

‘Aiea Community Association

December 19, 2022

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

I. In Attendance: Laurie Chang, Jordon Higa, Karen Higa, Kendall Matsuyoshi, Andy Kaufman, Chris Kinimaka, Lydia-Navy, Lance Maja, Bettina Mehnert, Holley Morgan-WTP, Susan Morishige, Mavis Niino, Jeff Ramsey, Johnny Reid, Samantha Spain, Wayne Suzuki, 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 information from the Weekly E-blast that is published every Monday. Happy Holidays! E-blast on pause until next year. Ed Sniffen joins the HART Board. HART on HPR on December 14, link available. HART Construction-Intermittent Lane closures on Halekuwila as initiating utility work, starting January 3rd. Business Spotlight on Poke by the Pound, uses locally sourced fish, located at 322 Kalihi St.

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.

IV. Pearl Ridge Center: Thank you for the help at the Parade. GM David Cianelli was a Marshall at our Parade.

V. Aloha Stadium: Sam Spain reported the Stadium continues with the holiday light show. There were some cancellations due to the rain and technical difficulties. Refunds will be given. The light show will end on December 30. There has been some noise complaints regarding the music and trains, working with licensee regarding mitigation. No Swap Meet December 25 and January 1.

VI. Neighborhood Watch: Wayne Suzuki reported that late January/early February there will be a Aiea/Halawa Heights meeting to coordinate and share information regarding the neighborhood watch. Hope to collaborate with Pearl City. Appears that individuals are lacking manners and consideration of their neighbors. Suggests law changes and education.

VII. New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District (NASED): Chris Kinimaka shared the challenge period for the EIS has been completed. Governor Green has met with project proponents prior to election and appears that he would like to move forward with the proposal. Will be re-engaging developers and community. Launching new format of the newsletter that will be monthly. Newsletter will feature guest columnist of the month; key articles and narratives; Highlights of the latest project and community happenings. Also want to feature community interest items. Newsletter will be via email blast.

The teams and developers of the project are available on the NASED website. As stated in the chat, "The short list can be found under the quick facts - procurement section" <https://nased.hawaii.gov/quickfactsfaqs/>

Claire would like to revisit cultural aspects that were previously mentioned. Discussion regarding contacts in the book Halawa. Information would be in the Archeological Inventory Survey (AIS). Trenches were dug, nothing found. Areas have been previously disturbed. Claire suggested that a meeting take place with a former family that lived there. Chris mentioned that an Archeological Management Plan will be in place during construction.

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Regarding construction, a concern regarding quality control to ensure standards are followed was brought up. Chris explained how the procurement and contractor guidelines/agreements will deter that. Revealed that the original Stadium did not have building permits.

Housing will be mixed income. Every increment will have affordable housing. There will be family work force housing and market housing. Anticipate over 4,000 residential units on site. Affordable housing should be spread along the rail to create walkable, livable communities that encourage participation. Half of the properties along the rail belong to the State.

Will the Aloha Stadium be just like the Rail? Completely different approach utilized. State land and entitlements in place unlike the Rail. State committed to cost control.

VIII.OCCC: Bettina shared Tommy Johnson is the new Director of the Department of Public Safety. He previously served as the Deputy Director. Legislative Committees have been determined. Outreach to Leg to support the project proposed. Preliminary staffing plan for the community **transitional** center being reviewed by Bettina to hopefully share with us in the future.

IX. Loko Pa'aiau: Claire recently visited the pond. On the 9th and 16th, hosted Brigadier General Okamura and Admiral Wade. Impressed with Kumu Keola and students that come on Friday after school to work at the pond. Admiral Wade brought about 30 individuals to learn about the site, pond and hale. Community extended fellowship to the military to come to the pond to rejuvenate, reflect and relax.

X. Navy: Lydia shared the military appreciates the Aloha shared at the pond. The Navy looking for volunteer opportunities to work with the community. Navy will be having hiring fairs for employment opportunities would like to outreach to the community. Commemorated December 7th with the Park Services. Continue to work on the defueling and closure of the Red Hill fuel tanks. Continue to do water monitoring, that is posted on the website.

For more information on Red Hill - news releases, updates on defuel and closure: <https://cnrh.cnrc.navy.mil/Operations-and-Management/Red-Hill/DEPARTMENT-OF-DEFENSE-CLOSURE-PLAN-RED-HILL-BULK-FUEL-STORAGE-FACILITY/>

Long Term Monitoring of water system - JBPHH-SAFEWATERS.org

Information on the Red Hill defueling - <https://www.pacom.mil/JTF-Red-Hill/Joint-Task-Force-Red-Hill/>

XI. Christmas Parade: Karen Higa reported that the Parade went well. Claire rode in a white corvette. Amy Hill from Magnum PI participated along with Congressman Case and Senator Brandon Elefante, Radiant Cordero and Val Okimoto. Vintage VW Group, Saint Elizabeth Trolley, Our Savior Lutheran had a float, Aiea High School Band performed. Total 30 groups participated. Aiea Rec. Center would like to participate next year.

Cost for parade has gone up. Coning went up from \$400 to \$1636; \$404 Insurance; Special Duty Police \$330 + \$15. Got \$250 donation and Pearlridge will also be donating. Could get more donations to offset costs. Will start planning earlier for next year.

XII. Misc.: Houseless near Library, there is a new resident there about a month expanding his presence with trash. Three individuals also living on the stream near Aiea Shopping Center. Roosters multiplying again near Library. Parking along Aiea Heights blocking sight lines. No response regarding the oleander removal on the highway. Book sale proposed for January 28.