



PEARL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 21

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2014 WAI'AU DISTRICT PARK

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Cruz Vina, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with **seven (7) members present**.
Note: This 11-member Board requires six (6) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Roger Clemente, Sol Ray Duncan, Mitsuko Hayakawa, Baybee Hufana-Ablan, Myrtle Nyuha, Larry Veray, and Cruz Vina, Jr.

Board Members Absent: Miles Murakami, Kelsey Poaha, and Blake Yokotake.

Vacancies: One (1) At-large seat.

Guests: Captain Andrew Cannon (Honolulu Fire Department), Sergeant Gary Pascual (Honolulu Police Department), Gary Kurokawa (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative), Robert Sato (Councilmember Breene Harimoto's Office staff), Senator Clarence Nishihara, Keoni Mattos (Board of Water Supply), Kimo Carvalho (Institute for Human Services), Liz Tang, Scott Ishikawa, and Alyssa Tenorio (Kiewit), Sheri Rolf (Pearl City Christmas Parade), Pua Kaninau-Santos (Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center), Steve Blotake (Benchmark), Christopher Dotson, Jack James, Renalyn Ugay, Robert Helsham, LuAnn Poti, Maloury Mendoza, Jaci Agustin, David Jones (Videographer), and Neil Baarde (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Pledge of Allegiance/Time Limit Policy and Procedures: Veray led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Vina read the meeting policies and procedures, and time limits. Guests were reminded to sign the guest list on the back table.

FILLING OF ONE (1) VACANT BOARD AT-LARGE SEAT: There was no person present interested in filling the At-large vacancy. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain Andrew Cannon reported the following:

- **August 2014 Fire Statistics:** There was 1 structure, 2 rubbish, and 1 vehicle fires. There were 115 medical responses and 2 search and rescue calls.
- **Fire Safety Tip:** Fire Prevention Week (FPW) has its roots in the Great Chicago Fire of October 8-10, 1871. The Fire Marshals Association of North America decided the anniversary should be observed nationally to inform the public about the importance of fire prevention.

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

- **August 2014 Crime Statistics:** There were 19 motor vehicle thefts, 9 burglaries, 52 thefts, and 22 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV).
- **Crime Safety Tip:** Do not leave valuables in plain sight in a parked vehicle.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. **UEMVs** – Hayakawa asked if there are certain areas where cars are broken into more often. Sergeant Pascual responded that in the Pearl City area it is near the Pearlridge Shopping Center. Hufana-Ablan commented that UEMVs do not only occur at the Pearlridge Shopping Center. Hufana-Ablan commented that her brother's car was stolen outside of her home. Hufana-Ablan informed the community to let their neighbors know when they are leaving so someone can be vigilant of the others' house.
2. **Domestic Violence** – Hayakawa asked what HPD is doing to make women feel safer. Sergeant Pascual responded that HPD does take domestic violence seriously and has policies. Sergeant Pascual noted that HPD will act on the situation if a domestic violence case occurs.

CITY/STATE MONTHLY REPORTS:



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

- Sewers – Regarding the sewer manhole and pipe rehabilitation at various locations near the Pearl City junction box, the project went out to bid using current construction funds and the bid opening date will be March 31, 2015.
- Parks – The Manana Neighborhood Park re-roofing of the comfort station, swimming pool office, and the pump room projects have gone to bid using current construction funds and the bid opening date will be April 1, 2015.
- Announcements – The Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) would like to remind the community that Monday, October 6, 2014 is the last day to register to vote for the November 2014 General Election. Everyone is encouraged to register by visiting: honoluluelections.org.
- Restriction Signs Follow Up – The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) and The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) have worked with Highlands Intermediate School's Administration to change the hours on the applicable signs in the area.
- Left Turn Restriction Sign Follow Up – DTS will conduct an investigation regarding the signage in the vicinity of Moanalua High School. The Board will be informed of the status of its investigation by the end of 2014.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Thanks – Hayakawa expressed her thanks for Kurokawa addressing the issue right away and noted that the signs have been changed.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Keoni Mattos reported the following:

- Water Main Breaks: There was one (1) water main break on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 on Hoohaku Street. Mattos noted that another main break occurred on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 on Komo Mai Drive and commented that crews have been sent to the break and will have the roads open by night time.
- Water Meter Maintenance – BWS is responsible for maintaining and repairing its facilities, water mains, the meter boxes, and the water meter. Customers are responsible for the water delivered after the meter is delivered into the home or business. It is important that property owners make sure pipes and water fixtures on their property is well maintained. If there is a leak in the water meter or the need to shut off water service for any reason, please do not attempt to repair or modify the meter box, instead, call BWS at 748-5000 and a BWS troubleshooter will be dispatched to assist.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Verizon Tower – Robert Helsham asked if Mattos was familiar with the Verizon tower on Piki Street, and asked if Mattos has any updates on the tower. Mattos responded that he is not too familiar with the tower but will follow up.
2. Impact of the Water Main Breaks – Veray asked if any residents were impacted by the two (2) water main breaks. Mattos responded that traffic was definitely affected and noted that 16 residents from Pacific Palisades had no water during repairs of the breaks.
3. Pacific Palisades – Veray asked if a vulnerability study has been done for Komo Mai Drive. Mattos responded that he is not sure there was a specific study, but BWS always works with the City to alleviate traffic during projects and studies. Veray commented that the point he was trying to make is that Pacific Palisades needs an emergency access road.

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative: No representative was present. No report was provided.

Chair Vina took the agenda out of order to Senator Clarence Nishihara.

Duncan commented that Chair Vina had skipped over Councilmember Breene Harimoto.

Senator Clarence Nishihara: Senator Clarence Nishihara circulated his written report and highlighted the following:

- Hurricane Iselle Damage – On Wednesday, September 3, 2014, Senator Nishihara toured farms and businesses on the Big Island of Hawaii that were affected by the strong winds and rain of Hurricane Iselle. Senator Nishihara assessed the damage to papaya and anthurium farms, both major players in the economy of the Big Island.
- Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) – Senator Nishihara noted that crop insurance and acceptance of GMO papaya's in Japan. Senator Nishihara commented that the problem is that the wholesalers are afraid to bring in GMO crops because of the losses that could occur if people do not buy the GMO produce. Senator Nishihara noted that availability is also a major issue.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Non-GMOs – Hayakawa asked if the University of Hawaii, Manoa, received a grant to grow non-GMO, and hopes that the State can go non-GMO. Senator Nishihara responded that research is being done and noted that it is possible that the State can go non-GMO. Papaya growers are concerned about not enough seeds for replanting.

Chair Vina resumed the order of the agenda.

Councilmember Breene Harimoto – Robert Sato distributed Councilmember Harimoto's newsletter and reported the following:

- Revolution Conference – Sato noted that Councilmember Harimoto apologizes for not being present, but he is at a revolution conference in Minnesota.
- Verizon Tower – Sato noted that the Verizon tower was being considered by BWS but the Aiea Neighborhood Board opposed to suggestions. Ernie Lau had called Councilmember Harimoto to inform him that BWS will not be putting up the Verizon tower.
- Community Meeting on Crime – There will be a Pearl City Community meeting on crime on Monday, October 6, 2014 at the Momilani Community Center at 7:00 p.m. HPD will present statistics, the Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW), and what HPD does on a routine day on duty. Sato noted that if there any questions on crime, call 768-5008 for more information.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Community Meeting – Chair Vina noted that he will be at the meeting.

Senator David Ige: No representative was present. No report was provided.

Representative Roy Takumi: No representative was present. No report was provided.

Representative Gregg Takayama: No representative was present. No report was provided.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Pearl City Christmas Parade – Sheri Rolf announced that there will be a Pearl City Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 7, 2014. Rolf noted that the parade will start at Momilani and will go through Pearl City Shopping Center and will finish behind the Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf. Rolf commented that there will be an awards ceremony in front of American Savings Bank.

Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center – Pua Kaninau-Santos announced that the Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center serves children and provides services to the Pearl City community. Kaninau-Santos commented that suicide is a big issue and noted that every other day there is at least one (1) person that commits suicide. The public can contact the Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center for more information. A contact number was not provided.

BOARD BUSINESS:

Institute for Human Services (IHS) – Kimo Carvalho announced that IHS is Oahu's largest homeless center and noted that IHS is a non-profit organization that is only on Oahu. IHS does not just serve food and provide shelter, but also provides services that could help the patients. Carvalho commented that the Housing First Initiative only address the chronic homeless. IHS tests their patients, houses them, and then it finds a way to treat the homeless. Carvalho noted that IHS is like a multi-service center that is complex and serves about 900 meals a day. Carvalho commented that IHS has been running at 55% capacity. There is also a homeless outreach where the homeless are being helped on the streets because they do not want to stay in IHS housing. Carvalho noted that there are two (2) clinics on site where the homeless can go get help and the clinics will hold their file just in case the homeless would like to follow up on their records with the clinic. Carvalho noted that IHS sees the homeless as community development problems, instead of just as chronic homeless.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. State Assistance – Jaci Agustin commented that she believes the homeless issue is solvable and asked if anything is being done at the State level to help IHS. Carvalho responded that IHS' current strategy is to manage the partners and see how the numbers have impacted their services. Carvalho noted that IHS is coordinating with the Administration to find or figure out a better solution.

2. Funds – Jack James asked how the IHS programs are funded. Carvalho responded that IHS receives grants by the Federal government, the City, and that covers roughly 70% of the funds. The other 30% is by fundraising and donations.
3. Turnaround Rates – Helsham asked how many patients are housed and what IHS' turnaround rate is. Carvalho responded that there is no definitive answer because IHS is a non-profit, but the housing programs usually hold about 150-250 a month. Helsham asked if IHS is limited to two (2) facilities. Carvalho responded that there are two (2) emergency shelters, but not all the homeless needs to be housed. The Veterans home has 18 individuals and Carvalho noted that IHS serves more during their outreach than they do at IHS, but still have a retention rate of roughly 90%.
4. Career Criminals – Veray asked how IHS handles career criminals. Carvalho responded that IHS looks for ways to intercept the homeless and try methods of behavior modifications because they would already be used to a system. The chronically ill are the ones who needs rules to fall into a pattern. Carvalho commented that he is interested in having some coordination with HPD and the City.
5. Locations – Veray asked if IHS had thought of improving their operation by moving locations. Carvalho noted that the Rail will pass near IHS and their current lease is only \$1 a year, so it would not be in IHS' best interest to move. Carvalho commented that transportation from Pearl City to IHS will be an issue that IHS will discuss with Councilmembers and Legislators. Carvalho noted that IHS has partnered with eight (8) different agencies for services that are not in a shelter setting.

Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) Kamehameha Highway Project Update – Scott Ishikawa, Liz Tang, and Alyssa Tenorio reported the following:

- Anniversary – Ishikawa commented that HART celebrated their one (1) year anniversary since resuming construction.
- Station Contracts – The stations contracts bids were over budget. Now, the nine (9) stations have been divided into three (3) small contracts. Ishikawa commented that HART is trying to finish on time and hopes that at least half can be opened by 2018.
- Kamehameha Highway – Tang apologized for the continuous work on Kamehameha Highway and thanked the community for its patience.
- Traffic Update Acacia Road to Kuleana Road – New work started on the makai side of Kamehameha Highway near Public Storage for a new bus stop and sidewalk, as part of the roadway widening work. Currently, ongoing work during the day includes overhead utility lines and heavy rock removal near Waiiau Power Plant. Crews are relocating utility lines at night along Kamehameha Highway between Acacia Road and Kuleana Road from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. The majority of the utility lines between the cross streets will be completed by the end of the year.
- Traffic Update Lipoa Place to Pali Momi Street – In front of Pearl Kai Shopping Center, the last test shaft was drilled in the median. The inside eastbound lane will continue to be closed as this work zone will be used to store equipment and materials for current operations in the Aiea area.
- Traffic Update Pali Momi Street to Honomanu Street – Crews started relocating a new water line located on the eastbound side of the highway. The estimated duration for this work is approximately six (6) months. Work will be done at night from 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. and will require eastbound traffic to be crossed over to the westbound side of Kamehameha Highway. For those that live in close proximity to the highway, expect noise levels to increase during potholing, saw cutting, and excavation.
- Traffic Update Honomanu Street to Salt Lake Boulevard – Crews will be finishing roadway widening work during the day from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and at night from 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. the next construction phase will be relocating utility lines in this area into 2015.

Chair Vina relinquished the gavel to Vice Chair Veray.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Responsibility – Jaci Agustin asked if HART was responsible for cutting down the two (2) monkey pod trees, and asked if the public was notified. Chair Vina asked Ishikawa if he could respond to Agustin's question. Chair Vina commented that Pat Lee had emailed Chair Vina regarding the issue and presented a powerpoint presentation with pictures. Chair Vina noted that the trees that were cut down will be used for furniture and other necessities. Ishikawa commented that the public was notified and HART has made an agreement that if they were to remove trees, they will be replaced in other areas. Ishikawa noted that if HART can maintain and trim correctly, they can build right over the trees without any interruptions.

Vice Chair Veray relinquished the gavel back to Chair Vina.

2. Aloha Stadium – Veray raised a concern about Aloha Stadium around 3:00 p.m. because the safety cones are still up. Veray asked Tang and Tenorio to talk to management about the cones and the shipyard workers.
3. Kamehameha Highway – Veray raised a concern about Kamehameha Highway at night when families go out for fast food. Veray noted that Kiewit had taken away two (2) important U-turns. Veray asked if Kiewit can establish at least one (1) turn by the Jack in the Box or by the Power Plant, instead of having motorists driving almost a mile away just to make a U-turn.
4. Road Conditions – Veray raised a concern about Kiewit informing the community about current road conditions. Ishikawa responded that currently there is track work going on to place the columns. Ishikawa noted that they do not want to dig up the road, pave the road, and then dig up the road again. Ishikawa commented that Kiewit is trying to do everything all at once, and noted that in 2016 when the portion is finished, the first set of repaving will occur. Tang commented that a U-turn by the Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) will be opened soon. Chair Vina noted that he attends Kiewit's meetings and commented that hopefully the solution can be expedited.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 26, 2014 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: By UNANIMOUS CONSENT, the August 26, 2014 regular meeting minutes were ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0 (Aye: Clemente, Duncan, Hayakawa, Hufana-Ablan, Nyuha, Veray, and Vina).

COMMUNITY/OTHER REPORTS:

Pearl City Library – No representative was present. No report was available.

Pearl City Foundation – No representative was present. No report was available.

Pearl City Community Association – No representative was present. No report was available.

Manana Community Association – No representative was present. No report was available.

Momilani Community Association – No representative was present. No report was available.

Pacific Palisades Community Association – No representative was present. No report was available.

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Hufana-Ablan reported that the Board has spent \$14.48 for the month of August 2014, leaving a remaining balance of \$380.98. The treasurer's report was filed.

Executive Report – No report.

Legislative and Capital Improvement Programs (LCIP) – No report.

Traffic & Transportation (T&T) – Chair Vina attended the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) meeting and noted that the City could lose \$12 million in transportation funds. Chair Vina commented that OahuMPO controls how the money is spent.

Development Plan and Zoning (DPZ) – No report.

Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) – Nyuha reported that at the next meeting the issues that will be discussed will be excessive noise and the awards committee.

Community Relations and Publicity (CR/P) – No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Pearl City Community Meeting on Crime: There will be a community meeting on crime Monday, October 6, 2014 at the Momilani Community Center at 7:00 p.m.
- Keiki ID: Keiki are welcome to come and get Identification Cards (ID) at the McDonald's at Pearl Kai on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- Next Regular Board Meeting: The next meeting of the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014, Waiau District Park at 7:00 p.m.
- Broadcasts: The Pearl City Neighborhood Board meetings broadcasts are shown on `Olelo Channel 49 the second Saturday of each month at 6:00 p.m.; and the first and third Friday at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Submitted by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed by: K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant;
Final review by: Cruz Vina, Jr., Chair

Resolution to Support Pearl City High School Application to Department of Transportation Services (DTS) for the School's "Homecoming Parade" Permit

WHEREAS, an application from the Pearl City High Student Government to the Honolulu Department of Transportation Services (DTS) for a permit to allow to have a "Homecoming Parade"; and

WHEREAS, this parade will ensure that the Pearl City Community supports the Pearl City High School for this event; and

WHEREAS, this parade was held on September 20, 2013 under permit #3855; with great success; an

WHEREAS, the application now requires approval/concurrence from the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21, approves and support the application for a parade by the Pearl City High School Student Government "Homecoming Parade" on October 3, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the city and state agencies and community groups, Department of Transportation Services, Department of Planning and Permitting, Honolulu Police Department (District #3), Department of Education (Leeward District), for use of Pacheco Park parking lot, Pearl City Community Association, Manana Community Association, Momilani Community Association and Pacific Palisades Community Association.

Adopted by the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 at its regular meeting of August 26, 2014 by a vote of 9-0-0.