



February/ March 2016 HCDA Newsletter

Aloha,

It's been a busy few months, as the 2016 Legislative Session nears the half-way point. The Hawaii Community Development Authority continues to monitor and comment on bills that would impact HCDA operations in its Community Development Districts of Kakaako, Kalaeloa, and Heeia. Over a dozen of these bills failed to pass their committees, however the HCDA is monitoring the following bills that passed out of their originating chamber and crossed over:

HB 1581: Relating to Judicial Proceedings. Requires contested case hearings of the Hawaii Community Development Authority, amongst other agencies, be appealed directly to the Supreme Court.

HB 2092: Relating to Public Safety. Authorizes the authority to prohibit or restrict the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on sidewalks on private streets in the Kakaako community development district.

HB 2604: Relating to the Acquisition of Real Property. Clarifies that acceptance by the territorial legislature or the legislature of a dedication of land by a private owner is sufficient to convey title to the State. HB 2604 HD1 specifies that this relates to land in the Kakaako Community Development District.

HB 2047: Relating to the Hawaii Community Development Authority. Requires HCDA to undertake and complete the Kalaeloa energy corridor project.

The HCDA is also tracking a Governor's Message that would that would confirm our newest member to the board.

GM 608: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Community Development Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, WEI FANG, for a term to expire 06-30-18.

Ms. Wei Fang is the founder of the non-profit arts organization, Interisland Terminal, and attended her first HCDA meeting on March 2, 2016. A graduate of Brown University, Harvard University, and Columbia University, Ms. Fang currently focuses her attention on boutique, design-driven, infill projects in Honolulu's urban core. She says, "As someone who has worked at the community level in Kakaako and spent time volunteering in Heeia, while currently working in what is traditionally called

'development,' I hope to bring an empathetic and creative-solutions oriented perspective to my role at the HCDA."

At both its February and March Authority meetings, the HCDA discussed the development of 690 Pohukaina, which has been in the works for years. The 690 Pohukaina property is not owned by HCDA; it is owned by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) with HCDA acting as its agent. At the February Meeting, the Authority entertained a request by the Department of Education (DOE) to amend development plans to include an elementary school at the site. No decision was made in February however, the Authority did express its support for a school in the district to serve the growing community.

On March 2, 2016, the HCDA determined that including a school in the 690 Pohukaina development required a change that did not constitute a "de minimis" change to its Solicitation, for which an award has been made and a development agreement is currently being negotiated. The Authority directed staff to continue talks with all parties on how to best proceed with the current solicitation and award. The HCDA remains in support of a school in Kakaako.

The HCDA is also seeking a new Executive Director, following the retirement of Tony Ching at the end of 2015. We recently re-issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an executive search consultant to recruit applicants for the position. The RFP can be viewed on our website here: http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/files/2012/11/20160303-hcda-ed-recruitment-rfp_final.pdf. Proposals are due by April 4, 2016. The HCDA hopes to hire a consultant as soon as possible so that we may begin the search for an Executive Director immediately.

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

Mahalo,

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