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Project Name

Victoria Ward Park, pedestrian friendly sidewalk fronting Auahi

Do you support or oppose?

Support

Comment

Dear Honorable Chairman Whalen and members of the Authority,

I am writing in support of this project both as a 3 time resident owner of WV and the Chair of Board of our Western Occupational and Environmental Medicine Society, American Board of Preventive Med.

Our country is in the midst of a healthcare crisis that is a wake up call to the house of Medicine. The best defense to any disease or challenge that befalls us is personal resilience and a strong immune system. 100 M people in US will be a priority for COVID 19 vaccine because of underlying hypertension, diabetes, obesity and cardiovascular/pulmonary disease. The way to prevent is thru exercise, health conscious diet, mindfulness, smoking cessation, alcohol reduction and spirituality. The proposed submission by HHC for a pedestrian friendly park fronting Auahi and the proposed Victoria Place site captures and embodies both the exercise and mindfulness. I strongly support. THIS is healthcare. In Hawaii we are positioned to become another Blue Zone in the US with our spirituality and being a village, caring for each other. I continue to serve as an Associate Clinical Prof at Loma Linda U in hopes for additional sharing (one ocean, many rivers). This HHC project is a magnificent contribution to wellness and health, equally if not more important than technology.

I humbly ask that you support. Do not hesitate to contact me with questions

Respectfully submitted

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Project Name

Ward Village Land Block 2 sidewalk development

Do you support or oppose?

Support

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Submitted in regards to HCDA regular meeting September 2, 2020

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August 31, 2020

To: Chair John Whalen and Members, Hawaii Community Development Authority

From: Doug Valenta, President, and Klaus Radtke, Vice-President, Kakaako United

Subject: Action Item 1 on Kakaako Regular Meeting Agenda, September 2, 2020: Proposal by Victoria Ward Ltd. to create a more pedestrian-friendly sidewalk and building frontage on Auahi

Dear Chairperson and Board members

Kaka'ako United, a voluntary community group working together to ensure a quality Kaka'ako community from Mauka to Makai, gives its cautious support of the proposed landscaping of land block 2 with corrections as to narrow side street sidewalks along with its limited tree shading as stated below:

While the plans for more shaded park-like walk areas is a great concept, the Ward Village development has fallen short in providing actual walking space able to accommodate groups of people along with more effective tree crowning shade. As an example, the narrow walkways along Kamakee Street are further obstructed by street signs, lamp posts, and utility boxes that provide for a continually interrupted walking pathway. Even if only two people are crossing paths, one must yield to the other. We did not envision this. Another example is the makai walkway along Auahi between Kamakee and Queen Street. The bus stop pre-COVID has always been crowded. This was a constant reminder how the development of sidewalks yielded to the desire for building easements nearly up to the road. Developer Howard Hughes has previously maintained that it wants to create a pedestrian-friendly, multi-modal transportation system, yet its easements take away the pleasure of walking because of the narrowing of the sidewalks.

We hope that the Howard Hughes Corporation will consider developing shaded walkways with sufficient space for pedestrians so they need not have to step onto the street or walk around crowded bus stops or other obstructions, including lamp posts, street signs, signal boxes, etc.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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