



## June 2015 HCDA Newsletter

Aloha,

At its regular June 3, 2015 meeting, the Hawaii Community Development Authority voted to enter into negotiations with Bronx Pro Group to develop affordable micro unit housing at 630 Cooke Street. Developers for the top two proposals made public presentations and showed the true potential of the small 10,000 square foot lot. The winning proposal offers a 17-story, 184-foot tall mixed-use tower with 104 micro units. The majority of units will be reserved for low-income groups making under 60% of the area median income, while a handful of units will be reserved for extremely low-income groups making 30% of the area median income. Bronx Pro says their development will offer a high quality of living with flexible living spaces and community meeting areas. The developer also proposes adding a number of energy efficient features, like solar water heating and LED lighting. More details on their proposal can be found on our website here: <http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/files/2015/05/Bronx-Pro-Group-BAFO.pdf>.

The third round of open house meetings to discuss the Kakaako Makai Area Parks Active Use Facilities Master Plan has begun. The planning area includes the Kakaako Gateway Parks, Waterfront Park and Kewalo Basin Park. A video describing what we hope to accomplish in these areas can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7L7gcDRBGcQ>. Over a dozen people attended the open house on June 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss the consolidated layout for active uses in the parks of Kakaako Makai. If you missed it, another open house will be held on Saturday, June 13 at 10 a.m. in the HCDA's first floor community meeting room. The presentation can be viewed online here: [http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/files/2015/06/Pres\\_OpenHouse-03Jun15\\_2-reduced-size.pdf](http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/files/2015/06/Pres_OpenHouse-03Jun15_2-reduced-size.pdf). A draft environmental impact study (EIS) that examines the impacts of various activities in Kakaako Makai will be published later this summer. A 45-day public comment period will follow.

On May 27, 2015, the HCDA voted to reject Ward Village's request to allow rentals at its 988 Halekauwila Street project, which is currently permitted for fee-simple reserved housing only. HCDA Chairperson John Whalen summarized the reasons for the decision, which can be viewed online here: <http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/files/2015/05/Chair-Whalens-Remarks-on-Board-Decision.pdf>. The HCDA did allow a two-year extension of the 988 Halekauwila development permit. Ward Village plans to file exceptions to the HCDA decision and final action will be taken by the Authority on June 24, 2015.

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/>. If you'd like to receive this newsletter with accompanying photos of the various projects and activities, please subscribe here: <http://eepurl.com/R7woT>.

See Attached: Updated Project Activity Sheet

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