

‘Aiea Community Association

July 18, 2022

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

- I. **Introductions:** Ryan Andrews, B. Caalim, Laurie Chang, Kennard Chong, Joseph Earring, Brandon Elefante, Ronald Fitch, Marian Gushiken, David Harris, Jordon Higa, Joanne Iritani, Kathy Isobe, Andy Kaufman, Chris Kinimaka, Sam Kong, Kehau Lum, Lance Maja, Bettina Mehnart, Matt Maeda, Kimberly Mills, Bennette Misalucha, Kim Moa, Susan Morishige, Alan Munioka, Jeff Ramsey, Johnny Reid, Jane Sugimura, Wayne Suzuki, Erica Vargas
- II. **Secretary’s Minutes:** Minutes to be approved in August as not that many ACA members.
- III. **Treasurer’s Report:** No report as Reid is awaiting the birth of his baby.
- IV. **OCCC Update:** Bettina Mehnart shared the Legislature has not approved PSD's request for \$15 million to continue the design for the new OCCC this year. PSD remains committed to the project. Team under current contract continue to complete the update of the project programs utilizing forecasts, data gathered and charettes. Site investigations completed. HB1567 vetoed this was regarding bail reform or eliminating monetary bail for nonviolent offenses-bill did not adequately describe the reform. PSD agrees justice reform needs to continue, looking at alternatives to incarceration. Judiciary/Legislature is the appropriate entity to address reform. Need to provide better living conditions and programs for prisoners.
- V. **Community Policing:** Wayne Suzuki shared there will be a meeting on August 13, 2022, 6pm at Aiea Elementary for the Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW). Different areas of Waimalu/Aiea/Halawa have been invited. Expecting large turnout. Apps, e-mail and texting being used to communicate to neighbors. Pearl City Police to attend. Would like a volunteer to help with the Power Point.
- VI. **Mass Transit:** Johnny Reid shared Weekly E-Blast. Overhead drone flyover Halawa to Lelepaua [Airport] available. 70% of guideway completed. Youtube video available of HART Board meeting that took place on July 14. Business and Communities Meeting July 28 at 1pm, need to register at link on eblast. Monday traffic update: Waiwai Loop area near Ahua St. will be one way. E blast on ACA website.
- VII. **EAH Senior Housing:** Marian G. shared that they are holding steady. Civil plans sent to DPP and the full set building plans went in June. DCAD approval /NPDES permit application is in. Awaiting Affordable Housing Fund response from City. The Environmental Hazard Mitigation Plan has been submitted and working with DoH. Permits still need to be obtained. If start in Spring should be done by September 2024.

There is a pathway to Aiea Intermediate School. It is planned that the area will be fenced off. When can this be discussed? Need to see the site plan, hopefully can discuss in August.
- VIII. **Aloha Stadium:** Ryan Andrews shared that Oahu Auctions has been contracted to liquidate assets. First auction end of year and more next year. Stadium materials have been shared and forwarded to other state agencies. October Fest at the end of September is the next event at the site.
- IX. **NASED:** SB3334 moved NASED to the Department of Business and Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT); HB1600 Act 248 allocated \$400 million to DBEDT for project. The Governor supports the project and coordination with DAGS, DBEDT, State Agency Directors, Comptroller will get the final

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EIS published. Art Advisory Committee Meetings taking place. The committee is working on theme/messaging to incorporate art into the community by engaging local artists.

The NASED/OCCC Team, DAGS and Sen. Misalucha doing half day volunteering at Gus Webling School to freshen up the campus prior to school opening.

Discussion regarding comments made by candidate Kai Kahele statement for “10,000 units of affordable housing and we don’t need a stadium”. Kahele has not spoken to project proponents. NASED Team are open for discussion. For the current NASED project 2,000 to 3,000 affordable, market rate and work force housing mix proposed. Kam. Drive Inn site is focusing on affordable housing along with HPHA that is proposing to increase density at PuuWaiMomi.

Goal is to make district sustainable and affordable housing should be spread out along the Rail not concentrated in one area so revitalization can take place along the rail. Proponents of NASED are not against affordable housing, the concern is density. Need to be real especially in regards to parking. Awaiting the green light to proceed. About a year to award to issue the RFP. Need to coordinate with B&F DBEDT, AGs. Bidders awaiting RFP.

- X. **‘Aiea Gateway:** Ken Chong shared he has been working with the State DOT. The DOT engineer and plumber that have been working on this has retired or will be retiring soon. Trying to expedite the irrigation portion of the project. Maintenance at the site continues. Homeless mess cleaned up, and hope to refocus on the sign and work on the butterfly garden proposed later. We have the go ahead to for fundraising for the project. 2 Trees taken down on site, right side of the sign. Hope to get quote from Pacific Pipes for piping.
- XI. **‘Aiea School Complex Supply Drive:** The 3rd annual Breene Harimoto Drive was successful, was held on July 16. Several thousand dollars collected. Bennette organized with Pearl City. Mahalo to Jane Sugimura for here donation and also to the Manaloa/Nimitz Lions Club and Home Street Bank. Distribution to be done this Wednesday morning to schools. Mahalo also to Nancy Tsu. At the event, Mountain Apples, Watercress, Crispy Cremes were sold. The Harimotos attended the event.
- XII. **‘Aiea Neighborhood Board:** Discussion about the Navy Red Hill by individuals that came to testify, took up a lot of time. Suggested Navy have town meetings as Aiea neighborhood Board was unable to finish their agenda. A lot of concern and hurt out there. Info needs to be shared to address the concerns of the community affected. Resolution proposed by Aiea NB regarding this matter. Reso regarding Haiku stairs deferred. Speeding Resolution proposed and deferred.

The RAIL Pearl City Park and Ride that has been omitted will hopefully be mitigated by working with Sams Club for additional parking at the shopping center. Candidate Forums coming up virtually. Go to the Aiea Neighborhood Board site and ACA site regarding info on the Candidate Forum.

Regarding the Red Hill water issue, a comment was made that the individuals that hijacked the meeting was orchestrated and we don’t want the NB to be distracted. Issue is more at State/Federal level. Objective of individuals was to get a reso for closure at Red Hill. NB Chairperson acted appropriately to get back to Board business.

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- XIII. **Red Hill Fuel Tanks:** Kathy Isobe shared that the Navy is complying with the Secretary of Defense/DoH request to close facility. Resources and information sheets and links to the websites are on the ACA website. The Navy is working with the Dept of Health and EPA to shut down the tanks. Difficult challenges to address. Will take comments back to Navy regarding the NB Resolution, State should be compensated, community comments. Additional comments may be emailed to Kathy.

The Navy’s Readiness and Protection Integration Program partnering with DLNR to restore the watershed at Waiawa to replenish the aquifer.

There is a Career Expo on August 3 at the Blaisdell from 9-2pm: Navy looking for employees for emergency response and security for Navy Region Pacific Hawaii. Job interviews and offers may be made on the spot.

Rimpac 2022 underway to ending August 4, 26 nations and 25,000 personnel. NCIS Hawaii has been filming around base and piers. This is the last ACA meeting for Kathy as she will be retiring. Replacement is Danny Hayes, who was recently at K-Bay.

- XIV. **Loko Pa‘aiau:** There has been large turnout of volunteers, community days are very popular every first Saturday is community day; Fridays someone is usually there. Waiting for approval to continue the fishpond wall from the Army Corp. Senator Misalucha has been helping at the congressional level to hopefully receive funding for character base curriculum and for students to receive credit as there is value in Aina base practices and community service opportunities. Applied for grant to fund a small 1-year program for training native Hawaiian youths \$50,000. Anyone that would like to teach on the weekend or have ideas to offer to the community email Paaiau.org.

- XV. **Friends of the Aiea Library:** Book sale proposed for 9/10, will discuss with Karen and will need volunteers for the usual setup and take down.

On July 30, there is a K-pop event, let Claire know if you want to volunteer for this event. Also, there will be a K-pop dance group in the afternoon. ACA would fund this event for \$75-\$100.

- XVI. **Christmas Parade:** On December 10, 2022 just the Parade; See Karen to volunteer and spread the word to groups, people that may want to participate.

- XVII. **Representative Reports:** Sen Misalucha: Community Day at school July 23 8-12 7 schools participating to clean school campuses before school opens. Volunteers contact Bennette’s office as she has the school’s wish list: mostly consisting of cutting weeds and painting.

Rep Kong: No report.

Alan Muneoka for Carol Fukunaga’s Office: Passed budget bills for flood control and for signs ‘Don’t feed the chickens.’ A sign would be appropriate at the former ‘Aiea Sugar Mill site.

Brandon Elefante: Mahalo to all that made the school supply drive successful. Pilot project for PHHT going out to bid. Area for project is Lipoa Place to Kalauao rail station that had a lot of homeless and willing landowners. Overall goal is to work and improve entire trail.

- XVIII. **Misc.:** Claire working on another vaccine clinic probably a week day will let us know. Stream debris creating an island in Pearl Harbor, coming down from mauka; source may be from homeless encampment. Shopping carts are dangerous may need heavy equipment for safe removal. Potentially something that community volunteers could do.

Homeless living in tents behind the Hongwanji in tents along the stream