



## October 2015 HCDA Newsletter

Aloha,

On October 7, 2015, the Hawaii Community Development Authority held the initial public hearing for Downtown Capital LLC's petition for waiver or suspension of HCDA's "glass rule" for the 801 South Street project. HCDA's "glass rule" requires visible light transmission to be 70 percent or greater for windows on the ground floor, and 50 percent or greater for windows on all other floors. A second public hearing was held on October 8, 2015, with a decision making public hearing scheduled for December 2, 2015. HCDA's staff report, Downtown Capital's presentation, and a link to Olelo's broadcast of the initial public hearing can be viewed on our website here: <http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/october-7-2015-minutes/>.

The best and final offers for the redevelopment of fastlands surrounding Kewalo Basin Harbor were presented to the public at the October 29, 2015 Authority Meeting. The Howard Hughes Corporation describes its proposal for three parcels as a community-inspired solution that increases connectivity and pedestrian circulation, minimizes impacts, and increases available parking. Kewalo Waterfront Partners proposes redeveloping the Diamond Head parking lot into a vibrant gathering place that offers opportunities for retail, entertainment, both casual and fine dining, farmers markets, and multi-purpose venues. Both developers say community input helped shaped the final proposals. The two proposals can be viewed on our website here: <http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/october-29-2015-minutes/>.

Also at its October 29, 2015 meeting, the HCDA ratified park operating and closing times. The Authority will also establish policies and procedures to address items left in HCDA-owned parks after hours. These procedures will be put into place as the HCDA works with service providers, the Governor's Leadership Team on Homelessness, and law enforcement to enforce park rules and overnight closures. An action plan to address the encampments in the parks of Kakaako Makai is currently being finalized and will be implemented as early as November 12, 2015.

Over a hundred people turned out for the first series of workshops created to engage the public about planning and development issues in Kakaako. The Department of Urban & Regional Planning of the University of Hawaii teamed up with the American Planning Association Hawaii Chapter to offer the free workshops, which are hosted in HCDA's community meeting room. The workshops continue for the next three Tuesday evenings, culminating with a trolley tour of Kakaako on November 21. More information is available here: <http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/files/2015/09/Kakaako-Our-Kuleana-info-sheet.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/>. 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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