



PĀLOLO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 6

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2012 PĀLOLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Rachel S. Orange called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **A quorum was established with 11 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, Stephen Maybir, Darlene Nakayama (arrived at 7:16 p.m.), Rachel S. Orange, Earl Shiraki, Shaun St. Vincent, Dwight Synan and Michael Weinstein.

Members Absent - None.

Vacancy - There was one vacancy in Subdistrict 2.

Guests - Martha Torney (Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative, Department of Public Safety, Deputy Director of Administration); State Senator Les Ihara, Jr., State House Speaker 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 Erik Egami and Officer Cory Shiraishi (Honolulu Police Department, District 7), Captain Jason Mejia (Honolulu Fire Department, Pālolo Station), Bryan Gallagher (Board of Water Supply), Lester Fung, Glenn Y. Yamasaki, Jerry Katadl, James Nekota (Pālolo Council), Shinsuke J. Uehara, Owen Nakao (Tenrikyo Pearl Church), Jackie Young and David Jones (Videographers), 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) - Captain Jason Mejia reported the following:

- **November 2012 Statistics** - There were no fires; 30 medical emergencies and 6 miscellaneous response calls. There were no major incidents. There were reports of smoke from sewer testing.
- **Fire Safety Tips** - Choose holiday decorations that are flame-resistant or flame-retardant. Keep lit candles away from decorations and items that can burn. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both. Replace strands of lights that have broken or worn cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini-light sets and a maximum of 50 screw-in bulbs. Read the manufacturer's instructions for the number of light-emitting diode strands that can be connected. Use clips instead of nails to hang lights to prevent cord damage. Keep decorations away from doors and windows.

Comments followed: **Down Pour** - A resident reported that on the Sunday after Thanksgiving Day, a lot of water fell on his roof. Three firefighters came the next day to apologize for the misdirected water spray.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) - Officer Cory Shiraishi distributed the monthly report and Sergeant Erik Egami reported the following:

- **Statistics for November 2012** - There were 10 burglaries, 1 robbery, 15 thefts, and 5 unauthorized entries to a motor vehicle (UEMV).
- **Christmas Safety Tips** - The Honolulu Police Department, District 7 would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday. During the holiday season, HPD would like to remind everyone of a few safety tips. There were tips for headings **Staying Safe While Shopping** and for **Online Shopping**.
- **CONTACT HPD (District 7):** www.hono1u1upd.org/patrol/d7
- **COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM/NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY WATCH**



1. Officer Mark Mitchell, Office Phone: 723-3366, mmitchell@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

Comments followed:

1. One Robbery Reported - Chair Orange noted the new statistic category.
2. Noisy Mopeds - It was suggested that moped drivers be licensed and the mopeds have a safety check. HPD responded that drivers are required to have a driver's license and citations are issued.

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

- Main Break Report - There was one break on November 13, 2012 on 9th Avenue. It was repaired the same day.
- 2013 Water Conservation Calendar - BWS is pleased to share its 2013 Water Conservation Calendar with the Neighborhood Board and community. The calendar showcases winning artwork and poetry from the 2012 poster and poetry contests, each depicting the contest theme "The Wonder of Water." The theme challenged all Oahu students to demonstrate what makes drinking water special to them through illustrations and creative writing. Also, included in the calendar, are coupons from contest sponsors as well as an entry form for the 2013 poster and poetry contests, which will be launched in January 2013. Copies will be made available to the public, starting December 17, at the BWS Beretania Street headquarters or online at www.boardofwatersupply.com. This calendar helps to remind Oahu residents to use the water they need, but not to waste the precious resource. It will be seen by thousands of people around the island and shares the BWS message of efficient water use in a positive and effective way. For more information, please call the BWS Communications Office at 748-5041.
- Happy Holidays!/Honolulu City Lights - On behalf of the Board of Water Supply, all of the employees, and Ohana, BWS wishes everyone a very safe and joyous holiday season! The BWS and other City departments will participate in various Christmas activities this holiday season. Join BWS as BWS celebrates the festive holiday season at the following events and locations:
 1. Decorated Christmas trees and lights will be displayed at both Honolulu and Kapolei Hale during December.
 2. City Lights Christmas parades on the first and second Saturday in December.
 3. Lastly, view the BWS's annual Christmas light display fronting the building on South Beretania Street.

Comments followed:

1. Happy Holidays! - Drive around to see the lighted decorations.
2. Bumpy Roads - A few projects are repaired by the City sewer/storm water departments.

Honolulu Community Action Program (HCAP) - Shaun St. Vincent reported that the meeting was postponed.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD - There was none.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative Report - Charles Izumoto was not present at this time.

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

- Left Turn Signal from 10th Avenue onto Wai'alae Avenue - Yorimoto called Ty Fukumitsu of Department of Transportation Services (DTS), Traffic Signals and Technology on Thursday, November 15, 2012. She explained to him about Chair Orange's concerns. Fukumitsu said that because of the rush to oblige with the Board to have this light installed, they had the job completed. There were not sufficient electrical lines in this area to have the lights operate properly. He said the workers are still working in the area to install the sufficient cable lines needed for the area. They are rushed, because of the work to be done for the Wai'alae Avenue Street improvement. He said once this is completed, they will have this traffic light synchronized in the same manner as the one at Harding at 11th and 5th Avenue. Whereby the Left Arrow and Green Light will turn on first; then the left arrow will turn yellow and cease; but the

green light will prevail. There are signs at these intersections "Left Turn Yield on Green." Timer will be resynchronized for a.m. and p.m. Timeline for completion of cable work is for the end of 2012; and DTS will be working on synchronizing lights by early 2013. Fukumitsu stated to have Chair Orange call him anytime with this concern.

Comments followed: Left Turn Signal from 10th Avenue onto Wai'ala'e Avenue - While Fukumitsu responded to Chair Orange's concern, he did not respond to Board member Shiraki's concern about the timing of the lights to allow more time for pedestrian crossing and safety. Shiraki had requested that Fukumitsu come to the Board.

Nakayama arrived at 7:16 p.m.; **12 members present.**

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

- Last Meeting - As this was Izumoto's last Palolo Neighborhood Board No. 6 meeting, he was happy to have worked with the Board and represent Mayor Peter Carlisle, who was fiscally responsible and tried to make the City government more "transparent."
- Left Turn Signal from 10th Avenue onto Wai'ala'e Avenue - Department of Transportation Services (DTS) response: DTS thanks Earl Shiraki for the offer to help; however, DTS is still in the process of adjusting the signal timing for the left turn signal. The contractor is still working at the intersection and the left turn signal light timing is operating on fixed time, until the contractor completes the installation of new loops and cables. DTS realizes the current timing is not efficient, but it will be corrected after the contractor completes their work. (Board member Shiraki will reserve comment to the new Mayor's Representative at the next meeting.)
- Waiomao Road - DTS response: DTS is currently conducting its investigation, which may require research, field and site assessments, and traffic history and data analysis. DTS will inform the Board of the status of their investigation by the January 2013 Board meeting. For your information, the City does not install mirrors or parabolic-type reflectors on City roadways, due to safety and liability concerns. An approaching motorist may be momentarily blinded by reflections from the sun or an automobile's high beam at night. Additionally, these mirrors distort actual distances, whereby objects appear small and/or farther than they really are.
- New Playground Equipment - Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) response: DPR has received no recent updates on the playground equipment for Pālolo Valley District Park. DPR has no knowledge of work being done in the gymnasium. Construction for the outdoor courts has resumed. Please refer to Department of Design and Construction (DDC) for further updates.
- Land Movement on Kipona Street - DDC's response: DDC will request funding for this project in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Budget.
- Bike Lanes on Wai'ala'e Avenue - DTS's response: DTS met with the community on Monday, October 29, 2012 at the Kilauea District Park Complex to inform them that DTS will be proceeding with the installation of bike lanes along Wai'ala'e Avenue. DTS is currently working with their design consultant to prepare plans to re-stripe the lanes, move the detector loops and any other traffic signal modifications that need to be made due to the shifting in the travel lanes. DTS's project will be independent of DDC's resurfacing project of Wai'ala'e Avenue. Should DTS's design plans be completed before DDC has completed their resurfacing project, DTS will try to work with DDC to have the bike lanes installed concurrently.
- Personal Thrill Craft - DPR response: DPR has no jurisdiction over (recreational) activities in Maunaloa Bay.
- Bus to Pālolo Chinese Home - DTS response: DTS is reviewing potential modifications to the Route 9S schedule with O'ahu Transit Services (OTS), the bus operator. DTS will report back to the Neighborhood Board at their next meeting.

Comments followed:

1. Thank You - The Board acknowledged Izumoto's two years of service with applause. Chair Orange wished Izumoto, "Gook luck in future endeavors."
2. Roads Fixed - Board member Maybir thanked the Mayor for fixing Ahe Street and Waiomao Road.

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

- Happy Holidays! - Governor Abercrombie wishes the Neighborhood Boards, "Happy Holidays!"
- Buy Hawaii, Give Aloha! - Just before Thanksgiving, the Governor unveiled his "Buy Hawai'i, Give Aloha!" campaign to urge residents to gift locally-made products during the Holiday Season. Through a

grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration, the State also committed to a series of initiatives to increase the export of Hawai'i's products during the coming year, including:

1. January 2013 - An extensive "Hawaii Pavilion" at the largest fashion trade show in Japan, the JFW (?) International Fashion Fair;
 2. August 2013 - The Hawai'i Islands of Booths at the largest natural products show in Asia, the Hong Kong Natural Products show;
 3. September 2013 - The Made in Hawai'i Pavilion at the largest gift trade show in Asia, the Tokyo International Gift Show; and
 4. October 2013 - Governor's Fashion Awards to help stimulate the garment and jewelry industries in Hawai'i.
- The Economy - Since the beginning of 2012, the Abercrombie Administration has released more than \$889.5 million for Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs) to address priority work, while stimulating the economy and generating jobs. Significant progress has been made. The local economy is back on track. Credit rating agencies have taken notice. The State's unemployment rate has continued to improve, falling in October to a seasonally adjusted rate of 5.5 percent - a pre-recession level.
 1. \$5 million for Pālolo Chinese Home - Renovation of the dining hall and the care home building.
 2. \$10 million for Pālolo Valley Homes (1 of 6 projects) - Construction to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance.
 3. \$5 million for Pālolo Valley Homes - Design and construction for Phase II of physical improvements at Pālolo Valley Homes, which consists of 20 residential buildings (Phase I was the full remodeling of 13 of those residential buildings; Phase II will renovate the remaining seven, including the complete gutting of the interior space to install new kitchens, bathrooms and windows, and make roadway and parking improvements).

Comments followed: "Fiscal Cliff" - If the Federal Government goes over the "fiscal cliff," Federal funds may stop. "Block" grants may not be affected.

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

- "Direction For 2013 Legislative Session December 2012" - My main goal for the 2013 legislative session is to maintain stability for Hawaii over the next two years. Hawaii's economy is still recovering from that Great Recession. Gross domestic products led by the visitor industry, is up. Unemployment is down. Despite the good news, the Legislature must continue to be vigilant and not impede the recovery through over-regulation or over-taxation. Repercussions from the European debt crisis, Asian economic slowdown, and U.S. "fiscal cliff" may reverse Hawaii's progress, if the Legislature acts irresponsibly. I will take a responsible approach on issues, balancing the many competing needs of Hawaii, such as economic revitalization with environmental protection and working people's rights and benefits with business profitability. Extremism is not what Hawaii needs to address its problems. A few of my positions are the following:
 - (1) Opposing the Tax Commission recommendations, which included a general excise tax rate increase. Such an increase would hurt the economic recovery and exacerbate the cost of living for residents, especially low-income families and senior citizens.
 - (2) Opposing legalized gambling. Government should not promote the idea that a person may obtain riches through gambling instead of education and hard work.
 - (3) Supporting congressional efforts to supersede the U.S. Supreme Court's Citizens United decision, which allowed unlimited corporate campaign contributions and unleashed the "super PACs" with their negative campaigning.
 - (4) Reinstating in the State Ethics Code the special treatment prohibition for legislators, for example, Senator Mike Gabbard.
 - (5) Supporting Governor Abercrombie's "New Day Initiatives," particularly the early learning program. Such an investment in children will generate a multiple rate of return in their adolescent and adult years.
 - (6) Addressing the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), unfunded liability problem to protect future taxpayers (but without jeopardizing the benefits of present retirees).
 - (7) Continuing support for the agriculture industry and alternative energy development.Thank you. Calvin K.Y. Say, Speaker, House of Representatives, State of Hawaii"
- House Organization - As there appears to be a "challenge" to House Speaker Say's leadership, Say asked for the Board's support.

Comments followed:

1. "Fiscal Cliff" - As Hawai'i gets \$2 billion from the Federal government, a 5 percent cut would be \$100 million.

2. OPEB - New retirees will be paying 50 percent for their benefits with the State paying the other half.
3. International Events - These will also affect Hawai'i.
 - A. Federated States of Micronesia - Hawai'i has to negotiate with the Federal government. The new Congress does not know about the 1950s.
 - B. Japanese Opala - It is arriving.
 - C. Climate Change - As sea levels rise, more Pacific Islanders are moving here.
4. Pālolo Homes - During the repairs, people wonder if anyone is being exposed to asbestos. Speaker Say will meet with the contractor and then present the information to the Board.

State Senator Les Ihara, Jr. - Senator Ihara reported the following:

- Legislative Session - Senator Ihara requested proposed legislation before the January 16, 2013 Opening of the Legislature. There is a bill about out-of-state residents not paying Hawai'i income tax. HARPTA (?) was mentioned. Board member Synan will send more information.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Resident George Preston was recommended for a community recognition award by the Pālolo community. Information will be sent to Board members Synan and Dunaway to review.

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

1. Ms. Dahlia Asuega - A few months ago, Board member Maybir nominated Asuega, who is currently the Resident Services Manager of the Pālolo Valley Homes. Maybir will give the background information to Board members Synan and Dunaway to review.
2. George Preston - **Nakayama nominated and Hack seconded that George Preston receive the Community Recognition Award at the Palolo Neighborhood Board No. 6 February 13, 2013 regular monthly meeting. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 12-0-0 (AYE: Carroll, Dunaway, Gerlich-Hayes, Hack, Holtrop, Maybir, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, St. Vincent, Synan and Weinstein).**

Waiomao Road Speeding - This item was previously reported by the Mayor's Representative.

Bus Route/Schedule (Effects on Pālolo Chinese Home workers and visitors) - Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Director Wayne Yoshioka is doing a study and will report back to the Board.

Pukele Sub-station Project - Kendys Min had e-mailed Chair Orange the following update:

- The old transformer has been completely dismantled and removed from the substation.
- The old sound walls have been demolished and removed.
- The extension to the chain link fence at the front/mauka edge of the substation is being put in place. The fence will be restored to its original location after the substation work is completed.
- Crews are working in the substation to drill new footings/foundations for the new transformer and sound wall. They have encountered "blue rock" during some of the drilling, which causes the drill to emit a louder whine-like sound at times. We have had at least one inquiry from a resident about that noise, and are looking for ways to try to mitigate the sounds from the drilling.
- Care is being taken to ensure that crews adhere to the posted work hours to minimize any early morning disturbances.
- "No Parking" placards have been placed along one side of Myrtle Street to facilitate the safe transport of heavy equipment and materials to and from the substation between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on weekdays. We will be restoring parking to normal as soon as possible, but it's a necessary precaution to ensure the safe movement of large trucks and service vehicles through the area during

this phase of the project. We will be sending letters to Myrtle Street residents to explain the no-parking situation and apologize/ask for their understanding.

- The project is proceeding according to schedule.

NEW BUSINESS

Jarrett Middle School Foundation - Owen Nakao, the new 2012-2013 JMS Foundation President, explained what the Jarrett Foundation was and he thanked the Neighborhood Board for the repair of the roads and for improving Pālolo. He asked the meeting attendees to join the Foundation board and assist with fundraising, as the Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. For this school year, 2012-13, the Foundation awarded grants to the school totaling \$16,900. Funds from the annual Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction have provided support for the following requests from the school: 6th Grade Camp, 6th Grade Challenger Center Space Mission, 7th Grade Field Trips, 8th Grade Drama and Arts Explorations, 8th Grade Challenger Center Space Mission, Jarrett Cross Country Team, Incentive Awards for the Accelerated Reader and Teen Biz Programs, \$100 Teacher Support for Classroom Supplies, Parenting Workshops and Family Involvement, and Support for English Language Learners. For more information, e-mail - JarrettFoundation@gmail.com. Nakao thanked the Board for its support for the Foundation.

10th Avenue Sidewalk Repair - It was reported that Councilmember Kobayashi helped make it happen. Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has to cut tree roots and co-ordinate many departments. There will be no parking for many months.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No Parking on Wiliama Place - See letter from Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Director Wayne Yoshioka below.
- Recess in January 2013 - Reminder, this Board will be on recess in January 2013. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., Pālolo Elementary School Cafeteria, 2106 10th Avenue.
- Kaimuki Road Work - The project duration is estimated to be 540 days, which started on July 2, 2012.
- Bulky Trash Pick-Up - Take out by the morning of December 19, 2012 (third Wednesday of every month).
- Farmers' Market - Every Wednesday at Pālolo District Park 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
- '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.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: As there were no objections, the Pālolo Neighborhood Board No. 6 APPROVED the November 14, 2012 regular meeting minutes, as circulated, by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 12-0-0 (AYE: Carroll, Dunaway, Gerlich-Hayes, Hack, Holtrop, Maybir, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, St. Vincent, Synan and Weinstein).

TREASURER'S REPORT - Treasurer Hack reported that the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Budget Allocation was \$4,448.00. The Regular Meeting Facility Rental Contract was \$1,248.00 and the Video Recording Program Contract was \$2,280.00. The total spent for November for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes was \$54.70, leaving a balance of \$738.60. There is money for the new \$200 banner. The Treasurer's Report was filed.

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

Submitted by,
K. Russell Ho and Nola Frank
Neighborhood Assistants

Reviewed by,
Adam LeFebvre

Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by,
Rachel Orange
Chair

Note: Chair Orange received the following letter from Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Director Wayne Yoshioka:

November 21, 2012

Ms. Rachel Orange, Chair
Palo Neighborhood Board No. 6
c/o Neighborhood Commission Office
City Hall, Room 406
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Orange:

Subject: Wiliama Place

We are informing your neighborhood board that we will be installing a parking restriction on the mauka side of Wiliama Place and its turnaround area.

We conducted an investigation, which included consultation with the Honolulu Fire Department and the Honolulu Emergency Services Department, in response to an area residents request to prohibit parking on one side of the street due to emergency vehicle access concerns. Both agencies concur with the request to restrict parking on one side of Wiliama Place to ensure continuous access for their vehicles. As such, we will be issuing a work order to the Department of Facility Maintenance by December 2012 to install a parking restriction, as shown in red, on the attached plan.

Should you have any questions, please contact Darin Anbe of my staff at 768-8316.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Wayne Yoshioka
Director

Attachment

cc: Councilmember Ann Kobayashi
Charles Izumoto, Mayor's Representative
Honolulu Fire Department, Kenneth G. Silva
Honolulu Emergency Services, James H.E. Ireland
Department of Facility Maintenance