



## PĀLOLO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 6

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 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, Gladys Gerlich-Hayes, Randolph Hack, Paul Holtrop, Darlene Nakayama, Rachel Orange, Earl Shiraki, Shaun St. Vincent, Dwight Synan (arrived at 8:00 p.m.), and Michael Weinstein.

**Members Absent** - David Dunaway and Stephen Maybir.

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

**Guests** - Martha Torney (Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative, Department of Public Safety, Deputy Director of Administration); Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Calvin Azama (House Speaker Calvin Say's Office staff), Tom Heinrich (Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative, Neighborhood Commission Office, Executive Secretary); Shelly Tamang and Karen Yorimoto (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office intern and staff); Capt. Stuart Minchew (Honolulu Fire Department, Pālolo Fire Station); Lt. Allen Nagata and Ofcr. Mark Mitchell (Honolulu Police Department); Glenn Y. Yamasaki, Lester L. Fung, James Nekota, Shinsuke J. Uehara, Brian Cuzzocreo, Tinkle Malama (Videographer), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**3-ABSENCES BY BOARD MEMBER GLADYS GERLICH-HAYES** - Chair Orange asked for a two-thirds vote (9) to add this item to tonight's agenda. **Gerlich-Hayes moved; Hack seconded that the Pālolo Neighborhood Board No. 6 adds this item to the agenda. As there were no objections, the Board added this item to the agenda by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-0 (AYE: Carroll, Gerlich-Hayes, Hack, Holtrop, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, St. Vincent, and Weinstein).** Gerlich-Hayes explained that she thought that the three absences were counted by calendar year (January through December) instead of by Fiscal Year (FY) (July 1 to June 30). Her two absences in 2011 were due to illness and a trip "out of State." Last month she was absent due to the flu and she wanted to continue serving on the Board. **Shiraki moved; and Hack seconded that the Pālolo Neighborhood Board No. 06 retains Gerlich-Hayes on the Board. The motion was ADOPTED, 8-0-1 (AYE: Carroll, Gerlich-Hayes, Hack, Holtrop, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, and Weinstein; ABSTAIN: St. Vincent).**

**FILLING OF ONE VACANT BOARD SEAT IN SUBDISTRICT 2:** As there were no volunteers to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 2, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

### **CITY MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** - Capt. Stuart Minchew reported the following:

- **Statistics for February 2012** - There were 1 structure and 2 rubbish fires; 49 medical emergencies and 8 miscellaneous calls for service (assisting HPD, assisting patients and false alarms). There was 1 major incident, which was a fire on Wilhelmina Rise and 9 companies responded.
- **Fire Safety Tip:**
  - A. Although cooking at home can be a fun family activity, please adhere to the following fire safety tips to avoid accidents in the kitchen:
    1. Do not leave cooking food unattended. If you must leave the kitchen, even briefly, turn off the heat and take a spoon or oven mitt with you to remind yourself of the food on the stove.
    2. Do not become distracted. Attending to children, answering phone calls, watching television, and answering doorbells can have devastating results when the stove is on and unattended.
    3. Keep ignitable items, such as dish towels, paper or plastic bags, and curtains at least three feet away from the range top.
    4. Learn how to use an ABC-rated fire extinguisher and keep it near the kitchen.
  - B. Building identification is critical for emergency responders to quickly identify the correct location. Due to several inquiries last month, the following information is being provided:



1. House numbering requirements from the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH), Chapter 2, Section 9.2(d)(2) are as follows:

"All numbers shall be placed in such manner as to be readily seen from the street, roadway or lane, shall be of different color from the background on which they are placed, and shall be at least two inches in height. The number shall be placed in a permanent manner, chalk or other effaceable material not being permitted."

2. Requirements from the Fire Code of the City and County of Honolulu (ROH Chapter 20, 1997 Uniform Fire Code, Section 901.4.4.) are as follows:

"Approved numbers or addresses shall be provided for all new and existing buildings in such a position as to be plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting the property."

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

- Statistics for February 2012 - There were 39 calls - 15 burglaries, 2 robberies, 19 theft offenses, and 3 unauthorized entries to a motor vehicle.
- Pedestrian Safety Tips - How it Works
  - White Man Walking - Start crossing when this signal appears. This is the only time you may **enter** the crosswalk.
  - Red Hand Flashing - Don't start crossing if this signal appears. **Finish** crossing if it appears and you are already in it.
  - Red Hand - "Don't Walk". Remain at the curb when this signal appears. Push the pedestrian button and wait for the walk signal.
  - Red Hand with Countdown - Don't start crossing if this signal appears. **Finish** crossing within the time allowed.

#### **THE LAW**

<b>PEDESTRIAN VIOLATIONS</b>	<b>Penalties</b>
Pedestrian obedience to "Don't Walk" or flashing signal	\$130.00
"Jaywalking"	\$130.00
No pedestrian to enter/cross any roadway closed to pedestrian traffic	\$130.00
Vehicles must stop for pedestrians in same half of the roadway	\$130.00

#### **STEPS TO SAFETY**

Always use a marked crosswalk.

Make eye contact. Look left, right, left again.

Wear white, bright, or reflective clothing.

Comments followed:

1. Good Job! - Ofcr. Mark Mitchell was recognized for his service on the District 7 Community Policing Team, which handles non-emergency calls. For emergencies, call 911.
2. Waiomao Road - Recently, there was a large "police presence" (with 30 police officers, K-9 corps and a helicopter). They were investigating a burglary and the suspect went into the mountainous areas.
3. Accreditation - Last month HPD reported that it was going through a national accreditation process to validate that they are doing the right things. It is like going to an accredited university or college.
4. Mopeds - Board member Gerlich-Hayes thanked the HPD for stopping moped noise.

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

- Main Breaks - There was one on February 3 and one on February 5. There may be more due to the aging infrastructure. Gallagher will follow up with the iron plates and "not smooth" paving on 10th Avenue.
- Charter Amendment - A resolution (12-25) proposed by the Honolulu City Council seeks to amend the Revised City Charter to transfer the powers, duties, and functions of the Board of Water Supply (BWS)

to a Department of Water Supply under the Executive Branch of the City of the City and County of Honolulu. The BWS does not support this resolution.

Under the Department's existing semi-autonomy, operations are funded by water rates and are solely used for the benefit of the water system. These monies are not diverted to other non-waterworks uses. The BWS does not receive funds from property taxes.

The semi-autonomous Board provides for greater efficiency in making decisions and setting policy. It also encourages continuity of management and ensures a long-range planning to keep the water systems functioning. The BWS is in full compliance with environmental regulations (i.e. State Department of Health regulations, EPA's Safe Drinking Water Act) and has never been subjected to Federal actions due to a lack of maintaining its water systems.

As the municipal water utility for O'ahu, the Board of Water Supply has been working to address O'ahu's aging infrastructure. From 2005 to 2011, the Board awarded nearly \$232 million in contracts to improve our water systems. The recent rate increase provides us with the necessary funding to replace aging components of the water system, to keep main breaks at an acceptable level, and to ensure a safe and dependable water supply.

The semi-autonomous status of the BWS has been dutifully carried out for more than 80 years. It is a wise and responsible governance model to maintain our precious water resources and our municipal water systems for current and future generations.

For more information, please call the BWS Communications Office at 748-5041.

- Upcoming Workshops at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden - Workshops at the BWS's Halawa Xeriscape Garden are geared toward community education about how to conserve water outdoors. BWS employees and gardening experts will host educational and fun-filled activities where participants learn about water conservation through Xeriscape. Here are the upcoming scheduled workshops:
  - March 17 - Unique Container Gardening
  - March 31 - Decorate an Egg the Xeriscape Way
  - March 24 - Rain Barrel Catchment
  - April 7 - User Friendly CompostTo register for these classes, call 748-5363 or email [tours@hbws.org](mailto:tours@hbws.org). To find a list of upcoming classes, visit [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).
- Detect-A-Leak Week: March 11 -17 - 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. For more leak detection information, call 748-5041 or visit our 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>.

Questions and comments followed:

1. Proposed Charter Amendment - It was written by Councilmember Ann Kobayashi.
2. No Pay - The BWS Board members are not compensated.
3. Sewer Bill - It is tied to water usage.
4. Chlorine Taste in the Tap Water - Two people at different locations of the valley mentioned an increased taste of chlorine in the water. Gallagher checked the chlorine injection points and noticed no spike in system, but there may be new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) directives in the future. Gallagher will follow up.
5. Storm Drains - The recent heavy rains caused rain to enter the sewer system, due a blockage in the storm drain.

Honolulu Community Action Program (HCAP) - Board member St. Vincent reported that HCAP also serves meals to clients. HCAP will help with the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) on the Federal tax form. Call "Haku" at 732-7755. A group called "Urban Core" wants to build group behavior and Hawaiianhope.org is made up of computer people, who collect used computer equipment and give them back to non-profits; 5,000 computers so far.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

City Councilmember Ann Kobayashi - Karen Yorimoto distributed the newsletter, which mentioned the new City 311 Smart Phone app.

- Honolulu 311 - The City has a new 311 "Smart Phone" reporting "App", which allows the public to use their personal "smart phones" to report and send photos of abandoned vehicles, broken street lights, illegal dumping and other issues. The user-friendly software is able to pinpoint locations using GPS and the information submitted will be forwarded to the appropriate departments for action. The App can be downloaded from the app marketplace by searching for "Honolulu 311."

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

- Heavy Rains - As it rained so hard last week, Governor Abercrombie issued emergency disaster proclamations for Kaua'i and O'ahu on March 3.
- Compact of Free Association - Because of nuclear testing in the 1950s and 1960s the federal government had promised adequate and affordable healthcare and housing to Micronesians, Marshallese and other Pacific Islanders. However, Hawai'i has not received much financial help from the federal government.
- Race to the Top - Governor Abercrombie is still pursuing this goal.
- Driver's License - When renewing the driver's license, drivers will need to show a social security card or birth certificate. To see the new requirements for "proof of residency," visit [hawaii.gov/DOT](http://hawaii.gov/DOT).
- Broadband - The State received 15,000 "hits" for its "Broadband Initiative."
- Film/TV Tax Credit - Last month Vice Chair Holtrop asked about the Film/TV Tax Credit requirements to promote local job opportunities, to spend money for film education and to promote Hawai'i in a positive way. Torney gave a copy of the requirements to Holtrop and Neighborhood Assistant Ho.

Comments followed:

Federal Funds for Pacific Islanders - They are primarily for medical care, but they need housing, too.

House Speaker Calvin Say - Calvin Azama distributed House Speaker Say's report.

Comments followed:

Board member Shiraki favored the practice of having invocations at the start of each House session.

Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative - Tom Heinrich, Executive Secretary for the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO), who was substituting for Laura Thielen, who had to attend an agricultural meeting and who was substituting for Charles Izumoto, who was "out of State," reported the following:

- "Sunny" Award - Honolulu was honored with a "Sunny Award" for maintaining one of the most transparent government websites ([www.honolulu.gov](http://www.honolulu.gov)) in America. Of more than 6,000 state and local government websites ranked, only 214 earned a "Sunny Award." Honolulu was one of the three largest cities.
- Honolulu 311 - This is another example of "transparency" and giving the public the ability to report potholes, road repair, and broken City property.
- "The Move" to the Mission Memorial Annex - Only five out of 15 staff members of the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) have completed the move to the Mission Memorial Annex, second floor. The Mission Memorial Annex is the building just Diamond Head of Honolulu Hale.
- Reapportionment - Rex Quidilla from the State Elections Office could be placed on the June 2012 agenda (as the Board will recess in May) to explain the precincts in Pālolo. The Primary Election will be on August 11 and the General Election will be on November 6.
- Neighborhood Board System - Heinrich explained that the Neighborhood Board System is made up of four parts - the public, the Neighborhood Commission, the 33 Neighborhood Boards and the NCO.
- Neighborhood Commission - Two committees will be holding meetings:
  - Neighborhood Plan (NP) Committee - It will meet on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mayor's Conference Room, room 301 at Honolulu Hale.
  - Elections Committee - It will focus on the 2013-2015 term and will meet on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Mission Memorial Annex, second floor.
- Waikiki Regional Circulator Study (WRCS) - It will meet on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at the Jefferson Elementary School at 6:30 p.m. Phase 1 of the rail system will run from West Kapolei to Ala Moana Center. Phase 2 will go to the University of Hawaii (UH) and Waikiki. This WRCS will study public transit and bus routes primarily in Waikiki and secondarily to Market City.
- Waiomao Road - Pothole repair is a temporary fix until a resurfacing project can be done. In addition, a sewerline repair project delayed the contract resurfacing of Waiomao Road. The Department of Design

and Construction (DDC) informed Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) that Waiomao Road (entire length) will be scheduled for contract resurfacing under DDC'S IDIQ rehabilitation of streets project, upon the completion of the on-going Department of Environmental Services IDIQ Sewerline Rehabilitation project, which is tentatively scheduled to be completed late-summer 2012.

- Debris in the Boom at the Ala Wai Boat Harbor - Unfortunately, the City must stand on their response to the February 2012 report. We urge the board to address this issue to their State Elected Officials and or your Governor's Representative. (Note - House Speaker Calvin Say has looked at the Ala Wai and later this year, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will report before a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).
- Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) - Please see attached report page from Draft Financial Plan for Entry into Final Design (which can be found on the website at - <http://www.honolulustransit.org/> (Page 2-2).
- Treasurer's Report - Last month Treasurer Randy Hack thanked the NCO for the monthly statement with the expenditures listed. Heinrich mentioned that with the "checkbook" format, the Board is able to see prior expenditures for the whole year and have the remaining balance.
- Pālolo Petition - 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. The Neighborhood Board voted to support the residents' request. Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will review the petition and report back to the Pālolo Neighborhood Board No. 06 and to the residents in the vicinity of Carlos Long Street in the April Neighborhood Board meeting.
- 9th Avenue - At the February meeting Councilmember Ann Kobayashi reported that Department of Environmental Services (ENV) was doing sewer work on 9th Avenue. It will be completed within the next two months.

Comments followed:

1. Left Turn on 10th Avenue - Board member Shiraki reported that the left turn on 10th Avenue should be completed by late April 2012.
2. Identify Streets for Repaving - A resolution for Waiomao Road, as well as other roads in the valley, was passed over a year ago.
3. Expand Social Media - There is a bill in the Senate to allow electronic posting, rather than time-stamping, of agendas for State agencies, not the NCO.

State Senator Les Ihara, Jr. - Senator Ihara reported the following:

- Senate Bill (SB) 2859 - The "Social Media" bill went to the House. On Friday at 2:00 p.m. it will go to the House Judiciary Committee.
- First Crossover - Senator Ihara favors the reduction of throwaway "retail" bags and the fees going to protect the watershed.
- Jobs - To create jobs, the Legislature wants to pass \$500 million in bonds for repair and maintenance to lower the \$2 billion backlog.
- Kakaako - There is a condo mauka of Ala Moana Boulevard that may be part of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) settlement. The land could be used for a Hawaiian nation or a President Obama Library.
- Underwater Cable - There is a proposal to run an underwater electric cable from Maui to O'ahu with Maui as the energy hub (and not Lana'i or Moloka'i), as it has geothermal and wind energy.
- Reapportionment - Senator Ihara outlined the new boundaries for his district.
- Over Payments to State Employees - Senator Ihara is also looking at this area.

Comments followed:

1. Closing of Hawai'i Medical Center's Emergency Rooms - This appears to be a private matter and not a State concern.
2. Invocations in the Senate - When asked why the Senate stopped having invocations at the opening of the sessions, Senator Ihara responded that the Senate did not want to violate the U.S. Constitution. Board member Shiraki favored the practice of having invocations at the start of each Senate session.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) for Bulky Refuse Problems - No report.

Community Recognition Award Nominations - Last month the Committee recommended two awards:

- 808 Boyz Flag Football Team - They won the N.F.L. Flag Football National Championship in Florida to be presented in March.
- The Jarrett Middle School - It 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 to be presented in April.

Board member Synan reported that the coaches or representatives of the 808 Boyz Flag Football Team did not contact him. This item will be deferred to the next meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Complete Streets - Kari Benes was not present for the second time and this agenda item may be taken off the agenda. The Board took no action on the proposed draft resolution.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Spring Break - With Spring Break, more people are "out and about." Watch out for kids and lock your doors.
- B. Bulky Trash Pick-Up - Take out by the morning of March 21, 2012 (third Wednesday of every month).
- C. Farmers' Market - 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. every Wednesday at Pālolo District Park.
- D. '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>.
- E. Social Media - Join us informally at the "Pālolo Valley Community" page on Facebook at, <http://www.facebook.com/groups/107111366012456/>
- F. 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>.
- G. Agenda Requests - Contact Chair Rachel Orange at - [rachelpualani@gmail.com](mailto:rachelpualani@gmail.com) or 265-1334 with agenda item requests.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - **As there were no objections, the February 8, 2012 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED as written, by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 10-0-0 (AYES: Carroll, Gerlich-Hayes, Hack, Holtrop, 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 March 14, 2012, was \$1,828.25. The Treasurer's Report was filed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.

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