



August 2014 HCDA Newsletter

Aloha,

The Hawaii Community Development Authority has scheduled public hearings for a new development permit application from Ward Village. The proposed Land Block 2, Project 2 would be built at 1050 Ala Moana Boulevard, where Ward Warehouse is currently located. The proposal includes two buildings to create a total of 236 new housing units. The first public hearing will be held at the HCDA office on October 1, 2014, with decision making to follow at another public hearing on December 3, 2014. A special hearing to discuss the proposed building modifications will be held on October 2, 2014, in accordance with new legislative directives.

You can submit written testimony and view the entire permit application on our website:

<http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/ward-village-land-block-2-project-2/>.

A decision making hearing for a new reserved housing rental project in Kalaeloa is scheduled for September 9, 2014. Hunt Development Group proposes the conversion and renovation of Building 77 in the former Navy Bachelor Officer Quarters on Franklin D. Roosevelt Avenue into 100 rental units for qualified income applicants. Public testimony was overwhelmingly positive at the project's initial public hearing on July 23, 2014. The project application can be viewed here: <http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/building-77/>.

The HCDA and Ward Village hosted a Kewalo Basin Harbor Celebration Event on August 1, 2014 to show our appreciation for the current harbor tenants and to share in the excitement of the future harbor revitalization. Hundreds of people from various Kakaako community organizations, Kewalo Basin businesses, as well as the general public gathered on the pier to enjoy conversation, family friendly entertainment and delicious local seafood.

At its monthly board meeting on August 6, the HCDA approved a 4-year agreement with the City & County of Honolulu that will allow the city's Sidewalks Nuisance Ordinance and Stored Property Ordinance Program to relocate their office from Auahi Street to the former Look Lab Facility in Kakaako Makai. This move would allow for the opening of Auahi Street and facilitate complete streets and more pedestrian friendly development.

Also at its monthly meeting, the HCDA approved spending up to \$120,000 to purchase a guardian boat for the City & County of Honolulu Emergency Services Division. Kewalo Basin Harbor will soon be home to the city's first lifeguard station situated directly on the water, and the HCDA wants to ensure the facility is the best it can be for the newly revitalized area. This rescue boat will shorten lifeguards' response time and enhance life-saving operations in and around Kewalo Basin.

Lastly, the HCDA is undertaking a year-long effort to plan for future active use facilities for the parks in Kakaako Makai. First, we'll be hosting a series of open houses to focus on the current challenges facing our parks and possible solutions for transforming them into better gathering places. Public input and discussion will be encouraged throughout the planning process, so please join us to make your voice heard. The first open house is scheduled for Thursday, August 28 at 5:30 p.m. Details can be found on our website here:

<http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/files/2014/08/2654.11-kakaako-makai-parks-open-house-flyer-FINAL.pdf>.

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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