



June 2014 HCDA Newsletter

Aloha,

This month ushered in several exciting projects in the Kakaako Community Development District. On June 10, 2014, The Hawaii Community Development Authority authorized the continued funding and expansion of its Jobs Training Program that provides homeless outreach services to those in need in Kakaako. The HCDA began the program in June 2009 and it has since grown to help numerous homeless individuals find permanent jobs and turn their lives around.

HCDA's Jobs Training program is a critical element to ending homelessness, as it provides outreach services and also teaches necessary job skills. The program also serves a dual function, as it provides the manpower for landscaping, janitorial/ cleaning, trash removal, and beautification of HCDA-owned parks in Kakaako. With this week's Authority decision, the HCDA ensures the program's continued success by funding it for another year, through June 2015.

In addition, the HCDA is continuing to fund its Security Deposit Matching program, which sets aside \$10,000 to help Jobs Training Program participants move out of homelessness and into rental housing. It is in this way of giving a hand up, instead of a hand out, that the HCDA believes it can be a part of the solution in ending homelessness in Hawaii. More information on both of these programs is contained in this news release:

<http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/files/2014/02/Jobs-Training-Program-News-Release.pdf>.

Also on June 10, 2014, the HCDA unanimously approved the joint development permit application for Kamehameha Schools Land Block B. The mixed-use development proposes the construction of 183 new residential units on Keawe Street, along with parking, retail, and recreation space. Although current rules allow for a 400-foot-tall tower on this site, the landowner and developer opted to reduce height and build two mid-rise buildings instead. The project requested one building modification, which would allow for the creation of more public open space at the ground level to further encourage pedestrian activity. Additional details and renderings can be viewed on our website: <http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/kamehameha-schools-block-b/>.

Plans are also moving ahead to rehabilitate the historic Ala Moana Pump Station. The Authority voted to approve the preparation of an environmental assessment and special management area permit so that the non-profit organization, Pacific Gateway Center, may renovate the 114-year-old building into a community resource center.

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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