

Aiea Community Association
November 15, 2021

This meeting was conducted virtually via Go To Meetings and has been transcribed
Kalauao, Oahu

- I. In attendance: 25 Ryan Andrews, Bernadette Caalim, Laurie/Loren Chang, Harry Cho, Reid Chung, Danielle, Ron Fitch, Nestor Garcia, Ralph Hasegawa, Jordon Higa, Karen Higa, Joanne Iritani, Brian Isa, Aaron Johanson, Keola Kalani, Chris Kinimaka, Sam Kong, Bettina Mehnert, Bennette Misalucha, Susan Morishge, Mavis Niino, James Pastine, Kim Ribellia, Jane Sugimura, Wayne Suzuki, Allie T, Claire Tamamoto
- II. Secretary's Report: None
Treasurer's Report: Not recorded
- III. Mass Transit: Not recorded; See HART eblast at aieacommunirty.org
- IV. EAH Senior Housing: No report
- V. OCCC: Bettina Mehnert shared newsletter #38 Future of the OCCC/What If We Don't Replace OCCC? The State has conducted numerous studies of correctional facilities since the 1990s. Studies revealed that there is a need to replace the current obsolete design as the facility is inefficient and more costly to operate. The newsletter highlights that a new proposed prison would be able to provide programs and treatment services for mental health, ADA, and humane housing. Newsletter highlights the need for the project to move forward as spaces for programs and services are inadequate and older facilities are expensive to maintain. Currently, areas for programs/treatment are used for housing due to overcrowding. Regarding other facilities, female population has been moved to the WCCC. At WCC, infrastructure being installed; renovations have begun and are moving along nicely.
- VI. NASED/Aloha Stadium: Chris Kinimaka shared the RFP has been put out and submittals are due Dec. 3. Priority List of developers to be announced. Part II RFP will be issued in December with a contract expected in October. The Final EIS is expected to be published late this month or next month. Affordable Housing on site graphic shared for 20,000 units. Current proposed heights of buildings are 250-ft along Kam Hwy; 150-ft on the mauka side of the property and 90-ft on the south side. Rendering of 100,000 units shared with height limits exceeded. No parking would be proposed. Chris and Senator Wakai to be on Hawaii Public Radio on November 16, 11 am live broadcast. Link shared in chat box. It does not appear the community would prefer the site to be utilized for affordable housing.
Ryan Andrews Deputy Mgr for the Stadium shared that the Hawaii Pacific Health and Emergency Mgmt doing COVID vaccination for keiki, over 800 vaccinated. The Alohaland light show starts this weekend. There are more lite displays this year. Go to Showaloha.com for tickets.
Comments: Senator Chang shared a "ridiculous" affordable housing proposal with no parking or open spaces like towers shown in the movie 'Crazy Rich Asians' Chris reminded us that affordable housing along the rail line is to benefit each community in a more organized fashion so as not to burden one community.
Question regarding the elevation of the area? 20-50 feet above sea level with the area around Halawa Creek being the lowest at about 20-ft.
- VII. Loko Pa'aiiau: Keola reported this past weekend National Lands Day was celebrated at the pond. Lions Club, Representatives, Huntington Ingalls, Navy Admiral, community came out. Partnership with Huntington Ingalls and Aiea High School being initiated. A program to earn certification tht integrates the cultural elements of Pa'aiiau that can be incorporated with future jobs is being developed to set groundwork for work force development. Kelola's 6-7 students set the template for the program.

Work at Loko Pa‘aiou inspire students and help them appreciate the culture. Good networking opportunity.

VIII. Aiea Gateway: Ken to follow up with the Adopt A Hwy re-application to extend for 2 more years. Maunaloa/Nimitz Lions to come out on the 27 for cleanup, remove stones so a lawn mower can be utilized, leak repaired, water irrigation up again. Hope to have an architect to design the sign and wall to submit plans for City permit/ compliance with DOT. Bettina offered to look over the design and advise.

Trash bags, gloves, work vest purchased to clean the site. A wish list would include: A weed trimmer, blower, water timer, and hose. Cost estimate for what is needed is requested to be provided. Comment: Write letter to City Mill to request donations. Sen. Misalucha to help compose letter. Ron Fitch willing to donate a weedwhacker.

A 100-year tree at Aiea Park near Rec. Center needs to be taken care of.

IX. Representative Reports: Nestor on behalf of Congressperson Case reported 3 billion dollars allocated to Hawai‘i from the federal Build Better Back Bill. Congressperson Case is a member of the Natural Resources Committee in the House.

Senator Misalucha reported that international travel has started, and Covid-19 restrictions are being loosened. There will be a vaccination pop up at Aiea Hongwanji this weekend 11/19, 4-8pm. Adult vaccinations and boosters and children’s vaccinations available for ages 5+. Closing the digital divide snippet in Misalucha newsletter. Lege Session coming up let Senator know of proposed bills.

Representative Johanson reported starting Dec 1 the unemployment Office will be opening up, appts, calls taken. He noted that Aiea shoulders a high proportion of infrastructure for the State. Other regions of the island should share the burden. NASED helps to reconnect the area to the community. Representative Kong: The Aiea Lions Club has adopted the Aiea Rec Center to malama.

Councilmember Fukunaga: Kim reported Bill 41 short term rental bill is being amended. See Council members newsletter. Would like ACA to take a position. Will provide updates regarding TVRs and monster homes. Regarding Chickens, vector control from the State would like to work with the State and County. Recently found out that the City Dept. of Customer Services has modified the contract w/ the Humane Society reduced so HS no longer taking in poultry. Nov. 3rd correspondence sent waiting for response. Reapportionment will affect Aiea.

X. Chickens: Lynn Sari caught 4 chickens and released elsewhere. Neighbor has generations of chickens.

XI. Parade: Karen Higa reported that we cannot do Parade. Will try and do a virtual parade. Email Karen at Aieaparade@gmail.com. Email will be sent to all regarding a virtual parade to be featured on the ACA website, so send photos or videos. Deadline December 10. ACA get together proposed to create a video or something at Aiea locations. Virtual Parade will be put up on website December 15. Questions/ideas email Karen. As KS has donated to the Parade in the past, could ask for donations to purchase stones to restore the fishpond.

XII. Aiea Neighborhood Board: Jane reported that the BWS is proposing to increase water bills for storm water utility next year. Youth Council to pass resolution for the Lege to regulate e-cigarettes and remove flavored tobacco products. ANB passed reso. Circulator buses for RAIL will be discussed at a later meeting.

XIII. Reapportionment: Done in the City, see Fukunaga Report. Ahupua‘a concept kept with Districts 6, 7 & 8 changing. New District 8-Aiea, Pearl City, Mililani, Mililani Mauka, Waikele. District 6 would end at Fort Shafter. District 7-Lower Aiea, Fort Shafter, Sand Island Salt Lake Airport. Effective Jan 2023. Finalized Dec. 2021.

XIV. Misc.: Joanne reported she has been to a couple of meetings for the Public Safety Commission and shared there is a lot of information regarding programs in the prisons. If a new prison is not

constructed, what is the alternative? Commission currently planning for their Legislative agenda. Hopefully Joanne can get the Commission Chair to attend an ACA meeting.

XV. Announcements: Neighborhood Board B on recess-2nd Monday in January to resume. No meeting on December 20th.

Get word out about covid testing popup clinic at Aiea Hongwanji Nov. 19, 4-8pm. Entertainment and prize give away.