



## PĀLOLO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 6

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2012 PĀLOLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Rachel S. Orange called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **with a quorum of seven (7) 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, Gladys Gerlich-Hayes, Randolph Hack, Paul Holtrop, Darlene Nakayama (arrived at 7:12 p.m.), Rachel Orange, and Earl Shiraki.

Members Absent - Stephen Maybir, Shaun St. Vincent, Dwight Synan, 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); 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); Sergeant Susan Medeiros and Officer Cory Shiraishi (Honolulu Police Department, District 7), James Nekota (Pālolo Community), Shinsake Uehara, Keiko Bonk, 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.

### CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) - HFD reported the following:

- September 2012 Statistics - There were 1 structure fire, 37 medical emergencies, 1 search/rescue and 6 miscellaneous response calls.
- Fire Safety Tip - Fire Prevention Week (FPW) was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire that occurred on October 8-10, 1871. The International Fire Marshals Association observes the anniversary nationally to remind the public about the importance of fire prevention. Since 1922, FPW has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls.

The National Fire Protection Association selected "Have 2 Ways Out!" as the theme for FPW on October 7 - 13, 2012.

In October, children attending elementary schools statewide will receive a Fire Fighter's Safety Guide (FFSG) from their teachers. Parents are encouraged to review the FFSG with their child, create or revisit and practice their fire escape plan, test their smoke alarms, and consider the other safety tips in the guide.

Comments followed:

1. First Responders - The ladder truck at the Pālolo Fire Station responds to medical emergencies and fires first. If it is busy, then the Kaimuki Fire Station will respond.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) - Officer Cory Shiraishi distributed the monthly report and Sergeant Susan Medeiros highlighted the following:

- Statistics for September 2012 - There were 10 burglaries, 1 robbery, 26 thefts, and 11 unauthorized entries to a motor vehicle (JEMV).
- Halloween Safety Tips -
  1. A Parent or responsible Adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood



rounds.

2. A good meal prior to trick-or-treating will discourage youngsters from filling up on Halloween treats.
  3. Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything. Report anything suspicious to Honolulu Police Department (HPD).
- CONTACT HPD (District 7): [www.hono1u1upd.org/patrol/d7](http://www.hono1u1upd.org/patrol/d7)
  - COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM/NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY WATCH
    1. Officer Mark Mitchell, Office Phone: 723-3366, [mmitchell1@honolulu.gov](mailto:mmitchell1@honolulu.gov)
    2. Officer Shane Fujitani Office Phone: 723-3364, [sfujitanil@honolulu.gov](mailto:sfujitanil@honolulu.gov)
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    4. Officer Celine Aiu, Office Phone: 723-3362, [caiu@honolulu.gov](mailto:caiu@honolulu.gov)
  - GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (G.I.S.) & (WEBSITE)
    1. Officer Steve Forman, Office phone: 723-4928, [sforman@honolulu.gov](mailto:sforman@honolulu.gov)

Nakayama arrived at 7:12 p.m., **eight (8) members present.**

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

- Koolau Poko Watershed Management Plan Adopted - The BWS and the City Department of Planning and Permitting are pleased to announce that the Koolau Poko Watershed Management Plan has been adopted by the State Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM) and the Honolulu City Council. This is the third completed watershed management plan for Oahu's eight land use districts, Watershed Management Plans are action-oriented, community-based plans that provide short-, mid-, and long-range guidance for the sustainable management and use of Oahu's valuable water resources.

Plans for the Waianae and Koolau Loa districts were completed in 2010. The BWS is currently preparing public review draft reports of the North Shore, Ewa, and Central Oahu communities. Once complete, the BWS will work on the remaining watershed districts in the Primary Urban Center and East Honolulu until all eight watershed management plans are complete to form the update of the O'ahu Water Management Plan.

For more information or to view the completed plans online, visit [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).

- Watershed Management and Protection - Drinking water is the most precious resource and an essential part of daily lives. The replenishment of the drinking water supply is heavily dependent on Oahu's Koolau and Waianae mountain ranges, as two of Oahu's vital watershed areas. These multi-layered mountain ecosystems recharge Oahu's groundwater supplies by capturing and retaining rainfall, allowing it to seep into our island's underground aquifers. Therefore, BWS must all care for, protect, and preserve these areas to ensure its continued existence for future generations.  
A handout explaining the characteristics of the watersheds and how everyone can help protect them has been provided to Board members and is available online at [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com). For more information, please call the Board of Water Supply (BWS) Communications Office at 748-5041.

Comments followed:

1. To Help Preserve the Watershed - Pray for rain; watch for erosion, illegal dumping and fires; and preserve native plant species.

Honolulu Community Action Program (HCAP) - St. Vincent was not present and no report was available.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD: Chelsey Villiger was not present yet. This item was deferred to later in the agenda.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

- Bike Lanes On Wai'ala'e Avenue - There were traffic studies and public input. The final decision to be announced at Aliiolani School. Iwamoto will notify the Board, when the final recommendations for bike lanes on Wai'ala'e Avenue are announced.
- Left Turn on 10th Avenue - It was finally installed after four (4) years.
- Waiomao Road - Now, the road repairs are finished and the road is smooth with no bumps. There are a few manhole covers to follow up with the contractor.
- Other Projects - There are other projects on Makana and Kalua Streets.

Comments followed:

1. Left Turn on 10th Avenue - The Board appreciates the installation of the signal after 4 or 5 years of requesting it. Board member Earl Shiraki offered to help fix the timing and sequence of the lights to favor pedestrian crossing and traffic calming from 5 seconds to 15 seconds. Iwamoto will refer Department of Transportation Services (DTS) to Shiraki. Chair Orange added that the signal goes from green to yellow to red to green arrow.
2. Waiomao Road - There is temporary paint and manholes to finish. Now, there are complaints of speeding and requests for traffic-calming measures. At the end of the road, where the sidewalk ends, there is a request for a mirror around a "blind curve."
3. Re-do the Gym - Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) stopped work when the light pole fell . Budgeted Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 new playground equipment - When will the new playground equipment, budgeted in FY 13 come in? When will the gym work resume?
4. Land Movement on Kipona St. - This issue came at the end of March 2012. The June response was - This issue was referred to the Department of Design & Construction (DDC) 04-23-12. DDC's response: We will work with DFM to program funds in the upcoming Capital Improvements Program budget. The FY 2014 budget planning process is about to begin. Please include this issue.
5. Bike Lanes on Wai'ala'e Avenue - Shiraki mentioned that this was not good for bicycle riders' safety.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD: Chelsey Villiger - Dunaway made the presentation and thanked the Board for nominating Chelsey Villiger, who is an advocate for the community and for health at Jarrett Middle School. She is not interested in the profit motive and she does not turn away anyone. Dunaway read the Certificate of Appreciation - "Chelsey Villiger - For your dedication and commitment to a stronger community. Your outreach program of exercise and overall healthy lifestyle through your Zumba classes help the body, mind, and spirit. It creates and strengthens relationships as it builds hope for a better tomorrow. Your generosity and unconditional love you express to our families and people in the Pālolo Community is greatly appreciated."

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

Comments followed:

- Golf Fee Increases - Shiraki mentioned that the seniors are not playing.
- Don't Raise Bus Fares - Shiraki mentioned not to raise bus fares.
- Pakalolo Dispensers - Shiraki had concerns about them.
- Kamehameha Schools - Shiraki wanted Kamehameha Schools to keep Aoki's Shave Ice store in Haleiwa.

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

- Hawai'i Healthcare Benefits Package - "Our state has met a major milestone in ensuring that all the people of Hawai'i have access to high-quality healthcare and insurance coverage. On October 1, Governor Abercrombie announced the selection of a healthcare benefits package that will outline the minimum array of benefits insurers must provide for years 2014 and 2015, as elements of the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) are implemented. (Hawai'i was federally required to select a single benchmark package.)

The HMSA Preferred Provider Plan 2010 (PPO) was identified as the benchmark, since it provided the widest array of benefits. This decision sets a baseline for all insurers; individuals will still be able to seek additional coverage, and insurers will still be able to offer more benefits.

While this is an important step forward for our state's health care goals, few people with insurance now will experience much, if any, change in coverage. This is because the difference between the benefits covered by various health plans in our market and the benchmark package is not very great. In Hawaii, we already have our Prepaid Health Care Act, which enables a vast majority of residents to be insured. But with the ACA as our ally, we are making progress in providing solutions for Hawai'i's 83,000 uninsured adults and improving healthcare for everyone."

- Hawai'i-Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Agreement - On September 21, Governor Abercrombie formalized an agreement with federal officials to facilitate restoration of Hawai'i's workplace health and safety enforcement capacity back to federally compliant levels.

The enforcement capacity of the state Department of Labor and Industrial Relations' Hawaii

Occupational Safety and Health Division (HIOSH) was diminished when 32 of 51 HIOSH positions were eliminated during the 2009 Reduction-in-Force process.

The Abercrombie Administration reached out proactively to U.S. OSHA to identify a solution toward restoring these important enforcement positions. The progress our state has made since 2010 was reassuring to our federal counterparts and demonstrated that Hawaii is serious about workplace health and safety. The state has achieved the minimum staffing required by OSHA.

Comments followed:

1. Personal Watercraft Classes and Fees - Torney followed up with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and found out \$109.00 per class for commercial personal watercraft only.
2. Pakalolo Dispensers - The State Legislature would be the place to discuss this.
3. More Information - Visit [hawaii.gov/gov/press releases](http://hawaii.gov/gov/press_releases).
4. Personal Watercraft - Shiraki asked the Mayor's Representative to check if a permit is needed for Hanauma Bay.

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

- Tax Review Commission Response Letter - House Speaker Say opposed the recommendations of the Tax Review Commission.
- Unemployment - House Speaker Say distributed a report on the State Unemployment.
- Waiomao Road - It was repaved, but other streets need repair.
- National Speakers Conference in Alaska - One major concern was the cuts in the Federal Budget. Describing the Congress after the November 6 elections, House Speaker Say mentioned "chicken" or "lame duck." Other big topics were access to the North Pole, global warming, countries vying for resources and the defense of Alaska and Hawai'i.
- Pipeline - There needs to be more exploration. Of the 37 House Speakers at the conference, eight (8) were not running for re-election, because of the bad fiscal situation in their home state.

Comments followed:

1. Public Lands Development Corporation (PLDC) - Keiko Bonk asked if re-elected, would House Speaker Say repeal Act 55, the PLDC. House Speaker Say responded that if the majority of the members of the House want repeal, then he will consider it. He will listen to both sides and give it a chance to succeed with public/private partnerships. There is no provision for the sale of State lands. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of both houses are needed for a sale. The State is "land rich, but cash poor." The Legislature can veto projects. Remember that Calvin Say led the charge to stop two highrise projects in Kakaako Makai. The PLDC is not exempt from the environmental laws (the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts), *iwi* laws and other laws.

State Senator Les Ihara, Jr. - Senator Ihara was not present and no report was available.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: There were none.

As there were no objections, the order of the agenda was changed.

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi - Councilmember Kobayashi reported the following:

- Candidates Forum - Councilmember Kobayashi just came from a Candidates Forum.
- Recycling - On Saturday, October 20, 2012 area elected officials will be recycling at Kaimuki High School from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Concerns - Shiraki will send his concerns to Councilmember Kobayashi.

## OLD BUSINESS

Community Recognition Award Nominations:

- Ms. Dahlia Asuega - Last month, Board member 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.

Updates from The Limtiaco Consulting Group: Chair Orange read the following Limtiaco Consulting Group's written report: 1) Wastewater System: Pukele stream pipe in need for urgent repair; they are preparing initial design drawings and the project should begin construction in about five months; 2) Traffic Calming: The

Limtiaco Consulting Group was recently selected by the City's Department of Transportation Services to design traffic-calming improvements at six locations within Pālolo Valley. Four additional locations should be added next year, if DTS is successful in securing additional funding.

Traffic Calming Report January 2000 in Pālolo - Board member Shiraki was there. City agencies should notify surrounding residents of projects. This one never came before the Neighborhood Board for a presentation. Chair Orange will follow up.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Waiomao Road Speeding - Maxine, a resident of the Waiomao Road area, expressed concern that now, that it has been repaved, there is speeding, especially at the end, where are no sidewalks. The situation presents a danger to pedestrians, especially children. The resident mentioned the installation of "speed tables," which seem to be less intrusive than "speed bumps," as a means to slow vehicle speeds. She also requested a mirror on a pole by the "blind curve." Iwamoto and Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's office will follow up.

1. City Response: The City will conduct an investigation and inform the Board of the status of its evaluation by January 2013. As winter is approaching, the days are getting shorter. There is a need for speed limit signs.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. General Election is November 6, 2012 - Remember to double-check your polling place since many have been changed due to re-districting. Office of Elections still looking for poll workers. Polling Place Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- B. Ahupua'a Marker Installation - Invitation to Witness an Ahupua'a Marker Installation at Ala Moana on Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.
- C. Kaimuki Road Work: Project duration is estimated to be 540 days, starting on July 2, 2012
- D. Bulky Trash Pick-Up - Take out by the morning of **October 17, 2012** (third Wednesday of every month).
- E. Farmers Market - Every Wednesday, 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. at Pālolo District Park.
- F. '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>.
- G. Social Media - Join us informally at the "Pālolo Valley Community" page on Facebook at, <http://www.facebook.com/groups/107111366012456/>.
- H. Agenda Requests - Contact Chair Rachel Orange at - [rachelpualani@gmail.com](mailto:rachelpualani@gmail.com) or 265-1334 with agenda item requests.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 8, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: **As there were no objections, the Pālolo Neighborhood Board No. 6 APPROVED the August 8, 2012 regular meeting minutes, as written, by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 8-0-0 (AYE: Carroll, Dunaway, Gerlich-Hayes, Hack, Holtrop, Nakayama, Orange, and Shiraki).**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Hack reported that the Board budget allocation for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 was \$ 4,448.00. The meeting facility rental contract was \$1,248.00 and the video recording contract was \$2,280.00. After expenditures for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes for July through September 2012, the balance is \$836.10. The Treasurer's report was filed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by,  
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Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by,  
Adam LeFebvre  
Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by,  
Rachel Orange  
Chair