



PĀLOLO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 6

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 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. Reminder, the Pālolo Neighborhood Board No. 6 is scheduled to recess in May 2012. The next meeting is on June 13, 2012.

Members Present - Traver Carroll, David Dunaway, Gladys Gerlich-Hayes, Randolph Hack, Stephen Maybir (arrived at 7:18 p.m.), Darlene Nakayama, Rachel Orange, Earl Shiraki, Shaun St. Vincent and Dwight Synan.

Members Absent - Paul Holtrop and Michael Weinstein.

Vacancy - There is one vacancy in Subdistrict 2.

Guests - Martha Torney (Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative, Department of Public Safety, Deputy Director of Administration); Charles Izumoto (Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative, Mayor's Office); Shelly Tamang and Karen Yorimoto (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office intern and staff); Capt. Jason Mejia (Honolulu Fire Department, Pālolo Fire Station); Lt. Allen Nagata and Ofcr. Calvin Domingo (Honolulu Police Department); Bryan Gallagher (Board of Water Supply), Eleanor Gonsalves (Jarrett Middle School, Principal), James Nekota (Pālolo Council), Curtis Kropar (Hawaiian Hope), Dan Smith, Julia Allen (Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5), Tinkle Malama (Videographer), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

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. Jason Mejia reported the following:

- **Statistics for March 2012** - There were 1 structure and 1 vehicle fires; 35 medical emergencies and 17 miscellaneous calls for service (activated alarms, flooded conditions). There was one injured hiker.
- **Fire Safety Tip** -
 - A. In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 46,500 home structure fires involving electrical failures or malfunctions. These fires caused 420 deaths, 1,520 injuries, and \$1.5 billion in property damage.
 1. Check electrical cords to ensure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use. Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets so you do not have to use extension cords.
 2. Major appliances, such as refrigerators, dryers, washers, stoves, air conditioners, etc., should be plugged directly into a wall receptacle outlet. Extension cords and plug strips should not be used.
 3. Plug only one heat-producing appliance, such as a coffee maker, toaster, space heater, etc., into a receptacle outlet at a time.
 - 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:
House numbering requirements from the National Fire Protection Association 1, Uniform Fire Code TM, 2006 edition:
 1. New and existing buildings shall have approved address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. (Section 10.12.1.1.)
 2. Address numbers shall contrast with their background (Section 10.12.1.2.)
 3. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. (Section 10.12.1.3.)



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

- Statistics for March 2012 - There were 11 burglaries, 1 robbery, 27 theft offenses, and 3 unauthorized entries to a motor vehicle (UEMV)s.
- Bicycle Safety Tips - There were several tips listed. Lt. Nagata highlighted the following:
 1. Wear a helmet.
 2. Wear comfortable, brightly colored clothing at night.
 3. Wear a reflective vest from dusk until dawn.
 4. Check your tires for nicks, cuts and wear before each ride, and ensure the tires are inflated properly.
 5. Make sure your brakes work.
 6. Ride with some money for a phone call, catching TheBus or a cab ride if you run into trouble.
- CONTACT HPD (District 7): www.hono1u1upd.org/patrol/d7
- COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM/NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY WATCH
 1. Officer Mark Mitchell, Office Phone: 723-3366, mmitchell1@honolulu.gov
 2. Officer Shane Fujitani Office Phone: 723-3364, sfujitani@honolulu.gov
 3. Officer Calvin Domingo Office Phone: 723-3362, cdomingohonolulu.gov
 4. Officer Celine Mu, Office Phone: 723-3362, caiu@honolulu.gov
- GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (G.I.S.) & (WEBSITE)
 1. Officer Steve Forman, Office phone: 723-4928, sforman@honolulu.gov

Comments followed:

1. Share the Road - It was reported that bus drivers are upset about removing five feet from traffic lanes on Wai'ala'e Avenue for bike lanes. However, the decision has not been made yet. The "car versus bicycle" debate will go on.
2. Citations - In California citations could be issued for riding a bicycle at night without a light. Lt. Nagata added that bicycle riders, like pedestrians, must obey traffic and safety laws. Lt. Nagata will follow up if Honolulu has a law about riding at night with lights.

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

- Main Breaks - There was a six-inch water main break on March 8 at 1440 Pukele Avenue.
- Do You Want a New Car?/Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation - In celebration of Earth Month, Oahu residents are encouraged to get involved by taking a free pledge to conserve water and energy by joining the Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation, sponsored by the Wyland Foundation, the City & County of Honolulu, and the Board of Water Supply (BWS). This nationwide program runs from March 30 to April 30, 2012 and challenges residents to submit pledges to reduce water use online at www.mywaterpledge.com. Entrants are then qualified to earn prizes, including a Toyota Prius, water-saving showerheads, home watering kits, and more! Oahu residents are invited to take the Clean Water Pledge and showcase our island's commitment to conserving water, saving energy and reducing pollution. For more information about this contest, please visit www.boardofwatersupply.com or call the BWS Communications Office at 748-5041.
- Customer Service Request Forms - The BWS has recently developed new customer service request forms that allow customers to request account services online. Customers seeking to update existing account information, start water service, or stop water service may now submit their requests by using electronic or printable forms to avoid waiting in the phone queue. Completed electronic forms are filed online and are automatically submitted to the BWS via email. The printable forms are "form-fillable" and can be mailed, e-mailed, or faxed to the BWS. The forms are at - www.boardofwatersupply.com.

Comments followed: Board members thanked Gallagher for his service to the Board.

Honolulu Community Action Program (HCAP) - Board member St. Vincent reported that there was no meeting this past month, as HCAP meets every other month. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 2012.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD

Jarrett Middle School - Board member Dunaway had recommended Jarrett Middle School for the Community Recognition Award, because it was recognized for "continuation of growth and promotion of academic achievement." It was able to achieve a high level in spite of the low economic level in the area. Dunaway read the following:

**Neighborhood System
Certificate of Recognition
THE PALOLO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 6**

**RECOGNIZES AND CONGRATULATES
William Paul Jarrett Middle School**

Jarrett Middle School was established in 1955. The school was named in honor of William Paul Jarrett (1877-1929), who served as delegate to the United States Congress when Hawaii was still a Territory. Mr. Jarrett gained national and international recognition for his efforts as a humanitarian. Jarrett Middle School is located in cool, breezy Palolo Valley between St. Louis Heights and Wilhelmina Rise. The school serves a community that includes the Kaimuki, Palolo Valley, and St. Louis Heights areas. The campus is on 7.5 acres that was once the site of a city golf course. Jarrett started as an intermediate school serving students in grades 7, 8 and 9. In the 1982-1983 school year, the 9th grade moved to Kaimuki High School leaving only 7th and 8th graders at the school. During the 1989-1990 academic year, Jarrett became a middle school, with the addition of the 6th grade. Its peak enrollment was in the 1960s with more than 1,000 students. Today, Jarrett has a student body of approximately 280 students. Therefore, the Palolo Neighborhood Board No. 6 and the City and County of Honolulu hereby express their "Mahalo nui loa" to the entire student body, faculty, and staff for your continued academic growth, achievement, and dedication, and your excellent representation of the Palolo Community.

Jarrett Middle School Principal Eleanor Gonsalves accepted the Certificate of Recognition and she will share it with the rest of the faculty, staff and students at Jarrett Middle School.

Comments followed: A Board member noticed that there was an increase in the number of Geographic Exceptions (GE)s, which means that more parents are sending their children to Jarrett Middle School.

Maybir arrived at the meeting at 7:18 p.m.; **10 members present.**

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

- Water Expo - There will be a Water Expo on Saturday, April 14, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Waikiki Aquarium. There is limited parking available.
- Left Turn on 10th Avenue - There must have been some miscommunication between the contractor and the Board member. According to the contractor, they are hoping to start the construction (pending permit approvals) at Wai'alaie Avenue and 10th Avenue by April 2012.
- Waiomao Road - The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) finally received the schedule from the contractor. The contractor has scheduled Waiomao Road for paving, May 21 through June 8, 2012. The paving of the other Palolo Streets will follow. Chair Orange added that prior to the start of tonight's meeting, a walker stopped in to mention Waiomao Road's condition.
- Petition by Residents on Myrtle Street, Narcissus Street, and Narcissus Place - The Department of Transportation Services has reviewed the submitted survey and will be issuing a work order by May 2012 to the Department of Facility Maintenance to install a "No Parking Anytime" sign on the makai side of Carlos Long Street between Myrtle and Narcissus Streets, after the legal notice has been published.
- Community Meeting - The City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will be holding a community meeting to discuss potential roadway improvements to Wai'alaie Avenue, including the addition of bicycle lanes. It will be on Thursday, April 19, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Kaimuki Community Park, 3521 Wai'alaie Avenue. In addition, the State of Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH) is sponsoring a presentation by Dan Burden, a national expert on complete and livable streets. He will talk about how other communities have made positive changes in designing transportation corridors for all modes of travel. Parking and bike lanes will be discussed. For more information, please contact Chris Sayers at 768-8335 or e-mail - csayers@honolulu.gov.
- New Smartphone Applications -
 - A. Da Bus - This free application takes the guess work out of catching the bus on the island of Oahu. It uses the near real-time arrival information, courtesy of Oahu Transit Services (OTS), to provide the best estimated time on when the next bus will arrive. The application also tracks the current location of the bus you are interested in by using the Global Positioning System (GPS) device installed on many of the buses. In addition, it also provides options to explore different

bus routes and take a virtual ride to better understand its route. This application is currently available on iPhone, and an Android version is forthcoming.

- B. Honolulu 311 - Honolulu 311 is a real time mobile civic engagement platform. Honolulu 311 provides a free, simple, and intuitive platform empowering people to report broken streetlights, derelict or abandoned automobiles, stored property violations, and more via your smart phone. A picture tells a thousand words and Honolulu 311 makes it a snap. The application uses the GPS in your smart phone to show the location of your report. Download it today it's free! This application is available for iPhone, Android and Blackberry.
- C. Honolulu Tsunami Evacuation - In the event of an emergency, time is of the essence. The free Honolulu Tsunami Evacuation Zones application allows you to quickly and easily discover if you are in a tsunami evacuation zone. Search for your friends and family's addresses to see if they fall within an evacuation zone. Find the nearest evacuation shelter. This application is available on iPhone and Android, and Blackberry Playbook.

Visit: <http://can-do.honolulu.gov/apps> to download these applications to your respective smart phones.

Comments followed:

1. Co-ordination Between the City and BWS - The City works with the BWS on road repair projects. The BWS cannot "go in" for two years.
2. Bike Lanes - Are there any Federal government regulations that would expose the City to liability? The Bike Plan is mandated by the public. Izumoto will follow up.
3. Left Turn on 10th Avenue - A Board member added that the contractor is waiting for the materials to arrive in July.
4. Kipona Place - A resident was concerned about land sliding. The concern was sent to the City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office sent a Request for Investigation and Service Report (RISR) and when a response comes back, it will be forwarded to Chair Orange. Izumoto will also follow up.
5. Wai'ala'e Avenue and 10th Avenue Intersection - It was reported that the yellow broken lines are faded. Drivers, unfamiliar with that intersection, may drive into on-coming traffic.

City Councilmember Ann Kobayashi - Karen Yorimoto distributed a newsletter and was available to hear concerns.

- Kipona Place - Councilmember Kobayashi had seen the photos and put a RISR in.
- Missed Bulky Item Pick-up - Councilmember Kobayashi sent in a work order, so the pick-up was that day.

Comments followed: Potholes - A Board member reported numerous potholes on Ahe Street.

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

- State Homeless Strategic Plan - The Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness' draft strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness in Hawaii has been posted online at - hawaii.gov/dhs/HomelessnessPlan. The interagency council is responsible for developing the statewide strategic plan for Governor Abercrombie's review and approval, as well as the plan's implementation. Community sessions were held in March throughout Hawaii to obtain public feedback on the draft plan. The goal is to have a final statewide plan in place by June to guide ongoing efforts in confronting homelessness. The Governor would like to recognize the collaborative work of the council.
- Unemployment Insurance Bill - Last month, the Governor enacted House Bill 2096, which extends the mitigation of the unemployment insurance tax increase. Without this measure, a business would have had to pay an additional \$550 per year for each employee in calendar year 2012. This measure will thus help avoid an increase in costs for every business in the state. It is projected that this one-year tax mitigation extension will contribute \$107 million in direct savings for Hawaii's business community. The mitigation of burdensome tax increases for Hawaii's businesses will directly aid in the revitalization of our state's economy by spurring the creation of new jobs and promoting increased productivity. (This bill also maintains the Maximum Weekly Benefit Amount at 75 percent of the Average Weekly Wage, rather than the normal 70 percent for calendar year 2012; and allows the unemployment insurance fund to accept loans from the state general fund or the federal government, should the need arise.)
- Save Water - Torney mentioned that it is important to protect our watershed areas. To view the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) video "The Rain Follows the Forest," visit - <http://hawaii.gov/dlnr>.

State House Speaker Calvin Say - No representative was present and no report was available.

State Senator Les Ihara, Jr. - No representative was present and no report was available.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) for Bulky Refuse Problems - Chair Orange mentioned that the Board had purchased a "cheap" banner and the printer could not print on the back. Chair Orange has been working with the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) to buy a new banner and print the Bulky Item Pick-up Reminder on the back.

Community Recognition Awards

1. 808 Boyz Flag Football Team - They will be awarded and recognized at the June 2012 meeting.
2. New Nominations - Kupu Hawai'i and Hawaiian Hope were nominated.

Carlos Long Parking Petition - This item was previously reported by the Mayor's Representative Izumoto.

Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)s - Hesh Goldstein, who had made a presentation at the February 8, 2012 meeting, was not present, but had notified Chair Orange that the GMO bill was before the City Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Kupu Hawai'i - This organization is involved in the Youth Conservation Corps and the Urban Corps. It is funded by AmeriCorps - National and Community Service, and currently is helping teens and young adults gain basic skills through character building. For more information, visit - www.kupuhawaii.org. No representative was present and no report was available. They will be invited back for a future presentation.

Hawaiian Hope - Curtis Kropar reported that his non-profit group refurbishes computers and gives them to other non-profits, local schools and charitable organizations. Hawaiianhope.org is made up of computer people, who collect used computer equipment, fix them and give them back to non-profits; 900 computers so far. They also train technicians. At the "recycling" events, the computers go into the scrap metal pile. They recycle the computers after a "certified hard drive wipe." They want to open computer centers and they are asking for "partnering." They have 250 computers, but need sites.

Comments followed:

1. They don't offer Microsoft certification yet.
2. In the disability community there is a need for computers.
3. They prefer personal computers (PC)s over "Macs" (Apple).
4. Jarrett Middle School has many old computers.
5. Upstairs of the Pālolo Gym, there used to be a MACC lab with 30 PC computers, but HCAP is trying to get that space for the STEM project.
6. Hawaiian Hope is working with the homeless shelters.
7. Go to the website at - www.hawaiianhope.org and donate a computer.

Meeting Time - Chair Orange received a resident's request (through Board member Nakayama) to start at 6:30 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. **Nakayama moved and Hack seconded to change the meeting start time to 6:30 p.m.** Discussion followed. Board members had work and family matters to attend to before coming to the Neighborhood Board meeting. Chair Orange mentioned that the banners already mention "7:00 p.m." and the Board has been meeting at 7:00 p.m. for years. **The motion to move the start time to 6:30 p.m. was NOT ADOPTED, 0-9-1 (AYE: None; NAY: Carroll, Dunaway, Gerlich-Hayes, Hack, Maybir, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, St. Vincent and Synan; ABSTAIN: Nakayama).**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Community Meeting on April 19, 2012 - DTS will be discussing the improvements on Wai'alae Avenue.
2. Proposed Changes to TheBus Schedule for Route 9 and Route 14 - For the information on the public meetings, go to TheBus website. They may stop the Route 9 at Wai'alae Avenue and have a shuttle going into the valley.

3. May Recess - Reminder, we are scheduled to be on recess in May. Next meeting will be June 13, 2012, Palolo Elementary School Cafeteria, 2106 10th Avenue.
4. Bulky Trash Pick-Up - Take out by the morning of April 18, 2012 (third Wednesday of every month).
5. Farmers' Market - Every Wednesday at Pālolo District Park from 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
6. '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>.
7. Social Media - Join us informally at the "Pālolo Valley Community" page on Facebook at, <http://www.facebook.com/groups/107111366012456/>.
8. 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."
9. Other 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>.
10. Agenda Requests - Contact Chair Rachel Orange at - rachel.pualani@gmail.com or 265-1334 with agenda item requests. Chair Orange apologized for the April agenda mix-up. As she was "over-organized," she also submitted a draft agenda for the June meeting. Neighborhood Assistant Ho got confused and accidentally sent out the wrong agenda, then sent out the corrected "Revised" agenda.
11. Pālolo Tenant Association - Board member Maybir announced that the Pālolo Tenant Association will be hosting the Jarrett Middle School Community Council on Tuesday, April 24th at 6:30 p.m. Residents are invited to participate.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 14, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - As there were no objections, the March 14, 2012 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED as written, by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 10-0-0 (AYES: Carroll, Dunaway, Gerlich-Hayes, Hack, Maybir, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, St. Vincent and Synan).

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 as of April 11, 2012, was \$1798.20. There are funds for videotaping and a new sign. The Treasurer's Report was filed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by,
K. Russell Ho
Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by,
Rachel Orange
Chair