



PĀLOLO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 6

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Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2010 PĀLOLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Rachel Orange called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., **with ten (10) members present.** Note: This 13-member board requires seven (7) votes to establish quorum.

Board Members Present – Dwight Synan, Rachel Orange, Earl Shiraki, Randolph Hack, Paul Holtrop, and Gladys

Board Members Absent – David Dunaway, Darlene Nakayama, and Dawn Tanaka.

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

Guests – Calvin Azama (Representative Calvin Say's Office), James Nekota, Ivan Hoe, Julia Allen, Dan Smith, Karen Yorimoto (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office), Lt. Gary Lum Lee, Sgt. C Sudokane, Officer M. Mitchell, Lehua Orneilas, Charles Izumoto (Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative), Firefighter Jason Katada (Honolulu Fire Department), and Aisha Wang (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Firefighter Jason Katada reported the following.

- October 2010 Statistics – There were 1 structure fire; 1 vehicle fires/accidents; 22 medical emergencies, 1 search and rescue and 2 miscellaneous calls that the fire department responded to in the area.
- Fire Safety Tip – Turkey fryers can be very dangerous. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) discourages the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that immerse the poultry in hot oil. The NFPA states that "turkey fryers that use oil, as currently designed, are not suitable for acceptably safe use even by a well-informed and careful consumer." Further information can be found on the NFPA website at www.nfpa.org. Using the search engine, type in "turkey fryers."

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Gary Lum Lee reported the following:

- October 2010 Statistics – There were a total of 36 police calls reported in October 2010; of 10 burglaries, 2 robberies, 15 thefts; and 9 UEMVs.
- Identity Theft – Identity theft occurs when your personal information is used to commit certain crimes including theft, fraud, forgery, etc. It is also a crime to possess confidential personal information of another person without authorization.
- Contact Information – If you see a crime, you can report it on-line at www.honolulu.org/patrol/d7 or call Officer Mark Mitchell or Officer Tony Kahapea at 529-3628.

Questions, Comments, and Concerns followed:

1. Robberies – Lieutenant Lum Lee responded that the 2 robberies that were reported were kids stealing ipods from other kids.
2. Road Hazards – Officer Mark Mitchell was commended for the quick response to the road hazards in the Palolo area.
3. Motor Scooter – The Department as a whole was praised for reducing the amount of noise from motor scooters at off-peak hours.



Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Moani Wright-Van Alst was feeling under the weather and could not attend, chair Orange was sent an e-mail and reported the following :

- Water Main Break – No main breaks reported in October 2010.

2010-2011 Halawa Xeriscape Garden Workshop Schedule – The BWS and the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden are pleased to announce the 2010-2011 Saturday Xeriscape Workshop schedule. These fun and educational workshops, which are held at the Board of Water Supply's Halawa Xeriscape Garden, focus on the concept of xeriscaping – an innovative means of conserving water through efficient landscaping – and other means of saving water outdoors.

- Water Meter Maintenance – BWS wanted to issue a quick reminder about water meters. The BWS is responsible for the maintenance of water meters and it's important that you keep the meter box area clear of grass and debris so that BWS crews can easily access it, if needed. If you notice a leak in your water meter or need to shut off water service for any reason, please do not attempt any repairs or modifications to the meter box yourself, call us at 748-5000.

HCAP (Honolulu Community Action Program) – No report available.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor's Representative Report – Charles Izumoto introduced himself as the Mayor's representative and invited questions to report back to the Mayor

Questions, Comments and Concerns followed:

1. Left Turn Signal at 10th Ave & Waiālae Ave – Board members wanted the new Mayor to be aware that we have been asking for a left-hand turn signal at the intersection of 10th & Waiālae for a number of years. We have been promised that the project is scheduled, but the date keeps moving back and we want to be kept apprised of any progress.
2. Left Turn into Tamura's from 10th Ave heading mauka – Board members mentioned the danger in patrons making an illegal left turn into Tamura's Market from 10th Ave and causing a traffic jam to drivers heading in the mauka direction.

The Board has been told that putting a larger sign to make patrons aware of illegal left turn was illegal. A lengthy discussion on the fact that it was each person's responsibility to not make illegal left turn to relay to representative Izumoto about the Palolo concerns ensued. Chair Orange offered to speak to the owners of the market to notify their suppliers who make the illegal turn.

3. New Administration – A Board member asked for assistance in housekeeping issues to make sure videographer gets paid and facilities use payment is issued.
4. Contact Information – Representative Izumoto gave Board members his e-mail address: cizumoto@honolulu.gov.
5. Utility Lines – A question was asked of the representative regarding the utility lines that HECO puts up specifically if the Board has any leverage from the Mayor's office in maintaining the condition of the utility lines.
6. Resolution Regarding Road Repairs – Chair Orange wanted to make representative Izumoto aware that a resolution from the Board regarding the need for repairs of several key streets in the area was sent to the appropriate offices.

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi – Representative Karen Yorimoto was available as a representative for Councilmember Kobayashi; Chair Orange reviewed Councilmember Kobayashi's newsletter for the viewing audience as followed:

- Bill 39 – To regulate sidewalk usage passed by City Council was signed into law by Mayor Carlisle.

- Bill 35 – Relating to real property taxation, passed third reading by the full Council and was returned by the Mayor (unsigned) on October 27th. This ordinance will replace the “homeowner” and “non-homeowner” real property tax classification with the “residential” classification.

Questions, Comments and Concerns followed:

1. Regarding Bill 39 – A Board member asked what the Police can do to enforce this new ban on sidewalk usage.
2. Plastic Bag Ban – A question was raised as to whether there would be a bill to ban plastic bag usage on Oahu after the recent ban passed on Maui.
3. Bulky Item Fines – A question was raised asking Councilmember Kobayashi’s thoughts on fining offenders of the Bulky Item rules.

Representative Calvin Say – Representative Calvin Azama was available for Councilmember Say and reported on the following:

- Flu Season – Councilmember Say’s newsletter made readers aware of flu season and the necessity of having a flu shot to prevent influenza.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

House assignments – A Board member wanted to know whether the House had made assignments for the upcoming session and representative Azama answered “no.”

Senator Les Ihara, Jr. – No report available.

RESIDENTS’/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

- Parks and Recreation – A resident spoke his concern for the lack of maintenance of the recreation equipment in the school yard.

Residents and Board members spoke in support of inviting a city official in charge of Parks and Recreation for the Palolo area. A suggestion was made to ask the Mayor to have local Parks and Recreation representative come to periodic Neighborhood Board meetings which was really informative when they did in the past.

- Vacation/Holiday – A Board member reminded residents that times are hard and particularly during vacation times to be aware of leaving things out in the open to avoid items being stolen.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Permitted Interaction Groups – No report available.
- Sewer Rehabilitation Project – There is still no progress due to the question of procurement of equipment to videotape the sewer section that is being worked on. They will get back to the Board when they continue the project.
- Community Recognition Award Nominations – Board member Synan reported that the committee met and agreed to invite family members of the late Richard Wells as the first recipient of the community recognition award. After some discussion on the process of presenting the award and wording of the actual award, **the motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY 10-0-0 (AYE: Carroll, Eisen, Gerlich-Hayes, Holtrop, Hack, Orange, Shiraki, Synan, Tschudi, and Weinstein).**

NEW BUSINESS:

- Closure of Queen Liliuokalani School – There was a resolution made Kaimuki’s Neighborhood Board to oppose the closure of the Queen Liliuokalani Elementary School. Board member Tschudi made a motion to approve a resolution similar to Kaimuki’s Neighborhood Board and was seconded by Board member Hack.

Questions, Comments and Concerns followed:

1. Support to Oppose Closure of School – Board member Hack spoke in strong opposition of the closure of the Queen Liliuokalani because of the historical value of the location.
2. Rationalization – A question was raised as to the rationalization of this school being closed down such as would it save money or is the capacity of the school too low.

The motion was APPROVED 9-1-0 (AYE: Carroll, Eisen, Gerlich-Hayes, Hack, Orange, Shiraki, Synan, Tschudi, and Weinstein **Nay:** Holtrop).

- Potluck for Christmas meeting – Chair Orange announced that to make December’s meeting festive, Board members were asked to participate in a potluck. Board members suggested pūpū to make it easier to eat during the board meeting. A motion was made and seconded to have a potluck for December 8’ 2010 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Bulky Trash Pick-Up – Take out by the morning of November 17, 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 OCTOBER 13, 2010: Hearing no objections, **the Regular Meeting Minutes of the OCTOBER 13, 2010 meeting was APPROVED as circulated and filed.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Randolph Hack reported that there was a total expenditure of \$32.56 since the last month, however there is still a 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 is happening.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Submitted by:
Aisha Wang
Neighborhood Commission

Reviewed by:
Rachel Orange
Chair