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DHHL Wai'anae and Nānākuli Regional Plan Update

MEMORANDUM NO. 09

To: PLANNING TEAM
From: Townscape, Inc.
Date: October 29, 2009
Re: Project Prioritization Meeting

NOTES FROM NĀNĀKULI HOMESTEAD BENEFICIARIES' MEETING – OCTOBER 28, 2009

Meeting Participants:

Auntie Agnes Cope Kamaki Kanahele Kimo Keli'i Kaiawe Makanani Valerie-Mae H. Manoa Hele O'Connor	S. Rabacal Julie-Ann Cachola (DHHL) M. Kaleo Manuel (DHHL) Bruce Tsuchida (Townscape, Inc.) Roselyn (Townscape, Inc.)
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The purpose of the meeting was to prioritize potential projects that were identified by the community at the previous meeting. Priority projects are those projects that the community feels would contribute the most to the Nānākuli region's improvement.

Meeting handouts available as separate files:

- DHHL Beneficiary Consultation Meeting #3 Agenda
- Nānākuli Regional Plan Issues and Potential Projects

PROJECT PRIORITIZATION PROCESS

The meeting started with several questions brought up by the community on how the project prioritization process was going to take place.

- Kamaki Kanahele had concerns relating to a comment made by Princess Kahanu Homestead Association's president at the last meeting where she asserted that the Princess Kahanu Association had not been invited to participate in the planning for the Nānākuli Village Center.

- Kamaki said that he wanted to make it clear to everybody that the statement was not correct. He stated that Princess Kahanu Association was formally invited to take part in the planning of Nānākuli Village Center. In response to this invitation, Princess Kahanu Association formally declined to participate through a letter signed by the Association's president.
- Kimo Keli'i had a copy of the letter sent by Princess Kahanu Association.
- Kamaki also brought up the issue of benefit sharing between Nānākuli Hawaiian Homesteads Community Association (NHHCA) and Princess Kahanu Association on projects that they have declined to be involved in. For instance, when kūpuna housing is built as part of the Nānākuli Village Center, would Princess Kahanu kūpuna be eligible as residents? DHHL noted that this kind of issue is complex, may be more complex than it seems, therefore, it would be addressed through a different process.
- Related to the above concerns, Kamaki questioned how the project prioritization process was going to take place given that there are two Community Associations within the Nānākuli region that are not on the same page regarding partnerships and collaborative efforts. Kamaki thought that "priority projects" should be those projects that provide opportunities for partnerships and collaboration between NHHCA and Princess Kahanu Association.
- A participant also questioned how the project prioritization was going to take place since no representatives were present from Princess Kahanu.
- Kimo thought that we should carry on with the project prioritization process since DHHL beneficiaries from both Homestead communities were well informed on the planning process. Princess Kahanu Association had also been well represented at the previous two meetings which implied that they knew about the process and had chosen not to come to the current meeting. Kimo basically agreed with Kamaki's point that priority projects should be those projects that provide opportunities for both entities in the region to partner and collaborate.
- Additionally, Kimo thought that we should also focus on "regional projects." Regional projects according to Kimo are those that will benefit both associations as well as the whole Wai'anae District. An example of this type of project is the improvements project for the entrance corridor to Nānākuli along Farrington Highway. This corridor is the gate to Wai'anae District; therefore an improvements project would be beneficial to the entire region.
- DHHL noted that the purpose of the Regional Plan is not necessarily for the identification of "regional projects" as Kimo and Kamaki see it. The Regional Plan should identify "priority projects" or those projects that are the most important for community improvement at the moment. Therefore, community-specific projects such as crosswalks and sidewalks in certain areas can be included in the priority projects.
- It was suggested that DHHL become a goodwill ambassador to Princess Kahanu Association on the issue of collaboration and partnerships. NHHCA anticipated that in the future, similar issues may surface given the fact that Princess Kahanu does not have the land base to develop their projects and that DHHL puts them

in the same region as Nānākuli. Also, NHHCA still thinks that Princess Kahanu is part of their big ohana and the two entities should collaborate.

Participants finally agreed that the meeting should carry on with the project prioritization agenda.

PRIORITY PROJECTS THAT WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE MEETING PARTICIPANTS WERE:

1) Nānākuli Village Center

Write ups should focus on updates on this project from what was identified in the previous Nānākuli Regional Plan.

Other Priority Projects:

2) Repair and maintenance projects for health and safety in the region:

- a. Crosswalks at: 1) Nānākuli Avenue and 3rd Road; 2) La'ikū and Waiolu Streets in Princess Kahanu.
- b. Sidewalks in need of repair: 1) Connecting Nānākuli Elementary and Nānākuli Intermediate/High School complex along Haleakalā Avenue.
- c. Develop a network of crosswalks and sidewalks to facilitate children walking to and from schools within Nānākuli Homesteads and Princess Kahanu.
- d. Slow down cars speeding on Nānākuli Avenue by installing speed bumps on Nānākuli Avenue around 4th and 5th Roads.
- e. Consider a roundabout at the intersection of Princess Kahanu and La'ikū.

3) Create, develop, and implement community use areas:

- a. Promote agricultural opportunities
- b. Define ahupua'a out to Papa – ocean part should be included.
- c. Include airspace – e.g. Kingdom of Tonga charging airspace fee for satellite use.
- d. Community-based economic development project sites:
 - o Beach park concessions (in lease/license with the City)
- e. Kūpuna housing; kūpuna centers
- f. Youth centers
- g. Educational/cultural centers

4) Cemetery Project

5) Nānākuli transportation corridor coordination and improvement:

- a. Beautification project
- b. Underground utilities
- c. Corridor widening
- d. Traffic improvements

OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES

- We need to change the title of the Nānākuli Plan to: **The Regional Plan for the Traditional Native Trust Lands of the Ahupuaʻa of Nānākuli.**
- Kimo made a comment about the proposed Waiʻanae Second Access Road. Kimo stated he does not support it coming through Nānākuli. DHHL noted that the Second Access Road is proposed to go through Pōhakea Pass and it is not likely be implemented anytime soon.

NEXT MEETING

- Email the above priority project list to tonight's meeting participants. Participants would like to use the priority list as a "working document" to further develop their ideas.
- Email priority list draft write ups before next meeting for community review. The priority project draft write ups can be emailed to tonight's participants and others that had attended previous meetings.