

‘Aiea Community Association

March 16, 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:** Pi‘ia Aarma, Sherry Cassetta, Laurie/Loren Chang, Brian Forsythe [HI USA Fed. Credit Union], Chris Gaydosh, Gordon, Jordon Higa, Karen Higa, Joanne Iritani, Ati Jeffers-Fabro, Andy Kaufman, Kris-Navy Region Hawaii, Chris Kinimaka, Kehaulani Lum, Melanie Martin, Kimberly Tiger Mills, Jeff Ramsey, Samantha Spain, Wayne Suzuki, Sally Tamai, Claire Tamamoto, Tina Tamaru

Apologies, 6pm meeting with the football practice teams regarding the interim park situation ran a little late.

- II. **Secretary minutes:** February minutes not yet online can review and discuss at the next meeting. We had technical difficulties, so most could not get online to attend the meeting. Claire gave a summary of the meeting.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Thirteen ‘Aiea books have been sold for \$325. Regarding inside book sales at Library that is on an honor system, Karen collected \$278. Have to pay the Library Director's insurance of \$215 for 2026.
- IV. **Aloha la Halewiliko:** Manager Regan is not present; however, Claire shared that the facility is fully open and filled to capacity. Qualified for credit funding. Residents are very grateful for the Senior Housing. Hope to iron out issues regarding use of the field.
- V. **Aloha Stadium:** Samantha reported that on March 1, at the Swap Meet, the annual Lion Dance occurred. Due to bad weather, the Swap Meet was closed this past Saturday. There was some damage to the entertainment tent. Maintenance of the canal and drainage done to prepare for the weather.

Spring Break is coming up, and Swap Meet is expecting more tourists and locals. Other events happening at the Stadium:

- Thursday, March 19, 930 -1030, 10 students from the UH College of Engineering doing a “Static Rocket Motor” testing at the Upper Halawa lot
- Gun Buyback program March 26, Lower Halawa Parking lot, drive in, drive out.

Hawaiian Dredging has begun dismantling work at the south, removing pedestrian bridges and spirals. May start working on Saturdays.

NASEDHawaii site has merged with the Aloha Stadium site. All information will be on the alohastadium.hawaii.gov site. The site has a construction cam so that the public can watch the progress of the dismantlement that was initiated on February 27.

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On February 17, verbal commitment given regarding the Master Plan. Still working on the ground lease agreement and access agreement for the site.

It was noted that water will be used for dust mitigation.

In regard to extra rubbish noted along the fence, will monitor area to stay on top of that.

Update of Stadium completion date, Stanford stated August 2029 as a completion date, however March 2029 is an achievable date.

Inquiry regarding any legislation regarding the Stadium development? Signage concern, no Las Vegas/Tokyo signage, provides naming rights for the developer. Signage would be inward facing. Outdoor Circle is very strong regarding billboard laws.

Inquiry regarding the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) has an advisory role; The development of the Stadium area is not under HCDA, that did Kalaeloa and Kakaako, each district has its own board. Currently a bill in the Lege for HCDA and the Stadium that may be a preventative step in case TOD development does not come to fruition.

Would like the ceiling to be lifted by the Lege but appears that the Lege wants more transparency and accountability.

Any discussion for more pedestrian orientation? Yes, once the renderings come out, can see the open space. As a TOD, will be pedestrian friendly to connect to the Skyline, the District, Pearl Harbor, etc..

The Stadium Development Fund: Authority to have funds with a ceiling to operate. Ceiling dropped when operations decreased but now need funds to kick start activities. Money is appropriated from the Lege from the General Fund. This is in the State budget bill HB1800.

TOD Plans note Makalapa Park.

More green spaces are needed like practice fields. Multipurpose uses are most likely going to be proposed in the district.

- VI. OCCC:** Chris G. shared a PowerPoint entitled Future of the Oahu Community Correctional Center that discussed bills in the Legislature regarding: pretrial release, compassionate release, offender reentry program, ID programs, fitness programs, peer counseling and additional access to mental health. Site plan of the Correctional Center and parking shared along with proposed building renderings and an exterior material [aluminum, lava rock, glass, panels] board along with a calendar of outreach, P3 procurement and project schedule.

“Breaking Cycles,” project in conjunction with UH Community Desing Center and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation examined alternative modes of rehabilitation and restorative justice of Oahu’s correctional system. 2 resolutions have been introduced, SCR 60 and 89.

Design appears to have changed. More outdoor space was previously proposed. There is a policy to incorporate nature as part of program space and

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rehabilitation. Program spaces are still being developed. UH CDC study did a lot of work and it would be good if what was discussed was manifested.

- VII. Aiea Intermediate School: Sherry** shared that the US Forestry came to visit the campus, impressed with progress since 2022. Many arborists in the group gave a lot of pointers regarding trees. In April, students will be representing ‘Aiea with the selling of Malunggay power and starfruit jam. Focus on sustainability and added value products. Link to the young entrepreneur market: hafyepmarketplace.com

- VIII. Friends of Makalapa Park:** Ati shared that tree plantings have started and there are 7 kukui trees along the north end of the park. Irrigation is available. Makalapa field is being eyed as a site for practice so trees will be planted accordingly. The Hui is a voice for the wants and needs of the Park.

The City's Division of Forestry will be helping with the celebration of Earth Day April 18, from 9am-12pm. A number of community groups will be participating. On April 22, Earth Day there will also be tree planting.

Starting to look at connections to the Park. Hoping to discuss another entrance to the park to make it more accessible to the Skyline and the community.

Funding has been released: \$110,000 for irrigation; and \$200,000 CIP, put in proposal to Parks & Recreation for tables, benches and water. Letterhead requested from ACA to put on flyers. Really appreciate all the work the Hui has done for Makalapa.

There is an April 11 meeting at Saint Elizabeth with community members. The Chuukese community would like to propose a cultural center, looking for a site, money has been raised.

- IX. Environmental Community Concerns:** Correspondence received by Claire recognizing the springs of Ma‘ona by the Oahu Historic Preservation Commission (OHPS) for inclusion into the Oahu Historic Property system. The OHPC acknowledges the cultural and environmental significance of the site and supports the clean water natural funds grant application to restore the site per PUC ordinance 25-160. Petitions with about 500 signatures were included in the presentation to the OHPC. Civil Beat contacted Kehau to discuss the matter.

Regarding Loko Pa‘aiau, still receiving request to visit. In early June, dredging will be done in the pond, and volunteers will not be able to access the area. Will be about a year of dredging and wetland restoration. Want to open up the point and remove mangrove there.

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Poster of Royal Hawaiian fishponds has been taken to events like the Hawaiian Day at the capitol. KUA is also doing a study of fishponds and suggested how Jordon did the archive as a way to gather info.

- X. Navy Region Hawaii:** Kris Tanahara stated the Navy Region is wrapped up Navy week organized by the Office of Community Outreach. More than 70 sailors participate in community events. Admiral Mahelona presided over Navy week. Keiki read to me held at Aiea Library as a part of community outreach.

In early March MOU signed for Kolekole Pass to be used in the event of emergency.

RIMPAC year. Expecting a lot of ships in Pearl Harbor.

Regarding Red Hill and other water sources, the Navy Halawa shaft is moving along as scheduled. DoH needs to approve reactivation.

- XI. Membership:** Joann reported that membership forms are available. It is \$20 annually or \$200 for lifetime membership. First 10 to sign up will get a \$10 Starbuck gift card. New members also get a book.

- XII. Moanalua Road Building:** Cordero's Office checking into building going up next to the stream across the shopping center. Unsure what is taking so long. Assuming the City and DTS are overseeing the work.

- XIII. Trees of Hawai'i Grant:** Andy shared he met with Miles of the Outdoor Circle, sourcing trees through the City and another nursery. Also proposing to apply for other grants. EAH may allow storage of equipment.

- XIV. Community concerns:** Cruelty to animals, people shooting darts at cats. No answers to what to do with feral cats and chickens. There is an explosion of chicken.

Lots of commercial trucks parking on Hakina St. Disturbing and a lot of weight on the library hill. There are no updates on the Hakina wall.

Who cleared the steam along the Korean Church? The Church? Big containers put out on the site. Good job done.

What happened to the cornerstone for the mill?

Are there any kinds of tree that chickens don't like? Will there be more chickens if we plant trees.

Why can't we park in the library parking lot? Light pole fell down, why is contractor not accountable? Stairway to Hakina is closed too. Auxiliary lights will be put in, need to study how much light is thrown beyond area.

Claire got renominated to the Stadium authority. Still needs to get confirmed by the Senate.