



## PALOLO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 6

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES PALOLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Rachel Orange called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; a quorum was present with 8 of 13 members present. NOTE: This 13 member board requires seven (7) votes to take any Board action.

**Members Present:** Traver Carroll, Gladys Gerlich-Hayes, Paul Holtrop, Tom Eisen, Darlene Nakayama, Rachel Orange, Chris Bennett, and Dawn Tanaka.

**Members Absent:** Greg Hutchings, Earl Shiraki (notified), Gregory Pentecost (notified), and Michael Weinstein (notified).

**Guests:** Marissa Chung (University of Hawaii, Nursing Program); Lomalinda Yuhashi and Yvonne Mori (Palolo Valley Homes, LP); James Nekota, Lt. G. Lum Lee, Sgt. C. Sukekane, Ofc. M. Mitchell, Ofc. J. Hendricks (Honolulu Police Department); Sandi Yahiro (Governor's Representative), Jimmy Lagunero, Sandra Chandler, Emily Jarmon, Joseph Thomas (Board of Water Supply), John Gollner (Friends of Duke Bainum), Representative Calvin Say, Senator Les Ihara, Julia Allen, Tinkle Malama (Videographer), Ron Lockwood (Chair, McCully/Moiliili Board No. 8), Ivan Ho; Gordon Bruce, Sidney Quintal and Jay Ishibashi (Representatives of the Mayor's Office); Martin Okabe (Mayor's Representative), Scott Nishimoto, Ty Fukumitsu, Fire Fighter Stanley Carreira (Honolulu Fire Department); Marie Richardson and Ivy Yeung (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**BOARD VACANCIES:** There is one vacancy in Sub District 3. Chair Orange asked everyone to spread the word.

#### CITY SERVICES:

##### Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. Lum Lee:

- Passed out a handout and highlighted on the monthly statistic report with area break downs and comparisons for September.
- Reported some tips on having a safe Halloween, which include bringing a flashlight, going with parents, and if wearing a mask to make sure it allows breathing room.
- Also included the District 7 website information: [www.honolulupd.org/patrol/d7](http://www.honolulupd.org/patrol/d7) which is updated daily, and a listing of contact telephone numbers.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Reflectors and headlights are required on bicycles and HPD has been citing and confiscating bicycles without these requirements. HPD will be working on bringing more awareness to this issue.
2. Regarding a recent case where three mopeds were speeding down Palolo Avenue that resulted in one of the mopeds colliding into the back of a vehicle making a left turn, the HPD did not have more information off hand. This case is a lesson to not speed if riding on a moped.
3. Although there has been more patrolling on 7th Avenue, Hayes' neighbor still experienced theft from his home. Everyone should be careful to lock their doors and windows even if someone is home.
4. If HPD has their siren and blue lights on they are most likely in an emergency situation and are allowed to go at any speed necessary to get the job done as long as due care is practiced. Sgt. Sukekane will monitor this in the Palolo area.
5. The request to change the turn signals and lights at 6th and Waialae avenues were rejected. So therefore the same resident has asked that this area be monitored because vehicles are using the right turn only lane to go straight instead of waiting in their respective lane. HPD will monitor this area.
6. Abandoned vans on 10th Avenue will be looked into by HPD.

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Fire Fighter Stanley Carreira reported:**



- 20 medical, 1 miscellaneous and 1 vehicle alarms; and no major or unusual incidents were reported.
- Fire Safety Tip: 1) When selecting Halloween costumes, ensure that they are flame resistant, made of lightweight fabric, brightly colored, and clearly visible to motorists. Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape. Keep the length of costumes short to prevent tripping. A natural mask of cosmetics is better than a mask that may restrict breathing or obscure vision. Children should carry flashlights to light their way.
- A reminder that hurricane season extends through the month of December and that the HFD encourages every family to take the necessary steps to ensure that your family is prepared. Additional information on survival kits and hurricane shelters can be found at the Department of Emergency Management's website at [www.honolulu.gov/ocda](http://www.honolulu.gov/ocda).

No questions or comments followed.

**Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Joseph Thomas reported:**

- BWS owns the State's largest water recycling facility, the Honouliuli Water Recycling Facility is working hard to maximize Hawaii's precious water resources.
- Recycled water is essentially waste water that has been treated to a level suitable for industrial uses, irrigation and other non-potable uses.
- The Honouliuli facility produces 12 million gallons of recycled water per day, which is used by golf courses and refineries in the Ewa and Kapolei areas.
- For additional information, please visit [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com) or call 748-5041.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- Thomas will email to Chair Orange of any water main break information in the area.
- Thomas will find out when the next BWS project is set for the Palolo area.
- The lifetime of a pipe is hard to determine because there are many different types of materials used to make the pipes.

**Honolulu Community Action Program (HCAP) – Darlene Nakayama reporting for E. Scanlan, Director, HCAP, Leahi District:**

- Leahi District center's focus is to gain employment for people and if anyone wants training in budgeting, employment readiness, and life skills workshops, E. Scanlan can be reached at 732-7755. They have been successful and found employment for seven (7) people.
- Please call if anyone is interested in volunteering, HCAP is preparing for Toys for Tots and holiday food baskets.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

**Mayor's Report – Martin Okabe reported:**

- Heater for the Palolo Pool – Request to check the heater for the Palolo Pool, which doesn't seem to be working. The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) indicated that the Palolo Pool is scheduled for activation during the winter months of November through March. Recent checks have been made and the pool heater is in operational readiness.
- Missing street name signs on Waiomao Road – Request to address the missing and misaligned street name signs on Waiomao Road between Puunoa Place and Halenoho Place. The Department of Facilities Maintenance (DFM) will investigate street signs and realign any as needed. Work should be completed by October 15, 2008.
- Pavement of Waiomao Road – Regarding the issue of the pavement of Waiomao Road that is breaking up along the edges, which erode material from the unpaved road right-of-way that collects on the pavement. DFM is coordinating work with the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) to properly address roadway shoulder improvements.
- Water seepage at 2416 Holomua Place – Regarding checking the source of the water seepage at 2416 Holomua Place, Mark Maetani from BWS went to the site and saw the water has detergent in it, which indicates that it is not a BWS leak.

- Solution to Traffic Situation at Waiialae and 4th avenues – Regarding the concern raised in July concerning relocating the crosswalk on Waiialae Avenue and 4th avenues. The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) spoke to the contact person, Board Member Tom Eisen on this request and he was satisfied with our response.
- Overgrowth on curbside along Palolo Avenue– DFM will investigate the overgrowth on the curbside and sidewalk areas along where Palolo Avenue becomes 10th Avenue. DFM will also look around the traffic calming areas and Anuenue School where there are no residents to care for the curbside/sidewalk areas and appropriate work will be scheduled.
- The Pedestrian Crossing Traffic Signal Light – Regarding a request to explain the process of the pedestrian traffic signal light and why some areas are short and other areas are allowed 25 seconds, Ty Fukumitsu from the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) has been sent to give a short explanation of the pedestrian signals and timing. Ty Fukumitsu highlighted:
  - The objective of the “white man” icon at the traffic light is to get the pedestrian started on the crosswalk. If a red flashing hand is shown, pedestrians should not step into the crosswalk.
  - The walk signal will last for a minimum of 7 seconds.
  - At each intersection the timing for the crosswalk is different and many factors including location and amount of usage are considered to determine the timing.
  - The average person walks four feet per second and this formula is used in the calculation of the timing for the crosswalk. Depending on usage and other factors the timing can be increased to allow ample crossing time. At crosswalks near senior homes and elementary schools for example, the timing is slowed down to allow for these groups to cross safely.
  - The timing set for a crosswalk stays the same and does not change during different times of the day.
  - DTS does observations to check whether certain crosswalks provide a safe walking time for pedestrians.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. A concern was over the pedestrian crossing traffic signal light at the corner of 7th and Waiialae Avenue by Zippy's. It was felt that pedestrians with walkers and canes cannot cross in the time that is given by the traffic signal and that it takes her 24 seconds to get across at that particular corner. Hayes thought that someone changed the timing at this crosswalk when she complained, but since then someone has changed it back. Fukumitsu clarified that if it was changed, it should be permanent. DTS will observe and make any changes as necessary.

**Representative Calvin Say** – distributed his monthly report.

**CHAIR'S REPORT, MAIL & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chair Orange highlighted the following:

- Pedestrian Safety Awareness event: Thurs Oct 30th, 7:30-8:30am at dangerous intersections in your neighborhood. Contact Ron Lockwood, Chair N.B. #8 to participate: rnlockwoodohana@yahoo.com
- O'ahu Bike Plan Workshop: Thursday, October 16th at Blaisdell Center, O'ahu Room, from 6:30-8:30 pm.
- Community meeting for the Ala Wai Watershed Project (AWWP): Tues Oct 21, 6:30-8:30pm, Washington Middle School. This meeting is part of the federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental review process, and is intended to assist the project team in developing the scope of study for the expected Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
- Office of Elections is seeking Precinct Officials to assist voters in your community on Tuesday, November 4, 2008. Please contact Office of Elections at 453-VOTE (8683), ask for Precinct Operations, or sign-up online at [www.hawaii.gov/elections](http://www.hawaii.gov/elections). Stipend provided.
- Olelo Broadcast Slots: Aired on Channel 49 every Wednesday at 9p.m. For schedule and information, call 834-0007, ext. 133. or email [olelo@olelo.org](mailto:olelo@olelo.org)
- Bulky Trash Pick-Up: Take out by the morning of Oct 15, 2008 (3rd Weds of every month).
- Contact Rachel Orange at [rachel.orange@hawaii.edu](mailto:rachel.orange@hawaii.edu) with agenda item requests

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2008:** Hearing no objections, the September 10, 2008 meeting minutes was approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Deferred to next meeting.

The rest of the agenda was deferred until November in order to adjourn for the Candidate's Forum.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by,

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