



PĀLOLO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 6

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 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 - David Dunaway, Randolph Hack, Paul Holtrop, Darlene Nakayama, Rachel Orange, Earl Shiraki, Shaun St. Vincent, Dwight Synan and Michael Weinstein.

Members Absent - Traver Carroll, Gladys Gerlich-Hayes and Stephen Maybir.

Vacancy - There is one vacancy in Subdistrict 2.

Guests - State House Speaker Calvin Say, Charles Izumoto (Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative, Mayor's Office); Councilmember Ann Kobayashi and Karen Yorimoto (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office staff); Acting Captain Sid Yim (Honolulu Fire Department, Pālolo Fire Station); Lieutenant Allen Nagata and Officer Mark Mitchell (Honolulu Police Department); Bryan Gallagher (Board of Water Supply), James Nekota (Pālolo Council), Lester Fung, Glenn Y. Yamasaki, Shinsaka Uehara, Jodi Clay and five Boy Scouts (Scout Troop), Julia Allen (Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5), John Aipia, Keiko Bonk, Ann Oshiro Kauwe, Tinkle Malama (Videographer), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

THREE-ABSENCES LETTER TO MICHAEL WEINSTEIN: As Weinstein is a long-time Board member and is now recently retired, he has been traveling a lot and he missed three meetings. He would like to remain on the Board, but he would step down, if anyone wanted to fill the seat in Subdistrict 4. As there was no other interested volunteer, **Shiraki moved; and Dunaway seconded that Michael Weinstein remain on the Pālolo Neighborhood Board No. 6. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-0 (AYE: Dunaway, Hack, Holtrop, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, St. Vincent, Synan and Weinstein).**

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

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) - Acting Captain Yim reported the following:

- **Statistics for May 2012** - There were 1 wildland and 1 rubbish fire; 36 medical emergencies and 14 miscellaneous calls for service (activated alarms, flooded conditions).
- **Fire Safety Tip** - Summer is upon us, and our island will be at a higher risk for fires due to dry vegetation and hot weather. Historically, wildland fires were referred to as brush fires; however, the term wildland fire is now nationally recognized. Please exercise caution when utilizing flame-producing devices, such as fireworks, lighters, or matches, as a spark or flame can ignite dry vegetation. Always follow the manufacturer's directions on the label. As a reminder, keep flame-producing devices away from young children.

Comments followed: Many fire companies responded to the recent fires in Wai'anae. They were sent out in rotation. The cause of the fires is still under investigation.

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

- **Statistics for May 2012** - There were 9 burglaries, 14 thefts, and 1 unauthorized entry to a motor vehicle (UEMV)s.
- **Safety Tips** - They were about Hurricane Preparedness and included:
 - Have clean, air-tight containers on hand to store at least two weeks of drinking water (1 gallon per



- person per day).
- o Ensure that you have enough non-perishable food for at least two weeks. Keep a small cooler with frozen gel packs handy for packing refrigerated items.
- o Stock up on extra batteries for radios, flashlights, and lanterns.
- o Check the condition of emergency equipment, such as flashlights and battery-powered radios.
- 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, sfujitanil@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. Traffic Laws - Everyone (drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists) should obey the traffic laws.
2. Speed Limit - When the sign states 25 miles per hour (mph), the speed limit is 25 mph. Obey the law.
3. Crosswalks - Enter the crosswalk only when the "white man is walking." The fine for violations is \$130.00.
4. Good Job! - Board member Shiraki thanked Officer Mitchell and his team for removing two trash bags in Palolo Stream. Lt. Nagata will report this back to his officers.
5. Excessive Noise - Chair Orange reported that residents mentioned excessive noise at the Rainbow Mart and excessive "party noise" on Keanu Street.
6. H-1 On Ramp - Although the H-1 freeway is under State jurisdiction, HPD also enforces the traffic laws. HPD will tell the State to trim the trees. The public can also report issues to the State representatives.
7. People Picking Cans Out of the Trash - It is littering if they spread out the trash and don't put it back in the trash receptacles. Call 911.

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

- Main Breaks - There was a break on May 18th at 2450 10th Avenue.
- Annual Water Quality Reports - BWS works hard to ensure that the water served to our customers is safe to drink. Each year, the BWS conducts thousands of tests on the water source and distribution system to certify that municipal water meets or exceeds all federal and state safe drinking water standards. The results of those tests are shared with customers in our annual water quality report, which will be mailed to all by July 1st. Digital copies of water quality reports and additional water quality information will also be posted on our website, www.boardofwatersupply.com. Should you have any questions about this report, please contact the BWS Communications Office at 748-5041.
- 2012 Water Conservation Week Poster and Poetry Contests Winners Announced - The BWS would like to say "Mahalo" to the 2,000 student artists and 270 poets who participated in the 2012 Water Conservation Week poster and poetry contests. Their art and poetry creatively depict our contest theme, The Wonder of Water, focusing on the value of water and the need to protect and preserve it. The contest winners were announced and recognized at an awards ceremony last month. The full list of winners, an online art gallery, and a short video is available on our website, www.boardofwatersupply.com. Also, these posters and poems will be on exhibit at: Kapolei Hale now through June 14; Windward Mall from June 18 to June 28; Kahala Mall from July 2 to July 12; and The BWS Public Service Building Lobby from July 17 to August 3. Congratulations to the winners!

Comments followed: Chromium 6 - Levels of Chromium 6 are well below federal guidelines on Wilhelmina Rise.

Honolulu Community Action Program (HCAP) - Board member St. Vincent reported the following:

- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) - LIHEAP offers gas/electricity bill payment assistance or energy crisis intervention and runs from June 1 to June 29, 2012. LIHEAP is a program of HCAP, Inc. in partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Hawai'i Department of Human Services (DHS).
- Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program - The Hawai'i Foodbank will be distributing \$50.00 voucher booklets at various locations around the island, so that seniors can get fresh and locally-produced fruits and vegetables.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD

808 Boyz Flag Football Team: Board members Synan and Dunaway distributed Certificates of Recognition to the 808 Boyz Flag Football Team for its outstanding success and achievement in becoming the 2011 National Football League (N.F.L.) Flag Football National Champions! Honored 808 Boyz Flag Football Team members were: Coach Jacob de Laura, Coach Myles Nishigaya, Jayden deLaura, Andre Iosivas, Kaua Nishigaya, Koali Nishigaya, Rocky Ramones, Zachary Sagayaga, and Noa Schactel.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

- Waiomao Road - The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) response was - 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.
- No Parking Sign - The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) informed the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) that the "No Parking Anytime" sign on the makai side of Carlos Long Street between Myrtle and Narcissus Streets was installed on May 14, 2012.
- Left Turn on 10th Avenue - The DFM response was - DTS is preparing a work order to re-stripe pavement markings within the 10th Avenue and Waialae Avenue intersection. DFM will schedule the intersection restriping upon receipt of that work order. As to the re-painting of the yellow dotted lines, the status remains the same.
- Land Movement on Kipona Street - This item was referred from Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to DDC. This item will be discussed under NEW BUSINESS.
- Potholes - Potholes on Ahe Street were filled on April 19, 2012. In the future, please call our pothole hotline at 768-7777 to report potholes.

Comments followed:

1. Waiomao Road – Chair Orange confirmed that work has NOT begun on Waiomao Road yet.
2. Potholes - There are more potholes on Holomua Place and on Makanui Place.
3. Suggestions - Board member Shiraki suggested that bus drivers, when they see people running down the road, should stop and wait for them, so they don't have to cross the road.
4. Hot Asphalt - Board member Shiraki suggested that the City should use "hot asphalt" to repair the roads. Mayor's Representative Izumoto replied that the City will be experimenting with "Slurry Seal" and the Pavement Management System. The City Budget covers the Pavement Management System, which will cost more at first, then pays off later.

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

- City Budget Passed - The Mayor has 45 days to sign the bills into law. There was money for DPR "fixes." \$100 million for road repair (\$23 million more than what the Mayor asked for,) \$2 million for the "white bins" for recyclables at the schools.
- Bus Changes - The "circulator buses" for Pālolo would require more transfers for seniors. DTS is still taking in public input.

Comments followed:

1. Councilmember Kobayashi Honored - Board member Hack congratulated Councilmember Kobayashi on her recent recognition for women leadership.
2. See Budget Summaries - The nearly \$3 billion budget had no new taxes, some fee increases.
3. White Bins - The people want to donate recyclables to help the public schools.

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative - Martha Torney was not present, but she had e-mailed Chair Orange the following Governor's Report:

- Council of Revenues - It predicted slower growth from 7.5% to 5.3%.
- Hurricane Awareness Month - June 1 marked the beginning of the annual hurricane season in Hawaii. State Civil Defense, the Hawaii National Guard and several other county, state, federal and community agencies have conducted joint exercises to ensure that the state is prepared. Residents are encouraged to become prepared by developing family and business disaster plans, creating disaster supply kits and staying aware of current weather conditions. More recommendations are available on the State Civil Defense website at www.scd.hawaii.gov (click on Disaster Preparedness).
- Project Labor Agreement - To continue our local economy's forward momentum, Governor Abercrombie declared by Administrative Directive that the state is implementing a Project Labor Agreement (PLA)

plan to ensure efficient and timely completion of various state construction projects. In short, PLAs help projects to be completed in a timely manner and under budget.

Initially, five state construction projects have been identified to fall under this PLA plan:

- o University of Hawaii - Hilo College of Pharmacy
- o Princess Victoria Kamamalu Building
- o Maui Regional Public Safety Complex
- o Ewa Elementary School
- o Honolulu International Airport Mauka Concourse Project

For these and many other state projects, labor unions and employers will enter into a PLA when the contract is awarded. The Governor has said that each is a prime example of addressing immediate job growth and building better infrastructure for the future as outlined in his New Day Plan.

State House Speaker Calvin Say - House Speaker Say reported the following:

- Potholes - House Speaker Say mentioned that road repair comes under the City & County of Honolulu and that "hot asphalt" is very expensive. He hoped that everyone involved would replace or fix the sewers and water pipes before resurfacing the roads.
- Zumba at Jarret Middle School - It had to move.
- Looking Ahead - House Speaker Say is concerned about the State's unfunded liability and possible pay raises for union workers.

Comments followed:

1. Balanced Budget - Although the State has a balanced budget, the public workers unions took a 5% cut in pay and there are 10% less employers' contribution to benefits.
2. Federal Government Cuts - There are coming on July 1st.
3. Tourism Is Up! - However, there are few new construction projects.
4. Opala from Fukushima, Japan - Debris from the last year's earthquake and tsunami is starting to float to Hawai'i. So far, there is no co-ordinated clean up effort.
5. Tesoro Refinery Closing - Chevron will have a monopoly.

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

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Resident Glenn Y. Yamasaki believed that this Republic was founded on Universal Truths, given by the Creator.

OLD BUSINESS

Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) for Bulky Refuse Problems - Chair Orange is following up on the Neighborhood Board signs with the sign maker.

Community Recognition Awards

New Nominations

1. Hawaiian Hope - Hawaiian Hope was nominated. It fixes up computers and gives them back to non-profit organizations. They are currently making renovations to the Internet Café in Wai'anae. **Synan moved; and Hack seconded that the Pālolo Neighborhood Board No. 6 nominates Hawaiian Hope to receive the Community Recognition Award. As there were no objections, the motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-0 (AYE: Dunaway, Hack, Holtrop, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, St. Vincent, Synan and Weinstein).**
2. Zumba Instructor at Jarrett Middle School - Chelsea Villager was also nominated. She ran a zumba class for the benefit of the Pālolo community and she is a public school teacher. **Dunaway moved; and Holtrop seconded that the Pālolo Neighborhood Board No. 6 nominates Chelsea Villager to receive the Community Recognition Award. As there were no objections, the motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-0 (AYE: Dunaway, Hack, Holtrop, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, St. Vincent, Synan and Weinstein).**

Carlos Long Petition for No Parking Sign(s) - Chair Orange received a phone message from a resident to thank the Pālolo Neighborhood Board No. 6 for the two "no parking" signs, as a result of the residents submitting a petition through the Neighborhood Board system.

NEW BUSINESS

Kipona Place Park Land Movement - Rocks and dirt from the City-managed lot is encroaching onto the road creating a driving hazard. The City sent a letter to resident John Hoganson stating that the area had a history of landslides, that there were no funds available to remedy the problem and that there were a limited number of people affected. Chair Orange will draft a resolution for a future meeting.

Candidates Forum for the July Meeting - As the Primary Election will be on August 11, 2012, many major races will be decided before the General Election on November 6, 2012. The Candidates Forum will highlight the Primary Election candidates. **Hack moved; and Holtrop seconded that the Pālolo Neighborhood Board No. 6 will hold its Candidates Forum after the July 11, 2012 regular monthly meeting. As there were no objections, the motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-0 (AYE: Dunaway, Hack, Holtrop, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, St. Vincent, Synan and Weinstein).** Previous Candidates Forum Chair Gladys Gerlich-Hayes will follow up. The Pālolo Neighborhood Board No. 6 will hold a brief meeting and adjourn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Liquor license (retail package sales) public hearing on June 28, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. for the Chad Polynesian Market - "Persons who wish to testify for or against the granting of a license may either testify in person at the Liquor Commission meeting or submit a written protest to the Administrator of the Commission three working days prior to the date and time of the hearing." Office of the Commission is on the 6th floor of the Pacific Park Plaza, 711 Kapiolani Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
- B. Bulky Trash Pick-Up - Take out by the morning of **June 20, 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. 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."
- G. 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>.
- H. Agenda Requests - Contact Chair Rachel Orange at - rachelpualani@gmail.com or 265-1334 with agenda item requests.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 11, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: **As there were no objections, the April 11, 2012 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED as corrected, by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 9-0-0 (AYE: Dunaway, Hack, Holtrop, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, St. Vincent, Synan and Weinstein).**

- Page 3, under Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative, Left Turn on 10th Avenue, it should read, "According to Board member Shiraki, the contractor is hoping to start the construction (pending permit approvals) at Wai'alae Avenue and 10th Avenue by July 2012."
- Page 4, Left Turn on 10th Avenue, it should read, "Board member Shiraki added that the contractor is waiting for the materials to arrive in June and start in July."

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 June 13, 2012, was \$961.83. The Treasurer's Report was filed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned 8:26 p.m.

Submitted by,
K. Russell Ho
Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by,
Rachel Orange
Chair