



PEARL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 21

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DRAFT MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2013 WAI'AU DISTRICT PARK

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Pro Tem Cruz Vina, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. **Quorum was NOT established with five (5) 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, Baybee Hufana-Ablan, Miles Murakami, Cruz Vina, Jr. and Blake Yokotake.

Members Absent: Larry Veray.

Vacancies: There are seven (7) vacant at-large seats.

Guests: Charles Zahn (Neighborhood Commission); Ingrid Kunimura; Gary Kurokawa (Mayor's Representative, Deputy Director, Department of Budget & Fiscal Services); Councilmember Breene Harimoto and Robert Sato (Councilmember Harimoto's Office staff); Keoni Mattos (Board of Water Supply); Avis Maluafiti; Tad Tsuruma; Sergeant Roger Nitta, Officer Richard Ito and Officer Gage Costa (Honolulu Police Department, District 3-Pearl City); Diana Nishimura; E.F. Tanaka; Steve Blotzke (Benchmark); Peter Savio (MSMP); Ron Imamura, Gina McDaniel and Catherine Pascua (UH Manoa School of Nursing); Gary Omori (HHCTCP); Alvin Wong, Jenn Puchalski and Miiyuki (UH Manoa); and Catherine Edwards (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Pledge of Allegiance/Time Limit Policy and Procedures: Board member Murakami led the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice Chair Pro Tem Vina, Jr. read the meeting policies and procedures, including the time limits.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Due to lack of quorum, the election of officers was deferred to the next meeting.

MEETING DETERMINATION: Due to lack of quorum, the meeting determination was deferred to the next meeting.

BOARD RECESS SCHEDULE: Due to lack of quorum, the board's recess schedule was deferred to the next meeting.

BUDGETARY ACTIONS: Due to lack of quorum, the appropriation of the facility use rental fees and video recording fees was deferred to the next meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Acting Captain Ryan Hagiwara reported the following:

- **August 2013 Fire Statistics:** There were 5 wild land fires, and 3 rubbish fires. There were 89 medical emergencies, 2 search and rescues, and 16 miscellaneous calls.
- **Fire Safety Tip: Candle Safety:** Candles may be pretty to look at, but they may cause home fires and deaths. A candle is an open flame, which means it can easily ignite anything that can burn. Extinguish candles before leaving a room or going to bed. Avoid using candles in the bedroom areas where people fall asleep. Keep candles at least 12 inches away from items that can burn. Use candle holders that are sturdy and will not easily tip over. Extinguish a candle before it gets too close to the holder or container. Never use a candle if an oxygen tank is used in the home. Do not use candles during a power outage; use flashlights and battery-powered lights instead. Consider using flameless candles in the home. Never leave a child in a room with a burning candle. Place matches and lighters out of children's reach.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Sergeant Nitta reported the following:

- **August 2013 Statistics for Beats 370 to 374:** There were 15 auto thefts, 13 auto theft recoveries, 10 burglaries, 21 criminal property damages, 1 sex assaults, 54 thefts and 16 unauthorized entry of motor vehicles (UEMV) calls.



- Crime Safety Tip: Itemizing and Recording Valuables: Nitta suggested to photograph and record serial numbers of all valuables and store information in a safe place.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Moped Complaints – A resident questioned how many moped complaints were received from Kuahaka Street residents. Nitta replied that no data was available at this time, but complaints varied.
2. Graffiti – A resident noted the graffiti on the purple wall on Hookiekie Street was cleared but has recently been tagged again. It was noted that the Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) is involved in finding graffiti taggers.

FILLING OF SEVEN (7) VACANT BOARD AT-LARGE SEATS: Due to lack of quorum, the filling of seven (7) vacant board At-Large seats was deferred to the next meeting.

CITY/STATE MONTHLY REPORTS:

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Gary Kurokawa reported the following:

- Road Repairs – Rehabilitation of Unit 55 streets in the Pearl City area, ongoing construction.
- Sewers: 1) Waiiau area sewer rehabilitation/reconstruction, ongoing construction. 2) Pacific Palisades relief sewer, ongoing planning and design. 3) Sewer manhole and pipe rehabilitation at the Pearl City Waste Water Pumping Station (WWPS) Junction Box, ongoing planning and design.
- Traffic Analysis in the Manana Warehouse Area: The Manana Spine Road (Kuala Street) completed in June 2001, was designed and built-out in accordance with the Manana Traffic Impact Assessment Study and master plan. The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) continues to review the area traffic conditions, but does not feel another extensive traffic study is justified at this time.
- Trees Planted Along Kaahumanu Street Sidewalks: A supervisor of the Division of Urban Forestry (DUF), Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) recently determined that immediate maintenance is not warranted. The trees' canopy is high and there are no branches that appear to pose an immediate public safety concern. These trees were included in a tree maintenance contract and were last maintained in May 2013. DUF is referring the sidewalk condition concern to the Residential Code Enforcement Branch of the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), the department that investigates such matters.
- Cars Double Parked on Hoolana Street: Checks were made by HPD and two (2) citations issued for illegal parking. Officers did not observe anyone fixing vehicles on the roadways at anytime. Officers will continue to monitor the area.
- Street Parking Along Kaahumanu Street Fronting the Medical Building: The DTS will conduct an investigation regarding the parking concerns and inform the Board of the status of their study by the November Board meeting.
- Mitigation Plan for the Rail: A traffic plan for the Pearl City area has been developed as a "living document" to address the construction activities of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project. The focus of the traffic mitigation plan to minimize impacts to motorists during construction while maintaining safe operations for motorists and workers. Traffic management plans will consist of new traffic lane configuration layouts to maximize traffic flow capacity, temporary contra-flow traffic patterns to manage peak hour traffic conditions, detour routes to facilitate access to local businesses and residences, roadway widening to mitigate lane closures, traffic signal systems updates to enhance traffic flow efficiency and a new traffic data collection system to effectively monitor traffic conditions during construction.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Traffic: Alvin Wong, resident, requested a status update at the next meeting from the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) regarding the left turn going up Waimano Home Road and the left turn to Kaula Road.
2. Raised Concrete Curb: A resident raised concern regarding a raised concrete curb on Waimano Home Road and Hoolana Street. This item will be referred to the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) for the next meeting.
3. No Left Turn Signs: Tad Tsuruma, resident, noted that there are missing No Left Turn sign on Waimano Home Road.
4. Jagged Conduits: Tad Tsuruma, resident, noted that there are conduits that are uncovered with jagged edges on Hoomoana Street, mauka bound.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Keoni Mattos provided a written report and highlighted:

- Main Break Report: There were no water main breaks in the Pearl City area in the month of August.
- About the Board of Water Supply: The BWS was established in 1929 as a semi-autonomous agency of the City and County of Honolulu. The BWS is governed by a seven-member Board of Directors that approves the Department's budget and water rates, and sets policy and overall direction of the BWS. BWS Board members consists of business and government professionals who ensure that the funds collected from the water customers will be solely used for the benefit of the water supply system. The BWS Board and semi-autonomous status also promotes greater efficiency in decision-making, encourages continuity of management, and fosters the establishment and monitoring of long range planning. The BWS manages Oahu's municipal water resources and distribution system, which includes 2,100 miles of pipeline, 90 booster pump stations, 172 reservoirs, and 166,000 customers. This includes repairing and replacing aging infrastructure and installing and maintaining facilities critical to delivering water. BWS operations and capital improvement program are funded by a combination of Operating Revenues (funds collected from rate payers), low-interest bonds, and State Revolving Funds loans; BWS does not receive any funds generated from City property taxes. For more information about Oahu's water history visit www.boardofwatersupply.com.

Councilmember Breene Harimoto: Councilmember Harimoto provided a newsletter and highlighted:

- Rail Construction: Rail construction restarted on September 16, 2013.
- City Council Honors: Councilmember Harimoto and members of the City Council presented Onorio "Nory" Balantac with an Honorary Certificate recognizing his years of volunteering in the Pearl City community.
- Bill 48, CD1 Koa Ridge: Relates to rezoning approximately 576 acres from AG-1 Restricted Agriculture District to various urban designations to allow for the development of the Koa Ridge Planned Community development. On August 12, 2013 the Committee on Zoning and Planning amended this Bill to a CD1 version, which makes minor adjustments to the projects interior configuration, and reported it out for Second Reading and Public Hearing at the October 9, 2013 Council meeting.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Left Turn Signal: Councilmember Harimoto referenced a concern raised previously in the meeting regarding the left turn signal heading towards Wal-Mart, and noted that DTS currently has plans for it.
2. Waimano Home Trees: It was noted that the trees were trimmed.
3. Parks: Ingrid Kunimura, resident, noted that all the parks are only for playing ball and bringing pets to. She noted that the parks are not elderly friendly. Harimoto noted that the parks are full when schools are out and recommended going to the park during the day while the kids are in school.

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative: David Sakamoto reported the following:

- Molasses Spill: The City and State agencies are working together to clean up and maintain the spill. It was noted that Matson takes full responsibility for the spill.
- Special Session: On Monday, October 28, 2013, there will be a special session held covering Marriage Equality.
- Charging Stations: Regarding a question raised at the August meeting, it was noted that Hawaii continues to lead the nation in public charging stations per capita. To find where the charging stations are, it was recommended to download the Free Ev Stations Hawaii application.
- Electric Vehicle Marked Stalls: It was noted that according to HRS 219-72, it is illegal to park non electric vehicles in electric vehicle marked parking stall.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Electric Car Charging Stations: A resident questioned if there are plans on making businesses conform to the building code of providing electric car charging stations and are there rules governing the charging stations. The questions will be referred to the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) for the next meeting.
2. Installation of Speed Barrier: A resident suggested the installation of a speed barrier on Moanalua Road near the Sears Distribution Center. The item will be referred the State Department of Transportation (DOT).
3. Conserving Water: A resident questioned how to encourage people to save water. Sakamoto noted to send suggestions to him and the BWS. Mattos of the BWS noted that there is a conservation section in the BWS currently looking at different conservation ideas.
4. Environmental Assessment: Chair Pro Tem Vina inquired about the Environmental Assessment for Waimano Home Road. Sakamoto noted that the assessment is not ready yet.

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara: A representative was not present; a written report was provided.

Senator David Ige: A representative was not present; a written report was not available.

Representative Roy Takumi: A representative was not present; a written report was not provided.

Representative Gregg Takayama: A representative was not present; a written report was not provided.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

- Gas Line Puncture: Gary Omori noted there was a gas line puncture that has been clamped. Due to the puncture, the right lane of Kamehameha Highway going west bound by Halawa Drive remains closed in the evening.
- Pipe Relocation: It was noted that the two (2) east bound lanes on Kamehameha Highway will be closed due to the relocation of the pipe. It was noted that traffic reporters have been notified.
- Mary Savio Medical Center: Peter Savio reported the garage at the Mary Savio Medical Plaza is expected to be completed by January 2014. Currently the doctors and employees are parking off site to accommodate parking for patients. Savio noted that he supports the removal of a few of the parking stalls along Kaahumanu Street near the entrance to Times. Chair Pro Tem Vina noted that on the ewa side of Kaahumanu Street fronting Hawaii National Bank, there are No Parking signs. Vina recommended a transit shuttle to the medical center from the transit stations in the future.
- Live, Work, Play Aiea Project: Alicia Maluafiti noted there will be a public hearing regarding the zone change from B-2 business to BMX mixed use for the former Kamehameha Drive In Theater on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at the Mission Memorial Conference Room.

BOARD BUSINESS: None.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 25, 2013, JULY 23, 2013, AND AUGUST 27, 2013 MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD: Due to lack of a quorum, the approval of the June 25, 2013, July 23, 2013, and August 27, 2013 Memorandums for the Record was deferred to the next meeting.

COMMUNITY/OTHER REPORTS: There were no reports at this time.

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chair Pro Tem Vina noted that due to the lack of quorum, there will be no board or committee reports at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Children and Youth Day: The 20th Annual Children and Youth Day will be held Sunday, October 6, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the State Capitol.
- Pearl City Neighborhood Board: Chair Pro Tem Vina reminded the community to sign in when attending the board meetings. Vina expressed the need of potential board members to fill the vacancies so the board can take action on future issues.
- Next Board Meeting: The next meeting of the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at Waiiau District Park.
- Broadcast – Meetings are broadcast on Olelo every second Wednesday on Channel 49 at 9:00 p.m.; and Channel 54 every first and third Friday at 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Submitted By: Catherine Edwards, Public Relations Assistant

Reviewed By: Nola Frank, Neighborhood Assistant I

Reviewed and Finalized By: Cruz Vina, Jr., Chair Pro Tem