

INFORMATION

March 7, 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 February 15, 2007, the Kalaeloa Public Safety group held their monthly meeting to address public safety issues in the District. The meeting was attended by the City and County Department of Transportation Services (DTS), Honolulu Police Department, Navy Security, Navy Region Hawaii, U.S. Coast Guard, Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) and new attendee, the Federal Fire Department (FFD). Meeting highlights are as follows:

- A. The group further discussed the possible closure of non-essential roads in Kalaeloa to enhance public safety, specifically, Roosevelt Avenue from Barbers Point Elementary School (Roosevelt Avenue and Copahee) to the west end of Roosevelt. Attendees aired concerns that the road closure would encourage the development of homeless encampments, increase the chances of fire arson and inhibit road construction of the Kamokila Boulevard extension.

Attendees suggested alternatives such as the installation of staggered barricades to slow down vehicles and additional warning signage. These remarks will be forwarded to the State Department of Transportation (DOT).

- B. The group identified another safety hot spot for loitering/illegal activities as the section of Coral Sea Road that fronts the southeast perimeter of the airport runway. Although it is a designated no-parking zone, signage is missing and makes enforcement difficult. The request for signage will be relayed to the DOT.
- C. FFD asked for clarification regarding enforcement jurisdiction of land that is pending conveyance to the City and County of Honolulu. Navy staff confirmed that the land is currently Navy-owned. With this designation, the FFD indicated that they plan to increase enforcement presence in the area.

- D. DTS is planning road improvements to include re-stripping and signage for Shangrila Street and Boxer Road.

III. Kalaeloa Community Network

The Kalaeloa Community Network held its monthly meeting on February 8, 2007. The meeting was attended by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Hunt Building Company, Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Kalaeloa Rental Homes, Navy Region Hawaii, Onelau`ena Transitional Shelter, Subway, U.S. Coast Guard, West Oahu Community Federal Credit Union and HCDA. New attendees included staff from Hawaii Forward March, Naval Air Museum Barbers Point, Councilmember Todd Apo's office and Senator Mike Gabbard's office.

The meeting included the following presentations:

- 1) HCDA Executive Director Dinell provided background and information regarding legislative initiatives to acquire Navy land and HCDA's budget requests for Kalaeloa;
- 2) A draft plan for the beautification of Kalaeloa's main entrance (old Fort Barrette gate) at the intersection of Roosevelt and Enterprise Avenues;
- 3) Status of the Navy's short-term leasing program; and
- 4) Overview of U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point operations.

In response to HCDA's presentation, it was suggested that the KCN submit group testimony to support HB 1667 (Exhibit A).

IV. Administration

A. Pursuant to Chapter 206E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, HCDA is authorized to assess all non-federal landowners/users within Kalaeloa for operating expenses. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) specifying the assessment amount and payment schedule was sent on December 8, 2006. On February 21, 2007, the Hawaii Public Housing Authority submitted their signed MOU. To date, signed agreements have also been received by the Board of Water Supply, Department of Education and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

B. Kalaeloa staff will serve as HCDA's representative for the Governor's Leeward Coast Initiative (LCI) outreach program. The LCI was initiated as the next step to address Hawaii's homeless epidemic after construction of transitional/emergency housing on the Leeward Coast is completed. Its goal is to develop a plan of action that will strengthen human and economic resources in rural communities. This will be accomplished in three steps:

- 1) Deploy outreach teams to gather information from residents, business owners, service providers, and community leaders regarding job training and placement, childcare, housing, welfare and environmental concerns;

- 2) Develop a State-community partnership to connect existing State programs with the community; and, identify long- and short-term solutions; and
- 3) Measure the long- and short-term outcomes of strategic actions to create a model that can be implemented in other rural areas.

The LCI outreach team and community leaders will hold a kick-off event on March 7, 2007, to commemorate the initiative.

- C. Presentations to Neighborhood Boards in the region are being scheduled to share information and answer questions about the proposal to acquire Navy lands for the State.