

INFORMATION

April 4, 2007

SUBJECT: Kalaeloa Status Report

I. Kalaeloa Community Development Rules

Townscape, Inc. continues to conduct preliminary project assessment to develop administrative rules for the District.

II. Kalaeloa Public Safety

On March 22, 2007, the Kalaeloa Public Safety group held their monthly meeting in a continuing cooperative effort to address public safety issues in the District. The meeting was attended by the Federal Fire Department, Department of Transportation, Hawaii National Guard, Honolulu Police Department, Navy Regional Engineer's Office, Navy Security and the United States Coast Guard. Meeting highlights are as follows:

1. The Navy Regional Engineer's Office reported that they received a list of Best and Final Offers to lease the former Kona Breeze Pool and Power Point Fitness Center. The Navy hopes to make a selection soon and will relay the Coast Guard's request for continued use of the pool to conduct training exercises.
2. The Federal Fire Department plans to conduct inspections of federal lands in Kalaeloa. They will assist in identifying campfire violations, hazardous waste dumping and brushfire hot spots. Reports will be forwarded to the Honolulu Police Department or Navy Security for appropriate action.
3. Navy Security indicated that the homeless population at the City-permitted campgrounds is increasing. Officers note that people are building fences, stockpiling wooden pallets and hoisting cars on jacks. Enforcement officers request that representatives from the City Department of Parks and Recreation and Environmental Services be invited to the April meeting to help address these issues.

III. Kalaeloa Community Network

The Kalaeloa Community Network (KCN) held its monthly meeting on March 1, 2007. The meeting was attended by Bendco, Navy Region Hawaii, Onelau'ena Transitional Shelter, Subway, U.S. Coast Guard, Senator Mike Gabbard and HCDA.

The group discussed the following community issues:

1. The increasing amount of pedestrian traffic in Kalaeloa during pre-dawn and evening hours underscores the need for roadway maintenance and lighting. It was suggested that the shelter operators provide inexpensive bicycle strobe lights for their residents. The shelter operators plan to address pedestrian safety guidelines in their operations meetings.
2. Meeting attendees expressed their appreciation to Navy Region Hawaii for quick action on repositioning the directional sign at Roosevelt Avenue and Coral Sea Road. The sign was originally installed on the island median and blocked driver's line-of-sight. Navy personnel relocated the sign to the mauka shoulder on Roosevelt Avenue.
3. Senator Gabbard continues to work on reinstating the Barbers Point Post Office hours. His office is circulating a petition in Kalaeloa and surrounding communities.
4. The KCN continues to craft a design for the main entrance beautification project. The City's Special Area Plan as well as cultural practitioners will be consulted to assure the design is appropriate for the area. The draft plans will be reviewed with the State Department of Transportation (DOT). A future Authority presentation is anticipated prior to the final design submittal to the DOT for right-of-entry approval.

The KCN's April 5, 2007 meeting is expected to include attendance by Councilmember Todd Apo and a presentation by the Honolulu Police Department's Neighborhood Watch Program.

IV. Legislation

On February 28, 2007, HCDA presented information to the Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board regarding HB 1667. The Board voted unanimously in support of the State's initiative to acquire 499 acres of Navy land and provide for infrastructure improvements. HCDA also made a presentation to the Waianae Neighborhood Board on March 6, 2007. Again the Neighborhood Board voted unanimously in support.

Note: HCDA was also scheduled to present information on HB 1667 to the Ewa Beach Neighborhood Board on March 8, 2007. However, the meeting was terminated mid-way through the agenda and HCDA's presentation will be rescheduled.

V. Administration

1. Haseko Hawaii Inc. conducted a maintenance project along Essex Road close to White Plains Beach. The overgrown vegetation had reduced the two-way road into a one-lane road and therefore a vehicular safety concern. Honolulu Police Department and Navy Security officers also reported that the overgrowth contributed to making the area a haven for illegal activities. (Exhibit A – before and after pictures)
2. Representatives from Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Onelau'ena Transitional Shelter and HCDA met with Councilmember Apo on March 21, 2007, to discuss Kalaeloa's public transportation needs.
3. The Authority site tour took place on March 28, 2007. The itinerary is attached as Exhibit B.
4. Congresswoman Mazie Hirono is expected to tour the district on April 13, 2007. Congresswoman Hirono is interested in viewing the mobile transitional homeless shelter child care program and the Navy's child development center in the District.