



PĀLOLO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD AND NO. 6

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2010 PĀLOLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Pro Tem Shiraki called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. **with eleven (11) members present.** This 13 member board requires seven (7) votes to establish quorum and (9) votes to take official Board action.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randolph Hack, Darlene Nakayama, Rachel Orange, Dawn Tanaka, Traver Carroll, Earl Shiraki, Dwight, Synan, Paul Holtrop, Stephen Tschudi, Gladys Gerlich-Hayes, and Michael Weinstein.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Eisen, David Dunaway.

VACANCIES: There are no vacancies to fill at this time.

GUEST: James Nekota, Lt. Gary Lum Lee (Honolulu Police Department); Bryan Gallagher (Board of Water Supply), Acting Capt. Kimo Apana (Honolulu Fire Department), Calvin Say (Speaker of the State House), Sharon Thom (Mayor's Representative), Wayne Yoshioka (Director-Department of Transportation Services), Adrian Chang (Department of Transportation Services), Jaynel Hiraakawa, Berg Park (Staff member of Councilmember Ann Kobayashi), Julia Allen, Ivan Hoe, Noreen Fernandez, Eleanor Fernandez, Gregg Hutchings, Robert Ikehara, Senator Les Ihara, and Dean Harvest (Neighborhood Commission Staff).

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS: Chair Pro Tem Shiraki opened the floor for:

Election for Chair – Carroll nominated Rachel Orange; Nakayama nominated Dwight Synan and Shiraki nominated Paul Holtrop. Gerlich-Hayes moved and Nakamura seconded to close the nominations. Dwight Synan withdrew from the nomination. The votes tallied for Rachel Orange – eight (8) votes (Hack, Orange, Tanaka, Carroll, Synan, Tschudi, Gerlich-Hayes, and Weinstein) and Paul Holtrop – three (3) votes (Nakayama, Shiraki, and Holtrop). **Orange was elected as Chair.**

Election for Vice Chair – Shiraki nominated Dawn Tanaka and Synan nominated Paul Holtrop. Gerlich-Hayes moved and Nakamura seconded to closed nominations. The votes tallied Dawn Tanaka – three (3) votes (Carroll, Gerlich-Hayes, and Tanaka), and for Paul Holtrop – eight (8) votes (Hack, Holtrop, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, Synan, Tschudi and Weinstein). **Holtrop was elected as Vice Chair.**

Nominations For Board's Secretary – Nakayama nominated Tanaka. Hearing no other nominations, **Tanaka was elected Secretary by acclamation.**

Nominations For Board's Treasurer – Weinstein nominated Randolph Hack and Tanaka nominated Synan. Synan withdrew his nomination. Hearing no other nominations, **Hack was elected Treasurer by acclamation.**

CITY MONTHLY REPORT:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Acting Capt. Apana reported the following:

- June 2010 Statistics – Included 1 structure, 19 medical, 4 miscellaneous totaling 24 calls for service.
- Fire Safety Tip: Cigarettes and other smoking materials are the leading cause of fire deaths in the United States. The latest fire on Oahu was a result of an unattended cigarette. The following are safety precautions. 1) Smoke outside. 2) Use deep, wide ashtrays placed on a sturdy table. 3) Extinguish cigarette butts with water or sand before disposal.
- Child Safety Tip: A child on Maui caused \$350,000 worth of damages while playing with a lighter in June. A child as young as two (2) years old can start a fire. Some fire safety tips included; 1) Keep



matches and lighters out of children's sight and reach. 2) Teach children that matches and lighters are not toys. 3) Use only child-resistant lighters. 4) Teach children to tell an adult if they see matches or lighters.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lt. Gary Lum Lee reported the following:

- You can now file your concern or complaint online at www.honoluluupd.org/patrol/d7.
- 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.
- Pedestrian Safety, be sure to look both ways before entering into a crosswalk and to make eye contact with the driver to make sure they are slowing down or yielding to you.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. Speeding mopeds in the area of 7th and Palolo Avenue.
2. Vehicles drifting in the area of Palolo and 10th Avenue, near the Chinese Home.
3. Ahinahina Place and Palolo Avenue, cars parked too close to the corner of Ahinahina Place.
4. HPD has no additional information on the raid at 1340 10th Ave, this was conducted by the Federal and State Law Enforcement Agencies.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Bryan Gallagher reported the following:

- Main Breaks June 2010 – One main break reported in the Palolo district on June 3, 2010, an 8-inch main at 3:06 p.m. at 1818 9th Avenue.
- 2010 Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale – The Board of Water Supply will be hosting its 22nd Annual Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale on Saturday, August 7th, from 9 am to 3 pm. The community is invited to a morning and afternoon of family fun and education, where everyone can learn about xeriscaping, which is an innovative means of conserving water through efficient landscaping. Water saving techniques like xeriscaping are very important, especially now with the National Weather Service forecasting below-normal rainfall for the remainder of the summer.

The open house will include a full day of FREE, family-friendly and fun activities such as xeriscape workshops, keiki games, keiki garden planting and a free mulch giveaway. A dozen local nurseries will offer a variety of un-thirsty plants at moderate purchase prices, with proceeds supporting educational programs and classes at the Board of Water Supply's Halawa Xeriscape Garden.

More information about the plant sale will be made available on our website, www.boardofwatersupply.com. We hope to see you there!

- BWS Furlough Information – This is just a reminder that the Board of Water Supply's business offices will begin observing furlough days, beginning in July. Please check our website www.boardofwatersupply.com for a schedule of furlough days. While BWS business offices will be closed on designated Furlough Fridays, some BWS sections will work staggered schedules in order to maintain operations for public health and safety.

HCAP – No report available; please call 521-5431 or go online for additional information.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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

- Vehicles are still speeding in the area of 9th Ave and Kalua St. Requesting some type of traffic calming devices to slow the traffic down.
Officer S. Hughes of District 7 (East Honolulu) made checks from 7-03-10 through out 7-05-10, and issued two citations for speeding. Patrol officers will continue to monitor the area and take appropriate action when necessary.

- The reconstruction and rehabilitation of Waiomao Road needs the base course to be installed. Waiomao Road from 10th Avenue to the roadway's end is programmed to be resurfaced by contract, IDIQ # 2, being administered by DDC.
- The Refuse Division hires private haulers to collect bulky items left at curbside when City bulky crews fall behind or there is a manpower shortage. A contractor from a vendor list can be called to assist curbside bulky collection services. The City has not contracted for the curbside collection of white goods within the past year.
- The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) currently does not have any plans to convert 10th Avenue between Waiālae and Harding Avenues to two-way. The conversion of this portion of 10th Avenue to two-way traffic would require the removal of parking on both sides of the street, which would impact the businesses, park users, and residents in the surrounding area; and the intersection of 10th and Harding Avenues would be negatively impacted due to an increase in traffic volume. As such, the existing traffic patterns will remain at this time.
- 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. Please refer to the State Transportation.
- Wayne Yoshioka (Director of Department of Transportation) clarified some issues and statements made at the May meeting regarding the Rail Transit and its monies.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

Ahinahina Place cars parked too close to the corner of Palolo Ave. This is causing cars to be in the middle of the Ahinahina place as they turn onto Palolo Ave.

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi – Ben Park related that Councilmember Kobayashi stands on your written report.

Speaker Calvin Say – Speaker Say reported the following:

- Jarrett Middle School Buildings A & B - Foundation and Flooring Job No. Q24804—08 We are pleased to inform you that construction on the subject project will be initiated shortly. The contract has been awarded to DKSL, LLC dba Paramount Builders in the amount of \$645,000.00.
- Department of Human Services. Ensured the continued provision of social services and public assistance in a responsible manner by prohibiting the Department of Human Services from implementing any reorganization plan to transfer intake maintenance) and eligibility determination functions for public assistance) the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, foster care services, and Medicaid services, other than the pilot project for benefits it recipients in any county with a population of 500,000 or more authorized by this bill (582650 enacted as Act 67) Session Laws of Hawaii 2010).
- Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund. Maintained levels of programs determined to be essential to education, public health) and public welfare by appropriating specified amounts from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund for, among other things: The Healthy Start Program; The Kupuna Care Program and various senior centers; Statewide domestic violence shelters; and Child care subsidies (582469).
- Military Development; Child Custody. Assisted members of the United States Armed Forces, Armed Forces Reserves) and National Guard by statutorily establishing a process by which the Family Court can resolve matters regarding child custody and visitation for those members whose military duties require temporary absences (H 82061).
- Child Protective Act. Protected the health and safety of children who have been harmed or who are in dangerous circumstances by amending the Child Protective Act to ensure compliance with federal requirements and the continued receipt of related federal funds (5B2716 enacted as Act 135, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010).
- Elderly Housing; Grandparents. Provided stability for children in difficult family circumstances by allowing the grandchildren of elderly housing project residents to temporarily reside in elderly housing in certain specified family crisis situations and affording residents evicted for raising grandchildren-in-crisis in their housing project units priority status to return to project housing (582473).
- QUEST; Psychotropic Medication, Death Benefits. Maintained the level of services in certain programs administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS) by) among other things: Restricting DHS's ability to limit coverage for psychotropic medication; Authorizing DHS to issue death benefits in an amount equal to the Social Security Administration's one-time lump-sum death benefit for qualifying individuals; and Prohibiting DHS from expending funds appropriated for Medicaid on any programs not

specifically related to Medicaid or not authorized by the Legislature (HB2774).

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. As of August 2010, teachers will be back at school full time until January 2011, and then it is up to the new Governor to take action at that time.

Senator Les Ihara – Senator Ihara reported the following:

- Briefly spoke on the possibility of reconvening to override the Governor's vetoes, but there was an insufficient number of legislators willing to so.
- The issues that have come up involve policy issues.
- Governor has made three (3) appointments to the Circuit Court and Chief Justice Moon has made three (3) appointments to District Courts.
- The Senate has powers of confirmation and if the Senate does not convene, then the appointees are automatically appointed.
- Appointed positions procedures was explained to the board and audience.

Questions, comments and concerns:

1. Thank you for the explanation regarding the Governor's vetoes and the procedures of Appointments.
2. Mahalo for all the hard work you are doing for our community.

NEW BUSINESS:

PEDESTRIAN PILOT PROJECT – Sharon Thom, Deputy Director, Department of Transportation Services (DTS), Wayne Yoshioka, Director of DTS, and Adrian Chang, DTS presented the In-Pavement Lights near Kapalama Post Office:

- Kalihi Street and North King Street – Kapalama Post Office.
- McCully Street and South King Street – near the Times Market.

Scope:

- In-Pavement Lights
- Pedestrian signs with flashing beacons on both sides of the street.
- Activated by pedestrian push button.
- Construction completed 04-20-10.

Cost Breakout: (\$100k)

- In-pavement lights, Flashing beacons, Pedestrian signs, re-striping, and Installation.

Overhead Flashing Beacons Near McCully Times Market –

Scope:

- Pedestrian signs with flashing beacons on mast arms.
- Pedestrian signs with flashing beacons on both sides of the street.
- Activated by pedestrian push button.
- Update ADA ramps

Cost Breakout: (\$150k)

- Mast arms, flashing beacons, pedestrian signs, re-striping, installation, ADA ramps.

Issues/Concerns:

- Long lead items
- Reliability/endurance.

Overhead Flashing Beacons Timeline:

- Design - estimate completion late 2010.
- Construction – estimate completion early 2011.
- Public Service Announcements (PSA) to begin 2011.
- Before & After Study – estimate completion mid-2011.

We Can Improve Pedestrian Safety Now:

- Be a safe walker.
- You must push the pedestrian button.
- Do not Jaywalk!!! At the crosswalk – always look (left, right, and left again) listen, is it all clear?
- “SO NOT ENTER THE CROSSWALK – INTERSECTION IF THE “RED HAND” IS FLASHING!!!!” You won’t have enough time to cross the street.

Question, comments, and concerns:

1. Please check the cross signal at Waiialae and 7th Avenues, seem to be changing quickly.
2. Suggest you make the flashing lights red.
3. Is there anything to stop kids from pushing the button and not crossing the street?
4. Don’t wear dark clothing at night.
5. Please check the timing at Campbell and Kapahulu Avenues.

2010 CANDIDATES FORUM: Gladys Gerlich-Hayes reported the following:

The forum will be held on Wednesday, August 11, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. Invitations will be sent out to all candidates seeking office for the following: Governor, Lt. Governor, State Senator, State House, and Mayor.

RESOLUTION ABOUT CITY BUDGET COMMUNICATIONS: Chair Orange stated since Wayne Yoshioka, Director of Transportation, clarified the questions surrounding the Budget Director being instructed not to answer questions from the City Council regarding the Honolulu Rail Project made the draft Resolution irrelevant at this point in time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Bulky Trash Pick-Up: Take out by the morning of July 21, 2010 (3rd Weds of every month).
- Farmers’ market, 6:30-7:30 am every Wednesday at Pālolo District Park
- 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.
- Contact Rachel Orange at rachelpualani@gmail.com with agenda item requests.
- Member Nakamura suggested that the board request a staff member from the neighborhood schools come to a meeting to relay what possible needs the school may have.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2010:

Correction to the minutes that Member Dawn Tanaka was not indicated as being present. With no other corrections, the minutes were adopted as noted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Member Hack reported the following; an opening balance of \$873.37 our current expenses are \$28.95 which gives us a closing balance of \$844.42. The report was filed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15p

Submitted by:

Dean Harvest
Neighborhood Commission Staff

Reviewed by:

Rachel Orange, Chair