

August 2015 HCDA Newsletter

Aloha,

Community concern continues to grow over the homeless encampments in Kakaako Makai, and the HCDA remains committed to being part of the solution. HCDA staff recently met with the Governor's Leadership Team on Homelessness to identify state-owned parcels that could potentially be used as temporary emergency shelters for homeless families. The governor's team selected the HCDA's maintenance shed fronting Kakaako Waterfront Park as the best option for rapid redevelopment, as it already contains the necessary power and water infrastructure for such a facility. The HCDA continues to be in direct communication with other government agencies and law enforcement to ensure a coordinated response in moving people off the streets and into shelter.

The HCDA is scheduled to make a decision on waiving or suspending the HCDA's "glass rule" for the Symphony Honolulu development on September 2, 2015. HCDA's current rule requires a building's glass to have a minimum of 70 percent visual light transmission (VLT) at the ground level, and 50 percent VLT for all other floors. Visual light transmission is the amount of sunlight that passes through a window, and is not an accurate indicator of reflectivity, or the amount of sunlight that bounces off a window.

The developer of 801 South Street Building A is also requesting the same waiver from HCDA's glass rule, with an initial public hearing scheduled on October 7, 2015. The notice for those public hearings can be viewed online here: <u>http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/files/2015/08/20150823-801-South-Street-Building-A_610192_1.pdf</u>.

In efforts to increase government transparency, the HCDA has begun posting board packet materials online here: <u>http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/events/minutes/</u>. Packet materials will be made available online once they are made public at the meeting. Minutes for each meeting will continue to be posted once they are finalized, generally on the next scheduled meeting date.

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

See Attached: Updated Project Activity Sheet

Mahalo,

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