



PĀLOLO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 6

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 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 eight (8) 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 (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Randolph Hack, Paul Holtrop (arrived at 7:06 p.m.), Darlene Nakayama, Rachel Orange, Earl Shiraki, Shaun St. Vincent, Dwight Synan and Michael Weinstein.

Members Absent - Gladys Gerlich-Hayes and Stephen Maybir.

Vacancy - There is one vacancy in Subdistrict 2.

Guests - House Speaker Calvin Say, Councilmember Ann Kobayashi and Karen Yorimoto (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office staff), Lieutenant Carl Thorstad and Officer Cory Shiraishi (Honolulu Police Department - District 7), Captain Jason Takata (Honolulu Fire Department), Bryan Gallagher (Board of Water Supply), Jay Ogden (Preparedness), James Nekota (Pālolo Council), Kendys Min and Ken Aramaki (Hawaiian Electric Company), Wan Hor (PCC), Debbie Ching (Ching Consulting), Leilani Magee (HIT), Dennis Higa, Alex Quisquirin, Ivan Hoe, Joel Nakai (Videographer), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Holiday Party - Chair Orange requested that this item be added to the agenda. **As there were no objections, "Holiday Party" was added to tonight's agenda under "NEW BUSINESS" by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 8-0-0 (AYE: Carroll, Hack, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, St. Vincent, Synan and Weinstein).** Neighborhood Assistant Ho reminded Chair Orange that a two-thirds vote (nine [9]) was needed to add items to the agenda. Chair Orange will come back to this item when nine (9) members are present.

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.

Dunaway arrived at 7:05 p.m.; **nine (9) members present.**

Holtrop arrived at 7:06 p.m.; **10 members present.**

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) - Captain J. Takata reported the following:

- **October 2012 Statistics** - There were 1 structure fire (overcooked food) and 1 wildland fire; 35 medical emergencies (fall cases), and 5 miscellaneous response calls (2 hikers). One (1) major incident occurred - A hiker was in distress with Air 1, Rescue 2, E33, E5, and BN 2 responding.
- **Fire Safety Tip** - Consider a fire-resistant, artificial Christmas tree for this holiday season. If a natural tree is purchased, choose one as fresh as possible and keep it hydrated and away from heat sources. Use noncombustible materials for decorations. Choose only Underwriter's laboratory-approved electrical decorations, and follow manufacturer's instructions for installation and usage. Do not overload extension cords. Do not overload extension cords.

Comments followed:

1. **Help for Seniors** - There are Seniors Fairs that offer tips on making the home "fall-safe" for seniors.
2. **New Resident to Pālolo** - A resident welcomed Captain Takata to Pālolo.

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



- Statistics for October 2012 - There were 5 burglaries, 5 thefts, and 3 unauthorized entries to a motor vehicle (UEMV).
- Safety Tips - The Home Security Tips included:
 - ◊ Always lock all exterior doors and windows before leaving the house, even if it's for a short trip.
 - ◊ Make the home look occupied by leaving on lights and radios, and make it difficult to break in.
 - ◊ Always lock the garage doors and sheds.
 - ◊ Don't tempt a thief; store lawn mowers, mopeds/bicycles, surfboards or any valuables out of sight.
 - ◊ Louvered windows are intended for ventilation, not security. Removal of louvers is the most common way burglars make entry into homes in Hawaii. Glue glass louvers or purchase locking clips to increase security.
 - ◊ Be a good neighbor and watch out for strangers. If residents encounter or see someone that broke a neighbor's house, do not attempt to apprehend them. Call HPD with a description of the suspect and the direction that they were last seen. The most important thing residents can do is call the HPD to report a crime or any suspicious activity. Be the eyes of the neighborhood.
- CONTACT HPD (District 7): www.hono1u1upd.org/patrol/d7
- COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM/NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY WATCH
 1. Officer Mark Mitchell, Office Phone: 723-3366, mitchell1@honolulu.gov
 2. Officer Shane Fujitani Office Phone: 723-3364, sfujitanil@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

Comments followed:

1. Burglaries are Down - Last month the number of burglaries was up and they came down. Maybe someone got arrested.
2. Shopping Tip - Put items in the trunk, out of view.
3. Thank You - Board member St. Vincent thanked the Community Policing Team, especially Officer Mark Mitchell and Officer Steve Forman.
4. New Technology Available - Board member Hack mentioned that if a senior falls, there is new technology, where the senior can press a button to send for help.

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

- Leak Repaired - The reported leak from last month was repaired.
- Billing System Changes and Online Customer Service Options - The Board of Water Supply (BWS) will be switching over to a new customer billing system in January 2013, which will allow the BWS to provide better service to the public by implementing "customer care industry best practices." In conjunction with the new billing system, the BWS is providing customers with more self-service and online customer service options through its website, www.boardofwatersupply.com. Online bill viewing, paperless billing, and electronic customer service request forms are now available. The BWS is moving toward providing customers with the option to pay their water and sewer bills online at their convenience.
- New Billing System Changes - The significant changes are that water and sewer bills will be sent monthly for more timely information and all customers will be given new account numbers. Monthly billing will allow for the better payment alignment with other bill schedules, more frequent consumption data to help make adjustments to water use, and help to identify unusual water usage such as property leaks, allowing for prompt repairs, and thereby reducing the magnitude of high bills caused by leaks. The same data information on adjustments, payments, and balances will continue to be presented clearly and simply on the new bill.
- Information - Please visit www.boardofwatersupply.com. Information will also be sent to all customers in their upcoming bills.

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

- New Director - The new District Director is Keith Nakano.
- Thanksgiving Turkey Meals - HCAP will be serving *kupuna* (elders) for this Thanksgiving Day.
- Grants - There are grants available.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD - There was none.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative Report - Charles Izumoto was not present and no report was available.

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

- Mahalo - Councilmember Kobayashi thanked everyone for their support in the recent General Election.
- Smoking Ban at Five Beaches - The bill to ban smoking at five City Beaches passed first reading and was sent to committee.
- Investigation Requested - Councilmember Kobayashi will ask Governor Neil Abercrombie to investigate why 20 precincts ran out of paper ballots. Many people went home without voting. The lowest numbers of voters were in Hawai'i Kai, 'Aina Haina, Mānoa, Wai'anae and Waimanalo. The Elections Office should keep the printed ballots at the precincts instead of a central distribution point. Absentee voting should be encouraged.
- Prescription Discount Card Offered for Honolulu's Uninsured - The City and County of Honolulu in partnership with the National Association of Counties (NACO) offers a prescription discount card for the uninsured. The card saves users an estimated 75 percent on prescriptions at participating CVS pharmacies across the island. For more information, visit <http://www.nacorx.org/>.
- 9th Annual Community Clean Up - It was held on Saturday, October 20, 2012 at Kaimuki High School. Mahalo to all volunteers.

Comments followed:

1. Absentee Voting - Board member Shiraki noted that many seniors do not like absentee voting, because if they may make a mistake they may not be aware of it and their vote won't count (whereas scanning the ballot in person can notify a voter of a mistake).
2. No Vote, No Grumble - Board member Shiraki noted that many seniors don't vote.
3. Traffic Light at 10th Avenue and Wai'ala'e Avenue - Board member Shiraki is concerned about pedestrian safety and proposed changing the timing sequence from five (5) seconds to 15 seconds.
4. Two Crosswalks - Board member Shiraki brought a diagram, explaining his plan and it was given to Councilmember Ann Kobayashi. Shiraki suggested a meeting with Ty Fukumitsu from Department of Transportation Services (DTS). The timing should be longer in the mornings.

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative - Martha Torney was not present and no report was available.

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

- Concerns - House Speaker Say is concerned about Hawai'i's economy, tourism and Federal budget cuts. As the number of Japanese tourists is declining, the number of tourists from Taiwan and Korea is increasing. Although the Peoples' Republic of China's (PRC) economy is slowing down, many Chinese millionaires are getting their "green cards" by contributing millions of dollars to the U.S. economy.
- Affordable Housing - House Speaker Say reminded the Board that for the last two years he has been advocating on the Federal level that Chinese investors plan for 30 percent "workforce housing" in Kakaako and that he supports enforcement for Hawai'i sales.

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

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Three Concerns - House Speaker Say mentioned that he had three concerns from residents. No Parking - He received a request for no parking on the makai/Diamond Head side of 10th Ave & Keanu Street. Blinking Light - Cars slow down. One Down, Many to Go - One street has been resurfaced. Many side streets need to be repaired.
- Tennis, Anyone? - Leilani Magee mentioned that there was a space behind the Pālolo gym, where "bad elements" used to "hang out." Now, Magee offers free after-school child development programs and teaching children how to play tennis. The Pālolo Park Clean Up will be this Saturday. They will be installing wind screens, painting over graffiti and getting gang members to do recycling. Magee wants to provide tennis shoes and racquets for Wednesday tennis classes.

OLD BUSINESS

Permitted Interaction Groups (Bulky Refuse Problems) - Chair Orange is still working with the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) on the two-sided banner to publicize the Neighborhood Board meetings and the Bulky Item Trash Pick-up.

Community Recognition Award Nominations - No report.
Waiomao Road Speeding - No report.

Bus Route/Schedule - Board member Nakayama reported on the effects of recent bus schedule changes on the workers and visitors at the Pālolo Chinese Home. If workers miss the 5:15 a.m. bus, then the 5:40 a.m. bus arrives too late for the 6:00 a.m. start time. Also, the last bus comes at 10:20 p.m., but the shift ends at 10:30 p.m. On the weekends there are fewer buses. Nakayama requested a meeting with Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Director Wayne Yoshioka and Palolo Neighborhood Board No. 6 Chair Rachel Orange to find solutions.

NEW BUSINESS

Holiday Party - **Shiraki moved and Holtrop seconded to add this item to tonight's agenda after the presentation by Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO). The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 10-0-0 (AYE: Carroll, Dunaway, Hack, Holtrop, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, St. Vincent, Synan and Weinstein).**

Pukele Substation Project - Kendys Min and Ken Aramaki made a presentation about a Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) project to replace one of the aging transformers in the Pukele Substation at the end of Myrtle Street. This project does not involve the addition of any new lines or poles in Pālolo, is a replacement of existing equipment, due to aging and deterioration and not an expansion of the substation. The handout had the following information:

- Project Description - Replacement of one (1) transformer with a new, low sound level transformer; removal of existing transformer and equipment; replacement of old sound walls with new sound walls around the transformer.
- Schedule - Duration of Construction, approximately six (6) months; estimated start of construction, November 2012; estimated completion, May 2013; work hours (by permit), Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (The schedule to replace the second and third transformers has yet to be finalized).
- Construction Work - Dismantling of the old transformer and old sound walls will take place at the substation; there will be construction noise (heavy equipment, reverse-beepers, saw-cutting) during some phases of the project. Noisier work will be scheduled to minimize the impact to residents as much as possible.
- Traffic Impact -
 - ◇ Oversize Loads: Certain phases of the project will require scheduling oversize loads to be transported into and out of the substation. During these periods, on-street parking on Myrtle Street will be affected, and road closures may be necessary while loads are in transit.
 - ◇ Notification: Affected residents living in the area will be notified several days in advance of any such traffic control plans. Hawaiian Electric will plan the project and make every effort to minimize the number of "No Parking" days and the inconvenience to residents of Myrtle Street.
- Other Considerations - No transmission lines, noise reduction, vital substation, no planned outages.
- Contact Information - For questions concerning the project call or email:
 - ◇ Ken Aramaki, Project Manager, (808) 543-7555; email-ken.aramaki@heco.com.
 - ◇ Ken Pang, Construction Project Manager, (808) 543-4075, email: kenneth.pang@heco.com.

Comments followed:

1. Updates - Updates can be sent by e-mail or by periodic visits. This item may be listed on the monthly agendas under OLD BUSINESS.
2. No Expansion - HECO is just replacing equipment. They will move the fence 15 feet forward.
3. Electro-magnetic Fields - They depend on the power generated.
4. Sound Levels - They should be lower and they will build the walls higher.
5. Old Equipment - The non-hazardous oil has been drained already. The parts have been cut up and they are being shipped to the mainland.
6. Follow Up - HECO will check on the pole on Waiomao Road. Min apologized for the helicopters, which were replacing stresses. There were no outages. The helicopters do not fly over residences.

Holiday Party - Chair Orange mentioned that because there is no longer a Refreshment Budget, Board members are asked to bring a potluck dish to share. After the public and Board members enjoy the food during the short meeting, the public is invited to "talk story" afterwards.

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) - Dennis Higa from DPR was introduced.

Return of a Pālolo Resident - Ivan Hoe mentioned that when he used to attend Palolo Neighborhood Board No. 6 meetings, many times there was no quorum. Now, he sees greater participation. Chair Orange welcomed him back.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Kaimuki Road Work - The project duration is estimated to be 540 days, starting on July 2, 2012.
- Bulky Trash Pick-Up - Take out by the morning of November 21, 2012 (third Wednesday of every month).
- Farmers' Market - 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. every Wednesday at Pālolo District Park.
- '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>.
- Social Media - Join us informally at the "Pālolo Valley Community" page on Facebook at, <http://www.facebook.com/groups/107111366012456/>.
- Agenda Requests - Contact Chair Rachel Orange at - rachelpualani@gmail.com or 265-1334 with agenda item requests. Board member Shiraki requested that Ty Fukumitsu from DTS be placed on next month's agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: As there were no objections, the Pālolo Neighborhood Board No. 6 APPROVED the October 10, 2012 regular meeting minutes, as circulated, by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 10-0-0 (AYE: Carroll, Dunaway, Hack, Holtrop, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, St. Vincent, Synan and Weinstein).

Chair Orange mentioned that the October meeting minutes were not ready for the first mailout, but they were sent out in the second mailout the next day.

TREASURER'S REPORT - No report was available.

Final Comments - It was mentioned that the bike lanes will be painted after the design is completed and may or may not correspond with the Wai'ala'e Avenue repaving. There is some disagreement with the community input.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Submitted by,
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Neighborhood Assistants

Reviewed by,
Adam LeFebvre
Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by,
Rachel Orange
Chair