

Report of the Executive Director

Kalaeloa Report

May 6, 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.

Kalaeloa Community Network: The HCDA established the KCN in November 2006. Their mission is to share ideas, network, address concerns about the District’s infrastructure, pool resources, and capitalize on opportunities to foster pride in Kalaeloa. Kalaeloa landowners, tenants, businesses and elected officials attend monthly KCN meetings.

The KCN met on April 8, 2015 and the following items were discussed:

- The HCDA reported that the newly-confirmed HCDA Authority met for the first time on April 1, 2015. The KCN attendees noted that they value Kalaeloa Member Shirley Swinney’s attendance at past KCN meetings and her dedication to listen to the community dialog. KCN members also expressed their appreciation to the HCDA when Authority meetings are held in Kapolei at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (“DHHL”) conference room when District matters are discussed because it encourages community attendance and participation. The attendees remarked that it would be problematic to attend such meetings in downtown Honolulu.

HCDA staff announced that, per the KCN’s request, the Kalaeloa Reports of the Executive Director are available on HCDA’s website.

- The Hunt Companies (“Hunt”) and the Barbers Point Bowling Center (“BPBC”) reported that multiple electrical outages occurred in the District in the past month. The Navy Installation representative reported that the Navy will continue maintain the infrastructure system and attend to customer trouble calls.
- Hunt announced that applications for the Wakea Garden Apartments will begin on April 17, 2015. Hunt reported that there has been a lot of

community interest in the 1-bedroom apartments which will have a variety of amenities, including assigned parking, a fitness room, on-site laundry facilities, barbeque area, recreation room and on-site management and maintenance staff.

Hunt also noted that they have allocated funds to renovate the bathrooms at Pride Field on Roosevelt Avenue. The athletic fields are available for community use and are utilized by various sports leagues.

Hunt reported that the grand opening for T.J. Maxx at the Kapolei Commons shopping center occurred on April 9, 2015 and that 100 new jobs were created. KCN members inquired about the status for the shopping center's entertainment complex. KCN attendees noted that Regal Cinemas intends to debut a 12-screen movie theatre that feature electric reclining seats in the fall of 2015.

- The BPBC requested Hunt's assistance to resolve issues at their facility that stem from the Pointer Field park users. Pointer Field, located at the intersection of Enterprise and Saratoga Avenues, is also available for community use. The BPBC identified problems such as unauthorized parking in their lot, damage to cars from wayward baseballs and disarray in their bathroom facilities from park users. The Hunt representative will follow up on the request.

The BPBC also noted that the transitional shelter residents continue to raid their money exchange machine for quarters to use in the shelter's laundry machines. The BPBC representatives will send correspondence with their concerns to HCDA staff, which will be forwarded to the shelter operators.

- Staff from the office of Senator Mike Gabbard, District 20, reported that the *Aloha+ Challenge Dashboard* ("Dashboard") launched on April 1, 2015 and that the event was attended by over 160 Hawaii leaders, including elected official, cabinet members, congressional delegation staff, Hawaii Green Growth members and other representatives. The *Aloha+ Challenge* is a joint commitment to achieve sustainability targets by 2030 in the areas of clean energy, local food production, natural resource management, solid waste reduction, smart growth and climate resilience, green jobs and education. The Dashboard is a new online tool that tracks how well Hawaii is doing to attain sustainability goals. To date, clean energy and solid water reduction are being tracked and measured by State and county agencies.

The KCN’s next meeting will be on Thursday, May 7, 2015, at the DHHL’s Hale Pono‘i conference room.

Kalaeloa Public Safety Group: Public health and safety are major concerns for the various stakeholders within the District. In order to provide a forum to address these concerns, the HCDA established the KPS in May 2006. The KPS is a unique one-stop shop of federal, State and City and County of Honolulu (“City”) agencies that meet monthly to collaborate and address public safety issues.

The KPS met on April 16, 2015 and the following items were discussed:

- As a follow up to the KPS’ March 19, 2015 meeting, the KPS discussed if there was a need to re-establish the Kalaeloa Fire Safety Group (“KFSG”). The HCDA formed the KFSG in the summer of 2013 to address an increase of arson fires in the Kalaeloa/Kapolei/Ewa areas. KPS attendees reviewed the KFSG goals and meeting notes and determined that it not necessary to reconvene the KFSG but that it would be good to request that the Navy Facilities’ (“NAVFAC”) team conduct a re-inspection of the fire hydrants in Kalaeloa. The HCDA will follow up on the recommendation.

The Honolulu Fire Department (“HFD”) also noted that there are discrepancies in existing maps. Because Kalaeloa roads are owned by various agencies, including the Navy, State Department of Transportation (“DOT”), City and private owners, the access to some roads have been blocked off to improve public safety and discourage vandalism/trespassing/dumping and other unauthorized activities. Therefore the emergency responders’ maps may not accurately reflect current vehicular access. The HFD recommends that a comprehensive map be formulated when there is more development in the District.

- The HFD provided the following incident report for Kalaeloa:

TYPE	MONTHLY COUNT												TOTAL
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
FIRES	3	1	6										10
EMS	18	11	14										43
RESCUE	0	0	0										0
HAZMAT	0	1	0										1
SERVICE CALLS	1	0	2										3
GOOD INTENT	7	5	2										14
FALSE ALARM	2	4	3										9
	31	22	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80

The HFD noted that although there was an increase in March 2015 fire responses it is not necessarily indicative of a chronic or increasing public safety issue. The HFD will continue to monitor the response statistics.

- The DOT began removal of four severely diseased Chinese banyan trees and one tree stump removal at the west end of Roosevelt Avenue on April 8, 2015. The removal work took approximately one week and new trees are expected to be planted in late April or May 2015. The HCDA sent a notice to Kalaeloa stakeholders to inform them of the work schedule and to remind the community to exercise caution while traversing the area.
- The City Department of Parks and Recreation (“Parks”) noted that their Department of Corporation Counsel is conducting final review of the Base Realignment and Closure’s conveyance deed for their Kalaeloa land parcels.

Parks recently conducted beautification efforts at the Kalaeloa campgrounds and removed the homeless encampments that were occupying the area. Parks staff continues to conduct weekly maintenance at the campgrounds every Monday and Tuesday. Staff also noted that the Navy moved their cement barriers closer to the federal beach cabins; therefore the Parks staff will attempt to secure additional concrete barriers to place at the campgrounds’ perimeter.

- The DHHL noted that Environmental Assessment - Phase I, for the Kalaeloa land parcel where the Save Our Race Tracks tenant was operating, has been completed.
- The U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point (“Coast Guard”) noted that there have been more homeless individuals, about ten chronic encampments, along the sound bend of Coral Sea Road. They also noted that their crew is noticing more discarded drug paraphernalia in the same area. Due to these safety concerns, the Coast Guard plans to disenroll from the Adopt-a-Highway program. The DOT representative commented that they do not have their staff clean up areas where drug paraphernalia is found and that a contractor is hired to conduct the work.

The Coast Guard relayed their appreciation that 911 calls have been effective for short-term enforcement of the homeless encampments and that the Navy has been efficient in responding to their reports of vandalized fences.

Coast Guard staff also announced that the Captain Timothy Gilbride, commanding officer, will be retiring this summer.

The KPS's next meeting will be on Thursday, May 14, 2015, at the DHHL's Hale Pono'i conference room.

Kalaeloa Heritage Park:

- On April 14 and 21, 2015, HCDA staff met with members of the Kalaeloa Heritage and Legacy Foundation ("KHLF"). The attendees reviewed and edited the draft park visitation packet and the park rules.

The KHLF submitted a letter request to the HCDA for a six-month extension to their current right-of-entry permit that expires in May 2015. The KHLF noted that they are working on their business plan and capacity building in order to secure a long-term lease from the HCDA.

Infrastructure Matters:

- On April 2, 2015, HCDA staff met with the DOT staff to discuss the Kalaeloa Roadways Memorandum of Understanding and the Enterprise Energy Corridor Project in regards to the Historic Hawaiian Railway Track crossing. Both agencies reported that the draft MOU is being reviewed by their agency's respective Deputy Attorney Generals.

Administrative Matters:

- On April 13, 2015, staff provided an orientation tour for Ms. Mary Pat Waterhouse. Ms. Waterhouse is Governor Ige's nominee for the at-large HCDA Authority seat. The orientation tour focused on Kalaeloa unique features such as the multitude of recreation opportunities, natural and cultural resources, education and day-care facilities and community resources such as churches and homeless shelters. Also featured on the tour were Kalaeloa's industries such as medical facilities, airport, military installations, retail outlets, renewable energy projects and housing opportunities.
- On April 20, 2015, HCDA staff provided a site tour for Mr. Kanekoa Schultz from The Nature Conservancy to discuss the possibility of establishing salt-producing ponds in Kalaeloa. Staff and Mr. Schultz visited several Kalaeloa locations and discussed various project components such as access to the ocean and a right-of-entry permit as well as the potential to establish a partnership with the Kalaeloa Heritage Park.