



PEARL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 21

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2012 WAI AU DISTRICT PARK

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chair Cruz Vina Jr., called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. **with a quorum of seven (7) 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, William 'Bill' Mass, Miles Murakami (arrived at 7:19 p.m.), Larry Veray, Cruz Vina Jr., and Blake Yokotake.

Members Absent: Billy Harrison, April Mira, Kimo Pickard Sr., and Benjamin White.

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), Ingrid Kunimura, Steve Blotzke (Benchmark), Keoni Mattos (Board of Water Supply), Director Lori Kahikina (Mayor's Representative), Senator Clarence Nishihara, Jan Nakagawa, Firefighters Tyler Perkins, Wayne Morita, Keith Yasui (Honolulu Fire Department), Representative K. Mark Takai, Sam Kong, Kathleen Yoda, Charles Zahn (Neighborhood Commission), Lisa Imata, Lisa Skelton, Rick Skelton, Keith Kurahashi, Daniel Cody, and William Nhieu (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

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

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Firefighter Tyler Perkins provided a written handout and reported;

- **Fire Statistics for October 2012:** Included 15 structure fires, 1 wildland fire, 0 rubbish fires, 67 medical emergencies, 1 search and rescues, and 18 miscellaneous emergencies.
- **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 October 2012 included 11 auto thefts, 5 auto theft recoveries, 2 sex assault, 9 burglaries, 22 criminal property damages, 66 thefts, 16 unauthorized entries to a motor vehicle (UEMV), and 131 total calls for service.

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. There were no nominations. The seat was not filled.

7:30 p.m. Board member Miles Murakami arrived; **8 members present.**

CITY/STATE MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

- **Traffic Signal at Noelani Street and Waimano Home Road:** An additional traffic signal was installed at Waimano Home Road and Kuala Drive as requested in May. However, there was no request found for Noelani Street and Waimano Home Road. The Board confirms that a request was made for Noelani Street and Waimano Home Road. Kahikina to follow up.



- Acacia Street and Kuala Street Re-striping: The City Department of Facilities Maintenance (DFM) has surveyed the location and reported that Kuala Street does not require re-striping, however both streets are scheduled to be resurfaced in 2013.
- Bench Request at 2432 Aumakua Street: Oahu Transit Services, Inc. (OTS), crews have installed two concrete stools at the bus stop fronting 2432 Aumakua Street on November 8, 2012. They were unable to install a bench as requested due to limited space at the bus stop. There is a requirement to provide at least a five (5) feet wide clear space for wheelchair deployment.
- Manana Community Park: Director Kahikina reported that she has personally spoken to the City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and was informed that the department has conducted a survey of the bathrooms that were reported to be in disrepair. DPR concluded that there were no leaks in the bathroom or piping, and that the facility was fully clean and functional for public use.
- Status of Striping from Kaonohi Street to Kaahumanu Street: Per the City Department of Design and Construction (DDC), striping work and the installation of reflectors is currently ongoing. The work is progressing from Kaahumanu Street towards Pali Momi Street.
- Lehua Avenue Traffic: Concern was raised that parked cars along Lehua Avenue has increased traffic along the road in the morning. The City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will conduct an investigation regarding the traffic congestion concern along Lehua Avenue and inform the board of the status of their study by the February 2013 meeting.
- Reduction of Route 53 Bus Service: Per DTS, route 53 weekend service has been shortened to a shuttle service due to budget constraints; selection was based on low usage of weekend service to and from Ala Moana Center.
- Designated Left Turn from Moanalua Road to Hoolaulea Street: DTS is currently investigating the request for a protected left turn phase for Moanalua Road turning onto Hoolaulea Street. They will inform the board of the status of their study by the February 2013 meeting.
- Pearl City District Park Showerheads: DDC noticed that the recently installed showerheads at Pearl City District Park were incorrectly designed by the consultants. The showerheads are positioned at 6-feet above ground with the control knobs placed 5'9 feet above ground. The height placement of the knobs would keep them out of reach for young children who also use the park's showers. A change order has been placed to install showers with more accessible shower knobs, all replacement costs will be incurred by the consultant on the project and not by the City & County of Honolulu.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Pearl City District Park Reopening: A Board member asked when Pearl City District Park would reopen to the public. Director Kahikina reported that DDC will complete their projects and hand over jurisdiction to DPR for them to manage the park. There remains ongoing repairs such as broken tiles and graffiti removal; it likely will be next year when the park is ready for public use again.

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 October. On October 29, a 6-inch water main broke at 674 Waimano Home Road.
- New Billing System Changes and Online Customer Service Options: The Board of Water Supply (BWS) will be switching over to a new customer billing system in January 2013, which will allow the BWS to provide better service by implementing customer care industry best practices. Online bill viewing, paperless billing, and electronic customer service request forms are now available. The BWS is also moving toward providing customers with the option to pay their water and sewer bills online at their convenience. For more information, visit the BWS website at www.boardofwatersupply.com.

Councilmember Breene Harimoto: Councilmember Harimoto provided a written handout and reported;

- New Councilmembers: There will be four (4) new Councilmembers in office next year including the two that have already been sworn in, Councilmembers Joey Manahan and Carol Fukunaga.
- Honolulu City Lights: The Honolulu City Lights will kick off Saturday, December 1, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

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

- Board Concerns: Deputy Director Sakamoto received of a list of issues from a Board member at last month's meeting. These concerns included a non-operational streetlight on Hugh Street and abandoned vehicles in the area which are being looked into.

- Business and Information (IT) Transformation Plan: Last month, Governor Abercrombie unveiled the IT plan, one of the key initiatives of his New Day Plan. Hawaii has not invested in technology in nearly three decades leaving the technology infrastructure nearly a generation behind. The State's Chief Information Officer, Sonny Bhagowalia, and his team developed the technology plan after a thorough review of national best practices and lessons learned from other states. It aims to consolidate our 743 fragmented legacy systems into fewer, better integrated enterprise-wide solutions that facilitate improved information sharing.

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

- Legislature Organization: The State House is possibly undergoing reorganization, this means committee chairs and leadership positions are still pending. The Senate remains generally the same, except there is a new committee on Higher Education chaired by Senator Taniguchi.
- Agriculture Updates: Senator Nishihara chairs the Agriculture Committee and is looking to have a comprehensive agriculture plan to bring more locally produced goods to the market.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Agricultural Inspectors: A Board member asked if agriculture inspectors are fully staffed. Senator Nishihara replied that he understands they may still be looking to hire agriculture inspectors.
2. Bill Deadline Introduction: There has not been any indication on the bill introduction deadline for the upcoming legislative session, but continue to bring your ideas to the legislators.
3. Live Work Play Aiea Presentation: Alicia Maluafiti invited the Board and the public to attend the Aiea Neighborhood Board meeting on December 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Robertson Properties Group will be presenting and update on their Live Work Play Aiea project at the former Kam Drive-In site. Roberston Properties would be willing to come to the Pearl City meeting in January to give an update if requested.

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;

- Prison Work Crews: Representative Takai provided copies of a Legislative Reference Bureau report researching the utilization of prison work crews in Hawaii. The report demonstrates that prison work crews are frequently used across the state to support the community in tasks such as clearing debris from homeless camps, cleaning parks and roadways, painting buildings, and other such manual tasks.
- Aiea / Pearl City Town Hall: Area legislators will continue to hold town hall meetings focusing on a different topic at each meeting. The next town hall is tentatively scheduled for January 17, 2013 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Pearlridge Elementary School.
- Pearl City Highway Work: The entire deck of the freeway is undergoing repairs which involves the removal of the decks between 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. followed by the pouring of concrete between 10 p.m. – 12 a.m. Roadway repairs will be on a holiday break beginning December 20, 2012 and construction will resume after the New Years on January 2, 2013.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: No concerns were presented at this time.

BOARD BUSINESS:

The Plaza at Pearl City Assisted Living Project Update: Daniel Cody of MW Group, Ltd. reported that The Plaza at Pearl City is a planned 2-phase assisted living community, originally presented to the neighborhood board in January 2012. Phase I will include approximately 158 assisted living residents and is scheduled to begin construction in the first or second quarter of 2013 and to open at the end of 2014. Phase II will include approximately 60 memory care residents and is tentatively scheduled to begin construction in 2017. The Conditional Use Permit for the project was approved in October 2012 and construction permitting is underway.

Koa Ridge Development: Keith Kurahashi for Castle & Cooke Homes, Inc. presented;

- Overview: Castle & Cooke will be seeking a zoning change at Koa Ridge to convert agricultural land to a mixed use community development. Koa Ridge is located between Gentry Waipio and Mililani Town. As

perspective, Mililani and Mililani Mauka was developed on 3,500 acres with 16,000 homes, while Koa Ridge is planned for 576 acres and 3,500 homes.

- Development: The proposed development will include a 28-acre medical center, 30-plus acres of commercial space, a mixed-use village center, 19-acre community park, 11 neighborhood parks, a community center, an elementary school, and a church site.
- Transportation Infrastructure: Improvements will supplement the planned State Department of Transportation (DOT) improvements and tie into Rail Transit development plans. DOT plans to provide improvements at the Waipahu off-ramp; a west bound afternoon contra-flow lane from the Pearl Harbor Interchange to the Waiawa Interchange; and widening of H-1 in the eastbound direction from Waiau to Halawa. The Rail Transit will include a new high occupancy vehicle lane along H-1 freeway that will end at the planned 1,600 stall park and ride, providing convenient access to the Pearl Highlands Station. Castle & Cooke will provide about \$100 million in roadway improvements for Koa Ridge.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 23, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Vice-Chair Vina Jr. noted that the October 23, 2012 regular meeting minutes have been circulated. **Noting no amendments, the October 23, 2012 regular meeting minutes were adopted by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 8-0-0, (Aye: Duncan, Durham, Hufana-Ablan, Mass, Murakami, Veray, Vina Jr., and Yokotake).**

COMMUNITY/OTHER REPORTS:

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

Hawaii Self Storage: Board member Durham announced that Hawaii Self Storage had a successful fundraiser last month and the proceeds have been donated to the Kau Kau Wagon. Hawaii Self Storage has now given over \$1 million dollars to non-profit organizations.

Pearl City Community Association (PCCA): The annual Christmas Parade will be held on Sunday, December 2, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. and community members were encouraged to attend.

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Murakami read the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Financial Statement reflecting an overall budget allocation \$3,080.00. Including current printing and postage charges, the current November overall balance totals \$686.13. The report was filed.

Executive Committee (EXEC):

- Letter of Support for Senior Daycare Center: Vice-Chair Vina Jr. noted a correction to the street address was made to the draft of the letter of support for the Senior Daycare Center at 1672 Hooluehua Street, in Pearl City. **Board member Mass moved and Durham seconded that the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 approve the letter of support for the Senior Daycare center at 1672 Hooluehua Street, in Pearl City. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0, (Aye: Duncan, Durham, Hufana-Ablan, Mass, Murakami, Veray, Vina Jr., and Yokotake).**
- Board member Billy Harrison Three (3) Absences Consideration: Vice-Chair Vina Jr. reported that Board member Billy Harrison has accrued three (3) absences in the current year. Per the Neighborhood Plan, Harrison was notified of his absences through certified mail. It was conveyed to the Board that Mr. Harrison intends to resign his seat on the Board.

Traffic and Transportation (T&T): Committee Chair Vina Jr. reported the committee is keeping an eye on the Pearl City Highway repairs and will report if anything of note comes up.

Development and Planning and Zoning (DPZ): Committee Chair Yokotake noted that there are scheduling issues at Pacheco Park over the use of the fields for the district's youth football teams. DPR allows both local school football teams and area football clubs to utilize the park. A draft letter to the area football clubs requesting they seek an alternative location to conduct their activities will be prepared for Board review.

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

- Laney & Wycheck Family: For single-handedly coordinating their fifth annual food drive to collect canned goods which is donated to the Hawaii Food Bank.
- Pearl City Boys and Girls HHSAA Bowling Team: For winning the Billy Tees / HHSAA Bowling State Championship titles held at Kaua'i Bowl.
- Pearl City Senior James Pirtle: For his contributions as co-captain of the Pearl City championship bowling team.
- 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, January 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Waiiau District Park. Meetings are broadcast on Olelo 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 8:16 p.m.

Submitted By: William Nhieu, Neighborhood Assistant I

Reviewed By: Kazuaki McArthur, Neighborhood Assistant I

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