



PEARL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 21

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2014 WAI'AU DISTRICT PARK

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Cruz Vina, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:01 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: Sol Ray Duncan, Mitsuko Hayakawa, Baybee Hufana-Ablan, Myrtle Nyuha, Kelsey Poaha, LuAnn Poti (appointed at this meeting), Larry Veray, Cruz Vina, Jr., and Blake Yokotake.

Board Members Absent: Roger Clemente and Miles Murakami.

Guests: Captain Michael Miyamoto (Honolulu Fire Department), Sergeant Gary Pascual and Lieutenant Stacey Kapeliela (Honolulu Police Department), Representative Gregg Takayama, Senator Breene Harimoto and Robert Sato (Senator Breene Harimoto's Office staff), Senator Clarence Nishihara, Councilmember Brandon Elefante, Vicky Bowie Kapua Ruiz, Irmgard Pickard (Pearl City Library), Cyndy Aylett (Department of Environmental Services), Carolyn Unser and Wren Wescoatt (First Wind), Steve Blotzke (Benchmark), Kathleen Yoda, LuAnn Poti, Jaci Agustin, Maloury Mendoza, Devin Rutkowski, Nelson Moriwaki, Sam Kong, David Jones (Videographer), and Neil Baarde (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Pledge of Allegiance/Time Limit Policy and Procedures: Duncan 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.

Three (3) Absence Letter – Blake Yokotake: Yokotake explained his three (3) absences and noted that he would like to retain his seat on the Board. Chair Vina called for discussion. Chair Vina called for the vote.

Nyuha moved and Veray seconded that the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 allow Yokotake to retain his seat on the Board. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 7-0-0 (AYE: Duncan, Hayakawa, Hufana-Ablan, Nyuha, Poaha, Veray, and Cruz).

Without objection, Chair Vina took the agenda out of order to VIII. iii. Certificate of Appreciation.

Certificate of Appreciation to James "Kimo" Pickard and Irmgard Pickard – Hufana-Ablan introduced Mrs. Irmgard Pickard and presented her a certificate for her 50 years of service to the State Library. Hufana-Ablan also presented her a certificate for James "Kimo" Pickard, for appreciation of his service to the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21.

Chair Vina resumed the order of the agenda.

FILLING OF ONE (1) VACANT BOARD AT-LARGE SEAT: Jaci Agustin volunteered to fill the vacancy on the Board, but did not fit the residency requirement. LuAnn Poti volunteered to fill the vacancy. Neighborhood Assistant Baarde verified Poti's address. Veray nominated Poti to fill the vacancy. No discussion. Chair Vina called for the vote **The Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED Poti to fill the vacancy, 8-0-0 (AYE: Duncan, Hayakawa, Hufana-Ablan, Nyuha, Poaha, Veray, Vina, and Yokotake).**

Neighborhood Assistant Baarde administered the Oath of Office.; Nine (9) members present.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

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

- **October 2014 Fire Statistics –** There were 2 structure and 1 rubbish fires. There were 114 medical responses and 37 miscellaneous calls for service.
- **Fire Safety Tip –** HFD encourages every family to take the necessary steps to prepare for a natural disaster. Prepare a survival kit and know the location of the nearest shelter. Additional information and answers can be found on the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Emergency Management's (DEM) website at www.honolulu.gov/dem.



- Christmas Tree Safety Tip – Consider a fire-resistant artificial tree this holiday season. If a natural tree is purchased, select one that is as fresh as possible and keep it hydrated away from heat sources in the home. Use noncombustible materials for decorations. Choose only Underwriter's Laboratory-approved electrical decorations and follow the manufacturer's instructions for installation. Do not overload extension cords.

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

- Watch Commander – Sergeant Pascual introduced Lieutenant Stacey Kapeliela and noted that he is the watch commander for the district.
- October 2014 Crime Statistics – There were 23 motor vehicle thefts, 26 burglaries, 63 thefts, and 24 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV). There were 6,181 total calls for service.
- Safety Tip of the Month – Do not leave valuables on the seat of a vehicle. This creates a temptation for thieves. If necessary, put valuables in the trunk of the vehicle prior to parking the vehicle.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: New Year's Eve – Veray asked what HPD is doing to prepare for New Year's Eve. Lieutenant Kapeliela responded that with some guidance, HPD will be patrolling the road a little more. Lieutenant Kapeliela noted that HPD will do their best to alleviate the use of illegal fireworks, and commented that HPD will double the amount of officers on each watch. Veray commented that there are more illegal fireworks that are able to take out a city block. Lieutenant Kapeliela noted that HPD is asking for the community's help and commented that HPD needs tips. Homemade fireworks are the bigger danger. Lieutenant Kapeliela noted that HPD will do their best and reminded the community to call 911 if they see something dangerous.

RESIDENTS/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) Signs – Jaci Agustin raised a concern about an old and faded sign on Myrtle Street. The sign needs to be upheld and prominent in order to deter crime. Chair Vina suggested contacting HPD and reminded the community that a Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) needs to have at least 12 members and noted that a NSW member does not take action, they are only to observe and report.

Without objection, Chair Vina took the agenda out of order to City/State Monthly Reports.

CITY/STATE MONTHLY REPORTS

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

- Affordable Housing – Affordable Housing is on top of Mayor Caldwell's priority list. The biggest issue is zoning. More information can be found online at www.honoluluodpp.org.
- Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Symposium – On Saturday, November 22, 2014 Senator Harimoto and Councilmember Elefante both attended the TOD Symposium. The Symposium presented a plan for a safer and better area to get patrons to the transit center safely. More information can be found at TODHonolulu.com.
- Road Repairs – 280 – 300 lane miles of the City's Road Repair Plan has been completed.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Handi-Vans – Duncan raised a concern about the new Handi-Van reservation system. Kurokawa responded that he has noticed a lot of delays and noted that they are working on a new system.
2. Affordable Housing – Veray raised a concern about the affordability of the homes. Veray noted that he would like to see the Neighborhood Boards involved in the housing situation. Kurokawa noted Veray's concern and responded that he will follow up.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): No representative was present; no report was provided.

Councilmember Brandon Elefante – Councilmember Elefante reported that he will bring his staff to the January 2015 meeting to make formal introductions. Councilmember Elefante wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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

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

- Farewell – The State Senate said farewell to two (2) of their members who have served with distinction over the years.
- Pacific Marine's 70th Anniversary – Senator Nishihara and his colleagues were present to join the Pacific Marine President Steve Loui, in celebrating the 70th anniversary of the company. Governor Abercrombie was also present and presented a certificate honoring the company.
- 2015-2016 Leadership and Committee Assignments – Senator Nishihara was chosen to Chair the Transportation Committee, where Senator Harimoto will serve as the Vice Chair.
- Senate is Hiring – Senator Nishihara noted that the Hawaii State Senate is accepting job applications for the upcoming 2015 legislative session. More information can be found at www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sjobs.aspx.
- Senator Nishihara wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy Hanukkah.

Senator Breene Harimoto: Senator Breene Harimoto reported the following:

- Assigned Committees – Senator Harimoto noted that he is looking forward to being involved with the Transportation Committee and Vice Chair of the Education Committee. Senator Harimoto invites everyone to his office for light refreshments at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2015.
- Shigeo Ushiro Manana Community Park Dedication Ceremony – On Wednesday, October 29, 2014 the office of then-Councilmember Harimoto, The City's Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), community members, and family and friends of Shigeo Ushiro held a ceremony commemorating the renaming of Manana Neighborhood Park to the "Shigeo Ushiro Manana Neighborhood Park" and dedication of a bronze plaque with the park's new name.
- Navy Red Hill Fuel Storage Spill – The task force is continuing to monitor the situation and is anticipated to finalize and submit the report by December 2014.
- Senator Harimoto wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

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

Representative Gregg Takayama: Representative Takayama reported the following:

- Representative Sam Kong – Representative Takayama introduced Representative Sam Kong and noted that Representative Kong would like to be added to the agenda to give monthly reports.
- Leeward District Teacher of the Year – Momilani Elementary School teacher Ms. Masaru Uchino, won the Leeward District Teacher of the Year award. She is a 3rd grade teacher and is known for her outstanding work with the students.
- New Assignment – Both the State and the House has rearranged their assignments and Representative Takayama was assigned Chair of the House and the Public Safety Committee.
- Correctional System – The correctional system has a large plate of issues that the Senate and House will try to correct.
- Community Project – Johnelle Chon and her son Chaesten, had asked Chair Vina to help find community projects. Chair Vina referred them to Representative Takayama. Chaesten Chon had cleaned the overpasses by Moanalua Road. Chon asked the City if he can regularly paint over the graffiti in the area. Chon obtained a donation of paint from the City to continue the clean-up project.
- Representative Takayama welcomed everyone to stop by his office at room 234 and wished everyone happy holidays.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Kupuna Caucus – Kapua Ruiz asked if Representative Takayama is still on the Kupuna Caucus. Representative Takayama responded that he will still be on the Kupuna Caucus as well as being the House Chair and member.
2. Community Project – Nyuha suggested that the Board recognizes Chaesten Chon for his outstanding community service. Representative Takayama noted that he will send Nyuha Chon's contact information.
3. Kuleana Road – Chair Vina thanked Representative Takayama for helping him preventing potential home damage by cutting the tree on Kuleana Street.

BOARD BUSINESS

Public Infrastructure Map with Warehouse Facility in Pearl City – Cyndy Aylett reported that the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) is looking in Pearl City for a warehouse. Aylett noted that ENV is trying to control the cost and commented that no chemicals will be stored in the warehouse, only mechanical parts. Aylett assured the

Board and the community that they will not make daily runs and it should not have an impact on traffic. The warehouse is located at 96-1353 Waihona Street. The warehouse is a straight shot from the highway and will not disrupt any of the neighborhoods.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Warehouse Area – Nyuha asked and Aylett responded that the warehouse is in an industrial area. Nyuha asked if the other warehouses were occupied and if DPP had given notice to the neighboring community members. Aylett responded that she is unsure if the other warehouses were being occupied, but a notice had been given to the neighboring community members.

First Wind Solar Project – Wren Westcoatt presented the Solar Farm Project and highlighted that a utility scale will be managed by a grid by the Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO). These projects consist of 35 megawatts of utility scale solar and over the next 20 years the photovoltaic panel should save roughly \$100 million, if the project is completed by 2016. It also helps reduce fossil fuel use and will keep greenhouse emission out of the atmosphere. The 20 megawatt project will connect to the Oahu Grid and will consist of 2000 homes and tends to connect to where the load is, so it does not affect those who are not using much electricity. First Wind does a lot of work with student groups and outreach programs to get good ideas from the community.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) – Veray noted that the project is a good idea, and asked how the megawatts gets distributed. Westcoatt responded that First Wind does not sell to individual residents but they sell the electricity to HECO. HECO finalizes the purchase contract and it is usually under 14 cents. Veray asked if HECO has made any commitments. Westcoatt responded yes and noted that HECO has to pass on direct to rate payer. Westcoatt noted that the people should see a decrease in numbers. Veray noted that currently, nothing is being done and that the Neighborhood Board will hold HECO responsible.
2. Solar Production – Poti asked what the 295,000 megawatt per hour slide meant. Westcoatt responded that it is the number of solar production.
3. Tax Credit Line Item – Poti noted that Westcoatt mentioned a 35% tax credit and asked if First Wind anticipates that tax credit line item. Westcoatt responded that it is not a line item, but HECO needs to be provided for the cost of the project and of the profits made. HECO has lowered their price and have calculated it into the price.

Chair Vina relinquished the gavel to Hufana-Ablan.

4. Hurricane Iniki – Chair Vina noted that during Hurricane Iniki, the island completely lost power and had to rely on the Waialua Sugar Company and in order to generate steam they had to cool down the fuel to ignite 10,000 generators and with solar there is no need for anything like that. A KHON reporter had asked if HECO has the power to operate the Rail, HECO responded that from Kapolei to Ala Moana they cannot handle. Chair Vina noted that his concern is that a system is needed to lock up the power and asked if photovoltaic systems will affect HECO. Westcoatt responded that there are no ties to HECO and believes that First Wind is a good step towards making Honolulu energy and self-sufficient.

Hufana-Ablan relieved the gavel back to Chair Vina.

Yokotake read a resolution to support First Wind. Discussion followed: Duncan noted that he will support the resolution because it will give a new clean, renewable source of energy and to reduce the dependency of fossil fuels. Chair Vina called for the vote.

The Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 UNANIMOUSLY voted to support the First Wind Solar Project. 8,0,0 (AYE: Duncan, Hayakawa, Hufana-Ablan, Nyuha, Poaha, Veray, Vina, and Yokotake).

Chair Vina took the agenda out of order to the Approval of the October 28, 2014 regular meeting minutes.

Approval of the October 28, 2014 regular meeting minutes – **Hufana-Ablan moved and Veray seconded that the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 adopt the October 28, 2014 regular meeting minutes as amended. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, 8-0-0. (AYE: Duncan, Hayakawa, Hufana-Ablan, Nyuha, Poaha, Veray, Vina, and Yokotake).**

Amendments follows:

1. Page 1 – Replace Zaan with Zahn.
2. Page 4 – Executive Report – Understanding – replace “amendments from the Board” with “adopted by the Board.”

3. Page 4 – Executive Report – Understanding – replace “she was not given a chance to speak up” with “requested to have NCO memos on the agenda.”
4. Page 4 – Executive Report – Understanding – replace “no notice” with “approval by the Board.”

Chair Vina resumed the order of the agenda.

COMMUNITY/OTHER REPORTS:

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

Pearl City Library – The Branch Manager, Vicky Bowie, reported the following:

- Renovations – The library is undergoing renovations and will be closed starting Monday, December 15, 2014. All the details have not been worked out yet but the closure may last around four (4) months. The library is getting a re-roofing, a re-flooring, and have other miscellaneous improvements. The Pearl City Library apologizes for the inconvenience.
- Bookdrop – The library bookdrop will be closed during renovations and the library is asking patrons not to leave materials outside by the doors as they can be damaged and or stolen. If there are any requests for pickups, please change the pickup to another library.

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer’s Report: Poaha reported that the remaining balance is \$328.31. The Treasurer’s Report was filed.

Executive Report – Chair Vina noted that he was not able to attend the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Symposium or the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) meeting due to a bad cold.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Moanalua High School – The first annual Hawaii School Improvement Fair will be at Moanalua High School on Friday, November 28, 2014 and Saturday, November 29, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Local Christmas Parades – Pearl City, Waipahu, and Ewa will have Christmas parades. Chair Vina asked the community to be safe and watch out for children.
- Board Recess – The Board will recess in December 2014.
- Next Regular Board Meeting – The next meeting of the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 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 8:37 p.m.

Submitted by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed by: Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant;
Final review by: Cruz Vina, Jr., Chair

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FIRST WIND GROUP'S
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A
PLANNED SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY IN PEARL CITY
AND WAIAWA

WHEREAS, increasing local renewable energy productions greatly benefits Hawaii's economy, energy sustainability, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, utility-scale solar energy facilities can generate clean energy at significantly lower cost and with less environmental impact than conventional generation; and

WHEREAS, First Wind Solar Group has executed a purchase power agreement with Hawaiian electric to develop a 20-megawatt utility-scale solar energy generation facility known as "Mililani South Solar I: and

WHEREAS, First Wind Solar Group has also been selected by HECO to develop two (2) other solar energy projects near Mililani, including the 15-megawatt "Mililani South Solar II" and the 47-megawatt "Waiawa Solar.", and

WHEREAS, these three (3) solar energy projects will save O`ahu residents approximately \$200 million on electricity over 20 years through federal tax credits if the projects are completed by 2016; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 supports First Wind's Mililani I, Mililani II and Waiawa Special Use Permit for solar energy projects, providing that the property is used for energy generation and remain in agricultural zoning, that the projects support compatible agriculture uses, and that the solar energy equipment is decommissioned and removed within 12 months of the conclusion of operation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawaii; members of the Hawaii State Legislature; the Director of the Department of Agriculture; the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism; the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; all City Council members; the City and County of Honolulu Departments of Planning and Permitting; First Wind Solar Group; Castle & Cooke; all members of the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21; and all neighborhood board chairs.

Adopted by Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 at its regular meeting of November 25, 2014, by a unanimously vote of 9-0-0.