

**'Aiea Community Association**

July 21, 2025

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This meeting was also virtually conducted via Go To Meetings at the 'Aiea Library, 'Ewa, O'ahu 7:00 pm

**I. In Attendance:** Piia Aarma, Laurie n Loren Chang, Raquel Cloma, T. Fernandez-DCR, Chris Gaydosh, David Harris, Jordon Higa, Karen Higa, Darryl Higuchi, Joanne Iritani, Ati Jeffers-Fabro, Andy Kaufman, Kehaulani Lum, Melanie Martin-DCR, Bettina Mehnert, Kimberly Mills, Kim Moa, Susan Morishige, Carlos Ramirez-'Aiea HS VP, Jeff Ramsey, John ad Sheryl Sakuma, Garner Shimizu, Samantha Spain, Wayne Suzuki, Claire Tamamoto, Sally Tamai, Tina Tamaru, Michael Townsend

**II/III Secretary Minutes/Treasurer's Report:** No minutes or Treasurer's Report. Claire shared she has sold 10 more books and has an order for 3 more books.

**IV. Neighborhood Watch:** Wayne Suzuki reported there was a meeting on July 9, 2025. There were about 65 persons in attendance. There should be no left turn from 'Aiea Shopping Center. The police are aware of this concern but must witness the offense to ticket wayward drivers. A new sign has been installed so there is also no left turn from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor also. Also there is no exit onto Moanalua Road.

People need to understand the law to protect themselves and property as it appears to be skewed towards the perpetrator. For example, if you are getting robbed and defend yourself and buss up the perpetrator but remain unscathed, you could get in trouble. Watch group may look at ways to amend the law to make people safer.

There will be a meeting regarding cyber-crime at Pearlridge Elementary School at 6:30pm on September 25. Target audience is Senior Citizens.

Claire shared that the 'Aiea Shopping Center owned by Weinberg has made improvements to the Shopping Center. Two elevators have been installed, and artist Chris Miyashiro has been contracted to do the mural. Claire would like to recognize the artist.

**V. Aloha ia Halewaliko:** Claire reported she did receive an update from Questor via phone. The signage lighting continues to be a challenge. Waiting for plants to grow to provide mitigation from the glare of the light. Will be purchasing dimmer lights. Applications are still being taken and there is no wait list. If you know of people interested in senior affordable housing, let them know to apply. Waiting on the City for the certificate of occupancy. Hope to obtain by mid-August.

The facility is looking for a Resident Manager and Groundskeeper. Will be sending us the job description. Lanakila Pacific will be the service provider to manage the facility. The Resource Coordinator is our candidate to hopefully be the contact person/stakeholder for the Trees of Honolulu Grant for the open field.

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Appears that water is being wasted by watering the asphalt. Sprinklers may need to be adjusted.

Inquiry regarding applicant that does not have enough income to meet requirements. Anyway to have a preference for ‘Aiea people? Probably not, we should encourage ‘Aiea people to apply. Once the project is complete, Questor will no longer be our contact.

- VI. ‘Aiea High School Vice Principal:** Aiea HS VP Carlos Ramirez introduced himself. He has been at the high school for 3 years and in education for 22 years. He is originally from Puerto Rico. Ramirez stated there will be a Homecoming Parade on September 26, 2025 at 2-3 pm. Staging will be in front of the high school gym. 300 people w/10 cars are expected and the route will be . down Aiea Heights Drive to Moanalua Rd back up to Ka‘amilo and then to Ulune to the Library.

Reaching out to invite ACA to the school and putting the word out to make connections with the community. ‘Aiea High School is an Academy School that provides industrial certificates for opportunities to get people into the work force. Regarding students at Pu‘uWai Momi, there are no buses to get the kids to school. Ati suggested a program where volunteer older students chaperone younger students to get them to school safely. Want to connect this population back with ‘Aiea. More pedestrian activities to connect Lower Halawa. AMRs goal is to connect the High, Intermediate and Elementary Schools. Would like a bus stop in front of the school.

There will be 6 home games at ‘Aiea HS. Alumni has been very helpful in supporting the school and want alumni to come back and perhaps initiate mentoring programs. AMR-Aiea, Moanalua, Radford.

- VII. Aloha Stadium/Stadium Authority:** Samantha shared our ‘Aiea book has been featured in the Aloha stadium newsletter. Striping, underground utilities, prepping the Lower Halawa lot continues. The timeline for relocation has been extended, now proposed for mid-October. Someone asked if the Stadium will be losing vendors. Does not appear so, there will be a Kamaaina weekend program.

This weekend, there will be a fireworks buy back from 9-3pm at the Lower Halawa lot.

There will be no MegaBon at the Stadium appears to be at Leeward Community College on 9/13 at 4-9pm.

Claire has been reappointed to the Stadium authority for the Leeward side. Claire needs to gather support. A Salt Lake representative has also been chosen, Lloyd Hisaki. Use to man the play review from football games.

For more information regarding the Aloha Stadium see their website at [alohastadium@hawaii.gov](mailto:alohastadium@hawaii.gov)

- VIII. NASED:** David shared the self-imposed deadline has been extended to mid-August for contract signing. Once contract complete, activities will be initiated,

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demolition is proposed to start by end of August. Heavy equipment will be brought on to the site and fencing will be put up.

- IX. OCCC:** Chris shared updates on the new O'ahu jail. Issue #59 of the OCCC Newsletter is out and discusses statistics of the occupants of OCCC; recruitment; new Kauai correctional center and Mother's Day celebration at WCC, along with other information. Recently, PBS Insights had a OCCC Segment that aired on June 26. There is overall agreement the OCCC is not psychological or financial sustainable.

Lately the team has been conducting P3 workshops. Next workshop tomorrow. Workshops to inform leaders of the status of the P3 process. American Correctional Association conference in Denver coming up and will be attended by OCCC team. June outreach calendar and project timeline shared.

There is a tour on September 19 of OCCC, let Claire know if interested.

- X. 'Aiea Intermediate School:** Sherry not here. August 9 is the next clean up at 8am.

- XI. Friends of Makalapa Park:** Ati shared a meeting will be scheduled with City Parks in August to present the proposal for Makalapa Park. Tables, benches, water fountain, and a perimeter trail are part of the proposal. Anticipating an event at the Park in September by the Park Hui, possibly a health and wellness fair will try and get information/ a flyer out to ACA.

- XII. Environmental Community Concerns:** Kehau shared that her and Ati were on a Peace in the Punawai podcast. To acquire the Mikelemi property is an aspiration, however the owner is hard to get a hold of, and is believed to be a billionaire in China. Would like the property to be put on the radar through the Oahu Preservation Commission as currently 8 homes are proposed to go there. There may be springs that are not on maps as water still flowing at Waiola'a and Maona.

Springs are also known at Pa'aiau. Hope after the dredge the freshwater will return. Many guests visited Paaiau, from China to Boston, keiki to kupuna this past month. Mahalo to Navy's Stephanie Sharp who installed the irrigation system and Kelly Hearther.

For the proposed dredging at Pearl Harbor, outside Kalauao stream is proposed for dredging October/December, and January/February for the pond. Dates are tentative as this is still being planned.

Ahui Hou to Admiral Steven Barnet, very grateful for all that he has done. Change of command in August.

Kehau found a letter from Queen Emma who was residing at Pa'aiau to the King at the archives.

For those interested in plumeria trees, red and yellow are available, contact Kehau.

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The Mural at 'Aiea Shopping Center by Chris attempts to combine 'Aiea's history with the sugar plantation and Keaiwa Heiau to bring back the mana from mauka to makai. Attempting to capture the essence of life of 'Aiea.

- XIII. Navy Matters/Concerns:** Raquel shared the Navy continues it's 250 acts of community services that is now at 220 acts. Currently working with Helping Hands Hawaii to gather school supplies. Navy loves partnering and helping communities. Recently did Genki ball toss with Salt Lake community. Ship tours continue this Saturday and more Navy ship tours in August.

Navy Report/Red Hill Highlights and the Weekly Mo'olelo are on the ACA website.

For Red Hill Tank degassing continues, 7 out of 14 tanks have undergone degassing and cleaning. Air monitoring equipment are in place to track any changes to air quality. Open house continues. Next one is August 28, 5 pm at the O'ahu Vet Center.

The Weekly Mo'olelo highlights a protective wall was constructed around Halealoha Haleamau burial vault at Joint Base Pearl Harbor.

Labor Day there will be an open base event. Restaurant 604 discussed. ACA requests the Navy to be a stakeholder for our Grant.

- XIV. 'Aiea Building on Moanalua Road:** No update, sidewalk still blocked.

- XV. Membership:** Joanne not present.

- XVI. Scholarship Committee:** Have not met yet.

- XVII. Parade and Fun Fair:** Karen reported she is working on the application to work online. Assuming we are doing the Fun Fair too. Blood bank is interested, potential for two blood Mobiles.

- XVIII. Representative Reports:** Garner Shimizu shared that Governor Greene releasing 18 million for fence repair at Halawa correctional facility.

There are constituent concerns regarding drag racing on Kahuapa'ani St.

There are complaints regarding a solar salesperson pressuring residents to sign up for services. Don't sign anything under pressure.

It was a very quiet Fourth of July where Garner lives, interested if it was quiet in Aiea. Complaint on Monster Home received, discussion followed. This is a City issue. Reso introduced to strengthen enforcement and penalties in the State Legislature. Garner shares our concerns and agrees something needs to be done. Parking, safety, water issues are concerns.

July 29 6 pm at 'Aiea Library a Board of Water Supply Monitoring Well Presentation

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August 2 Blaisdell Park Hawaii Fundraiser Walk for Health by the Filipino Community.

August 23 Bus route changes at ‘Aiea Library at 6:30pm

Question on pay raises for elected officials. Minority caucus opposed pay raises but it did get approved and moved forward. Kehau stated we are looking forward to have a community seat at the table for the working group for gaming/gambling proposals. Concern with the increase of crime that comes with gaming.

**XIX. Other Concerns:** Sign “We buy homes” is illegal. Take it down or report it.

Get addresses of Monster homes to report to the City.

Discussion regarding RAIL testing as RAIL seen going past the airport. Next section proposed to open in October. Would like to get a bus stop near the Library and Senior Housing.

Concern that community wants/ need fall on deaf ears and most proposals are a done deal. Claire disagrees; each case is different. Regarding unpopular proposals, a certificate of need may exempt proposals from zoning/DPP or community purview. That’s not good, need to give the community an opportunity to speak. Look at the wins ACA has, the Library, the Senior Center, Loko Pa’aiau, done without money, all human capital.

There is a Girl Scout interested in harvesting fruit to distribute.

**XX. ANNOUNCEMENTS: See agenda**

Aiea Hongwanji Bon Dance this Saturday.