



PALOLO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 6

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Draft) REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2010 PALOLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Orange called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with 5 members present. The 13 member board requires seven (7) votes to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Eisen, Rachel Orange, Earl Shirai, Paul Holtrop, Stephen Tschudi.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Randolph Hack, Darlene Nakayama, Dawn Tanaka, Traver Carroll, David Dunaway, Gladys Gerlich-Hayes, Michael Weinstein.

MEMBER ARRIVES: Member David Dunaway arrives at 7:15 p.m.; Board has still not reached a quorum to take official Board action.

VACANIES: One in Sub-district 2.

GUEST LIST: James Nekota, Kurt Tsue (Board of Water Supply), Ivan Hoe, Acting Capt. Cliff Rigsbee (Honolulu Fire Department), Lt. Calvin Tong, Sgt. Guy Perreira and Officer Mark Mitchell (Honolulu Police Department); Torin Ching, Michele Sansome (Councilmember Kobayashi's staff); Calvin Say (Speaker of the State House), Dan Smith, Les Ihara (State Senator), Dean Harvest (Neighborhood Commission Staff).

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT (HFD): Acting Capt. Rigsbee reported the following:

- February 2010 Statistics – 2 structures, 20 medical, 4 miscellaneous for a total of 26 calls for service.
- Fire Safety Tip: As Easter approaches, please remember the following; Scald burns are the most common injury among children ages four and younger. When boiling eggs for a coloring activity, be attentive to your cooking and children. Do not leave any cooking unattended. If candles are used, do not leave them unattended or neat drapes or other ignitable materials, such as artificial grass, which is commonly used as filler for children's baskets. Ensure your candle holder is the proper size for the type of candle being used. Familiarize yourself with the contents of your children's Easter baskets, especially if they contain small toys, and be aware of the manufacturer's warning of choking hazards for young children.

Questions, concerns and comments:

1. The push call button at the front of the Fire House is used for "On Beat" type calls.
2. The HFD pickup truck is use when HFD has calls in the valley.
3. Know the limitation of any power cord you use in your home. Don't over load it.
4. Be always aware of candles that are lit in your home and they should not be left unattended.
5. Wind damage has occurred in two areas, Makiki and East Honolulu.

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT (HPD): Lt. Calvin Tong reported the following:

- Crime Statistics for February 2010 – 11 burglaries, 1 robbery, 16 thefts, and 11 UEMV for a total of 39 reported written cases for police services.
- **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS:** Ultimately, everyone must take personal responsibility. Everyone should have an action plan in the event that a hurricane strikes the islands. Each member of the family should know who to contact and where to meet in the event of an emergency. For further information and assistance, contact the National Weather Service, the local Civil Defense Agency, or the local American Red Cross Chapter.



Questions, concerns and comments:

1. Pedestrians are required to obey all traffic control devices. Plain clothes officers are taking an active role in the enforcement program for their safety.
2. Bicyclists are required to obey all traffic laws.
3. Kudos to HPD for the follow up on the King Street problems
4. HPD District 7 command does seek patrol's input.
5. The parking and illegal turns at 10th and Waiālae Ave are being addressed by HPD – Patrol Division.

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY (BWS): Kurt Tsue reported the following:

- There were two breaks in the Palolo for the month of February.
- On Feb. 15th, there was a 4 inch main break at 2514 Ipulei Way. This pipe was installed in 1963.
- On Feb 25th, there was a 12 inch main break at 2117 Palolo Ave. This pipe was installed in 1931.
- Water main breaks are an unfortunate and unavoidable factor in the water utility industry. No water utility is free of main breaks. BWS works diligently to reduce the amount of breaks that happen every year. With more that 2,000 miles of pipeline across the island of Oahu, this is a large undertaking.
- Main breaks can occur for many reasons. Aside from people accidentally hitting our mains, a primary reason for main failure is the age of our mains. Aging infrastructure is one of the greatest challenges facing utilities across the nation and world. While our own water infrastructure may not be as old as many parts of the country, severely corrosive marine environments significantly impact our underground infrastructure and shorten the service life of our pipeline assets.
- The BWS has been installing water mains since its creation more that 75-years ago. Additionally, there are many factors that can accelerate main deterioration, including corrosive soil conditions, an increase or decrease in water pressure, ground movement, stray electrical currents, etc.
- The BWS has taken several proactive steps towards reducing the amount of breaks, and will continue to be pro-active and look at different methods and means that can be taken to reduce the amount of main breaks on the island of Oahu.

Questions, concerns and comments:

1. What is the status on the pressure in the line for Waiomao Road?
2. Three weeks ago fronting 3325 Kahua Road was marked for repair of a leak but nothing has happened. What's the status?
3. Please explain the difference of Brackish and Hard water. Brackish water is a mixture of salt and fresh waters. Hard water is where the water contains minerals and requires to be filtered.
4. Please smooth out the temporary patch on 7th Avenue between Harding and Pāhoa Avenues.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative: Sharon Thom reported the following:

- BWS: If water applied to lawns, or otherwise released outside where it doesn't become incorporated into the sewer system, accounts for 30-80 percent of residential water use then why are we charged a sewer fee on 100 percent of our water usage?
Wastewater customers are given an 18% credit on their sewer bills for water that does not go down the sewer such as for watering of lawns, washing cars and etc. For those customers that believe they have a higher percent of water use that is not discharged to sewer system, they can install a sub meter at their expense to measure the water that is not discharged to the sewer. You can find detailed instructions on Sub metering at our web site \http://www.honolulu.gov/env/wwm/submetering.pdf. If you have additional questions, please contact our Customer Service Section at 768-3330.
- HPD: Speeding vehicles in the area of 10th Ave/Paalea St. please monitor and take corrective action. 10th Ave. is monitored by officers for speeding vehicles and enforcement is taken when violations are warranted.
- Bulb-out at 10th and Paalea is overgrown and needs to be cut.
DFM: The traffic calming area at 10th Ave and Paalea St was cut on February 25th. The area is on maintenance contract and work is performed twice a month.

- The Honolulu Family Festival begins on Thursday, March 25, 2010 and runs through Sunday, March 28, 2010, at Magic Island.
- Palolo ADOPT-A-BLOCK CLEANUP "GET INVOLVED", Saturday, March 27, 2010, 830-1030am, Pukele Park.

Questions, concerns and comments:

1. Left turn signal at 10th Avenue turning onto Waiialae Ave.
2. 10th Avenue and Keanu St. requesting restricted parking between the hours of 3pm – 7 pm.
3. 10th Ave. makai of Waiialae Ave. to become a two-way street.
4. Fronting the Palolo Hongwanji 1641 Palolo Ave, the crosswalk needs to be re-stripped.
 - The City is looking into these concerns and it will take 30 to 60 days to complete our investigation and address them.
 - This would also include re-evaluating the area to include pedestrian crossings
 - Make eye contact, make sure the vehicle is yielding/stopping, pedestrian and driver should be aware of each other.
 - A new pilot project will be starting soon, strobe lights will be place on the outer markings of the crosswalk and when someone is use the crosswalk, the strobe lights will flash. This will alert drivers that someone is in the crosswalk ahead and to yield or stop for them.
 - There is an 18% credit across the board from the Department of Environmental Services on high water usage. For more information refer to www.envhonorolulu.org , click onto wastewater, click onto 2009 Sewer Service Charge Information.
 - The countdown pedestrian traffic signals are going island wide and this is the new standard system being used nation wide.
 - There are extensive potholes.on Waiomao Road.

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi: Torin Ching staff member related the following:

- Councilmember's report was on the table to please help themselves to a copy.

Speaker Calvin Say: reported the following:

- Crossover had approximately 200 + measures
- Taxes and furloughs are still a major discussion for hopes of some kind of resolution.
- Our deadline to the Governor is April 29, 2010.
- Speaker Say highlighted on the State Auditor's report.

Senator Les Ihara: reported the following:

- Status reports on SB 2617 relating to "Public Agency Meetings", and SB 2045 relating to "Human Trafficking".

Announcements:

Nominate your favorite road for inclusion as a "Hawaii Scenic Byway" by March 31st, 2010. Visit <http://hawaii.gov/dot/highways/scenicbyways> for details.

Olelo Broadcast Slots: aired on Channel 49 every Wednesday at 9:00 p.m. and online anytime at http://olelo.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=25. For schedule and information, call 834-0007, ext. 133 or email olelo@olelo.org.

Bulky Trash Pick-Up: Take out by the morning of March 17, 2009 (3rd Weds of every month).

Contact Rachel Orange at rachelpualani@gmail.com with agenda item requests.

Treasurer's Report:

Chair Orange reported the following, opening balance of \$2239.74, current expenses \$342.07 closing balance of \$1897.67. Treasurer's report was filed.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Submitted by:
Dean Harvest
Neighborhood Commission

Reviewed by:
Rachel Orange, Chair