



PEARL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 21

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2010 WAI AU DISTRICT PARK

CALL TO ORDER: Chair James K. Pickard, Sr., called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. **a quorum was not present with five (5) members.** Note – This 13-member Board requires seven (7) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Members Present – Sol Ray Duncan, Miles Murakami, Myrtle Nyuha, Roger Olegario, James K. Pickard, Sr., and Cruz J. Vina, Jr. (arrived 6:35 p.m.)

Members Absent – Roger Clemente, Andrew Itsuno, Ronald Simpson, and Blake Yokotake.

Vacancies – There are three (3) vacant at large seats.

Guests – Councilmember-elect Breen Harimoto, Dave Amodo (DVDmodo), Vicky Bowie (Pearl City Public Library), Capt. C. Chagami (Honolulu Fire Department), Larray Veray, Richard Dahilg, Robert Sato (Councilmember Gary Okino's Office staff), Keoni Mattos (Board of Water Supply), Representative K. Mark Takai, Ken Teutsch (State Department of Transportation), Dave Shimabuku and Christina Couch (Mitsunaga and Associates), and Gloria Gaines (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Pledge of Allegiance – Miles Murakami led the pledge of allegiance.

Time Limit Policy and Procedures – Chair Pickard announced the time limit policy and procedures.

At 6:35 p.m., Vina arrived; **six (6) members present; quorum not established.**

FILLING OF THREE (3) VACANT BOARD SEATS: Former Board member Larry Veray was available to fill a vacancy. Due to a lack of quorum, the filling of vacancy will be taken up when the Board establishes a quorum.

CITY/STATE MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

- Statistics for October – Included 3 structure, 2 wildland, 6 rubbish, and 2 vehicle fires. There were 135 medical emergencies, 4 search/rescues, and 49 miscellaneous calls. There were no major or unusual incidents reported.
- Fire Safety Tip – Consider a fire-resistant artificial Christmas tree. If purchasing a real tree, choose one as fresh as possible and keep it hydrated and away from heat sources. Use noncombustible materials for decorations. Choose only Underwriter's Laboratory-approved electrical decorations and follow the manufacturer's instructions; and do not overload extension cords. Also exercise safe-cooking when preparing food by not leaving cooking unattended or wearing long sleeve clothing while cooking. The National Fire Protection Association discourages the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that immerse the poultry in hot oil. Turkey fryers can be very dangerous. If hosting overnight guests, be sure to share the home escape plan with them.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – A representative or report was not available.

Mayor's Representative – A memorandum was submitted to the Chair to report on. A Mayor's Representative will be assigned to the Board.

- Hairpin Turn in the Palisades Community – The City's Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will conduct an investigation regarding the traffic concern at the hairpin turn on Komo Mai Drive. The study will take several months to review analytical data; the findings will be reported back to the Board at the



February 2011 meeting. DTS may consider the installation of the new non-skid asphalt under a contract DTS is currently finalizing.

There was no objection to hear the report from Councilmember Gary Okino's staff.

Councilmember Gary Okino – Robert Sato provided members with a report and highlighted the following:

- Special Meeting – On Monday, November 8, 2010 is a special meeting for the resignation of Councilmember Todd Apo. Immediately following Chair Apo's resignation, the Council held a special meeting to set the date for special election to be held on December 29, 2010 to fill the vacancy. The winner will serve out the remaining two years left in the term that ends in 2012.
- Leaf Blower Bill – This bill prohibits the use of gas powered leaf blowers and restricts the use of electric powered leaf blowers to certain times, durations, and locations. The bill was filed (dead) on Monday, November 22, 2010; but it could be resurrected in another manner.
- Council Organization for 2011 – Council Chair Nestor Garcia issued a press release to announce the organization and committee lineup for the upcoming year. Councilmember-elect Breene Harimoto will be the vice-chair as well as serving as the Chair of the Transportation and Transit Planning Committee.

Board of Water Supply – A representative or report was not available at this time.

Councilmember Representative – A representative or report was not available at this time.

Senator Clarence Nishihara – A representative or report was not available.

Senator David Ige – A representative or report was not available.

Representative Roy Takumi – A representative or report was not available.

Representative K. Mark Takai – A representative or report was not available at this time.

Board of Education – A representative or report was not available.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Pearl City Gateway (Kuala Street); Construction Update of Commercial Development – A representative or report was not available.

Other Concerns – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The October 26, 2010 regular meeting minutes were deferred. **There being no objections, the September 21, 2010 regular meetings were approved with Olegario's corrections.** The corrections are as follows:

- On Page 6, Under Section 2-14-120(a) delete last sentence.
- On Page 6, Under Motion to Separate Secretary/Treasurer Position, second sentence, delete words, "**according to**" and insert "under"; third sentence delete "**and therefore**", and insert "The Secretary/Treasurer position," delete the word, "**and**". Insert last sentence "**claimed that other boards have combined offices of Secretary/Treasurer**".
- On Page 6, paragraph 6, delete "**to**" and insert "with"; on fourth sentence delete the word "**claimed**," and insert "stated," delete, "**it is not there**" and insert, "there is no such position as Secretary/Treasurer."

There was no objection to take the agenda out of order to hear the representative from Board of Water Supply.

Board of Water Supply – Keoni Mattos introduced himself as the new representative and reported on the following:

- Main Breaks – There were two main breaks in the month of October, 2010. On October 1, 2010 a 12-inch water main installed in 1972 broke at the intersection of Komo Mai Drive and Kaahumanu Street. Also, on October 25, 2010, an eight-inch water main installed in 1965 broke at 2152 Aumakua Street.
- Halawa Xeriscape Garden Workshop – On Saturday, November 27, 2010 is a Xeriscape Holiday Wreath workshop. The rain barrel catchment workshops are scheduled for February and May; in addition to classes on composting, organic pest control, and much more. Visit the website at www.boardofwatersupply.com to check out the list of classes offered at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden.
- Water Meter Maintenance – BWS is responsible for the maintenance of water meters and should be kept clear of grass and debris so the BWS crews can easily access, if needed. If residents notice a leak in the water meter; or need to have the water service shut off for any reason, do not attempt to repair the meter, but call BWS at 748-5000.

Upon the arrival of Representative K. Takai, there was no objection to hear Rep. Takai's report.

Representative K. Mark Takai – Rep. Takai reported the following:

- Community Traffic Awareness Program (CTAP) – CTAP is sponsored by HPD, was held at Kanahele Street with community volunteers waving for motorists to slow down. Four cars were tagged for speeding. A similar event was held on Hoomalu Street and was also a success.
- Legislative Session – The 2011 legislative session opening day is Wednesday, January 16, 2011. Residents were encouraged to submit new ideas and suggestions for town meetings before January, 2011.

The agenda resumed.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Awarding of Certificates of Recognition and Acknowledgement – None

Dewatering Facility Update – Robert Shin provided members with an updated report of the dewatering facility project. The intent of the project was to prevent flooding on roadways and pollutants from affecting the quality of surface waters by processing saturated debris removed or cleaned from State Highways and their drainage structures. Shin also, seeks the Board's support for the Special Management Application (SMA) Permit.

- Update – Map illustrations showed the location and design of the dewatering facility. The construction contract was awarded to Mira Image Construction in the amount of \$1,545,000.00. An environmental Assessment was completed and a Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI) rendered in April 2008. The land use and major special management area permit was accepted on October 1, 2010 and a public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, November 30, 2010. The project is expected to start early next year.
- Letter of Board Support for SMA Permit – A letter of Board's support must be received no later than Monday, November 29, 2010; before the public hearing on Tuesday, November 30, 2010.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- Support of Project – Chair Pickard stated that during the earlier stages the Board did have questions, and the State made the appropriate corrections.
- Other Dewatering Facilities – Under the jurisdiction of the State highways there is no other dewatering facility. There is dewatering facility under the City and County.
- Comments – Being there is no quorum, Rep. Takai stated that based on prior votes the Board has been on record supporting the dewatering facility and that it may be appropriate to find an old letter of support on file.

Chair stated that a Board member is expected tonight and at that time the will take action on the Dewatering Facility as well as filling a vacancy.

COMMUNITY/OTHER REPORTS:

Leeward Community College – A representative or report was not available.

Pearl City Library – Vickie Bowie reported on the following:

- Recruitment – Recruitment is underway for Library Technician V, Librarian III, and Librarian IV positions. Visit the website at www.libraries.hawaii.org for more details.
- New Library – The North Kohala Public Library replaced the older and smaller Bond Memorial Library. Two thousand people joined together in a one mile human chain to pass along materials from the old Bond Memorial Library to the new North Kohala Public Library.
- Letters about Literature – A national reading and writing program sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, Target and the Hawaii Center for the Book. Students in grade 4 to 12 are asked to write a letter to an author who inspired them. To enter, go to the website at www.lettersaboutliterature.org. The deadline is Friday, December 10, 2010.
- Eddie Aikau Essay Contest – The Eddie Aikau Essay contest is for public and private school students in grades 7 through 10. The question is, “How were the Hawaiian values of Kuleana and Koa reflected in Eddie Aikau’s actions?” The writer must describe how these values influenced them and the actions taken in their lives. The deadline for application is Saturday, January 22, 2011 and essays are due Monday, January 31, 2010.
- Adult Program – On Thursday, December 2, 2010 is a program called “Put Balance in Your Meals” where adults can learn helpful tips on how to prepare nutritious meals to stay healthy. The program is presented by Lanakila Meals on Wheels. No registration required.
- Santa – Santa will be visiting the library on Thursday, December 9, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. To attend, contact the library by Sunday, December 5, 2010 to register. Goodie bags will be given to each child. Parents are asked to bring their own cameras.
- Maternity Leave – Bowie will be on maternity leave starting mid-December and return at the end of February.

Pearl City Community Association – Breene Harimoto reported the Halloween Bash was a success with more than 1200 people; a fun filled event.

Pearl City Foundation – Breene Harimoto reported the Farmer’s Market opens every Friday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; closed on Christmas and New Year’s Eve.

Manana Community Association – None.

Pacific Palisades Community Association – A representative or report was not available.

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer’s Report – Cruz Vina reported for the month of October, 2010 the previous balance to be \$3,003.18; current expenses was \$283.34 for videotaping, printing and postage of minutes and agenda; and the balance was \$3,708.84. The report was filed.

At 7:06 p.m., Chair Pickard called a short recess. The meeting resumed at 7:12 p.m. At this time, Chair Pickard noted that although there is no quorum, the Board has no objection to support the intent of the project. Cruz will finalize the letter.

COMMITTEES:

Executive (EXEC) – Chair Pickard announced that there is no meeting in December, 2010; the Board will recess. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 25, 2010.

Legislative and Capital Improvement Programs (LCIP) – Miles Murakami reported on the following:

- Funding – The letter will be written to the new State and City Administration after January 2011, requesting funding for the additional parking stalls for the Pearl City Library and Manana District Park, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrade of the restrooms in the library.
- Momilani Facility Project Update – Harimoto stated that although plans were drawn, it was unfortunate that the funds lapsed because the Governor did not release the funds, and now must wait until the economy gets better. Per Chair Pickard, this item will be taken off the pending project list.

Traffic and Transportation (TT) – Vina Cruz gave an update of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) meeting. Also, the high capacity transit corridor project is pending the governor's signature on the Environmental Impact Study. Cruz stated that he will contact the contractor for the connector road.

Development Plan and Zoning (DPZ) – Myrtle Nuyha reported that an update will be provided when the Robinson Property reorganizes their staff. Koa Ridge will send Representative Rodney Funokoshi to present an update of the Koa Ridge development.

Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) – Murakami reported that the Dewatering Facility was previously updated from the State DOT earlier. Also, there are no pending items to report.

Publicity (P/R) – None.

Permitted Interaction Groups – None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Committee Meeting – The next Committee meeting will be held on January 18, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at Waiiau District Park.
- Board Meeting – The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2011, 6:30 p.m. at Waiiau District Park.
- Olelo Broadcast Schedule – These Board meetings are broadcast on Olelo Channel 54 on Saturdays at 12:00 p.m. on the second and fourth weeks of the month; and on Channel 49 on Thursday at 9:00 p.m. on the second week of the month.
- Recess December – No meetings in December, 2010; Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 Recess.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Recorded By: Gloria Gaines, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed By: James K. Pickard, Sr.

