



PĀLOLO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 6

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014 PĀLOLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Paul Holtrop called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. **Quorum was established with eight (8) members present.** Note - This 13-member board requires seven (7) votes to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Frank Farm Jr. (appointed at this meeting), Gladys Gerlich-Hayes, Randolph Hack, Paul Holtrop, Beverly Mau, Stephen Maybir (arrived at 7:24 p.m.), Darlene Nakayama, Rachel Orange, Earl Shiraki, and Michael Weinstein.

Board Members Absent: Shaun St. Vincent.

Vacancies: There were three (3) vacancies: one (1) At Large vacancy, one (1) vacancy in Sub-District 2 and one (1) vacancy in Sub-District 3.

Guests: Dominic Dias (Board of Water Supply), Ross Sasamura (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative), Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, Lieutenant Clinton Sukekane, Sergeant Cyrus Hanuna and Officer Cody Shiraishi (Honolulu Police Department), Speaker Emeritus Calvin Say, Rebecca Pike (Montessori of Oahu), Ivan Hoe, S. Uehara, James Nekota, Frank Farm Jr., Risé Doi and Lori Snyder (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

FILLING OF VACANCIES ON BOARD: Chair Holtrop opened the floor to fill the Board's three (3) vacancies. Frank Farm Jr. volunteered to fill the At-Large vacancy. **Gerlich-Hayes moved and Hack seconded to nominate Frank Farm on the Board.** Frank Farm Jr. was **APPOINTED** by **UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 8-0-0** (**Aye:** Gerlich-Hayes, Hack, Holtrop, Mau, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, and Weinstein).

At this time, Neighborhood Assistant Lori Snyder verified Frank Farm Jr.'s residency and administered the Oath of Office.

Farm sat on the board. **9 members present.**

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

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

- **January 2014 Statistics:** There were four (4) rubbish fires, 32 medical emergencies, and one (1) miscellaneous emergency.
- **Microwave Safety:** Return the completed microwave oven registration card for updates on a product recall. Never microwave metal or aluminum. In case of a fire leave the microwave oven door closed and unplug it, and if the fire does not extinguish go outside and call 911.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sergeant Cyrus Hanuna provided a handout and reported the following:

- **January 2014 Statistics:** There were 11 burglaries, 36 thefts, one (1) motor vehicle theft, and 11 unauthorized entries of motor vehicles (UEMV).
- **Rain Safety:** Drive cautiously. Allow more time for travel. Brake earlier and less frequently than normal. Stay towards the middle of the road and drive around large puddles. Turn headlights on, defog windows, and be alert.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. **Break-Ins:** Gerlich-Hayes reported four (4) break-ins at the houses on 7th Avenue and Keanu Street. HPD is aware.
2. **Thank You:** Shiraki thanked Chief Kealoha for taking a stand against marijuana.
3. **Hit and Run:** Shiraki asked for an update on the Waialae Avenue and Palolo Avenue accident. Sergeant Hanuna noted the accident was still under investigation and could not be discussed any further.



4. Traffic Citation: Shiraki commented pedestrians should be cited for walking against the traffic signal.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Dominic Dias reported the following:

- Main Breaks: There were two (2) water main breaks in the Palolo area in January 2014: Saturday January 4, 2014 at Loke Place and Thursday January 30, 2014 at 9th Avenue. There is no current BWS construction activity.
- Workshops: The new schedule is posted with the following Saturday workshops: Compost on February 15, 2014 and March 8, 2014, Chemical-Free Insect and Pest Traps on March 15, 2014, and Five (5) Simple Steps to a Beautiful Garden on April 5, 2014. Daily lunch tours of the garden are available from 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. For more information go to boardwatersupply.com.
- Calendars: 2014 water conservation calendars are available.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Water Main Break: Orange asked when the patch resulting from a water main break on 9th Avenue would be done properly. Shiraki requested the patch be done correctly the first time. Dias will report back.

Board member Stephen Maybir arrived at 7:24 p.m. **10 members present.**

Honolulu Community Action Program (HCAP): There was no representative and no report was available.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Ross Sasamura reported the following:

- Ongoing Projects: Ongoing projects include Kuahea Street Roadway (upper site) Interim Vicinity of 2395 Kuhea Street (ongoing construction), Palolo Sewer Rehabilitation (SI-CS-26, SI-CS-27), and Palolo Valley District Park Improvements (Construction Funds in FY 2013 or 2014).
- Pothole Hotline: Call 768-7777 to report a pothole.
- Playground: Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) inspected the equipment and the request for removal is in process.
- Pool: The cause of the green water in the Palolo District Park pool was undetermined. The pool was cleaned and reopened on Friday December 13, 2014. Maintenance staff will continue to monitor the water quality.
- Holomua Place: The rehabilitation project is still in planning and design phase. Construction is estimated to start in 2015.
- Waiālae Avenue: There were public safety concerns addressing two-wheeled vehicles on the roads of 7th Avenue and Waiālae Avenue, and St. Louis Drive and Waiālae Avenue. Sasamura will take this report to the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) and ask for a gentler transition.
- Security Cameras: There was a request for DPR to install security cameras at Palolo District Park to deter vandalism and theft at the pool area and parking lot.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Pothole Hotline: Orange commented reporting to the hotline did not change the status of potholes on the streets.
2. Playground: Orange noted if the playground equipment was removed the children would not have a place to play safely and could get in trouble elsewhere. Nakayama suggested the community organize a group to facilitate the process. Nakayama asked for better lighting in the parking lot. Nekota asked for verification that McDonald's donated money for the playground tennis courts and the possibility of McDonald's helping with the playground equipment. Sasamura will take the comments to DPR.
3. Thank You: Orange thanked Sasamura for taking note of the road transitions on Waiālae Avenue.

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi – Councilmember Kobayashi provided a newsletter and reported the following:

- Playground: Councilmember Kobayashi said Capital Improvement Program (CIP) money for the equipment is available, and she will follow up.
- Rubbish Pick-Up: The Administration is proposing a \$10 per month fee for rubbish pick-up and the City must create a fair system.

- Revenue Enhancement Bill: The Administration is working on a way to ensure money from advertisements on the outside of buses goes directly to restoring bus services.
- Indigenous Plants: A bill was introduced to put indigenous plants around the City, possibly saving on maintenance expenses.
- Sidewalk Repair: The City was asked to assess the sidewalks for safety.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Golf Fee: Shiraki commented he did not want the golf fee raised.
2. Property Tax: Shiraki commented he did not want the property tax raised.
3. Toilets: Shiraki said the homeless needed portable toilets. Councilmember Kobayashi noted restrooms would be expensive but necessary.
4. Bus Ads: Shiraki expressed support for the bus advertisements.
5. Moped Safety Check: Shiraki requested annual safety checks for mopeds.
6. Thank You: Orange thanked Councilmember Kobayashi for the indigenous plant bill.
7. Bike Lane: Shiraki raised a concern about the lack of space for a bike lane on Kapahulu Avenue.
8. Graffiti: Nakayama raised a concern about the graffiti in Palolo Valley. Chair Holtrop noted Chair Lockwood could help in removing the graffiti. Shiraki suggested there should be more arrests, and Councilmember Kobayashi responded the act must be physically seen for an arrest.
9. Bulk Refuse: Nekota commented his rubbish was not picked up last month. Chair Holtrop referred Nekota to the bulk refuse direct hotline.

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative: There was no representative and no report was available.

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

- Thank You: Speaker Emeritus Say thanked the City and State governments for addressing the community issues.
- Chinese Home Funds: A January 31, 2014 letter from Governor Neil Abercrombie on behalf of Nakayama described the releasing of the funds for the seniors.
- Graffiti: A residential family requested removal of graffiti on Waimanu Road. Speaker Emeritus Say referred the issue to Sasamura.
- Requests: Speaker Emeritus Say advised the public to send project requests to the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) director for consideration in the next fiscal year.
- Clean-up: Speaker Emeritus Say shared he was pleased with the clean-up of Palolo Housing and parks.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. State Revenue: Hack asked about the revenue outlook for the State. Speaker Emeritus Say noted the outlook is good but defense spending and tourism would not carry the state. The State was recovering from the deficit faced by Governor Abercrombie two (2) years ago.
2. Senior Citizens: Nakayama commended Speaker Emeritus Say for his support of the senior citizens of Hawaii. Speaker Emeritus Say responded by thanking Nakayama on behalf of the seniors of Hawaii.
Marijuana, Gambling, Sex Education: Shiraki commented he spoke on behalf of the silent majority on opposing recreational marijuana, gambling, and certain sex education. Chair Holtrop emphasized that Shiraki was speaking for himself and not for the Board.
3. Initiative Referendum Recall (IRR): Shiraki recommended Initiative Referendum Recall (IRR) in Hawaii.
4. Thank You: Farm and Ivan Ho thanked Speaker Emeritus Say for helping the community.

Senator Les Ihara, Jr.: There was no representative present and no report was available.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: None.

OLD BUSINESS

- Permitted Interaction Group (PIG): The Chair received an e-mail from Bryan Mick about reforming the Bulky refuse Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) as a committee. This will be discussed at the March 2014 Board meeting.
- Community Recognition Award: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Montessori of Oahu: Rebecca Pike from Montessori of Oahu spoke on behalf of a group of two (2) dozen educators/parents looking to find a home for their Montessori school in this community. Pike stated that the Montessori approach supported a child's natural development in a well-prepared environment. Mixed-age classrooms added richness and depth of learning. Children were given appropriate information when their minds were ready. Montessori schools teach children grace and courtesy. Montessori of Oahu currently has a financial plan, curriculum, and a website. Montessori of Oahu applied for 5013c status and completed the Hawaii Charter application. Pike expressed that she believed this would be a wholesome addition to the neighborhood.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Target Size: Orange asked about the target size of the school and if the school was applying as a charter school. Pike explained the first year would be private with tuition but hoped to become public. The target size for the first year was 48 children, second year 75, third year 103, fourth year 144 and fifth year 184. Orange disclosed personal involvement in helping start a charter school last year.
2. Funding: Hack noted his support of the school and asked about funding the building renovation. Pike said Montessori of Oahu would be responsible for funding by volunteers.
3. Location: Chair Holtrop raised a concern that the potential location was too small for Montessori of Oahu's future enrollment goals. Pike indicated the location was ideal for the first year, and would find a new location when enrollment increased.

Retention of Stephen Maybir: Chair Holtrop said a vote would be needed to remove Maybir from the board. Maybir explained that his absences were due to other commitments but expressed interest in participating in the meetings. Holtrop and Nakayama voiced their support in keeping Maybir on the Board. **Orange moved and Mau seconded to retain Stephen Maybir on the board.** The motion was **ADOPTED, 9-0-1 (Aye: Farm, Gerlich-Hayes, Hack, Holtrop, Mau, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, and Weinstein; Abstain: Maybir).**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bulky Trash Pick-Up: Take out by the morning of Wednesday, February 19, 2013.
- Farmers' Market: The Farmer's Market is at 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. every Wednesday at Pālolo District Park.
- Olelo Broadcast Slots: The Pālolo Neighborhood Board No. 6 meetings are aired on VIEWS 54 and Chair Holtrop will get the correct broadcast times from Bryan Mick.
- Social Media: The address for the Pālolo Board No.6 facebook page is located on the agenda.
- Agenda Requests: Contact Chair Paul Holtrop by e-mail (preferred) and phone number, listed on the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) website.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2013 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: The minutes for December 11, 2013 were **ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 10-0-0 (Aye: Farm, Gerlich-Hayes, Hack, Holtrop, Mau, Maybir, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, and Weinstein).**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Hack reported a balance of \$589.78 for the rest of the fiscal year.

Chair Holtrop took the agenda out of order to invite the Honolulu Community Action Program (HCAP) representative to give a report.

Honolulu Community Action Program (HCAP): Keith Nakano reported on two (2) programs available:

- Breakfast Coffee Hour: The community can voice their concerns and hear about the programs available at the breakfast coffee hour.
- Free Tax Preparation: Free tax preparation is available February 2014 through April 2014, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Call the office to set up a time. Simple tax returns only.

The agenda returned to item XII, Adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by: Lori L. Snyder, Neighborhood Assistant I
Reviewed by: Risé Doi, Neighborhood Assistant II
Reviewed by: Paul Holtrop, Chair