

'Aiea Community Association

July 20, 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:** Sherry Cassetta, Raquel Cloma, Tess Fernandez, Ron Fitch, Gordon, Peggy Hong, Joanne, Ati Jeffers-Fabro, Karen Higa, Jordon, Andy Kaufman, Chris Kinimaka, Justin Lui, Kimberly Tiger Mills, Kim Moa, Phil Mok, Susan Morishige, Brittany S [Rep. Shimizu's Office], John and Sheryl Sakuma, Samantha Spain, Meredith Speicher, Wayne Suzuki, Eric T., Sally Tamai, Claire Tamamoto, Tina Tamaru
- II. **Secretary Minutes:** March minutes will be posted on the website when Jordon comes back. Let us know at the next meeting or email us if there are any corrections to past minutes.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** We had one book sale, a payment for the Sodako Dinner so \$186? There is \$35,520.42 in the account.
- IV. **Friends of Makalapa Park:** Ati reported on the history of Makalapa Park improvements. Project started about 3 years ago when Councilperson Cordero requested help with the park. Ati works with the National Park Services and through the Rivers Trails Conservation Assistance program, started outreach working with Parents and Children Together [PACT].
Realized needed to start a Hui. In looking for a safe route to school, found a pathway and started looking at the Park as a whole. Sees Park as a place for the community and looking for more connectivity and pathways to bring people to the Park and how it will be developed in working with the City.
Want to have more presence in the park. On July 31, there will be a Summer Bash at the Park with family activities. Access security is a big issue in the Park. Regarding the nearby population at Pu'uwai Momi, appears people are slowly moving out of the public housing facility. Makalapa Park is a neighborhood Park belonging to everyone. Efforts to plant more trees and PACT has been participating. Funding has been gained but has lapsed. Really want to work on connectivity with the surrounding communities thru Skyline and perhaps the bike path to provide safe access to the Park as parking is very limited. Park needs to be connected to other areas and could be via the bike path and Pearl Harbor Historic Trail.

Claire gave a history of Empower O'ahu and how 'Aiea qualified with Pu'uwai Momi. Challenges of the area, access blocked by fence, living day to day rather than long term, and now the public housing is being renovated. We could not keep the Park maintained, we learned about gangs and it was difficult to get buy in to keep the park open and safe.
- V. **'Aiea Intermediate School:** Sherry reported she is working with a project with Andy. The Dragon fruit and Haole koa have been cleared about a third of an acre. For the coming school year, 'Aiea Intermediate will be doing work under 2 grants: The first is an intergenerational grant to establish a 3rd raised bed and put in irrigation, students can talk story with residents, starting with Wayne and Jeff; the 2nd grant wrote by Andy, is a

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City grant for agroforestry system that is a 2-year project noted as a Climate Champion project with the intention to provide food security. Also looking at another grant for trees for the former Mill site. The trees that we wanted are not available will be looking at other sources of trees.

Question: Will project involve composting? Yes.

Would also like to make an Imu and would like river rock donations.

- VI. Aloha la Halewaliko:** Peggy reported there is a new temporary Resource Coordinator, Casey Hayward, that is there on Tuesday and Thursday. She is with EAH. Lanikila programing never materialized, we can keep asking.

During a Talk story session, people really wanted to talk about concerns, main concern is safety. There are no emergency procedures or plans in place such as what happens if there is a power outage? These matters need to be addressed as the residents are elderly and may require support in case of emergency.

The dirt needs to be replaced. Residents are concerned regarding spraying insecticides and weed killer for landscaping. There is spot spray or weed whack, no weeding. Would like to start community gardens Starting community gardens, could work with 'Aiea Intermediate.

Parking continues to be an issue. Cats and chicken are also a concern as some residents get attached to cats and chickens.

- VII. Aloha Stadium:** Sam Spain reported that we are in our busiest month with tourist and residents at Swap Meet. First season in the new location. Great feedback on big tent and food. Vendors showing up early on Sunday, 100 new spots have been opened up for vendors. Future events, TMR Major Raiser on August 8; Labor Day event in September; bring back more parking lot events, concerts, sporting, etc, working on leveling the parking lot to utilize parking lot area.

Justin Liu from AHDP shared photos of the dismantling of the Stadium. Quadrants have been removed and the debris has been taken off site. The crane continues to demolish portions of the north end zone. Portions of the north and south end zones will be retained for the new construction.

Design schematics have been accepted. Designs will be further refined for construction. Regarding infrastructure, electricity is insufficient to power the Stadium and surrounding areas, need to find a solution. Many utility [gas, force mains, sewer, communication] relocation that runs through the site continues to be done. Engineering students collected samples to study issues of advanced corrosion of the facility. A report shall be sent.

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Question regarding where is the sewer line located? It runs across the site. A lot of the old lines were there with the former housing that was on the site. The water tower is actually an elevator.

Website NASED will redirect you to the stadium website. Webcam is something new on alohastadum@hawaii.gov website.

VIII. OCCC: Sally shared DCR is gearing up to attend the American Correctional Association conference for marketing and outreach.

IX. Moanalua Building: 99-230 Moanalua Road. Senator Elefante responded. The contractor was informed to cover the trench. DTS stated that there is no permit. Aware of complaints. Need to restore area to a safe condition. Street trench permit extended. Unclear what they are doing as they stated they are installing water meters and hydrant relocation but trenches and a lot of concrete being poured. Its been about 3 years since this has been going on. Has not presented to the Neighborhood Board. Will continue to monitor the project. Please call your representatives if you have concerns. See agenda for statement regarding this matter.

X. Friends of ‘Aiea Public Library: Karen reported she will be having a Book Sale on August 29 at 9-2pm. Preparing on August 28, to set up. Book donations can be dropped off at the Library. Leave it outside of the door or gate or bring your donation books on Friday, August 28 at 5pm. Library shelves to the left in the library have been refilled by Karen and there is an honor system to purchase books.

XI. Ma‘ona Project: We have an update that the owner wants to sell property for \$8 million. Kelly shared that Friday workdays at Pa‘aiau continues at 10am. No access to the pond right now and parking is not available. A number of guests continue to come. KUA will help remove mangrove under a grant proposal but need Navy authorization. Want to clear the shoreline so that Hawai‘i Loa can dock.

A wedding is proposed to take place this weekend. Pond dredging may start this week. A lot of weeds (mangrove) popping up. Access to the hale and ahu are still available. When the dredging is complete, hope to repair the wall to hopefully mitigate the mangrove that comes in with the tide.

XII. Navy Matters: Raquel reported there was a change of command. Captain Fry from Guam replaced Captain White. Degassing of the 12 out of the 14 Red Hill tanks taking place. Pipeline will be removed and recycled. See Navy Report for website. Monthly ship tours continue along with the community white boat tours in August. EIS now available to homeport Medium Landing Ships in Pearl Harbor. July 2026 Navy Report and the 7/15/26 Weekly Mo‘olelo are on the ACA website.

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- XIII. Trees of Hawaii Program:** We did process the Adopt a Park application submitted for park area at Hale Waliko St.
- XIV. Representatives Reports:** Brittany of Rep Shimizu's Office reported there was a recent Town Hall meeting. Currently trying to address those concerns and relay the concerns to the proper agencies. There was concern regarding abandoned vehicles. At the City can call 808 768-2530 or use the hnl 311 app.
The City's hnl 311 app could be used to report potholes, illegal dumping, street lights out, etc. could be used to report
Contact Elderly Affairs (808) 768-7700 for Support Services
The Police Non-emergency line to report suspicious activity is (808) 529-3111.
Coordinated enforcement attention will take place at Lipoa Place where a number of complaints have been received regarding camps and illegal activities.
Rep Shimizu attended the stream maintenance working group focusing on stream related issues initiated after the Kona storms and another meeting is scheduled for September. Representative's report on website.
- XV. Announcements:**
‘Aiea Hongwanji Obon Dance on July 25, 7-10pm. Parking at Saint Elizabeth or ‘Aiea Methodist;
Makalapa School Bash on July 31, 12-4pm.
2026 Unthirsty Plant Sale August 1
See agenda for more announcements
Wildfire Lookout Flyer
August 8 is the Primary Election