

'Aiea Community Association

February 17, 2025

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This meeting was virtually conducted via Go To Meetings at the 'Aiea Library, 'Ewa, O'ahu 7:04 pm

- I. **In Attendance:** Sherry Cassetta, Laurie Chang, Ken Chong, Raquel Cloma-Navy Region Hawai'i, Ron Fitch, Chris Gaydosh-AHL/OCCL, David Harris WT NASED, Jordon Higa, Karen Higa, Ati Jeffers-Fabro, Aaron Johanson, Kehaulani Lum, Melanie Martin, Bettina Mehnert-AHL, Susan Morishige, Jeff Ramsey-Crawford Arch. NASED, Lydia Robertson Navy Region Hawai'i, Cheryl Sakuma, Samantha Spain-Aloha Stadium, Claire Tamamoto, Sally Tamai DAGS/OCCC

- II. **Secretary Minutes:** No minutes available.
Treasurer's Report: ACA Balance of \$23,850.36; sold some books. Donations received: Pearridge \$500.00 and Clinical Labs for \$25.00. Expenses are the US POB annual fee; a new banner for \$261.00; Parade expenses were \$3,262.76; Donations for the Parade were \$575.00.

Friends of the Aiea Library Balance: \$17,260.45. Expenses were DCCA registration.

- III. **Neighborhood Watch:** Wayne Suzuki not present. Claire wanted to note that signage was installed at the Royal Palm Trees near the Post Office entrance. Cars cannot park near the trees, believed that the Postmaster aided in the installation of the signs and the notification has not yet been damaged.

- IV. **New OCCC:** Cathi Schar was to share her report, this will be put on the next agenda. Bettina/Chris G. shared the Status Update and that the OCCC Newsletter is out. There was a recent Star Advertiser editorial discussing the urgency and need for a new jail. Photos of the American Correctional Association Conference were shared. OCCC is one of 6 projects in the country to watch for in 2025.
Legislation Bills: HB 1002/SB 1321-Oversight Commission; HB 128-Arrest w/out a warrant; HB 675/SB 725-Bail, bill deferred; HB 127-Pretrial Release; **HB 1330-OCCC funding;** HB 1376-Reduce out of State incarceration; HB 1263-Rehabilitation; HB 676/SB 782-Voice Communication in facilities, Bill deferred; HB 1342 & HB 911-Reentry Programming; HB 677-DCR assistance for ID; HB 433-DCR funding for reentry; HB 481-DCR issue cert for employment, bill deferred; SB 734/HB 251-Social work training, bill deferred; HB 1322/SB 104-Solitary Confinement; SB 1047 Body Cameras funding; SB 1247-Sentencing; HB 132 Expungement of drug promotion record; HB 828/SB 540 Plant-Based Food & Drinks at State prisons.
Project Timeline presented, there is increased support. Funding has been deferred to 2027 Legislative session as Lahaina redevelopment is priority. Groundbreaking expected in 2030. QR code shared to the New O'ahu Jail site. Video of conference on new website.

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Why is the O'ahu jail one of the top six in the Country? Largest jail facility in our State to be built; it is a P3 project, early in the process, planning done, programming proposed.

Only operations planning has really been done. Community input was requested and an inquiry regarding how the input would be incorporated was discussed.

Website is <https://newoahujail.hawaii.gov/>

V. Aloha Iā Halewalikō Senior Housing: Working a lot of hours, working on landscaping, planted trees. Awning and interior work being done. Laurie reported that the work is noisy and dusty but it is expected.

VI. Aloha Stadium/NASED: Samantha Spain reported that the 41st Great Aloha Run completed today. Carol Kai and team did an amazing job. The Hawai'i Fest last weekend utilized parking at the Stadium. There were 2 concert events with TMR events, about 6000-7000 in attendance.

Girl Scout cookie pick up later this week.

Chinese Lion Dance this Sunday at Swap Meet.

Aloha Stadium recently got the schedule from the contractors regarding the Stadium redevelopment. Work to start on the Upper Halawa lot to move the Swap Meet there in the summer. Relocation grand opening anticipated in August.

Question regarding where are the Upper/Lower Halawa lot. Lower lot is where the Fair was set up and the Upper lot is where the volcano/reception area is near the Stadium. Restrooms will be installed.

Samantha also shared that the NASED recently hosted two community events regarding the Stadium development. The Developers shared plans with community members and swap meet vendors. David Harris also shared the community comments were appreciated.

Kehau would like traditional sites, restoration projects, be recognized to uplift our community culture and the area needs to be connected to the existing communities.

Gaming was not mentioned in the development, however there was a bill proposed but it died. The Task Force for gaming is still alive. Would appreciate community to be involved if gaming is proposed for NASED. SB 891.

Salt Lake Blvd to be realigned, redesigned to reduce pedestrian/vehicle conflict. Probably not in the first phase but expected later in the development.

School proposal on site? As the District develops may occur.

NASED Newsletter coming out next week.

<https://nased.hawaii.gov/ahdp-community-meeting/>

VII. Environmental Community Concerns: Kehau shared Mahalo to everyone for embracing Hokulea. Over 3,000 people came to visit, many schools came to visit. Stanford Carr donated food, Wayne and Ati cooked and prepped food, the Navy also contributed to make sure Hokulea was well cared for. 'Aiea

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Elementary students made of Polynesian children were enlightened visiting Hokulea and when hearing stories of navigation and Papa Mau. Many activities were set up for the children. Kehau expressed that it was the DOE's HOKEA program that supported and paid for the resources to connect students to cultural spaces.

PUC BILL 24: Testimony submitted. Our concern was overdevelopment of our town. 3 community members went to testify in front of the full Council. The PUC is from Kahala to Waimalu. We are trying to address the issue that 'Aiea is not town, we don't want high rises, overpopulation, etc...Kehau stated that the council appeared not to hear them and did not have the courtesy to listen.

Hale Lipoa development, trying to replace 2-story building with an 8-story building.

Piling depth, building height, parking, inconsistency with other plans brought up. Restrictions exempted and waived due to TOD. Community does not feel heard.

34-0 in opposition. No community benefit provided. May need to go to each Councilperson separately. How do we build for the future?

Malama Pa'akea O Waimalu: \$7,900 Cooke Foundation Grant to document the royal fishponds of Pu'uloa. Archivist is Jordon Higa.

IX. Friends of Makalapa Park: Ati reported the Hui is getting together their proposal to City Parks. Trying to put together an outreach team to participate in community manners. Next meeting is Feb 19. Trees are doing good! Hui taking good care of trees.

Sherry shared that 'Aiea Intermediate will initiate a Agricultura Program next year for the community. Contact Sherry for more info.

X. Navy Concerns: Lydia shared the Hokulea arrival was beautiful. Raquel Cloma will also be sharing Navy concerns. Laulima Navy that was initiated in October for the 250th birthday of the Navy, with 250 acts of community service proposed, 100 events have been completed and the Navy continues to seek volunteer opportunities.

There are community events at Pearl Harbor such as the community white boats and going on a ship in Pearl Harbor. If interested let Lydia or Raquel know. Navy report is online on our website with the latest about the Red Hill closure meeting and open house.

XI. Christmas Parade: Karen shared the parade is on December 13, 2025. The last Parade was successful, there was 25 groups, the mayor participated, 2 bands, and others. The Fun Fair had 20 community groups, 20 craft vendors, 2 food trucks, the bloodmobile, etc. Mahalo to Randy Nunez, the Lions Club and Navy.

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Suggestions to change route, start at Halawa District Park, or go from the Sugar Mill to Pearlridge. Comments, suggestions can be emailed to: aieaparade@yahoo.com.

Book sale on March 29. Set up on Friday and take down after sale on Saturday, volunteers needed. 'Aiea Intermediate may be decommissioning their Library, Karen willing to help them with book sales.

- XII. MISC:** Left turn on 'Aiea Heights Drive coming out of Shopping Center, Claire discussed with Councilperson, there may be issues regarding this matter. Discussion of closed sidewalk near the Shopping Center where the new building is going in next to the 76 Station.

With the improvements to the 'Aiea Shopping Center, it appears that development of the site may not be forthcoming.

There are 64 cases of 'Aiea books. Need to move out of storage unit, need help moving books out and finding a new location for the books.

- XIII. Announcements:** 'Aiea Neighborhood Board meeting is March 11, Tuesday. ACA meeting is March 17 next month. Go to our website at www.aieacommunity.org for more information and community events.