

PAUKŪKALO-WAI'EHU KOU REGIONAL PLAN
BENEFICIARY MEETING NOTES

February 26, 2010 (revised per 3/8/10 Beneficiaries Mtg.)
Paukūkalo Community Center

Attendance: Kehaulani Filimoeatu, Edmund Keai, Roy Oliveira, Stanley Chock, Lehitia Maika, Eddie Alves Jr., Daniel Ornellas, Aloha Planesi, Ramsay Anakalea, C. Kalae, Tasha Kama, L. Hahuhu, Walter Kanamu, Barbara Kalama, Barbara Jean and Eugene Wichams, M. Pualani Kamaunu Basbas, S. P. Lake, Olinda Aiwohi, Glenna and Erlene H McElroy, Joseph and Karen Kahananui, Irene M. Neval, Peter Konohia, C. M. Peggy, James Mercado, Pomaika'i Kaniaupio-Crozier, Ekela Kaniaupio-Crozier, Julie-Ann Cachola (DHHL), Kaleo Manuel (DHHL), Maria Ornellas (DHHL), Karlynn Fukuda (Munekiyō & Hiraga)

Community Discussion, Questions, and Concerns:

1. Ask Micah to build a Kamehameha Educational facility in this area.
2. Waiting for a bus line to come to Waihe'e. There's 3 buses going to Wai'ehu Heights, all we're asking is to go down to Waihe'e Park. Talked to Councilman Victorino and he said they couldn't go down there because there's no turn around area. But if you're going to allow Lokahi Pacific to come in, then you need to look at the traffic issue. Second Alternative is to have shuttles to come to Waihe'e to take people out to the main bus lines. This is really needed for the school—there's so much traffic because there's no bus service.
3. We should have a Hawaiian Charter school in this area. The demographics of the area need to be considered...there's a lot of Hawaiians in this area.
4. This region is known as an Agricultural area. But with the strip malls, gas stations, etc., what are the ramifications? Wai'ehu Kou wasn't originally a part of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust. It was purchased.
5. We should develop a mission/vision statement that inspires prudent growth, prudent management from the mountains to the sea and doing things together to make that happen.
6. Make changes in titles/content in the draft regional plan:
 - a. Political boundaries could be Aha Moku boundaries—similar to the 'aha chord.
 - b. "Community stakeholders" should be deleted and put in all the Wai'ehu Kou community associations and the Paukukalo homestead association. Identify the leaders by name, title, picture. Rename this section to be "community stewards." Add area community organizations (such as Waihee Community Association) who DHHL can partner with for projects.
 - c. Include maps of ahupua'a, map of Land Commission Awards. During the mahele period of history, this was the cultural, economic, and political center as evidenced by the number of LCAs.
 - d. Focus from mountain to the sea natural resource management.
 - e. Include picture of Pihana Heiau, of Paukulao in the early 1960s—used to be a military training ground
 - f. Include regional demographics.
 - g. "Development trends" should include Urban Growth Boundaries as identified in the county's General Plan. Help support Community Development Plan for the area. Show uniqueness of area as growing more in the area of Agriculture versus Urbanization.

- h. Road infrastructure section should include a map of the existing bus networks, and hiking trails. It should also include bike paths and trails for connectivity between Waiehu Kou I, II, III, and IV.
 - i. Water infrastructure should include traditional auwai, streams, Spreckleville Ditch, include a discussion on water supply and demand which verifies that the ‘supply’ of water is here, but the ‘demand’ for water is there (Sprecklesville)? With the Wailuku Water company, show what they are making...how much are they making? What are water rights to the ahupua‘a where the water comes from? Who has first rights to water?
 - j. Drainage/flooding section: include a discussion on what FEMA did when they altered the Iao Stream flood area. With that change, we are now having to pay big insurance premiums. In Wai‘ehu Kou IV, 3 lots are affected—now they have to pay \$26,000. How many other families are affected? Can we ask FEMA to reconsider their decision?
 - k. Utilities section should include discussion regarding cell phone coverage. We have terrible cell phone connections in this area. We need better coverage, but make sure the cell phone towers are not so tall that they create a visual problem. Instead of going higher, they need to bounce the signal.
 - l. Public facilities section should include the bus line issue, Kamehameha School facility—so there will be an Upcountry campus and a Down-country” campus...since most Hawaiians live down here.
7. Paukukalo Armory: this is a 1.7 acre site. In the last 20 years, there’s been all kinds of different ideas that have come up, including a Community Health and Wellness Center, a CNHA Technology Center, and an Early Education Center. There was recently a group of 15 homesteaders that got together to identify potential uses for the site. They identified the need for 2 certified kitchens, a Kupuna Health Center, and a community center. The homestead community is working with Hui No Keola Pono in the development of the Armory site.
 8. The gym at Paukukalo Center: Should talk to the Boys and Girls Club to develop a permanent facility there. They could develop a 3-story facility. They should identify other uses that could benefit the Paukukalo community—that could help revitalize the community...to feel proud of the community.
 9. Rain and sinking lands are affecting old homes—if you look at the old Paukukalo homes, like the first 52 homes, they are sinking. This first subdivision had homes and a road, no drainage, no sidewalks. The residents built a wall—need to look at the drainage issue here...at Kalakaua and Kuhio Street.
 10. Pihana Heiau: Why are the gates locked? It was explained that someone built a house near the Heiau. The gates are locked to prevent this from happening. There is a portion of private land fronting the Heiau. This land should be included in the Trust for Public Land’s proposal to purchase the Wai‘ehu Bay parcel. We need stewardship for the Heiau.
 11. Water is a priority. If we had water, we would still be growing taro.
 12. We want to identify lands for community use between Wai‘ehu Kou III and IV. There’s value being road-side. Does it still have water?

13. Master Plan Pu‘unene for commercial use—there’s an 80 acre parcel and a parcel that is 600 acres. Problem is: No water.
14. There’s a site across Wai‘ehu IV—Kali Watson is developing a feasibility study for this site. He’s working with KSD, David Goode—they are trying to develop private land with 150 homes. Waihe‘e Community Association opposed it. Hale Mua is now going bankrupt—lost a lot of money. There was clarification and further discussion on why Waihee Community Association opposed the site. There were concerns about additional urbanization of lands within this region. There was also further discussion of a site for potential Kupuna housing and community center.
15. Could have a Farmer’s Market and craft swap meet...these are not permanent structure—we’re not doing development for millionaires---we’re just getting crafts out.
16. “Community Camping” similar to what they do at Keaukaha—for a few months a year, we could camp as a community. Maybe approach the Maui Coastal Land Trust for an area.