

**'Aiea Community Association**

May 22, 2023

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This meeting was virtually conducted via Go To Meetings and at the 'Aiea Library  
7 pm, 'Aiea, O'ahu

- I. **In Attendance:** Laurie Chang, Radiant Cordero, Ronald Fitch, Marian Gushiken, David Harris, Jordon Higa, Karen Higa, Joanne Iritani, Chris Kinimaka, Questor Lau, Nancy McPherson, Bettina Mehnert, Kimberly Mills, Kim Moa, Susan Morishige, Linda Nunes, Jeff Ramsey, Johnny Reid, Lydia Robertson, Garner Shimizu, Samantha Spain, Steff, Jane Sugimura, Wayne Suzuki, Wayne Takara, Claire Tamamoto
- II. **Secretary's Minutes:** April 2023 posted on website
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** no report
- IV. **Neighborhood Watch:** Monster houses in Halawa; 'Aiea stream overgrown greenery cut by Laumaka clients revealed homeless camps and trash left. Displaced rocks from retaining wall found. Later in meeting Wayne reported neighbors have been networking. Break ins reported. Kulawa St., home invasion last week. Drummer at night still around, homeless, sleeps in the bathroom at Napuanani Park.  
Mayor Town Hall next Wednesday at Pearlridge.
- IV. **Mass Transit/HART:** Johnny Reid from HART's Construction/Engineering Inspection Team shared the Weekly E\*Blast: Podcast with Rick Hamada on KHVH with CEO and others done; Spotlight on Dillingham utility relocation meeting; updates on work being done; Monday traffic update; remind motorist of street closures thru September 2024; Shop & Dine Spotlight-can write in to suggest a business, free advertising.  
As reported at the 'Aiea Neighborhood Board meeting, trial runs of the RAIL is complete. Operational testing complete. Hammerhead repairs should be completed by tomorrow night. June 30 system is to go live. Response to questions: costs of hammerhead and who pays? No discussion has taken place with contractor. Contractor handling all mitigation work. No analysis has been done regarding hammerheads with cracks versus hammerheads that have no crack. Photo of hammerhead shared. Cable line that provides post tension to keep hammerhead stable discussed. Not enough reinforcing steel in the hammerhead was stated as the reason for the need of mitigation.
- V. **Senior Housing:** Marian Gushiken shared 3 updates, the passage of the ground lease is completed and approved by Budget Committee and City Council. Next month before HHFDC for tax credit. Permits progress made, permit expected by end of month. Construction expected to start late August. Ground breaking expected Sept/Oct. Slab is coming off, a new slab in place. Environmental Construction Management Plan approved by DoH in regards to the slab removal and disposal.  
Site mitigation should be in place along with contact info. Community concern regarding the wind that swirls and goes up the valley. Don't want to be breathing the contaminated dirt. Aloha la Halewaliko is the official name as determined by the ACA.
- V. **Aloha Stadium:** Samantha Spain reported the 50<sup>th</sup> State Fair begins this Friday. Opening hours are 6pm Fri; 4pm Sat; 12 Noon Sun, through July 9<sup>th</sup>.  
The RAIL has finally opened up at the Stadium, a weekend of shopping at the Swap Meet July 1 & 2 events, with give aways and 400 vendors.  
TMR doing 2-day 33<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Bash, July 28 & 29.  
Looking for PT 19-hour parking attendants, flexible, no benefits.  
For more information on events at the Stadium go online at [alohastadium@hawaii.gov](mailto:alohastadium@hawaii.gov).

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- VI. **NASED:** Chris Kinimaka reported the Legislature preserved \$395.5 million for the project. No unified vision on how to proceed. Governor supports private/public partnership; and private financing to support the project. Meeting with the Governor soon. Newsletter shared.

NASED Newsletter: <https://nased.hawaii.gov/new-aloha-stadium-community-newsletters/>  
NASED Models: <https://nased.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Stadium-Program-Development-GVO-EET.pdf> Halawa TOD Plan Zoning:  
<https://www.honolulu.gov/tod/news.html>

April newsletter: Earth Day, Swap Met transition plan, expected to move in eastern mauka corner, historic and current events, and Loko Pa'aiau. Legislature questioned the models for the Stadium. Delivery Model Considerations for Aloha Stadium shared that described the different options. In 2021, 30,000 seats; with partial roof at a cost of \$470 million model chosen as being achievable.

Non P-3 Reduced Cost under Ige (2023) would be 27,500 seats, no roof, grassed tier seating, \$320 million. No private financing. Amenities added later. Current design with additional funding concept would be in between the Reduced Cost and 2021 proposal.

The TOD Plan is moving forward with the Halawa TOD Master Plan and moving into Zoning. This will help with planning. NASED complies with this Master Plan.

Chris suggests we monitor the TOD at [Honolulu.gov/tod/news.html](http://Honolulu.gov/tod/news.html).

Half a mile radius out from the station, is considered a 10-minute walking distance. 2nd circle is a mile out. Encompasses the fishpond, Library. Kalauao station will encompass the fishpond.

While Governor is reporting the proposal is ready to go, there is still on-going procurement that needs to occur. UH has a stadium that will be expanded but is an interim feature. UH is a stakeholder but not the only stakeholder. More discussion to go on with the new UH AD.

- VII. **OCCC:** Bettina shared the Status Update on the Legislative Session. HB 300 Executive Budget \$10 million approved for 2024-2025. Bills related to prisons did not pass or get heard shared along with three bills that got passed related to correction officer trauma; public information related to deaths in prison; establishment of criminal justice data sharing. Hoping the Governor signs bills by June 26. Not much building news.

- VIII. **Loko Pa'aiau:** Kim reported gathering of fishpond practitioners, 34 ponds represented, sharing information. Hale Puala Academy graduated its third cohort of students. Students got college credits thru Leeward's Business Dept. focus on Indigenous perspective to grow cultural practitioners. Testing sediment for pond dredging. First Saturday of the month is work days.

- IX. **Navy Matters:** Lydia reported that there is a survey out there to repurpose the tanks. Survey for Red Hill repurposing - <https://www.redhillrepurposing.com/>. Info will be presented to the Red Hill Advisory Committee. Defueling to move forward, closure plan to be sent to regulators at the end of the month. Monitoring over a year has taken place, available online on State Water site. Joint base Pearl Harbor having an event on Ford Island, need to register. Report to be emailed to Claire.

- X. **'Aiea Neighborhood Board:** Jane reported that the Neighborhood Board met on Tuesday. The Neighborhood Board was unable to provide comments on City pay raises as it was not

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on the agenda. Radiant reported that the raises have not been included in the operating budget or Legislative budget. Council unable to amend amounts, can accept or reject raises.

- XI. Book Sale:** Karen reported that we had a book sale in April, made over \$600. Lots of books and requests to have a 2 day event, however the Library is closed on Friday and Sunday so there is not that much traffic. .

**XIII. Announcements:**

See agenda.

Vaccine event at Aiea Hongwanji Friday 4pm-8pm

We continue to sell books. Mail needs to be increased to \$11.00 from \$8.00. No objections.

Kalauao stream needs to be cleaned up, Kim to email Radiant for location.

'Aiea Neighborhood Board meeting day may be changed.