

‘Aiea Community Association

October 20, 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. **Introductions/Attendance:** Piia Aarma, Sherry Cassetta, Laurie/Loren Chang, Tessie Fernandez-DCR, Ron Fitch, Chris Gaydosh, Jordon Higa, Karen Higa, Tommy Johnson-Director DCR, Kehaulani Lum, Melanie Martin-DCR, Kimberly Mills, Susan Morishige, Jeff Ramsey, John ad Sheryl Sakuma, Garner Shimizu, Samantha Spain, Meredith Speicher, Wayne Suzuki, Claire Tamamoto, Sally Tamai, Tina Tamaru
- II. **Secretary Minutes:** None, past minutes are on the website. Email us if there are any corrections to the minutes. There is a correction on the date of the Neighborhood Board meeting.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** (-) \$220.85 paid for storage of books; (+) \$7900 Malama O Pa‘akea Cooke Grant for the documentation of the royal fishponds; (+) \$7246.09 ‘Aiea Complex Education Business funds, closed out; (+) \$150 sold 6 books.

Sherry stated the ‘Aiea books could be stored at ‘Aiea Intermediate. There is a storage room with various cages that are not being used. Books could be stored in C18 or 19.

- IV. **Neighborhood Watch:** Wayne Suzuki reported there was recently a raid on a Halawa home on Paihi St. Possibly 2 homes got raided as brothels/massage services. There may be further developments.

Claire noted ‘Aiea was in the news twice last week, a stabbing arrest and there is a robbery suspect still at large. Please be observant. Still feel safe but use common sense. Know your neighbors, care about your neighbors.

- V. **Aiea High School:** No one in attendance. There was no parade.
- VI. **Aloha la Halewaliko:** Claire spoke to the resident manager, Ragan Meyerscough. The RM is a live in position. She patrols and monitors the area and calls the police on vagrants. Wants to help with the trees grant. Tours are available. Only studios available now at \$1251-1527/month; a few one bedrooms available. See agenda for additional information.

Adjacent neighbors asked about the facility. Starting to see more people outside. Getting filled. Don't hear anything on their side. [Lori/Loren] Senior programs have not yet started.

- VII. **Aloha Stadium:** Sam reported Swap Meet in the new location opened on a Wednesday. There was some confusion regarding the traffic. The new entrance is Halawa Gate 3 across from Ice Palace. People are parking at Skyline and walking over.

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There was a water leak that affected the Ho‘okipa Hale restrooms for 2 hours, but other restrooms were available. Swap Meet attendance appears to be a bit higher than 2024 numbers. There are more people at Swap Meet via the Skyline.

The Aloha Aloha Stadium concert is this weekend. No chairs allowed, there are about 700 seats on a first come first serve basis. Skyline will be open late to 1130pm. Family pack tickets have individual tickets. The event is sponsored by Aloha Halawa Development Partners, Henry Kapon Foundation, and TMR Events. There will be a video of the history of the stadium. There will be fireworks about 830ish in Lower Halawa lot that is about 4 minutes. Informational flyer on our website.

On Sunday October 26, The City DTS will celebrate Halloween with trick-or-treating along Skyline from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Families can ride Skyline and visit five stations to collect treats and groove to music from a live DJ at select stops.

Regarding the new Swap Meet setup, nearby neighbor said exits signs were put out to help with traffic, but sign disappeared. Areas outside of the Stadium need authorization from the City. Can do temporary placement for events. May want to ask DOT for a sign until people get use to new entrance to the Stadium. Can ask Rep Shimizu for help too.

VIII. NASED: Jeff Ramsey reported on September 25, there was the signing of the Stadium Development Agreement and the Ground Lease Agreement. This will allow AHDP to initiate demolition of the Stadium and mobilization of staging, site security, fencing, abatement, and utilities work. Remaining agreements included the Master Development Agreement and the Reciprocal Easement Shared Infrastructure Agreements that are still in development and may be finalized in the coming months. The Sept 25 newsletter contains alot of info, the FAQs have been recently updated. Newsletter available at nased.hawaii.gov.

Following up on past requests: a link to the archeological plans can be found at <https://nased.hawaii.gov/project-documents/>; regarding property tax relief for adjacent properties, a request has been made to Councilmember Cordero for clarification; regarding a bridge over Salt Lake Blvd. from Skyline? Still being reviewed for consideration; Kehau suggested that consultation/engagement with former residents from Halawa take place.

Claire discussed the John Kawamoto article in Civil Beat regarding the status of the project and what the article alluded to. State has contracted w/AHDP to develop the Stadium and begins with a ground lease, this has been signed already. The private entity must put forth a plan to raise the rest of the funds to design and maintain the Stadium for the term of the lease [30 years]. After the lease is over, it gets returned to the State.

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The negotiations for the rest of the plans are confidential. There is no hiding of the plan, it is still in development. There will be a mix of housing types, hotels, services, etc. The pieces that will generate income will come first unless funding can be attracted. The site will be developed over time. Community comment, “It is scary, cuz we don’t know”. The Stadium Authority will review the plans and raise the red flags.

How much power does the Stadium Authority have should the community not like what is proposed? Another community rep has been appointed. May need to mobilize the community should that happen.

Will AHDP take over swap meet? Not yet determined.

Aloha Stadium/Authority as a government agency should remain to oversee the development.

- IX. OCCC:** Director Tommy Johnson stated that the Community Transition Center, 300 beds will be moving to the Laumaka site in Kalihi as it is closer to transit, downtown, other services. Plan and design being done for the CTC space. Laumaka site will be renamed.

Regarding the new prison, funding will be sought for this Public Private Partnership (P3) project. Unlike the Stadium, the State will run the facility with State employees, the developer will be responsible for the maintenance of the facility. Construction believed to be completed in 2032.

OCCC is 112 years old. Jail is more secure than a prison as it is a pre-trial facility. Based on classification of crime, level of security will be determined. Sentencing can be done via video conferencing; a multi-purpose court room will be on site. Any new facility built will have a multi-purpose court room.

There are 400 vacancies in DCR, anyone interested in employment, go to dcrcareers@hawaii.gov.

DCR may be joining the parade.

- X. Board of Water Supply:** Postponed
- XI. ‘Aiea Intermediate School:** Sherry shared there are multiple garden projects on campus. Continue to remove haole koa and dragon fruit for garden expansion. With the holidays coming around, hope to complete clearing by January. Sierra Club/Malama Tree Group cleared about 20 feet of land. School currently working with the DLNR Kaulunani Program that works with students and provides native plants. Newly replanted trees are flourishing. Any donated native or canoe plants are welcomed.
- XII. Friends of Makalapa Park:** Meredith reported that the Hui met with City Councilmember Cordero and Laura Thielen of City Parks. Correspondence from the Hui will be requesting the \$200,000 in funding for Makalapa Park be released. Irrigation funding has been approved and there is a tree planting plan for the perimeter of the

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Park. City Parks supports the plans of the Friends. There is an interest in using the Park as a field for sports. There is interest in putting in a comfort station but the City may not be on the same page.

Will be working with the UH School of Landscape Architecture to look at connectivity for an adjacent area of the park.

Nearby community needs to be engaged in the planning of the Park. There is TOD language urging TOD development contribute to community amenities. Since the fence was built, it made the Park area a little bit safer.

Unless there is a comfort station or porta pottie, the City will not issue a permit for field use. There appears to be a need for field use. However, users of the fields need to take care of the fields, or a community partnership is needed with City parks, supplies need to get to the people willing to take care of the fields. Fields need to be resod and mowers need to be dedicated to a field.

- XIII. Environmental Community Concerns:** Loko I‘a Pa‘aiau, Kehau shared they toured NOAA’s facility on Moku‘ume‘ume (Ford Island) and formed a partnership. Opened Pa‘aiau to help NOAA’s community outreach. The fishpond continues to welcome may guests to learn about malama aina. Punahou alumni helped to open the punawai. Water is clearing. As part of the dry dock mitigation, native and canoe plants will be planted. Dredging proposed to start this month at the mouth of Kalauao stream. Proposed to be 3-4 months by Nan, Inc. About 7 acres proposed to be dredged. Access may be prevented for safety reasons. Repair of the fishpond wall and signage discussions are being initiated.

Royal Fishpond of Pearl Harbor, Jordon reported he is still collecting/compiling information for the archive. Would like to build a physical archive at ‘Aiea Hongwanji. There is an online public database that Jordon is developing: royalfishponds.aieacommunity.org. Can watch the site be built. Looking for information on Mo‘i Wahine Kalanimanuia. Would like to do oral history, if anyone interested. Would like to do a presentation next month on the archive and the Grant Report is due on December 14.

There is dumping at the end of Puakala St. Area part of State highways.

Convention of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is coming up. One of the resolution’s to be introduced by the Ali‘i Pauahi Civic Club will be to request the City to fund the creation of biological space for Ma‘ona [former kuleana lots of ‘Aiea] per Bill 24.

- XIV. Navy Matters/Concerns:** No one present due to shut down.

- XV. Moanalua Road Building:** Located across the stream from the ‘Aiea Shopping Center, noted as TMK: (1) 9-9-042:051, road still in disarray, sidewalk blocked. The matter has been brought up continuously at the ‘Aiea Neighborhood Board meeting, but nothing is

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resolved. They continue to trench and dig. It may be the waterline that is holding up the matter.

XV. Membership Committee: No report

XVI. Scholarship Committee: No report

XVIII. Parade: Insurance is \$600. Karen reported applications are available online. Volunteers can also sign up. Aiea High School Band is coming, Santa is coming, hope Marine band will be participating. Representatives will be in attendance. Invitations to the Governor and Mayor will be done online. If you know of people interested in participating send them to the Parade application and Karen.

XIX. Trees of Hawai‘i Grant: We have the grant, would like ‘Aiea Neighborhood Board support. EAH supports to help maintain.

XX. ‘Aiea Neighborhood Board: Dog Park resolution to find City Parks that are eligible for dog parks that do not impinge on sports brought up. Halawa Park identified as a site. Dogs run free in the Dog Park area that is fenced. Unclear where the memo came from to identify areas in City Parks. Took up a lot of discussion.

XXI. Elected Officials Report: Garner Shimizu reported he attended the new OCCC procurement presentation that discussed the P3 model. The presentation can be viewed at newoahujail@hawaii.gov.

Regarding emergency preparedness, for this area there is a siren in Halawa District Park and ‘Aiea Elementary, unsure if community can hear the siren at 11:45am, first Monday. There was a siren at Aiea High School and ‘Aiea Heights that are inoperable now. HIEMA website has a map of sirens on their website. Appears community is unclear if we can hear the civil defense sirens.

September 25 there was a Town Hall Meeting regarding crime targeting Kupuna.

There is a CIP release for \$70 million for the animal quarantine services under the Department of Agriculture.

Request for road resurfacing and re-striping to take place on Moanalua Road.

XXII. Other Concerns: Feral pigs problem, there is a company that can help you, Pua‘a Patrol LLC.

There is a petition from residences behind ‘Aiea High School to trim a tree sent to Sam Kong.

XXIII. Announcements: See agenda

October 24, there are Trunk or Treat Events at Makalapa Elementary 4:30-630pm and at Salt Lake District Park at 5-7pm.

October 29, 10:15am at the ‘Aiea Library there is a Honolulu Fire Department Safety Demonstration

October 21, City Charter Meeting at Salt Lake District Park at 6pm.