



PĀLOLO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 6

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2014 PĀLOLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Beverly Mau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **Quorum was established with ten members present.** Note - This 13-member board requires seven (7) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Lindsay Anderson, Frank Farm Jr. (arrived at 7:18 p.m.), Randolph Hack, Paul Holtrop, Loren Jerlow, Beverly Mau, Stephen Maybir, Darlene Nakayama, Rachel Orange, and Earl Shiraki.

Board Members Absent: Gladys Gerlich-Hayes, Shaun St. Vincent, and Michael Winstein.

Guests: Captain Blake Takahashi and Fire Fighter Kawika Gronley (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Maurice Asato and Sergeant Kevin Oshiro (Honolulu Police Department), Ross Sasamura (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative), Cliff Kaneshiro (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office staff), Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, Senator Les Ihara Jr., Dominic Dias (Board of Water Supply), James Nekota (Palolo Community Council), Ivan Lui, Jenny Welhan, Ivan Hoe, Liv Wheeler (Trees to Seas), Taylor Ritenberg (Hawaii Bicycling League), Moani Pomny (Hawaii Medical Service Association), Dahlia Asuega, and Stephen Saito (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Fire Fighter David Gronley reported the following:

- September 2014 Statistics: There were 3 structure fires, 0 wildfire, 2 rubbish fires, 1 vehicle fire, 12 miscellaneous calls, 4 search and rescues, and 44 medical emergencies.
- Halloween Safety Tips: During Halloween, make sure Halloween costumes are fire resistant, made of lightweight fabric, brightly colored, and clearly visible to motorists. Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape. Keep the length of costumes short to prevent tripping. It is suggested to wear a natural mask of cosmetics rather than a mask that may restrict breathing or obscure vision. Children should carry a flashlight.
- Natural Disaster Safety Tip: HFD encourages community members to have a survival kit prepared and to know the location of the nearest shelter. For more information, visit the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Emergency Management (DEM) website at www.honolulu.gov/dem.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Fire Report: Resident James Nekota requested information of a fire started on Palolo Avenue. Fire Fighter Gronley answered that the cause of the fire is unknown.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Lieutenant Maurice Asato reported the following:

- September/October 2014 Statistics: There were 5/2 burglaries, 8/11 thefts, 23/26 motor vehicle thefts, 15/6 unauthorized entries of motor vehicles (UEMV).
- Moped Fines: Violators who ride two (2) to a moped will be fined \$97 if caught.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Moped Noise: Shiraki raised concerns of moped noise and the lack of regulation of safety checks for mopeds. Lieutenant Asato answered that police officers have been citing mopeds for noise violations and to direct concerns of the need of moped safety checks to the Department of Transportation (HDOT).
2. Assault Incident: Lieutenant Asato answered for Shiraki that he will follow up with Shiraki if there is a police report about the incident in August of a female jogger being assaulted in the vicinity of Palolo Elementary School. Lieutenant Asato noted that the report of the incident cannot be disclosed to the public if the case investigation is still ongoing.
3. Vehicles: Jerlow asked and Lieutenant Asato answered that he does not know if unattended vehicles is a problem in the community and noted to call 911 to report an abandoned vehicle.

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

- Main Break: There were no Main Breaks in August or September.



- Workshop Schedule: BWS and Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden offer Saturday Workshops that highlight the concept of xeriscaping. The new 2014 to 2015 Xeriscape schedule feature useful tips on how to maintain a water-efficient garden. Upcoming workshops include Friday, October 10, 2014 the Neem Tree Workshop; Saturday, October 25, 2014 the Rain Barrel Catchment Workshop; and Saturday, November 8, 2014 the Economical Aquaponics Workshop.
- Xeriscape Garden Update: To prevent the spread of invasive pests, BWS is no longer offering free mulch at the Halawa Xersicape Garden as of July 2014. Mulch piles are potential breeding sites for the Rhinoceros Beetle. The demonstration garden will still remain open to the public Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Mulch Alternatives: BWS and Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden will be offering “Simple Backyard Composting” workshops starting February 2015 to educate the community about alternatives to commercial mulch. For more information about Halawa Xersicape Garden, contact BWS Communications Office at 748-5041.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Holomua Place: Dias answered for Shiraki that there will be follow up on the status on Holomua Place.

Honolulu Community Action Program (HCAP): St. Vincent was not present. Chair Mau noted that newly elected HCAP officers will be hosting a dinner at Kapiolani Community College (KCC) on Thursday, October 9, 2014.

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT — BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Chair Mau noted the following:
Stream Clean Up: On Saturday, September 13, 2014, Mutual Housing Association of Hawaii Palolo Homes and Residents hosted a Palolo Stream Clean up. Na Wahine O Palolo Softball Team with Dahlia Asuega; and Board members Nakayama, Maybir, and Jerlow participated.

CONVENING BOARD CONCERNS

Determination of Seating and Process of Board Meetings — Frank Farm, Jr. noted the following:

- Table Arrangements: Farm noted that all concerns have been addressed. The original arrangement of tables made it difficult to communicate with the Board.
- Microphones: There are now seven (7) microphones for the Palolo Neighborhood Board No. 6 regular meetings. The increased number of microphones should improve the flow of discussion.
- Speakers: The microphone that audience members use have been moved closer to the tables where the Board members sit at the regular meetings.

Frank Farm, Jr. departed at 7:18 p.m. Nine (9) members were present.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

- Bill 52 CD2: Bill 52 CD2 relating to real property tax credit for low-income homeowners will modify the requirements regarding the real property tax credit for low-income homeowners. Legislation will increase the household earnings threshold eligible for tax credit from \$50,000 to \$60,000. Bill 52 was passed out of the Budget Committee on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 and passed through Full Council for Final Reading and Adoption on Wednesday, October 8, 2014.
- Community Clean Up: There will be a Community Clean Up recycling drive at Kaimuki High School 2705 Kaimuki Avenue on Saturday, October 18, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Call Representative Calvin Say’s office or Councilmember Ann Kobayashi’s office for pick-up of large or numerous items. Volunteers for the clean-up is welcomed.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Involvement: Shiraki asked for more information about the incident that Councilmember Kobayashi and Representative Romy Cachola is involved in regarding the Ethics Commission. Councilmember Kobayashi noted that the price of the meals that she was involved in was not divided among those who were involved and does not disclose what the individual would have spent.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) Director Ross Sasamura reported the following:

- Newsletter: Sasamura passed the City’s newsletter to the Board members and noted what the newsletter covered.

- Minimum Age: There is no minimum age to ride a bicycle on a roadway whether there is a bikeway or not. However, it is mandatory to wear a bicycle helmet for anyone under the age 16 years of age. Parents should advise at what age it is appropriate for their children to ride on the road.
- Traffic Calming: Department of Transportation Services (DTS) deferred the Traffic Improvements Projects in the Palolo Area along 10th Avenue at Keanu and Hinahina Streets. DTS will contact the Board if there are plans to restart the projects.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Cycle Track: Sasamura answered for Hack that the construction of the cycle track is still in progress and is currently not open for use.
2. Fines: Holtrop asked what the penalties are for those who are caught using the cycle track while it is under construction. Sasamura will follow up with Holtrop.
3. Repaving: Maybir noted delays on the 10th Avenue Project. Sasamura noted that the road repaving is still ongoing in the Palolo area.
4. Traffic Light: Jerlow asked and Sasamura answered that DTS will not address the traffic lights until a traffic study has been completed.
5. Bike Lanes: Shiraki noted his concerns about the lack of bicycle education on the road.
6. Waiālae Bike Lanes: Orange thanked DTS for the bike lanes at Waiālae.
7. Traffic Calming: Resident Ivan Lui asked for an update of the traffic calming on 10th Avenue.

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative: No representative was present; no report was provided.

State House Speaker Emeritus Calvin Say: No representative was present; a report was provided and Chair Mau reported the following: Albizia Trees: On Carlos Longs Street there is safety hazard concern of the overgrowth of albizia trees in the area. Representative Say's office is working with Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to address the concern.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Ala Wai Dredge: Orange noted that there will be a conceptual design report for the Ala Wai Canal project that consist on the hydrographic work.

Senator Les Ihara, Jr.: No representative was present; no report was provided.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

- Trees to Seas: Community member Liv Wheeler noted that the Trees to Seas Organization will be doing a marine debris clean up as Ocean Stewardship. The most persistent form of debris is plastic. Trees to Seas have been conducting volunteer dives on Oahu to clean up trash from the reef. Trees to Seas proposed a volunteer based effort to clean up streets gutters and canals to prevent trash from entering the ocean and starting in this in the Palolo community as a one (1) year project. Wheeler also asked about how to receive more outreach in the community towards marine debris clean up. Orange noted that the Board cannot take any Board actions since this discussion came under "RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS" instead of a specific agenda item.
- Street Sweepers: Holtrop noted concerns of that street sweepers sweep around the cars instead of the entire street. Suggested that there be designated times to restrict parking for street sweeping.
- Palolo Valley: Maybir noted the Palolo Stream Clean-up event.

Holtrop departed at 7:46 p.m. and returned at 7:50 p.m.

BOARD COMMITTEE:

Community Recognition Awards Committee Report—Committee Chair Nakayama reported the following:

- Criteria: Nakayama noted the Community Recognition Criteria that was mailed out to the Board members. Maybir asked if the Criteria had been approved by the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) to be approved of Sunshine Law. Orange asked how community members are nominated.

Chair Mau called for a recess at 7:51 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:59 p.m.

- Sunshine Law: Neighborhood Assistant I Stephen Saito noted no violations of Sunshine Law on the Community Recognition Awards Criteria and would follow up with NCO Staff.

Committee Chair Nakayama moved to adopt the Community Recognition Awards Criteria as printed. The motion was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0 (Aye: Anderson, Hack, Holtrop, Jerlow, Mau, Maybir, Nakayama, Orange, and Shiraki).

Committee Chair Nakayama moved to approve the nomination of Mark Carpenter, Sarah Kamida, Amy Fukunaga, and Larry Fukunaga for the Community Recognition Award. Discussion followed:

- Mark Carpenter: Shiraki noted that Mark Carpenter was born and raised in Palolo and is 23 years old. Carpenter went to Kamehameha School and then Hawaii Pacific University (HPU) to pursue Journalism. Carpenter is now the sports newscaster on channel five (5), seven (7), and eight (8).
- Sarah Kamida: Shiraki noted Sarah Kamida was born and raised in Palolo and the 2014 62nd Cherry Blossom Queen. Kamida is 24 years old and is a licensed Social Worker.
- Amy and Larry Fukunaga: Committee Chair Nakayama noted that Amy and Larry Fukunaga lives in Palolo and started the group, "The Ebb Tides." The musical group have been performing at residential retirement homes around the State.
- Lilian Takeda: Shiraki noted that Lilian Takeda no longer resides in Palolo and no longer meets the criteria, but was a community member for 30 years.

The motion to approve the nomination of Mark Carpenter, Sarah Kamida, Amy Fukunaga, and Larry Fukunaga was ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0 (Aye: Anderson, Hack, Holtrop, Jerlow, Mau, Maybir, Nakayama, Orange, and Shiraki). Chair Mau noted that the Community Recognition Awards Committee will notify the approved nominees and invite them to the December 2014 Palolo Neighborhood Board No. 6 regular meeting.

Maybir asked if there could be amendments for the Community Recognition Awards Criteria. Chair Mau and Orange asked if this was a motion. **Maybir moved to amend #2 sentence to, "a current or former resident." There was no second.**

Without objections, Chair Mau moved the agenda out of order to address agenda item, "5. E. State Senator Les Ihara, Jr."

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

- Nominations: Senate will be going into special session on Wednesday October, 15, 2014 and Thursday, October 16, 2014 to give advice and consent on three (3) judge nominations. The Chief of Justice will be nominating a judge for District (one) 1.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Constitution: Shiraki asked and Senator Ihara answered that the State Constitution states that all nominations are automatically approved if the Senate does not go into special session. Shiraki suggest that the Senate defer their decision until the next governor is elected. Senator Ihara noted that that can only be done if the State Constitution is changed.

Chair Mau moved the agenda back to order to agenda item, "8. Presentations."

PRESENTATIONS:

Blue Zones Project— Moani Wright-VanAlst presented the following:

- Blue Zones Project: Blue Zones Project is a new health and well-being initiative by the Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) to help communities make the healthy choice become the easy choice. Blue Zones is coined by National Geographic explorer Dan Buettner to identify communities around the world that have the highest percentage of people living past the age of 100, and low percentage of chronic diseases.
- United States: The project will bring together citizens, schools, employers, restaurants and community leaders to make a healthier community.
- Examples: Bike lanes that are healthy alternative transportation as opposed to driving. Schools with policies to ban eating in the hallways or classrooms reported lower student obesity rates. Customers shopping at grocery stores with Blue Zone aisles tend to choose healthier snacks.
- Blue Zone at HMSA: HMSA implemented a Blue Zone at the workplace which led to many employees making healthier choices.

- Community: HMSA is seeking communities that would like to participate in the Blue Zone Project. Visit <https://hawaii.bluezonesproject.com> for more information. There will be an educational session on Wednesday October 15, 2014 at Noelani Elementary School at 6:30 p.m.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Senior Citizens: Nakayama asked and Wright-VanAlst answered that the project will attempt to make the life easier by focusing on safety.
2. Principles: Wright-VanAlst answered for Shiraki that to add years to life, participants will follow nine (9) principles such as walking to work or making healthier food choices.
3. Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO): Maybir asked about GMO products and policies in mind for the project. Wright-VanAlst did not have an answer, but noted that HMSA will work with the community to come to a conclusion.
4. Sidewalks: Community member Jenny Welhan asked what can be done about narrow sidewalks. Sasamura noted that the length of the sidewalks vary on the age and use of the sidewalks. Shiraki noted to call City and County to report uneven sidewalks.

Hawaii Bicycling League (HBL)—Taylor Ritenberg and Daniel Alexander presented the following:

- Organization: Hawaii Bicycle League is a 39 year old non-profit organization that provides Youth Bike Education, Adult Bike Education, and bike camps. HBL is here today to report information about bike lane sharrows education and the Waiialae Bike Lane.
- Bike Count: In September 2014, HBL started a bike count usage around the State and found on Waiialae and Saint Louis that it decreased the amount of people using the sidewalk for cycling since last year. Alexander noted that the bike count was taken during the time of completion.
- Road Rules: Cyclist are legally subjected to the same laws as motorists. Ride with the traffic, not against it. It is illegal in many areas to be riding bicycles on the sidewalk and is dangerous for pedestrians and cyclist themselves. Signal to let lane changes known. Stop at stop signs and red lights and yield to pedestrians.
- Door Zones: Ride out of the “door zone”—that is three (3) to four (4) feet away from parked cars. Take caution of potential doors that may open and obstruct your path.
- Lanes: Sharrows and shared lane marking means bikes are allowed in the lane. Cyclists can legally occupy a traffic lane, even without a sharrow.
- Bike Routes: Alexander noted that there is a bike route project along 10th Avenue and Palolo Avenue.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Workshops: Jerlow asked and Ritenberg answered that HBL received grants from the City and County of Honolulu and HDOT which allowed them to teach adult bike education for free and teach other workshops for drivers.
2. Bike Counts: Orange asked and Ritenberg answered that there were no significant increase of bike users since last year’s bike count.
3. Bike Lanes: Shiraki noted his concerns for narrow roads and concerns for driver and cyclist safety. Alexander noted that the center of the line will be moved to allow space for cyclists and reduce driver’s speed. Shiraki noted that it would not reduce driver’s speed.
4. Speed Limit: Maybir asked if bicyclists need to abide by the speed limit. Alexander noted that the speed of the bicyclist is up to their own discretion.
5. Split Lanes: Jerlow asked and Alexander answered that it is legal to split lanes but it is not advised. It is safe to pass a bicyclist on the road when it is safe.
6. Partnership: Community member Ivan Hoe asked and Alexander answered that HBL partnered with HDOT for the bike lane projects. Hoe noted his disapproval of the installment of bike lanes in the Palolo community and difficulty for parked cars. Alexander noted that parking will be made easier for one side of the road.
7. Traffic Calming: Holtrop asked if the installment of the bike lane will remove the traffic calming. Alexander noted that he does not have the full details of the plan.
8. Caution: Chair Mau noted her experiences of being cautious of bicyclist.
9. King Street: Chair Mau asked what the green strips are on King Street. Alexander noted that on King Street HBL is working on installing a cycle track from Alapai Street to Isenberg Street and putting in asphalt berms and installing plastic bollards to warn motorists. Green strip is for when motorists will be crossing the lane.

Chair Mau moved the agenda out of order to address agenda item, “6. RESIDENTS’/COMMUNITY CONCERNS.”

RESIDENTS’/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: Appreciation: Community member Dahlia Asuega noted appreciation for the Board members and community members who participated at the Palolo Stream Clean-Up.

Chair Mau moved the agenda back to order to address agenda item, “9. ANNOUNCEMENTS.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Regular Meeting: The next Palolo Neighborhood Board regular meeting is Wednesday, November 12, 2014, 7:00 p.m., at Palolo Elementary School Cafeteria.
- Christmas Parade: The 67th Annual Kaimuki Christmas Parade will be held on Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. 50 groups are anticipated.
- Bulky Trash Pick-Up: Take out by the morning of Wednesday, October 15, 2014 (third Wednesday of every month).
- Farmers’ Market: Every Wednesday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. at Palolo District Park.
- Olelo Broadcast Slots: The Palolo Neighborhood Board No. 6 meetings are aired on Channel 49 the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:00 noon and the 4th Thursday at 9:00 p.m, 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 Beverly Mau by phone number, 734-8808 with agenda item requests.
- Close Up: All Board members to assist at close up. Chair Mau thanks Shiraki and Jerlow for obtaining keys to open and close the facilities.

APPROVAL OF THE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2014, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes for August 13, 2014 were **ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY as corrected, 9-0-0 (Aye:** Anderson, Hack, Holtrop, Jerlow, Mau, Maybir, Nakayama, Orange, and Shiraki).

Corrections followed: Page 3: Under the subheading, “Trash Vendors” “Farm” should be changed to “Hack.”

TREASURER’S REPORT: Hack noted a total amount spent \$23.43 and a balance of \$468.21 for the month of September 2014. The report was filed

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Stephen Saito, Neighborhood Assistant I

Reviewed by: Nola J. Frank Neighborhood Assistant I

Reviewed and finalized by: Beverly Mau, Chair