



May 2014 HCDA Newsletter

Aloha,

On April 30, 2014, the Hawaii Community Development Authority approved the development permit application for Kamehameha Schools Land Block A: Keauhou Lane. The project will create 632 new housing units on the Kamehameha Schools parcel where the “Eat the Street” event is currently held, and will include a mixture of retail and commercial space. The approved podium height modification will allow the building’s footprint to be smaller, thereby creating more space on the ground floor for active pedestrian uses.

Also on April 30, 2014, the HCDA held a public hearing for the joint development permit for Kamehameha Schools Land Block B. The mixed-use development proposes the construction of 183 new residential units in two buildings on Keawe Street, along with parking, retail, and recreation space. Additional details on the joint development permit application can be viewed on our website here: <http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/kamehameha-schools-block-b/>. Additional public testimony will be accepted at supplemental comment sessions held on Saturday, May 17, at 10:00 a.m., and on Tuesday, May 20, at 5:30 p.m. A decision making hearing for KS Land Block B is scheduled for June 10, 2014.

In legislative matters, House Bill 1866 is now law, causing several changes to HCDA procedures, board composition, and building regulations, including a 418-foot height limit for new buildings. The HCDA is now undergoing the rule-making procedure to comply with the new law, which goes into effect on July 1, 2014. Last month, we implemented a few changes to clarify our public hearing process in accordance with community and lawmaker wishes. Those details can be found here: <http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/files/2013/07/Contested-Case-Proceedings-040114.pdf>

As HB1866 places a great deal of importance on building communities, the HCDA believes it does not detract from our goal of developing active communities that provide residents with multiple opportunities for growth.

In this legislative session, state senators also confirmed the appointment of Brian Tamamoto to serve as a Kakaako small business representative on the HCDA board.

Please feel free to contact me, should you require any additional information on any of these items. For your convenience, copies of this and previous monthly newsletters and documents are posted on our website, <http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/newsletters/>

Mahalo,

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