

Aiea Community Association

March 21, 2022

This meeting was conducted virtually via Go To Meetings and in person at Loko Pa'aiau Kalauao, Oahu

I. Introductions: Laurie/Loren Chang, Henry Cho, Kennard Chong, David Duponte, Joseph Earring, Danielle Espiritu, Ronald Fitch, Darrel Frame, Charlie Fukuhara, Marissa Gonzales, Marion Gushiken, Dr. Kevin Hara, David Harris, Jordon Higa, Karen Higa, Kevin Hara, Ralph Hasegawa, Joanne Iritani, Brian Isa, Kathy Isobe, Andy Kaufman, Bruce Keaulana, Pat Kim, Chris Kinimaka, Jen Lin, Kehaulani Lum, Mahealani Lum, Lance Maja, Bettina Mehnert, Kimberly Mills, Senator Bennette Misalucha, Susan Morishige, Mavis Niino, Max Otani, Jeff Pantalone, Jeff Ramsey, Kimberly Ribellia-Collins, Lynn Sari, Karl Smith, Jane Sugimura, Wayne Suzuki, Sam Spain, Claire Tamamoto

II. /III Secretary's Report/Treasurer's Report: Skipped

IV. OCCC Update: Bettina Mehnert reported Newsletter #42 went out today that discusses the Women's CCC construction update; the Maui CCC archeological survey; and also, an article regarding the re-entry experience for inmates and the importance and need for a new prison. Prison development bills did not move forward.

Max Otani, Director of Public Safety introduced and stated that the role of prisons is evolving, now expected to deal with substance abuse, family reunification, and there is a need for these facilities to set the standard to provide services to inmates. Every county faces the same challenges. 95% of prisoners released back into the community and DPS would like them to be released better than when they entered prison. Claire stated that it has been a learning process and the community is much more aware of challenges. Dr. Hara stated that about 20% of the population have dyslexia, and the role of literacy may help to reduce dyslexia. About 35% drop out of high school and looking at ways to improve literacy at the school and prisons to keep people on track, similar to preventative medicine. Literacy is an issue in prison.

Mr. Otani stated that DPS uses Evidence based practices: Assessment, how they get in trouble, reassessment, monitor for 3 years once released. Comment suggested that the Alu Like Program be utilized and reintegrated back into the prison program. Otani recognizes and testified in support of bills that support working with OHA.

On another note, Bettina recognized by the Girl Scouts as a Woman of Distinction. Congratulations!

V. Red Hill Fuel Tanks: Commander Darrel Frame, NAVFAC Hawaii POL Portfolio Manager also a Water Engineer from the Navy shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Navy [Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam (JBPHH)] Water System and Red Hill. He stated the Red Hill Tanks are to be defueled. The facility has been designated a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark in 1995.

Slides presented include Facilities overview; JBPHH Water System Overview and Recovery; Red Hill Well Recovery and Aquifer Protection. There is 2.5 miles of pipeline with 3 types of fuel. On November 28 fuel was detected in the water and the Red Hill Water System was shut down by State.

The Drinking water system overview described and a map of JBPHH Military Housing was displayed. The Military now using Waiiau Water, was 80%, now 100%.

The Red Hill Shaft appears to be isolated, and a temporary water treatment has been created to filter the water and then discharges the filtered water into Halawa stream. Water distribution flushing and residence system flushing took place. Recovery Operations to remove contaminants include booms, absorbent pads and skimmers along with pumping and filtering. Looking for beneficial use for the 4.6 million gallons per day that is going to Halawa stream. The stream is being monitoring by UH and the Navy.

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An Intergovernmental agency Aquifer Recovery Focus Group formed. The EPA, State DoH, Navy needs to strengthen this group to work collaboratively. The State Dept of Health and EPA have websites regarding the Red Hill incident and progress towards resolution.

Questions: How long for tanks to be defueled? Can't do it quickly. State won't allow it. 3rd party assessment to determine and make recommendations. Not a quick process.

Are new water systems proposed for bases such as water catchment or reverse osmosis? Continue to use Waiiau shaft and discharging water into Halawa stream, would like to put water to good use. No reverse osmosis proposed.

How shall the State and BWS recoup costs incurred? Legal questions. Recognizes Navy's responsibility.

When will Navy withdraw its appeal to the BoH order and permit for underground storage tank use? Dont know.

Recouping costs for DOE and BWS as Halawa supplies 20% of Oahu drinking water? Tried to help schools with testing, Halawa is out of commission to be cautious.

Pumps take water from below, however fuel floats on top of water.

Claire wants Hawaii Loa Ridge residents to drill their own well. Well drilling takes years. 6 wells being explored.

Navy committed to fixing this. Feel free to email or call Commander Frame. darrel.e.frame.mil@us.navy.mil or via cell 808-312-2652

The briefing on wells is on the Hawaii Senate Youtube site (copied from the chat): [https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.youtube.com/c/HawaiiSenate__;!!LIYSdFfckKA!zjTIErFy6ZWlo7z-okpp8XNWvHY9s8LE26AAATmFNJr4-n8PUE9yn70BPmt7DRQTnKekKWYHtwYzF-MtU0nxyWqYvmQ2\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.youtube.com/c/HawaiiSenate__;!!LIYSdFfckKA!zjTIErFy6ZWlo7z-okpp8XNWvHY9s8LE26AAATmFNJr4-n8PUE9yn70BPmt7DRQTnKekKWYHtwYzF-MtU0nxyWqYvmQ2$).

- VI. Community Policing:** Rash of robberies and garage/home invasion. Charlie Fukuhara started off as a block watch via texting. Thru the grapevine community policing appears to be something that other blocks may be interested in, and other blocks are encouraged to start their own watch. Can contact Councilmember Fukunaga's Office to facilitate meeting via zoom w/PC Police Dept. Contact Kimberly Ribellia, Councilmember Carol Fukunaga's Senior Advisor, (808) 768-5045, kribellia@honolulu.gov.
- VII. HART:** Harry Cho shared a Traffic Update for Kamehameha Hwy near Kaanohi St intersection and the Weekly Eblast. Mayor announcement of terminus at Civic Center. Still needs to be vetted prior to going to the Feds.
Questions: Where are we with the 2-year testing Halawa to Kapolei? Some track issues, HART would like to transfer to DTS by end of year and up to DTS.
With any modification of the frogs will this invalidate warrantees? Financial aspects still in discussion. At the Neighborhood Board meeting, another concern was brought up regarding the distance between two running rails? Harry to get back to us on that.
What is the price difference between ending RAIL at the Civic Center vs. to Ala Moana? Harry will get back to us.
- VIII EAH Housing:** Scheduled to submit civil plans followed by architectural plans in April. A year from now it is expected that building permits will be issued along with a water meter. Around May should hear about funding. There are some encroachments into City property. Notices to be reviewed and

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executed by adjacent property owners. Just a FYI, Library is proposing to create an outside reading area.

- IX. Aloha Stadium:** Sam Spain reported the Stadium hosted the 1st Taste of O'ahu on the first Friday of March from 4-10pm. About 4000 people attended. Had entertainment, fashion show, food trucks and local vendors. Night market similar to swap meet. Working with Millwood Ohana Productions. next event April 1 4-10pm and hopefully every First Friday of each month. TICKETS: \$10.00 – 12 years and older \$5.00 – 6 to 11 years FREE – 5 years and under *tickets available online or day of event. Are there graduations at the Stadium? Aiea HS graduation in the Upper Halawa parking lot. Letter went out to parents.
- X. NASED:** Chris Kinimaka reported newsletter released last wed. Bill status given, down to 5 bills. RFP and final EIS to be released soon. Recently had a meeting with BWS regarding reuse of recycled water.
- XI. Pa'aiau Fishpond:** Mahalo to Commander Darrell that helped to build and restore the pond and hale. Workday at fishpond Fridays 9-1. The vicinity is a cultural space to reconnect family and community. Members of Navy coming to help. Pond established on Prince Kuhio's 150th birthday. Other communities looking to establish spaces similar to Pa'aiau. Hope to restore other sacred spaces. Windward side community looking to restore Nu'upia fishpond. Hope to incorporate work at Pa'aiau in climate change and health equity fellowship. Cultural exchange with Czech students. Mahalo Senator Misalucha for lifting pond to its fullness. Mahalo Kehau for all her efforts. Mahea created oli for Pali Momi. Today is deadline for comments for the PH Drydock.
- XII. Gateway:** Words garbled during the discussion. Heard planter box, signage, crown flower, butterfly. Need to get plans going. According to Wayne, Don't do anything crazy should be fine and building permits not needed for replacement.
- XIII. New Business:** Aiea HS graduate gift. Should we give graduates a book? No, as at that age, they may not appreciate it and how long could we keep that up? Maybe give to students that excel in community service? Or track down faculty that live in the area and give them a book to thank them for contributing to our community?
- XIV. Feral Fowl Bill:** Senator Misalucha shared the feral chicken bill is still alive. Pilot study From Aiea/PC to statewide. Lots of interest. Rooster is the problem that needs to be curbed. Feral chicken resolutions to come out this session.

Mahalo to Hawaii Income Tax Aid that helped about 30 Seniors with tax preparation.

Nominations for community hero deadline extended to Friday. Form at Kanuhawaii.org.
- XV. Carol Fukunagas Office:** March Report emailed see FY 23 CIP budget. Renovations of Aiea District Park, sewers proposed. Also coverage of Red Hill and BWS request for voluntary water conservation restrictions proposed. Oceanit Covid Test approved. Aiea District Park free swim reopens.
- XVI. MISC:** See agenda for announcements and go to the aieacommunity.org website for newsletters, flyers, and reports.