



PĀLOLO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 6

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Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2010 PĀLOLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Rachel Orange called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., **with twelve (12) members present.** Note: This 13-member board requires seven (7) votes to establish quorum.

Board Members Present – Dwight Synan, Darlene Nakayama, Rachel Orange, Dawn Tanaka, Earl Shiraki, David Dunaway, Randolph Hack, Paul Holtrop, and Gladys Gerlich-Hayes, Michael Weinstein, Tom Eisen and Traver Carroll.

Board Members Absent – Stephen Tschudi.

Vacancies – There are no vacancies on the Board at this time.

Guests – Scott Dunn (Honolulu Rail Transit), Breene Harimoto (Hawaii Children First), Matthew Pedro (Hawaii Correctional Industries), Julia Allen, Representative Calvin Say (Speaker of the House) Senator Les Ihara, James Nekota, Ivan Hoe, Lisa Shorba, Kathy Gadaingan, Don Smith, Shinsuke Uehara, Dominique Zarlaga, Gloria Oxendall, Greg Pentecost, Moani Wright-Van Alst (Board of Water Supply), Captain Ricky Amano (Honolulu Fire Department) Lieutenant Calvin Tong, Sergeant Cliff Ige, Officer Mark Mitchell (Honolulu Police Department), and Aisha Wang (Neighborhood Assistant).

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Ricky Amano reported the following.

- September 2010 Statistics – There were 0 structure fires; 3 vehicle fires/accidents; 28 medical emergencies and 1 stranded hiker.
- Fire Safety Tip – Planning ahead can help make Halloween a fire-safe one. Buy only costumes, wigs and props labeled flame-resistant or flame-retardant.
- If you are making your own costume, choose material that will not easily burn. Avoid using costumes with billowing or long trailing features.
- If your child is wearing a mask, ensure the eye holes are large enough so that vision is not obscured.
- Provide children with lightweight flashlights to carry for lighting.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks, and crepe paper are highly flammable.
- Keep these and other decorations away from open flames and/or heat-generating sources, including light bulbs and heaters.
- For decorations, use simulated candles with battery-powered lights.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Officer Mark Mitchell reported the following:

- September 2010 Statistics – There were a total of 55 police calls reported in September 2010; of 13 burglaries, 1 robbery, 31 thefts; and 10 UEMVs.
- District 7 Website – You can now file your concern or complaint online at www.honolulupd.org/patrol/d7.

Community Policing Team – The team includes the following officers, Officer Mark Mitchell (mmitchell@honolulu.gov) and Ofc. Tony Kahapea (akahapea@honolulu.gov); at office phone number is 529-3628.



- HPD Halloween Safety Tip – Similar to Honolulu Fire Department; Secure emergency identification (name, address, phone number) discreetly within Halloween attire or on a bracelet. Stay on the planned route and only visit familiar homes in your neighborhood. Plan a safe route so parents know where their older kids will be at all times. Set a time for their return home. Make sure that your child is old enough to go out by themselves. Stay in a group, walk slowly and communicate where you are going. Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat. Notify HPD immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Separation of State Sheriff and HPD – How is the Sheriff department and the police department distinguish their areas of coverage
2. 9th Intersect With Kiwila – No parking area where parents are dropping off children and creating a hazardous situation by leaving their unattended cars.
3. Tree Branches – With the high winds, there have been tree branches obstructing the road.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Moani Wright-Van Alst reported:

- Water Main Break – No main breaks reported in September 2010.
- Security – BWS wants to thank the community for their continued support in reporting suspicious activities occurring on BWS property. If the public witnesses any suspicious activities, first call 911 and then they can call the BWS security office which is open 24 hours at 748-5911.
- Water Conservation – Encourage everyone to conserve water by collecting rain water to water plants; don't let the water run and run. Visit BWS website at www.boardofwatersupply.com.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Construction Job in Palolo – There is a project that was reported to have begun on October 8th, however it has not started. Representative had no idea of the project and will find out about it and report back at the next meeting.
2. Tours of BWS Properties – Board member thanked BWS for offering tours of property sites and wanted to know if there were sites on the Windward side. BWS representative said to check on the website at www.boardofwatersupply.com or call BWS for more information.
3. Reconfirm Ultra Low Flow Rebate Program – BWS and the City Department of Environmental Services (ENV) will be ending its residential Ultra-Low Flow Toilet Rebate Program at the end of the 2010 calendar year. The current program continues to offer a \$100 rebate for customers who change their old, high volume toilets (3 gallons or more per flush) to ultra-low flush toilets (1.6 gallons or less per flush). Property owners wishing to participate in the program must submit their properly completed application by Friday, December 31, 2010.
4. Thanks to BWS Representative – After the last meeting with Bryan Gallagher representing the Board of Water Supply, there was mention of a neglected problem that was quickly taken care of.
5. Water Main Break on Kalanianaʻole Highway – There was a water main break on Kalanianaʻole Highway which affected traffic and caused many in the area to question why it was handled during rush hour traffic. The BWS representative explained that the procedure requires that the water main break first be inspected for necessity and because it was in a sensitive area, it was decided that the problem needed to be addressed immediately before causing more of a situation.

HCAP (Honolulu Community Action Program) – Dawn Tanaka reported that the HCAP meets every other month and the next meeting will be held tentatively on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 because the date conflicts with another function.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor's Representative Report – No representative in attendance, however Chair Orange read the memo in response to concerns brought up at the previous meeting.

- High Density Area "No Dumping" Signs – Can the City put up "No Illegal Dumping of Bulky Items" signs in high density areas.
Illegal dumping in high density areas throughout Honolulu is a problem that the City has been aggressively addressing. In addition to the regular monthly collection of bulky items, refuse crews have been providing

an additional unscheduled collection of bulky and illegally dumped items in many high density areas approximately two weeks after the regular collection service has been performed. By providing frequent collection services in areas that are deemed “hotspots” for illegal dumping, the City has been able to significantly reduce the number of complaints from residents.

- Kaau Street – Dip in roadway, possible water leak on Kaau Street Dip on Kaau Street was filled on September 13, 2010.
- Resurfacing of Streets – Requesting list of all streets scheduled for resurfacing and or rehabilitation in the Palolo Valley Area.

Waialae Avenue, from Old Waialae Road to 10th Avenue is scheduled to be resurfaced by contract, Rehabilitation of Streets Unit 57, being administered by the Department of Design and Construction (DDC). The actual date when the work will be done has not been determined at this time. The project is in the design stage and DDC has informed us that bids from interested contractors are tentatively scheduled to be received in January 2011.

The following roadways will be programmed for contract resurfacing in the Fiscal Year 2012 Capital Improvement Projects Program pending availability of funds and conflicts with planned underground utility projects.

- 9th Avenue (H-I Freeway to Kiwila Street)
- Paalea Street (Palolo Avenue to 9th Avenue)
- Kalua Road (Palolo Avenue to 9th Avenue)
- Kiwila Street (Palolo Avenue to 9th Avenue)
- Waiomao Road (10th Avenue to End)
- All other roadways in the Palolo area identified as in need of resurfaced will be considered for resurfacing by contract in subsequent fiscal years.

For your information 10th Avenue and Palolo Avenue, the two main roadways serving the Palolo area, are in generally good condition and need not be resurfaced at this time. Palolo Avenue was resurfaced in March 2010 and 10th Avenue was resurfaced in November 2004.

- Bulky Item Pick-Up – A resident reported that they put their bulky items out the night before as required and it has taken up to two and a half weeks to pick up these items: and questioned why this was. No specific date was given.
The City had been experiencing equipment shortages in bulky collection trucks causing neighborhood collection delays. The Refuse Division has contracted with private haulers to aide in collecting bulky items left curbside. At the time of this writing, City bulky crews and private haulers under City contract have been servicing each sector in Honolulu on schedule.
- 6th Avenue and Kaimuki Ave — Cars can't see and swerve into island to avoid an accident.
The Department of Transportation Services completed their evaluation, which included a review of the traffic history at 6th Avenue at Kaimuki Avenue, and will be issuing a work order by November 2010 to the Department of Facility Maintenance to replace missing raised pavement markers and repaint faded roadway pavement markings which should help guide motorists through this portion of 6th Avenue. Their field check of the roadway geometrics revealed that there is adequate visibility at this intersection and additional traffic controls are not necessary at this time.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Bulky Item Pick-up – It was reported that the problem is that some bulky items were too large to be picked up and left for another round of pick-ups. Leaving bulky items out on the sidewalk, others assume that their items can be left out contributing to the growth of the bulky items illegally left past pick-up date.
2. New Representative – The chair acknowledged the Mayor's memo and hopes that the issues without resolution can be brought to the attention of the new representative once the Mayor's representative attends meeting.

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi – No representative present; report was available.

Representative Calvin Say – Representative Say reported on the following:

- Aloha Aina Clean-Up – The event was held this past Saturday, October 9, 2010 along with nearby districts.
- Jarrett School Foundation Fundraiser – To be held this Saturday, October 16, 2010.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

Projected Forecast – Representative Say's forecast is marginal with a flat growth rate due to considerations like negotiations between hotel management and unions and the continuation of Furlough Fridays. Many factors contributed to the low tourist numbers for Hawaii.

Senator Les Ihara, Jr. – Senator Ihara reported the following:

- Senator Activities – The Senator just returned from a trip to Washington D.C. for the fortieth anniversary of the con-con. Senate not in session and 2 new senators filling the vacancies in the next term.
- Home For Life – The Senator is working on ways to allow seniors to live out their lives at home. Also working on Kupuna package an initiative to assist senior life.
- Election Season – Senator Ihara announced that Olelo on-line has statements from candidates running in the upcoming General Election.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Noise Pollution and Negative Campaigning – This year because of the highlight of negative campaigns it appears that they caused a lot of backfire upon campaigning and sensitivity as a whole. This has created a call for fair campaign practices code.
2. Kupuna Package – It was expressed interest program and Senator Ihara made note that there would be a conference on November 5th at 1:30 p.m. at the State Capitol room 229.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

- Charter amendment – There was a flyer made available regarding the issue of creating a transit authority which will be on the 2010 General Election ballot. The question on the ballot will read: "Shall the revised City Charter be amended to create a semi-autonomous public transit authority responsible for the planning, construction, operation, maintenance, and expansion of the City's fixed guideway mass transit system?"

OLD BUSINESS:

- Community Recognition Award Nominations – Board member Synan reported that the first meeting of the committee to review community recognition was held. Committee decided upon the language of the certificate and set up standards for making nominations to be brought to the board.
- Nominations – Chair Orange reminded all that if there was anyone that they could nominate for the next meeting; contact her so that she could get the information to the committee before the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hawaii Correctional Industries – Matthew Pedro presented a program through the State which utilizes the prison inmates to produce products and services to integrate them back into society.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Treatment of inmates – Many questions were raised regarding the treatment and selection of the inmates that were allowed to participate in the program. Questions ranged from compensation to restitution for the victims of the crimes, rehabilitation and integration back into society.
2. Primary Solicitation – Questions regarding the rate of pay for the inmates and the types of organizations that are serviced by this program were raised. Extensive discussion on corporate use and methods of adhering to HRS 354 to promote fair wage from the private sector.

Hawaii's Children First – Breene Harimoto presented the following topic regarding the constitutional amendment question regarding the Board of Education being changed from a board voted in through election to a Governor appointed board. A blank vote equals a "no" vote and Harimoto wanted to make everyone aware that a "yes" vote would change the Board of Education to a Governor appointed board.

Keanu Street (& Other) Repaving Resolution – Chair Orange drafted a resolution to be sent to the Office of the Mayor and the City Council to request roadways in Palolo to be reviewed and repaved in a timely manner.

After a few comments praising the resolution and an addition of streets and corrections to the resolution; Gerlich-Hayes moved and seconded by Hack to send resolution as amended. **The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY 12-0-0 (AYE: Eisen, Hack, Nakayama, Orange, Tanaka, Carroll, Shiraki, Dunaway, Synan, Holtrop, Gerlich-Hayes, and Weinstein)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- General Election November 2, 2010 – Chair Orange encouraged all to vote.
- Recycle Prescription – Starting September 25, 2010, turn in unused, unneeded, or expired prescription medications at collection sites across Hawaii. Visit www.hawaii.gov/ag for dates and locations.
- Kaimuki Kanikapila – A block party will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to early afternoon. Proceeds will support the Christmas parade and other activities in Kaimuki.
- Christmas Parade – Planned for Thursday, December 2, 2010.
- Tennis Court – Paved, just no lines and no backstop.
- Bulky Trash Pick-Up – Take out by the morning of October 20, 2010 (3rd Wednesday of every month).
- Farmers Market – Held every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 a.m. 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 OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2010: Hearing no objections, **the Regular Meeting Minutes of the SEPTEMBER 8, 2010 meeting was APPROVED as circulated and filed.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Randolph Hack reported that there was concern over the non-payment of videographer and facilities. Without a resolution he could not file a treasurer's report and would find out what happened for the last two months.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:
Rachel Orange
Chair