



PALOLO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 6

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015 PĀLOLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Beverly Mau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A **quorum was established with 10 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, Randolph Hack, Paul Holtrop, Loren Jerlow, Beverly Mau, Darlene Nakayama, Rachel Orange, Earl Shiraki, and Michael Weinstein.

Board Members Absent: Gladys Gerlich-Hayes, Stephen Maybir and Shaun St. Vincent.

Guests: Senator Les Ihara, Jr.; State House Speaker Emeritus Calvin Say; Ross Sasamura (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative/Director, Department of Facility Maintenance); Councilmember Ann Kobayashi and Cliff Kaneshiro (Councilmember Kobayashi's Office); Dominic Dias (Board of Water Supply); Captain James Reyes (Honolulu Fire Department); Sergeant Brandt Tsuha (Honolulu Police Department); Steven Antonio; James Nekota; John White (Pacific Resource Partnership); Mike Beason (Verizon Wireless); Robert Farm; Dan Smith; Deborah Pope (Doris Duke Foundation); Mark Heskett; John Wollstein; videographer (DVDmono); and Stephen Saito (Neighborhood Commission Office).

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Captain James Reyes reported the following:

- April 2015 Statistics: There were 2 structure fires, 0 wildland fire, 1 rubbish fire, 1 vehicle fire, 9 miscellaneous calls, 0 search and rescue call, and 25 medical emergencies.
- Fire Safety Tip: The HFD reminds the public to call 911 in case of an emergency. Do not drive to the nearest fire station. There is a possibility that a fire company may not be at the fire station due to other emergencies or performing other duties. When 911 is called, the operator dispatches the closest available fire company to the emergency. When calling 911, give the operator the initial need (HPD, HFD, or ambulance) and after being transferred to the appropriate agency, provide an accurate description of the need and address or location.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Paalea Street Fire Update: Holtrop asked for an update on the cause of the Paalea Street fire. Captain Reyes answered that Holtrop may call the community relations team at 723-7168 or 723-7061.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): Sergeant Brandt Tsuha circulated a newsletter and reported the following:

- April 2015 Crime Statistics: There were 3 motor vehicle thefts, 11 burglaries, 20 thefts, and 7 unauthorized entries into motor vehicle (UEMV) and 6044 total calls for service.
- Home Security Tip: Always lock all exterior doors and windows before leaving the house and be sure to lock the garage door and shed. Never leave keys under the doormat or any other secret hiding place. Do not open doors to strangers, unexpected servicemen or deliveries. When the house is broken into, do not enter, the perpetrator may still be inside. Do not touch anything until the police has inspected for evidence.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. HPD Appreciation: Chair Mau and Shiraki noted his thanks for HPD and noted that this week is "Police Week" and commented about an article in the newspaper that commented about the 47 police officers that have fallen in the line of duty.
2. Neighborhood Watch: Jerlow commented about the local neighborhood watch in his neighborhood where two (2) bicycles were stolen and noted that through the efforts of the neighborhood watch, the two (2) bicycles were recovered.

3. Palolo Avenue: Jerlow raised a concern of difficulty driving on Palolo Avenue due to items such as trash bins encroaching onto the road.
4. Waiomao Road Accident: Shiraki commented about a Waiomao Road accident and noted about a need for sideline on Waiomao Road.
5. Stolen Neighborhood Board Banner: Shiraki noted that one of the Neighborhood Board's banner was stolen. Sergeant Tsuha will follow up with Shiraki.
6. Parking: Holtrop raised a parking concern on Paalea Street due to the Jehovah Witnesses facility and requested parking enforcement in the area.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Dominic Dias circulated a newsletter and reported the following:

- Main Break: There was a main break at 2416 Holomua Place in April 2015.
- Water Conservation Week Poster and Poetry Contests Winners: Earlier in 2015, BWS held the annual Water Conservation Week Poster and Poetry contest. 2015's theme is "Water Matters – Conserve it." BWS notes its thanks to all participants and that winners were announced and recognized at an award ceremony in April 2015. Posters are available for viewing at the Honolulu Hale lane gallery from Wednesday, April 29, 2015 to Thursday, May 14, 2015; Kapolei Hale from Tuesday, May 19, 2015 to Thursday, May 28, 2015; Kahala Mall from Monday, June 15, 2015 to Thursday, June 25, 2015; and lastly at the BWS Public Service Building Lobby from Monday, June 29, 2015 to Friday, August 14, 2015.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Holomua Place Main Break: Shiraki commented about the Holomua Place Main Break and raised a concern about a need for better service from BWS's customer service.
2. Estimated Water Bills: Holtrop noted that he has still been receiving estimated water bills from BWS.

Honolulu Community Action Program (HCAP): No representative was present; no report was provided.

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS — Chair Mau noted that April was "Community for Keiki" month and thanked Jerlow for helping the Board celebrate "Community for Keiki" month by inviting a few keiki from various schools at the April 2015 regular meeting. Chair Mau noted that the keiki led meeting attendees with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Star Spangled Banner and Hawaii Pono'i. They each received an Easter treat.

BOARD BUSINESS

3206 Ahinahina Place – Resident John Wollstein reported the following:

- History of Property: 10 to 15 years ago, resident Wollstein purchased the property at 3206 Ahinahina Place which included a large blue stoned castle that was built in 1929 when it was owned by Wells Fargo Bank and was used for horse and carriage storage. Resident Wollstein spent 10 years remodeling the property. Recently, the City sold a nearby property that the City claims the large blue stoned castle property is encroaching on. The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) is asking resident Wollstein to demolish the castle to resolve the encroachment. Demolishing a building that is older than he is against resident Wollstein's religion. The building is on the Hawaii Historic Registry and the property was supposed to "grandfathered" in by the City. Wollstein requested the Board to make a statement to DPP that the property is not a problem for the Palolo Neighborhood Board.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- Board Members: Holtrop noted that Neighborhood Board members are a part of the City and asked for the Board to not take part in the process. Holtrop noted concern of Board members being sued by a private party.
- Request: Orange asked resident Wollstein for the precise wording the DPP had asked resident Wollstein to receive from the Board.
- Support: Anderson asked who could help resident Wollstein with his concerns if the Board cannot help him.
- Information: Hack commented that not enough information was given about the situation for Hack to take a position on the issue.
- Variance: Mau suggested for resident Wollstein to seek a variance for the property if it is not "grandfathered. Mau mentioned that the ultimate decision will rest with DPP, and to work closely with DPP.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

- City Council Meeting Schedule: The City Council had its full council meeting on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 and the next full council meeting will be on Wednesday, June 3, 2015.
- Budget Bills: The City council approved various bills which included operation funds for Neal S. Blaisdell Center, Old Stadium Park, rooster control contract, Manoa Valley District Park, Kaimuki parking lot, Ala Moana Beach Park, and for the Street Rehabilitation project.
- Patricia J. Dukes: The City Council recognized Patricia J. Dukes for 31 years of service with the City's Emergency Service Department (ESD) on Wednesday, April 22, 2015.
- Washington Middle School Mathletes and Coach: The Council recognized the Washington Middle School mathletes and Coach Sung Park for their fifth straight victory at the 2015 Hawaii MATHCOUNTS competition.
- Crosswalks on Harding Avenue Near 5th Avenue: The crosswalks on Harding Avenue near 5th Avenue have been restriped.
- Palolo Valley District Security Lights Request: A request has been sent in for the Department of Parks and Recreation to follow up on a request to install security lights at the Palolo Valley District Park.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. 3206 Ahinahina Place: Orange asked for Councilmember Kobayashi's assistance in resident Wollstein's issue with the property at 3206 Ahinahina Place.
2. Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) and Homeless: Shiraki asked for information about HART and the homeless issue in Hawaii. Kaneshiro answered that funds were appropriated to assist the homelessness population in Hawaii and HART is working to be more transparent with information. Kaneshiro encourage the public to watch HART's televised meetings.
3. Neal Blaisdell Center: Farm asked for more information about the Neal Blaisdell Center being rededicated as a war memorial. Kaneshiro answered that the Council approved Resolution 15-44, which rededicated Neal Blaisdell Center as a war memorial. Funds were provided to install a plaque acknowledging the dedication.
4. Plastic Bag Ban: Resident James Nekota asked for more information about the plastic bag ban. Kaneshiro answered that the plastic bag ban goes into effect on Wednesday, July 1, 2015.

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

- May 2015 City News: Information about various City initiatives such as improvements of parks, comfort station at Magic Island, homelessness can be read about in the May 2015 issue of the City News.
- "Sew a Lei" For Memorial Day: The Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts (MOCA) is now accepting donations of ti leaves. MOCA has a goal of 1,000 la'i lei. Collection ends on Monday, May 18, 2015. Drop off donations to the MOCA's Office on the 2nd floor of the Mission Memorial Building.
- The Journey Home Puppet Show: The Journey Home puppet show will be appearing on various dates. On Saturday, May 16, 2015, the puppet show will be held at Hawaii State Public Library, 10:30 a.m.; on Thursday, May 28, 2015, the puppet show will be held at the Waipahu Public Library, 10:30 a.m.; and on Saturday, May 31, 2015, the puppet show will be held at the Kaneohe Public Library, 2:00 p.m.
- Voting Period for Neighborhood Board Elections: Passcodes were sent out on Thursday, April 23, 2015. If a passcode is lost or never arrived, contact the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) at 768-3712 and a duplicate passcode will be sent. Voting may be done either by computer or by phone. Voting can be done at the Mission Memorial Building and Kapolei Hale from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Voting is also available at the KEY project in Kahaluu from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Lastly, voting is available at the Hauula Civic Center Work Links room from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, May 5, and May 12, 2015.
- Summer Fun Registration and Program: The summer fun program starts from Friday, June 12, 2015 to Friday, July 24, 2015. Registration for District 3 and 4 will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and Monday and Tuesday, May 11 and 12, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration for District 1 and 2 will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and Monday and Tuesday, May 18 and 19, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Ala Moana Magic Island Comfort Station: More information about the construction of the Ala Moana Magic Island comfort station can be found on the May 2015 City News. The completion date of the project is expected to be completed by March 2016.

- Power Outage: There was a power outage Tuesday, May 12, 2015 for two (2) hours. A breaker was tripped and Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO). For any questions or concerns, contact Candace Lim at 543-5813.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. 10th Avenue and Waialae Avenue Traffic Lights: Shiraki commented about the left turn signal at 10th Avenue and Waialae Avenue and suggested that the left turn signal timing be extended about 20 seconds and commented that traffic is congested on Harding Avenue.
2. Waiamao Road: Shiraki requested lines on the road from Waiamao Road to 10th Avenue to minimize conflict between mauka bound traffic on 10th Avenue and traffic on Waiamao Road entering Makai bound lane of 10th Avenue.
3. Roundabouts: Resident Ivan Ho thanked the Board for putting on the Board meetings and asked for more information about the roundabouts. Director Sasamura answered that the City has no plans to construct roundabouts in Palolo and for comments to be directed to neighborhood board meetings or to the DPP regarding the public's opinions on roundabouts. Director Sasamura noted his support for roundabouts to be used for traffic calming measures.
4. Curbing Removal: Shiraki requested the removal of the curbing added in conjunction with the traffic calming at 10th Avenue and Kalua Road. Shiraki also requested the use of ceramic.
5. Memorial Day: Chair Mau noted being invited to the Memorial Day event at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. Director Sasamura commented that the invitation that Chair Mau received may have been special, but the event itself is open to the public.

Governor David Ige's Representative: No representative was present; no report was provided.

State House Speaker Emeritus (HSE) Calvin Say: HSE Say circulated a newsletter and reported the following:

- WZ Entertainment: WZ Entertainment has applied for a liquor license for a Winners Zone establishment located at 3457 Waialae Avenue. HSE Say is opposed to the approval of a liquor license to WZ Entertainment at the location.
- Haleho'ola Place Grading: Grading took place at Haleho'ola Place near 10th Avenue. Grading in Palolo Valley near the mountainside should be of great concern to the residents of Palolo Valley. HSE Say shared his correspondence received from the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).
- Friends of the Library: HSE Say made a request to the Board to get involve with the Friends of the Library to bring books to schools in the area and asked for participation to pick up the books from the Friends of the Library to give to the schools in the district.
- Homelessness: Correspondence was received from HSE Say notifying him of homeless moving into Palolo Valley.
- Encroachment: Councilmember Kobayashi's Office was notified about the concerns of encroachment on residential property.
- Residential Dogs: HSE Say is looking to resolve an issue that involved a Palolo Valley resident with a violent dog.
- Rentals in Palolo Valley: HSE Say will look to get all rentals to be renovated in Palolo Valley.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Medical Marijuana Dispensaries: Shiraki asked and HSE Say answered that there is one (1) medical marijuana dispensary on Maui, one (1) on Kauai, three (3) on Oahu, and two (2) on Hawaii.
2. Palolo Elementary School Principal: Holly Kiyonaga is the new principal for Palolo Elementary School.
3. Keanu Street and Waiamao Road Update: Keanu Street repavement is to start this year. Waiamao Road has been repaved.

Senator Les Ihara, Jr. – Senator Ihara, Jr. reported the following:

- Medical Marijuana Bill: Senator Ihara, Jr. clarified that there are three (3) medical marijuana dispensaries on Oahu, two (2) on Maui, two (2) on Hawaii, and one (1) on Kauai. The medical marijuana seeds are under surveillance throughout its growth and there will be constant security at the medical marijuana dispensary.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- Medical Marijuana Abuse: Shiraki raised a concern of medical marijuana abuse.
- Senate Health Committee Chair: Hack asked who the Senate Health Committee Chair is. Senator Ihara, Jr. answered that Senator Rosalyn Baker is the Senate Health Committee Chair.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: Traffic: Resident Robert Farm raised a concern of traffic on 10th Avenue and Waialae Avenue and noted that traffic has gotten worse ever since the lane reconfiguration was changed for the bicycle lanes. Resident Farm requests that the original lane reconfiguration be restored.

Shiraki departed from the meeting at 8:26 p.m.; **nine (9) members were present.**

PRESENTATIONS

Shangri La and the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art (DDFIA) – Deborah Pope, Executive Director of Shangri La reported the following:

- Past Presentation: DDFIA property is located at Papu Circle. The concern is with the half of acre of land that is submerged into the ocean acquired in 1936 and 1938. There have been reports of injuries of individuals diving into the shallow end of the submerged property due to there being two (2) break waters. DDFIA was approved by the City to construct a fence near the area of concern. Since then, there are still numerous reports of individuals getting injured when diving. For the past three (3) months, there have been reports of 300 dives in the area of the property of concern. DDFIA proposes to remove the Diamond Head break water of the submerged part of the property.
- Proposed Plan: Planner Ronald Sato noted that the preliminary plan is to remove the break water which will align with the seawall. The area will be restored so that it would break water rocks will be used to align with the seawall to make it more difficult for injuries to occur. DDFIA is in the process of presenting to various neighborhood boards, asking input from the public, and working on the draft environmental assessment.

Shiraki 8:33 p.m. returned to the meeting at 8:33 p.m.; **10 members were present.**

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Fence Height: Shiraki suggested that the fence constructed at the property should have been taller. Executive Director Pope answered that DDFIA constructed the five (5)-foot fence to meet the City's code. Shiraki commented about diving at the concerned location in his youth.
2. Coastal Geologists: Orange asked if coastal geologists at the University of Hawaii would be consulted with regarding beach erosions. Sato answered that the project has a coastal geologist on the engineering team.

Pacific Resource Partnership – Executive Director John White reported the following:

- Mark Edmund "Duke" Bainum: Executive Director White commented about his past experience with the Board while working with Mark Edmund "Duke" Bainum, when he was the district House of Representative.
- Integrated Communities: Pacific Resource Partnership represents Hawaii's Carpenter's Union and 220 other contractors. By 2020, Hawaii will reach a population of one (1) million. By 2050, there will be 200,000 more people. There are currently 340,000 homes in Oahu. There will be a need of 100,000 more homes within the next 20 to 30 years. Integrated communities require transit oriented development (TOD) which requires goods and services to be close to transit stations. There is also a great need for jobs and other modes of transportation to be connected to the transit station for integrated communities. The TOD plan is that each job is to be within half a mile from a rail station or homes to be within a mile of a rail station. If a plan such as this does not occur, the rail project on Oahu will fail. To retain agriculture land, Oahu needs to adopt an integrated community strategy. By adopting an integrated community, Oahu could reduce greenhouse emissions by 12%. 1.4 million miles of driving could be saved if houses and services were bunched closer together towards rail stations. Studies have been done where individual households in Oahu spends on average 80% of their income in transportation costs a year; that is \$13,000.

Palolo Telecommunication Facility – Mike Beason reported the following: 2143 Kauhana Street Project: The project will be on a three (3)-story facility. Verizon proposes to add an additional 20 feet by 20 feet to the facility to install equipment and fiber glass material to improve cellular service. Four (4) walls with no roof will be constructed as a fourth story to the facility to conceal equipment.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Radiation: Shiraki asked and Beason answered that in regards to radiation, the project will be in guidelines with the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) standards.

2. Cellular Sites: Resident Dan Smith asked and Beason answered that there is another cellular site at 9th Avenue and there is no plans for future development.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Recess: The Palolo Neighborhood Board will be recessing in June 2015. The next regular meeting is on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at the Palolo Elementary School Cafeteria.
- Memorial Day: Memorial Day will be held on Monday, May 25, 2015.
- Bulky Trash Pick-Up: Take out bulky trash by the morning of Wednesday, May 20, 2015 (third Wednesday of every month).
- Farmers' Market: The Farmer's Market is held 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 p.m. and the 4th Thursday at 9:00 p.m., or online anytime at <http://olelo.org>.
- Social Media: Join the Palolo Neighborhood Board No. 06 informally at the "Pālolo Valley Community" page on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/107111366012456/>.
- Agenda Requests: Contact Chair Beverly Mau by phone at 734-8808 with agenda item requests.
- Neighborhood Board Elections: Voting for the Neighborhood Board elections will be open until Friday, May 15, 2015.
- Board Meeting: Tonight was the last meeting for the 2013 to 2015 Board term.
- Closing Up: All Board members are requested to assist at closing up. Chair Mau thanked Shiraki and Jerlow for obtaining keys to open and close the facilities.

APPROVAL OF THE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Palolo Neighborhood Board No. 06 ADOPTED the regular meeting minutes for Wednesday, April 8, 2015 as amended by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 10-0-0 (Aye: Anderson, Farm, Hack, Holtrop, Jerlow, Mau, Nakayama, Orange, Shiraki, and Weinstein). Amendments followed: Page 3: Under the subheading, "Ala Wai Canal Trip Hazard," it should read, "the concerns regarding the Ala Wai Canal Trip Hazard was resolved."

TREASURER'S REPORT: There was no Treasurer's Report to report at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Stephen Saito, Neighborhood Assistant I

Reviewed by: K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant I

Reviewed and finalized by: Beverly Mau, Chair