

## INFORMATION

October 4, 2006

### **SUBJECT: Kalaeloa Status Report**

#### **I. Kalaeloa Community Development Rules**

Staff has begun work with Townscape, Inc. and is in the process of completing a project work plan and schedule. Preliminary meetings have been held with HCDA staff and the City & County of Honolulu. Among the first priorities is the identification of roles and responsibilities between HCDA and the City.

#### **II. Public Safety**

On September 21, 2006, HCDA staff met with the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), Navy Public Safety Office (PSO), State Department of Transportation (DOT), Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, U.S. Coast Guard, and the City Departments of Transportation Services, Design & Construction, and Facilities Maintenance. The meeting was held at the Kapolei Police Station and is a continuing dialogue on public safety issues in Kalaeloa. Highlights from the meeting include:

- A. The Navy has begun site improvement work at Buildings 77 & 73 (former Bachelor Officer's Quarters and Officer's Club, respectively). These buildings and grounds had become densely overgrown and subject to vandalism, arson, and other illegal activities. The Navy removed the overgrown vegetation, boarded windows and secured the buildings. Photos of these improvements are attached (Exhibit A).
- B. The Navy reported that the curved wall along Roosevelt Avenue was demolished and removed after a large section of the wall collapsed. The wall was burned in the summer of 2005 and had since become a target for vandals.
- C. HPD and the Navy provided an update on the homeless situation in Kalaeloa. HPD reported that the homeless continue to reside at the City-licensed beach park and the Navy indicated that a homeless population has settled in the former aircraft revetment near the horse stables.

- D. The Navy also reported that there continues to be illegal entry into the former Marine Corps Air Station. The runways and aprons appear to have been used for motorcycle/car racing and paintball games.
- E. HPD reported that the number of brush fires in Kalaeloa have dropped in number and size. Improvements in response as well as the new arson law appear to have had a positive affect.
- F. HPD reported that the eastern-most roadway at White Plains Beach has become overgrown and is blocking two-way traffic. Staff will follow-up with Haseko and Navy to see if the vegetation can be cleared.

HCDA staff has tentatively scheduled the next meeting for October 19, 2006.

### **III. Homeless Shelters**

The Governor's Office and Kaulana Park, Governor's Homeless Advocate, have continued their consultation with HCDA staff on establishing transitional housing for the homeless in Kalaeloa pursuant to the Emergency Proclamation made by the Governor. At the Public Safety Meeting (see item II. above), Mr. Park indicated that renovation work at Building 50 is approximately 70% complete. They expect to provide transitional housing for 50 families (100-140 occupants) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors by the end of the year. The renovation for the remainder of the building will be completed in early 2007. At full capacity it is expected that Building 50 could house up to 200 people. It is estimated that of this amount there will about 80-90 children. Mr. Park has been in discussion with area schools on how to receive these new students.

Mr. Park also indicated that the transfer of Building 36 is still in discussion with the Federal government. Meanwhile, Mr. Park is pursuing a shuttle service to Kapolei for the residents and safety improvements along the major roadways and intersections (i.e., cleared sidewalks and crosswalks).

HCDA staff will continue dialogue with Mr. Park regarding the status of the project and the establishment of public services in Kalaeloa.

### **IV. Navy & Military Affairs**

- A. Power Point Fitness Center: The Navy notified HCDA and other government agencies requesting assistance in identifying an operator for the Power Point Fitness Center and Kona Breeze swimming pool (see attached letter – Exhibit B). Due to the importance of finding an operator,

the Navy has agreed to keep the center open through October 15. HCDA staff has continued its coordination efforts with State, City, and community organizations in an effort to find an operator that can take over the facility.

- B. Chamber of Commerce: On September 20, 2006, Stanton Enomoto and Ted Liu provided a briefing to the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii's Military Affairs Council (MAC) on Kalaeloa. A summary of the Kalaeloa Master Plan was provided and the next steps for HCDA in the development process were discussed. The MAC, while supportive of the project, expressed their interest that any development activities in Kalaeloa not encroach upon existing airport operations.

## V. Federal Legislation

During Senate-House Conference Committee deliberations on the FY2007 DOD Authorization Act, Section 2841, Land Conveyance, Naval Air Station, Barbers Point, Hawaii was amended to include a requirement for the U.S. Navy to enter into a binding agreement for the conveyance, sale, or lease of approximately 499 acres of Navy land in Kalaeloa by September 30, 2008. A copy of the specific language is attached (Exhibit C). It is understood that both the House and Senate have agreed on this provision. A vote by the full Congress is pending. Staff will continue to track this measure through the Congress.

Before



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