

Report of the Executive Director

Kalaeloa Report

February 1, 2017

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 advisory teams 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 January 12, 2017 and the following items were discussed:

- HCDA staff announced that the final draft report titled *Kalaeloa Energy System Redevelopment Options Including Advanced Microgrids* will be distributed to Kalaeloa advisory teams by the end of the month. The report is a collaborative effort by the Sandia National Laboratories, Hawaii State Energy Office and the HCDA to produce conceptual guidelines to create resilient electrical power for Kalaeloa. The KPS members were asked to provide feedback to the HCDA on the report.

HCDA staff also noted that the agency's new executive director is Mr. Jesse Souki; and that the advisory team will have an opportunity to meet with him in the near future.

- The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks) reported that their improvement project for the Kalaeloa campgrounds has been completed. The public may obtain camping permits that are effective from Friday, 12 noon to Monday, 8:00 a.m. The KCN members expressed their appreciation to the Parks staff for the refurbishment and improvement actions that will enhance the campgrounds for public enjoyment and safety.

Staff also reported that registration for their free and fee classes is starting mid-January. The Parks' Spring 2017 Program Activities list is now available on-line at www.honolulu.gov/parks/

- Staff from Senator Mike Gabbard's office noted that the 2017 Hawaii Legislative Session will open on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. This year Senator Gabbard will serve as the committee chairperson for Agriculture and Environment committee, vice-chairperson for the Water and Land committee and member of the Judiciary and Labor committee.

Senator Gabbard invites the community to share their concerns and suggestions for new legislation with him. His office at the State Capitol is located in Room 201.

- The Hale Ulu Pono shelter has one (1) vacant room which is equipped to be American with Disabilities accessible. Staff noted that their most chronic public safety issues are caused by transient individuals that are not residents of the Kalaeloa homeless shelters or rental apartments. Staff is working with the Honolulu Police Department to address the situation.
- Paradise Helicopters noted that their helicopter tour business is steadily increasing. They started operating out of the Kalaeloa Airport during 2016 and are getting customers from the Ko Olina resort, especially guests staying at the Four Seasons Resort. They continue to look for office space in the District.
- The Naval Air Museum Barbers Point reported that they are conducting volunteer clean-ups along Midway Road in front of their facility. The facility expects to host two school tours in January 2017. Tours are conducted by appointment only and may be scheduled by calling (808) 682-3982.
- Easter Seals Hawaii (ESH) staff shared information about four of their programs: 1) After School Youth Enrichment Services; 2) Pre-employment Program; 3) Employment Services Program; and, 4) Discovery Zone Program.

ESH announced they will soon open the Na Pua Café on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The public can call in food orders for pick-up.

ESH also has employment opportunities for case coordinators and community base providers.

- Hunt Companies (Hunt) reported that the Coral Crater Adventure Park, which is located at the front entrance to Kalaeloa at the intersection of Roosevelt and Enterprise Avenues, is officially open to the public.

Hunt continues to pursue their applications at the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission to become the water and wastewater provider for the District.

Hunt also announced that the Kalaeloa Professional Center has office space available for lease.

- The Kapolei Chamber of Commerce distributed copies of the latest issue of the *Kapolei* magazine. The 2017 Hire Leeward Job Fair will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2016 and more information will be shared at future KCN meetings.
- HCDA staff expressed their appreciation to the KCN members for their participation and accomplishments to turn Kalaeloa into a thriving community. The KCN members agreed that their vision to work together for a better Kalaeloa continues to be relevant and identified the following 2017 goals:
 - Continue outreach to expand the KCN membership;
 - Continue to promote Kalaeloa businesses by utilizing Hunt's website for a list of tenants in the District; and
 - Consider conducting another beautification project for the front entrance at Roosevelt and Enterprise Avenues.
- HCDA staff reported that the Hawaii Department of Public Safety would like to engage the Kalaeloa advisory teams regarding possible future locations for the Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC). Therefore, the HCDA has scheduled joint Kalaeloa advisory team meetings in February 2017 on the following dates:

- Thursday, February 9, 2017
9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
Hale Pono Conference Room
91-5420 Kapolei Parkway, Kapolei, HI

- Wednesday, February 15, 2017
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
Hale Pono Conference Room
91-5420 Kapolei Parkway, Kapolei, HI

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 agencies that meet monthly to collaborate and address public safety issues.

- The City and County of Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) reported they received an updated fire hydrants map for the district from Navy Facilities. HFD will continue to work with the Navy and other landowners to address access and conditions of the hydrants in the district.

- The Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) reported continued concerns about the four-way stop at F.D. Roosevelt and Enterprise Avenues. Inquiries about the installation of a traffic light at the intersection continues to be raised in the community. HCDA staff responded that there are no immediate plans for a traffic light at this time.

Administrative Matters:

- On November 28, 2016, staff met with Councilmember Kymberly Marcos-Pine, Honolulu City Council, District 1. Councilmember Pine requested the meeting to discuss community issues such as the development of a new OCCC complex and a new racetrack in the District.
- On November 28, 2016, Kalaeloa Airport Manager Mike Navares held an exit meeting with staff as he prepared to accept a position in the private sector. Navares discussed the status of ongoing airport improvement projects, the Naval Air Museum Barbers Point and infrastructure needs.
- On December 13, 2016, staff held a conference call with the United States Department of Agriculture to discuss energy grant and loan programs that may be available to help fund Kalaeloa's electrical projects. Staff from the Hawaii State Energy Office and Sandia National Laboratories also participated in the meeting.
- On December 29, 2017, student volunteers from the Island Pacific Academy's National Honor Society planned and executed a beautification project for the HCDA's Kalaeloa Field Office. The volunteers removed diseased plants and weeds, trimmed overgrown vegetation and installed new foliage/irrigation. The students also cleaned the courtyard furniture and office windows.



The Kalaeloa Field Office is located at the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands complex in Kapolei, Oahu. The entrance courtyard is located on the west side of the complex and is sometimes difficult for visitors to locate. The beautification and improvement project aims to create a distinct entrance for meeting attendees and visitors. Phase II of the project is expected to include the creation of a map and the design and manufacturing of new signage.

- On January 18, 2017, staff attended the Department of Transportation's (DOT) community meeting on the Oahu Railway and Land Company (OR&L) Right-of-Way licenses, easements and permits process held at the Ewa Elementary. The DOT will be updating its policies and procedures to ensure all current license, permits and easements comply with the deed requirements for the twenty mile historical OR&L line that runs between lower Waipahu and Lualualei on the Waianae coast.