

'Aiea Community Association

June 19, 2023

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

- I. **In Attendance:** Laurie/Loren Chang, Ronald Fitch, Chris Gaydosh, David Harris, Jordon Higa, Joanne Iritani, Brian Isa, Andy Kaufman, Chris Kinimaka, Kehaulani Lum, Lance Maja, Bettina Mehnert, Susan Morishige, Jeff Ramsey, Johnny Reid, Tricia Riopelle (CM Cordero's Office) Lynn Sari, Garner Shimizu, Samantha Spain, Wayne Takara, Claire Tamamoto
- II. **Secretary's Minutes/Treasurer's Report:** No reports
- III. **Mass Transit:** HART's Johnny Reid of the Public Involvement Team shared that trial runs are complete, hammerhead repairs are complete, Segment 1 East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium has been turned over to the City's Department of Transportation Services and the first 10 mile segment will be operational on June 30.
Raised crosswalks are being installed by HART and DOT at various locations such as Kuala St, near the Waiawa /Pearl Highlands Station, Aiea Kai Place, Kuleana St, near Sam's Club to slow people down on the newly paved road.
Elevated pedestrian bridge to be built to serve the Waiawa/Pearl Highland Station. DTS applying for funding, plans have not been solidified yet.
There were inquiries regarding accessing the Stations, especially the Waiawa Station. There are pedestrian paths along Kamehameha Hwy and crosswalks. Kiss and Ride and Bus drop area to be developed. There is a raised crosswalk to the west of the intersection and a U-turn to drop off people. Businesses are concerned that riders may be parking in their facilities.
Will there be a raised crosswalk at Kalauao? No as there is a raised pedestrian bridge and there is a walkway underneath the guideway that you can walk over to the other side. West Loch, Waipahu is constructed similarly.
Circulator buses are supposed to be implemented in the neighborhood as the RAIL was to be accessed by bus as parking is not widely available. Currently no fee to park at the Stadium, that may be amended.
Inquiry regarding signage: There are placards at the stations for artwork. The artwork does not appear to align with the former consultation that took place. For Kalauao, there were discussions about the ahupua'a, Mo'i Wahine, the fishponds, not plantations and watercress that appear to have taken precedence over the indigenous history. The community worked on informational signs and sent correspondence in May 2021 regarding our concerns and was assured that the community's concerns would be addressed.
- IV. **Aloha Stadium:** Samantha Spain stated that the 50th State Fair is on-going. June 30, the RAIL will start. Skyline Ride, Dine and Shop events at the Stadium for July 1-2. With Holo card, there will be discounts offered by vendors. A nonprofit for Alzheimer will be having their yard sale on the same weekend. July 28-29 Birthday Bash. Mega Bon on August 26 5pm-9pm sponsored by JCI Honolulu, the Honolulu Junior Chamber.
- V. **NASED:** Chris Kinimaka shared that at the end of last month, a decision has been made regarding the direction for the development. The procurement method will change, went from P3 to the Stadium Authority having oversight and management over one consortium the oversees both developments of which the Stadium will be funded with state funds and private financing and the Real Estate side funded by private financing. This reduced risk to the State. Design/Build/Finance/Maintain now Design/Build/Operate/Maintain-Operator in the Consortium.

Prior procurement has been cancelled and feedback on the new methodology is being sought. RFQ expected in December. Former consultants are interested in this new request. Money has not lapsed.

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The County is moving forward with the Halawa TOD special zoning district. See the County website on TOD. Special district and zoning approvals being obtained. 600 parking stalls for park and ride and other uses will be imbedded in the development such as within parking structures.

Community newsletter available for June on line. NASED Newsletter: <https://nased.hawaii.gov/new-aloha-stadium-community-newsletters/> NASED Market Sounding: <https://nased.hawaii.gov/nased-market-sounding/> Halawa TOD Plan Zoning: <https://www.honolulu.gov/tod/news.html>

The Stadium Authority has been moved from an entity of operations/maintenance to a development authority. So the Authority moved from DAGS to DBEDT as DBEDT has development authority. Stadium authority now holds fee title and sole jurisdiction of the development of the site.

Inquiry regarding the Halawa TOD Plan and the absence of community input regarding cultural assets. Kehau voiced her concern and frustration that inputs from the community like the fishpond have been ignored. Historic features that are not discussed by the community are part of plans, but the fishpond continues to be ignored. Why?! Everyone should know this as it is continuously discussed. There are no native Hawaiian cultural assets mentioned.

- VI. **OCCC:** Bettina shared that newsletter #49 has been issued and contains an article reprint regarding there is no good reason to delay the jail. Governor Green has expressed interest in supporting the project as conditions appear to be inhumane. Four reminders: 1) OCCC 1985-2000 focus of federal consent decree, class action lawsuit regarding overcrowding and dilapidated conditions. Nothing has changed, how do we avoid another lawsuit? 2) OCCC lesser offender or awaiting trial. The community is best served if those sent to jail are given skills to be productive in community. 3) Slowing down funding will increase construction costs. Substantial costs never go down. 4) Critics of project blame the State for foot dragging and not involving the community. Progress has been made. Correctional Oversight Commission created and clearly stated OCCC needs to be replaced. Other articles shared regarding funding holdup and improved conditions is best for the offenders and staff moral with adequate space to provide treatment. Staffing cost is the biggest portion of cost.
- VII. **Loko Pa‘aiau:** Mahalo to Chris and Samantha for including the fishponds in the newsletter. Increase of Halau wanting to visit Pa‘aiau. Graduation of 10 Aiea High School students, attended by over a hundred people. Leeward College Chancellor awarded the students a business certification for indigenous perspective and knowledge. 9 of the students are off to college and 1 will do military service. Volunteers attended an intertribal summit at Washington for 3 days to build a clam bed. This experience inspired the volunteers and helps to restore ourselves and the community. Volunteers continued their travel to Chicago for a native Hawaiian display at the Field Museum of Natural History. The native Hawaiian display features a Kapamoe made by Aunty at the pond that focuses on Pu‘uloa’s Aumakua, Jeff Pantaleo provided his steel guitar that his Uncle played Hawaiian music in Chicago and Uncle Bruce built the Ahu and did the blessing. Items will be featured for 2 years at the Museum. There will be no community workday next month, first Saturday in August will be the next community workday. Many request to come to the pond. Many halaus, ‘Aiea Intermediate staff, new ‘Aiea High School cohort, etc., Trying to keep gathering to about 60 people. Continue to work with the Navy regarding dredging and other pond improvements and opening up the lo‘i kalo at the Soccer Field.
- VIII. **Announcements:** July 11 next ‘Aiea Neighborhood meeting. Neighborhood Board meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month.

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- IX MISC.:** Regarding the Senior Facility at Halewaliko, a contact person on site when construction starts is requested. Would like to obtain the DoH mitigation report regarding soil at the site. Still waiting to get a response regarding plantings for Senior Care facility. Would like team to attend our meetings.
- Roosters, chickens out of control
- Is it possible to have a community board for Halewaliko Senior Care?
- Speed bumps avoided because people may lose control but now speed humps/ridges are being constructed everywhere. Is there a plan?
- Next meeting is July 17, at the Library
- Two Royal palm trees near the Post Office, exceptional tree program, application is on line.