

Aiea Community Association

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This meeting was conducted virtually via Go To Meetings

Kalauao, Oahu

In April, the ACA was on recess

- I. **Introductions:** Bernie Caalim, Laurie/ Loren Chang, Reid Chung, David Dupont, Joseph Earring, Heidi Frattilone, Ronald Fitch, Kevin Hara, David Harris, Jordon Higa, JoAnne Iritani, Brian Isa, Aaron Johansen, Andy Kaufman, Chris Kinimaka, Mahealani Lum, Kehaulani Lum, Lance Maja, Kimberly Mills, Senator Bennette Misalucha, Kim Moa, Susan Morishige, Mavis Niino, Jeff Ramsey, Johnny Reid, Kimberly Riberllia, Lynn Sari, Karl Smith, Jane Sugimura, Wayne Suzuki, Wayne Takara, Claire Tamamoto, Samantha Spain, Caller 01
- II. **Secretary's Minutes:** For the November 15, 2021, minutes, Susan Morishige's name was misspelled; minutes accepted as corrected. For the February 21, 2022, minutes, Marion Gushiken's name was misspelled under item V.; add Susan Morishige to the attendance; Item X last sentences should be 2 sentences: No objections. Will be discussed off line. Minutes accepted as corrected.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Nothing to report from Reid. Need to get together with Claire. Claire reported she received a check/donation from Pearlridge and has made a couple book sales.
- IV. **OCCC Updates:** Chris Kinimaka shared that Bettina was not available as she was delivering eulogy for a celebration of life for David Miller, former head of her firm and Katie (Stephens) flew back to north America to help her Mom relocate to an assisted living facility. Ryan Yamamoto also of AHL passed away unexpectedly. Lance Maja gave us updates of the latest regarding OCCC. Bill HB 1567 passed regarding bail reform, however there are many entities publicly opposing the bill and are asking the Governor to veto. HB1600, the Budget Bill did not provide funding for OCCC.

Although no funding was allocated for the proposed prison, work will continue such as the request for qualifications, continue to pursue funding for design and construction, and continuing to plan for interior spaces and community outreach are being prepared. Newsletter #44 will be out soon. DPS Max Otani was on PBS insights, can review the recording. Wayne Takara expressed condolences and appreciation to the AHL Firm. Not giving up on project, need new jail. Dept of Justice checking up on jails. Explained what a consent decree was where conditions of confinement, overcrowding, takes priority and actions to correct the situation would need to take priority prior to funding other programs. Don't want to go there but Hawaii may get another consent decree. Public Input for jail design is upcoming, for recommendations to contractor. Jail is at a pause. Will be back to request appropriations next year.

Question about Bail reform: Bill has many exemptions. ACLU did not endorse bill. Lots of opposition. Agency comments still coming in, Governor has time to mull over. Has ACA view changed? We want input and contribute to what happens. ACA has learned a lot. Question: Why did the Lege not appropriate money? Appears there is a mixture of priorities. Appears a new facility is not a priority for those that control purse strings. We learn from these conversations.

- V. **Red Hill Fuel Tanks:** Reid took a tour of the Red Hill tanks with Senator Misalucha. He had no idea facility existed. Overwhelming info given throughout the tour. Walk thru the entire facility all the way to where they are dumping water to the stream. Currently there are 3 pump sources closed. 6 exploratory wells are proposed but will take a couple of years. Hoping the process for the exploratory wells can be accelerated. Newsletter for Councilperson Fukunaga has a link regarding monitoring wells. Kathy Isobe reported that a hearing was held last week Friday. Moving ahead with the long-term plan/monitoring more info will be emailed.

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- VI. **Neighborhood Watch:** Mavis reported Charlie Fukuhara/ Sam Kong are organizing community watches in response to a couple of incidents [trespassing, break ins, catalytic converter theft, taking mail] in Aiea neighborhoods. Trying to get people involved at the beginning stages to look out for each other and inform neighbors of what is happening and build the sense of community. More people are investing in cameras. Just starting out but it is basically street captains and communication has been over phone texting. Next meeting is August 13 need suggestions for meeting place. Known watches include Iliee St and upper Aiea Heights. It was noted that intruders are very bold.
- VII. **Mass Transit Update:** John Reid shared weekly E-blast. City Center utilities relocation contract has been awarded to Frank Coluccio Construction Co. Work proposed to start mid-June at Ka‘a‘ahi St/Nimitz - Halekuwila St. Day and night work is expected. Meetings starting on Friday. The latest construction update flyover video shows the construction progress along the alignment, including the guideway and stations from the Airport Station to Lagoon Drive Station.
- Question regarding new proposal to stop short of Ala Moana, is there any push back from the Feds? Appears the FTA is supporting HART adjustment plan to stop at Halekuwila/Keawe St. Revised recovery plan going thru City Council. Full plan to go in June. The Mayor’s Office will decide when to start and utilize rail. There is a 90-day trial run prior to hand off to DTS.
- VIII. **Aloha Stadium:** Samantha Spain reported that in May, the 3rd Taste of Oahu, presented by Millwood Ohana Productions took place. The Taste of O‘ahu Night Market takes place on the first Friday of the month. In June it will take place at the bus lot because the 50<sup>th</sup> State Fair is back and starts on May 27-July 4th. Focus on the weekends and holidays, some Thursday. Go to website [[alohastadium.hawaii.gov](http://alohastadium.hawaii.gov)] for more info. Aiea High School graduation is on Thursday 5:30 at the Upper Halawa lot. See website for more info also. Swap meet is back to Sat, Sun, and Wed. There is an increase to the fee: \$2 general admission and Kamaaina/Military \$1. Drone Grand Prix-took place at the Stadium field. Drone group will also do photos and shoots of the closing of the Stadium. Private events being hosted in hospitality room that is available.
- IX. **NASED:** Chris Kinimaka shared that three bills related to the Stadium development passed: SB 2898 regarding HCDA TOD Infrastructure, SB3334: Moves Stadium Authority from DAGS to DBEDT, and HB1600: Appropriates 350M Go bonds CIP 50M for operating. The State would like to transfer the Aloha Stadium Station to DTS by end of year. With SB3334, it is unclear if Chris/DAGS will continue with ACA meetings for the Stadium. DBEDT may not have the capacity to do what DAGS does. The final EIS was put on hold, hope to be published soon.
- X. **Loko Pa‘aiau:** Mahealani Lum reported there is workday every first Saturday. Lots of volunteers came on the community work date. Email [calapaaiau@gmail.com](mailto:calapaaiau@gmail.com). If you would like to volunteer. Pali Momi members and Dr. Hara participated at the last workday. Dr. Hara expressed he went the day before the workday and enjoyed it very much. Shared the Walk with a Doc that takes place every third Saturday of the month would like to incorporate the fishpond.
- XI. **‘Aiea Gateway:** Wayne reported that Harinani will volunteer her time to design the gateway but would like to include the elementary schools to participate with art or education. Would like to initiate an agro-science lesson plan with growing crown flowers to get butterflies there. He introduced Heidi Salvador-Frattilone, a Waipahu elementary teacher. She has agro science classes to learn about gardening and composting. And suggested that a go fund me page to raise funds to design spaces and irrigation for learning . For the ‘Aiea

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butterfly project, a QR code was made. With QR can make it a walkable educational space. Need to work with our Treasurer regarding fundraising and accounting matters. Senator Misalucha offered to put info in her newsletter. Would like to start project this summer. Wayne reported that plants need to be xeriscape plants and need alternatives for water.

- XII. **Neighborhood Board:** Chairperson Steve Wood will have the June meeting at the library. Claire planning to do hybrid meeting next month. Aiea Neighborhood Board to be on the ‘Olelo Channel. Question: Is Wifi available if Library closed?
- XIII. **Feral Fowl Bill:** SB2195 is dead. Bill morphed from just ‘Aiea study to Statewide. Humane Society suggested eradication thru contraceptive as the method has to be effective and humane, however would need EPA authorization. At the end House and Senate couldn’t agree. During session, many calls received from Waianae to Hawaii Kai about the noise. Petition received against bill. City still trying to get rid of chickens, there is funds for Dept of Customer Services to contract out but may be only for City properties. Need a long-term solution. Looking at Peacock problem in Florida as a similar case to be resolved. Can use the 311 App for all City complaints.
- XIV. **Representatives Report:** Senator Misalucha shared her newsletter. Legislature wrapped up. 6 bills passed. Kupuna Caucus Bill-Driver’s license renewal expanded to 4 years vs every 2 years. At 80 years of age goes back to 2 years. CIP funds secured for area schools.

Congratulations to Karen Higa-2022 Community Heroes Awardee!

‘Aiea Hongwanji will have vaccinations again around the second week of June.

Representative Johansen and Council members Elefante and Fukunaga’s newsletter are on the ACA website.

- XV. **Friends of the ‘Aiea Library:** Refrigerator purchased for ‘Aiea Library.  
K-pop event on July 30- need someone to volunteer as a cashier for this event.  
In the Library we have a book sale going on, need someone to stock the shelves.
- XVI. **ACA Annual Christmas Parade:** December 10, 2022