



PEARL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 21

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2010 WAIU DISTRICT PARK

CALL TO ORDER: Chair James Pickard, Sr., called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. **with a quorum of nine (9) members present.** Note – this 13 member Board requires seven (7) members for a quorum, and to take official Board action.

Members Present – Sol Ray B. Duncan, May L. Imamura-Uruu, Andrew Itsuno, Miles Murakami, Myrtle Nyuha, Roger Olegario, James K. Pickard, Sr., Ronald Simpson, and Cruz J. Vina, Jr.

Members Absent – Roger Clemente and Blake Yokotake.

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

Guests – Breene Harimoto (State Board of Education), Robert Sato (Councilmember Gary Okino's Office staff), Kathleen Yoda, Vicky Bowie (Pearl City Public Library), Marialena Kalamau; Major Gregory T. Leftcourt, Sgt. Ken Miyazaki, and Capt. Ray Ancheta (Honolulu Police Department); Firefighter George Cortez (Honolulu Fire Department); Dave Amodo (Videographer), Robert Lahue, Andrew Keliikoi (Board of Water Supply), Ed Sniffen (State Department of Transportation-Highway Division); Coach Gary Nakamoto, Kory Nakamura, Reid Ramos, Austin Bolosan, Reid Akau, Tyler Hazama, Austin Bali, Royce Murai, and Brian Iida (Pearl City High School Varsity Baseball Team); and Gloria Gaines (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

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

FILLING OF VACANCIES: There were no nominees or volunteers at this time. The vacancies remained open.

CITY/STATE MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Firefighter George Cortez reported the following:

- **Statistics for April 2010** – Included 1 structure, wildland, and rubbish fires; and 2 vehicle fires. There were 69 medical emergencies and 5 miscellaneous calls. No major or unusual incident reported.
- **Fire Safety Tip for the Month** – With summer approaching, there will be a higher risk for fires due to dry vegetation and the hot weather. Please use caution when utilizing flame-producing devices, such as fireworks, matches, and/or lighters, around wildland vegetation; the smallest spark and/or flame can ignite the dry vegetation.

As Independence Day nears, consider leaving fireworks displays to pyrotechnic professionals and enjoy one of several public fireworks displays offered by the communities. Individuals who may suffer from respiratory difficulties, such as asthma, should consider staying indoors.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sgt. Ken Miyazaki provided members with a report, introduced Major Gregory Leftcourt and Captain Raymond Ancheta, and noted a total of 1,786 calls for service; District 3 had 6,925 calls of which 25.79 percent of calls were for Pearl City. Maj. Leftcourt distributed a handout which explained how residents can submit their concerns by completing a complaint form through the HPD website at www.honolulupd.org/forms/d3onlineform.htm.

Mayor's Representative – Chair Pickard read the following report submitted by the Neighborhood Assistant:

- **Request to Cut Back the Banyan Trees on Komo Mai Drive** – The City Division of Urban Forestry (DUF) inspected the area on Komo Mai Drive and identified the two large trees to be Albizia and not Banyan, which are not recognized City trees under the maintenance jurisdiction of DUF. The trees growing in a



sloped area is under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). The Department of Planning Permitting, Residential Code Enforcement Branch issued a Notice of Violation to DLNR to prune the trees for road clearance.

- Request to Replace Missing Delineators on Moanalua Road – Moanalua Road is the State's jurisdiction and the request replacing the missing white plastic guides that delineate the H-1 Westbound land on-ramp from Moanalua Road must be addressed to the State's Department of Transportation.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Andrew Keliikoi reported the following:

- Water Main Break – A water main break occurred 12:48 a.m. on June 13, 2010 at 2007 Aamomi Street and repaired an eight-inch cast iron main that was installed in 1960.
- Water Quality Report – BWS conducts thousands of tests on the water source and distribution system to ensure that the water serviced to customers meets or exceeds all federal and state safe drinking water standards. The results of those will be shared to all customers in BWS's annual water quality report. Customers should receive this report by July 1, 2010. This information is also found online at www.boardofwatersupply.com.
- Summer Water Conservation – Residents were reminded of ways to save water: 1) Check home for leaks, 2) Turn off the tap when brushing teeth or shaving, 3) Install a nozzle on your garden hose, and 4) Don't water lawns between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

City Councilmember Gary Okino's Representative – Robert Sato reported on the following:

- Selection of Police Chief Lee Donohue – On June 9, 2010 City Council selected retired Police Chief Lee Donohue to fill the vacancy in Council District IV representing Waikiki and East Oahu area. Budget related items were also approved on June 9, 2010.
- Bill 34 – Councilmember Okino introduced Bill 34, which passed first reading and calls for a ban of consumer fireworks. The bill restricts the use of all consumer fireworks in Honolulu. Display fireworks used for public shows and events would be allowed by permit. Fireworks are not allowed to be imported or used. Included are showers, fountains, etc.. Residents were encouraged to submit concerns to Councilmember Okino's office.

State Senator Clarence Nishihara – No report.

State Senator David Ige – No report.

State Representative Roy Takumi – Representative Takumi reported that Representative Mark Takai is currently on military active duty the following:

- Breene Harimoto Resigned Board Of Education (BOE) – As Chair of the BOE, Rep. Takumi recognized Breene Harimoto, for the eight years he served on the BOE, who will resign BOE effective June 30, 2010.
- Veto Update – The legislature received a memo listing about 40 bills Governor Lingle considered for veto. The legislators will meet and discuss which bills should be overridden. The session to override vetoed bills will be on July 6, 2010.
- Community Town Meeting – A community town meeting is being scheduled at the Pearl Ridge Elementary School on August 12, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 pm. The topic will be education.
- Seniors Fair – A Seniors Fair is scheduled at the Pearl Ridge Shopping Center. Details to be provided.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Replacing Missing Delineators – Ed Sniffen of the State DOT Highways Division stated that a work order has been initiated to replace the white plastic delineators at the Moanalua Road H-1 on-ramp and that the delineators should be replaced by Friday, June 25, 2010.
2. Cement Bus Pads – Sniffen also reported that the State DOT has submitted a construction work order replacing concrete curbs, gutters, and bus pads in the areas fronting Home World, Sears Store, and Anna Millers Restaurant. A 24-hour road closure is required for the construction of the concrete bus pads.

Construction Road Closure Schedule – A 24-hour road closure is required on the following days:

- Wednesday, June 30, 2010 – The right lane will be closed in front of the Pearlridge Shopping Center from 8:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. the following day.
- Thursday, July 1, 2010 to Friday, July 2, 2010 – The right lane in front of Anna Millers Restaurant will be closed. The following week the State DOT will take care of the bus pad in front of Sears Store.

The concrete curbs, gutters, and bus pads should be completed by mid-July 2010.

State Representative K. Mark Takai – No report.

Board of Education – Breeene Harimoto stated that he was honored to serve on the BOE and will continue to advocate for public education and health and welfare issues of the students. Residents applauded Harimoto.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Pearl City Gateway (Kuala Street): Construction Update of Commercial Development – Nyuha reported Longs Drugs will open on Monday, July 19, 2010 with a prescription drive-thru feature. Recently opened is Cherry on Top, Aloha White Hana Nail Salon and Spa, Caesars Cleaners, and Ramen-Ya. McDonald's Restaurant will start construction soon, and leases were recently signed with Impact Wireless and Blue Hawaii Sushi businesses.

Other Concerns:

Playground Equipment to Accommodate Handicapped Children – A resident raised a concern that City parks don't have playground equipment to accommodate handicapped children and that ramps and grab bars be installed so handicapped children can also enjoy the slides and swings at City parks. Chair Pickard referred this item to the Board's Health, Education, and Welfare Committee; and recommended that she complete the Mayor's Concern Form and the Neighborhood Assistant will take it back to the Mayor's Representative.

APPROVAL OF MAY 25, 2010 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: There being no corrections or objections, the May 25, 2010 Regular meeting minutes were ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0 (Ayes: Duncan, Imamura-Uruu, Itsuno, Murakami, Nyuha, Olegario, Pickard, Sr., Simpson, and Vina, Jr.)

BOARD BUSINESS:

Awarding of Certificates of Recognition – The Pearl City High School Varsity Baseball Team were awarded certificates of recognition for winning the 2010 Oahu Interscholastic Association (OIA) Championship. Coach Gary Nakamoto introduced players Kory Nakamura, Reid Ramos, Austin Bolosan, Reid Akau, Tyler Hazama, Austin Bali, Royce Murai, and Brian Iida. Residents applauded the Pearl City High School Varsity Baseball Team as the 2010 OIA Champs. Olegario photographed players.

State Dewatering Facility Project Update – Ed Sniffen of DOT Highways Division thanked the Board for their support in encumbering the funds, advertised the project in May 2010, and reported the open bids for the State Dewatering Facility Project will be on Thursday, June 24, 2010, select contractor. The eight-month construction project will start later this year and be completed by October, 2011.

COMMUNITY/OTHER REPORTS:

Pearl City Community Association – Breene Harimoto reported the annual Family Fun Fair will be on Saturday, August 21, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Momilani Community Center. There will be entertainment, crafts, food booths, pony rides, and a petting zoo. Volunteer entertainers are needed for the Family Fun Fair.

Pearl City Foundation – Harimoto reported the Farmers Market every Friday at the Momilani Community Center was very successful and invited residents to attend the weekly Farmers Market. Members are also planning a fun family night event on Friday nights. A senior morning event is also in the works. Harimoto was opened for volunteers to help open the center, make coffee, etc.

Manana Community Association – No report.

Pacific Palisades Community Association – Simpson reported an update on the online community survey of the secondary exit road for Pacific Palisades. Out of the 100 responses, 51 percent said yes to a secondary exit road, 39 percent said no, and 12 percent was unsure.

Leeward Community College – No report.

Pearl City Public Library – Vicky Bowie reported on the following:

- Administrative Rule Changes – Starting Thursday, August 5, 2010, the library system is passing out bookmarkers showing changes to the library system's administrative rules referring to the following changes to library fines:
 - Library cards are now a flat \$5 replacement charge for everyone, a reduction from the \$10 replacement card charge for adults.
 - DVD/video loans are still \$1 for a one week loan period and the reduced the \$1 per day fine to 25 cents a day.
 - Overdue fines are now a flat fee of 25 cents per day for both juveniles and adults.
- New Building – A construction of a mechanical building for the air conditioning system is being built in the middle of the parking lot that will house the air conditioning chiller and condenser. Zoning restrictions prevented the building from being built anywhere else at the library site. A member suggested the possibility of building on top of the Pearl City Public Library.
- July Holidays – The Pearl City Public Library will be closed for the fourth of July weekend from Saturday, July 3, 2010 to Monday, July 5, 2010.

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report – Vina reported for the month of May operating balance of \$849.70; expending \$61.04 for printing and postage of agenda and minutes. The publicity account balance was \$818.00. The report was filed.

Committees:

Executive (EXEC) – Chair Pickard reported the following:

- Approval for Appointment of Board Officers and Standing Committee Officers – Chair Pickard encouraged members to volunteer as a candidate for chair, vice chair, treasure/secretary positions to be voted on at the July 2010 Board meeting. Standing Committee Officers will be appointed by the Chair.
- Treasurer/Secretary – Chair Pickard explained that in 2009, the Board voted and adopted a motion joining the treasurer and secretary positions, and if the Board feels that the two positions should be separated than the Board must vote on it. Because it is not on tonight's Board agenda, this item cannot be voted on. Olegario informed that he contacted the Executive Secretary of the Neighborhood Commission Office who has referred this issue to the City's Corporation Counsel for a review.

- Approval for Videotaping 2010-2011 – Chair Pickard reported that Dave Amodo agreed to continue the videotaping of the Board's regular meetings for 2011. **Duncan moved, Imamura-Uruu seconded, and the Board ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY to continue videotaping of Board regular meetings by videographer Dave Amodo for 2011, 9-0-0 (Ayes: Duncan, Imamura-Uruu, Itsuno, Murakami, Nyuha, Olegario, Pickard, Sr., Simpson, and Vina, Jr.).**

Legislative and Capital Improvement Programs (LCIP) – Murakami will monitor Bill 34 calling for a ban of all fireworks with Robert Sato of Councilmember Okino's office.

Traffic and Transportation (TT) – Vina reported the following:

- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Report – A presentation on the Oahu Bikeway Planning discussed certain bike paths and bike ways on Oahu streets and to neighbor islands.
- Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project Update (DPZ) – Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Environmental Impact (EIS) Statement Update – Vina received the final EIS with DVD. Vina will review the reports that affect Pearl City area and any changes added by the State before Governor Lingle signs the final EIS.
- Traffic Grid Lock problem at the Corner of Kamehameha Highway and Acacia Road Day and Night, Left Hand Turn into Acacia Road (HEW) – Vina reported the traffic grid lock problem at the corner of Kamehameha Highway and Acacia Road was addressed in the Manana Road study. The study mentioned the transit station will have an affect on the traffic in that area. The State and the City will probably wait until the completion of the transit station before addressing the traffic grid lock problem. Per Chair, Simpson will forward this concern to HPD via the HPD website with a copy to all members.

Development Plan and Zoning (DPZ) – The following was reported:

- Status of Development for Remaining Manana Warehouse Properties, Pearl City Gateway Village Update (TT) – Previously reported under Pearl City Gateway (Kuala Street): Construction Update of Commercial Development.
- Pacific Palisades Second Exit Road Project Update (TT/HEW) – Previously reported under Pacific Palisades Community Association by Simpson.
- Borce Torres, Junk Yard Project Update – Deferred.

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

- Illegal Dumping of Hazardous Waste and Materials on City Street – Murakami reported noticing the illegal dumping of hazardous waste and materials have moved to the Aiea district, around the corner. Also, the City immediately responds when called to remove the waste and materials.
- State Dewatering Facility Project Update – Previously reported under Board Business.
- Graffiti Problem at the Corner of Komo Mai and Waimano Home Road –Maj. Leftcourt reminded residents of HPD's website and to submit concerns through the website at www.honoluluupd.org/forms/d3onlineform.htm. The graffiti issue will be brought up at the concerned citizens forum initiated by HPD Chief Kealoha.

Publicity (PR) – Certificates were previously awarded.

Permitted Interaction Groups – None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. City Clerk Furlough Schedule –Chair distributed a copy of the City Clerk’s furlough schedule beginning July 2010 and noted that agendas must be forwarded to the Neighborhood Assistant by the seventh day to be filed on time. Members were also reminded that agenda items must be submitted early to the Chair.
2. Hurricane Season – Residents were reminded the months June to December 2010 is hurricane season.
3. Committee Meeting – The next Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., Waiiau District Park.
4. Next Board Meeting – The next regular Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., Waiiau District Park.
5. Olelo Broadcast of Board Meeting –The regular Board meetings are broadcast on Olelo Channel 54 Thursdays at 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned 7:35 p.m.

Recorded and Submitted By: Gloria Gaines, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed By: James Pickard, Sr., Chair