



PĀLOLO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 6

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2012 PĀLOLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Rachel S. Orange called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Board is scheduled to be in recess for September 2012. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 10, 2012.

Members Present - Traver Carroll, David Dunaway (arrived at 7:06 p.m.), Randolph Hack, Paul Holtrop, Stephen Maybir (arrived at 7:04 p.m.), Darlene Nakayama, Rachel Orange, Earl Shiraki, Shaun St. Vincent, Dwight Synan, 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); Heather Bolan (Senator Les Ihara's Office Manager), Speaker of the House Calvin Say, Charles Izumoto (Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative, Office of the Mayor), Councilmember Ann Kobayashi and Karen Yorimoto (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office staff); Captain Jason Mejia (Honolulu Fire Department), Lieutenant Carl Thorstad and Officer Cory Shiraishi (Honolulu Police Department, District 7), James Nekota (Pālolo Council), J. Lehua Ornellas (Anuenue School), Curtis Kropar and Joy Patterson (Hawaiian Hope); Julia Allen (Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5), Chad Hamman (Videographer), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

FILLING OF ONE VACANT BOARD SEAT IN SUBDISTRICT 2 (between Kalua Road and up to beginning of the "flower" streets): As there was no volunteer to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 2, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

Maybir arrived at 7:04 p.m., **10 members present.**

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) - Officer Cory Shiraishi distributed the monthly report and Lieutenant Carl Thorstad highlighted the following:

- **Statistics for July 2012** - There were 14 burglaries, 22 thefts, and 8 unauthorized entries to a motor vehicle (UEMV).
- **Safety Tips** - The tips were on Home Security. They included:
 1. Always lock all exterior doors and windows before leaving your house, even if it's for a short trip.
 2. Consider installing a burglar alarm system.
 3. Dogs are good deterrents. Most intruders will avoid a house with a dog.
 4. Be a good neighbor. If you notice anything suspicious in your neighborhood, call 911 immediately.
- **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 Chad Yamada Phone: 723-3366, Cyamada4@honolulu.gov
 4. Officer Celine Aiu, 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

Lieutenant Thorstad added the following comments:



- Statistics - There was an increase in burglaries and car break-ins. HPD has been focusing on "hot spots." Don't leave valuables in plain view.
- Home Security Tips - Look out for your neighbors. Be "the eyes and ears" of your neighborhood.
- Disaster Preparedness - Keep a case of water in the trunk of your car.

Dunaway arrived at 7:06 p.m., **11 members present.**

Other comments followed:

1. Rainbow Mart - Chair Orange mentioned that she received an e-mail from a constituent via House Speaker Calvin Say about people gathering at 12:00 midnight and making loud noises. HPD will follow up.
2. Excessive Noise - Chair Orange also received e-mails about speeding mopeds and "boom boxes." Lieutenant Thorstad advised the public to note the license numbers and to call 911.
3. Other Tips - Park in open areas. Lock doors. Don't put valuables in plain view. Mark goods for identification.
4. Termite Tenting - It was reported that thieves split the tent and let the gas out. Then, they stole everything inside. Lieutenant Thorstad mentioned that HPD has a limited number of officers to patrol from Punahou to Makapuu.

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) - Captain Jason Mejia reported the following:

- July 2012 Statistics - There were 1 structure fire, 2 wildland, 1 vehicle fire, and 4 vehicles assists; 30 medical emergencies and 14 miscellaneous response calls.
- Fire Safety Tip - The risk of wildland fires increases as the summer continues. Make a 30-foot wide fire break by clearing vegetation and clutter around all structures. If your property borders an area, where a wildland fire could occur, consider the need for fire department access in case the fire approaches your home. Have an emergency preparedness plan available. Consider the route you would take and other preparations, in case you need to evacuate.

Comments followed:

1. Helicopter Last Saturday - Nakayama asked about the rescue of four (4) hikers. Captain Mejia said that she could call HFD for the details.
2. Medical Vehicles - Sometimes, if the HFD vehicles cannot travel the roads, HFD will use medical vehicles instead.
3. Another Helicopter? - The HFD helicopters are yellow, while the HPD helicopters are dark blue.

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

- July 2012 Water Main Breaks - One (1) main break on July 29, 2012 at 3464 Kalua Road.
- Efficient Landscape Irrigation - A poorly maintained or installed irrigation system can waste up to fifty percent of household drinking water due to evaporation and runoff. The BWS, in partnership with the Landscape Irrigation Council of Hawaii (LICH) and the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM), is encouraging residents to incorporate simple best management practices to install and maintain a water-efficient landscape irrigation system. The "Landscape Irrigation Conservation: Best Management Practices" booklet, published by LICH, provides helpful tips such as: setting an irrigation schedule, adjust the irrigation schedule throughout the year, and use water-saving irrigation components. For more water-efficient landscape irrigation tips or to download a copy of the booklet, visit www.boardofwatersupply.org.
- 2012-2013 Halawa Xeriscape Garden Workshop Schedule - The new 2012-2013 workshop schedule is available online at www.boardofwatersupply.org. For more information call 748-5041.

Comments followed:

1. Evaporation - Do not water your lawn between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
2. Rain Barrel Classes - This is a very popular class. Call the BWS.
3. Late Water Bill - It was reported that the water bill has been late for the last six (6) months. Gallagher will follow up.
4. Desalinization - The technology is a few years out. Conservation will help save water supplies.
5. Deep Water - The water is de-salted before shipping to Japan.
6. Cruise Ships - As mentioned previously, cruise ships have their own water processing plants and sometimes, they buy water from the State Harbors Division.

Honolulu Community Action Program (HCAP) - No report.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD

Hawaiian Hope - Synan and Dunaway, on behalf of the Board, recognized Curtis Kropar and Joy Patterson of Hawaiian Hope for their "community-based organization's dedicated and tireless work with numerous projects that use the opportunities and advantages of technology; the promotion and education of our local community through technology; and efforts to end homelessness. All of Hawaiian Hope's work is engaged as financially self-sufficient programs without reliance upon government grants or aid. As a direct beneficiary of Hawaiian Hope's mission, our community expresses its deepest appreciation, respect, and aloha."

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

- Waiomao Road - The contractor had a tentative start date of August 6, but it hasn't started yet. Residents are advised to be on the look out for NO PARKING TOW AWAY signs. The white lines are down.
- Pālolo Chinese Home - Department of Transportation Services (DTS) is working with the Pālolo Chinese Home, regarding scheduling of Route 9.
- Left Turn on 10th Avenue - The contractor is on the job and digging the foundations for the signal pole/mast arm assemblies and installing conduit. Shiraki mentioned that the contractor is waiting for two (2) light posts to come in within a few weeks.
- Land Movement on Kipona St. - Last month the City Department of Design and Construction (DDC)'s responded: "We will work with Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) to program funds in the upcoming Capital Improvements Program (CIP) budget." The City will work with Councilmember Ann Kobayashi on the budget.

Comments followed:

1. Wai'ala'e Avenue - There are still complaints from residents about road repair. There will be another project to repave Wai'ala'e Avenue and the side streets from Kapahulu Avenue to 13th Avenue that will take 540 days, starting July 2, 2012.
2. Changes for TheBus - The Board thanked the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) for last month's presentation, especially, the shuttle idea. The public can follow up directly with DTS.

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

- Wai'ala'e Avenue - After repaving, there will be bike lanes and sharrows.
- Road Repair - The City Council passed \$100 million in the budget for islandwide repairs.
- Land Movement - This has been an issue for Manoa for the last 20 years. Many seniors can't enjoy their retirement. There is a sinkhole on Kalua Street.
- TheBus Changes - Councilmember Kobayashi is still getting complaints about the June changes. The new Transit Center on Alapai Street was opened on Monday and it does not have restrooms (for the riders, some coming in from Waianae) and any retail outlets.

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative - Martha Torney read from the following written report:

- Economic Outlook - On July 19, Governor Abercrombie reported that the State of Hawai'i concluded its Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 with a positive ending balance of \$306 million, as well as a bump in tax revenue, up 14.9 percent over Fiscal Year (FY) 2011. When the Governor took office in December 2010, we faced a \$200 million revenue shortfall. This is now the second consecutive year that the State has ended the fiscal year in the black. Getting to this point did not come easy, as there were cutbacks in services. It took shared sacrifice by State workers, who took a 5% cut in pay and tough administrative decisions of all departments had 5% restrictions. But we stuck to a sound financial plan. Our state is now on track toward economic recovery and sustainability.

While we are not immune to fiscal threats faced by other states, we are clearly in a better position to restore basic services that had been cut years ago, such as those provided by inspectors in the Departments of Health, Agriculture, and Land and Natural Resources departments. We are also better able to continue progress made in the 2012 Legislative Session to restore the state's watersheds, invest in early childhood education, update the state's technology system, create jobs, and address the need for affordable housing.

- Job Creation - Our state's unemployment rate is holding at about 6.4 percent, compared to a national unemployment rate of 8.2 percent. Since the start of 2012, the Governor has released more than \$423.8

million for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)s, selected for their potential to immediately stimulate the economy and generate local job opportunities.

- Affordable Housing - Ten state affordable housing projects were listed in the June 29 Pacific Business News as being among the Top 25 "Residential Construction Projects" in Hawai'i. These 10 projects alone are expected to generate a total of 6,050 direct jobs and 8,766 indirect jobs, as well as create or restore 3,901 affordable homes or units. For more information on these public-private ventures, visit: <http://hawaii.gov/gov/fag>.

Comments followed: Personal Watercraft Classes and Fees - Shiraki inquired why the fees are so expensive (\$120.00 per person). Torney will follow up with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

State House Speaker Calvin Say - House Speaker Say distributed his newsletter and reported the following:

- Good Job! - Governor's Representative Torney gave a good comprehensive report for June and July and the good job done by the Administration.
- School Has Just Begun - The Pālolo Elementary School has a new Principal.

State Senator Les Ihara, Jr. - Heather Bolan was available to hear concerns.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

Permitted Interaction Groups - Bulky Refuse Problems - Chair Orange will be following up with the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) on the new banner, which has the bulky trash pick-up information on the back.

Community Recognition Award Nominations

1. Chelsea Villiger will be awarded for her work in promoting fitness in the Pālolo community at the October meeting. Dunaway will forward the language of the award to Chair Orange.
2. Maybir nominated Ms. Dahlia Asuega, who is currently the Resident Services Manager of the Pālolo Valley Homes; Chair Orange seconded. Maybir will give the background information to Synan and Dunaway to review.

NEW BUSINESS

Constituent Concerns

1. Disrepair of Pālolo Roads and Wai'alaie Avenue - This item was previously discussed.
2. Lack of Enforcement of Speeding and Noise Laws (such as the modified moped and boom-box laws, in Pālolo) - This item was previously discussed.
3. Rainbow Mart Noise (Complaint that the midnight closing hour of the Rainbow Mart has resulted in people congregating and generating noise there during the late night/early morning hours) - This item was previously discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. September Recess - Reminder; we are scheduled to be on recess in September. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 10, 2012.
2. Primary Election August 11th - Remember to double-check your polling place, since many have been changed due to re-districting. Early voting ends tomorrow. Chair Orange voted today and it took her five (5) minutes. The Office of Elections is still looking for poll workers.
3. Bulky Trash Pick-Up - Take out by the morning of August 15, 2012 (third Wednesday of every month).
4. Farmers' Market - Every Wednesday at Pālolo District Park from 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
5. '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>.
6. Social Media - Join us informally at the "Pālolo Valley Community" page on Facebook at, <http://www.facebook.com/groups/107111366012456/>
7. 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."

8. 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>.
9. Agenda Requests - Contact Chair Rachel Orange at - rachelpualani@gmail.com or 265-1334 with agenda item requests.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 13, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: As there were no objections, the Pālolo Neighborhood Board No. 6 APPROVED the June 13, 2012 regular meeting minutes, as amended, by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 11-0-0 (AYE: Carroll, Dunaway, Hack, Holtrop, Maybir, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, St. Vincent, Synan, and Weinstein).

- Pages 2 - 5, in the header, it should read, "Wednesday, June 13, 2012."
- Page 2, under Comments followed, it should read, "Good Job! - Board member Shiraki thanked Officer Mitchell for the Neighborhood Security Watch."
- Page 3, in the middle, it should read, "Board member Shiraki suggested that bus drivers, when they see people running down the road from the Pālolo Chinese Home, should stop and wait for them, so they don't have to cross the road in an unsafe manner."
- Page 5, under APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 11, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, it should read,
 - Page 2, at the bottom, under Jarrett Middle School, it should read, "Board member Shiraki had recommended Jarrett Middle School for the Community Recognition Award, because it was recognized for "continuation of growth and promotion of academic achievement."
 - 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 arrival of materials) at Wai'alaie Avenue and 10th Avenue by July 2012."

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 11, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: As there were no objections, the Pālolo Neighborhood Board No. 6 APPROVED the July 11, 2012 regular meeting minutes, as written, by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 11-0-0 (AYE: Carroll, Dunaway, Hack, Holtrop, Maybir, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, St. Vincent, Synan, and Weinstein).

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Hack received a memo from Tom Heinrich, the Executive Secretary of the NCO. The memo stated that (1) the financial statements for year-end Fiscal Year 2012 are in progress, and (2) the board budget allocations for FY 2013 and entries for any July 2013 commitments or expenditures will be available by August 10, 2012. The Treasurer's report was filed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Submitted by,
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Neighborhood Assistants

Reviewed by,
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Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by,
Rachel Orange
Chair