



PĀLOLO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD AND NO. 6

NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION • 530 SOUTH KING STREET ROOM 406 • HONOLULU, HAWAII, 96813
PHONE (808) 768-3710 • FAX (808) 768-3711 • INTERNET <http://www.honolulu.gov>

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2010 PĀLOLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Orange called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with (12) members present. This 13 member board requires seven (7) votes to establish quorum and (9) votes to take official Board action.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Eisen (7:08p), Randolph Hack, Darlene Nakayama, Rachel Orange, Traver Carroll, Earl Shiraki, David Dunaway (7:07p), Dwight, Synan Stephen Tschudi, Gladys Gerlich-Hayes, Michael Weinstein.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Holtrop.

GUEST: James Nekata, Lt. G. Lum Lee, Sgt. Sukekane, and Officer M. Mitchell (Honolulu Police Department); Bryan Gallagher (Board of Water Supply), Dan Smith, Stephen Maylair, Norman Sakamoto (State Senator), Jarret Yip (Staff of Council Member Ann Kobayashi (Council Member), Frank Farm, Jr., Julie Allen, Shinsake Uehara, Calvin Say (Speaker of the State House), and Dean Harvest (Neighborhood Commission).

CITY MONTHLY REPORT:

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT (HPD): Lt. Gary Lum Lee reported the following:

- Crime Statistics for April 2010: 14 burglaries, 1 robbery, 25 thefts, and 21 UEMV for a total of 61 reported written cases for police services.
- Our Community Policing Team officers are; Officer Mark Mitchell his email is: mmitchell@honolulu.gov and Officer Tony Kahapea and his email is: akahapea@honolulu.gov The office phone number is 529-3628.
- You can now file your concern or complaint online at www.honolulu.org/patrol/d7

SAFETY TIP:

When you arrive at an Automatic Teller Machine (ATM), look around. If you see anything that makes you uncomfortable or anyone who looks suspicious – Use another ATM at a different location or come back later. Notify the police.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. Mahalo for the new layout of the HPD Crime Report for our community. The information is well detailed and the graphics are great.
2. The police Crime Report can be received via email, so if you have an email address please sign up.
3. Mahalo to HPD for quickly handling an illegal dumping of some bulky items at 16th Ave and Waialae Ave.

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY (BWS): Bryan Gallagher reported the following:

- Detect-A-Leak During Water Conservation Week – May 2, 2010 to May 8, 2010. As we head into the warmer summer months, the Board of Water Supply (BWS) recently celebrated Detect-A-Leak during Water Conservation Week during May 2nd to May 8th to remind customers on Oahu to use the water they need, but not to waste it.
- According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the average American home can waste more than 10,000 gallons of water every year from running toilets, dripping faucets, and other household leaks. That's a lot of water and money wasted down the drain. That's also why it's important for all Oahu residents check their plumbing fixtures for leaks. Leak detection is simple. Just turn off all



the water fixtures, and then check to see if the property's water meter (the red arrow or black triangle) is moving. If it is, there is a leak.

- There are three types of leaks that should be checked – toilet, property and underground leaks. For a detailed hand out or to watch an instructional video on how to check your property for leaks, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com.
- The **most common** household leaks are in toilets, so I brought a few leak detection tablets with me this evening. Drop one of these tablets into your toilet tank. If there is a leak, the color should appear in the bowl within 15-30 minutes time.
- 2010 Water Conservation Week Poster and Poetry Contests: We want to express our mahalo and aloha to the more than 2,500 student artists and 250 poets who participated our 2010 Water Conservation Week poster and poetry contests. Their art and poetry creatively illustrated our contest theme, "Stop the Drop", depicting leak detection as a means of water conservation. The winners will be/were announced and honored at an awards ceremony on May 5th.
- A full list of winners, an online art gallery and a short video can be found on our website at www.boardofwatersupply.com. Also, these posters and poems will be on exhibit at Honolulu Hale's Lane Gallery from May 3rd to May 14th; Kapolei Hale from May 17th to May 28th; Kahala Mall from June 7th to June 18th; Windward Mall from June 21st to July 2nd; and the BWS's public service building from July 5th to July 16th. Congratulations to our winners!
- There will be no pressure increase in the water system for the Palolo area.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. BWS has nothing to do with the sewer lines. You can direct your question to the Mayor's Representative.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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

- On 8th Ave. trees from Kiwila to Waiālae are being tagged. Is there anything that can be used to clean the trees?
There is no solution to clean the paint off the trees without harming the trees themselves. If you should see anyone tagging a tree, call 911 as soon as possible.
- Update on the playing courts of the Palolo playground, basketball, volleyball, tennis courts and the jungle gym area.
Reconstruction of the Tennis Courts is going out bid. Basketball and volleyball court resurfacing is in queue with other District improvements. The replacement of the Palolo play apparatus is a priority project for the District and is anticipated FY11.
- Would like to have the strobe lights warning system that was installed in a Kalihi crosswalk, be installed at the King St. and Hauola St. crosswalk fronting the Times Super Market.
A similar test project will be implemented at this location but with overhead flashing lights. Construction will start in later this year.
- The contractor for the Department of Parks and Recreation hired to trim the traffic calming areas of Palolo, is using a round saw blade and cutting the shrub to short. This may cause possible harmful damage to the plants and shrubs.
An investigation will be conducted for any possible violation of contract. And a report will be filed with the board as soon as the investigation is completed.
- There are two street lamps out at Palolo Ave. and Orchard St.
A work order has been submitted and the job should be done by next Wednesday, May 19th. Note: Board member related that the street lamps have been already repaired.
- A study was done on vehicles speeding in the area of 9th Ave and Kalua St. New speed signs were posted and vehicles are still speeding. The area has been earmarked for traffic calming devices in Fiscal Year (FY)2011. And HPD will monitor for violations
- Flyer for the Downtown River Street Project has been left on the table, please help yourself to one.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. Yes, the Administration does support the increase of the property tax for non-residence as it is currently at the City Council.
2. On the Waiomao Road reconstruction/rehabilitation the base course needs to be installed.
3. The City will be starting furloughs shortly, with all appointees taking a 5% pay cut.
4. Does the City hire private contractors to pick up old refrigerators?
5. Please do not make 10th Ave, makai of Waiālae Ave a two-way.
6. The left turn signal for the intersection of 10th Ave. and Waiālae Ave has gone out to bid.
7. Corner of 6th Ave and Waiālae maika bound missing “No Right Turn on Red” sign.
8. 6th Ave Off ramp of H-1 eastbound, as you reach the top of the off ramp and turn left onto 6th Ave there should be a sign advising motorist of the merge in traffic. This will be referred to the State Transportation.

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi: reported the following:

- Wanted to acknowledge Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair of the Education Committee for attending tonight’s meeting.
- Today Director Rix Mauer of Budget & Fiscal Services was not allowed to answer any questions regarding the spending of \$100 million on transits related issues. Director Wayne Yoshioka of Transportation Services answered the questions on where the \$100 million was spent.
- I found this to be a little strange. And I am deeply concerned that people as questions of the Director of Budget is not allowed to give any answers.
- The Council is just asking for transparency, when it comes to spending tax payer’s monies.
- When asked what are the specs of the contracts were? Council is told the contractors address “public involvement”, whatever that means.
- The parking sign at Laaloa and 7th Ave has been replaced because the old one was faded and unreadable.
- The council will be having a hearing on the different types of noises that occur in our communities, to see what can be done to keep our communities more quiet.
- Last year there was \$971 million dollars to float bonds and now it has been increased to 1billion, 56 million dollars and council member didn’t think the City had to borrow money to do rail. This is what worries Council member Kobayashi, that her grandchildren will be paying for years and years for this service to come.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. What is the status on manual trash pick up going from two days a week to one day a week?
2. Can anything be done to facilitate for people who have manual trash pick up to bring out their recycle bins to curbside?
3. In light of the practice of the Mayor’s office muzzling the Director of Budget, would the Council member be interested in receiving some type of support such as a resolution.
4. Mahalo to Council member for assisting in getting me the construction plans for the sewer lines project set for 2012.
5. It would be very difficult for residence to pull a trash bin up a very long driveway, so please leave the manual trash pick up as is.
6. There are still issues with the Home Owner Occupancy Bill, if you have two homes on your property and both homes are occupied by family members, you will be charged the higher property tax. Council is still addressing that related issue.
7. Will this increase be passed on to the renter?
8. The Mayor should not endanger the Transit Project even by the appearance of finagling. I am a supporting of heavy rail, and Honolulu has missed its opportunity so many times. I don’t want to see a “Super Ferry” disaster. I support the Mayor, but there must be more transparency.

Speaker Calvin Say: reported the following:

- In order to close the \$1.2 billion shortfall, the legislature made about \$794 million in General Fund budget cuts and lapses, accounted for the Governor's tax refund delay of \$215 million, passed about \$68 million in new tax or fee increases, took about \$78 million from special funds and \$185 million in credit adjustments. Below is a pie chart showing the percentages of these actions. Some of the major budget and tax revenue bills passed this session include:
- H62421 Barrel Tax. Landmark legislation that sets the stage for Hawaii's future energy and food security and helps decrease the state's near total dependence of imported fossil fuel and food supply. Hawaii already spends \$8.6 billion out of state for imported fuel and food. Helps keep more dollars within the state and strengthen the local economy. Adds \$1 to the tax on a barrel of imported oil to fund energy and food security programs, renewable energy tax credits and agricultural inspectors.
- H62866 Estate Tax. Allows decedent an exemption of up to \$3.5 million before being subject to any taxes.
- SB2124 Restore School Furlough Days. Appropriates \$67 million from the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund for the purpose of funding teacher furlough days at the Department of Education for the fiscal year 2011. This would end the 17days of furlough.
- HB2376 Constitutional Amendment. Proposes amending the Hawaii State Constitution to change the Board of Education from an elected board to a board appointed by the Governor. HB2377 Appointed Board of Education. Establishes a process by which the Governor appoints the Board of Education. New board will consist of nine voting members, one member respectively from Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui Counties, six from the City & County of Honolulu, and one non-voting public school student.
- SB2469 Social Services Funding through Rainy Day Fund. Appropriates \$23 million from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund, known as the Rainy Day Fund, to maintain critical programs in education, human services and health.
- HB2084 Disproportionate Share Hospital Funding: Extends to June 30, 2011, the state's matching funds to receive federal Medicaid funding for hospitals, known as the disproportionate share hospital funds. Appropriates \$12.3 million in state funds in order to receive \$15 million in federal funds.
- HB1987 Fireworks Nuisance Abatement. Addresses the illegal importation, sale, and transfer of fireworks through the state's nuisance abatement laws, establishing nuisance abatement and forfeiture actions to discourage those illegal activities.
- HB2169 Unemployment insurance; Significantly lowers the cost of unemployment insurance for businesses, Sets new employer contribution rates while maintaining maximum unemployment benefits.
- Speaker Say stated from 2009 clearly indicated that he support HB444 Civil Union.

Residence and Community Concerns:

1. What has happen to the Board's State Representative? The Governor should get a representative back to this board to hear our concerns.
2. As a private citizen, Mr. Hack would like to have it on the record that he is in full support of HB 444.

New Business:

2010 Candidate Forum:

Chair asked for any member to volunteer for chair to the Candidates' Forum Gladys Gerlich-Hayes volunteered to Chair the Board's Candidate's Forum.

TSCHUDI motioned and SYNAN seconded that member Gladys Gerlich-Hayes be made chair to the Committee for Candidates' Forum. Motion was adopted by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 13-0-0 (AYE: Eisen, Hack, Nakayama, Orange, Tanaka, Carroll, Shiraki, Dunaway, Synan, Holtrop, Tschudi, Gerlich-Hayes, and Weinstein).

HACK motioned and TSCHUDI seconded that Wednesday, August 11, 2010 Palolo Neighborhood Regular Meeting be dedicated for a Candidates Forum. Motion was adopted by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 13-0-0 (AYE: Eisen, Hack, Nakayama, Orange, Tanaka, Carroll, Shiraki, Dunaway, Synan, Holtrop, Tschudi, Gerlich-Hayes, and Weinstein).

Board Organization:

GERLICH-HAYES motioned and **HACK** seconded that the **Palolo Neighborhood Board No. 6** continue meeting on the current schedule of 2nd Wednesday, of every month and at 7 p.m. at Palolo Elementary School Cafeteria. Motion was adopted by **UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 13-0-0 (AYE:** Eisen, Hack, Nakayama, Orange, Tanaka, Carroll, Shiraki, Dunaway, Synan, Holtrop, Tschudi, Gerlich-Hayes, and Weinstein).

GERLICH-HAYES motioned and **TSCHUDI** seconded that the **Palolo Neighborhood Board No. 6** continue with the board's recess in January, and June 2011. Discussion: It is the preference of the Commission that the boards take 3 recesses per year. If there is a budget short fall then the board will consider an additional recess. Motion was adopted by **UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 13-0-0 (AYE:** Eisen, Hack, Nakayama, Orange, Tanaka, Carroll, Shiraki, Dunaway, Synan, Holtrop, Tschudi, Gerlich-Hayes, and Weinstein).

Board Expenditures:

The board is currently spending \$44.32, for the rental of the school café. Board Treasurer Weinstein, noted that he is not aware how the figure of \$44.32 came about, but the Treasurer's report indicates that the current rental fee for the Palolo School Café is \$103.41. Are current expenditures are for postage, printing of minutes and agenda.