



# CONFERENCE REPORT

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<b>FROM:</b>	Kim Evans, Planner	
<b>DATE:</b>	March 2, 2010 6:00 – 8:00 pm	
<b>PROJECT:</b>	<b>DHHL Anahola Regional Plan Update</b>	<b>PROJECT NO:</b> 29038-01
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Anahola Regional Plan Community Planning Meeting	
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Anahola Clubhouse, Kauai	<b>NO. OF PAGES:</b> 4

## **Attendees:**

Yvonne Pa, Kamahalo Kauhane, Keoki Puaoi, John Kaohelaulii, Agapito Navor, Kahaku Kaiminaauao, Stanley Vierra Jr., Windy Kirifi, L. Haulani Fernandez, Robin Danner, Norman Solomon, Melissa Navor, Kipukai Kualii, Lorraine Rapoza, Kawehi Mahi, Sherri Cummings Yokotake, Pua Flores, Rogerlyn Kanealii, Julie Ann Cachola and Kaleo Manuel from DHHL, Kim Evans and Mark Harrington from Group 70 International

## **AGENDA**

- I. Introductions
- II. Purpose of Meeting
- III. Regional Plan Mechanism
  - What are regional plans?
  - How are they developed (process)?
  - How are they used?
- IV. Review of Anahola Regional Plan 2007
- V. Previously Identified Issues and Projects
- VI. Discussion:
  - a. Issues and Opportunities to Address
  - b. Potential Projects for consideration
- VII. Next Meeting:  
 Tuesday, April 13, 2010  
 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Anahola Clubhouse

Resource materials and handouts:

- Agenda
- Issues and Projects draft

**2007 Anahola Regional Plan Priority Projects** was recapped by Julie Cachola which included the following:

- Anahola Well No. 3
- Bike Path
- Restoration Studies: Resource, Rights, Cultural uses
- Vehicle Access Study to Kuhio Highway

**2009 Anahola Town Center** was recapped by Julie Cachola highlighting the finding that this effort should be part of the Anahola Regional Plan. Julie noted that the vision statement would be fitting for the regional plan too.

**Anahola Beach Park.** John Kaohelaulii provided an update. Flyers for the upcoming beach clean up is available. The event will take place on March 13, 2010 and Anahola Beach Park. Registration will begin at 7:30am – 8:30am. Clean up work to last until 11:30 with a potluck to follow. Call QLCC to RSVP at 2451873.

In 1997, there was an Anahola Beach Park Plan. Phase 1 is done, but Phase II ran out of money. A meeting will be held on March 8, 2010, 6pm at the Anahola Clubhouse to revisit the Anahola Beach Park Plan.

**Commercial Kitchen.** Robin Danner explained that the Commercial Kitchen is a project with the Anahola Hawaiian Homes Association (AHHA) and Kauai Community College (KCC). The project involves the 2-3 acres marketplace and the kitchen. The kitchen is fully funded. There will be fundraising for other items. Construction of the commercial kitchen is set to begin in May 2010 with completion in September 30, 2010. The Environmental Assessment is almost complete. The License Agreement with DHHL is underway.

Robin also informed the community of the **Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) Self Help Housing Program at Piilani Mai Ke Kai in Anahola.** There will be 14 homes total. So far there are 12 eligible and 2 slots available. Homes will be 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom with carport for \$158,000. There will be a Paina on March 13, 2010.

Robin also announced the **CNHA Homestead Energy Outreach Program** has made grants and loans available to install solar water systems. There are a total of 150 grants to those who qualify or \$72/month loans available for those who qualify to purchase new solar water systems. Applications are available at the Anahola Resource Center which is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 5:30pm. See Valena Tamanaha. The program includes a bulb exchange component. Free CFI in exchange for bulb. Schools like Kanuikapono can earn \$1 for each bulb exchanged.

**Kanu I ka pono.** Kamahalo Kauhane provided an update and status of the development of the Kanuikapono charter school. The project was listed in the 2007 Anahola Regional Plan as a development project within the region. This time the project has the potential to be a priority project for the regional plan. Kanuikapono school community has grown in the past 10 years, with several changes in location and plans. Several changes are being made to the development plan to accommodate circulation and access, like a new road alignment.

The existing modulars on the property represent Phase I which is in the permitting process right now. Phase I includes a media lab. Grants are being sought for the guts of the lab which includes a recording studio to document history, stories, place names. Phase 1 will also incorporate landscaping. The site will be 80% landscaped with native plants with a science project intended to serve as a community seed bank.

Phase 2 will involve different roofing designs. There will be green designs and incorporation of native designs with the help of new Hawaiian architecture students. Some of the design concepts include orientation with the significance of the use. For example, on the North representing kupuna will be laau lapaau plants, on the East will be hula plants including those that are significant to laka, hina and pele. View of Kalalea and Puuawa

provide foundation. There will be the tracking of the solstice and sun's movement. There will be edible plants that will require daily monitoring.

Kanuikapono embraces the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ahupuaa concept. Neighbors should expect to hear the sound of the pu and oli in the morning and afternoon to open and close school programs. There will be mobile units with activities up mauka with loi and makai with voyaging programs. In the future there will be a 3 year rockwork or Hawaiian masonry program. Currently the school is developing a map with the placenames using google earth. The kids are maka'ainana – eyes on the land and the school program incorporates learning through tasting, feeling and hearing.

### **Community Input on issues and projects identified by leaders at February 2010 meeting**

A handout with the list of issues and possible projects identified by community leaders at the February 2010 meeting was distributed for review and reflection. Community members agreed that these issues are valid and recommended that they all be forwarded on to the next meeting as potential projects. They stressed water as the number one priority. They also added a few other project ideas to the list.

The potential project list includes the following:

- Anahola Town Center Community-Based Conceptual Land Use Plan
- AHHA's Commercial Kitchen
- Anahola Beach Park – County Park
- Anahola Club House
- Airport Strip
- "Green" Golf Course
- Utilize Agricultural Lands
- Makai Resource Management Plan
- "Kumu Academy"
- 5 acre revocable permit along Anahola coast
- Cemetery
- Roads and Traffic Circulation
- Surface Water
- Dams & Hydroelectric Power
- Sewage Treatment Plant
- Sidewalks
- Community Unity Component (to offer an organization to help the community heal)
- Neighborhood Watch

### **Discussion notes:**

- Surface Water. Julie reported that DLNR is requesting a decision by DHHL to keep the Anahola mauka reservoirs open or close. Either choice will be a costly choice. Community asked for clarification about the criteria. Julie reported that the team went on a field visit to see the condition of the existing reservoirs. She also reported on her chance meeting with neighbor Mr. McClosky.
- The community expressed a desire for action to get water back. They declared water as the #1 priority project for Anahola Regional Plan. Julie described a potential partnership with the USGS in understanding the past, present and future water system in Anahola. The community supports this project and encourages DHHL to start right away. They also noted that they are a valuable resource for understanding some of the history related to water resources in the ahupuaa.

- Another water related issue is the lack of water pressure. Some homes have low water pressure for showers, garden and most importantly, for fire safety. A Booster is needed.
- Future water use. Again, the need to address water is important to support future development in Anahola include the Anahola Town Center, the Commercial Kitchen, and the kanuikapono school.
- There was a desire to better understand the water system in regards to source and payment for agricultural use and residential use. Community members indicated that Agricultural water is paid to Hawaiian Homes and Residential water is paid to the County of Kauai. Rates differ for each use.
- Kahaku was glad to see the airport strip project list. He is studying to be a pilot and one day hopes to create an aviation program for other Hawaiians like himself that are interested in becoming pilots.
- Farm Lot voices. Representatives from Anahola Farm Lots were in attendance. They share concerns about water resources.
- Cemeteries. A cemetery is included in the Anahola Town Center Plan.

**Regional Plan Tool.** Question was raised, so how do we use the Regional Plan as a tool to get the water? Julie explained that DHHL has offered staff time to assist in implementing regional plan priority projects. The priority projects will still need community champions, but now they have more DHHL staff support.

**Priority Project Clarification.** Concerns were raised regarding existing projects and long term projects and whether or not they can be part of the priority project. The concern is that the ongoing or long term projects may take away opportunities for other projects to be priority since there is a limit of priority projects to only 5. A suggestion was made to have ongoing projects should be identified in front of plan. Julie explained that even if a project exists, it can still be put into the regional plan as a priority project. Long term plans can be included as a priority project. It is suggested that there be a focus on a specific phase or project that needs attention within the 1 to 3 year period.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 6:00 – 8:00pm, Anahola Clubhouse

The next meeting will focus on identifying priority projects. A chart with the 2007 Anahola Regional Plan Priority Projects will be provided.

**ANAHOLA REGIONAL PLAN ISSUES AND PROJECTS**

ISSUES	POTENTIAL PROJECTS
<b>COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>	
<p><b>Anahola Town Plan</b>            The Anahola Town Plan was developed in May-June, 2009, through a planning charette process developed by DHHL and their planning consultant that involved homesteaders in identifying a conceptual land use plan for the vacant land makai and mauka of Kuhio Highway just before you reach the residential area. The Plan identifies a vision statement and promotes "smart growth" concepts that include walkways, commercial areas, community commercial areas, space for cultural activities, large athletic fields, a marine education center, a police sub-station, among other specific types of businesses that homesteaders wanted to see at Anahola. The entire Plan should be incorporated in the regional plan. Steps to ensure its implementation should also be identified.</p>	Anahola Town Plan
<p><b>AHHA's Commercial Kitchen</b>            A commercial kitchen is planned at the present AHHA site and should be included in the regional plan. DHHL is amending AHHA's lease agreement to include a larger area to accommodate the kitchen. The main issue is that it needs direct access to Kuhio Highway. This issue also affects the AHHA House, the Technology Center, and the open lot area.</p>	AHHA Commercial Kitchen
<p><b>Anahola Beach Park – County Park</b>            The Anahola Beach Park is part of the Hawaiian Home Lands inventory. It is currently licensed to the County Parks Department, which has established an Anahola Beach Park Steering Committee. There are a number of management and enforcement issues that need to be addressed including: maintenance of the dirt road, beach facilities, maintenance of the reservoir ditch, sand taking and erosion, illegal camping, littering, etc. There is also an opportunity to make use of the vacant land mauka of the beach. The homesteaders would like to take over the management of the park. It would create jobs and provide opportunities for native Hawaiian businesses. The water systems at the Park need to be investigated regarding jurisdictional issues.</p>	Anahola Beach Park
<p><b>Anahola Club House</b>            The Anahola Club House facilities have been neglected and are in need of repair and maintenance. For example, the computer room, the motion sensor lights and all the buildings need restoration and repair. There is also an opportunity to develop a commercial kitchen at the Club House facility.</p>	Anahola Club House Improvements
<p><b>Airport Strip</b>            There is an old airstrip that can be renovated and used to generate income. Homesteaders would like the opportunity to own and operate the facility. The Airstrip would service the Kealia Kai community just as the Princeville airport services Hanalei.</p>	
<p><b>"Green" Golf Course</b>            Some lands up mauka could be used to develop a golf course.</p>	
<p><b>Utilize Agricultural Lands</b>            Agricultural lands are not being utilized due to the lack of agricultural water and the lack of opportunities for interested farmers to have access to those lands.</p>	

ISSUES	POTENTIAL PROJECTS
<b>CULTURAL RESOURCES</b>	
<p><b>Makai Resource Management Plan</b> The shoreline resources between Anahola Beach Park and the beginning of DHHL property need to be identified and managed. A key component of management is access. Homesteaders would like to have limited vehicular access. A resource management plan is needed for the makai area.</p>	
<p><b>“Kumu Academy”</b> for cultural practitioners (makai side). Not a resort. For kumu and homesteaders.</p>	
<p><b>5 acre revocable permit along coast</b> Should be designated for full community use.</p>	
<p><b>Cemetery</b> Homesteaders had previously identified a site for a community cemetery. This site should be included in the regional plan and the cemetery should be identified for future development.</p>	
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	
<p><b>Roads and Traffic Circulation</b> Anahola’s road system needs to be looked at in terms of facilitating movement within the homestead and facilitating access to Kuhio Highway. Currently the roads do not form “T” intersections—they access Kuhio Highway at different points. Also, there is only one access to the makai homesteads. With the development of Pi’ilani Mai Ke Kai, there will be a need for an alternate access road to Kuhio Highway. Roads should also be planned in conjunction with the Anahola Town Center Plan. Existing community areas along Kuhio Highway should be given direct access to the Highway.</p>	
<p><b>Surface Water</b> Surface water, watershed development, stream restoration, and immediate decisions that must be made regarding the dams and reservoirs located on Hawaiian Home Lands need to be planned for Anahola. The ditch systems that were maintained by the plantation is no longer in use. Reservoirs are overgrown and unmanaged, while farmers are forced to use domestic, potable water for their crops. Water is crucial to any development at Anahola. Plantations were required to return water back to its original state (streams), but this has not been done. Now the DHHL faces high cost of maintaining the reservoirs or destroying them. There should be a litigation fund that can be used to fight for homestead water rights. The community is interested in returning the water back to the stream and restoring the stream. Water diversion issues up mauka also need to be investigated and addressed.</p>	
<p><b>Dams &amp; Hydroelectric Power</b> Surface water should also be researched in terms of its capacity to generate electricity. Perhaps the dams could be managed in order to generate electricity.</p>	
<p><b>Sewage Treatment Plant</b> Further development at Anahola is contingent upon the development of a sewage treatment plant or similar ‘green’ facility. Federal funds should be sought to develop the wastewater treatment plant which would allow more development of homes and businesses in Anahola.</p>	
<p><b>Sidewalks – safety issue</b> Sidewalks should be developed in Anahola to ensure pedestrian (children) safety.</p>	