

**'Aiea Community Association**

July 17, 2023

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This meeting was virtually conducted via Go To Meetings and at the 'Aiea Library  
7 pm, 'Aiea, O'ahu

- I. **In Attendance:** Kylie Akiona, Laurie/Loren Chang, David Dupont, Ronald Fitch, Chris Gaydosh, Marian Gushiken, Jordon Higa, Karen Higa, Joanne Iritani, Keola Kalani, Lance Maja, Bettina Mehnert, Kimberly Mills, Kim Moa, Susan Morishige, Mavis Niino, Jeff Ramsey, Johnny Reid, Tricia Riopelle, Lydia Robertson, Lynn Sari, Meredith Speicher, Garner Shimizu, Samantha Spain, Wayne Suzuki, Claire Tamamoto
- II. **Secretary's Minutes:** In reviewing the June 17, 2023, minutes, it was noted under Aloha Stadium, the HOLO card should be all in capital letters; Under MISC. Halewiliko was misspelled twice and the acronym for the Dept. of Health is DOH. Minutes accepted as circulated.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** No report. Claire sold 3 books.
- IV. **Neighborhood Watch:** Wayne Suzuki reported that the suspect welding a knife, drumming late at night disturbing the neighbors at Orchard Hills, Aiea Heights will be going to court today. Enchanted Hills had some break ins. Meeting proposed in August to formulate direction and to hopefully implement a plan to work closer with the Police Department and to expand the program. On Kihewa St. there is an abandoned truck with debris gathering around it.
- V. **Mass Transit:** HART's Johnny Reid of the Public Involvement Team shared that Segment 1 East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium has been turned over to the City DTS and opened on June 30. Project and construction aspects will continue to be discussed by Johnny/HART. DTS will be operations and maintenance. HART: for information, go to [honolulutransit.org](http://honolulutransit.org). Contact is hotline: 808 566-2299 and email [info@honolulutransit.org](mailto:info@honolulutransit.org). For DTS that manages the bus and skyline: website: [honolulu.gov/skyline](http://honolulu.gov/skyline); [skyline@honolulu.gov](mailto:skyline@honolulu.gov); phone 808 848-5555. Kuala Station, crosswalks installed. Lots of questions on how to navigate the Kuala St. area. U-turn available to drop off at station. Kaluaao Stream area, yellow barrels still in place as bridge guard rail will be constructed later. Station artwork is up in some stations. Station interpretive signage has not yet been finalized. Expected to be completed end of this year or early next year. Still need to work with DTS to connect stations with community circulators. Next four stations proposed to open together. Physical construction almost complete, infrastructure will be installed next. Can the jerking on the train be smoothed out? Not sure, appears to be the characteristic of starting and stopping.
- VI. **Aloha Stadium:** Samantha Spain reported a July 1<sup>st</sup> event with DTS and partnering with the Swap Meet vendors for discounts by showing your HOLO card. 2000 HOLO cards distributed. Want to continue partnership with DTS. On the [Alohastadium@hawaii.gov](http://Alohastadium@hawaii.gov) site, the bus and skyline information is available. July 9<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> State Fair ended. Upper Halawa, construction of concert venue for the KCCN Birthday Bash on July 28 & 29.
- VII. **NASED:** Jeff Ramsey from Crawford Architects updated the ACA on the schedule for the project. June 14 webinar gave potential parties an opportunity to hear about the project.

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Request for Information [RFI] to obtain feedback from developers to refine planning to take place on July 24/25. Request for Proposals expected to be issued by end of year. Mid 2024, expected to issue a contract to initiate demolition with Fall 2028 as the expected opening date for the new stadium. Here's the link to the current Aloha Stadium/NASED newsletter: <https://nased.hawaii.gov/new-aloha-stadium-community-newsletters/> Can also go to aloha stadium website for a link also.

- VIII. **OCCC:** Bettina shared that newsletter #50 has not yet been issued will come out this week. Two items of interest: Tragic incident of inmate beaten to death by cell mates. Victim was a pretrial detainee that was 4 days away from trial. Pretrial reform would be a potential remedy. New facility would help prevent these types of incidents. On July 11, the Senate hosted a site visit of OCCC and the Laumaka work furlough program. Hope to move forward with the new facility.  
The Prison Oversight Commission meeting is July 20 at 9 am and there are monthly meetings. \$10 million budgeted for next year planning for initiating the design phase to prepare the RFP and evaluate the responses. So RFI to RFQ to RFP.
- IX. **Transit Oriented Development:** Public Hearing meeting for Halawa TOD on July 26, 2023, 1:30pm for zone changes. Want to include information regarding our natural/cultural sites for protection, conservation, interpretation. <https://www.honolulu.gov/dpp/dpp-calendar/icalrepeat.detail/2023/07/26/19087/-/planning-commission-meeting.html>. Flyer to be posted on our website: [www.aieacommunity.org](http://www.aieacommunity.org). Also the Halawa Area TOD Plan general information: <https://www.honolulu.gov/tod/neighborhoods/halawa.html>
- X. **Halewaliko Senior Housing:** Marian Gushiken reported progress is being made on the construction loan closing. HHFDC proves the bulk of funding. Going before Board in September so construction may initiate in October. Adjacent residents would like a contact person on site. Contact person would be the project manager and the general contractor. Halewiliko contacts: Questor Lau, AIA Senior Project Manager – Hawaii Direct: (808) 791-5500 | Mobile: (808) 754-3178 | EMAIL: Questor.Lau@eahhousing.org Also, Seth Marushige, Project Manager Main Office 565 Halekauwila Street, Honolulu, HI 96813 tel 808.521.4141 | fax 808.521.4199 | cell 808.635.3041 seth@unlimitedhawaii.com | [www.unlimitedhawaii.com](http://www.unlimitedhawaii.com).  
Soil report requested by community member regarding how soil removal would be handled. How will the weeds on site be handled? City is behind in maintenance; a private contractor may be hired to take care of the weeds. Roosters and cats are on site also. Clearing of area by Halewiliko could address the feral chicken. City may remove feral chicken from the City property. Phone: 8087684381 regarding feral chicken.
- XI. **Loko Pa'aiau:** Kim Moa and Kumu Keola shared there is a work day at Pa'aiau on August 5, 2023. Here is a link to the workday flyer: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tNJRekf3ISOM5oDAny4IENwK9G6Myps/view?usp=drive\\_sdk](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tNJRekf3ISOM5oDAny4IENwK9G6Myps/view?usp=drive_sdk); and the waiver can be downloaded from: <https://paaiau.org/visit> . Potluck dishes welcomed.  
**New email address for visitation:** [ealapaaiau@gmail.com](mailto:ealapaaiau@gmail.com) . Would like all requests to go through this email to help keep accountability and a record of visitors. Continues to gain momentum with volunteer visitors including the Cohen group, and Hula Halau from California and Hawai'i. Hope to continue to engage with other indigenous communities. Aiea Intermediate interested in Pa'aiau and how can they contribute and forward the DOE's mission of place-based learning. 3 students recently spoke to peers at youth Buddhist

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conference about aloha 'aina and malama'aina and similarities in beliefs. Claire videotaped it and stated that Kumu and the program at the fishpond gave them 'life' and a way to move forward and confidence. The students are inspired and impressed with the student speakers. Looking forward to celebrating 'Aiea Hongwanji Obon.

How indigenous knowledge can be applied to system engineering being studied. International conference taking place. Matt Lynch mentioned Pa'aiau in his speech to engineers.

- XII. **Navy Matters/Concerns:** Lydia Robertson reported that the defueling and closure of Red Hill is on track. Focusing on doing the job quickly and safely as possible. EPA put out a consent order. July 27 meeting at Aliomanu Middle School at 5pm to form the group. Please consider attending the EPA Community Representation Initiative - and share the info with your networks- <https://www.epa.gov/red-hill/community-representation-initiative-kickoff-and-scoping-meeting-july-27>

Updates on Red Hill on the Navy website - <https://cnrh.cnrc.navy.mil/Operations-and-Management/Red-Hill/DEPARTMENT-OF-DEFENSE-CLOSURE-PLAN-RED-HILL-BULK-FUEL-STORAGE-FACILITY/>

Results of the survey regarding reuse of the tanks being reviewed and will be on the website. Long term water monitoring continues. Water is safe as it comes from the Waiau shaft.

Massive clean up done at the Pearl City peninsula by the Navy and Joint base Pearl Harbor. See reports in meetings package or on the ACA website.

- XIII. **'Aiea Neighborhood Board:** Ron Fitch reported that the Neighborhood Board meeting was organizational, electing officers and getting to know new members. The second Tuesday of the month will be the new meeting day. 'Aiea Neighborhood Board will be on break in August.

- XIV. **Nominations Committee:** Upcoming elections. Board is ceded in January, so nominations in September; slate of directors and officers in October, have a vote; and be ceded in January, and membership dues will be initiated in 2024. JoAnne and Kehau are proposed to be on the nominating committee. Others that want to be on the nominating committee contact Claire.

Claire double checking if our prequalified as a CBDG nonprofit is still valid and of use.

Voting is open to all. Need to clarify who is a voting member.

- XV. **Liquor Commission Hearing:** Liquor Commission Hearing on August 17 at 4pm for the granting of a license for BBQ Chicken of Hawai'i for a beer and wine license. Next to the Bowling Alley.

- XVI. **Other Community Concerns:** TOD plans near the area by the gateway sign appear to be zoned for something else. May need to provide comments regarding this.

New residence coming up in the parking lot area for low-income housing, may be Halawa View Apts. Doing in phases. Should have four stories of parking and groundbreaking to take place tomorrow. Parking available via parking pass at the Aloha Stadium to mitigate parking concerns.

Keola expressed that educators should get involved with the community via the community association and the neighborhood board.

- XVII. **Announcements:** See agenda.