

'Aiea Community Association

September 16, 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:** Rep. Micah Aiu, Brianne, Sherry Cassetta, Ati Jeffers-Fabro (NPS), T. Fernandez, Chris Gaydosh-AHL, David Harris WT NASED, Desiree-NCTF Red Hill, Jordon Higa, Karen Higa, Joanne Iritani, Daniel Jandock-DAGS, Andy Kaufman, Chris Kinimaka-DAGS, Questor Lau-EAH Housing, Liz Lee-AHL, Kehaulani Lum, Lance Maja-DAGS, Melanie Martin- DCR, Bettina Mehnert-AHL, Susan Morishige, Eric Nishimoto-DAGS, Jeff Ramsey-Crawford Arch. NASED, Tricia Riopelle (CM Cordero's Office), Lydia Robertson Navy Region Hawai'i, Lynn Sari, John Schell-DCR, Garner Shimizu, Samantha Spain-Aloha Stadium, Claire Tamamoto, Sally Tamai DAGS, Tina Tamaru, Kris Tanahara.

- II. **Secretary Minutes:** June minutes posted on the web site. Take a look at the minutes on the website. Please send us any corrections or amendments.
Treasurer's Report: Balance of \$23,880.92. \$125 K-Pop; \$100 -4 Books; and \$180-Membership.
Friends of Aiea Library: \$17,078.30 Deposit of \$353.52 from book sales, donation of \$100, \$230 paid out for or Directors insurance.

- III. **Neighborhood Watch:** Wayne Suzuki reported to Claire that there was nothing to report.

- IV. **New OCCC:** Warden John Schell reported that UH Design Center/Cathi Schar continues to do outreach and has expanded its studies to insure public values and views are included. DCR is interested in the public perspective. Some members of the Neighborhood Board toured OCCC and concluded it is time for a new jail. Corrections and rehabilitation is a high priority to reduce repeat offenses. Proposed OCCC rendering shared. Two facilities were illustrated, a square building with 1034 beds and a E shaped building for transitional housing. Transitional housing is proposed to set up services, for work furlough, supervised work crew, and parole violations (short term). Appears to be a lot of parking. Staff and visitor parking separated. Some parking may be shared with the Quarantine Station. Green spaces being looked at for programs for those in transition. What percentage of the prison have substance abuse? Ballpark 60-70%. What type of support in both inside and outside is needed is the reasoning behind the question.
Laumaka furlough will stay in Kalihi? Will people be shuttled back and forth? No. OCCC and Laumaka don't intermix. Transport to court varies significantly daily, and it is up to the court. There is a proposal to set up one court area in the new jail.
Bettina reported the Status Update for the future of the OCCC. American Correctional Association Conference was attended. OCCC Project team had an exhibit booth. Feedback on how to package the RFP. Branded the new O'ahu Jail with a new website: newoahujail.hawaii.gov

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At the conference, took a tour of a Behavior Care Center, attended a networking event to meet with potential bidders. Got the word out for interest. Another conference will be in the winter. Selection of the development team expected in 2026.

- V. NASED:** Chris Kinimaka reported the remaining party interested in the project, Aloha Halawa District Partners did meet the deadline and DAGS continues to review and evaluate their proposal. Hope to make the announcement at the end of September, if AHDP will be the preferred offer. The latest newsletter was released on August 26 regarding the status of the project and can be found at nased.hawaii.gov.

Aloha Stadium: Samantha shared the latest events going on at the Stadium. MegaBon's crowd was less than anticipated. The layout was spread out, so it was more comfortable to walk around and enjoy the event. Partnered with Leeward Community College on the Skyline for parking. 3,000 riders on Skyline; usually 2,000 for the entire weekend. The drone show was added to the event and would like to bring it back next year.

- September 29 at Swap Meet, at section 9 there will be a Pickle Ball clinic at 10am- 2pm. Partnered with the O'ahu Pickleball Association.
- October 5 there is a Night Market and Car Show at the Upper Halawa lot at 5-9 pm.
- October 27, Swap Meet will be hosting a Fall event for the 45th anniversary. There will be a pumpkin patch, keiki trick or treating with vendors, farmer's market, scavenger hunt, activities, and entertainment.
- November 16, TMR announced Lil Wayne will be at the Stadium.

An entertainment stage is being built for Swap Meet near the food area at Section 8. Looking for performances to feature at the Swap Meet.

Comments regarding the MegaBon: Enjoyed the drone show, preferred over fireworks, dance floor was dark, participants enjoyed the larger footprint. Believed people stayed away due to the crowd of last year.

- VI. Aloha Iā Halewalikō Senior Housing:** Questor Lau gave an update to construction work. Working on the roof, exterior and interior of the building. Questions regarding the lighting. Illustration of the pole lighting for the parking lot shown. There will be one pole lighting in the dog park. All lighting is focused downward. There is also bollard lighting along the winding path in the back. There will also be exterior downward shielded lighting on the building. Lighting should be on a timer or sensor and will be on at night. There will be security cameras.

Link for people interested in being put on the wait list: <https://www.eahhousing.org/aiea/> . Phone: 808-439-6286 Momi if questions. Requirements are, the affordability is 60% and below the AML, age would be 62.

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- VII. Pa'aiau Fishpond:** Jordon shared there recently was a community workday, about 40 people attended. It was hot and work was done on the nursery and clearing of weeds. The next workday is the first Saturday on November 2. Working on the proposed mitigation for the dredging of the fishpond. Kehau later shared how through collaboration, Loko Pa'aiau is being restored. It took time and the more we do, the closer we become. So many persons from different communities, states, countries have come to Pa'aiau. There were more than 25 workdays in the last 6 weeks all being done by volunteers. The Pa'aiau community will be happy to facilitate Aloha. Given a booth at the American Fisheries conference, set up Ahu and participants came and gave offerings. Kehau expressed her gratefulness to all. Selling the 'Aiea book at the conference. Future visits by KS students and an oyster specialist, to potentially offer oyster mitigation during dredging. Shout out to Captain Ted Carlson and his wife Stephanie Sharp for donating 2 tents.
- VIII. Transportation Meeting:** State DOT Sniffen and County DTS Morton discussed transportation improvements in the district. Modifications around the Pearl City Post Office and red-light traffic and speeding cameras were discussed. These cameras have been very effective and hard to defend these offenses. Good information given at the meeting that will be rebroadcasted on 'Olelo. See Councilmember Cordero's report that can be found at: <https://www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/View/Collection-12551> for info. To view the 'Aiea-Pearl City Town Hall presentations from the State's Department of Transportation and City's Department of Transportation Services, please visit tinyurl.com/09-11-24-APC-Town-Hall. The on ramp to the freeway has 2 new big yellow signs to hopefully slow down traffic that is merging onto the freeway. Claire discussed all the driveways and traffic lights along Moanalua Road between Aiea Heights Drive and St. Elizabeth Church.
- VIII. Makalapa Park:** Ati reported the Hui is moving forward with a meeting coming up on September 26. makalapapark@gmail.com is the website. The Hui is putting together a proposal that may include 3 tables, a water fountain and possibly a playground. Working with Urban Forestry in City Parks to do plantings in the Park. Looking for input in Park design to incorporate community suggestions and reconnect Halawa with Aiea. Suggested a skate track that could double as a roller rink (maybe at NASED?), community gardens, making it more pedestrian friendly. Really encouraging participation. Need to discuss access and security and that takes time and planning for a final product to come up with something for the community. Suggested a display at the Fun Fair.
- IX. Navy Concerns:** Lydia shared highlights of the Navy's weekly newsletter Mo'olelo that is a compilation of Navy news for the week. The Navy Report and Weekly Mo'olelo is the ACA website. Senator Hirono visited the fishpond;

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PMRF(Kauai) is planting native plants and volunteers are monitoring turtle eggs. Job opportunities are also in the newsletter.

Kris shared that she sent out a notice about the white boat tour of Pearl Harbor, and the Arizona Memorial on September 20. There are still seats available let Kris know in the chat or contact Claire for contact info. Meet for the tour at the Pacific Fleet boathouse at 3:30pm and the tour leaves at 4pm. Tour will be about an hour and a half. Jim Newman will be conducting/MCing the tour. Reflection at the Arizona Memorial.

Desiree of the Navy Closure Task Force shared that there was an open house on August 21 and the next open house is proposed in November. Ventilation of tanks occurring, a press release will be done soon regarding the ventilation of the tanks. Upcoming community event:

- The Commission on Water Resource Management meeting on September 17, Navy leaders to attend;
- September 20 is the Hawaii State Emergency Response Commission meeting;
- October 9 is the DoH Fuel Tank Advisory Meeting.

The NCTF is continuing to keep the public informed, via meetings, open houses, fact sheets, and graphics created along with educational video.

- Website: www.navyclosuretaskforce.navy.mil.

Here's the link to the studies done regarding potential beneficial reuse of Red Hill - on the Navy Region Hawaii website: <https://cnrh.cnic.navy.mil/Operations-and-Management/Red-Hill/Red-Hill-Repurpose-and-Reuse/>. The proposals will be presented to Congress.

Comment: An EPA report noted that other leakages in the ground water may have been from the former 'Aiea Sugar Mill site; where was this information obtained from? The Navy Laundry site also had monitoring wells to monitor this site.

Inquiry as to the disconnect between the Navy, Dept of Health, EPA and the Board of Water Supply. There is collaboration going on between the different agencies on how to fix matters and opportunities for solutions. Community members should feel free to reach out to the Navy representatives at any time.

It is known that the stream and stream banks may still be polluted due to the former Mill.

X. Christmas Parade: Karen shared the parade is on December 14, at 9 am from Pearlridge Elementary to 'Aiea Library. Flyer on the website along with an application. The Fun Fair is for families. No charge for booths. Looking for City sponsorship, would the Mayor like to attend? Any tips, Councilperson Cordero's Office will look into this. Suggestions, ideas, volunteers can be emailed to Karen at aieaparade@yahoo.com. Blood Drive and perhaps a Flu/Covid shot Clinic. 'Aiea Intermediate will have a Eco-booth and may sell plants.

XI. Friends of 'Aiea Library Book Sale: Will be on September 28, 9am-2pm. Price of books have increased as people have said the price is too cheap. The last

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hour of the library sale may have a fill a bag deal. Volunteers needed on Friday evening and Saturday after the book sale for set up and take down. May want to ask 'Aiea High School ROTC Program to volunteer and provide some muscles. Library Flyer on our website.

XIV. Representative Reports: Tricia shared Representative Cordero's Report in the chat [Also under VIII]. She also reported:

- September 20, there is the Honolulu Police Department recruitment fair;
 - PUC Development Plan on September 23 at 6pm at Kawanakoa Middle School;
 - October 19 Pearl Harbor Bike path clean up.
- Response to community concerns: Ulune/Kaimakani St traffic signals have been replaced and should be working properly;
Regarding fallen tree leaves in yards, if owned by the City can contact Urban Forestry, private matter, talk to your neighbor;
There will be no HONU shelter at Halawa District Park.
Inquiry regarding large house going up in Halawa.

Rep Aiu thanked those that attended the Town Hall on transportation. Highway improvement to stop people from illegally turning left back onto the highway have been put in place at Halawa. Area still a concern.

XVI. Announcements: 'Aiea Neighborhood Board meeting on the second Tuesday, October 8. Next ACA meeting is October 21, 2024, Claire will be traveling and will keep us posted.

Go to our website at www.aieacommunity.org for more information and community events.

September 20, ring your bell for peace.