

'Aiea Community Association

February 24, 2026

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'Aiea Library, 'Ewa, O'ahu 7:00 pm

Due to technical difficulties, this meeting was held in person only

- I. **Introductions/Attendance:** Raquel Cloma, Jordon Higa, Kimberly Mills, Susan Morishige, John & Sheryl Sakuma, John Schnell (Warden) Claire Tamamoto
- II. **Secretary Minutes:** None available, past minutes are on the website. Email us if there are any corrections to past minutes.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Cooke Grant Expense; Check # 114 \$60.73 for printing
- IV. **Aloha la Halewaliko:** February 13, 2026, was the Grand Opening for the facility. There was good food and speakers. There may be one space left, the facility need to be full to qualify for grants. Residence speaker stated, "Affordable Housing doesn't look like this!" Entertainment by Kaimuki Christian, played ukuleles. Surrounding residents did not attend.
- V. **Navy Matters/Concerns:** Raquel reported that the community white boat tours are available on February 26 at 3:30pm. Meet at the Admiral's boathouse, there are 20 seats available. The white boat tours are done quarterly and go around Pearl Harbor. The EPA run program noted as the Community Representation Initiative has been dissolved. Open Houses will continue. For the latest updates regarding Red Hill, go to their website at <https://www.navyclosuretaskforce.navy.mil/>
- VI. **OCCC:** Warden Schell shared staff recently attended the American Correctional Association Conference in Long Beach. A holistic approach that follows national norms was discussed.
There are new renderings of the jail on the newoahujail.hawaii.gov site. Color schemes, natural features (lava rock) to create a healing place vs. detention are being considered. Construction is proposed to start in 2029 with the jail opening in 2031. New programs are being developed to hopefully change thinking patterns, cognitive behavior therapy. There appears to be an entire generation missing something (manners, shame, how to act, motivation), People want to change and build integrity. How can DCR accommodate this so individuals don't have to go through corrections again.
Legislative Reps took tours of the existing prison to see for themselves that it is not a good place to house people that need rehabilitation. There needs to be an infirmary for chronic care needs and now hospice needs as courts decide sentences with jail. It is not up to DCR to release for compassion.
Also need social transition programs for newly released. Help with needs of shelter, a plan and system support. Fresh clothes, Holo card.
- VII. **Announcements:** See agenda. ACA meetings will be on the 3rd Monday of the month. On our website please see: the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District Newsletter, the Board of Water Supply Response to Questions from the 1/27/2026 meeting; and Representatives Reports (Senator Elefante, Representative Shimizu, Councilmember Cordero.