



## PĀLOLO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 6

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014 PĀLOLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Paul Holtrop called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **Quorum was established with eight (10) 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., Gladys Gerlich-Hayes, Randolph Hack, Paul Holtrop, Beverly Mau, Stephen Maybir, Darlene Nakayama, Rachel Orange, Earl Shiraki, Shaun St. Vincent, and Michael Weinstein (arrived at 8:20 p.m.)

Board Members Absent: None.

Vacancies: There were two (2) vacancies; one (1) vacancy in sub-district 2 and one (1) vacancy in sub-district 3.

Guests: Dominic Dias (Board of Water Supply), Martha Torney (Governor Abercrombie's Representative), Ross Sasamura (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative), Cliff Kaneshiro (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office staff), Lieutenant Maurice Asato and Officer Maile Nguyen (Honolulu Police Department), Firefighter 1 Jennifer Roberts (Honolulu Fire Department), Speaker Emeritus Calvin Say, Senator Les Ihara Jr., Shinsuke Uehara, James Nekota, Dahlia Asuega, Dan Smith, Leilani Magee, Debbie Chang and Lori Snyder (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

FILLING OF VACANCIES ON BOARD: There were no nominations to fill the vacancies. This item was deferred until the next meeting.

### CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Firefighter 1 Jennifer Roberts reported the following:

- February 2014 Statistics: There were 3 activated alarms, 2 structure fires, 1 search and rescue, 7 miscellaneous calls, and 30 medical emergencies. There was 1 unusual incident in which a body was recovered in the Wilhelmina Rise area.
- Barbeque Grills: Grills should be used outdoors away from home and deck railings. Propane and charcoal grills may not be used on apartment or townhouse balconies. Keep children and pets three feet from the grilling area. Remove grease or fat buildup from the grills and trays below the grill and ensure the gas grill lid is open before lighting. Never leave a lit grill unattended and ensure coals are completely cooled before disposing in a metal container.

### **Chair Holtrop took the agenda out of order to Honolulu Police Department (HPD).**

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant Maurice Asato provided a handout and reported the following:

- February 2014 Statistics: There were 13 burglaries, 13 thefts, 5 motor vehicle theft, and 9 unauthorized entries of motor vehicles (UEMV).
- Home Security Check List: Visit [www.honolulupd.org](http://www.honolulupd.org) for the 21 Step Home Security Check List.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Marijuana Presentation: Shiraki asked who was presenting the marijuana statistics. Chair Holtrop responded HPD would not take questions about the presentation, so he chose not to invite them to present.
2. Mopeds: Shiraki noted the mopeds were loud and tailgating. Asato noted to call 911.

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

- Main Breaks: There were two (2) water main breaks in the Palolo area in February 2014, one on 9th Avenue and the other on Hardesty Street. The 9th Avenue main break has been repaired.
- Telephone Scam: A customer was called in an attempt to fraudulently collect money. The caller threatened discontinuation of service if the balance was not paid immediately, and the customer

complied with the demand. Anyone receiving a similar phone call is encouraged to call BWS at 748-5030 to confirm an account balance first before making a payment. BWS only calls customers during business hours, and does not demand payment and collect payment in the same phone call. If a customer is contacted for an overdue payment, he or she will be asked to call BWS directly to make a payment. BWS personnel will be properly credentialed, wear official BWS attire with the logo, drive BWS labeled vehicles, and carry an official City and County of Honolulu badge. Residents are encouraged to call 911 to report suspicious activity and call BWS to file an additional report.

- National Fix-a-Leak Week: Monday, March 17, 2014 through Sunday, March 23, 2014 is National Fix-A-Leak Week. Checking for and fixing property leaks conserves water, lowers water bills, and prevents potential damage to the home. Visit BWS for dye tablets to check for toilet leaks. For more information call BWS or visit [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Payment Letter: Chair Holtrop noted BWS previously sent a letter demanding for payment, so this method of asking for payment was not foreign to customers. BWS has not accounted for their mistake of the estimated billing and the harsh tones in the letters sent to customers.
2. Water Contamination: Hack asked for an update on the ground water contamination from the fuel storage tanks in Red Hill. Dias will follow up.
3. 9th Avenue: Orange commented the patch on 9th Avenue was fixed but there is still a bump. Dias noted the bump earlier and will take the concern back to BWS.
4. 10th Avenue: Maybir asked for a follow up on a water main leak on Ahe Street and 10th Avenue.
5. Broken Waterline: Shiraki asked BWS to check a waterline in the area.

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:

- Bus Advertising: The Caldwell Administration proposed Bill 69 in December 2013 to authorize advertising on City buses, and on Friday, January 17, 2014 the bill was deferred. Saito explained the Mayor proposed Bill 69 to get sustainable revenue for critical city services from somewhere other than the pockets of transit riders and taxpayers.
- Refuse Fee: The Caldwell Administration is proposing a fee of \$10 per month for refuse collection services. Property taxes would not increase. The City spends more than \$50 per household for single family residential services. Maui charges \$18 per month, Kauai charges \$12 per month, and Hawaii does not offer refuse services. Fees would be collected on the Real Property Tax Bill twice a year covering the twice a week pick up on a maximum of five (5) carts. If approved, charges for businesses, non-profits, and multi-unit residential buildings receiving front-end loader services would begin July 2014, and charges for residents would begin January 2015. The Department of Environmental Services (ENV) inspectors would need to enforce this ordinance.
- Ongoing Projects: Ongoing projects include Kuahea Street Roadway Interim Vicinity of 2395 Kuhea Street, Palolo Sewer Rehabilitation (anticipated completion Monday, August 11, 2014), and Palolo Valley District Park Improvements.
- Standing Water: There are grade separations that cause ponding in discrete areas as neighboring properties build driveway sections to overlay elevations. The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) is investigating to see if the City can address the situation, however the City cannot fix the ponding on private property.
- Waialae Avenue: The contractor responsible for the reconstruction on Waialae Avenue has been reminded to maintain temporary pavement elevation transitions during construction. Report any major problems to Sasamura.
- Security Cameras: The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) does not have the funding to install and maintain a security camera system.
- Playground Equipment: The concern about the Palolo District Park playground equipment has been passed to DDC and will follow up at the next Neighborhood Board meeting. There are no current plans to increase lighting in the parking lot. If the community is willing to organize a group to facilitate the playground equipment process, submit a proposal to the Director of DPR.
- Ahe Street Repaving: Construction of the repaving of Ahe Street is estimated to begin after 2014.
- Graffiti: The graffiti on Waiomao Road was painted over on Thursday, February 13, 2014.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Graffiti: Orange noted the graffiti on Waiomao Road reappeared after it was painted over.

2. Lawn Mowing: Orange asked for maintenance of the park by Waiomao Road and Kipona Place.
3. Safety Light: Shiraki asked for a follow up about the safety light on 10th Street and Waialae Avenue. Sasamura will take back the concern.
4. Construction Transitions: Chair Holtrop and Shiraki noted the transition on Saint Louis Drive was dangerous.
5. Construction Warnings: Gerlich-Hayes noted there should be warning signs for cars to see before the area where the construction occurs.
6. Advertisement Review: Farm Jr. asked if there was a committee to discuss the standards for advertisements placed on the buses. Sasamura is unaware of a committee to review the advertisement, but there was a commitment made to keep advertising tasteful. One fear of Bill 69 is that it would lead to billboards. The intent is not to create billboards but to create revenue from somewhere other than taxpayers or bus riders.
7. King Street Bike Lane: Chair Holtrop asked for an update on the construction of a bike lane on King Street. Sasamura said the protected bike lane will be constructed on the mauka side of King Street. The bike lane will be colored green. The bike lane on King Street is a pilot project allowing the City to assess for future projects. Shiraki asked who funded the bike lanes. Sasamura replied government funds are set aside, and noted the importance of alternate modes of transportation such as bicycling.
8. Road-Sharing Safety: Shiraki voiced a concern about safety on roads if bicyclists were to share the road. Sasamura mentioned the Hawaii Bicycling League educate students, adults, and truck drivers on bicycle safety.
9. Thank You: Maybir thanked Sasamura for the update on the Rehabilitation of Streets Phase 14A.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Palolo Pool: Community member Dan Smith noted he has been in contact with Palolo Pool and encouraged the community to voice ideas to use the pool area to the Palolo Pool Supervisors.

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

- Town Hall Meeting: There was a successful Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at the McCully Public Library.
- Indigenous Plants: Kaneshiro highlighted Bill 4 relating to the use of indigenous and Polynesian introduced plants in public landscaping.
- Honored Service: Sarah M. Richards was honored for her 25 years of outstanding service with Hawaii Theatre Center. The William S. Richardson School of Law was honored at the University of Hawaii at Manoa's 40th anniversary.
- Park Landscaping: Kobayashi's office submitted a request to the Mayor's office for an investigation on the landscape overgrowth at the park area mentioned by Orange.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Playground: Farm asked about the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funds for the playground equipment. Resident Leilani Magee asked about getting CIP funds for tennis courts. Kaneshiro will take those comments back to Kobayashi's Office.

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative: Martha Torney reported the following: Economy: The Council on Revenue projected no revenue growth for the State this fiscal year, and emphasized our economy is very strong. The growth within Hawaii's construction industry alone is projected to increase by 12.4 and 8.3 percent in 2014 and 2015, respectively, with statewide employment expected to expand by four (4) percent.

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

- Graffiti: Waiomao Road, which had contained graffiti, was resurfaced. Orange noted the graffiti reappeared.
- Resurfacing: The resurfacing of Waialae Avenue will be completed by June 2014.
- Preschool Open Doors (POD): The POD application is available for residents of Palolo with children ages three (3) to four (4) years old. The application is available from Saturday, March 1, 2014 to Wednesday, April 30, 2014 for the preschool year of Tuesday, July 1, 2014 to Tuesday, June 30, 2015.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Economy: Hack asked about the impact of the zero growth projection in the economy to current programs. Speaker Emeritus Calvin Say noted not to have high expectations for funding all submitted programs. Speaker Emeritus Calvin Say is optimistic about the economy.
2. Offensive Word: Shiraki noted his disapproval of the use of an offensive word referring to people of Japanese ancestry in a newspaper. Maybir addressed Shiraki's comment of the offensive word and encouraged the community to listen to the interview to hear the speaker's side of the story.

3. Collective Bargaining: St. Vincent asked Speaker Emeritus Calvin Say to explain his comment about collective bargaining. Collective bargaining in the State constitution is every two (2) years. The question is if the government can finance the collective bargaining at expense of services, equipment, and utilities.

Senator Les Ihara, Jr.: Senator Les Ihara, Jr. did not give a report and no questions were asked.

#### RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Hawaiian Isles Tennis (HIT): Leilani Magee shared information about HIT, a character development program at the Palolo District Park Tennis Courts. Magee is working with public and private business and government to grow the program. The neighborhood can help by recognizing HIT and spreading the word about the program.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Thank you: Maybir noted his brother has attended the program and thanked Magee for all her contributions to the program.
2. Donations: Chair asked how to give donations to HIT. Magee replied by going on the program website, [www.Hitennis.org](http://www.Hitennis.org). Anyone can contact Magee directly by phone at 808-354-6373 or [Leilanimagee@gmail.com](mailto:Leilanimagee@gmail.com). The program also accepts used or new tennis equipment, and volunteers are welcome.
3. HIT Support: Debbie Chang, a volunteer coach with HIT, spoke positively about the success of the HIT program.

**Board member Michael Weinstein arrived at 8:20 p.m. 11 Board members present.**

Palolo Girls Softball Team: Dahlia Asuega provided a flyer about the Palolo girls fast pitch softball team. Asuega is asking for support to allow the team to attend the Champions Cup Tournament in Irvine, California. This team would be the first to make this trip to represent Palolo. Community members can help by donating equipment, uniforms, helmets, or monetary donations.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Community Involvement: Maybir noted the girls on the softball team are very active in the community.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Community Recognition Award: There was no community recognition award presented.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Next Meeting: Chair Holtrop announced the June 2014 Palolo Neighborhood Board regular meeting date was a State holiday and the meeting needed to be rescheduled.

**Gladys moved and Mau seconded to recess on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 and hold the Palolo Neighborhood Board meeting on May 14, 2014.** The motion was **ADOPTED, 11-0-0**; (**Aye**: Farm, Gerlich-Hayes, Hack, Holtrop, Mau, Maybir, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, St. Vincent and Weinstein).

- Permitted Interaction Group (PIG): The Chair received an e-mail from Bryan Mick at the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) about reforming the Bulky Refuge Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) as a committee.

**Orange moved and Mau seconded to dissolve the Bulky Refuge Permitted Interaction Group (PIG).** The motion was **ADOPTED, 9-0-2**; (**Aye**: Gerlich-Hayes, Hack, Holtrop, Mau, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, St. Vincent, and Weinstein. **Abstain**: Farm and Maybir).

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bulky Trash Pick-Up: Take out by the morning of Wednesday, March 19, 2013.
- Farmers' Market: The Farmer's Market is at 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. every Wednesday at Palolo District Park.
- Olelo Broadcast Slots: The Palolo 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 Palolo Neighborhood 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 FEBRUARY 12, 2014 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: The minutes for February 12, 2014 with amendments were **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 11-0-0**; (**Aye**: Farm, Gerlich-Hayes, Hack, Holtrop, Mau, Maybir, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, St. Vincent and Weinstein). Amendments included:

- Page 1: Under "FILLING OF VACANCIES ON THE BOARD", "UNANIMOUS CONSENT" should be changed to "UNANIMOUS VOTE".
- Page 2: Under Ongoing Projects, "Kuhea Street" should be changed to "Kuahea Street". Under Pothole Hotline, ", and filling up a couple of potholes does not make a difference" should be added.
- Page 3: Under Chinese Home Funds, "Waimanu Road" should be changed to "Waiomao Road".

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Hack reported a monthly spending of \$24.24 for total a balance of \$565.63.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Lori L. Snyder, Neighborhood Assistant I  
Reviewed by: Jenilea Heath, Neighborhood Assistant I  
Reviewed by: Paul Holtrop, Chair