



On the calendar

On February 1

The Liliu'okalani Trust application for a development permit to renovate the structure where the former Honolulu Club was located, to create an education center, will have a decision-making public hearing.

The next HCDA Board meetings will follow the public hearing on February 1.

For more information on this public hearing, board meetings or about HCDA visit dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda.

Know someone?

If you want to include an event, know an individual or a business in Kaka'ako, Kalaeloa or He'eia that we could feature, or just want more Community Connection, let us know by emailing us at: dbedt.hcda.contact@hawaii.gov.

Senior living in Kaka'ako

Apartments are now available!

Conveniently located between downtown and Ala Moana Shopping Center, living in Kaka'ako is more convenient than ever, on the bus lines and just minutes from grocery stores, restaurants, and downtown Honolulu. Kaka'ako is home to three senior rental developments – Honuakaha, Na Lei Hulu Kupuna and Pohulani. These elderly housing rentals are for seniors 62 and over.

A place you can call home, Honuakaha is ideally located within walking distance of downtown and Chinatown, at 545 Queen Street. Partially furnished studio apartments, include utilities and air conditioning. These affordable units have an income limit for qualified applicants. For more information call 522-7919, or select Honuakaha at www.locationsrentals.com/affordable-rentals.

Na Lei Hulu Kupuna at 610 Cooke Street, across from Mother Waldron Park, is a 75-unit senior affordable rental apartment building.



The project was constructed under LIHTC (Low Income Housing Tax Credits) and State Rental Assistance is available. Furnished units currently available have been recently renovated. For more information call Mark Development Inc. at 735-9099, or visit www.mdihawaii.com/nalei.

Pohulani was recently refurbished and has beautiful views. It's comfort and convenience in one, located at 626 Coral Street, along the bus line on Queen Street. Utilities are included in the rent. For more information call 744-6063, or visit www.pohulani.com.

From the HCDA Archives - 1990

Elderly Rental Housing Project Breaks Ground

Occupancy Scheduled for Dec. 1991

The Pohulani Elderly Rental Housing Development, to be constructed on land bounded by Keawe, Queen and Coral Streets, will include 262 rental apartment units and 40,000 square feet of commercial office space. "Pohulani" or "heavenly calm" is being jointly developed by the State's Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HFDC) and the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA). The Hawaii Housing Authority will assume management of the project upon its completion.

Speaking at the groundbreaking, HCDA Executive Director Rex Johnson said, "With the start of the Pohulani project and the Kamakee Vista (small family) project which broke ground last month, we have taken significant steps toward achieving the new Kakaako that was envisioned many years ago. Having an elderly project here in this area and a family project on the other end of Kakaako and also the array of private commercial and residential projects,

establishes a strong foothold for a diverse community. This diversity is an important element to creating a vibrant successful community, which will serve the needs of our residents."

Governor John Waihee told the audience, "This project is made possible because of the in lieu fees the developers of this region have paid into the housing funds. As a result of our ability to leverage those dollars, we have been able to achieve twice as many housing units in the area then we would have done otherwise."



We're hiring

The [Hawai'i Community Development Authority \(HCDA\)](https://www.hawaiicommunitydevelopmentauthority.org/) is seeking to hire a Planner IV (Program Specialist) to assist with HCDA's planning, zoning, and plan enforcement activities for the Community Development Districts, including the fast-growing communities of Kaka'ako and Kalaheo on the island of O'ahu.

The HCDA is looking for an urban planner with four years of planning experience, including urban community development or redevelopment planning. Duties would include reviewing project development plans, zoning reviews, and assisting with other planning efforts.

This is a non-civil service exempt position. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Cover letter and resumes are accepted by email.

For more information about this non-civil service State of Hawaii job and its benefits, visit:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/hawaii/jobs/3797447-0/hcda-program-specialist-iv>

Cover letter and resumes accepted by email to:

dbedt.hcda.contact@hawaii.gov

If you have any questions, please email Ryan Tam at:

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In January, the HCDA staff replanted grass at Kolowalu Park, joined by eager young volunteers, including Senator Sharon Moriawaki, who jumped right in and got her hands dirty. Mahalo to everyone involved.

Pedestrian friendly

And dog friendly Kaka'ako

"When we got our 'covid' puppy in August 2020 and started walking him in the Ward/Kaka'ako area, it became clear that an off-leash, enclosed dog park was sorely needed" said Jeanne Datz Rice, a Kaka'ako resident. "With all the new high-rise condos being built in this community and more and more homeowners with dogs moving into the neighborhood, it was important to figure out a way to have a dog park in the area."

On Saturday, January 7, HCDA was at the Kolowalu Park meeting with park users to learn what they would like to see at the new Kolowalu Dog Park. They had two presentation boards on which people could vote for various options and uses.

"The design elements that the HCDA presented to the community January 7th - really captured the needs that so many are asking for: fencing, lighting, benches, obstacle elements for dogs to play on, water source for dogs and their owners and a place where dogs can play safely," said Rice.

In general, people at the park that day were concerned about the maintenance at the proposed dog park, the fencing, and lighting in the evening. But most were just happy to hear that the park was in the planning and design phase, and that it is expected to be completed this year.



"I am so grateful and appreciative that Speaker of the House of Representatives, Scott Saiki, and Senator Sharon Moriawaki,



along with Representative Adrian Tam, and the HCDA have joined this effort," said Rice.

"As a resident here, it is great that my efforts to have this new Dog Park created were so well received. This new Dog Park will add value to the area and certainly make all those who will ultimately utilize it very happy!"

