



PEARL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 21

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014 WAIU DISTRICT PARK

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Pro Tem Cruz Vina, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. **Quorum was established with seven (7) members present.** Note – This 13-member Board requires seven (7) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Roger Clemente (Arrived at 7:10 p.m.), Sol Ray Duncan, Mitsuko Hayakawa, Miles Murakami, Myrtle Nyuha, Larry Veray, Cruz Vina, Jr., and Blake Yokotake.

Board Members Absent: Baybee Hufana-Ablan.

Vacancies: There are four (4) vacant at-large seats.

Guests: Gary Kurokawa (Mayor's Representative, Deputy Director, Department of Budget & Fiscal Services); Robert Sato (Councilmember Harimoto's Office staff); Sergeant Gary Pascual (Honolulu Police Department), Captain Michael Miyamoto (Honolulu Fire Department), Representative Gregg Takayama, Gary Omori (Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation, Keith Coronel, Chandell Asuncion, Eric Alexander, Bob Rod, Mae Frimmoore, Lori Nakamuri, and Catherine Proctor (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Pledge of Allegiance/Time Limit Policy and Procedures: Veray led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Vina, Jr. read the meeting policies and procedures, including the time limits.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Michael Miyamoto reported the following:

- **December 2013 / January 2014 Fire Statistics:** There were 6 structure fires, 3 rubbish fires, and 1 vehicle fire. There were 234 medical emergencies and 106 miscellaneous calls.
- **Fire Safety Tip: Electrical Safety:** Ensure that electrical work is performed by a qualified electrician. Ensure only one (1) heat-producing appliance is plugged into a receptacle outlet at a time. Plug major appliances directly into wall receptacle outlets. Do not run electrical cord across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use. Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets to avoid using extension cords. Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: **Gratitude:** Nyuha expressed gratitude to the HFD for keeping the community safe.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Sergeant Gary Pascual reported the following:

- **December 2013 / November 2013 Statistics:** There were 12 / 11 auto thefts, 11 / 21 burglaries, 48 / 60 thefts and 20 / 26 unauthorized entries of motor vehicles (UEMV) calls.
- **Crime Safety Tip: Pedestrian Safety Month:** It was noted to abide by the pedestrian signal lights when crossing. There is a fine of \$130 if you cross with the solid red light.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. **Mopeds on Pearl City Bike Trail:** Resident, Keith Coronel raised concern about the moped use on the Pearl City Bike Trail. Coronel noted that the occurrence is normally during the evening hours. Resident, Paul Yosuda, also noted that he has witnessed the mopeds in the early mornings also from Lehua to Blaisdell. Sergeant Pascual noted that HPD has quads that can be used on the bike path and will suggest more patrolling.
2. **Statistics of New Years Fireworks:** Veray questioned the statistics of incidents regarding illegal fireworks on New Years. Sergeant Pascual noted that there were about 27 to 37 citations. Veray noted that he noticed



there has been a decline in activity and was happy to see the enforcement. Veray raised concern about the City Council legalizing sparklers and smoke bombs in the future.

3. Graffiti: Duncan raised concern regarding the graffiti on Waimano Home Road above the library. It was noted that there have been two (2) occurrences in one (1) week. Sergeant Pascual noted that the HPD has continuously monitored for common taggers, but cannot cite them unless they are caught in the act.
4. Unruly Behavior: Duncan raised concern regarding the unruly behavior in the apartment complex behind his complex. Sergeant Pascual suggested calling HPD with the exact location.

CITY/STATE MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

- Position on Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO): The Mayor is open to GMO, supports labeling, and supports the proper use of pesticides. He wants to make sure that we use our agriculture lands efficiently and not let them go fallow.
- Elderly Affairs Division (EAD) Status: The Department of Community Services (DCS) would need more clarification to answer this question. Board member Clemente is welcome to call Gary Nakata, Acting Administrator for further information at 768-7761.
- Plans to Replace Old Sewers/Pipes in Pearl City: The Department of Environmental Services (ENV) has on-going programs for inspecting and assessing the condition of sewers, and rehabilitating and replacing sewers based on conditions found during the assessments. These programs are in accordance with the wastewater Consent Decree. Decisions on rehabilitation and replacement are not made on the basis of age alone, but also consider problem history, materials of construction, maintenance history, and other factors determined to be appropriate by the City based on sound engineering practice. The work is prioritized across the island-wide systems. The result of these programs is the occurrence of sewer system spills due to condition of the pipes has been greatly reduced.
- Speeding Along Hookiekie Street: Officer Makanani monitored speeding with a laser gun from December 11 – 13, 2013, each day there were only six (6) to 10 vehicles on Hookiekie Street. All vehicles were traveling between eight (8) to 27 miles per hour (mph). No citations were issued. Majority of the vehicles were for the State of Hawaii. This area belongs to the State.
- "No Left Turn" Sign on Waimano Home Road: The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) completed their investigation and found that left turns are permitted from the middle driveway of the Pearl City Shopping Center (PCSC) onto Waimano Home Road. According to DTS' records, left turns are only restricted from PCSC's mauka and makai driveways. DTS contacted the property management company of PCSC, and they concurred that the middle driveway is the only driveway where their patrons can turn left onto Waimano Home Road. The DTS will be issuing a work order to install an additional "No Left Turn" sign on the Kokohead side of PCSC's makai driveway to remind motorists of the left turn restriction.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Hookiekie Street: Nyuha noted that she is very interested in the topic of Hookiekie Street. It was also noted that the State owns the street and in 2008 the governor appropriated money for the improvement.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): A representative was not available, and a written report was not provided.

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

- Waipahu Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Plan Review: On January 16, 2014, the City Council's Zoning & Planning Committee held its first hearing on Resolution 13-5, the Waipahu Neighborhood TOD Plan. There will be a Community Informational Meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Waipahu Intermediate School Cafeteria. It was highly recommended for the Pearl City and Aiea communities to attend to see what to expect when the Aiea – Pearl City Neighborhood TOD Plan rolls out.

Governor Neil Abercrombie: David Sakamoto introduced himself and asked for more information from Nyuha regarding the Hookiekie Street issue.

- Hookiekie Street: Nyuha introduced resident, Bob Rod, who has raised the concern at the past Neighborhood Board meetings. Rod noted that this has been an on-going issue for a long time. The street is a popular area for the neighbors to walk in the mornings and evenings. It was noted that the area has turned into a drag racing strip at night. It was also noted that there is no speed signs, a wheelchair access with no crosswalk, and no police activity occurring along the street. The main concern is the safety of everyone.
- Update: The governor held his State of the State and noted that the state is in good financial standing.

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara: A representative was not available, and a written report was not provided.

Senator David Ige: A representative was not available, and a written report was not provided.

Representative Roy Takumi: Kelly Shitaraka provided a handout and reported:

- Legislative Session: Legislative Session just started and it should be exciting. This is the first time there is a Joint Majority Package since 2004. Out of the four (4) proposed bills, two (2) are related to the elderly, one (1) related to the climate change, and one (1) related to the fire ants.
- Legislative Workshop: Every Tuesday at 12:00 p.m. and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. constituents can learn about how a bill becomes law, how to submit testimony, tracking bills, how to navigate the legislative website, timesaving tips and more.
- Rail Station Design Community Informational Meeting #2: The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) will hold a community informational meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Highlands Intermediate School Cafeteria regarding the Kamehameha Highway Station Group: Pearl Highlands, Pearlridge, and Aloha Stadium stations.
- Aiea – Pearl City Town Hall Meeting: The Aiea – Pearl City elected officials are sponsoring the Aiea – Pearl City Town Hall meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2014 from 7:00 p.m to 8:30 p.m. at the Pearl Ridge Elementary School Cafeteria. The topic will be “Traffic & Transportation Issues.”

Without objections, the agenda was taken out of order to item IV.e.

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara: Senator Nishihara provided a newsletter and reported:

- SB 3506: The right to farm bill is supplementary to what is already within state law. The bill has not been heard yet, but will be sent to three (3) committees; Health, Agriculture, and Safety. The bill will be sent to Ways & Means after.
- Agriculture Summit: The Agriculture Chairs Summit was held in Oklahoma City, bringing in the agriculture chairs of the various states and Canada to discuss the issues facing them.
- Pesticide Regulation: There has been a lot of newsprint about the dangers of pesticides and the monitoring of them.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Pesticide in Dust: Hayakawa noted that her friend who lives on Maui recently had the dust on their property tested by the Department of Agriculture. The results showed that there were six (6) different restricted use pesticides in the dust. It was questioned how residents can protect themselves from these pesticides. Nishihara noted that the area in question is very windy. It was noted that the sugar companies use different herbicides.

Without objections, the agenda was returned to order resuming at item IV.h.

Representative Gregg Takayama: Representative Takayama provided a newsletter and reported:

- Kupuna Care: To provide needed services that will help feed, transport and assist seniors.
- Committee Appointment: Representative Takayama was appointed the Vice Chair of the House Transportation Committee.
- Hookiekie Street: The issue at hand has been going on for a couple decades now. It was noted that there are other “limbo” streets on the island. There is a proposed bill before the legislature that would allow either the City & County of Honolulu or the State to improve “limbo” roads without accepting full ownership of the road.
- Quote: Representative Takayama expressed gratitude to Veray for the quote that is on the back of the newsletter.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Hookiekie Street: Rod noted that he is aware of the bill regarding “limbo” streets. It was asked that the board and the residents be kept in the loop regarding this subject. Nyuha noted that this is a very important topic. Nyuha volunteered to be a member of the task force.

RESIDENTS’/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Hoolaulea Street: Paul Yosuda is concerned about the traffic on Hoolaulea Street. It was noted that there is also speeding along this road between Highlands Intermediate and Hoomalimali Street. It was suggested that speed

humps be installed. It was also noted that there is only one (1) crosswalk along Hoolaulea Street and it is by Highlands Intermediate. He noted the children are hesitant to cross when they are not close to the school.

Without objections, the agenda was taken out of order to item VI. b.

Honolulu Rail Project: Gary Omori noted that there will be overnight lane closure that will take place along Kamehameha Highway between Waimano Home Road and Kuala Street from Monday, January 27 to Friday, January 31, 2014 between 7:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. for utility relocation work. There will also be an overnight lane closure along Kamehameha Highway between Kuleana Road and Puu Poni Street near the HECO-Waiiau power plant from Monday, January 27 to Friday, January 31, 2014 between 7:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. for utility relocation work. It was also noted that there will be a station design presentation on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at Highlands Intermediate at 6:00 p.m.

Without objections, the agenda was returned to order resuming at item V.

Hawaiian Humane Society: Bonnie Oda shared education initiatives for the youth.

- Animal Hero Service Learning Training Class: This class will be held on Sunday, February 23, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Hawaiian Humane Society Classroom.
- "What the animals in my community need": The deadline to submit a video or essay is Monday, March 31, 2014. For more details visit Hawaiianhumane.org.
- Compassion and Responsibility Education Curriculum (CARE): There is a free curriculum that is available for character development.

Mom Hui: Hayakawa announced that Friday, January 31, 2014 there will be a presentation titled "Your Right to Know" that will be held at Pearl City Highlands Elementary School from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Monkey Pod Tree: George Myer who lives on Kuleana Road and Kamehameha Highway noted that there is a monkey pod tree that people are assuming is his. He questioned who he should get in touch with to inform about the overhanging branches. It was noted that he called multiple times to the Department of Horticulure.

BOARD BUSINESS: None.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 26, 2013 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: **The November 26, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes were APPROVED AS CIRCULATED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 8-0-0 (Ayes: Clemente, Duncan, Hayakawa, Murakami, Nyuha, Veray, Vina, Jr., and Yokotake).**

COMMUNITY/OTHER REPORTS:

Pearl City Library: Vickie Bowie, Manager of the Pearl City Library, reported:

- Netbook Loaner Program: You can borrow a netbook computer from the library for 21 days for free. If interested call the library to be added to the waitlist.
- Online Magazine Services: You can access and borrow magazines online.
- Mobile App: There is a free app available to monitor ones library account.
- Tax Forms: The State and Federal forms are in.
- Construction: The library will have two (2) upcoming construction projects starting in July sometime. There will be closures during the re-roofing and re-flooring of the library.

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Murakami reported expenditures of \$13.45 for printing and postage, leaving a balance of \$354.26. The report was filed.

Executive Report: Veray noted there were five (5) Pearl City Neighborhood Board meetings after the elections that did not have quorum. Veray suggested that the board reduce the seats from 13 board members to nine (9).

Discussion that followed:

1. Nyuha noted that she returned to the board to help maintain board quorum. It was noted that Pearl City is a booming community and dropping from 13 to nine (9) members would help.
2. Duncan noted in support of Veray. The board needs to maintain quorum to get business done.

3. Murakami noted that he agrees to a point about the nine (9) members but questioned if nine (9) will adequately represent the numbers in the community.
4. Yokotake agrees in reducing the number of seats, but wants to know if going from 13 members to nine (9) is a big jump.

Chair Vina, Jr. will add the topic to the February agenda. Chair informed that he will follow up with the Neighborhood Commission Office for advice. It was noted that there is currently no representative from the Pacific Palisades area.

Executive Committee Assignments: Chair Vina, Jr. opened up nominations for the committee chairs.

- Legislative & Capital Improvement (LCIP): **Nyuha moved and Yokotake seconded nominating Miles Murakami for Chair of the LCIP.** There being no other nominations, nominations were closed. **Murakami was elected Chair of the LCIP by ACCLAMATION 8-0-0 (Ayes: Clemente, Duncan, Hayakawa, Murakami, Nyuha, Veray, Vina, Jr., and Yokotake).**

Chair Vina, Jr. relinquished the gavel to Veray.

- Traffic & Transportation (T&T): **Murakami moved and Yokotake seconded nominating Vina Cruz, Jr. for Chair of the T&T.** There being no other nominations, nominations were closed. **Cruz, Jr. was elected Chair of the T&T by ACCLAMATION 8-0-0 (Ayes: Clemente, Duncan, Hayakawa, Murakami, Nyuha, Veray, Vina, Jr., and Yokotake).**

Veray relinquished the gavel back to Vina, Jr.

- Development Planning & Zone (DPZ): **Murakami moved and Veray seconded nominating Blake Yokotake for Chair of the DPZ.** There being no other nominations, nominations were closed. **Yokotake was elected Chair of the DPZ by ACCLAMATION 8-0-0 (Ayes: Clemente, Duncan, Hayakawa, Murakami, Nyuha, Veray, Vina, Jr., and Yokotake).**
- Health, Education and Welfare (HEW): **Veray moved and Yokotake seconded nominating Myrtle Nyuha for Chair of the HEW.** There being no other nominations, nominations were closed. **Nyuha was elected Chair of the HEW by ACCLAMATION 8-0-0 (Ayes: Clemente, Duncan, Hayakawa, Murakami, Nyuha, Veray, Vina, Jr., and Yokotake).**
- Publicity (P/R): Due to the absence of Hufana-Ablan, the appointment will be deferred to the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Board Meeting: The next meeting of the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 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 9:35 p.m

Submitted By: Catherine Proctor, Public Relations Assistant

Reviewed By: Nola Frank, Neighborhood Assistant I; Reviewed and Finalized By: Cruz Vina, Jr., Chair