

Report of the Executive Director

Kalaeloa Report

July 8, 2015

The Hawaii Community Development Authority (“HCDA”) has established four groups to address and advise the HCDA with respect to various concerns and issues within the Kalaeloa Community Development District (“District”). The four groups are: the Kalaeloa Community Network (“KCN”), Kalaeloa Public Safety Group (“KPS”), Kalaeloa Advisory Team (“KAT”), and the Kalaeloa Archaeological and Cultural Hui (“KACH”). The following is a summary of these groups’ efforts and other HCDA projects/initiatives over the past several months.

Combined Kalaeloa Group Meeting

On June 18, 2015, HCDA’s four working groups, the KCN, KPS, KAT and KACH held a combined meeting to hear HCDA’s briefing on the draft Kalaeloa Roadway Memorandum of Understanding (“KAL MOU”) and provide feedback on the KAL MOU. Senator Mike Gabbard also presented his annual legislative wrap-up from the 2015 Hawaii State legislative session.

Representatives from the following offices/agencies were represented: Congressman Mark Takai, Containers Hawaii, City and County of Honolulu (“City”) Department of Parks and Recreation, Councilmember Kymberly Pine, Federal Fire Department, Gentry Homes, Hale Ulu Pono Transitional Housing, Honolulu Fire Department, Hunt Companies (“Hunt”), Nanakuli/Maile Neighborhood Board No. 36, Onelauena Transitional Shelter, Senator Maile Shimabukuro, State of Hawaii Department of Transportation (“DOT”) and the United States Coast Guard.

- The HCDA presented a briefing of the draft KAL MOU, which was presented to the HCDA Authority at its June 9, 2015 meeting. The briefing included an overview of Kalaeloa’s infrastructure history, a recap of the discussion on how to move the road infrastructure forward, the considerations to address the issues and the recommendations that are included in the draft KAL MOU.

The meeting attendees asked for clarification or consideration on the following questions and statements:

- How difficult would it be to get an additional 14 feet of land?

- What will happen to the electrical substation at the intersection of Roosevelt Avenue and Hornet Street?
- Is it necessary for both Roosevelt Avenue and Saratoga Avenue to be expanded to 108 feet roadways?
- Doesn't the Kalaeloa Master Plan call for Saratoga Avenue to be the primary east-west corridor in the District?
- Are City standards required for previously-built roads? Is it necessary to "rebuild" Kalaeloa roadways to the City's standards?
- Has Saratoga Avenue been surveyed for metes and bounds?
- The draft KAL MOU is needed in order for Hunt to move forward on their development plans.
- The draft KAL MOU, as written today, can always be modified to accommodate future needs.

HCDA staff will also present the draft KAL MOU briefing at the Neighborhood Board No. 34 (Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale) at its Transportation Committee Meeting on Tuesday, June 30, 2015, 7:00 p.m., at the Kapolei Hale Conference Room A, 1000 Uluohia Street, Kapolei. It was noted that the full City Council will hear the KAL MOU presentation at a future date.

- Senator Mike Gabbard, District 20, who represents Kapolei, Makakilo and portions of Ewa, Kalaeloa and Waipahu, presented his annual legislative wrap up. He has served nine sessions as the senator for District 20 and also finished his 7th session as the Chairperson of the Energy and Environment Committee. Gabbard first announced the following community news:
 - Kalaeloa's Youth Challenge Academy will hold their graduation ceremony on June 19, 2015.
 - Geiger Road, the eastern roadway access to Kalaeloa, will become a four-lane road.
 - Wakea Garden Apartments, which was recently renovated by Hunt into 1-bedroom rental apartments, is holding its grand opening ceremony on June 30, 2015.

- Regal Theatres will open in the spring 2016 at the Kapolei Commons shopping center.

Gabbard noted that there were a total of 2,894 bills introduced during the 2015 legislative session and that 252 of those bills were passed by the Legislature. As of June 18, 2015, 123 bills were signed into law. He noted the following bills:

- Act 97 requires the State to get 100% of its electricity from renewable sources by 2045. Hawaii is the first state in the nation to pass such a law.
- Act 100 establishes a community-based renewable energy program. People will be allowed to form a “hui” (group), find a piece of land, and purchase or lease photovoltaic panels. The hui members will get credit on their electricity bill for the energy that is produced. This will allow renters and those without roof space to benefit from photovoltaic project credits.
- There was \$90,445,000.00 in construction funding included in the 2015-2017 State budget for Senate District 20.
- S. C. R. 57, S. D. 1, H. D. 1, expands the task force study of the Red Hill underground fuel storage facility.

Gabbard noted that Senator Ron Kouchi of Kauai replaced Senator Donna Mercado as the Senate president. Gabbard now serves as the Chairperson of the newly-created Water, Land and Agriculture Committee and the Vice Chairperson of the Transportation and Energy Committee. He invited the meeting attendees to submit suggestions and ideas for the 2016 Hawaii State Legislature by contacting his office.

- Hunt noted that they are conducting landscaping improvements on the Saratoga Avenue side of their Professional Services Building.

Hunt also announced that 35% of Wakea Garden Apartments have been rented.

They also have completed the renovations at Pride Field. The renovations included painting and new fixtures.

The KCN’s next meeting will be on Thursday, July 9, 2015 and the KPS’s next meeting will be on Thursday, July 16, 2015. Meetings are held at the DHHL’s Hale Pono‘i conference room.

Kalaeloa Heritage Park:

- On June 12, 2015, the HCDA issued a right-of-entry to the Kalaeloa Heritage and Legacy Foundation (“KHLF”) for the use of Parcel 13073-D, Tax Map Key 9-1-013: 068 for the timeframe from June 12, 2015 to June 23, 2015 for the use and preparation for the 1st Annual Kalaeloa Heritage and Legacy Foundation Fundraiser Luau which was held on Saturday June 20, 2015.
- On June 20, 2015, the KHLF held their 1st Annual Kalaeloa Heritage Park Luau Fundraiser. Over 200 people gathered at the park to learn about the park, its unique features and the conceptual plan. In addition to the luau festivities, attendees were able to participate in a narrated walking tour of the archaeological, cultural and natural features of the park.



Dr. Sam Ohu Gon, III and Kanani Kahana-Reid presented the oli aloha.



Halau Kaululau`ae, Kumu Hula Mikiala Kanekoa, featured songs of the area, including “Kalaeloa” and “Makakilo.”



Traditional Hawaiian food was served to the attendees.



The Paradise Cove Luau musicians and dancers shared songs and dances of Polynesia.



Luau attendees culminated the event with a joining of hands and voices raised in song to “Hawaii Aloha.”

- On June 24 and 25, 2015, HCDA staff met with KHLF members to discuss the conditions and terms for the Kalaeloa Heritage Park lease.

Infrastructure Matters:

- On June 22, 2015, HCDA staff met with the DOT in regards to the Kalaeloa Energy Corridor between Kapolei Parkway and Midway Street along Enterprise Avenue. The DOT and HCDA staff finalized activities for the Federal Highways report needed in regards to the Oahu Railway Line crossing. The HCDA anticipates the construction bidding process to be initiated by the end of the year.

Administrative Matters:

- On June 1, 2015, HCDA staff met with the developers of the Kupono Park and Aloha International Speed Way. The developers presented their conceptual plan of the facility and asked for staff’s review and recommendations on the plan and the process to proceed.

- On June 10, 2015, HCDA staff met with a potential photo voltaic project developer that is looking at multiple properties in Kalaeloa including the potential for the northern skeet and the HCDA 19-acre Parcel 13073-D located north of the Kalaeloa Heritage Park.
- On June 24, 2015, HCDA staff attended the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 meeting. Members were interested in the status of the Chinese Banyan Trees and the KAL MOU. HCDA staff announced the complete KAL MOU presentation will be made at Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board No. 34 Transportation Meeting on June 30, 2015, at the Kapolei Hale.