

‘Aiea Community Association

February 20, 2023

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This meeting was virtually conducted via Go To Meetings
7 pm, ‘Aiea, Oahu

- I. **In Attendance:** Charessa Fric, Marian Gushiken, Kevin Hara, David Harris, Jordon Higa, Xavier Ito, Cole Kaneshiro, Eric Kaneshiro, Karen, Andy Kaufman, Chris Kinimaka, Questor Lau, Kehaulani Lum, Lance Maja, Bettina Mehnert, Susan Morishige, Myles Nishida, Jeff Ramsey, Johnny Reid, Lydia Robinson, Lynn Sari, Keith Sawamura, Garner Shimizu, Nicole Shiraishi, Samantha Spain, Wayne Takara, Brent Tamamoto, Claire Tamamoto

- II. **Secretary's Minutes/Treasurer's Report:** December Minutes reviewed: Item VIII.OCCC, Leg should be ‘Lege’ or Legislature; Community Traditional Center should be Community Transitional Center. December Minutes approved as corrected.
Treasurer’s Report: Reid ran the Aloha Run and is recovering. Balance is \$23109.81. Expenditures for the Parade: Safety Systems \$1636.56 for coning; Insurance \$404; and 3 Honolulu Police Officers \$353. We also received a donation of \$500 from Pearlridge Center and sold a book. Accepted subject to audit.

- III. **Neighborhood Watch:** No report

- IV. **Mass Transit:** HART’s Johnny Reid of the Public Involvement Team shared a Construction Notice regarding Kanuku St. and Lipoa Pl. closing lanes (3 lanes down to 1 lane) overnight February 21-March 31 to address hammerhead cracks. Epoxy injections to take place. In total 21 epoxy injections being performed along the line.
Rail Safety Hazards Flyer also shared for safety messaging. Want people to know to keep out of work sites and tracks that are electrified. Touching the 3rd rail could be deadly with 750 volts. 1500 Camera on/ in trains and stations. Rail Facilities areas not open to the public can be dangerous.
For additional information on the Honolulu Rail Transit Project, please visit HART’s website at www.HonoluluTransit.org or call HART’s 24-Hour Project Hotline at (808) 566-2299 or email at info@honolulutransit.org.
DTS [City Dept of Transportation Services] to announce opening dates for the Rail.
Question: Any repairs to Aloha Stadium section of the line? No. The hammerhead issues appear to be present at the initial stations and will hopefully be corrected with the newer sections.

- V. **Halewaliko Senior Housing:** Marian Gushiken introduced the Team: Keith Sawamura from Design Partners Inc is the Architect; Miles Nishida from Walters Kimura Motoda is the Landscape Architect; Nicole Shiraishi is the Project Manager; Questor Lau is the EAH Project Manager.
Landscaping plan: Back end of the property has areca palms, a 5-ft gravel strip has been added to address maintenance, shell ginger remains; trees and plumeria added, monkey pods have been removed.
Potential noise: Cars, air conditioning, around the building sounds are a concern. A sound study has been done. Most noise is expected to be generated at the front of the building. Noise in the area is amplified and that remains a concern. Air conditioning model will be recommended to residents. Request that the Landscaping Plan and Sound study be forwarded to Claire.
Building Permit: Progress being made however permits have not yet been issued.

- VII **Aloha Stadium:** Samantha Spain stated that February was a very busy month with concerts. A country music and reggae music concert took place in the parking lot. Over 6,000 fans attended for each night. Great Aloha Run did well with about 12,000 runners ended at Lower Halawa lot. Aloha Stadium Closing Event on Saturday February 5, 10-9. Special run out with current and past UH players at 6 pm. Ceremony to follow along with live entertainment. Special tours with groups will still take place.

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- VIII. NASED:** Chris Kinimaka shared that attention is currently on the Legislature. Bills introduced by Chris regarding housing at the site and transferring the Stadium Authority to DBEDT did not survive to crossover. Keeping an eye on SB139 relating to important housing lands to identify property to construct 100,000 units of housing along the rail.
Newsletter continues and is available at the website NASED.hawaii.gov. Archive also available. Talk story corner for communities to share stories or events continues along with FAQs, media articles and current events at the Stadium.
Question? Possible to get the trenching report? Yes, once finalized, it will be made public. Believed where the kuleana parcels were, was trenched.
How much water will be used? 1.2 million gallons per day for the district projected.
- IX. OCCC:** Bettina shared the status update for the legislature and discussed bills that are still moving in the Legislature: the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission, bail, bail reform; inmate pay; minor children to remain w/mother going thru a program, restricting solitary confinement, social work training program, judiciary review, establish Ho‘okaulike at UH, recidivism reduction, medical release, increase sentencing, restorative justice, and rehabilitation.
Question? How much water will be used for the facility? Bettina to get back to Kehau. Inquiry due to Pa‘aiau fishpond restoration effort as Kalauao spring producing less than 5 million gallons per day and would like to insure sufficient amount of water for the pond. Needed for studies as Navy plans mitigation. Believed currently 800,000G diverted per day. Appears to be irrigation water. Pond needs 800,000 G per day. Want to be sure there is enough water.
- X. Loko Pa‘aiau:** Last workday was with thunder and lightning but about 30 people came out and talked story. Next workday is April 22, National Lands Day. Navy and military members expected to come. East West Center journalist to visit the pond on March 17. Working with the VA on March 31 for malama ‘aina program. May 6 Punahou School visiting. May 13 Aiea High School students’ graduation. Good discussion with Congressman Ed Case’s staff regarding the pond; would like to know if what is being done at Pa‘aiau can be replicated.
10-month study with student cohort by CTAHR [College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources] regarding climate change impact anxiety remedy for students looks very promising.
May want to review the Commission of Water Resources Management instream flow standards to insure there is sufficient inflow of water to support the fishpond.
- XI. Navy Matters:** Families at McGrew Point appreciate and enjoy visiting the pond. Red Hill will be defueled and closed. Joint Task Force in charge of defueling and Navy in charge of closure and remediation. Feel free to reach out to Lydia.
Can Red Hill facility be re-used? Looking for community input.
HFFF spill report to be completed soon. Navy participating in hiring fairs for first responders. Also commemorating Black History month. At the Navy Exchange, a booth will be set up on February 23, 10-1 at center court to help people on the safe water site.
Community member stated that they would like Admiral Wayne to use the term ‘kuleana.’
- XII. Aiea Neighborhood Board:** Usually take a recess in March but will recess in April
- XIII. Book Sale:** January 28 raised \$596.50 will go into the Friends of the Library account.
- XVI. Misc.:** Meeting information is emailed, See agenda for Announcements.