

'Aiea Community Association

October 17, 2022

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This meeting was a hybrid meeting conducted via Go To Meetings
And in person at the 'Aiea Library
7 pm, Kalauao, Oahu

I. Introductions: Bernie Caalim, Lauire/ Loren Chang, David Duponte, Ronald Fitch, Marion Gushiken, David Harris, Jordon Higa, Karen Higa, Joanne Iritani, Andy Kaufman, Kendall, Chris Kinimaka, Kehaulani Lum, Lance Maja, Bettina Mehnert, Kimberly Mills, Senator Bennette Misalucha, Kim Moa, Susan Morishige, Myles (Landscape Arch), Mavis Niino, Jeff Ramsey, Johnny Reid, Lydia Robertson, Keith Sawamura, Samantha Spain, Wayne Takara, Claire Tamamoto

II. **Secretary's Minutes/Treasurer's Report:** No Secretary's Minutes or Treasurer's Report

III. **Mass Transit:** HART's Johnny Reid shared the Weekly E-blast that is published every Monday. There is an emergency training exercise this Saturday on October 22, 2022 at the Kualakai station. HART, Hitachi, multiple emergency response agencies are involved. This is a planned exercise and there will be lane closures with traffic contra flowed.

Dillingham utility relocation's \$496 million contract has been awarded to Nan Inc.
Business and Community meeting will be held on October 27, 12 Noon, virtual.

Question: Are there any timeline updates? On August 29, the 90 day trial running period for testing and scenarios was initiated. Still need to address fixes to hammerheads-the report is overdue. After completion of both, the management will be turned over to City DTS.

Question: Is testing over hammerhead [horizontal structure that support the platform entry point on the station] okay? The loads are transferred to the vertical columns. There is no reason to stop trial running until repairs are made. Frogs have been resolved: the temporary fix was to add material to the crossovers, the welding fix was contracted out and as been completed. The long term fix is to utilize larger size wheels. Wheel interface issue resolved. Who covers the cost has not yet been determined, just moving with the fix. Upon completion, HART CEO will let public know.

Youth Group painting on the columns? Not aware of any permitted paintings on the column structure.

IV. **Halewaliko Senior Housing:** Marion Gushiken introduced Keith Sawamura, an Architect from Design Partners Inc. Story Board site plans were shared of the proposed facility that is three stories with 140 units. Parapets may increase the height and will shield building infrastructure such as solar water collection. Other improvements include a dog park, residential gardens and fencing. There will still be access to Aiea Intermediate School.

Concern regarding view planes shared. Improvements have been moved away from back property line. Concrete slab to be removed. Will find out if building will be lower after civil and drainage plans are complete.

Myles from Walters Kimura Motoda Inc. discussed the proposed landscaping at the site. Areca palms and ginger will be massed, and plantings are proposed near the property line with trees in the parking lot. A concern regarding vegetative waste and noise was brought up.

What kind of sound mitigation is proposed? Natural ventilation is proposed with ceiling fans and windows. Residents may apply to obtain air conditioning. DoH community noise standards will be

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met. Building may aid in blocking noise to the adjacent residents. Chickens expected to move offsite with the proposed construction. Seniors 62 + expected to be generally quiet.

With cap removal, will there be soil mitigation? The cap removal will be monitored and controlled to prevent dispersal. It was noted that the winds swirl in the area. A mitigation plan from the Dept of Health would need to be developed and followed. Environmental professions will be on hand.

- V. **Aloha Stadium:** Samantha Spain shared the Habilitat Drive Thru Haunted House event continues at the Lower Halawa lot. When done, the Holiday Light Show will be brought back. The auction for the Stadium items is going on thru Aloha Auction online until October 26. The auction is going well. Season ticketholders could purchase their seat thru Aloha Auction. Polynesian Tour bus parking thru the beginning of September, as their parking lot is being paved. Swap meet still going on. NCIS filming at the Stadium is on tonight. Couple more filming taking place.

Discussion regarding what the university pays for and gets for football games. UH pays for operating matters. The stadium's average annual revenue is \$7-8 million. UH brings in about 10% of revenue UH has 7 games and is not charged for rent. UH retains 100% ticket sales, reserved parking, suites, pay for view rights. Attendance based incentives offered to UH.

NASED: Chris Kinimaka shared the EIS is halfway thru the legal challenge period. Everything on hold right now regarding the RFP and Real Estate District. Waiting on Governor for feedback on future plans. Continue to do stakeholder coordination and transition of the new administration.

Claire needs a better picture for the Stadium Authority (SA). SA and Legislative branches all thought the P3 and self-sustainability was the plan to move forward as the Lege did not fund Stadium improvements and maintenance. The Governor's direction took everyone by surprise. Price tag of \$350 million may not be enough as cost continue to go up.

At the Neighborhood Board meeting there was a question regarding as to who is in charge, it appears that the SA is. DBEDT usually does not meddle in attached agencies, so this is a bit concerning. Currently there is no knowledge of the Gov's new direction to the SA and DAGS. DBEDT may not have the capacity to follow thru. The new administration could go back to the former plan. Act 146 in 2021 made it very clear that the SA has sole jurisdiction on the site however DBEDT was given \$350 million funds for the stadium. The new administration will decide.

Kehau shared the EIS did not address her concerns. Over 80 families lived on the Stadium site. Need to honor the aina thru ho'oponopono. Appears we are in the same place as when the previous stadium was built. Something is underlying all of this that is being missed, take this moment not to be angry but try and cleanse all the trouble that is in the aina. Burials of Kupuna not included in FEIS, the bones are still there. If we address this underlying pilikia that is in the aina maybe, we can find peace and come together at the fishpond. Make something that is loving. DAGS team would like to sit down at Paaiau to discuss and make peace with the area. Developers need to adhere to a Master Plan.

Impression that SA does not have final say as approval needed from DBEDT, B&F and the Governor. The intention of the Lege was that DBEDT aligned more with the role of economic development/marketing. Seemed like a good transition, intent was that SA would still oversee the project. Ultimately the goal is to have something that we can be proud of and grateful for and pay tribute for what we have been given and to honor the people that came before us. Suggest Ho'oponopono from the community.

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VI. **OCCC:** Bettina shared contracted work is being completed. The architectural space program will update the conceptual floor plan and site plan. Doing building massing analysis, baseline staffing, operational budget estimate, and projected construction cost. Information will help with updates in the future. Anticipating completing this work by the end of year. PSD request to the Lege to continue with the design was not approved. Will ask for funding at this next Lege session. After election will reach out to the Lege. The Correctional Oversight Commission has been touring facilities and have found all facilities are in dire need of improvements.

VII. **Loko Pa‘aiau:** Kehaulani Lum shared for workdays 50-80 volunteers have been coming out from Aiea, military, descendants, people from all over the island. Mahalo to Jordon Higa for his work, coordination, and donation. Currently taking a break on Saturdays during Makahiki. There will be a Makahiki ceremony at Rainbow Bay Park, the public is welcomed to attend. Still hosting schools and other organizations. Recent grant funding received to address climate change anxiety. Kehau and Jeff Pantaleo have done a presentation on north shore and will be making other presentations. Kai Piha documentary that included Pa‘aiau is receiving an Interpretive Media Preservation Honor Award at the Historic Hawaii Foundation Awards dinner. Loko Pa‘aiau has been featured as a model site for Sec 106 consultation. The Navy has been testing the pond site for DNA to determine what plant and animal life maybe or has been present in the pond.

Kim Moa shared that Loko Pa‘aiau is part of a hui of fishponds from across the state that consists of about 40 ponds, Hui Malama Loko Ia. The Wailee fishpond located on the Northshore was discussed. Children treated badly there. How do we prevent this from happening again and how do we take care of people and not have these atrocities happen again.

It appears organizations are coming to Pa‘aiau as schools don't have the capacity or content for the practice to heal the aina. Certified curriculum for character base education thru practice proposed. Hope to have the program evaluated by UH and then move to the schools. Mahalo to Senator Misalucha for the support to initiate this program. Ed Case to visit the pond this Friday. Kumu Keola students to do the welcome protocol and demonstrate the growth and enrichment of the students.

VIII. **Moanalua Road Oleander Removal:** Andy shared that the vegetation was removed due to maintenance issues.

IX. **Aiea Gateway:** Told the site may be too dangerous for us to maintain.

X. **Navy Matters:** Lydia Robertson shared appreciation for Kehau for what she does at the fishpond. There have been water main breaks that are affecting military water systems; working with DoH and BWS. Call EOC with any concerns regarding water issues, phone number is on the website and facebook. Red Hill working towards closure with EPA and DoH at the speed of safety. EIS for the shipyard went out. Makahiki on November 5th.

Question regarding reactivating Aiea Halawa shaft: every step taken goes thru DoH and EPA. Monitoring wells in place to track contamination. Will let community know, will not move forward without them.

XI. **Christmas Parade:** Karen Higa shared the parade will be on December 10. Applications went out to interested parties and is on our website. Forms may be filled out and sent to Karen. Everyone is welcome to walk with the ACA. Santa will be coming. Need help to get convertible for Santa. Library room will be used for community information displays. For more information or to volunteer, email: aieaparade@yahoo.com

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XII. **Misc.:** Puakala St cul-de-sac clean up by youth group from the Pacific Academy. Mahalo! Rep Kong came and picked up the trash.

Senator Misalucha shared her final report to the ACA. Mahalo for the last 2 years to the community and Senator's staff. Office will continue to work to the last day. Always inspired by the community. ACA mahalo'd Senator, very appreciative of Senator's support.