

‘Aiea Community Association

November 21, 2022

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

- I. **In Attendance:** Bridey Best, Loren Chang, Marian Gushiken, Jordon Higa, Karen Higa, Joanne Iritani, Kendall, Keola Kalani, Andy Kaufman, Chris Kinimaka, Lynn, Kehaulani Lum, Lance Maja, Bettina Mehnert, Kim Moa, Susan Morishige, Mavis Niino, Jeff Ramsey, Johnny Reid, Samantha Spain, Jane Sugimura, Wayne Takara, Claire Tamamoto
- II. **Secretary's Minutes/Treasurer's Report:** No Secretary's Minutes or Treasurer's Report
- III. **Neighborhood Watch:** No report
- IV. **Mass Transit:** 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.
HART's Johnny Reid shared the Weekly E-blast that is published every Monday. The first section is a Video YouTube Link that is also available on Olelo of the HART Board meetings. Other social media platforms for HART include Insta and Facebook. There is a business community meeting on Wed Nov 23, 12pm will be virtual regarding the Dillingham relocation of utilities. There are lane closures on Dillingham Blvd as there will be a 24-hour work zone beginning Nov. 28. Shop and dine Spotlight on Ding Tea on Halekuwila St.
Update on Hammerheads: This is the horizontal structure under the station platform where cracks were observed. It has been determined that the cracks developed due to an inadequate amount of reinforcing steel in the hammerhead. May shorten the life span of these piers. 21 Piers have cracks: 13 piers proposed to have epoxy injected to prevent water intrusion and 8 piers will be retrofitted. Agencies continue to look into this.
Follow up questions regarding design of piers/ 'post tension' and who pays for 'fixes'. Goal is to get it fixed. Will try and get back to us in January with answers.
- V. **Pearl Ridge Center:** Daniel Chong of PR wasn't able to make it. Flyers regarding Holiday events in our Meeting Notices on our website. PearlrIDGE wants to be more engaged with the community.
- VI. **Halewaliko Senior Housing:** No update, waiting on the permit. Going back to the City to negotiate and to HHFDC regarding additional bonds and credits as costs have increased. Will be coming back to the ACA regarding the site plan. Question regarding the distance the building will be from the property line. Will get back to us.
- VII **Aloha Stadium:** The Stadium is on full Holiday mode, the light show will begin December 1-31. Lot of interactive activities: bouncer houses, lifesize snow globe, food trucks, Santa. Per person fee. Info on Stadium website. Many additions this year.
TMR Events: February 10 Country Music; February 11 Reggae Concert on the Upper Halawa lot. Tickets on sale now.
Oahu Auctions closed many items sold. Next auction in Jan/Feb. Season Ticket Holders being notified about seats.
- VIII. **NASÉD:** Chris Kinimaka shared the Request for Proposals are still on hold haven't heard anything more from the Governor. Still doing due diligence. Working on transition of the Administration. Mahalo to community organizations on collaboration. Will be producing a newsletter next month.

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The Stadium is no longer doing the night market, however Pearlridge is. Funding will lapse on June 2024 for NASED so funding needs to be encumbered. Want to continue dialogue regarding project.

IX. **OCCC:** Bettina shared they continue to work. Will be reaching out to the new Legislature. Media invited to tour various correctional facilities and reported on those visits noting: Safety, staffing, maintenance issues; mental health modules over crowded; Acting OCCC Warden acknowledging the facility is not designed for its population, creating a daily struggle; and continued problems of violence over food and television channels.

X.. **Loko Pa‘aiau:** Kumu Keola shared there have been about 300 visitors over the month. Largest group of 150 5th graders from Kamehameha Schools visited the pond. Representative Case visited the pond with 75 KS students. Mentorship program with the Kanaka Culture Institute of HaleHauola of Aiea HS developed. Aiea students visited Kamehameha Schools for LaKū‘oko‘a. Biologist/Hydrologist meeting to uncover the natural spring to improve the clarity and quality of the pond water. Participated in the Makahiki at Rainbow Bay Park. Navy and Civic Clubs interacted.

Short documentary by a law student being proposed. Talk story relationship with the Navy, Kehau, highlighting the essence of talk story and malama. Experiences at the pond enriches all that participate. KS Spring play will be donating proceeds of play to Pa‘aiau.

KS’s lo‘i leaseholder DeLuz appears to be frustrated. The TOD plans indicate that the property that he farms is proposed to be a mini park. He has concerns over development and water access and impacts to the resources. High turnover at KS does not help the situation. Potential salinity in his well. Kim to reach out to Danny to see if he wants to discuss matters. Kehau suggested that a Malama ‘Aina Map be created so that all ‘Aiea/Kalauao spaces are incorporated holistically.

XI. **Moanalua Road Oleander Removal:** Claire reached out to Wayne Tanaka of the Sierra Club regarding Oleander, the Aiea Post Office Palms and the Gateway Project. Will try to reach him again.

XII. **Navy Matters:** The Red Hill matters has gotten national attention hope this continues.

XIII **Neighborhood Board:** Resolution to send a joint letter with the ACA to the Stadium Authority and Mayor. Issues regarding Red Hill water. Pearlridge to be a monthly presenter on the Board’s agenda.

XIV. **Representative Aaron Johanson** Donation: \$3,500.00 donated to the ACA as he is dissolving his campaign fund. ACA will be sending a Thank you letter for his donation. Mahalo!

XV. **Christmas Parade:** Is on. Need volunteers to help with parking at Pearlridge, walkers in Parade, People to guide parade marchers. aieaparade@yahoo.com. Applications are on the website. Letters sent out to condos and businesses to let them know of the Parade.

XVI. **Misc.:** See agenda for Announcements