

INFORMATION

February 7, 2007

SUBJECT: Kalaeloa Status Report

I. Kalaeloa Community Development Rules

Townscape, Inc. continues to conduct preliminary project assessment and has submitted a work plan and schedule for staff review.

II. Kalaeloa Public Safety

On January 18, 2007, the Kalaeloa Public Safety group held their monthly meeting to address public safety issues in the District. The meeting was attended by the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), Navy Security, Navy Region Hawaii, Hawaii Army National Guard, State Department of Transportation (DOT), U.S. Coast Guard and Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA). Meeting highlights are as follows:

1. DOT reported on the progress for Roosevelt Avenue roadway improvements. The work plans have been completed and forwarded to DOT Maintenance for scheduling. Work will include signage improvements and re-stripping of lane dividers and crosswalks.
2. DOT also led a group discussion regarding temporary closure of non-essential roads to enhance public safety. The group discussed the possibility of closing Roosevelt Avenue from Barbers Point Elementary School (Roosevelt Avenue and Copahee) to the west end of Roosevelt. HPD and Navy Security will check with their field officers and other public safety agencies, i.e. fire/ambulance, to see if the closure would inhibit emergency response. The City and County of Honolulu (City) and Navy will also be asked to review roads under their jurisdiction for temporarily road closure. DOT recommended a public hearing/meeting be held prior to any closure to allow for community input.
3. HCDA sought group input on the \$1.1 million General Obligation Bond fund budget request to the Legislature for life safety improvements in the District. The group suggested improvements for Coral Sea Road (signage and traffic calming measures at the S-curve section), street lighting and

security. Staff believes that security, while important, would more appropriately be funded through the revolving fund.

III. Navy & Military Affairs

Staff attended a pre-lease inspection with the Navy and Colliers Monroe and Friedlander at the Kalaeloa auto port, located on Saratoga Avenue next to the bowling alley. The building is in good condition and has electrical, sewer and water connections.

IV. Administration

1. 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 specifying the assessment amount and payment schedule was sent on December 8, 2006. The assessments total \$196,660 and encompass fiscal years 2008 and 2009. To date, signed agreements have been received by the Board of Water Supply, Department of Education and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.
2. Staff has scheduled the next Kalaeloa Community Network meeting for Thursday, February 8, 2007, 10:00 a.m. – noon, at the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point. Special guests will include staff from the offices of Councilmember Todd Apo and Senator Mike Gabbard. The group continues to address concerns and identify community improvement projects. Invitations to Representative Kymberly Pine and Senator Will Espero to attend a future meeting have been extended.
3. A letter request regarding the Ewa Highway Master Plan was sent to the City's Department of Planning and Permitting on January 4, 2007. The letter recommends that two roadway improvement projects be added to the master plan in order to support planned developments on the `Ewa plain. These improvements include: 1) construction of a new East-West Road; and, 2) widening of Farrington Highway to four lanes.

HCDA, along with co-signers University of Hawaii-West Oahu, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, D.R. Horton-Schuler Homes LLC, Salvation Army – Hawaiian and Pacific Islands Division and Hunt Development Group LP, offered assistance in the City's impending 5-year review of the master plan.

4. On January 16, 2007, Executive Director Dinell and staff met with DOT to discuss road improvements/concerns in the District and coordinate legislative requests.
5. Staff presented a Kalaeloa Status Update to the Kapolei/Makakilo/Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board on January 24, 2007. The presentation included an update on development progress and agency initiatives and the handout titled “Kalaeloa...an opportunity to create a Wahi Ho`okela (Center of Excellence)” (exhibit attached). Linda Smith, senior policy advisor to Governor Lingle, made a presentation regarding the Governor’s announcement in her State-of-the-State address to pursue negotiations with the U.S. Navy on acquiring the 499 acres of “brokered lands” that Congress has mandated the Navy dispose of by September 30, 2008.
6. Members Eng, Timson, and staff attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the \$2 million road project to extend Kamokila Boulevard to Roosevelt Avenue on January 29, 2007. The Kamokila Boulevard Extension is a joint project of Kapolei Property Development and the City and County of Honolulu. In addition to improving traffic flow, it will enhance Kalaeloa’s integration with surrounding communities.