

Aiea Community Association
September 20, 2021

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

I. Introductions: Alisa Bender, Bernie Caalim, David Cianelli, Scott Chan, Harry Cho, Reid Chung, David Dupont, Carol Fukunaga, Jordon Higa, Karen Higa, Joanne Iritani, Brian Isa, Andy Kaufman, Keola Kalani, Chris Kinimaka, Kehaulani Lum, Bettina Mehnert, Kimberly Mills, Mavis Niino, James Pastine, Jen Puckett, Jeff Ramsey-Crawford, Jane Sugimura, Wayne Takara, Claire Tamamoto

II. Secretary's Report: July & August minutes reviewed. July minutes: Accepted as corrected: Correct Aaron Johanson and Scott Chan's name. WCCC for Women's Correctional Facility. Typos corrected. Email kimimills@hawaii.rr.com for additional amendments. August minutes: Accepted

Treasurer's Report: Change over still in process, Signature card completed. Claire sold a book.

III. Mass Transit: Weekly eBlast shared. Harry Cho stated that once a month a transit station will be highlighted. This month it is the Ho'ae'ae station, the fourth station along the alignment located in Waipahu at Farrington Hwy near the Leoku St. intersection.

The Business and Community monthly construction meetings are usually held on the last Thursday of the month in the afternoon or evening if interested in learning about specific work and where construction is taking place. This month's meeting is September 30 at 1 pm.

Follow up on a question regarding resurfacing at Sam's Club and Waihono St: The Navy is replacing water lines and pot hole patching is being done by the DOT. Both expected to be completed by August 2022. HART is resurfacing and doing improvements at Kuala St. that is expected to be completed by mid 2022. Anyone that would like to be emailed the HART eBlast can sign up on the website: Honolulutransit.org.

IV. Clinical Lab: Noise has been mitigated since sometime late last week. May have turned off noise source. Claire to follow up with Tracy.

V. EAH Senior Housing: No updates to report.

VI. OCCC: Bettina reported newsletter #36 released last week. Workshops held amongst members of the OCCC team focusing on how the new OCCC will operate. Team met for 5 days to discuss every aspect of jail operation. Editorial was run in the Star Advertiser by Max Otani, PSD Director and Curt Otaguro, State Comptroller, regarding the findings of the population forecast study.

Follow up question regarding possible to get quarterly reports on prison reform. PSD publishes several reports on their website regarding programs education, health care, etc. Population forecast report also answers questions regarding population size and role of criminal justice reform. Correctional Oversight Commission is new and finding their way. October 21 is the next meeting 9am.

V. Aloha Stadium: Chris Kinimaka reported work with government stakeholders continues. Target for publishing of the PEIS is early next year. The Stadium RFP is expected to come out by end of the year. Scott Chan reported Swap Meet remains open however Covid-19 mitigation has been turned up: Only monthly vendors now; adjustments made to buyer entrance at 50% capacity, gates will be closed when reached. The City EMS testing and vaccination continues with drive thrus to October. Covid testing info on Stadium site will be at bus lot that is near the main Salt Lake gate. Drivers will be guided to testing site.

On October 9 the Habilitat Haunted House begins. Tickets/info are available on the alohastadium.gov website.

- Question: Has 50% capacity been met for Swap Meet? How long ILH football to be played, how long can use the field? Can continue to use the field for this season not sure about next year. Swap meet cap met once. Are food booths still there? Adjustments made, less trucks come in, spread out and picnic tables eliminated.
- VI. Loko Pa‘ai‘ai: Fishpond: Kumu Kaleo shared that he hopes to bring 6-7 students to the site during October break for community service. Currently there are no workdays but Kehau continues receiving requests. Regular volunteer meetings on Fridays with about 10 people. Mahalo to the Lions Club, Ken, Wayne. Boy Scouts are interested to come down once a quarter. Lots of Veteran visitors that would like to regularly visit coming from the water. Huntington Ingalls global volunteers would like to do work on November 13. This volunteer work may be combined with National Public Lands Day. On another note, 40% of Aiea HS grads not intending to go to college hope to develop work force to enrich students and encourage higher education via Loko Pa‘ai‘ai. Would like to plan to complete the remainder of the wall, working with Senator Misalucha and the Army Corps of Engineers. If you would like to visit, contact Kehau.
- VII. Councilmember Fukunaga: Getting lots of complaints regarding chickens. Inquired with Dept of Customer Services regarding why additional funds not allocated for chicken mitigation. No response yet. A lot of complaints regarding monster homes too. 2 large structure included in Councilmember’s monthly report. With many tenants, vehicles are parked along the shoulder of the road so neighbors are forced to walk in the roadway. Ordinance being pursued regarding vacation rentals. Karen Chang-Barr of the McClean Group representing American Hotel and Lodging Association and Hotel Alliance has identified many hot spots in neighborhoods that may be illegal short term vacation rentals. Over tourism, crowding of neighborhoods, lack of affordable housing. Are some of the reasons to restrict short term rentals. Map of potential short-term rentals presented from Alltherooms.com. Shows historic, current, and shared rooms for rent. Reapportionment Commission meeting this evening. Aiea Halawa may be joining up with Pearl City. As this matter progresses, Councilmember will keep us informed. Preference to follow natural features such as the ahupua‘a. Reapportionment maps were sent with the ACA meeting information.
- VIII Senator Misalucha: Bernie shared that the Smart card has been launched to confirm Covid-19 vaccination. Safe Access program for State facilities requiring that employees, contractors, etc.. must show covid vaccination card to enter. Everyone is encouraged to get vaccinated, wear your mask, and social distance. Free Rapid at home test kits are available. On 9/11 there was a Gratitude Prayer Rally to commemorate the loss. Weekly newsletter sent out regarding community happenings, contact Bernie to get the newsletter
- IX. Parade: Karen shared that she would support developing a slide show for the parade tht would be a slide show, videos and pictures displaying the Christmas spirit. This may be a potential Boy Scott project. Bands could play Christmas music. Pearlridge- would like to contribute to the slide show will and will also do a Halloween event next month. Claire to call City and cancel parade.
- XII. Aiea Neighborhood Board Meeting: Short meeting, next meeting 2nd Monday of the month.
- XIII. Ringing of the Bell: Peace Bell in Pagoda at Blasdell Park that was a gift on the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor needs some love. No nails were used to create feature. Now, the main beams are termite eaten, and Claire would like to restore with Pearl City. Mallet housed at Pacific Buddhist Academy. Unsure of whose kuleana it is. Kehau suggested that we find other community assets that are not being maintained and put in a request for kokua to maintain these types of areas such as create a malama fund and prioritize these spaces to kokua for long term to hopefully reconnect with these spaces of the community.