

'Aiea Community Association

July 15, 2024

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

- I. **In Attendance:** Steph Abdul-NCTF Hawai'i, Rep. Micah Aiu, Sherry Cassetta, Laurie/Loren Chang, Ati Jeffers-Fabro (NPS), Chris Gaydosh, David Harris, Jordon Higa, Karen Higa, Joanne Iritani, Steff Kawasaki, Andy Kaufman, Chris Kinimaka, Questor Lau, Kehaulani Lum, Lance Maja, Bettina Mehnert, Kimberly Mills, Susan Morishige, Jeff Ramsey, Lydia Robertson, Robert Sato (CM Cordero), Garner Shimizu, Samantha Spain, John Schell, Wayne Suzuki, Claire Tamamoto, Sally Tamai, Kris Tanahara, Tina, Brilyn Williams, Orion Williams

- II. **Secretary Minutes/ Treasurer's Report:** No reports.

- III. **Neighborhood Watch:** Wayne Suzuki reported, there was coffee hour with the police and Councilperson Cordero. Police has stated they may be increasing participation. There is a new Major in charge of the Pearl City Police Station. Event at the Pearl City Skateboard Park [Breene Harimoto Park] Wednesday, July 17 at 830am. Officer Alyssa will be the point of contact for our community watch. Complaints continue regarding noise and drinking at Halawa Park at the Neighborhood Board meeting.

- IV. **Halewaliko Senior Housing:** Landscaping map was shared, green space now between new building and existing residences. Questor Lau gave an update to construction work. The exterior framing will be completed at end of month. Noise should decrease. Work will be on-going in the cul-de-sac, hope to be done with road work before school starts.
Claire discussed the modification to the design of the building, basically the building was flipped so the green space went to the back of the building. Will access still be allowed for the Intermediate School? Low property boundary fence may be in place, students should be able to access. Access may not be on property.
150 names on the interest list for the Senior Housing facility. Wait list may be determined through the interest list.
Question regarding site lighting. Parking area will be lighted, back area may have some pole lights. Roof starting to go up. Façade may be angled but the roof is flat.
Due to dust, cleaners came to clean adjacent neighbor's deck. Claire requested that the "highlands" and name be edited for project.

- V. **Aloha Stadium:** Samantha reported two successful concerts went very well, parking lot was cleared in 45 minutes. On Sunday July 28, 10-4, Swap Meet's Anniversary. 80's theme to celebrate, the Hospitality room will be turned into a roller-skating rink; \$20/hour and there will be jazzersize too at \$5 if up front or free. Other themed events to occur at the end of each month. The website is alohastadium.hawaii.gov.

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On September 7 is the Mega-Bon; 15,000 guests are expected.
Trying to work with the Rail for advertising on the Stadium events.

- VI. NASED:** Chris shared one of the parties withdrew so one-party, Aloha Halawa District Partners (AHDP) remains. It is not guaranteed to be a final contractor, as party needs to meet requirements of proposal. Early September the public should know if the AHDP will be awarded the contract as the process continues. June 2025 construction proposed to start and completed by Fall 2028. A FAQ page will be on the NASED site: nased.hawaii.gov. See Newsletter.

Thank you, correspondence, sent to community members for their presentation from the AHDP.

Who is evaluating the proposal? The evaluation committee and advisors.

What happens if the contract is not executed by June? Would need to go back to square -1. Cannot go back to former proposers.

Selected Team could consider updating Team members with approval.

Structural analysis still being done to insure safely around the Stadium structure.

Demolition on hold so the developer has full control to reuse.

Mis-steps when Stadium originally built, culturally. Has the AIS been completed for the Stadium? Forwarded to SHPD in May. Would like to review.

- VII. OCCC:** Bettina shared the Status Update for the future of OCCC and the 53rd OCCC Newsletter that discusses the difference between a jail and prison. The Facility Space Program was also discussed noting that there were 3 workshops regarding Housing and Classification; Intake, Medical, Onboarding, Release; and Base Support. The workshops will help in the design phases of the jail.

P3 is proposed to develop the facility. Construction of OCCC expected to be completed in 2031. Presentation will be placed on website.

John Schell just returned from Indiana to check out other facilities design to help make informed decisions. Working with the American Correctional Association. Sending delegation to Nashville to pitch project for interest.

Question regarding newsletter comparison of jails to prisons? Went to a neighborhood Board meeting and people did not know the difference between a jail and prison. Jail is short-term, may not be guilty or awaiting trial; Prison is long-term, guilty.

Regarding the Chain of Custody flowchart, would it be possible to incorporate the community in the flowchart? Would be at arrested by HPD and at the released for the community to understand that we are connected.

Bail is set by the court.

- VIII. Makalapa Park:** Ati reported the fourth meeting took place last Thursday. There was a walk that occurred, need to regroup and work more with the community. June 28th a successful Cool Down Fest event took place. Looking for suggestions on the \$200,000 allotment for the Park. Hope to do more outreach. Back to School Drive on August 3, 2024. atijeffersfabro@gmail.com

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- IX. Loko ‘la Pa‘aiāu:** Kehau reported that 350 visitors came from a variety of organizations. A Zoom meeting took place regarding waivers for Sec 106 for cultural practices. Grant received from UH Sea Grant for a native medicinal plant nursery. Next community workday is September 1. Thank you, Jordon, for your work and research. Working on a grant with the owners of Pa‘akea to hopefully do community visioning and restoration of entire complex. 14 representatives were sent to the Hui Malama Loko meeting.
- X. Navy Matters:** The weekly Mo‘olelo newsletter and Navy report is available on the website. Also JBPHH information can be found at www.greatlifehawaii.com. Regarding the recent proposed land transfer that did not go through, this was through the BRAC office. RIMPAC participants were given cultural awareness training. Navy Red Hill Tank Closure Plan is under the 45-day review by DOH/EPA.
- XI. Library/ 2024 Christmas Parade:** Karen Higa shared July 27, there is a K-pop event and the Library is also celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Library. The Book Sale is proposed for Saturday, September 28, looking for volunteers for set up Friday evening and take down Saturday after the book sale. The Parade is December 14th. Would like to do the Fun Fair. Suggestions, ideas, volunteers can be emailed to Karen at aieaparade@yahoo.com. Application forms will be going out shortly. Blood drive will be done again. Need help with donations, publicity, social media, VOLUNTEERS, vendors, tents, generators, PA system. Public informational booths welcomed.
- XII. Misc:** We still have a number of ‘Aiea books that we need to store. Jane has been storing the books and paying the rent for storage. Claire to try and work out a deal. We will need to pay for the storage. Does anyone have ideas or empty space, please let us know.
There may be grant funds for community gardens. Looking at creating a garden in an area of the open field. Past proposals for the area did include community gardens. There may also be forest service grants too such as adopt a park. We may need to plant trees on our own. Also need to bring attention to the Royal Palms at the Post Office.
- XIV. Representative Reports:** Robert Sato of Councilperson Cordero’s office reported that fireworks were set off at Gus Webling School. Police were alerted. You may view Councilmember Cordero’s report online at <https://www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/View/Collection-12551>. For any questions or concerns, please email Robert at rsato@honolulu.gov. The City is updating the PUC Plan that is from Kahala to Pearl City. July 30, at Moanalua High School at 6-7:30. See newsletter for more info. Calls received regarding traffic light at Ulune/Kaimakani. Loop damaged by Navy work, working with the City to reprogram. City FY25 budget included in Councilmembers Report.

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Question regarding homeless camp at Halawa. There is a rumor that the HONU-Homeless Camp that is at Blaisdell Park is coming to Halawa Park. HONU is a City program; Community Services/Parks that bring services to people temporarily to hopefully rehouse. Nothing has been confirmed. If this happens, will the community be allowed to provide comment? Need to consult Dept. of Community Services. (808) 768-7762.

Regarding the TOD Plan, will the priority to protect Hawaiian sites and names be included in the PUC Plan? Robert to check on it.

There are bulk funds for various locations for traffic improvements. May want to contact the Mayor’s Office, administration to move on these designated location items.

Micah Aiu reported he is working with Ed Sniffen, DOT to prevent illegal left turn back onto the freeway, repair pothole damage on the Halawa cut off. 4-way stop in Halawa is proposed. 2 years ago, red light cameras were rolled out, now will also include speeding in the existing intersections; and noise cameras will be initiated in Waikiki as a pilot. Problem areas for these types of mitigative actions in Aiea may be suggested to Rep. Aiu.

- XVI. Announcements:** ‘Aiea Neighborhood Board meeting on recess in August. Next ACA meeting is August 19, 2024, at 7pm at the Library meeting room. 10-year anniversary for the Library.