



PEARL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 21

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, APRIL 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 ten (10) members present.** Note – this 13 member Board requires seven members for a quorum and to take official Board action.

Members Present: Roger Clemente, Sol Ray B. Duncan, Chris Lum Lee, Miles Murakami, Myrtle Nyuha, Roger Olegario, James K. Pickard, Sr., Ronald Simpson, Larry Veray, Cruz J. Vina, Jr. (arrived 6:36 p.m.), and Blake Yokotake.

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

Guests – Dan Kent (State Representative Mark's Takumi's Office staff), Kathleen Yoda, Breene Harimoto (Board of Education), Robert Sato (City Councilmember Gary Okino's Office staff), Vicky Bowie (Pearl City Public Library), Andrew Keliikoa (Board of Water Supply), Eriko Shiraki; Aminen Ho, Iokepa Camacho, Malakai Shiraki, and Kaika Tom (Boy Scouts of America); Firefighter Keith Yasui (Honolulu Fire Department); Cary Miyashiro, Nicole Fukeda, and Scott Uyehara (Hawaii USA Federal Credit Union); Maleeyah Machado, Katelyn Aalinat, Hernan Co, Keala Lopera, Kellie Tanigawa, Brandon Mitchell, Rejie Aguiro, Bonyie Batongan, and Matthew Yap (University of Hawaii – Manoa); Sgt. Jett Kaneshiro (Honolulu Police Department), State Senator Clarence Nishihara, Gail Haraguchi (Mayor's Representative), and Gloria Gaines (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Pledge of Allegiance – Yokotake 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) – Firefighter Keith Yasue reported the following:

- **Statistics for March, 2010** – There were 2 structure fires, 1 wild land and rubbish fire, and 3 vehicle fires. There were also 38 medical emergency calls, none for search and rescue, and 4 miscellaneous calls. No major or unusual incidents were reported.
- **Fire Safety Tip for the Month** – The risk of wild land fires increases as summer approaches. Prepare and practice a fire escape plan. Make a 10 to 30 foot wide fire break by clearing vegetation and clutter around all structures. This break is known as survivable space. Remove combustible debris from around and building and rooftop to prevent a wild land fire from spreading. At first sighting of a wildfire, call 911 immediately, prepare to evacuate, close all entrance doors, windows, and other openings that would allow embers to access a building's interior, and thoroughly water down the structure's roof. If witnessing someone starting a fire or behaving suspiciously, document notes that would assist officials in apprehending the alleged arsonist; and call 911 immediately.

At 6:36 p.m., Board member C. Vina, Jr., arrived; **11 (eleven) members present.**

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sgt. Jett Kaneshiro provided members with a statistical report for March 2010 and noted the 3 (three) highest crimes in the area were: 1) Unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle, 2) thefts, and 3) crime property damages.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. **Complaints to HPD** – A discussion was that the Board would forward a letter to Chief Louis Kealoha to make him aware of the ongoing complaints. These complaints were: 1) Vehicle racing on the H-1 freeway



every evening; 2) speedsters on Hoomalu Street down Moanalua Road; 3) alcohol consumption at the Leeward Community College's parking lot; 4) illegal activities occurring after sport games at the Patsy Mink Park; and 4) burglaries and thefts occurring in Pearl City. The letter would be discussed during the Executive Committee Report.

2. Illegal Parking on Komomai Drive – Vehicles were reported parked in a no-parking zone along Komomai Drive. Officers were asked to monitor that area because it is a safety issue for the community.

Mayor's Representative – Gail Haraguchi offered response to the following concerns:

- Installation of Street Light Poles – A resident raised a concern about the City digging up some of the road sides when installing new street light poles after the City paved the road; and patching of the poles lead to potholes; and a waste of tax payers' money. Explanation was after the City repaves the streets, roadway excavations are not permitted for a period of one year after completion. The street currently being excavated for street light poles were repaved in the summer of 2007 which is 2 and half years ago and is well beyond the one year excavation restriction. Hence, in this case, roadway excavations are necessary to complete the required underground work.
- Bulky Trash Concern – The concern was to find out whether the City's Collection Division contacted the townhome associations about the bulky item trash the continue to be dumped on the roadside, becomes an unsightly mess, and won't get picked up until a month later and wondered why nothing has been done about the trash along Kaahumanu Street between Komomai and Moanalua Road.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. Accumulation of Bulky Trash – A comment was that the rubbish must be cleared and picked up immediately by the City. Haraguchi noted that the repeated calls for pickups of bulky item trash to the City's Environmental division will identify the area as a "hot spot"; and agreed with the resident the need to keep area clear of trash. A clarification of the fines assessed for bulky items will be provided at the next meeting.
2. Relocation of City's Customer Service (CS) Office Staff – CS has completely moved, is in full operation, and the phone numbers have not changed. The City's CS department is now located at the Mission Memorial, the red brick building on King Street.
3. Speed Limit Sign Vandalized – The speed limit sign coming down from Pacific Palisades at the hair-pin turn has been tagged with graffiti and requested the City replace the speed limit sign. The City had previously replaced the same speed limit sign for the same reason.
4. Request for Concrete Bus Pads – Chair Pickard requested that the bus pads fronting Sears Store and Anna Millers Restaurant at the Pearlridge Shopping Center need to be repaired with a durable surface treatment like concrete instead of the asphalt road surfacing material.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Andrew Keliikoa provided members with a report, noted a water main break on April 27, 2010 at 1658 Hooheho Street, and highlighted the following:

- Analyzing Water System – BWS continually analyzes the water system to prioritize which mains need to be replaced by: 1) Condition Assessment; 2) System Improvements; 3)Public Impact; and 4) Project Coordination.
- List of BWS Construction Projects – To find out if the BWS has a construction project in your area, log onto www.boardofwatersupply.com, pull down the "Community" tab, and click on "Construction Projects". Any questions about a BWS construction project, contact 748-5730.
- Halawa Xeriscape Garden – Create a xeriscape garden arrangement for a Mother's Day gift on Saturday, May 1, 2010 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden. Registration ends April 29, 2010 or when class is filled. Visit www.boardofwatersupply.com for more information.

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

- Rail Station Workshops – There were two sessions held at Pearl Highlands, Community Workshops in the design process of the Pearl Highlands Rail Station. The third workshop will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Highlands Intermediate School cafeteria. Those interested must RSVP by calling the Honolulu Rail Transit Project Hotline at 566-2299 or by emailing info@honolulutrainsit.org.
- City Council Update – The legislative update included a resolution that approved the nomination of Raenette Gee as the Executive Secretary of the Neighborhood Commission was adopted on April 21, 2010; the legislative budget for fiscal year 2011 received a public hearing and was referred to the Budget Committee for further deliberation; the operating budget for fiscal year 2011 also received public hearing and was deferred to Council's next meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2010; the resolution that establishes the real property tax rates for fiscal year 2011 and includes the new "non-home owner" tax class was referred back to Budget Committee for deliberation and consideration; and a resolution increasing the City's fuel tax was also referred to Budget Committee.

Senator Clarence Nishihara – Senator Nishihara distributed a report and highlighted bills that passed which were: 1) The raising of the barrel tax by \$1.00 to \$1.05 added to every barrel, projecting to bring in \$22 million a year, which \$13.2 million would go into the State's general fund and \$8.8 million would go for food and energy programs; 2) raising of the cigarette tax by 40 cents per pack increase for two years to support various programs; and 3) increasing of traffic abstracts from \$7 to \$20 which is projected to bring in \$6.5 million a year;

- Passed Legislation of Interest – Other legislation that passed today is as follows: 1) A bill related to illegal fireworks was passed; 2) budget bill HB2200 provides for a balanced budget for 2011 and was done by delaying payment of tax refunds and taking away State vacant positions and eliminating a few positions; 3) HB1190 that requires HPD of each county to identify roadways critical for movement of vehicle traffic to speed up investigation; 4) dietary supplement cans are now included into the HI5 bottle recycling program; 5) Oahu tow companies are now required to be in operation 24hours a day, provide storage areas, and liability insurance; 6) for people who get sent to Queen's and assault others will be hit with a terroristic assault with penalties; 7) HB 2127 increases capacity staff from 2 to 3 nurses for adult residential care homes; 8) SB2105 relating to parking for disabled person takes away the county as the issuing agency and increases the time from 4 months to 6; 9) SB2395 extended a teachers beneficiary association trust fund separate from EUTF and extended it to December 2010 10) bills passed that makes it illegal for shark feeding and shark finning; 11) Board of Education members will be nominated and appointed by Governor and yet to be voted on as a constitutional question at next election.

Senator David Ige – No report.

Representative Roy Takumi – Daniel Kent reported following bills passed out of conference last Friday, April 23, 2010: On the education side, SB 2124 appropriates \$67 million from the hurricane relief fund for the restoration of public school instructional days to end furloughs, pending approval by Governor. HS 2376 appointed Board of Education (BOE) will be placed on the ballot November 2010 election to decide whether we should change the BOE to an elected board or a board appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate; Senate Concurrent Bill 2377 if voters choose to pass 2376; 2377 implements statutory changes. The basic thinking of an elected BOE is to increase accountability of qualifications and transparency. Lastly, SB 2068 deals with junior kindergarten bill require the Department of Education and Early Learning Counsel to work together on developing a plan to integrate children who would otherwise attend junior kindergarten into the early learning system.

- Fireworks Bills – Two fireworks bills are still alive: HB 2987 and SB, both slightly different, but works to eliminate fireworks.

Representative K. Mark Takai – No report.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Pearl City Gateway (Kuala Street): Construction Update of Commercial Development – Board member Nyuha reported that W. Inouye sends his regret for not attending tonight's meeting and provided an update on his behalf: The Caesars Cleaners relocated from Pearl City Highlands to Pearl City Gateway; Cherry-on-Top yogurt shop, first time in Hawaii, will open this April 2010; Aloha Nail and Spa will open in May 2010; a Ramen Shop in the corner of gateway is presently under construction; Longs Drugs will be having a drive-thru prescription pick up, is presently

stocking their shelves, and will be open shortly; lastly, McDonalds Restaurant will open next to Lockup Storage next month.

At this time, Chair Pickard, Sr., recognized members of Troop 137 Boy Scouts of America and students of University of Hawaii – Manoa campus. Chair Pickard encouraged residents to participate in the Board's projects.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 23, 2010 MEETING MINUTES: The March 23, 2010 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED AS CORRECTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT with the following corrections (11-0-0), (Aye: Clemente, Duncan, Lum Lee, Nyuha, Olegario, Pickard, Sr., Simpson, Veray, Vina, Jr., and Yokotake). Corrections were as follows:

- On Page 1, in the bold meeting heading, change the date from "27" to "23".
On Page 1, Under Members Present, add "Vina Cruz and Roger Clemente."

BOARD BUSINESS:

Awarding of Certificates of Recognition and Acknowledgement (P/R) – No report.

HawaiiUSA FCU Pearl City – Nicole Fukeda, Cary Miyashiro, and Scott Uyehara representatives of the HawaiiUSA FCU which recently opened at Pearl City Gateway shopping center and presented residents with background information, rebranding of new image, and the company's focus on helping the community. HawaiiUSA FCU is the two-story building next to the bus garage at Pearl City Gateway.

- Background Information – HawaiiUSA FCU has been around 74 years; formerly known as Oahu Teachers FCU, changed its name in 2000 to HawaiiUSA FCU; has \$1.1 billion in assets; and 137,000 members. Members are pleased with the Pearl City branch. There are 5,400 members representing over 3,000 households and businesses in Pearl City.
- Rebranding of New Image, "Life Matters" – The new image, "Life Matters", included rebranding from red/white/blue to earth tones and changed the logo that represents an organization that is humble, down-to-earth, true to its members, and the willingness to help everyone in the community.
- Community Outreach Services – Community outreach focuses the community island wide events such as HUGS which HawaiiUSA FCU raised 41,00 pounds of food; provides 60 volunteers to help with Special Olympics' summer and winter games; a Read-to-Me a program reading to the children various districts, as well as hunger and poverty. Last year, HawaiiUSA FCU gave \$140,000 to the community as well as 1,100 employee volunteer times. Volunteers also adopt-a-family during the Christmas holiday. As an employee of FCU, a pay-it-forward program, gives \$50 to someone who is in need. Presently working with Pearl City and Pearl Highlands elementary to beautify buildings this summer. Also assisting the Waimalu Elementary team of fourth, fifth, and sixth graders who will be entering a high school state assessment competition. The company's focus is how they can bring value to the communities.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. HawaiiUSA FCU's Generosity Recognized – Residents recognized HawaiiUSA FCU for their generous offering, outreach programs, and that they are an asset to the Pearl City community.
2. Eligibility Requirements – Any person belonging to the Department of Education are eligible as well as businesses. Anyone in the member's household is also eligible to be member of HawaiiUSA FCU. Brochures were available to residents.
3. Boy Scouts of America – Since HawaiiUSA FCU's focus is on the youth, Chair Pickard inquired if the HawaiiUSA FCU is able to help Boy Scouts Troop 137. Fukeda acknowledged that there are many programs for the younger children and therefore should definitely discuss the possibility.

Board of Education (BOE) – Breene Harimoto expressed appreciation to the HawaiiUSA Federal Credit Union for their support to the BOE. Harimoto attended a ceremony for the National Distinguished Award for Elementary and Middle School Principals. Each district has a district winner and the leeward district winner is Doreen Higa of Momilani Elementary School. Special thanks again to HawaiiUSA for sponsoring the 7 district winners.

Pearl City Community Association (PCCA) – Harimoto reported that PCCA does annual scholarship awards to graduating seniors. Winners will be announced and recognized at the next PCCA Board meeting.

Pearl City Foundation (PCF) – Harimoto reported an Open Market will be available at the Momilani Community Center during Saturday mornings during the later part of May 2010. PCF owns and operates the Momilani Community Center Adult Care Center. There are grand plans to construct an adult day health senior center and early childhood education center preschool; plans are drawn up and ready to go; just need to raise \$5.5 million to construct. Plans have been delayed until the economy picks up. Harimoto will provide Chair Pickard with brochures of the adult care center.

Manana Community Association (MCA) – No report.

Pacific Palisades Community Association (PPCA) – Board member Simpson reported on the preliminary survey that was conducted by the PPCA. The survey concerns the proposal of a secondary road for Pacific Palisades. Of the 68 responded, 31 were in favor and 30 were against and 7 were unsure. The survey is available to the residents at website at www.ppcahawaii.org.

Leeward Community College (LCC) – No report.

Pearl City Public Library – Vickie Bowie, Acting Branch Manger distributed a report and updated the following: Construction in the Pearl City Library's on the far side of the parking lot continues and is blocked off; additional parking is on the grass; programs are temporarily on hold; and advise patrons to use caution as they drive or walk through parking lot to the library.

- Furloughs – For the month of May 2010, Pearl City Library furlough days fall on two Wednesdays, May 5 and May 19, 2010.
- Census Forms – Census forms are no longer available at the library and for residents who did not complete and return a Census form should expect a visit by the Census Bureau worker.
- Tax Forms – Federal and State tax forms are still available at the library for those filing late.
- Voter Registration – The deadline passed for the special election but you may still register for the general and primary election. Voter registration and absentee voter applications are available at the library.

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chair's Report – No report.

Treasurer's Report – Lum Lee read the March 2010 Treasurer's Report and highlighted a previous balance of \$1,031.92; current expense of \$59.70 for printing and postage of agenda and minutes, leaving a closing balance of \$972.22. The report was filed.

COMMITTEES:

Executive (EXEC) – Chair Pickard entertained a motion supporting the letter addressed to the Chief Kealoha about the complaints raised by the residents at previous Board meetings. The discussion revealed more time is needed to review the letter before taking action. The matter was until next month. For the record, Veray disagreed to defer until next month because it is a minor complaint.

Legislative and Capital Improvement Programs (LCIP) – Lum Lee reported on the following: City's Budget Bill 15 did not pass and was deferred pending State decision on the taking of the City's transit accommodation tax; and an update will be provided as soon as the Office of Youth Services releases their official report of its findings. As requested by Chair Pickard, Lum Lee will do follow up report on the capital improvement project for Manana Park and Pearl City Library.

Traffic and Transportation (TT) – Vina attended the Transit Orient Development (TOD) meeting and encouraged members to attend the next TOD meeting held Thursday, May 13, 2010 at Pearl City Highlands Elementary cafeteria.

Development and Zoning (DPZ) – M. Nyuha reported that there was no new development at the remaining Manana warehouse property site; some ground work construction was observed.

Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) – Veray reported on the difficult problems listed on the HEW committee for the past several months and explained the following: In the area of illegal dumping, appreciation to Olegario for contacting the City's Environmental Services to take care of the bulky item issue; the plan will be to put up signs along Kaahumanu and other hot spots; the safety issues are being addressed in a draft letter to Chief Kealoha; and fire works bills will continue to be monitored.

White Poles Installed at Neal Blaisdell Park (NBP) – Vina investigated on community concerns he received about the white poles being installed at NBP. After an investigation, it was discovered that the white poles were installed at Neal Blaisdell Park to prevent vehicles from entering the grassy areas and damaging the water sprinklers.

Publicity/Refreshments (P/R) – No report.

Permitted Interaction Groups – No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., Waiiau District Park.
- The next regular Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 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 7:52 p.m.

Submitted By: Gloria Gaines, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed By: Kimo Pickard, Sr., Chair