

'Aiea Community Association

April 17, 2023

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

- I. In Attendance:** Olivia Carbi, Laurie Chang, Reid Chung, Radiant Cordero, Ronald Fitch, Bree Fong, David Harris, Jordon Higa, Karen Higa, Joanne Iritani, Andy Kaufman, Chris Kinimaka, Kehaulani Lum, Lori Lum, Lance Maja, Bettina Mehnert, Kimberly Mills, Kim Moa, Jeff Ramsey, Johnny Reid, Lydia Robinson, Lynn Sari, Garner Shimizu, Samantha Spain, Jane Sugimura, Wayne Suzuki, Wayne Takara, Claire Tamamoto, Erica Vargas, Kevin Won

- II. Secretary's Minutes/Treasurer's Report:** No Secretary Minutes.
Treasurer's Report: Recent deposit of \$388, current balance of \$23,275.81, there are pending checks. Claire stated she is receiving funds for orders for the Aiea book, that she mails out as orders come in. Bill for Power Equipment coming in.

- III. Neighborhood Watch:** Kevin Won has no updates and was referred by his Uncle Charlie Fukuhara, that may be Claire's classmate.

- IV. Mass Transit:** HART's Johnny Reid of the Public Involvement Team shared the Weekly eBlast. HART Executive Director and CEO Lori Kahikini was featured on the Star Advertiser' Spotlight; HART Board meetings are open to the public and featured on the Olelo; Dillingham Utilities Relocation Business and Community Meeting; Traffic update around Lagoon Drive; and BLVD Snack and Take out Sushi was featured.
Construction Notice of Kanuku St. and Kaonohi St: April 2-May 31, 2023, 8:30pm- 5am to address the hammerhead mitigation, intermittent lane closures was shared. Regarding the hammerheads, epoxy injections are complete, 8 locations need to have an external retrofit then the hammerhead mitigation is complete. Trial running and system demonstration has been completed. Rail ready to be turned over to County DTS [Department of Transportation Services]. Looking at a July timeframe to turnover to City.
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 us at info@honolulustransit.org.
An update of questions that were asked at the Neighborhood Board such as Who will be responsible for paying for repairs; and What is the life span analysis of a repaired hammerhead vs. hammerhead that was not repaired was requested. No current information, still attempting to get a response as HART's goal is to get the repairs done.
What is the area makai of Kamehameha Hwy at the Kalauao Station? DTS is proposing to build a Bus Transit Center, plans being done by G70.
Utilities are being moved beyond Middle St. What is the next segment? After Aloha Stadium, RAIL goes to the Airport, Ualena St. to Waiwai Loop/Lagoon Drive Station, then to Middle St. to Dillingham Blvd to Ka'aahi St. to Iwilei Road/Nimitz then Nimitz/Kekaulike, Nimitz/Bishop St., to Halekuwila, ending temporarily at South St. until the extensions to UH are designed/constructed.
Passenger Service to Middle St. is expected to begin in 2025 as need 2 years of testing. Middle St. will be the next segment to open.
Map of Stations and Cross streets shared: <https://honolulustransit.org/about/route-map/>

- V. Halewaliko Senior Housing:** No representative available. Andy shared that Miles Nishida from Walters Kimura Motoda, is communicating with him regarding proposed plant materials. Claire shared that Civil Plans have been approved and the project is waiting on the overall Building Permit. Claire asked Councilperson Cordero if she can help move it long.
Councilperson Cordero stated that she will be having a discussion with the Dept of Land Management and Community Services that are working on the contract this Friday.

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Andy asked if there are any updates regarding chickens and roosters? Councilperson Cordero stated there is Senate Concurrent Resolution 92 that would start a 5-year program for feral chickens. Why is feral cats not included? Claire believes it is due to cat lovers. Testimony encouraged.

VI. Aloha Stadium: Samantha Spain stated that meeting with DTS was successful. DTS’s RAIL Station is proposing to open in July. In partnership, DTS and the Stadium will work on grand opening events and hope to integrate with Swap Meet in regard to fresh produce and products and expand on other events. When dates are secured, will be discussing what is planned.

50th State Fair is starting up in the lower parking lot and will run May 26-July 9. Additional concerts in the upper Halawa lot are proposed in July, August, and September. Prep work is being done in the upper Halawa lot for the Swap Meet relocation. Swap Meet will be open during construction of the new Stadium and the proposed relocation area will be undergoing repaving, restriping and new restrooms will be installed.

Claire proposed that events occur at the western stations. Samantha explained that long-term events are proposed and information on routes beyond the Stadium will be available. Johnny explained that destination events are proposed at the stations located west. DTS will be coordinating events. Kehau shared people can come to the fishpond via the historic trail.

VII. NASED: Chris Kinimaka shared we are at the end of the Legislative Session and that 2 fiscal bills continue for the Stadium. The New Aloha Stadium Community Newsletter was shared that highlighted Prince Kūhiō Day; project update, Swap Meet is open; FAQs on funding; Chace Shigemasa of Aliamamu/Salt Lake Neighborhood Board; highlights of Stadium Events, Loko Pa‘aiau, history and other features.

The community is invited to come to the next Stadium Board meeting: Info for Stadium Authority Board Meeting on April 27: <https://alohastadium.hawaii.gov/agenda-minutes/april-2023-stadium-authority-board-meeting-agenda-minutes/>.

The last Thursday of every month the Stadium Board meets, and the public is welcome. Claire encourages the community to come as she hears a lot of concerns from the community. Design Build Finance Maintain discussed. We [DAGS, Stadium Authority, Public] are all waiting for a proposal. What is the status? Chris explained there are different models that were being proposed. The model that DAGS was working on was Design Build Finance Maintain because there isn’t enough State funding for the entire cost of building the Stadium. The development of the district was to generate revenue to pay back the developer and for operations/maintenance. Modeling shows that break even would be at 8 years with additional revenue generated.

What may currently be proposed is the Design Build Operate Maintain model. A private developer instead of the Stadium Authority would operate the Stadium, as the developer may be more aggressive in generating revenue to do the same thing. However, because the Stadium Authority is not in the transactions, how do you control the developer? Contracts need to be written for the benefit of the community and success.

Chris stated that Admin moved away from DBFM due to the risk of paying back financing if the district did not generate enough revenue to pay back the financing. Studies/modeling were done to indicate DBFM was sound. With DBOM, because the developer will be building, operating, maintaining the Stadium and building the District to generate revenue, the developer may put in their own funds to build a better Stadium to generate revenue.

Be patient and persevere and don’t let fear be the driver.

VIII. OCCC: Bettina shared newsletter 48 topics that include bills for OCCC; the continued delay at OCCC and how cost is affected along with the risk of doing nothing; and the last Director stated that there will be federal intervention if nothing is done. Tommy Johnson has been confirmed as Director of Public Safety and may be willing to participate in our meetings. HB 300 includes funding to continue the design of OCCC.

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- IX. Loko Pa'aiau:** Kim Moa shared: Pā'aiau Workdays: 1) National Lands Day/Earth Day on April 22. Everyone welcome. Laying steppingstones and pulling pickle weed. 2) May 5, Assets School 5th Graders and the Pearl Harbor Officers Spouses Club; 3) Second Saturday and Sunday, Ka Hana Kapa with Aunty Verna Apio; 4) Save the Date: May 6, Punahou Alumni Association workday. Everyone is welcome; 5) Save the Date: May 13, 'Aiea High School Hale Haola cohort graduation. 6) Our core team is there on most Fridays. All are welcome, usually gather around 10am. Dredging may modify work days.
Representatives will be sent to the annual Hui Malama gathering the first week of May to discuss and learn from other fishpond practitioners across the state.
- X. Navy Matters:** Lydia shared that dewatering has been initiated for Red Hill and shared the following links: Joint Task Force-Red Hill -dewatering today, important part of defueling; regulators on site: <https://www.pacom.mil/JTF-Red-Hill/Press-Room/Press-Releases/Article/3365630/jtf-red-hill-announces-dewatering/>
Survey on potential non-fuel reuse of Red Hill - <https://www.redhillrepurposing.com/>
Everyone is encouraged to take the above survey.
Closure will start once defueling is done. The IRS has agreed not to tax individuals for Red Hill mitigation funds. The DoD Health agency is now seeing people who don't have DoD access to health insurance, Red Hill Clinic open. Long-term monitoring has been completed for the first year and is available online.
The Joint Base Commander is doing facebook live first and third Wednesday of the month.
Question/ Water being filtered and pumped into Halawa stream when will that process be done? The purpose of that was to create a capture zone for contamination. Any changes to this have to be approved by the Dept. of Health. When it changes, we will let the community know.
- XI. Book Sale:** Karen stated that there will be a book sale this Saturday, April 22, 2023. Looking for volunteers to set up on Friday, April 21 at 5pm and take down on Saturday after 2pm. Come out, it's a good deal and a good way to support the Library.
- XII. Neighborhood Board:** Meeting on May 8. June 12 is a Holiday so meeting on Tuesday June 13. Adult Residential care home that will take more than 6 people 99-429 aoawa Place for licensing. Parking all on site.
- XIII. Representative Reports:** Councilperson Radiant Cordero reported her follow up about the Halawa speed tables and people avoiding it by going on Pohoiki St. and a follow up on parking on Aiea Heights Drive that is causing damage to the shower trees. A response has been requested. The links below were shared.
Regarding inquiries on bus /rail integration, DTS has been notified that the community would like an update. Bus-Rail Integration Presentation <https://tinyurl.com/DTSBusRail>
Pearl Ridge Mall Satellite City Hall will be opening at 10am.
rcordero@honolulu.gov // (808) 768-5007 Council Site + Newsletters
<https://www.honolulucitycouncil.org/district-7-cordero>
Register for Summer Fun <https://www.honolulu.gov/cms-csd-menu/site-csd-sitearticles/1611-site-csd-news-2023-cat/53061-04-17-23-register-for-summer-fun-2023-online.html>
Pearlridge Satellite City Hall Adjusted Hours <https://www.honolulu.gov/cms-csd-menu/site-csd-sitearticles/1611-site-csd-news-2023-cat/53022-04-14-23-pearlridge-satellite-city-hall-forced-to-adjust-hours.html>
<https://www.honolulucitycouncil.org/budget>
Earth day cleanup for Pearl Harbor Historic Trail. Email Councilperson if interested.

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Kehau mentioned that Loko Pa'aiau is along the trail and invited the Councilperson to the pond. Claire shared her concern regarding trees at the Post Office and on Aiea Heights being damaged by car back fire.

XVI.Misc.: Meeting information is emailed, See agenda for Announcements.

May 26, Aiea Hongwangi will be sponsoring another vaccination clinic at 4-8pm.

The next ACA meeting will be on May 22nd.

Membership for 2024 will be outlined at the May meeting.

For more information on City Council bills, contact Councilperson Cordero.

The State and Preschools are looking for workers.