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## DHHL Wai'anae and Nānākuli Regional Plan Update

### MEMORANDUM NO. 11

**To: PLANNING TEAM**  
**From: Townscape, Inc.**  
**Date: November 20, 2009**  
**Re: Priority Project Review**

### NOTES FROM NĀNĀKULI BENEFICIARIES' MEETING – NOVEMBER 12, 2009

Meeting Participants (other participants were present, need info from DHHL)

Kamaki Kanahale	Valerie-Mae H. Manoa
Agnes K. Cope	Allen K. Mahoe
Kimo Keli'i	Emaea Ho'ohuli
Avery Choy	
S. Rabacal	Julie-Ann Cachola (DHHL)
Charlita Mahoe	Jan K. Burns (DHHL)
Kaiawe Makanani	Bruce Tsuchida (Townscape, Inc.)
Mapuana Tector	Rosalyn (Townscape, Inc.)

The purpose of the meeting was to review draft priority project write ups. Priority projects were identified by the community at the previous meeting and are those projects that the community feels would contribute the most to the Nānākuli region's improvement.

### COMMENTS/EDITS ON DRAFT PRIORITY PROJECTS

#### 1. Nānākuli Village Center

- Project components listed on the graphic legend should be consistent with those under the "Phasing" in the project write ups.
- Make the Nānākuli Village Center site map larger, take out Nānākuli Homesteads map at the bottom right corner.

#### 2. Street Repairs and Maintenance for Health and Safety

- Use street names that are familiar to local communities such as 5<sup>th</sup> Road instead of Pilila'au Avenue.

- Identify steps needed for implementation of the plan in the write ups. Also, include cost estimate. Contact DTS if needed.
- DTS might have issues with speed bumps/humps installation. They have concerns related to liability from cars getting damaged from speed bumps/humps. A participant suggested that the project proposes for the installation of raised crosswalks rather than speed bumps/humps. Raised crosswalks, according to the participant, have more chance of being installed.
- Princess Kahanu would like to see raised crosswalks being installed on Laikū and Waiolu Streets before and after the KS preschool.
- Can add OTS as one of the potential partners.

### **3. Farrington Highway Transportation Corridor Coordination and Improvements**

- A participant expressed his agreement with the proposed project boundaries, which extend from the Eastern End of Nānākuli Homesteads to Hakimo Road. He shared that HECO had previously discussed the possibility of installing metal poles between Black Rock and Hakimo Road. The participant also suggested replacing “Eastern End of Nānākuli Homesteads” with “Black Rock”.
- A participant suggested that this project focus on beautification component only. In response to this, another participant expressed disagreement. This participant shared his experience from previous beautification efforts initiated by a community member. The person owned a landscaping business and promised to give plants at discounted price if the community would help out by cleaning up areas along Farrington Highway. However, the efforts failed because there were not enough people that wanted to participate in the cleaning up.
- A participant shared that Micah Kane, former Hawaiian Homes Commission Chairman, had said that if the community wants a beautification project, they should include it as one of the priority projects in their regional plan.
- The consultant noted that “coordination” should be the overall theme of the project. Therefore, when community wants to implement beautification or other projects along Farrington Highway, the DOT will be well informed on what is being planned right from the beginning.
- A question was asked whether this project will solely be the responsibility of DHHL. DHHL: it is better if this project is pursued in partnerships with the community.

### **4. Cemetery Project**

- Charlita Mahoe, from the Nānākuli Hawaiian Homestead Cemetery Committee shared about the condition of the existing Nānākuli Cemetery. There are more than 200 identified burials at the cemetery and about the same number of unidentified ones. Nānākuli Cemetery is close to capacity and in disrepair. During heavy rain events, some of the graves have been exposed. There is also concern with some of the older graves collapsing.
- There is illegally dumped material in the cemetery area. Community volunteers have been working to clean up the dumped material but the efforts have been

slow due to the large amount of the dumped material. The volunteers need tools and assistance to finish the clean up.

- Retaining walls around the cemetery is in great need of repair.
- Community volunteers have developed educational brochure for distribution to the lessees. In addition, the volunteers have completed site map/directory of the cemetery to help families looking for their loved ones buried there. The site map needs to be constructed along with other signage.
- The Cemetery Committee also has plans for the cemetery site at Series 7. They want to eventually develop this cemetery for revenue generating activities.
- Another participant commented that when we plan for cemetery, we need to keep the development of the Series 7 cemetery on the agenda. The Series 7 cemetery needs funding to preplan the lay out.

#### **5. Identify, Plan, Design, and Implement Community Use Areas**

- Planning for community use areas should be one of the components of the O'ahu Island Plan.
- Phase I of the project should be identification of existing and potential community use areas. Potential community use areas can include underutilized lands and/or facilities on DHHL lands.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

- Next meeting – Community Meeting December 14, 2009.
- Hawaiian Homes Commission meeting will be held on December 15, 2009 at Hale Kalaniana'ole, Kapolei, O'ahu. This meeting's agenda is Hawaiian Homes Commission approval for the priority projects. Support from the community is needed to ensure buy in by the Commission on the priority projects.
- Meeting notice will be mailed to homesteaders.