February 5, 2014 Wei Fang 1st Public Hearing

Project Details:

- 441 Cooke St. (existing warehouse)
- Landowner: Kamehameha Schools
- Applicant: Wei Fang
- Adds 670 Sq. Ft. of new floor area by adding mezzanine inside warehouse
- Warehouse space is 3,116 sq. ft., currently vacant with commercial use
- Proposed project is consistent with KS Master Plan permit (mixed use development)
- Kakaako Agora
 - o Community gathering place
 - o "Indoor public park"
 - Free to the public during day, available for community groups for meetings, etc.
 - o Public arts emphasis, with curators, artists, etc.
 - o 4-6 weeks construction period
- Decision making hearing scheduled for April 2, 2014

Comments from Tony Ching: "This effort is laudable and very creative, and represents a positive step forward in creating a mixed use community in this area."

Public Testimony:

Mela Kealoha Lindsey, Creations of Hawaii non-profit/artisans group

- SUPPORT
- Our group understands development of Kakaako, we want it to be known as a community where there are activities, not just industrial area
- Weekends are dead, creating a community environment would be good
- Project would add to the unique community and create new vision

Bob Oda, Kamehameha Schools

- SUPPORT
- Project helps redefine what Kakaako is all about
- Great places start with great artists
- Project supports overall mission for district in creating great places for people
- Will work together to ensure no negative impacts to neighbors, reparking

Kevin Miyamoto, architect on Cooke st. block

- SUPPORT
- Need more arts and community programs that represent area's history and interests
- Match the scale of commercial development