

'Aiea Community Association

January 27, 2026

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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, Tracy Burgo-BWS, Sherry Cassetta, Laurie/Loren Chang, Marc Chun, Raquel Cloma, Tessie Fernandez-DCR, Ron Fitch, Chris Gaydosh, David Harris, Jordon Higa, Karen Higa, Darryl Higuchi, Ati Jeffers-Fabro, Andy Kaufman, Kehaulani Lum, Lynn, Melanie Martin-DCR, Kimberly Mills, Susan Morishige, Jeff Ramsey, John and Sheryl Sakuma, Garner Shimizu, Samantha Spain, Stacie, 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 past minutes.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Deposits made were \$725 for books and Parade donations/sponsorship for \$1,725; Expenses were \$12.85 postage for book mailing and \$89.21 for Aloha Power Equipment. ACA P.O. Box rental is \$234/year. We will be charging \$13.00 to mail a book.
- IV. **Aloha Ia Halewaliko:** Claire is in email contact with the resident manager, Regan Meyerscough. Tours are available daily for the studio units (7) that are available now. The facility should be at capacity in February. Invitations to the grand opening should be going out soon. Claire has been asked to say a few words.

There are challenges with the use of the field for sports practice 5 days a week/ 4 different level. The facility has chained one side of the parking lot so that the lot is not used as a throughfare. Further the parking lot is for facility residents and guests. Field users have been utilizing the parking lot of the facility. "Kids weren't playing football here; they would be robbing your houses." Everyone needs to be respectful and clean up after themselves. See agenda for additional information.

The library parking lot is closed as a light post fell. The concrete base has a 2-inch plate that got rusted and failed. All light posts need to be inspected as it is unclear if the other light posts may have the potential to fail also.

- V. **Honolulu Board of Water Presentation:** Tracy Burgo and Mark Chun of the Board of Water Supply did a presentation on the temporary treatment system in place for the Ka'amilo Wells. The wells are located 'Ewa of 'Aiea High School. BWS designed and is constructing a \$20 million temporary water treatment system until a permanent one can be built. Doing this, because PFAS have been detected at levels below MCL. The wells were shut down in May 2025. DoH is also monitoring this matter.

A permanent solution has been designed. The temporary solution needs to keep running while the permanent solution is implemented. A large tree will be removed for the permanent project. The wells service 'Aiea and Halawa. It is unclear how the PFAS got into the well. There are a number of BWS projects on-going in 'Aiea.

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Would it be cheaper to build a new well? Well development takes time, up to 10 years. Is there any possibility that the staging area could be moved as there are proposals to plant trees in the park at the staging area.

- VI. Aloha Stadium/ NASED:** Jeff Ramsey shared his gratitude for those that put together the Parade, Fun Fair and Christmas potluck. NASED is moving from contracts and negotiations to actual work on-site. The Stadium Authority will be the lead for the development. Sam Spain will be taking over as the main point of contact; she is the Community Relations/Communications person for the Stadium/Stadium Authority. Michael Yadao is the new Stadium Manager; he has strong construction background.

Perimeter fence has been completed; demo will start soon. Stadium staff moved to the lower corner of the Halawa lot. Hazard abatement and utility cutting and capping occurring, along with tree relocation. Tree relocation costs is up to whoever takes the tree. Subcontractors to notify community of road closure, and of noisy or community concerning operations.

The Master Development Agreement is to be completed soon along with the ground lease. March 2029 is the proposed opening date for the stadium. The January newsletter is available on nased.hawaii.gov.

Sam Spain shared Jeff, David and Chris are still part of the team. Offices are in trailers in the lower and upper Halawa lots. There was a Skyline event where limited edition of Holo cards were given out. There was a good turnout, over 300 cards + 100 more were given out. With a holo card, swap meet was free. Looking forward to doing additional events.

Stadium Board meetings are taking place off site in Downtown. See the website and newsletters for more information. Can also join the meeting online. The format of the Newsletter has been updated.

- VII. OCCC:** Chris Gaydosh gave us the status update of the new Oahu jail project. The design team continues to develop the site and facility. The OCCC Newsletter #62 has recently been posted and can be found at newoahujail.hawaii.gov. The site includes a new conceptual rendering. OCCC team will be attending the national corrections conference. Newsletter also included highlights of the 'Aiea Fun Fair. OCCC noted as one of 6 projects to watch in the nation.

- VIII. 'Aiea Intermediate School:** Sherry shared a link to a newsletter as to what was done in December. Showcased what was growing at the school. Lots of hands-on events. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/14BGMnkch8eUEj7PtUyXRwlypilgleQ4iMqbmdx48Mqo/edit?usp=sharing>. Drama team just finished Fiddler on the Roof play. Have been collaborating with DLNR, to learn about the albatross. Learning is not only for the classroom.

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Coming up in the near future is the continuation of the tree project and also projects that Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation has helped to fund regarding plant propagation. Hope to share plants with end of year program attendees in May. Question if the high school has an agriculture program, no.

- IX. Friends of Makalapa Park:** Ati shared Sherry and Wayne have been dedicated helpers. The City may be doing an event at Makalapa Park for Earth Day. Hope to bring attention to Halawa area for outreach. Irrigation is being installed and tree planting is proposed. Lots of soil movement with irrigation installation. Tree plan shared. Still a lot of debris on site and access to the Park needs to be improved (fence gates or fence removed)
- X. Environmental Community Concerns:** Kehau shared the updates regarding the Ma'ona project. Bill has been signed by the Mayor, and the Hawaiian Civic Club supported the proposal. Kehau and Kanani attended the Oahu Historic Preservation Commission meeting and presented the Ma'ona project and the objectives of the project. The Commission voted unanimously to support the project. With City support, we hope to acquire the space for future generations.

Chris Kramer of Maunaloa Fishpond wrote a letter of support for the Ma'ona project and how the wai lands must be protected. Need to find the owner of the property and hopefully get this moving.

Work has slowed down at Pa'aiau. Dredging Phase I will begin soon. Harvard's Ellie Cook is doing PFAs testing of the water. Kehau also requested that the auwai water be tested. Kyle Kajihiro also visited. Color books are being developed. Kehau to travel to Tennessee to attend a Native American conference to learn about restoring spaces from our memories.

- XI. Navy Matters/Concerns:** Requel shared copies of the weekly Mo'olelo that is also available online. There is monthly ship tour every Saturday morning and white boat tours, currently there are 20 spots available for this Friday. Boat leaves at 4pm and the tour is less than 2 hours. Regarding Red Hill, Tank #2 degassing has been completed. Red Hill highlights are online at the ACA website.
- XII. Parade/Fun Fair:** Karen mahalo'd everyone for participation. Karen hopes to reach out earlier to schools that may have entertainment for next year. Mahalo Wayne for volunteering to do the Fun Fair next year. Blood Mobile did well, last year was better though.

Karen said used book sales are doing well. A book sale may be difficult at this time due to the closed parking lot. Books obtained by Sam can be put on the shelf.

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- XIII. Tress of Hawai‘i Grant:** We have the grant, ‘Aiea Neighborhood Board passed the resolution to support this grant. Andy went over the species selection, Andy to do the final design and getting estimates to understand costs and donations. City may have historic pavers that perhaps we could use.
- XIV. Community Concerns: Trash** pick-up at the Senior Housing is too early. There appears to be an explosion of feral chickens along the stream area.
- XV. Representative Reports:** Rep. Garner Shimizu shared the fireworks was much quieter this past New Years. An emergency siren at ‘Aiea High School needs to be repaired. ‘Aiea Library signs in the parking lot need to be replaced. Slipper donation done at ‘Aiea Elementary and Alvah Scott. There is a concern there is no sidewalks at Kauhale St/Mikalemi St.; when it rains, water runs into people’s properties. Potential bill regarding feral chickens being proposed.
- XXIII. Announcements:** See agenda