



PALOLO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 6

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2010, 7 p.m. PALOLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Rachel Orange called the meeting to order at 7p.m. **with ten (10) 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, Darlene Nakayama, Rachel Orange, Dawn Tanaka, Traver Carroll, Earl Shiraki, Dwight Synan, Paul Holtrop, Stephen Tschudi, and Gladys Gerlich-Hayes.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Randy Hack, David Dunaway, and Michael Weinstein.

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

GUESTS: Miles Shiratori, Van Law, Ben Park (Staff member of Councilmember Ann Kobayashi), Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, Julia Allen, Lt. Lum Lee, Sgt Sukekane, and Officer Mitchell (Honolulu Police Department); Lisa Shorba, Elena Boyer, Miles Silberstein, Ivan Hoe, Capt. Ricky Amano (Honolulu Fire Department, Bryan Gallagher (Board of Water Supply), and Kazuaki McArthur (Neighborhood Commission Staff).

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT (HFD):

- July 2010 Statistics – 1 structures, 22 medical, 1 hazardous and 5 miscellaneous for a total of 29 calls for service.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. The cause of the fire at Ahe Place has not yet been determined.

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

- Crime Statistics for July 2010 – Included 17 burglaries, 21 thefts, and 6 UEMV for a total of 44 reported written cases for police services.
- Community Policing Team – 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.
- File Concern or Complaint – Online at www.honolulu.org/patrol/d7

Safety Tip: Beginning on January 1, 2007, Hawaii became the 35th state to have a booster seat law. The new law requires children between the ages of four through seven to ride in a child safety seat or booster seat whenever traveling in a motor vehicle. The only exemptions are if the child is over 4'9" or if the vehicle has lap-only seat belts in the rear seat.

A Hawaii State tax credit of \$25 per year applies to the purchase of a child safety seat or booster seat,

The driver is held responsible for compliance with the law. Violators of Hawaii's Child Passenger Restraint Law are required to attend a 4-hour class and may be assessed a fine of between \$100-\$500 depending upon the number of offenses. However, the most compelling reason for using a booster seat is the safety of your child.

Basic guidelines on the proper use of booster seats:

- Use for children between the ages of four through seven, unless at least 4'9" tall.
- Use until the vehicle lap and shoulder belt fit correctly. (The lap belt should fit low and snug on their hips,



- and the shoulder belt should not cross over a child's face or neck.)
- Never put the shoulder belt behind a child's back or under their arm.
- A high back or low back booster with no shield may be used.

Never Hold Your Infant Or Child In Your Lap.

- A crash or sudden stop can result in a serious injury or even a fatality.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. Traffic enforcement is needed again at the corner of 6th Ave/Waiialae Ave.
2. Anytime a child is "hijacked" robbed of any type of property, call the police to report the incident.

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

MAIN BREAK REPORT: This morning there was a main water break at 1911 10th Ave. it was reported at 8:00 a.m.

Continued Water Conservation

- Not to sound like a broken record, but it is a broken record. Hawaii has become the driest state in the nation, according to the National Weather Service and the islands will continue to experience below normal rainfall for the remainder of summer. While Oahu's drinking water supply is less susceptible to drought conditions because we rely on groundwater sources as opposed to surface water as on the neighbor islands, the Board of Water Supply is continuing to ask everyone to conserve and be efficient with their water use - use the water you need but don't waste it.
- Current water levels are on a normal downward trend, which happens heading into every summer. The BWS has been monitoring and will continue to monitor its groundwater levels closely. We have been actively promoting water conservation through our public information program. A more focused voluntary water conservation campaign will be called for if necessary to ensure the long-term sustainability of our water resource. Again not to sound like a broken record, but here are a few simple water conservation tips from the short brochure we have provided to the board members that can save hundreds of gallons of water every month.
 - Don't water lawns between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
 - Check for leaking plumbing fixtures and toilets.
 - Install water-efficient plumbing fixtures.
 - Take shorter showers.
 - Don't let the faucet run and run.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. The road where the water main break will be properly repaired. The current patch is only temporary.
2. Please refer your questions regarding sewer fees to the Department of Environmental Services, Customer Services at 768-3330.

HCAP: Dawn Tanaka reported the following:

- The Leahi District is from Waimanalo to Punchbowl.
- The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 30, 2010 , at 5:30 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi: Councilmember Kobayashi reported the following:

- Three (3) inspectors have been hired by the Department of Environmental Services for the enforcement of the new "Bulky Law".
- There will be a \$250 maximum fine per month for repeated offenders.
- This will be a pilot project for the inspector to monitor for illegal dumping.

- Does the Bulky Item bill identify what a Bulky Item is?
- An amendment to the Fireworks Bill will be held on August 18, 2010, and seek approval for Special events that have Religious Purposes.
- Requesting “No Dumping Signs” on Lai Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Bulky Trash Pick-Up: Take out by the morning of Aug 18, 2010 (3rd Weds of every month).
- Farmers’ market, 6:30-7:30 am every Weds 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.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: per the Chair this item was deferred.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Paul Holtrop, Vice Chair reported the following, opening balance of \$2,000, current expenses of \$49.88 with a remaining balance of \$1,950.12. The treasurer’s report was filed.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. Chair Orange clarified on the Board’s budget being cut by the Neighborhood Commission Office.
2. Why is there no Governor’s Representative at this meeting?

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20p.m and the candidate forum commenced.

Submitted by:
Dean Harvest
Neighborhood Commission

Reviewed by:
Rachel Orange
Chair