

PANA'EWA REGIONAL PLAN—MEETING #1

GROUP DISCUSSION NOTES – Group 1

Pana'ewa Park

March 8, 2016

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Vision of Success

Culture

Culture brings people together by participating in shared positive activities. The culture of this place should be perpetuated for future generations.

- Regular celebrations of National Holidays by the community: Lā Ku'oko'a, Lā Ho'ihō'i Ea
- Informed, engaged, and participating community
- People helping people
- Safe place
- Membership Participation in Association
- Some worthwhile project to benefit community
- Stakeholder and community leaders actively involved in the community and involved with decision makers in coordination with DHHL
- Community that acknowledges its past (history) and proud of its future—the youth
- A community with an active credible association leadership to address the needs of the community
- Members are volunteering to be on committees to better community or keep community engaged with each other and government
- Culturally vibrant in address concern
- Culture – building unity, perpetuating culture
- I believe Panaewa is getting there. We have a neighborhood watch. We want to work toward Kamoleau and gardens for families that want to grow their own veg
- What you folks doing tonight is long coming. I wish this was done long time ago. But never the less, it going to happen. I'm glad working together
- Hawaiian culture alive and well – Hula – Art – Olelo Hawaii – Singing – Protocol
- Athletic Competitions between homesteads

Agriculture (also incorporated into Culture)

Investing in local agriculture creates a self-sustaining community. The majority of our food is imported and not fresh. We need more fresh produce instead of poisoning our people with processed food. An Ag Hub to sell local produce provides a platform for more people to grow food and support their ohana. People can make money off their lots by investing in commercially viable agriculture. While startups are difficult, self-help programs pool together resources for community members to share the use of expensive equipment (i.e. bulldozers) to prep land and farm. All the while, our youth are observing this

collective approach to agriculture and self-reliance whereby it becomes second nature and they are inspired to perpetuate the work of their predecessors and community.

- Productive/vibrant farm lands
- Community gardens (residential lots) provide fresh food for all/most lessees
- More resources for the farmers – less traffic
- Lessees using the ag lands for what it was intended
- Farmers will be successful (plants, etc. growing with workers on hand)
- Families will be lending helping hands to each other to make farms and businesses prosper
- Graduates going off to college
- Lots of gardens
- Community imu
- Being self sustainable e.g. agriculture income
- Teach community to be self sustaining by growing own vegetables: 1) soil process; 2) hydroponics
- Solar grid for Ag – self sustain – less expensive – organic
- Self-help – getting people back on the land

Youth

The youth are the future of our community. If there's nothing here for them they will leave. They need a means to stay. The data shows that there are no transitional programs for youth during afterschool, breaks, etc. There is an opportunity and need to develop a safe place for keiki during these transitional times. Programs could be developed and centered around growing farmers, growing keiki on aina. This creates the message for youth that "farming is sexy".

- Variety of youth programs specific for Pana'ewa keiki – education/academic – sports

Services/Amenities

- Nearby school facility
- Health and wellness culture center
- Nearby fire department
- Nearby police department
- Nearby medical facility
- Build bowling alley
- Washerette
- Commercial eateries
- Health facility
- Safe housing
 - Evict drug house
 - Assist to fix up old housing
 - Sidewalks
 - Childcare/preschool with adult care combo
 - Self help shed for farmers with tools, large equipment, poison

Economy

- Self sufficient in terms of \$
- Education on business and financial success
- Economic guidance and well being for all businesses and ohana
- More funds for homes, farmers market, small business
- Nearby shopping
- Maximize land use for future gain
- Healthy and thriving families with job opportunities
- Business incubator to help native Hawaiian business start ups
- Access to existing funds – Nelson Case

Infrastructure

Community facilities provide a safe place for keiki to grow, learn, farm. Infrastructure and facilities built together by neighbors and beneficiaries galvanizes the community. Energy facilities such as micro-grids feed into homestead lots and relieves lessees of energy expenses which can go toward more important resources.

- Renewable energy for all lessees (reduced dependence on HELCO)
- Updated and improved infrastructure for a safe community
- Sustainable, thriving community with various resources easily accessible to the residents

Protection/Perpetuation

Develop homes to get more people on the land. People are dying on the list. Award lands with or without infrastructure.

- More leases/homes for Hawaiians
- Develop lands to build more homes for those on the waiting list
- Farm lots – those who are not using their lots should be terminated so those on the waiting list can get a farmlot – this was done in 1986 when I got mine
- Stop all Hawaiian names “Eviction” – DHHL work with families
- More Hawaiians “on” the aina
- Lowering blood quantum

Issues & Opportunities

Resources/Financing

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- Grants are out there
- Lack of support and resources to accomplish the community's need
- Provide community heavy equipment
- Kanaka on the aina
- Release the money from "Nelson Case"
- Water Rights
- Provide affordable financing
- Issue: little to no financial support (or advertisement of) for farmers
- DHHL should help us succeed!! Rather than threaten eviction
- Resolution on Nelson case
- Reserve/separate income from general leases for Panaewa
 - What is the leave rent monies
 - Accounting for lease money to know how much
 - Beneficiaries direct where money goes
- Subdivide lands

Partnerships/Governance

- Partnerships with those who have large commercial properties leases
- Law makers need to be present at one community meeting. No one is here tonight.
- Issues: Na'i Aupuni Fed rec rules over DHHL lands

Housing Options

- More people on the land
- No housing contracts for land
- Opportunity: Immediately award lands to kanaka willing to accept no infrastructure
- Lessees renting their homes in Panaewa and Keaukaha to outsiders not Hawaiians
- Fee simple loans
- Home options 1 bedroom/3 bedroom
- Assistance in homeownership
- Private funding
- Issues: first priority get people on the waiting list a home or land; use \$13 million lease rental income to fund this
- Build affordable homes
- Restart self help building homes
- Use habitat for humanity
- Kupuna housing
- Issue: Reduce home sizes or loan amounts for elderly on the list

- Provide senior housing
- Allot funds for house repairs for those need in form of grants especially kupunas or older residential lots

Sense of Community

- Opportunity: Sufficient open lots in various "zones" – promote native Hawaiian business and increase beneficiaries on aina
- Farmers come together to help develop each other's properties – sense of community
- Too much infighting
- Lack vision; unable to move ahead
- Opportunity: close proximity to town. Ease to outreach to people from outside community. Develop more revenues for community
- Poor leadership; and people (good people) are unwilling to get involved.

Programs

- Housing assistance
 - Identify/increase options
 - Move-in ready/affordability
- Financial literacy
- Holistic programs
- Capitalize on skill-set of community
- Farming/Ag training
- Entrepreneurial classes
- CRN Nursing classes
- Provide training workshops
- Our youth will be more Akamai by participating in community activities whether it's farming – or helping to direct groups in different activities

Infrastructure

- Fill gap areas: cheaper ag water rates and water (free water); install photovoltaic on roofs (leasing) cheaper energy
- Provide neighborhood transportation

Waitlist

- Plans derived for Makuu farmers – but they refused to move – funds already expanded for development should be continued for homes for those on waiting list
- Opportunity: build homes for waitlist people using lands earmarked for Makuu
- Help to create homesteads on our other trust lands – Piihonua – Lifting moratorium on agriculture was to help lessees provide for land for their ohana.
- Stop lessees from selling vacant lands...no conditions

Who should we contact? Who should participate?

- Hawaii Community College in collaboration with Alu Like (for training programs)
- Waitlist/applicants
- DHHL Leadership
- Farmers
- Residential
- Construction companies (for pro bono work)
- Kamehameha Schools (develop programs; help with developing facilities)
 - East Hawaii Regional Team
 - Community Education Division
- DHHL has to be more involved after the planning phase and truly support beneficiaries