

‘Aiea Community Association

August 15, 2022

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This meeting was conducted virtually via Go To Meetings
7:10 pm, Kalauao, Oahu

- I. **Introductions:** Lauren Chang, Laurie Chang, Reid Chung, David Dupont, Joseph Earring, Ronald Fitch, Marian Gushiken, Jordon Higa, Karen Higa, Joanne Iritani, Keola Kalani, Chris Kinimaka, Lance Maja, Bettina Mehnert, Kim Moa, Susan Morishige, Mavis Niino, Max Otani, Jeff Ramsey, Kimberly Ribellia-Collins, Johnny Reid, Richard of Senator Misalucha’s Office, Lydia Robertson, Karl Smith, Samantha Spain, Jane Sugimura, Wayne Suzuki, Wayne Takara, Claire Tamamoto, Tina Tamura
- II. **Treasurer’s Report:** Reid reported that Claire has some deposits to give Reid. Balance is \$20,729.87. Reid had a girl baby, Ellie. Congratulations to Mom and Dad.
- III. **Secretary Minutes:** Typos/Corrections: Bettina Mehnert, Nancy Hsu, Mahalo to Jane Sugimura for here donation, Alan Muenoka. Under VI Mass Transit: Landmark is Lagoon Drive or Ahua **Station** by Waiwai Loop; Under IX. NASED: SB3334 moved the Stadium Authority to DBEDT not NASED, the project is still with DAGS; Under XIII. Red Hill Fuel Tanks, add a space before Danny Hayes name; refer to Pa‘aiau as Loko ‘Ia Pa‘aiau.

Minutes are on the website. Minutes will reflect corrections to prior minutes. Additional amendments to the minutes can be emailed to kimimills@hawaii.rr.com. Minutes accepted as corrected.

- IV. **Neighborhood Watch:** Wayne reported on the August 13, 2022, meeting. Neighbors of Aiea Heights, Halawa Heights Kalauao [Enchanted Hills] attended the NSW Neighborhood Security Watch meeting. There are some organized block groups. 40 people showed up. Enjoyed networking. Private chat group app used at Enchanted Hills for communication. Text messenger also utilized but may be bothersome. It is up to block captains to decide how to communicate between area neighbors. Burglaries appears to occur at 6 week spurts. Police Officers Kaipo and Makanani were key speakers at the meeting. Their beat is Halawa to Kapolei. Kathy Ochicubo is the Administrator of the What's Up App.
- V. **OCCC:** Bettina introduced Max Otani, Director of the Public Safety Department, that took over PSD in 12/2020. Director Otani reported that PSD will continue to push ahead with new jail proposal. Hope that the new Legislature is more open as there will be new Chairs in the House and Senate and a new finance Chair. PSD will do outreach and education with the new Legislature. The project is not just building the jail but also to offer services for prisoners to be successful when released. Challenges include a lack of housing, substance abuse, burned bridges, no job skills, no support.

Wanted to thank the ACA for their support. Max's term ends when Governor Ige leaves Office. Would like to solidify Dept. before transition. Working with Oversight Commission to address concerns and the consensus is that OCCC needs to be replaced. Optimistic that PSD will get the support in the near future. New jail may have the opportunity to do transitional jobs. All female prisoners are to be located on the Windward side. There are re-entry services there, that may be the pilot for new Halawa CCC. Fishpond work may help develop work ethics, alternative based learning, dialogue to continue.

Questions/ There needs to be more jail diversion programs. Need to have the program in the community before releasing people, need to build capacity. Any discussion with Gubernatorial candidates? Not yet. The success of the youth facility achievement of no female youths, can this be done thru the whole system? There are services out there to help divert them to be successful. Even with jail diversion and bail reform, there is still the need to have a functioning jail not just for prisoners but for the staff moral and safety too.

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- VI. **Mass Transit:** Weekly E-blast on the website, comes out on Monday afternoons about 2-3 o'clock. Johnny Reid shared highlights of the E-blast. Link for video of construction along the alignment of the rail stations and guideway between Kualaka'i [Kapolei] to Kahauiki [Middle Street] . Current guideway completion is 79.3%. Be aware of workers on the road near guideways and keep eyes on the road. HART on KHVH podcast available on line link in the e-blast. Airport guideway business community meeting to be held on Zoom on August 25, 5 pm. please pre-register if attending. Link to register on the e-blast. Monday traffic update: Joint base Pearl Harbor ramp will be closed.

Questions/ Concern about kids getting into Halawa station, could someone be there to modify kids' behavior? Should a designated pathway be created? There are people on site in the day, will bring concern back to HART. Security of the parking lot. A presence is needed. The cracks in the station, understand that an engineering firm is reviewing this matter, what is the timeline? 4 teams consisting of HART, DTS, the contractor and a 3rd party consultant are investigating. It is expected to take 6-8 weeks for analysis and then a recommendation. Regarding the wheel sizing, temporarily, welding will be added to the wheels to make it wider, and the permanent fix is to have wider wheels installed. ACA has been involved with the educational signage, what is the status? Will take back to Ryan Tam and get a response.

- VII. **EAH Housing:** Marian Gushiken reported the mayor announced awards under the City's affordable housing grants and Halewiliko was awarded a grant. Currently going thru the DPP process and obtaining the Dept of Health permits. Will check with expediter to see what can be done to nudge this project along. Could approach Councilmember Elefante to help us along and Councilmember Fukunaga may be willing to help.

Questions/ Projected start time? Planning for May to initiate construction. Soil contamination concern during construction as the winds at the site swirls and breezes go from makai to mauka. Dust and sound will be concerns of nearby residents. Working with Environmental Health for the mitigation plan that will determine the mitigation regarding the movement of the soil. Why was neighbors not informed of the final plans? Building is proposed for the back of the lot with parking in front. Can present site plans when it has been approved. The design of the building has not changed. Noise abatement and building height were some concerns. Schematics to be put up on the ACA website and more discussion at the next meeting. How long will construction take? 15-16 months.

- VIII. **Aloha Stadium:** Samantha Spain reported no updates to public events. DLNR has a large recruit class and is using the hospitality room for training purposes for the next 6-8 months. Some activities in the parking lot. The Sheriffs Dept, EMS, and HPD w/canine on site also doing training and there will be DOE drivers Ed training also taking place. Next week cranes will be on site for filming NCIS.

Nice picture of Claire on the Stadium Authority website. Is the Drive Thru Haunted House a possibility? Yes, will be working with Habilitat. Octoberfest is September 24th at the Lower lot.

- IX. **NASED:** Chris reported Representative Nakamura requested renderings of affordable housing units at 10,000 units for the NASED site. This would exceeds the County's TOD height limits adopted in 2020 and would require new legislation, FAA and Navy concerns would need to be addressed, there may not be enough utilities to provide for the site and there is no parking in the renderings. 5 towers over 400-feet would be needed and pedestrians would see walls of buildings. with no mauka/maki; Ewa/Diamond Head views. Would not be able to bring in retail, work, mixed uses to the site as the site would be entirely housing. Housing should be spread out along the railway and the rest of the island. For the current development, working to insure there is enough utilities to be sustainable. Sewerage is a big issue, recycled water for green spaces will be used.

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Regarding parking, there is no minimum parking level. The proposed NASED development will be created over 20 years. NASED will be coming out with renderings that will illustrate where affordable housing is on the island. Much of it is in urban Honolulu and should be spread out more. Unrealistic to think future residents will have no cars. Alternative to create a Pu‘uhonua suggested. Aiea/Halawa is a passageway to the west. If traffic clogs up Aiea, it will back up traffic to the west. For reference /comparison, Hawaii Public Housing Authority manages 6000 units statewide. FAQs on the website has been updated. NASED FAQs may be found at: nased.hawaii.gov/quickfactsfaqs/

- X. **Loko ‘Ia Pa‘aiau:** Lots of visitors, groups and schools and inquiries such as 808 Clean Ups, Hawai‘i Academy of Family Physicians, Kaiser Hospital, Navy, Alternative School from Waianae, Kamehameha Schools, John Burns School of Medicine, Lions Club, Assets School. Field trips and alternative learning programs are proposed. Usually, groups of 40-80 people come out. September 3 next community workday. Start no earlier than 9am to 130pm.

Recent meeting with NAVFAC, Army Corp, EPA regarding dredging Pa‘aiau, as there is 3-4 feet of sediment. Navy building new dry dock at Hickam, and could use the sediment for fill at the proposed drydock. Kalauo stream debris that is creating islands in the estuary could also hopefully be dredged out.

Hale Ali‘i O Na Koa is a place of peace, rejuvenation. Applied for grant for ecological restoration with native Hawaiian youth to address climate change. Working with Aiea HS to bring kalo back into the area. Cannot eat shell fish there, to make aina sustainable can grow food. Restore the community, restore the land, restore the people.

- XI. **Aiea Gateway:** We were moving forward with irrigation and plans for the signage, the butterfly garden and then our Adopt a Highway program agreement has been terminated because DOT doesn’t want people to be working on federal highway and roadways. Claire to write to DOT. Could the land possibly be encumbered under another agency? Really need to maintain the area to prevent homeless.

- XII. **Aiea Complex School Supply:** Wayne reported it was fun and successful. Raised \$8000 in monetary donations. Lots of supplies donated. Maybe partner with Pearlridge next year.

- XIII. **Navy matters/concerns:** Lydia reported that long term monitoring continues. Working on defueling effort. This is aligned with the DoH oversight. There is a Rapid Response Team available. New Admiral Barnett in charge. \$14.9 million allocated to work on surrounding ecosystem of the Pearl Harbor aquifer, more details to come. Claire stated that an exploratory well to be drilled near the horseshoe turn up Aiea Heights by BWS, info on Councilmember Fukunaga’s newsletter/website. Monitoring wells are also being drilled; info derived from monitoring well will be shared between agencies.

- XIV. **Aiea Neighborhood Board** was on recess

- XV. **Friends of the Library:** Karen stated he book sale will be on Saturday, September 10, may need to control entrance. Library opens at 9am-3pm; 9-230 book sale; need help to set up on Friday and on Saturday to take down after sale.

There were 9 vendors at the K-Pop event, mahalo to those that helped out. Gross receipts were over \$6000. K pop dance group and dancing lessons were available and there were multi-generational participants.

- XVI. **ACA Annual Christmas Parade:** Parade on December 10. Same route, no fair, just informational booths.

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XVII. **Misc.:** Question/ Update on Kam Drive Inn? Not very much movement on the project. Project may be going back to Robertson. Inquiry may be forwarded to Stanford Carr.

XVII. **Announcements:** See agenda. Next meeting September 19 at 7pm at the library and virtually.

XVIII. **Representatives Reports:** For Councilmember Fukunaga, Kim Ribellia-Collins reported about the BWS Wells previously discussed and that parking enforcement has been requested on Aiea Heights. Reached out to area residents and requested residents to park correctly, beautification projects could be proposed here.

For Senator Benette Misalucha, Richard expressed gratitude to those that volunteered to beautify the school campuses, over 100 volunteers. Senator currently working on houseless issues in the Newtown area, meeting coming up Thursday via zoom.