

NU‘UANU-PUNCHBOWL NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 12

DRAFT REGULAR MEETING WRITTEN SUMMARY FOR VIDEO RECORD TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023 7:00 P.M. VIRTUAL VIA WEBEX AND IN PERSON AT KAPĀLAMA HALE

Video recording of this meeting can be found
at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4kGNzGqmeU>

Reports and other meeting materials can be found
at: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Th_r5SpEofvVf6k1XoeuiP9z_Xfa77xN

I. CALL TO ORDER – [0:00:00]: 7:00 p.m.

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Quorum was not established with 12 members present. (Note - This 15-member Board requires eight (8) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.)

Board Members Present- Philip Soon, Kaapuni Kama, Michael Lum, Mason Aiona, Adrienne Dillard, Patrick Smith, Sylvia Young, Rae Gee, Audrey Hidano, Paula Kurashige, Meghan Kenney, and Jill Easley Allen.

Board Members Absent - None

Guests – Lieutenant Arnold Sagucio - District 1, Lieutenant Creighton Hatico, Sergeant Leighton Kato - District 5 (Honolulu Police Department-HPD), Iris Oda, Kathleen Pahinui, Mike Matsuo, Jason Nikaido (Board of Water Supply-BWS); Director Kim Hashiro (Mayor’s Representative); Lisa Leonardo (Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam’s office); William Nhieu (Governor Josh Green’s Representative); Kai Hamamoto (Senator Karl Rhoads’s office); Representative Jenna Takenouchi; Robert Quartero, Gary Kikuchi, Pat Taira, Jack James, and Gale Lane (residents and guests), Zhoydell Magaoay (Neighborhood Commission Office-NCO). Note: Name was not included if not legible. Total of 38 participants.

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO SERVE FROM JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024 –
[0:00:03]

Election of Officers – Chair [0:00:03]: [0:00:50] – Young NOMINATED Dillard for Chair. Dillard declined the nomination. [0:02:29] - Lum NOMINATED and Kurashige SECONDED Smith for Chair. Hearing no objections, Smith was elected Chair with vote of 12-0-0 (Aye: Philip Soon, Kaapuni Kama, Michael Lum, Mason Aiona, Adrienne Dillard, Patrick Smith, Sylvia Young, Rae Gee, Audrey Hidano, Paula Kurashige, Meghan Kenney, Jill Easley Allen; Nay: None; Abstain: None).

Election of Officers – Vice Chair [0:03:30]: [0:03:55] – Smith NOMINATED and Lum SECONDED Dillard for Vice Chair. Hearing no objections, Dillard was elected Vice Chair with vote of 12-0-0 (Aye: Philip Soon, Kaapuni Kama, Michael Lum, Mason Aiona, Adrienne Dillard, Patrick Smith, Sylvia Young, Rae Gee, Audrey Hidano, Paula Kurashige, Meghan Kenney, Jill Easley Allen; Nay: None; Abstain: None).

Election of Officers – Secretary [0:04:31]: [0:05:01] – Young NOMINATED and Kurashige SECONDED Lum for Secretary. Lum requested duties and responsibilities of the Secretary.

Chair Smith provided a brief synopsis of the duties and responsibilities of the Secretary. Hearing no objections, Lum was elected Secretary with vote of 12-0-0 (Aye: Philip Soon, Kaapuni Kama, Michael Lum, Mason Aiona, Adrienne Dillard, Patrick Smith, Sylvia Young, Rae Gee, Audrey Hidano, Paula Kurashige, Meghan Kenney, Jill Easley Allen; Nay: None; Abstain: None).

Election of Officers – Treasurer [0:07:45]: [0:08:41] – Kenney NOMINATED Hidano. Hidano declined. [0:09:01] – Smith NOMINATED and Dillard SECONDED Kama for Treasurer. Hearing no objections, Kama was elected Treasurer with vote of 12-0-0 (Aye: Philip Soon, Kaapuni Kama, Michael Lum, Mason Aiona, Adrienne Dillard, Patrick Smith, Sylvia Young, Rae Gee, Audrey Hidano, Paula Kurashige, Meghan Kenney, Jill Easley Allen; Nay: None; Abstain: None).

Other Officers [0:09:34]: No other positions.

Young raised potential conflict of interest should Chair Smith become Chair of the Neighborhood Commission. Chair Smith noted if the Board felt it was a serious issue and that there was a concern that he could serve as Board Chair, then he would step down from being the Chair of Nuuanu Neighborhood Board.

III. CITY MONTHLY REPORTS – [0:14:30]

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – [0:14:33] – Captain Villalan reported the following. June 2023 Statistics: There was one (1) nuisance fire, three (3) activated alarms (no fire), 44 medical emergencies, four (4) motor vehicle crashes/collisions, and six (6) mountain rescues. A copy of the report can be found at: https://drive.google.com/file/d/15A3G_cpD-deTSxOSH_XyR6MmNavqpSo7/view?usp=drive_link.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed – [0:16:30].

Honolulu Police Department (HPD), District 1 – [0:17:50] – Lieutenant Sagucio reported the following.

June 2023 Statistics: There were four (4) motor vehicle thefts, one (1) burglary, seven (7) thefts, seven (7) Unauthorized Entries into Motor Vehicles (UEMV), one (1) assault, one (1) drug offense, and 607 calls for service. For more information you can visit www.honolulu.hpd.org. Lieutenant Sagucio noted the burglary suspect maybe known and the vehicle was taken due to the vehicle's keys being taken from within the home. Lieutenant Sagucio provided responses to concerns raised at the previous meeting.

Safety Tip – Bicyclist Safety: Lieutenant Sagucio noted HPD have been responding to more vehicle versus bicyclist collisions. Community members are asked to be more visible to drivers by wearing reflective, personal safety equipment and helmets for safety. Most bicyclist fatalities are usually due to riders not having helmets and not being visible to drivers and being are of their surroundings and vehicle traffic.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed – [0:22:10].

Honolulu Police Department (HPD), District 5 – [0:38:10] – Lieutenant Hatico reported the following.

June 2023 Statistics – There were four (4) burglaries, two (2) motor vehicle thefts, 15 general thefts, four (4) UEMVs and 945 total calls for service. Lieutenant Hatico provided responses to concerns raised at the previous meeting.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed [0:40:16].

Member Soon left the meeting at 7:48 p.m. There are 11 members.

Neighborhood Security Watch Reports – [0:50:14] – Paula Kurashige encouraged everyone to be prepared, get their supplies ready, and all loose objects secured as the storm is coming.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – [0:51:43] – Iris Oda reported there were an orange cast iron main break near 2119 Puowaina Drive and a six-inch cast iron main break at 2771 Pali Highway on Saturday, June 10, 2023. Oda announced the 2023 Annual Halawa Xeriscape Garden Unthirsty Plant Sale on Saturday, August 5, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Go to www.boardofwatersupply.com for more information. Oda provided updates on the Puiwa Road 12-inch and 8-inch mains project. Oda provided responses to concerns raised at the previous meeting.

Questions, comments, concerns followed [0:54:26].

IV. FILLING OF VACANCIES: 2 SEATS IN SUB-DISTRICT 1 AND 1 SEAT IN SUB-DISTRICT 2 – [1:02:53]

Young suggested Gary Kukichi for Sub District 2 vacancy. Aiona will reach out to Kukichi if he is interested. [1:05:28] - Hearing no objections, this item will be re-visited during Board Business.

Member Kama left the meeting at 8:04 p.m. There are 10 members.

V. RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS – [1:05:32]

Feral Pigs – [1:05:43]: Resident Gale Lane raised concerns regarding feral pigs coming down from the mountains to her 3441 Kahawalu Drive home damaging vegetations. She contacted the Pig Hunters Association to confirm the presence of the pigs and located the nest in the vacant lot next door. The owner of the vacant lot refused to allow the hunters to enter his property. The pigs are becoming a health and safety issue. The Board and community members provided resources. Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam's Office will be assisting the resident to resolve the issues.

Bus Route 121 – [1:18:05]: Resident Pat Taira raised concerns of TheBus discontinuing Route 121 (Nuuanu/Alapai Transit Center) effective Sunday, August 20, 2023. Taira is concerned with residents needing to cross the dangerous stretch of Pali Highway just to catch the bus to town. Passengers who currently use this route would have to walk down Old Pali Road to Pali Highway which there are no sidewalks on Old Pali Road so seniors, people with disabilities, and children have to walk on the roadway. In addition, the first bus stop after Waokanaka Street is very dangerous because behind the stone wall is a homeless encampment. CM Dos Santos-Tam intends to meet with DTS and discuss this route.

Trash Pick-Up – [1:26:53]: Chair Smith brought to the attention to the Board of a Resolution passed by the Waikiki Neighborhood Board regarding trash not be allowed to pick up before 6:00 a.m. and if the Board would consider similar Resolution.

Nuuanu Stream – [1:27:43]: Member Easley-Allen raised concerns last month regarding Nuuanu Congregational trimming of trees, leaving debris behind, so when there is rain, would be flooding their home along the Nuuanu Stream. They have contacted the Church and since then the Church stopped cutting their trees. Easley-Allen is concerned with the water situation now that a storm is heading to the islands. The office of Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam and Representative Takenouchi are assisting her. Chair Smith will contact Liza Wong to provide an update.

VI. ELECTED OFFICIALS – [1:31:52]

Mayor Rick Blangiardi's Representative – [1:32:00]: Director Hashiro provided the report, which can be found at: <https://www.oneoahu.org/newsletter>. Director Hashiro highlighted the passenger service on Skyline officially began and looking forward to more ridership. Director Hashiro highlighted \$350.00 tax relief for qualified homeowners in the Fiscal Year 2024 budget, which will be applied directly to property tax bills. Applications can be found at: <http://www.honolulu.gov/treasury>. Director Hashiro announced that there are \$25 million more for the Rental and Utility Relief program. Director Hashiro also reported follow up responses to questions raised at the last meeting and was available to take additional questions.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed – [1:43:18].

Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam – [1:52:11 / 2:03:46]: – Lisa Leonardo provided the report, which can be found at: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vWUZmS66AxboJ_NpmqQSSMP5VgJ5PPoM/view?usp=drive_link. Leonardo provided follow up responses to questions raised at previous meetings and was available to take additional questions. For questions or concerns to contact Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam's office at 808-768-5072 or email at lisaann.leonardo@honolulu.gov. For constituent issues and concerns to contact Lynn Robinson, Constituent Services Director at 808-768-5045 or email at l.robinson@honolulu.gov.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed – [2:06:01].

[1:53:54] – Hearing no objections, the Chair moved to the next item of the agenda due to Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam's representative is having technical issues.

Governor Josh Green's Representative – [1:54:08]: William Nhieu provide the report which can be found

at: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FY1dL1TmPOR23fLYzQ1jqppQ5QKAdmg0/view?usp=drive_link. Nhieu provided information in insurance tips for disaster preparedness which can be found at: <https://www.khon2.com/whats-the-law/how-to-prepare-for-hawaiis-hurricane-season/>. Nhieu reported the State has the Homeowner and Mortgage Relief program to assist qualified homeowners mortgage relief and can be found at: <https://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hhfdc/assistance-for-homeowners/>. Nhieu also reported follow up responses to questions raised at the last meeting and was available to take additional questions.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed – [1:57:28].

[2:03:27] – Hearing no objections, the Board returned to Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam's report due to technical issues earlier.

Senator Karl Rhoads – [2:07:40] – Kai Hamamoto provided the report, which can be found at: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1r88Aq5YhJozc2ZKMii8Sh6k4XPfW95/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=113660273786562269535&rtpof=true&sd=true. Hamamoto noted the Red-Light Safety Program is now in full effect at various locations and more information about it can be found at: <https://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/red-light-safety-program/>. Hamamoto reported the previous week's Covid-19 statistics. For questions or concerns to contact Senator Rhoads's office at 808-586-6130 or email at senrhoads@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed – [2:09:38].

Representative Jenna Takenouchi – [2:11:14]: Representative Takenouchi provided responses to questions raised from the previous meeting. Representative Takenouchi noted the emergency shelter map can be found at: <https://cchnl.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=14fad086020b4bc8acfcf2e3f79d4329> and information on the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training can be found at: <https://www.honolulu.gov/dem/involved/get-trained.html>. Representative Takenouchi announced the Hawaii State Foundation Culture on the Arts is putting out a call for a request for qualifications for artist who want to sell their pieces to the Art in Public Places program to support local artists. To learn more about the Art in Public Places Program: <https://sfca.hawaii.gov/art-in-public-places-program>.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed – [2:16:07].

Federal Elected Officers & other Elected Officials – [2:19:21]: No other elected officials present.

[2:19:30] – Hearing no objections, Chair returned to FILLING OF VACANCIES. – Aiona confirmed that Kukichi is interested and will be attending the next meeting. [2:20:10] Katherine Grebe NOMINATED herself to fill Sub-District 2 vacant seat, SECONDED by Aiona. Grebe was APPOINTED to Sub-District 2 seat with a roll call vote of 10-0-0 (Aye: Lum, Aiona, Dillard, Smith, Young, Gee, Hidano, Kurashige, Kenney, Easley Allen; Nay: None; Abstain: None). There are 11 members.

VII. BOARD BUSINESS – [2:22:06]

Meeting Determination – DATE/TIME/LOCATION/FORMAT (AUGUST 2023 TO JUNE 2024) - [2:22:22]

[2:22:33] – Hearing no objections, the Board will meet on the Third Tuesday of the month; 7:00 p.m.

Determination of Board Recess Schedule (August 2023 to June 2024) – [2:22:37]

[2:23:21] – Hearing no objections, the Board will meet in August 2023 and determine set a recess schedule at the next meeting. The item will be added to next month's Agenda.

Adoption of Rules, including Oral Testimony – [2:23:37]

[2:23:55] – Hearing no objections, the Board kept speaking time at three (3) minutes and set maximum meeting hours to three (3) hours.

Meeting Location and Format – [2:24:08]

[2:24:55] – Hearing no objections, the Board will meet at Kapalama Hale and via WebEx. Chair Smith noted the Neighborhood Commission is recording the meetings and they are just making it available to run on Olelo.

[2:27:00] – Young suggested that new Board members introduced themselves. Allen introduced herself.

Presentation by Board of Water Supply concerning upcoming Nuuanu #2 reservoir/dam work – [2:31:01]: Mike Matsuo shared the PowerPoint presentation. Matsuo presented the Nuuanu vegetation clearing and property boundary survey project. Matsuo noted BWS clearing vegetation along the southwest boundary of 11 BWS property that contains Nuuanu Reservoir No. 2 and No. 3. Nuuanu Pali Drive, Poli Hiwa Place, and Old Pali Road addresses, stretching from Nuuanu Pali Drive to Pali Highway will be affected. BWS is are clearing this vegetation

because BWS will be conducting Nuuanu Reservoir No. 2 and No. 3 dam safety assessment project. Matsuo noted the project will be done by a professional landscaping company and estimated duration of project will be one year. BWS will also conduct property boundary survey prior to vegetation clearing to locate and mark BWS property lines and estimated duration to complete survey is 3 months. BWS is currently in process of hiring landscaping company and land surveyor and estimated completion of the process is 2-3 months.

Bridge at Puiwa Road Water Shoot Concerns – [2:36:00]: Kurashige noted that residents are worried about all the water coming down the mountain from the Koolau Volcano. Kurashige also noted there is a Wai and Stream Committee which has started 34 years ago, now headed by Lisa Wong. Kurashige further noted water that is coming down the mountain at 100 miles per hour is concerning. There are water shoots that is coming out underneath Nuuanu School and from the Puiwa Road that goes down to a lake to Laimi Road. Kurashige drafted a letter to Congressman Ed Case and every Nuuanu Legislators requesting assistance in cleaning up the streams and stop the excess water coming down.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed – [2:39:12].

Presentation regarding County Council Pay Increase – [2:45:10]: Chair Smith noted Jack James has agreed to postpone his presentation.

Papakolea Community Updates – [2:46:19] – Dillard provided updates on Papakolea Community programs that received grants to provide support to kupunas, address some of the homeless issues, and bringing cultural heritage classes to Lincoln Elementary School, Pauoa Elementary School, Stevenson Middle School, and Roosevelt High School. Dillard noted Kula Na Na Poe Hawaii, a community-based nonprofit has submitted a pre-application for 7.25 acres on Puowaina to develop a kupuna supportive living environment and will begin community conversations probably around September to October 2023. Kenney shared a video link that was shared at the Department of Hawaiian Homeland annual meeting which can be found at: https://youtu.be/2JE_JEsDey8. Dillard noted Kupuna Collective provides computer training for free, providing computer, and making sure there is internet access. Dillard has offered to connect kupuna residents in the Nuuanu area with the organization to do one-to-one computer training.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed – [2:50:02].

Adoption of June 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes – [2:52:15] – [2:53:42] – Hearing no corrections, the minutes were adopted as written.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – [2:53:58]

- Chair Smith announced to check the drop box for more information regarding real property tax credits, planning commission hearing notices, HECO utility pole watch and park closures in Ewa.
- Pali Highway Phase 2: The Pali Highway Phase 2 Schedule is on page two of this link: <https://palihighway.org/>
- Sunshine Law Video: Young announced to the Board members to be prepared to spend at least two (2) hours to complete the video.
- Next Regular Board Meeting –The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. via WebEx and in-person at Kapālama Hale.

ADJOURNMENT – [2:58:22] – The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Submitted by: Zhoydell Magaoay, Neighborhood Assistant.
Reviewed by: Naomi Hanohano, Community Relations Specialist
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