



PEARL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 21

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2012 WAI'AU DISTRICT PARK

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chair Cruz Vina Jr., called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. **with a quorum of nine (9) members present.** Note – This 13-member Board requires seven (7) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

Members Present: Sol Ray Duncan, Chaney Durham, Baybee Hufana-Ablan, April Mira, Miles Murakami, Larry Veray, Cruz Vina Jr., Blake Yokotake and Benjamin White.

Members Absent: Billy Harrison, William Mass, and Kimo Pickard Sr.

Vacancies: There is one (1) vacant at-large seat.

Guests: Sergeant Ken Miyazaki (Honolulu Police Department), Robert Sato (Councilmember Harimoto's Office), David Sakamoto (Governor's Representative), S. Herolaga, Ingrid Kunimura, Steve Blotzke (Benchmark), Keoni Mattos (Board of Water Supply), Director Lori Kahikina (Mayor's Representative), Senator Clarence Nishihara, Jan Nakagawa, Myrtle Nyuha, Victor Flint (Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii), Firefighter Richard Brady (Honolulu Fire Department), Gregg Takayama (Representative-Elect), Tad Tsuruma, Bishop Kamahia, Representative K. Mark Takai, Sam Kong, Kathleen Yoda, William Nhieu, Marie Richardson, and Leland S.M. Ribac (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Pledge of Allegiance/Time Limit Policy and Procedures: Board member Duncan led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice-Chair Vina Jr. read the meeting policies and procedures, including the time limit policy.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Firefighter Richard Brady provided a written handout and reported;

- **Fire Safety Tip:** The National Fire Protection Association has selected "Have 2 Ways Out!" as this year's theme, which focuses on the importance of fire escape planning and practice, for Fire Prevention Week (FPW). This October, children attending elementary schools statewide will receive a Fire Fighter's Safety Guide from their teachers.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Sergeant Ken Miyazaki reported;

- **Crime Statistics for September 2012:** Included 16 auto thefts, 11 auto theft recoveries, 1 sex assault, 14 burglaries, 19 criminal property damages, 84 thefts, 16 unauthorized entries to a motor vehicle (UEMV), and 161 total calls for service.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. **Muffler Noise Reduction:** Resident asked question regarding a muffler requirement on mopeds. Officer Miyazaki stated that he understands that there is a requirement of a muffler that restricts sound to within half a mile. Please report any problems to 911 non-emergency.
2. **Neighborhood Watch Increased:** In response to the recent spike in crime, the Neighborhood Watch has increased their patrols and will be continuing to oversee the neighborhood.
3. **HPD Response Times:** A Board member questioned the slow response time noting that it took nearly four hours for an officer to respond to a possible trespassing call during the middle of the night. Sergeant Miyazaki replied that the nighttime period was under the jurisdiction of Pearl City complex 1st watch and that he will pass on the concern to them.



FILLING OF ONE (1) VACANT BOARD AT-LARGE SEATS: Vice-Chair Vina Jr. opened the floor for nominations to fill one (1) vacant at large seat. A community member in the audience volunteered for the position.

Vice-Chair Vina Jr. called a short recess at the request of the Neighborhood Assistant to verify the nominee's residency. Following the recess, the Neighborhood Assistant was not able to verify the nominee's residency and noted that the nominee could not fill the vacancy per §2-14-104 of the Neighborhood Plan.

Discussion followed;

- Board Vacancy: Vice-Chair Vina Jr. informed the nominee that the board would entertain her nomination to the board again at the next meeting if she so remains interested and to provide proof of residency.

CITY/STATE MONTHLY REPORTS:

Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative: Director Lori Kahikina reported;

- Komo Mai Drive Hairpin: The City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) completed their investigation regarding the turn on Komo Mai Drive, mauka of The Children's House. Due to the slope of Komo Mai Drive on approach to the hairpin turn, it is difficult to implement any type of physical measures to slow motorists down. DTS will issue a work order to repaint the faded median striping along the turn. They will also replace a faded chevron alignment warning sign and install a 'Slippery when Wet' warning sign for makai bound traffic approaching the curve. Additionally, high friction surface treatment on the hairpin turn is programmed for 2014.
- Auhuhu Street Signage: DTS conducted a survey of the street and identified that four 'Speed Limit 25' signs required attention. The Department of Road Maintenance installed four new signs on September 22, 2012 on Auhuhu Street.
- Bus Bench Request: The Oahu Transit Services (OTS) bus stop crew installed a concrete bench at the bus stop next to 2159 Komo Mai Drive on September 18, 2012. DTS staff conducted a field investigation on October 4, 2012 at the request of Chair Pickard. A photo was circulated showing the bench at the site.
- School District Signs: The City Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) installed two 'School District Drive Carefully' signs with yellow background on September 22, 2012 on Auhuhu Street.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Bench at 2432 Aumakua Street: An area resident is requesting a bench at the bus stop fronting 2432 Aumakua Street. The location is steep and the residents in the area are elderly who would benefit from the comfort that a bench would be able to provide.
2. Status of Kaonohi Street Striping: The road was recently repaved between Kaonohi Street to Kaahumanu Street with temporary striping and markers in place. A community member sought the status of the installation of permanent markers and reflectors. Kahikina to follow up with DTS.
3. Oceanic Power Lines: A community member raised a concern that the Oceanic Cable owned power lines are obstructing the traffic signals at the intersection of Noelani Street & Waimano Home Road. Vice-Chair Vina Jr. stated that Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 shall send a letter to Oceanic Cable to note the concern.
4. Traffic Signals at Noelani Street and Waimano Home Road: Area resident requested the City follow up on the installation of a traffic signal light at Noelani & Waimano Home Road, makai bound, on the right side of the road. A traffic light was supposed to have been installed and there has been no action to date.
5. Lane Striping at Acacia and Kuala Streets: Area resident requested the City check up on the road striping at Acacia and Kuala Street by Walmart. Reports that the striping is currently not visible.

6. Manana Community Pool Restrooms: A community member noted that the restrooms at Manana Community Park pool are in disrepair. The roofing of the restroom is currently on temporary supports in two corners and the safety of the roof may be compromised.
7. Lehua Avenue Traffic Congestion: The far right third lane added on Lehua Avenue between Kamehameha Highway and Fourth Street is causing additional traffic. Additionally, cars parked along the road further contribute to the backlog. The street used to have no parking signs, but they have since been removed.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Keoni Mattos reported;

- Main Break Report: There were two water main breaks in the Pearl City area during the month of September. On September 8, a 12-inch water main broke at 2251 Komo Mai Drive. This main was originally installed in 1965. On September 19, an 8-inch water main broke at 867 Hoomaemae Street. This main was originally installed in 1960.
- Koolau Poko Watershed Management Plan Adopted: This is the third completed watershed management plan for Oahu's eight land use districts. Watershed Management Plans are action-oriented, community-based plans that provide short-, mid-, and long-range guidance for the sustainable management and use of Oahu's valuable water resources.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Incentive Programs: There used to be incentives for the installation of low flush toilets, however the program ended in 2010 when the federal funds available were fully dispersed.
2. Semi-Autonomous Status: The proposed charter amendment to convert the Board of Water Supply from a semi-autonomous department to a one under the jurisdiction of the City & County of Honolulu did not move through the City Council.

Councilmember Breene Harimoto: Robert Sato provided a written report and highlighted;

- Pearl Harbor Historic Trail Cleanup: There will be a cleanup of the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail from Aiea Bay Park to Pupuole Mini Park on Saturday, November 3, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Proposed Amendments to the Honolulu City Charter: Councilmember Harimoto opposes both amendments up for vote this upcoming election on November 6, 2012.
- Use of General Fund Money to Support Non-Profit Organizations: Councilmember Harimoto supports non-profit organizations, however the amendment creates the requirement that city revenues goes to support these organizations. These moneys will be taken out of the same fund that pays for the core services that the City has to provide. In good fiscal times, additional financial support can be given to non-profit organizations but it would not be prudent during budgetary crunches.
- Creation of Special Funds: Under the current language of the Charter, only the Mayor can propose, but the Council must approve, the creation of a new special fund. This provides an essential "checks and balances" approach to the city's fiscal policies. To allow the Council to unilaterally create special funds without the concurrence of the Mayor would eliminate this balanced public interest protection. Further, allowing for a proliferation of special funds could lead to a dilution of the general fund which provides the financing needed for all basic city services and programs.

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative: Department of Health Deputy Director David Sakamoto reported;

- Hawaii Health Care: The Hawaii Health Care Benefits Package was signed on October 1, 2012 in accordance with the President's "Affordable Care Act." This has resulted in very few changes to the existing health care policy, but 23,000 previously uninsured residents are now eligible for health insurance.
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA): Due to the 2009 reduction of forces in Hawaii, 32 of the 51 OSHA investigators has been dismissed. The State has now recovered the minimum amount of OSHA investigators to be recognized by OSHA federal standards.

- List of Issues: Deputy Director Sakamoto received of a list of issues from a Board member that will be passed over to the Governor's office for follow-up.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Proposed State Amendment: Clarification sought by Vice-Chair Vina Jr. regarding the proposed state amendment to grant the Chief Justice the power to appoint temporary judges. Mr. Sakamoto to follow up and reply by e-mail.
2. Green Vehicle Initiative: The program to reduce the use of fossil fuels began in 2009 as part of the federal stimulation package. The funding was used up in the spring of 2012 and there are now currently no incentives for these types of purchases. Sakamoto would like to see the State Legislature take action and continue incentives for purchasing green vehicles.

Senator Clarence Nishihara: Senator Nishihara provided his report and highlighted;

- Third H-POWER Boiler Opening: The Senator attended the opening of the third H-POWER boiler at Campbell Industrial Park and toured the entire facility. Trash will be burned up to create energy and the remnants of the process create fly ash which is used to fill in land around the island.
- Waimanu Ridge Master Plan: A public meeting will be held on Thursday, October 25, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Pearl City Cultural Center.
- Vision Testing: Senator Nishihara has spent his interim working with the Pearl City and Waipahu Lions Clubs to conduct vision testing at schools within the district. Fifty percent of students have some form of vision problem which is important to screen for because it could be mistaken for learning disabilities or be the cause of learning difficulties.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Civil Air Patrol Program: A community member sought information about public schools in Hawaii not offering civil air patrol programs especially those involving gliders. Waipahu Intermediate School has a pilot program with a glider civil air patrol, but it should be noted that these programs require skilled instructors. Currently there may not be any money available to provide funding for these instructors.

Senator David Ige: No report or representative present at this time.

Representative Roy Takumi: No report or representative present at this time.

Representative K. Mark Takai: Representative K. Mark Takai reported;

- Pearl City Bike Trail: The Representative is looking to restore the bike trail to gain classification as a historic trail. There are jurisdiction issues along the trail due to different sections being owned by the state, city and federal governments. He will be working to reestablish support from the Navy as they were very helpful in previous ventures to clean up the trail.
- Community Traffic Awareness Program (CTAP): The program has been a great success so far but additional community engagement would always be encouraged.
- Traffic Infrastructure: Representative Takai visited key street locations in the district with Mayor's Representative Lori Kahikina to follow up on the concerns of the community. Moanalua Road will likely continue the restriping project for another month. Several other restriping projects will soon begin before end of the year as the projects have already been award and noticed to the public.
- Kamehameha Highway Fences: The Hawaiian motif themed fences along Kamehameha Highway were temporary fences erected for the early phases of the rail construction. Their purpose has been served and DTS has taken them down.
- Election and Redistricting: Noted that there is an upcoming election on November 6, 2012. Regardless if Representative Takai is reelected, the Pearl City Neighborhood Board will have a new House

Representative who will be Representative-Elect Gregg Takayama. This is due to the redistricting of the districts occurring last year which has shifted the representation of the districts.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Sunset Memorial Park: There continues to be ongoing concerns about Sunset Memorial Park. The owners of the graveyard have allowed the property to go into disrepair, but because it is a private business, the government does not have jurisdiction over the physical appearance of the business.
2. Left Turn on Moanalua Road: There is no designated left turn in either direction from Moanalua Street to Hoolaulea Street. Representative Takai will investigate but has stated that he feels the current situation is functional.
3. Commending Representative Takai: A Board member commended Representative Takai for his service to the neighborhood and wished him luck in the upcoming election.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: Voicing Community Concerns: A community member noted the inability to submit concerns for discussion on upcoming meeting agendas through the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) website due to sunshine laws. The Neighborhood Assistant explained that the NCO website primarily serves to provide information to the public about neighborhood boards across the island. The site also includes contact information of the board members including board officers. The most effective method to have concerns placed on the agenda for discussion is to directly contact the board Chair and Vice-Chair for them to add the item to the agenda. Additionally, raising concerns at board meetings and contacting area legislators also are means to ensure that concerns are heard and can be acted upon.

BOARD BUSINESS: No Board business.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Vice-Chair Vina Jr. noted that the September 25, 2012 regular meeting minutes have been circulated. **Noting no amendments, the September 25, 2012 regular meeting minutes were adopted by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-0, (Aye: Duncan, Durham, Hufana-Ablan, Mira, Murakami, Veray, Vina Jr., Yokotake, and White).**

COMMUNITY/OTHER REPORTS:

There were no reports from: Pearl City Library, Pearl City Community Association (PCCA), Pearl City Foundation, Manana Community Association, and Pacific Palisades Community Association.

Hawaii Self Storage: Board member Durham announced that Hawaii Self Storage will be hosting a fundraiser and food drive, with proceeds going to the Kau Kau Wagon. Residents with donations of lightly used goods may drop off the materials at Hawaii Self Storage this Saturday, October 27, 2012. Residents with questions or ideas may contact Durham at 484-0054.

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Murakami read the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Financial Statement reflecting an overall budget allocation \$3,080.00. It was noted the overall cost for video recording totals \$2,280.00 and was taken as a lump sum item during the month of July. Including current printing and postage charges, the current overall balance totals \$714.65. The report was filed.

Executive Committee (EXEC): Vice-Chair Vina Jr. the November's agenda will include discussion and possible action upon a letter of support for the Senior Daycare Center at 1672 Hooluehua Street, in Pearl City.

Traffic and Transportation (T&T): Committee Chair Vina Jr. reported that the City's Department of Transportation had issued their Oahu Bike Plan in August 2012.

Development and Planning and Zoning (DPZ): Committee Chair Yokotake noted that comments on The Plaza at Kuala Street have been submitted to Board Chair Pickard Sr. for approval. There will be a Plaza representative at the next meeting.

Health, Education and Welfare (HEW): Committee Vice-Chair Veray reported that he has personally visited locations around the neighborhood particularly along Lehua Avenue to follow up on concerns that have been raised. Abandoned vehicles and malfunctioning street lights were noted and concerns have been forwarded to the Governor's office.

Publicity and Refreshment Committee (PR): The following certificates recommendations were noted by the board;

- Hawaii Food Bank: For their support of the community and coordination with local businesses such as Hawaii Self Storage.
- Food Drive Coordinator: For a Pearl City resident who has taken it upon herself to single-handedly coordinate food drives through the neighborhood. Board member Dunham to submit additional information to the committee for consideration.
- Pearl City Junior Varsity (JV) Football: To recognize the Pearl City JV Football team's participation in the 2012 Oahu Interscholastic Association JV White Conference Championships.
- Representative Takai: To commend Representative Takai for his years of service to the community and the show the appreciation of Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next Regular Board Meeting: The next regular Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Waiiau District Park. Meetings are broadcast on OIelo every second Wednesday on Channel 49 at 9:00 p.m. and Channel 54 every third and first Friday at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Submitted By: William Nhieu, Neighborhood Assistant I

Reviewed By: Leland S.M. Ribac, Neighborhood Assistant II

Reviewed and Finalized By: James 'Kimo' Pickard Sr., Chair and Cruz Vina Jr., Vice-Chair