

April 28, 2010

MEETING MEMORANDUM

Date of Meeting: April 15, 2010

Meeting Place: Kula Elementary School Cafeteria

To: Julie-Ann Cachola, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)
Kaleo Manuel, DHHL

From: Justin Tanaka, Planner

Subject: Waiohuli/Keokea Beneficiaries Potential Projects Meeting

Participants:

Loretta Kepa	Tiara Dudoit
Stan and Sherri Gabin	Richard Sellona
Doreen Gomes	Kathy Feliciano
Kahilihiwa Kipapa	Harvey Nikaido
Liliea Kiaaina	Stephen Park
Gladys Baisa	Lynnette Sanchez
Sherman Baisa	
Julie-Ann Cachola (DHHL)	
Kaleo Manuel (DHHL)	
Mona Kapaku (DHHL)	
Karlynn Fukuda (Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.)	
Justin Tanaka (Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.)	

The meeting began at approximately 6:30 p.m. Julie-Ann Cachola gave a presentation on the general planning process of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) regional plans. The floor was then opened to discussion by the beneficiaries regarding the issues, opportunities and potential projects of the Waiohuli/Keokea homesteads. A handout showing a matrix of these items was passed out to all participants for discussion.

- Participants agreed that the acquisition of a dual waterline that would extend to Keokea remains a top priority on their list of potential projects.

- Participants recommended that their neighborhoods be policed to prevent landowners from renting out their lands to others. Land provided by the DHHL should be designated strictly for the beneficiaries to live on and not for profit.
- A participant addressed the need to take into consideration the needs of Agricultural lot owners and how their interests might differ from residential lot owners. A participant explained that Agricultural lot owners would also like to see communal space put aside on their lands which could function as a possible site for a farmer's market. Another participant remarked that they would like to see lands used for cattle ranching.
- A participant recommended that there should be equal interests taken into consideration for both Agricultural lots and residential lots. Community space should be utilized in a way which benefits the entire community.
- Participants discussed the use of lands leased by Waiohuli which could possibly serve as revenue generating functions. One area, approximately 1.9 acres in size, is subject to a revocable permit and a month to month lease. Another area, approximately 6 acres in size, contains many Waddle Trees on the property which are hard to excavate and pose a fire hazard. The proposed community center site, approximately 17 acres in size, is under a general lease. Potential funding for the proposed community center maybe available through a tax credit program.
- A participant expressed their concerns over roadway safety and recommended that the speed bumps in the area be re-designed to be closer together. This would deter people from speeding in between the speed bumps.
- Participants discussed the need for an archaeological preserve and iwi kupuna caretaking, as there are many areas on the Waiohuli/Keokea properties that contain archaeological remains. Many of these burial sites are contained within a 40 acre parcel.
- Participants discussed the roadway which travels from Kula down through Ulupalakua into Kihei. Participants recommended that this road should be opened in the case of an emergency.

In addition to the comments listed above, additional changes were made to the handout which was passed out at the beginning of the meeting. After much discussion, a final list of potential projects for the Waiohuli/Keokea homesteads was obtained with consensus from all participants. See **Attachment "A"**. It was explained that all participants will have a chance to vote on these projects at the next meeting to finalize their list of priority projects.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Kula Elementary on April 28, 2010.

Please contact me at (808) 244-2015, should you have any questions.



Justin Tanaka, Planner

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Kēōkea-Waiohuli Regional Plan Update

Potential Projects and Community Discussion from April 15, 2010 Meeting

Potential Projects	Community Discussion/Issue
Identify and set aside lands for a community cemetery	-With the projected lessee population in Kēōkea-Waiohuli, the region should have a cemetery.
Develop Water Source for Residential and Ag Lots	-Need for water source development, storage areas, and repairs to existing lines.
Develop Agricultural Water for Kēōkea Agricultural lots.	-All lessees in the Kēōkea-Waiohuli region are restricted to 600 gallons of water per day. -The restriction in water use, limits the ability of our Ag lessees to engage in raising crops and animals. -Need to bring the Ag water line to the Ag Lots. -Maui County Farm Bureau is working on a dual water line that would extend to Keokea.
Support the Development of the Community Center at Waiohuli	-There is a need for a community center, park, and certified kitchen facility to serve the projected population at Waiohuli.
Identify and set aside lands for community facilities to service the needs of the region.	-Playgrounds -Child care site -Community gardens -Fire protection infrastructure—development of fire station. -Police sub-station to help with enforcement and health and safety issues.
Identify and set aside lands for community facilities to service the Kēōkea Agricultural lots.	-“Mini Community Center” for Kēōkea farmers since they have different needs. They would like to have an open market to sell their produce.
Secure Emergency Secondary Access and Civil Defense Warning System for the region	-In light of recent tsunami warning, lessees want to make sure that the newly opened lands at Kēōkea-Waiohuli have appropriate civil defense warning systems in place. -There was also concern for kupuna during times of emergency who would need assistance to evacuate or prepare their homes for the emergency.
Extend Bus Route Or Shuttle Service to Kula Hospital	-Bus Transportation—extend the bus line to Kula Hospital or establish a shuttle service that could shuttle residents to the nearest bus line. -Utilize rural design standards for road development
Investigate the potential development of Ohana units (2 homes on a lot) on large residential lots.	-Allow Ohana units to be built on residential lots if the lots are 7,500 sq. ft or bigger, as long as the ohana units go to ohana members, not for rentals.

Potential Projects	Community Discussion/Issue
Awareness Campaign/Letter Writing Campaign to address safety concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Speeding cars; Drag races -Vandalism (on new bridge) - Speed Bumps are too far apart and allow vehicles to go right around the speed bumps—need to redesign the speed bumps. -Need to have a Neighborhood Watch program -Theft of sign poles—need to re-install the signs. -4-wheel/quads/ATV going through vacant lots. -Snare traps were found on vacant lands. -if these are county roads, then the police should get in and enforce the law.
Address Complaints and potential conflicts between Residential and Agriculture uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -animals (smell and sound) -pesticides/chemicals for ag not compatible with residential homes -proposal to create a buffer zone to separate land uses.
Make Use of Existing Agricultural Initiatives and Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -MCC -USDA
Investigate Alternative Energy Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -more research and studies should be done on the feasibility of developing alternative energy (all types) in Keokea-Waiohuli
Identify Green Waste Site in Keokea-Waiohuli	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -use of waddle trees for mulch -no facility for green waste dumping