

Aiea Community Association
March 15, 2021

This meeting was conducted virtually via Go To Meetings
7:30 pm, Kalauao, Oahu

- I. Introductions: Gail Abrena-Agas, Scott Chan, Laurie Chang, Loren Chang, Joseph Earring, Ronald Fitch, Marian Gushiken, Joanne Iritani, Keole Kalani, Chris Kinimaka, Andy Kaufman, Leyla Kaufman, Kehaulani Lum, Richard M., Lance Maja, Bennette Misalucha, Kimberly Mills, Kim Moa, Susan Morishige, Mavis Niino, Jim Rubasch, Lynn Sari, Josh Smead, Katie Stephens, Jane Sugimura, Wayne Suzuki, Gayle Takasaki, Claire Tamamoto, Tina Tamura, Wayne Takara, Russell Tsuji, Erica Vargas, Janelle Villanueva, Trisha Watson
- II. Secretary's Report: Accepted as circulated.
- III. Treasurer's Report: Still looking for a Treasurer.
- IV. Mass Transit: Harry Cho will continue to reach out to us even though he may not attend meetings. HART has a new interim leader, Lori Kahikina. The HART newsletter is available on the honolulutransit.org site. In the Dillingham area, the rail line will most likely be moved to one side of the road.
- V. Senior Housing: EAH: Marian Gushikrn reported that the Phase II testing has been completed. One area of the property where it was known insecticide, lead and arsenic were used continues to have elevated levels. Additional soil samples will be done. Hawaii Housing and Finance & Development Corporation [HHFDC] application for financing will be submitted.
- VI. OCCC Halawa: Katie Stephens in for Bettina. There are a number of Bills in the Legislature pertaining to correctional facilities and detainment. As previously stated, in late January a local and national search for request for interest [RFI] went out. Numerous responses were received. This is a way to gather information to improve and modernize new correctional facilities.
- VII. Aloha Stadium: The comment period for the draft programmatic EIS has been completed. Comments made by blogger Ian Lind, and Andrew Gomes will be addressed and clarification regarding the proposed NASED will be discussed in a newsletter or on the website: nased.hawaii.gov .
The proposed development is an expansion of existing markets and use at the site. The Stadium and HART site will be given priority. However, other proposed development will bring in revenue to help pay for development of the entire project site and will decrease the tax burden to residents.
Use of the Stadium still has a moratorium in place; however, the parking lots may still be utilized for swap meet, food trucks, drive in concerts and High School graduations. There has been a request for raceway use that is still being assessed as the Stadium is sensitive to surrounding neighborhoods concerns regarding dust and noise.

There are bills in the Legislature that have crossed over regarding the Stadium and the NASED.

The NASED site is 98-acres and owned in fee by the State. A new Stadium facility and 99-year ground leases for vertical improvements are proposed. The goal of the site is to be self-sustaining. Funding for improvements may be bonds or public/private partnerships. Community benefits are part of the T.O.D. and the Master Plan.

- VIII. Invasive Species: Leyla Kaufman, a Program Coordinator for Hawaii Invasive Species, explained that Hawaii as a major hub for travel, commerce, and military transport, contributes to our vulnerabilities to invasive species. Airports and ports are major pathways for the introduction of invasive species. A letter of support from the ACA was requested to support efforts to reduce invasive species introduction at our airports and ports.

Kehau commented that Naio trees were planted and when they came back, all the trees were gone. Even though Naio is native, it was removed due to thrips and the plants were not previously existing there and it appeared that the newly planted area was not the natural habitat for the Naio. However, no communication took place so people that planted the trees were disappointed. We need to improve communication and increase awareness.

- IX. Pa‘aiau Fishpond: The Hale is almost completed. Repairs on the wall are on hold. Kumu Keola and students have been taking care and tending the site. It was noted that according to school counselors, about 40% of high school students are not college bound. There are alternative ways of learning through place space, thru ancestors, building hale and nature based, an academy of indigenous learning.

Brief history of the area becoming privatize, with Dr, McGrew purchasing the land after the overthrow of Hawaii. McGrew was one of the founders of annexation. The area was acquired by the federal government by wartime condemnation.

- X. Gateway: Maintenance of the area continues. Looks nice due to the rain. Gas and equipment repair invoices have been submitted. Houseless individuals have been helping to keep the site clean. Would like to increase area with more soil/backfill. Need authorization for this.

- XI. ‘Aiea Height Beautification Project: The project area will be below the intersection of Ka‘amilo and ‘Aiea Heights Drive to before Hoio St. Need to organize and open discussion with DPP regarding beautification, no parking and addressing enforcement to prevent residents from getting tickets. J.villanueva@honolulu.gov is Councilperson Fukunaga’s contact person.

- XII. Elected Officials: Senator Misalucha recently attended an uplifting blessing at Keaiwa Heiau. A fun drive to collect donations of cleaning supplies, furniture, etc. was conducted to help those on the north shore that were affected by the floods. The container of donations was brought to the Hauula Community Center. The Aiea High School PTSO and Lions Nimitz/Maunaloa participated.

Senator Misalucha and Kanu Hawaii would like to recognize community heroes or volunteers that go beyond the call. Nominations will be accepted up until April 2. Two heroes will be

chosen, one from Pearl City and one from 'Aiea. More information is available on the Kanu website.

Janelle Villanueva from Councilperson Carol Fukunaga's Office reported that 2022 CIP projects include erosion control and \$2.5 million for the gym repairs. Regarding COVID 19, there is free testing at the Hawaiian Monarch in Waikiki and there is a mobile unit at the Airport.

There was an inquiry regarding the rent relief program. Program appears to be chaotic as a lot of individuals have had trouble w/venues for rent relief. Program is until September or the end of the year but landowners just want their property back.

XIII. Misc: Feral chickens: Lynn Sari has experience with capturing chickens. The Humane Society took in captured chickens. Lowes sells traps. The chickens continue to be a challenge: People are feeding the chickens. Is the contest to capture chickens still on? Will ACA purchase metal cages? Needs to be a community effort. May want to educate on why we should not feed the chickens.

XIV. Membership: Are we collecting donations or dues? Should we have a business rate? Should we amend our by-laws? By-laws says we need eleven members for a meeting. Vacancies can be filled without an election. All due paying members can vote. We should have an annual meeting and official election. JoAnne to contact due paying members, Kehau to help.

Any 2019 members, lifetime members and 2021 members that paid dues are in good standing to vote. We should also maintain our Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) eligibility. Need to look at the pros and cons of a non-profit board, how many directors? Check allowances for virtual meetings.

XV. Neighborhood Board: Bus routes to change. Will be posted on the Bus website. Modifications will be made with the start of rail.

XVI. Announcements: April 12, 2021 there will be an 'Aiea Neighborhood Board meeting; and on April 19, there will be an 'Aiea Community Association meeting that will begin at 7pm.