



## PĀLOLO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 6

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012 PĀLOLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Rachel Orange called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **with a quorum of nine (9) members present.** Note - This 13-member board requires seven (7) votes to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

**Members Present** - Traver Carroll, David Dunaway, Randolph Hack, Paul Holtrop, Stephen Maybir (arrived 7:36 p.m.), Darlene Nakayama, Rachel Orange, Earl Shiraki, Shaun St. Vincent, Dwight Synan (appointed at this meeting), and Michael Weinstein.

**Members Absent** - Gladys Gerlich-Hayes.

**Vacancy** - There is one vacancy in Subdistrict 2.

**Guests** - Martha Torney (Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative, Department of Public Safety, Deputy Director of Administration); House Speaker Calvin Say, Charles P. Izumoto (Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative, Office of the Mayor); Councilmember Ann Kobayashi and Karen Yorimoto (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office staff); Capt. Jason Mejia (Honolulu Fire Department, Pālolo Fire Station); Lt. Carl Thorstad, Ofcr. Sandi Fujitani Ofcr. Calvin Domingo and Ofcr. Anthony Kahapea (Honolulu Police Department); Chris Sayers and Kelly Cruz (Department of Transportation Services); Ivan Hoe (Department of Design and Construction), Bryan Gallagher (Board of Water Supply), Hesh Goldstein, Fran Farm; Bill and Jan Palmer; Benros Emata, Shinsuke Uehara, E. Takaki, J. Nelote, Maria Glidden (After School All Stars, Jarrett Middle School), Glenn Y. Yamasaki, Julia Allen (Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 05), Fred Pearlack (Monsanto), Tinkle Malama (Videographer), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**FILLING OF TWO VACANT BOARD SEATS:** There were two Board vacancies - one At Large vacancy, due to the resignation of Kahikino Dettweiler, and one vacancy in Subdistrict 2.

**At Large Vacancy** - **Dunaway nominated Dwight Synan to fill the At Large vacancy.** (No second required.) Synan gave some background information. He was a former Board member and active in the Community Clean Up and the Bulky Item Trash Pick-up areas. **Hack nominated Glen Yamasaki.** (No second required.) Yamasaki gave some background information. He was a long-time resident, wanted to get more involved in the community and wanted to share his Christian values. Chair Orange was happy to see two candidates seeking to fill the Board vacancies. Unfortunately, neither lived in Subdistrict 2. Neighborhood Assistant Ho verified their resident addresses. Seven votes were needed to win. **Dwight Synan - Eight votes (AYE: Carroll, Dunaway, Holtrop, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, St. Vincent and Weinstein).** **Glen Yamasaki - One vote (AYE: Hack).** Chair Orange encouraged Yamasaki to run in the next Neighborhood Board elections in 2013 and reminded everyone that there was still a vacancy in Subdistrict 2. Chair Orange called a brief recess, as Neighborhood Assistant Ho administered the Oath of Office to Dwight Synan; **10 members present.**

**Subdistrict 2 Vacancy** - There were no nominations or volunteers to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 2.

### **CITY MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** - Capt. Jason Mejia reported the following:

- **Statistics for December 2011** - There were 2 structure and 1 vehicle fires; 30 medical emergencies and 8 miscellaneous calls for service (assisting HPD, assisting patients and false alarms). One of the structure fires was a two-alarm fire, involving 10 fire trucks. The fire was "taken care of" in 12 minutes.
- **Statistics for January 2012** - There were 2 rubbish fires; 24 medical emergencies and 2 miscellaneous calls for service.
- **Fire Safety Tip:** Smoke alarms save lives and are an important part of a home fire escape plan. Since the late 1970s, properly installed and maintained smoke alarms have contributed to a 50% decrease in



fire deaths. According to the National Fire Protection Association, 65% of home fire deaths reported between 2000 and 2004 resulted from homes that had inoperable or no smoke alarms. An estimated 890 lives could be saved each year if every home contained working smoke alarms. Do you have working smoke alarms in your home?

Comments followed:

1. Medical Emergency Calls - Many medical calls come in the mornings and at all times of the day or night.
2. Blood Pressure Testing - HFD still does the free blood pressure testing. The hours are posted and there is a buzzer in the front of the station.
3. Medical Emergency Calls (continued) - HFD will cover medical emergency calls after dispatch is notified by Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) - Lt. Carl Thorstad distributed the monthly report and highlighted the following:

- Statistics for January 2012 - There were 50 calls - 13 burglaries, 2 robberies, 27 theft offenses, and 8 unauthorized entries to a motor vehicle. The monthly report was not e-mailed, as the computer was "down." Regarding mopeds, citations are issued, but it is very difficult to catch violators, as they move location after the public calls 911.
- Home Security Safety Tips - Security systems and dogs help. If the door is open when returning home, do not enter. Go to the neighbor's house and call 911. Don't risk harm and contamination of the crime scene.

Comments followed:

1. Mopeds - If a moped is stopped and the driver has no license, then a citation is issued. HPD has ways of identifying the driver. There was a recent case in the media, where a man gave his brother's information.
2. Tennis Courts - A resident wondered if there have been reports of crimes at the tennis courts; none were known of.
3. Loud Car Stereos - It was reported that at 10th Avenue and Ahe Street, car stereos are "blasting" and shaking the houses. The law reads that if the loud noise can be heard 30 feet away, then a citation will be issued. It was reported that on New Year's Eve, cars were doing "donuts" in Pālolo.
4. Bicycles - It was reported that bicycles are cutting in front of cars and entering a crosswalk after the "white man walking" turns to the "red hand." In the battle of car versus bicycle, the car usually wins. Sometimes, the car driver is distracted by cell phones and stereo headphones.
5. Tamura's Market - A resident requested a "right turn only" sign. There already is one.
6. Condolences - A Board member expressed condolences for the recent passing of Officer Garrett Davis.
7. Skateboarders - It was reported that there were many skateboarders near the University of Hawaii (UH) and it is very difficult to catch and cite them.

At 7:36 p.m., Member Maybir arrived; **11 members present.**

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

- Water Main Breaks - There were two main breaks during December 2011 and one in February 2012. After a main break, BWS puts a temporary road patch and hires a contractor to complete the job.
- New Manager and Chief Engineer - BWS is pleased to announce that Ernest Lau has recently been appointed as its tenth manager and chief engineer. As manager, Lau will be responsible for the overall strategic direction and management of the BWS, with a focus on furthering the department's mission to provide a safe and dependable water supply, now and into the future. Lau previously served as the administrator of the Public Works Division under the State Department of Accounting and General Services, where he oversaw the planning, coordinating, directing, and controlling of a statewide program of engineering, architectural, and construction services. Lau previously worked as Deputy Director of the State Commission on Water Resource Management, Department of Land and Natural Resources; the Manager and Chief Engineer of the Kaua'i Department of Water; and at the Board of Water Supply for more than 14 years as an engineer in Long Range Planning and Water Systems Planning. For more information on Ernest Lau, please visit the BWS website at [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).
- Detect-A-Leak Week: March 11 -17 - Preserving and protecting the most essential resource - water - is everyone's responsibility. The BWS encourages all residents to check for property leaks and to fix them promptly during Detect-A-Leak Week, which is being observed statewide from March 11-17. Checking for and repairing property leaks helps save water, lowers your water and sewer bill, and prevents

potential damage to your home. During Detect-A-Leak Week free toilet leak detection dye tablets will be available to the public during that week at the BWS Public Service Building at 630 South Beretania Street, at all Satellite City Halls, and City Mill locations. Toilet leak detection dye tablets have been provided to Board members and extras are available to the community. Gallagher also distributed a handout "How to Check for Leaks." For more leak detection information, call 748-5041 or visit the BWS website, Facebook or Twitter pages:

- Website: [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com)
- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/BWSHonolulu>
- Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/BWSHonolulu>.

Comments followed:

1. Second Meter - Watering the lawn may increase the sewer fee. It was suggested getting a second meter. For more information, call BWS at 748-5000.
2. Road Repair - There are many paving projects on 9th and 10th Avenues, which should be coordinated with Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM).

Honolulu Community Action Program (HCAP) - Board member St. Vincent reported that HCAP serves 12,000 clients, has a worker, named "Haku" at 732-7755 and that HCAP will help with the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) on the Federal tax form.

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative - Charles Izumoto reported the following:

- Wai'ala'e Avenue Traffic Study - Izumoto introduced Chris Sayers and Kelly Cruz from Department of Transportation Services (DTS), who reported that they gathered the data and found that the problems were not at 3rd Avenue, but at the McDonald's and Sacred Hearts Academy. They did a bicycle count and no decision has been made. Other comments included: 1. Peak traffic was from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., as people are going to work or school. 2. There will be more counts next week. 3. Paving on Wai'ala'e Avenue will go on, as it is not dependent on the bike lanes. 4. There are too many cars. Bike lanes and sharrows are also considered.
- Waiomao Road - Road Division will check into the patches and report next month. Councilmember Ann Kobayashi reported that Department of Environmental Services (ENV) was doing sewer work on 9th Avenue and requested the time schedule for completion of both jobs.
- Debris at the Ala Wai Boat Harbor - City funds/resources cannot be used for non-City (State) activities. Ala Wai Canal is not a City stream. Chair Orange requested that the City work with the State on this project.
- Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) - A resident raised a concern about the 5-year general excise tax collected for the rail. If the federal lawsuit is successful, how much money for the rail is lost and what will happen to the money? The City does not believe the lawsuit would be successful. However, if the lawsuit stops the project, the approximately \$400 million already spent would be lost and both State and City laws would need to be amended to re-direct the money people paid for rail. Although a detailed budget is posted on the website, a resident requested a breakdown of the costs for the total project. If the rail project is not passed, then the returning of the 4.5% General Excise Tax (GET) is a State concern.
- Left Turn on 10th Avenue - Ty Fukumitsu has been assigned to the project.
- Sidewalk Clearance - The City's "Stored Property" ordinance is complaint-driven.

City Councilmember Ann Kobayashi - Karen Yorimoto had distributed the newsletter and Councilmember Kobayashi reported the following:

- Real Property Taxes - The City Council had discussions, but it does not have access to income data.
- City Budget - Discussions will start in March 2012.
- Waiomao Road - Sewer work will start in July 2012.
- Bulky Items Pick-up - ENV may be two-weeks behind schedule, due to the "Stored Property" ordinance pick-up.
- Parking Fees at or Near City Parks - There has been no discussion yet. Councilmember Kobayashi opposes parking fees at Ala Moana Beach Park, a most "family-friendly" park.

Comments followed:

Expressed Concerns - There is too much exhaust and noise coming from mopeds. There is a need for plastic bags. Don't increase the fees for senior golfers.

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative - Martha Torney highlighted the following:

- "State of the State" Address - Governor Abercrombie delivered his second "State of the State" address before the Legislature, laying out investment goals that build upon the economic progress made during the last year. The Governor also proposed a number of initiatives that he will be moving forward this legislative session. These include:
  - Emergency appropriations for a \$1.8 million grant to support the National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii, in light of the closure of two Hawaii Medical Center hospitals.
  - Investing \$1.4 million to establish Aging and Disabilities Resource Centers to assist kupuna who face the challenges of aging and restricted mobility.
  - Investing \$1 million toward early childhood education and health initiatives.
  - Making the TV and Film Tax Credit permanent.
  - Investing \$5 million toward the preservation and protection of the state's watersheds.
  - Support for an undersea cable to connect our island grids for stable, reliable electricity between islands.
  - Improvements to the criminal justice system, as proposed by the Justice Reinvestment Initiative, for example, bringing criminals home from the mainland.
  - Working with the Legislature to identify and approve "shovel-ready" Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), which will result in construction jobs and address critical infrastructure needs.
  - Improve broadband communications. Visit - [hawaiispeedtest.net](http://hawaiispeedtest.net).
- Help Wanted - In addition, Governor Abercrombie has announced that applications are being accepted for service on numerous boards and commissions. The Governor's Office oversees more than 160 boards and commissions. You can apply on your own behalf or recommend qualified applicants. To do so, or view the Governor's State of the State address in its entirety, please visit: <http://hawaii.gov/gov>.

Comments followed:

1. Film/TV Tax Credit - What is the criteria for the tax credit? Is it for more jobs or to help promote tourism? Torney will follow up.

House Speaker Calvin Say - House Speaker Say distributed his report and highlighted the following:

- Governor's Budget - House Speaker Say is working with the Governor to maintain growth in tourism, but Say recognizes that the second half of the year will be filled with the elections. The cost of oil is going up. Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) will cost up to \$1.3 billion, of which \$800 million will be in revenue bonds. The Legislature will be looking at the regulatory process to improve the economy.
- Federal Cuts - The Federal "Super Committee" recommended a 5% cut "across the board," which will hurt Medicaid, the University of Hawaii (UH), and the Department of Defense, which will cut jobs in Hawai'i.

State Senator Les Ihara, Jr. - Senator Ihara "texted" that he is "stuck at the Capitol." A report was not available.

#### RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Psychotic and Supernatural Occurrences - A resident reported to HPD an increase in psychotic and supernatural occurrences. Chair Orange responded that the Neighborhood Board could not help in this area. The resident wanted faithful adherence to good values.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Sign - Chair Orange is working with the NCO on putting to a Bulky Item Pick-Up reminder on the back of the Board's banner.

Permitted Interaction Groups (PIG) - There were no reports to update.

Community Recognition Award Nominations - The Committee recommended two awards:

Jarrett Middle School (JMS) - JMS won an award for "continuation of growth and promotion of academic achievement." It was able to achieve a high level in spite of the low economic level.

808 Boyz Flag Football Team - They won the N.F.L. Flag Football National Championship in Florida.

**Hack moved; Holtrop seconded that the Pālolo Neighborhood Board No. 06 confers its Community Recognition Awards on the Jarrett Middle School and the 808 Boyz Flag Football Team. As there were**

**no objections, the motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 11-0-0 (AYES:** Carroll, Dunaway, Hack, Holtrop, Maybir, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, St. Vincent, Synan and Michael Weinstein).

#### NEW BUSINESS

Request for the City to Install a "No Parking" Sign on the Ocean Side of Carlos Long Street between Myrtle and Narcissus Streets - A group of neighbors in the area have signed a petition requesting the limitation of parking to one side of the street in this area, as the road is too narrow to accommodate parking on both sides. The residents, residing on Myrtle Street, Narcissus Street, and Narcissus Place submitted a two-page petition, asking for "no parking" on the ocean side of Carlos Long between Myrtle and Narcissus Streets.

**Holtrop moved; Dunaway seconded that the Pālolo Neighborhood Board No. 06 support the residents' request. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 11-0-0 (AYES:** Carroll, Dunaway, Hack, Holtrop, Maybir, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, St. Vincent, Synan and Weinstein). Chair Orange assured the residents that the Board will forward the petition and resolution on to the Department of Transportation Services (DTS).

Dangers of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)s and Monsanto's pesticide Roundup - Hesh Goldstein presented several arguments against Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)s and the dangers of Roundup, a pesticide made by Monsanto. He has gone to various government agencies (the Governor's Office, the State Legislature, the State Department of Agriculture and the Attorney General's Office). He urges the public to boycott products (corn, soy, and canola oil) and to eat "organic." There needs to be more studies on the effect of GMOs on humans. The Legislature will hear a bill on February 16 and there will be a march at the Capitol on February 21. Goldstein claimed that Roundup is banned in Europe and is related to "Agent Orange." However, Fred Pearlack, a Monsanto representative in Hawai'i, responded that in 1972 Roundup received the safest level-rating for a herbicide and is molecularly not related to Agent Orange.

Complete Streets - Next month, the Board will vote on the proposed draft resolution.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bulky Trash Pick-Up - Take out by the morning of February 15, 2011 (third Wednesday of every month).
- Farmers' Market - 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. every Wednesday at Pālolo District Park.
- 'Olelo Broadcast Slots - Aired on VIEWS 54 1st and 3rd Sundays at 12:00 noon and FOCUS 49 4th Thursday at 9:00 pm. Or online, anytime at - <http://olelo.org>.
- Social Media - Join us informally at the "Pālolo Valley Community" page on Facebook at, <http://www.facebook.com/groups/107111366012456/>
- Apps - Eleven web and mobile applications developed by City employees and private citizens are available for download from the City's website at <http://can-do.honolulu.gov>.
- Agenda Requests - Contact Chair Rachel Orange at - [rachelpualani@gmail.com](mailto:rachelpualani@gmail.com) or 265-1334 with agenda item requests.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 14, 2011 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - **As there were no objections, the December 14, 2011 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED as circulated, by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 11-0-0 (AYES:** Carroll, Dunaway, Hack, Holtrop, Maybir, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, St. Vincent, Synan and Weinstein).

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Hack reported that the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Budget Allocation was \$4,041.00. After expenditures for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes, facility rental, and videotaping, the ending balance on February 8, 2012 was \$2,367.71. Hack thanked the NCO for the monthly statement with the breakdown of expenditures. The Treasurer's Report was filed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned 9:06 p.m.

Submitted by,  
K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant  
Reviewed by,  
Rachel Orange, Chair