



## PEARL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 21

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### DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010 WAI'IAU DISTRICT PARK

CALL TO ORDER: Chair James Pickard, Sr., called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. **with a quorum of eight (8) members present.** Note – this 13 member Board requires seven members for a quorum, and to take official Board action.

Members Present – Roger Clemente (arrived 6:45 p.m.), Sol Ray B. Duncan, Chris Lum Lee (arrived 6:36 p.m.), Miles Murakami, Myrtle Nyuha, Roger Olegario, James K. Pickard, Sr., Ronald Simpson, Criz J. Vina, Jr., and Blake Yokotake.

Members Absent – None.

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

Guests – Head Coach Mike Morton, Adrienne, Jean Sylva, Sabrina Angle, Shawna Angle, Shay Alterado, Shanise Gabriel-Yomes, Vistoria Victor, Glacen Florita Rachel Look, Jordan Ahakuelo, Tiari Walker, Alana Kaili, Keshia Manning, Leina Basques, Danielle Magana, and Raina Meyer (Pearl City High School Basketball Team); Joyce Felmet (Pearl City Library), Kathleen Yoda, Robert Sato (City Councilmember Gary Okino's Office staff), Capt. Carl Chagami (Honolulu Fire Department), Sgt. Ken Miyazaki (Honolulu Police Department); Kara Tsukamoto, Fray Heatch, and Tim Case (Longs Drugs Store); May L. Imamura-Uruu, Kathryn Acarde, Andrew Itsuno, Troy Gros, and Gloria Gaines (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Pledge of Allegiance – Vina led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

FILLING OF VACANCIES: Andrew Itsuno volunteered to fill one at-large vacancy. **There being NO OBJECTIONS, Andrew Itsuno WAS APPOINTED to the Board, 8-0-0 (Ayes: Duncan, Murakami, Nyuha, Olegario, Pickard, Sr., Simpson, Vina, Jr., and Yokotake); nine (9) members present.**

At 6:35 p.m., Lum Lee arrived; **10 (ten) members present.**

At 6:36 p.m., Chair Pickard called a recess for the administering the Oath-of-Office to Andrew Itsuno by the Neighborhood Assistant.

6:42 pm., the meeting resumed.

#### CITY/STATE MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Capt. Carl Chagami reported the following:

- Statistics for April, 2010 – Included 2 wild land fires, 3 rubbish fires, 3 vehicle fires and 109 medical emergency calls. There was one search and rescue of a stranded hiker at the Waimano Home Road hiking trail. There were no major or unusual incidents 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.



Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sgt. Ken Miyasaki provided members with a statistical report for April 2010 and noted there were a total of 1,744 calls for service; District 3 had 6,841 calls of which 25.49 percent of all the calls were for the Pearl City area.

- Graffiti on Komo Mai Drive – One concern regarding graffiti continues to occur on the fences along Komo Mai Drive and asked if surveillance cameras would help identify the people doing it. Upon calling 911, HPD will take photos of the graffiti and take witness report. If caught doing graffiti and witness identifies the person that person would have to clean up 100 yards before and after the graffiti. It is hopeful that the new law would discourage graffiti.

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

- 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. City's Department of Transportations Services' (DTS) and Department of Facility Maintenance's (DFM) crew could not review the graffiti; that the 20 mph sign will have to be fabricated. Expect 60 to 90 days to be replaced due to graffiti back log island wide.
- A Community Traffic Awareness Partnership (CTAP) – A CTAP was conducted on April 26, 2010 at Komo Mai Drive fronting Children's House from 4:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. to address speeding in the area. A total of 43 people were present for this event. On traffic safety awareness citation was issued for speeding. Officers will continue to monitor area.
- 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. According to the City's DFM and DTS, these bus pads are on State's Department of Transportation (DOT) roads and pad installations should be addressed to the State's DOT.
- Penalty Fines for Illegal Dumping of Trash and Bulky Items – The law states that a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 90 days, or both. For more information regarding bulky item collection, visit the City's Environmental Services Division at [www.opala.org](http://www.opala.org).
- Request to Trim Banyan Tree on Komo Mai Drive – Chair Pickard requested that the Banyan tree at the hairpin turn on Komo Mai Drive needs to be trimmed of the overhanging branches in the way of large trucks passing by. Haraguchi will address this as a Mayor's concern to be addressed to the appropriate department.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Andew Keliikoi provided members with a report; and highlighted the following:

- Water Main Break – No water main breaks for April 2010.
- Detect-A-Leak Water Conversation Week – May 2, to May 8, 2010 was Detect-A-Leak Water Conservation Week and highlighted the following:
- Three Types of Water Leaks – The three types of leaks that should be checked are toilet, property and underground leaks. For a detailed handout or instructional video on how to check for property leaks, visit [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com). Detection leak tablets were available to residents.
- 2010 Water Conservation Week Poster and Poetry Contests – There were more than 2,500 student artists and 250 poets who participated in BWS' "Stop the Drop" theme. Winners were announced and honored at a May 5, 2010 awards ceremony. A full list of winners are available at [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com). Posters and poems will be on exhibit at Kapolei Hale from May 17, to May 28, 2010.

Councilmember Gary Okino's Representative – Robert Sato distributed a monthly report and stated that the major focus is filling Congressman Charles Djou's vacated council seat. Council Chair Ted Apo is accepting

resumes up to June 1, 2010. The City Council will deliberate, and by majority of the council members appoint a member to fill the seat.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Manana Community Park – A concern questioned the status of the capital improvement project (CIP) request submitted for the 30 additional parking spaces for the Manana Community Park. Sato stated that the CIP request for the 30 additional parking spaces for the Manana Community Park is not under consideration for inclusion in the budget. All the other projects requested at the beginning of the CIP process have not changed and remain on the list for Pearl City. The 30 additional parking stalls for the Manana Community Park were not included.

Chair Pickard stated that the Board will continuously submit, as a CIP request, the 30 additional parking spaces for the Manana Community Park.

Senator Clarence Nishihara – No report; a representative was not present.

Senator David Ige – No report; a representative was not present.

Representative Roy Takumi – No report; a representative was not present.

Representative K. Mark Takai – No report; a representative was not present.

#### RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Pearl City (PC) Gateway (Kuala Street): Construction Update of Commercial Development – Kara Tsukamoto, Fray Heatch, and Tim Case provided a brief description about the new Longs Drug Store at the Pearl City Gateway. Longs Drug Store will open Monday, July 19, 2010 under new owner CVS Pharmacy and a drive-thru pharmacy.

- Drive-thru Pharmacy – The drive-thru pharmacy is a convenience to the customers where they don't need to get out of their car to pick up prescriptions only. They can drop off the prescription and return later to pick it up. The store is open seven days a week, from 7:00 a.m. to 10 p.m.; the pharmacy closes at 10:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, 9:00 p.m. Saturdays, and 7:00 p.m. on Sundays. Customers are able to transfer prescriptions from another Longs location. Prescriptions are to be filled within 15 minutes if customers prefer to wait for medications; and the store's practice is to ask when the customer would like to pick up medications. The Pearl City Longs Drug Store will remain open.
- Hiring for Employees – Longs is looking to hire 30 employees and transferring of 20 employees to the PC Gateway location. Applications are being accepted online at [www.cvs.com](http://www.cvs.com) for that store; interviews towards the end of June 2010 or early July 2010; and a job opening sign will also be posted on the door. Hiring of store manager is in process; a pharmacy manager has been selected.
- Store Construction – This Longs has a photovoltaic feature; which provides about 100 kilowatts of power to the store and keeping operational cost down. A building management system helps to maintain and govern the interplay between the air conditioning, lighting and other electrical and energy systems in the store. The installation of large skylights provides day lighting in the sales area; thereby using less electricity during the daylight operational.

Missing Delineators – The H-1 Westbound lane are missing white plastic guides that delineate Honolulu onramp near Buzz's Steakhouse on Moanalua Road needs to be replaced. Motorists are cutting in the H-1 Westbound lane creating a dangerous situation for other motorists. This concern will be reported as a Mayor's Concern to be addressed to the appropriate department for a response.

Volunteer to Fill At-Large Vacancy – May L. Imamura-Uruu, former Board member, announced her interest in filling the at-large vacancy on the Board. Chair Pickard stated that Ms. Imamura-Uruu was formerly the publicity chair for the Board and welcomes her return as a Board member. There are two vacancies which will come up later on the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 27, 2010 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: The April 27, 2010 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED AS CORRECTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 10-0-0 (Ayes: Clemente, Duncan, Lum Lee, Murakami, Nyuha, Olegario, Pickard, Sr., Simpson, Veray, Vina, Jr., and Yokotake). The corrections are as follows:**

- Page 1, Guests, a name was misspelled, replace “Aminen Ho” with “Ammon Ho”.
- Page 5, Pearl City Foundation, last sentence, replace “...brochures...” with “...plans...”

**BOARD BUSINESS:**

Awarding of Certificates of Recognition and Acknowledgement – Clement acknowledged the following with a certificate of recognition, the Pearl City Girls Varsity Basketball team for winning the Red Western Division Championship for 2009-2010 season with a record of 11wins and one lost:

- Pearl City High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team – Head Coach Mike Morton, Assistant Coach Jay Sylva, Adrienne Jean Sylva, Sabrina Angle, Shawna angle, Shay Alterado, Shanise Gabriel-Yomes, Victoria Victor, Glacen Floria (Second Team All Star Red West Division), Rachel Look, Jordan Ahakuelo (first Team All Star Red West Division, Most Valuable Player for the Western Division, and All State Honorable Mention), Tiari Walker, Alana Kaili, Keshia Manning (Second Team All Star Red West Division), Leina Basques, Danielle Magana, and Raina Meyer.

**COMMUNITY/OTHER REPORTS:**

Board of Education – No report.

Pearl City Community Association – No report.

Pearl City Foundation – No report.

Manana Community Association – No report.

Pacific Palisades Community Association – Simpson reported that the *Pacific Palisades Chatter* is sent to 1,500 residents informing the community of events and activities A list of activities can also be found on their website at [www.pccahawaii.org](http://www.pccahawaii.org). The survey regarding the secondary road will remain on the website and will be regularly updated as more people take the survey. Residents were encouraged to go online and take the survey.

Leeward Community College – No report.

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

- Summer Reading Programs – Summer reading programs are being conducted for infants, children, teens and adults state wide. Weekly rewards will be given out starting June 1, 2010 and ending July 2, 2010. Effective today thru July 2, 2010, anyone can register for the summer reading programs at Pearl City Library. Grand prize drawings will be given. The weekly rewards are made possible by locals business sponsors.
- Storytimes and Storytelling– Storytimes for children will be on Wednesdays in June 2010 at 9:30 a.m. There will be storytimes presented by Vicky Bowie, Children’s Librarian. Storyteller James McCarthy will perform “All Together Now” on Sunday, June 27, 2010, from 11:00 a.m. until 12 noon.
- Supporting Your Library – In April 2010, there were 64 new library card holders and 41,169 members. Get a library card at no cost or monetary donation.
- Status of Phase 2 Library Parking – Felmet explained that the library staff uses the grassy area, which is planned for the Phase 2 of library parking lot, for staff parking. Chair Pickard noted that the Board supports the additional parking spaces as a State CIP request.

**BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Lum Lee read the April 2010 Treasurer's Report and highlighted a previous balance of \$972.22; expenditures of \$61.48 for printing and postage of agenda and minutes, leaving a closing balance of \$910.74. The report was filed.

Without objections, the agenda was taken out of order to fill a Board vacancy.

FILLING OF VACANCY – Volunteer May L. Imamura-Uruu introduced herself and stated that she is a retired special education teacher and former Board member and would like to return as publicity committee. **Without objections, the Board APPOINTED May L. Imamura-Uruu as a Board member to fill the at-large seat vacancy, 10-0-0 (Ayes: Clemente, Duncan, Lum Lee, Murakami, Nyuha, Olegario, Pickard, Sr., Simpson, Vina, Jr., and Yokotake); 11 (eleven) members present.**

At 7:15 p.m., Chair Pickard called a recess for the administering of the Oath-of-Office by the Neighborhood Assistant. The meeting reconvened at 7:19 p.m. at which time the agenda was taken out of order for a brief recognition by Chair Pickard.

Recognition of Chris Lum Lee – Chair Pickard recognized Lum Lee for all the work he has done for the Board and as LCIP Chair. Lum Lee was presented a lei as he resigned from the Board.

The agenda resumed order with Board/Committee Reports.

Executive (EXEC) – Chair Pickard, Sr., reported that the letter to Chief of Police via Pearl City Police Commander was rescinded by former Board member Larry Veray of the Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) committee. Veray will submit the letter as a private citizen of the Neighborhood Watch.

That the Human Trafficking Senate Bill 2045 passed; Senate Bill 1059 establishes a fireworks task force on illegal firework also giving authority to ban fireworks to counties passed; and the three-strike bill for repeated speeding offenders which impounds the vehicle did not pass.

Traffic and Transportation (TT) – No report.

Development Plan and Zoning (DPZ) – Nuyha provided an update on the stores opening at Pearl City Gateway Cherry-on-Top opened in April; Aloha Nail and Spa opened this month; and a Ramen Shop; and McDonald's has started construction.

Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) – Vina reported

- Illegal Dumping of Hazardous Waste and Materials on City Streets – Illegal dumping is still a problem in the Pearl City community. Hopefully, the community can work toward solutions through neighborhood security watch to find areas that need cleaning and then calling the City's Environmental Services for removal.
- Excessive and Unnecessary Noise Generated by Private Vehicles Including Motorcycles, Mopeds Impacting Health and Quality for Pearl City Residents – After monitoring of motorists speeding on the H-1 freeway, it was observed that the speeding is not a continuous matter.
- Pearl City Community is Experiencing Rise in Auto Thefts – Auto thefts can also be worked thru the area Neighborhood Security Watch.
- 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 – See LCIP.

At this time, Chair Pickard announced that Larry Veray resigned effective today, due to employment obligations. Pickard assigned himself as the Chair of HEW. A vice chair for LCIP will be discussed later.

Publicity/Refreshments (P/R) – Duncan noted that the Pearl City Girls Basketball Team was presented with certificates. Chair Pickard assigned Imamura-Uruu as the Chair of Publicity/Refreshments.

Permitted Interaction Groups – None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next Committee meeting will be held on June 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., Waiiau District Park.
- The next regular Board meeting will be held on June 22, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., Waiiau District Park.
- The regular Board meetings are broadcast on Olelo Channel 54 Thursdays at 9:00 p.m.

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

Recorded and Submitted By: Gloria Gaines, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed By: James Pickard, Sr., Chair