



PEARL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 21

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DRAFT – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011 WAI AU DISTRICT PARTK

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Cruz Vina, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. **with a quorum of seven (7) members present.** Note – This 13-member Board requires seven (7) members to establish quorum and to take Board action.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Clemente, Sol Ray B. Duncan, Miles Murakami, Myrtle Nyuha, Roger Olegario, Cruz Vina, Jr., and Blake Yokotake.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Veray (Newly Commission Appointed)

VACANCIES: There are five (5) vacant at-large seats.

GUESTS: Kristine Duong (Representative K. Mark Takai), Councilmember Breen Harimoto, Sgt. Apollo Chang (Honolulu Police Department), Firefighter Jeff Ramos (Honolulu Fire Department), Lois Ekimoto, Al Morishita (Troop 75), Bruce Iverson (Reynold's Recycling Center), Rodney Funakoshi (Castle & Cooke), Daniel Kent (Representative Roy Takumi's Office staff), Renee Espiau (AICP), Senator Clarence Nishihara; Jane Amano, Janice and Kevin Cole, (Palisades Adult Day Care); Dave Amodo (Videographer), and Gloria Gaines (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Pledge of Allegiance – Vice Chair Cruz Vina, Jr. led the pledge of allegiance.

Time Limit Policy and Procedures – The meeting policies and procedures were reviewed by Vice Chair Cruz Vina, Jr.

FILLING OF SIX (6) VACANT BOARD SEATS: There were no nominations or volunteer at this time. Nyuha encouraged residents to volunteer as a Board member. A correction was noted by Olegario that there is five (5) vacancies; not six (6). Mr. Larry Veray was appointed by the Commission on Thursday, February 17, 2011; leaving five (5) Board vacancies.

Election of Board Chair – Deferred.

CITY/STATE MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Firefighter Jeff Ramos reported the following:

- Statistics for January 2011 – Included 22 structure, 13 wild land, and 7 vehicle fires; 384 medical emergencies, 22 search and rescues, and 191 miscellaneous calls for service.
- Fire Safety Tip – Smoke alarms save lives and are an important part of a home fire escape plan. A few smoke alarm and fire safety tip included installing smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of your home. Test smoke alarms at least once a month or as directed by the manufacturer. Replace smoke alarm batteries once a year or as directed by the manufacturer. The best smoke alarms are hardwired and interconnected so that if one alarm detects smoke, all alarms in the house are activated. These also have backup batteries that must be maintained. Also, designate a safe meeting place outside your home, and practice your family escape plan.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sgt. Apollo Chang reported on the following:

- Beat 370 Manana/Pearl City Industrial/Peninsula – Included 2 auto thefts, 2 burglaries, 16 criminal property damage offenses, 17 thefts, and 9 unauthorized entries to a motor vehicle (UEMV); 467 total calls for services or 6.83 percent of 6,834 District 3 calls.



- Beat 371 Pacific Palisades/Twin View – Included 1 auto theft, 2 burglaries, 1 criminal property damage offenses, 3 thefts, and 2 UEMV; 310 total calls for services or 4.54 percent of 6,834 District 3 calls.
- Beat 372 Pearl City Highlands/Waiiau – Included 1 auto theft, 4 burglaries, 6 criminal property damage offenses, 7 thefts, and 3 UEMV; 356 total calls for service or 5.21 percent of 6,834 District 3 calls.
- Beat 373 Momilani – Included 1 auto theft, 1 auto theft recovery, 8 burglaries, 3 criminal property damage offenses, 2 thefts, and 7 UEMV; 298 total calls for services of 4.36 percent of 6,834 District 3 calls.
- Beat 374 Lower Pearl City/Waimalu – Included 1 auto theft, 3 burglaries, 4 criminal property damage offenses, 8 thefts, and 4 UEMV; 427 total calls for services or 6.25 percent of 6,834 District 3 calls.
- Complaint at Waiiau District Park – Nyuha stated that she received complaints from several residents about people congregating in the Waiiau District park parking lot from about 12:20 a.m. nightly; drinking alcohol, fighting, and making a lot of noise. Chang encouraged residents to call 911 when the late night disturbances occur at the Waiiau District Park and HPD will respond as soon as possible.. HPD's first watch will be informed.

Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative – Lori Kahikina was available for questions.

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

Councilmember Breene Harimoto – Councilmember Harimoto provided members with a report and highlighted the following:

- City Breaks Ground for Rail – On Tuesday, February 22, 2011 was a ceremonial ground breaking for Honolulu's rail transit project in Kapolei. Relocating the utilities will begin the first task of construction.
- Chair of Transportation Committee – Issues include pedestrian safety, bicycle plan, "complete streets" to be reviewed next month, traffic safety, and traffic calming in neighborhoods.
- Repaving Project – A six-month repaving project is expected in the Moanalua area from Pali Momi to the freeway; Kaahumanu to Hoomalu Street; to tentatively begin in the summer; and may involve some night work.
- Budget – City Council will receive the Mayor's budget on Tuesday, March 2, 2011; and will be looking at real property tax rates and user fees.

Senator Clarence Nishihara – Senator Nishihara provided members with a report and highlighted the following:

- Governor Abercrombie's Website – "Changing Our Ways" is the title of the Governor's website.
- Retirement Taxed – The Governor attended the town meeting and stated that it is not an entitlement but was something that was granted some time ago, but is something that should be looked at and put on the table for discussion.
- Medicare Part B – Due to a lot of public interest regarding Medicare Part B, Senator Nishihara stated that this issue is not moving in both houses in the finance committees.
- Taxing Soda Drinks – A bill to tax soft drinks was envisioned as a way to raise money for health programs to help with obesity; was combined with alcohol tax at the hearing; the committee health then later amended to include only the liquor tax and not soft drinks. Taxing of the soft drink bill was deferred.
- Budget – The Governor has several ways of making up the \$800 million shortfall. Senator Nishihara is in favor of increasing some sort of tax. The Governor and the Legislature would like to restore government services.

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

Representative Roy Takumi – Daniel Kent stated that Thursday, March 10, 2011 is the "cross-over" period for the Legislature. Senate Bill 8 was passed out of the House and is currently at the Senate. This bill gives the Governor the power to appoint the Board of Education with the consent of the House and Senate. The main goal of the bill was having "transparency" of the process.

Representative K. Mark Takai – Kristine Zuong provided members with a flyer of the next Aiea/Pearl City Community Town Meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2011 at the Pearlridge elementary School Cafeteria from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Residents were encouraged to attend and get an update of the current and upcoming State and City transportation projects impacting the community. For additional information, call 586-8455.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

- Boy Scout Troop 75 – Scout Master Al Morishita introduced and recognized members of Troop 75. Attending a community meeting was part of their merit badge requirement.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 23, 2010 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: **There being no objections or corrections, the Board ADOPTED the November 23, 2010 regular meeting minutes as distributed, 7-0-0 (Ayes: Clemente, Duncan, Murakami, Nyuha, Olegario, Vina, and Yokotake).**

BOARD BUSINESS:

Adult Day Care Center on Komo Mai Drive – Janis and Kevin Cole provided members with a power point presentation of the Palisades Adult Day Care Center of Hawaii. The center is in the process of renovating the facility to accommodate twenty geriatric adults. The facility plans to open on Friday, April 15, 2011. An affidavit from nearby residents supporting the facility was available. The facility would provide social activities, a place to rest, food, and a safe environment for the day. **Vice Chair noted that the Palisades Adult Day Care Center of Hawaii is applying for a Conditional Use Permit and asked Board members, by a show of hands, if the Board would support a letter approving the Conditional Use Permit for the day care facility. By a show of hands, there was NO BOARD MAJORITY, 6-0-1 (Ayes: Clemente, Duncan, Murakami, Nyuha, Vina, and Yototake. No: None. Abstention: Olegario).** The item was deferred.

Castle & Cooke Koa Ridge Development – Rodney Funakoshi presented a power point presentation and overview of Castle & Cooke's Koa Ridge development known as Koa Ridge Makai. An aerial photo showed 575 acres of vacant undeveloped land on the Central Oahu plateau, across from Costco Waipio and west of H-2 freeway. Koa Ridge Makai will offer 3,500 single-family and multi-family homes, a community/commercial area, elementary school and parks. The State Land Use Commission approved The Koa Ridge Makai development October, 2010; but it is currently under appeal by the Sierra Club and is pending in Circuit Court. The approval of Castle & Cooke Waiawa was deferred until the access roadway and infrastructure can be provided (a bridge is needed across the gulch to Waiawa Ridge. Numerous community workshops were held with the help of a community vision group, which included members of the Board.

- Land Use Concept – A Koa Ridge Makai land use concept map showed community use/residential; community center, parks, schools, and housing. The mixed-use area showed medical/healthcare, retail; senior, live-work, and multi-family housing; offices, hotel, church, and village green.
- Walkable-Bikable Community – Sidewalks and bikepaths create mobility options connecting all amenities.
- Traffic Study – Major improvements at the Ka Uka Boulevard interchange and include lane and bridge widening; and new on and off ramps.
- Creation of Jobs – There will be a creation of 2,500 permanent jobs including a medical center; ratio two jobs for every three homes developed.
- Infrastructure – Castle & Cooke will provide the entire offsite infrastructure, including water, sewer, drainage and roadways to accommodate the project.
- Project Schedule – Zone change approval process during Fall 2011 with hearings with the City's Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) and City Council. The infrastructure groundbreaking hopefully in Spring 2012.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Sierra Club Appeal – During the final approval of the development, the Sierra Club stated that one of the land use commissioners were not properly re-appointed by the Senate. Funakoshi also stated that the State Land Use Attorney Generals feel that it is an incorrect interpretation; pending Circuit Court.
2. High School and Middle School – A high school and middle school is planned for the Waiawa Ridge development. The Koa Ridge will only have an elementary school.
3. Waiawa Ridge – Property owner Kamehameha Schools responsible to provide the access to the ridge with four or more lanes.
4. Cost of Bridge – The cost of the bridge would be privately funded by Kamehameha School and their developer. There was comment that the sewer and water is connected at the bridge site.

Reynolds Recycling Services at Leeward College's Campus – Bruce Iverson announced the opening of a new Reynolds recycling service on the campus of Leeward Community College. It will tentatively open on Tuesday,

March 1, 2011, pending permits. The recycling site will be accepting all Hi-5 beverage containers, non-ferrous scrap metal, and non-deposit glass and jars. The hours of operation is from Tuesday through Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and closed for lunch. Flyers were available to the residents.

Public Review Draft Aiea-Pearl City Neighborhood Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Plan – Vina stated that he has extra copies of the TOD plan and introduced Renee Espiau. Espiau provided members with a public review draft summary of the Aiea-Pearl City Neighborhood TOD plan. This plan presents a community vision for the existing neighborhoods surrounding the planned Leeward Community College, Pearl Highlands and Pearlridge rail stations. It is a conceptual plan showing possible improvements on both public and private property.

- Description – A TOD is a compact, mixed-use development situated near transit. TODs concentrate a mix of land uses, such as residential, office, retail, civic uses and entertainment, within easy walking and biking distance of a transit station. It is also combined with community spaces, plazas and parks.
- Three Rail Stations – A summary of recommendations and a description of the next steps and priority projects; for the Leeward Community College, Pearl Highlands, and Pearlridge rail stations was listed in the handout.
- Comments Due – Public comments are still being solicited and are due Monday, February 28, 2011.
- Project Timeline – The project kicked off July 2009, followed by a series of community workshops throughout 2009 and 2010. Spring 2011 is the final neighborhood TOD plan; and summer 2011 will be the City Council presentation and hearings. Also, Vina stated that extra copies of the TOD plan are available.
- Comments – Several Board members supported and offered positive comments on the TOD plan.

COMMUNITY/OTHER REPORTS:

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

Pearl City Library – A representative or report was not available.

Pearl City Community Association – Reported under agenda item, Pearl City Foundation by President/Executive Director Breene Harimoto.

Pearl City Foundation – President/Executive Director Breene Harimoto announced the Pearl City Foundation is embarking in a dog park on the property. Currently doing preliminary research to see what it is going to take. Users of the dog park will be required to commit to a users “buy-in” to help maintain the dog park and making it safe. Once preliminary plans are ready, a meeting will be held for all community dog lovers within a couple months.

Manana Community Association – A representative or report was not available.

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

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer’s Report – Vice Chair Vina reported for January 2011 a previous operating balance was \$461.54; current expenses were \$55.55 for printing and postage of agenda and minutes; leaving a balance of \$405.99. The Publicity previous balance was \$2,968.00; current expenses were \$400.00 for videotaping October and November 2010; leaving a balance of \$2,568.00. The report was filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, DISCUSSION AND ACTION; ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Executive – Vice Chair Vina stated that the last day for Board member candidate applications was Friday, February 18, 2011; and will report on the list candidates for the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 as soon as one is available.

Legislative and Capitol Improvement Programs (LCIP) – Miles Murakami reported that the draft letter requesting for the City’s Capitol Improvement Projects for the Pearl City Library and twenty additional parking stalls will be ready by the March 22, 2011 Board meeting.

Traffic and Transportation (TT) – Cruz Vina, Jr. reported on the following:

- Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) – The ORTP will be presented to the community on Thursday, February 24, 2011 at the Neal Blaisdell Center’s Pikake Room. This is also a Statewide long-range transportation plan.
- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) – A Transit-Orient Development update was previously reported.

Development Plan and Zoning (DPZ) – None.

Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) – None.

Publicity (P/R) – Roger Clemente will provide a list of recipients to be recognized at the Tuesday, March 22, 2010 Board meeting. Vina asked that the list be sent to the Neighborhood Assistant Gloria Gaines for certificates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next regular Board meeting will be on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Waiiau District Park.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Submitted By: Gloria Gaines, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed By: Cruz Vina, Jr., Vice-Chair