

# **KALAELOA STATUS REPORT**

August 3, 2005

## **1. U.S. Economic Development Agency (EDA) Grant Implementation**

HCDA staff and the Belt Collins consulting team are continuing planning efforts on the preparation of a master plan for Kalaeloa. Work is on-going and a draft plan is being prepared. Copies of the draft master plan will be made available for review and comment in early August.

The draft master plan is intended to be a 20-year plan that focuses on a phased development approach to create both social and economic value in Kalaeloa. Utilizing various financing mechanisms, a flexible land use approach, and collaboration between various Navy, State and City & County agencies, the master plan highlights a mixed used development with several key components:

- Importance of connectivity to the Ewa region;
- Integration of a regional transportation system;
- Necessity for employment opportunities;
- Preservation of open space, beaches, and recreation areas; and
- Protection of cultural sites and endangered species.

Public information meetings on the draft master plan are scheduled for August 3rd at Kapolei Middle School Cafeteria from 6:30-8:30 pm. A public hearing on the draft master plan is tentatively scheduled for September 7. Upon receipt of comments from the public hearing, any necessary revisions will be made and the master plan will be submitted for Authority adoption at a later meeting. In addition to public information meetings, HCDA staff has briefed the draft master plan with select Navy, State, and City & County officials in July and early August.

## **2. Aircraft Carrier Strike Group Homeporting**

There are no new developments regarding the possible homeporting of an aircraft carrier in Pearl Harbor and the stationing of an airwing at Kalaeloa.

## **3. HCDA Staffing and Kalaeloa Office**

Staff has completed a redescription of a Program Specialist position for Kalaeloa. It is intended to competitively recruit for the position over the summer and have a new employee on staff by October. This position will be located in Kalaeloa and serve as HCDA's presence in the District. Staff has also been meeting with DHHL representatives on acquiring office space in Kalaeloa. It is intended to secure office space by late summer to accommodate the hiring of new staff.

## **4. Sale of Rental Housing**

Ford Island Properties is still in the process of selling the 53-acre On-Station housing area which includes 28 housing units. The remaining housing areas, Makai, Orion, and Orion Park continue to be used for public rental.

**5. Brush Fires**

In June and July, there were a series of brush fires in Kalaeloa. As of July 12, there were approximately ten (10) locations where brush fires were identified. It is the belief of HPD and HFD that these fires were deliberately set. One fire damaged the Navy/Coast Guard wall highlighting the various squadrons and deployments. A copy of newspaper story is attached.

**6. Community Coordination**

Staff continues to provide coordination and assistance to public inquiries regarding Kalaeloa. Over the past month, approximately ten (10) calls have been received for assistance on the leasing of commercial/industrial space, use of the Navy chapel, or availability of rental housing.