

Report of the Executive Director

Kalaeloa Report

December 9, 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 November 12, 2015 and the following items were discussed:

- Staff from the Hawaii Department of Health (“DOH”) provided a presentation on the Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (“SAAC”). The SAAC was established by the 2007 Hawaii State Legislature (“Legislature”), Act 213, which provided funds to establish and support a statewide self-advocacy network for persons with disabilities.

The SAAC representative noted that the majority of their program participants live in West Oahu and they hope to identify more community resources and opportunities for their participants, such as:

- Employment and career development;
- Opportunities to become an active and valued part of the community; and,
- Partnerships to provide team exercises that will build confidence and experience.

SAAC would also like to locate a meeting place in West Oahu to host approximately 100 people for their monthly meetings.

- Hunt Companies, Inc. (“Hunt”) noted that they continue to complete renovations for the Kalaeloa Professional Center, which is located at the intersection of Saratoga and Lexington Avenues.

Hunt has also installed additional road barricades and fire breaks to address public safety issues in the District.

Hunt recently signed new Kalaeloa tenant leases with the following businesses:

- Tip Tows LLC (towing company);
 - Tampos Trucking Inc., (trucking company); and,
 - Island Equipment Service LLC (equipment service/repair company).
- The Barbers Point Bowling Center reported that they are considering the need to implement new facility rules for unsupervised minor children under the age of 15. They noted that there has been an increase of minor children that are using the bowling center as a hang-out center during the after school hours and it is creating issues for their facility and patrons. They also noted that park users continue to use their parking lot as overflow parking and they do not have enough parking spaces to accommodate this use. They are working with Hunt to resolve the parking issue.
 - KCN attendees noted that traffic congestion is escalating in the District and surrounding communities and inquired about the status of the Fort Barrette Road widening project. Senator Mike Gabbard’s staff noted that the widening project has been taken off of the Department of Transportation’s priority project list.
 - Gabbard’s staff distributed their monthly newsletter. It noted that the 2016 Legislature will kick-off on January 20, 2016 and that the community is welcomed to submit ideas that will make positive changes to Gabbard’s office.

The KCN will observe its customary holiday break in December, therefore the next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2016, at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (“DHHL”) 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 November 19, 2015 and the following items were discussed:

- The DHHL reported that they have approximately 50 tenant leases in Kalaeloa.
- The Honolulu Fire Department (“HFD”) reported that they conducted several site visits to various Kalaeloa parcels as a part of their efforts to establish a multi-agency training facility. The HFD will also meet with the Kalaeloa Airport Crash Fire Rescue (“Kalaeloa Fire”) to explore possible partnerships. It was also suggested that the HFD engage with the City’s Department of Parks and Recreation to discuss possible interim uses on the pending Base Realignment and Closure parcels in the District.
- The Kalaeloa Fire staff asked for KPS’ advice regarding their communications system. They currently use Oceanic, with cellular service as a backup system. However, they are exploring alternatives due to spotty reception and communication outages. The DHHL representative suggested that they contact Sandwich Isles Communications and will provide referral assistance.

The KPS will observe its customary holiday break in December, therefore the next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2016, at the DHHL Hale Pono‘i conference room.

Infrastructure Matters:

- **Kalaeloa (Enterprise) Energy Corridor:** HCDA staff proposes to reduce the original scope of work for the project in accordance with the funds available. The revised scope of work and basic bid will provide Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. (HECO) service to the Federal Bureau of Investigation office complex. However, the reduced scope of work will not provide a new electrical connection to the Kalaeloa Airport.

HCDA staff is working to secure additional funding from the 2016 Legislature in order to complete the electrical line to the airport. There will be a list of additives included in the project bid to increase the scope of work if there are funds in excess of the amount of the basic bid.

The Section 106 consultation process triggered by the proposed crossing of the Oahu Railway and Land Company’s right-of-way as a part of the

Kalaeloa (Enterprise) Energy Corridor project is continuing. The consultation letters to the consulting parties, as identified by the State Historic Preservation Division, will be issued by the end of 2015.

Kalaeloa Heritage and Legacy Foundation (“KHLF”):

- On November 6, 2015, staff met with KHLF members to discuss the timeline for addressing the stockpile in the maintenance yard and finalize the execution of the Kalaeloa Heritage Park lease. The lease will be effective on December 1, 2015. The next KHLF meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2015.
- On November 15, 2015, KHLF members participated in a *kahili* presentation ceremony at ‘Iolani Palace. The two new *kahili* were made from the creamy white feathers of the Laysan albatross. In ancient Hawaii, it was believed that birds that flew at the highest elevations and longest distances possessed the greatest spiritual powers or *mana*. Therefore, the feathers of these bird species were reserved for the highest ranking chiefs.

The Laysan albatross carcasses were flown from Midway Atoll to the Kalaeloa Heritage Park where the feathers were plucked for the *kahili*. The 16-foot-tall feathered *kahili* were placed in the palace’s throne room.



The formal procession was held at 12:00 midnight on the 179th birthday celebration for King David Kalakaua.



Left to right: John Ka‘aha Jury, Gerry Miyamoto, Shad Kane, Valerie Kane and Bruce Moku.

- On November 19, 2015, the KHLF and their environmental consultant David Daugherty LLC began the process to conduct environmental testing of the park's stockpiled material. Ninety samples will be collected and sent to Advanced Analytical Laboratories in Honolulu for analysis. The test results will be provided to the HCDA and the DOH.

Administrative Matters:

- On November 4, 2015, staff participated in a workshop to discuss the details that should be included in the community gathering places of Ho'opili. Ho'opili is a 1,554-acre, mixed-use sustainable community in East Kapolei that is being developed by D.R. Horton.
- On November 12, 2015, staff attended the Leeward Housing Coalition ("LHC") meeting. The LHC shelter operator members reported they have not seen a significant increase in clients over the past few months due to the activities happening in Kakaako. A couple of families who were staying in Kakaako were relocated to Pai'olu and Kealahou Onelauena emergency shelters in Wai'anae and Kalaeloa.

The LHC members reconfirmed for Representative Jo Jordan, who was in attendance, that the LHC does not support safe haven, pop-up shelter locations. Furthermore, the LHC does not support the development of any new emergency or transitional shelters along the coast or in Kalaeloa. Instead, the LHC supports the development for housing rental and fee simple units in the range of the 45% of average median income. Both the State and City "Housing First" programs appear to be working, but there is not enough units to place people in these housing units when the case managers deem that their clients are ready to transition into these units.

The LHC members also announced they are planning to do another "Homeless to Housing" Summit in the first quarter of 2016. Staff was asked to participate in the planning and facilitation.

- On November 18, 2015, staff met with the City's Office of Strategic Development to discuss possible Kalaeloa sites for Housing First developments.
- On November 19, 2015, staff met with ECC, the company that purchased the Aloha Solar Energy Fund project. ECC is interested in pursuing a long-term land lease from the HCDA to build a five megawatt photovoltaic project in Kalaeloa.

- On November 20, 2015, staff attended the 12th Annual West Oahu Economic Development Association Conference. Presentations were made by Mayor Kirk Caldwell, Paul Brewbaker (TZ Economics), Dan Grabauskas (Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation), Rich Hartline (DeBartolo Development – Ka Makana Alii), Christine Camp (Avalon Group), Ray McCormick (Hawaii Department of Transportation) and Sanjiv Hulugalle (Four Seasons Resort at Ko Olina).