

'Aiea Community Association

August 21, 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:** Sherry Cassetta, Laurie/Loren Chang, Radiant Cordero, Clarence DeLude, Ronald Fitch, David Harris, Jordon Higa, Karen Higa, Joanne Iritani, Cole Kaneshiro, Chris Kinimaka, Kehaulani Lum, Lance Maja, Kimberly Mills, Kim Moa, Susan Morishige, Jeff Ramsey, Lydia Robertson, Lynn Sari, Samantha Spain, Wayne Takara, Claire Tamamoto
- II. **Secretary's Minutes:** Minutes accepted as submitted. Corrections can be emailed to Claire. Minor typos noted in June minutes.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** No report. Balance is \$23,103.01 in account. Majority of funds came from Aaron Johanson's campaign funds donation. We continue to sell books.
- IV. **Neighborhood Watch:** Joanne Iritani reported that a meeting took place on Thursday to discuss an individual that has been 'terrorizing the community' (upper Aiea Heights) Community members, Rep Elefante were in attendance. Chronic issue that needs to be addressed. Individual currently sleeping in Napuanani Park and has a warrant for his arrest. Seen below Holo Place going up Aiea Heights Dr. Neighbors in communication and watching neighborhood.
- V. **Aloha Stadium:** Samantha Spain reported the last TMR event on July 28/29. Sold out concert. Additional seating added and concert area was expanded. September 23 concert for the release of Rebel Soldier.
Mega Bon on August 26 at lower Halawa lot. Skyline extended to 10 pm. Free event, expecting 7,000 people. Parking will be \$9.00. Map and vendor on Aloha Stadium website: stadium.hawaii.gov. Able to bring chairs and mats.
- VI. **NASED:** Chris Kinimaka reported they are currently rounding out market outreach, 160 individuals attended the webinar. Written feedback received and info being summarized. Update to be presented to NASED team for input and Governor Greene on September 5. July 31 newsletter discussed the convention and site inspections of continental stadiums like Snap Dragon in San Diego. September newsletter will be released after update to the Governor.
NASED team was honored to join in and volunteer at Loko Pa'aiau on August 5. So gratifying to participate. Large group that day about 70 people. Looking forward to returning and helping to restore the area.
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.
Regarding building heights, along Kamehameha Hwy, heights could go up to 200-ft. Would like to maintain mauka/makai view plains. Taller heights would need to provide community benefits like open spaces, walkable access, multi-modal pathways, etc. Question? Would zoning changes require that the plans change? Does not appear so as plans are conceptual.
- VII. **Mass Transit:** Johnny Reid not here, Claire stated the Weekly eBlast was sent via email and is on the ACA website. Detour and construction Downtown as Nimitz Hwy/Iwilei Road will be closed until September 1, 2023.
- VIII. **Halewaliko Senior Housing:** Claire stated that Marian couldn't make it and reported that people were asking for a contact person when construction is proposed to start in October.

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Our minutes reflect who to contact. Marian still following up on the soil testing. We will find out in September when construction will start for sure.

Neighbors want to know how contaminated materials will be handled. Unclear if slab will be removed. Would like to review the DOH plan. Soil samples were taken around the cement slab about 2 years ago.

- IX. **Loko Pa'aiau:** Kim Moa reported that the workday was successful in August. Taking a break in September and next work day will be in October. Donation supply drive for Maui a couple of weeks ago, went to Punana Leo O Maui. Visits to Loko Pa'aiau can be done by appointment, email: ealapaaiau@gmail.com.

Kehau Lum also reported the community workday was great with the Lions Club and Aloha Stadium team. Lots of work moving stones. Kumu Keola starting grad school tonight to hopefully create curriculum. Nu'uaniu hula halau visited, hula noho done. Military affairs council, UH marine biology graduate students, mindfulness programing, Medical School visiting. Mahalo to volunteers that gathered donations for Maui.

September Ohana Day, Assets School coming, they come 4 times a year. Working with the Navy to plan for the dredging to start in 2025. Lots of Aloha happening there and really grateful. People looking for places to retreat. It is amazing what the community has done.

- X. **TOD planning.** Kehau attended meeting on July 26 as she has been participating at these TOD meetings since 2016. She was stunned to see nothing about native Hawaiian spaces at 'Aiea and Kalauao. Halawa is a sacred place so had to say something and she was the only one to speak. There appears to be some disconnect with HART and the TOD plan. There were a lot of changes and issues with the development of the Skyline so it appears that community input got left behind or this was a purposeful exclusion.

Kehau noted TOD maps/plans did not include the pond or mis-referenced the pond. Pages of cultural/historic sites are not on the register. Attached as an addendum to testimony.

DPP recommended that ACA come before a historic cultural Commission but by the time that starts, it may be too late. Advised that the Council approved the TOD Plan in 2020 so it cannot be changed.

If a project comes up or if the Plan gets renewed, adjustments to the plan can be made. Chris to watch for a Council meeting where changes could be made. If there is a way to get native Hawaiian sites on the plan, we would like to do it. Whom is in charge of this, is it HART or DTS? What happened to the interpretive signage? Radiant taking notes and will look into this matter.

- XII. **Navy Matters/Concerns:** Report sent and is on the website. Lydia Robertson reported that the Indo-Pacific Command is offering and coordinating support to Maui. State has requested FEMA support.

USS Carl Levin is the newest Navy ship homeport at Pearl Harbor.

August 23 hiring fair for the Navy.

Wastewater spill, there are 4 stages, missed the fourth stage, no impact to beaches.

All freshwater still coming from Waiawa well.

There were some lab errors in water testing.

See report on the website.

Red Hill defueling expected to start in January.

Links with more info:

EPA Community Representation Initiative (CRI) effort - <https://www.epa.gov/red-hill/community-representation-initiative-kickoff-and-scoping-meeting-july-27>

Navy Safe Waters - info on the Long Term Monitoring Effort -https://jbphh-safewaters.org/public/framework/bannerhtml.aspx?idhtml=10769&banner=jbphh_environ

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Good one-stop place for information on Red Hill - defueling, closure, reports, consent orders, etc.: <https://cnrh.cnrc.navy.mil/Operations-and-Management/Red-Hill/DEPARTMENT-OF-DEFENSE-CLOSURE-PLAN-RED-HILL-BULK-FUEL-STORAGE-FACILITY/>

Kehau shared her appreciation for the Navy and the proposed dredging/ mitigation for restoration of the pond and other areas.

- XIII. **'Aiea Neighborhood Board:** The makeup of the 'Aiea Neighborhood Board is 1 at large seat and rest of seats are from 4 subdistricts. For this term of Office, the Board requested, and it was approved by the Neighborhood Board Commission that 3 seats not filled from the subdistrict could become at large seats for this term. If you are interested in running for the neighborhood board, at the next meeting in September, Officers are to be elected and remaining seats to be filled.
- XIV. **Nominations Committee:** Joanne stated will be on the agenda next month.
- XV. **Parade:** Karen reported that the Parade will be on December 9, 2023. Claire to obtain permits. Are we gonna have a fun fair? The Parade previous costs \$1200 with coning and insurance and police. The biggest expense for the fun fair would be tenting. Looking for someone to help with the Fun Fair. Hoping Boy Scouts to help Blood Drive on the same day at the library. Would like people to sign up for appointments. Stephanie Wong (Karen's friend from California) will be helping out. Email Karen at Aieaparade@yahoo.com with ideas for the parade and fun fair. Fun Fair is a community event. Bouncers and entertainment. Book Sale proposed in October or November, Karen to put out dates. Kehau noted community workday at Pa'aiau is the first weekend of October. DOT reminded Claire to get a permit.
- XVI. **Other Community Concerns:** Kim Moa reported a water main break on Kihale St. on August 12 along Kalauao stream. A lot of water flowed and washed out gravel. Street was damaged lots of erosion on street. Hoping the BWS can repair the road. Councilperson Cordero to follow up. Lynn Sari would like to know if there is a photo of individual terrorizing upper Aiea Heights. Suggested that Lynn get in touch with Wayne.
- XVII. **Announcements:** Be mindful of Maui. Keep our aloha spirit and everyone will make it. Aiea Neighborhood Board meeting is on September 12 and will be hybrid. Neighborhood Board meetings now on second Tuesday. Next ACA meeting on September 18. Radiant looking for someone to represent the Council district for the BWS advisory group. Email interest to rcordero@honolulu.gov by September 29. Next Town Hall Meeting September 27, 6-8 at Pearl Ridge with HECO. Links and Venmo accounts for Maui donations given.