee, Murakami, Nyuha, Olegario, Pickard, Sr., Simpson, Vina, Jr., and Yokotake).

COMMUNITY/OTHER REPORTS:

Board of Education – No report.

Pearl City Community Association – No report.

Pearl City Foundation – No report.

Leeward Community College – No report.

Manana Community Association – No report.

Pacific Palisades Community Association (PPCA) – Ron Simpson reported that PPCA has a website at www.ppcahawaii.org. A survey included in the newsletter was sent out to the residents. The next PPCA meeting will be on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Pearl City Public Library – Joyce Felmet distributed a report and highlighted the following:

- Air conditioning Upgrade Project – The work on the air conditioning upgrade project continues in the parking lot, parking is limited. Additional parking is on the grass area above the paved parking. Library programs, such as children’s story time, are temporarily postponed.
- Furlough Days – The United Public Workers who are employees of the Hawaii State Public Library system will be joining the Hawaii Government Employees Association on the following April 2010 furlough Wednesdays: April 7, April 14, and April 21, 2010.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 23, 2010 MEETING MINUTES: The February 23, 2010 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED AS CORRECTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT with the following corrections (10-0-0), (Aye: Clemente, Duncan, Lum Lee, Murakami, Nyuha, Olegario, Pickard, Sr., Simpson, Vina, Jr., and Yokotake).

- On Page 3, Under Representative Mark Takai’s report – Free State Health Insurance for Children- Insert, “Rep. Takai reported for Representative Roy Takumi.”
- On Page 3, Under Representative Mark Takai’s report – Questions, comments, and concerns – Insert, “That Board members are urged to contact Rep. Takai at any time by email or phone; and that Rep. Takai should be at the March Board meeting.”
- On Page 6, Under Committees – Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) – Delete “No report” and replace with, “HEW Committee member Roger Olegario presented the HEW committee report and stated that a report was sent to Board members and it is a summary of previous months: 1) Illegal dumping of hazardous waste and material on City streets is currently before the Honolulu City Council and hopefully a decision can be made. 2) Illegal fireworks – Numerous complaints on the use of illegal aerial fireworks; State Legislature House Bills related to the problem of illegal fireworks use in Hawaii; this is currently before the State legislature and hopefully a decision can be made.”

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chair’s Report – No report.

Treasurer’s Report – Lum Lee read the February 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:

Executive (EXEC) – No report.

Legislative and Capital Improvement Programs (LCIP) – Lum Lee reported the following:

- Discussion 2010 Legislation – The bill to ban fireworks is still in committees and issues regarding Department of Education furlough days are still moving through to legislative sessions. More legislative updates at next meeting.
- House Concurrent Resolution 111 Regarding Neighborhood Board System – This issue was raised by House Speaker Calvin Say in response to complaints relating to the conduct of individuals on Neighborhood Boards was referred to Judiciary committee on March 3, 2010; no further updates available.
- House Bill 2952 Mopeds – Mopeds are being modified and should be treated like motorcycles. H.B. 2952 creates a task force to do a study and recommendation to remedy concerns about mopeds and be ready by next legislative session.

Traffic and Transportation (TT) – No report.

Development Plan and Zoning (DPZ) – Nyuha submitted written report was provided to the Board members and highlighted the following: 1) For Pearl City Gateway, Longs Drugs Drive-Thru and a Lock Up Storage will open in May, 2010; 2) Hawaii USA will come to the April Board meeting to do a presentation; 3) ABC Used Cars is in the

hands of the State and is processing alleged violations; 4) and, March 8, 2010 was the opening day for the new bus service at the Cultural Center and children were very pleased with the new bus service.

Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) – Lum Lee reported the following:

- Illegal Dumping of Hazardous Waste and Materials on City Streets – See LCIP Committee report.
- Illegal Fireworks – See LCIP Committee report.
- Vehicles Racing on H-1 Freeway – Vehicles racing on H-1 freeway is a continuous problem and is being monitored by Honolulu Police Department.
- Alcohol Consumption being observed at Patsy Mink Memorial Park during Sporting Events – The plan of action includes outreach of community associations and working with State and/or City agencies as necessary.
- Excessive and Unnecessary Noise Generated by Private Vehicles Including Motorcycles, Mopeds Impacting Health and Quality for Pearl City Residents – See LCIP Committee report.
- Request for Bulky Item to be Picked Up – A concerned raised by a resident about the unsightly bulky item trash that accumulates along Kaahumanu Street between Komomai and Moanalua Road. Chair recommended that this issue be referred to the Mayor's Representative for investigation.

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
- The Board meetings are broadcast on Olelo Channel 54 Thursdays at 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Recorded By: Gloria Gaines, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed By: Kimo Pickard Sr., Chair