

March 15, 2010

MEETING MEMORANDUM

Date of Meeting: March 8, 2010

To: Julie-Ann Cachola
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Kaleo Manuel
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

From: Justin Tanaka, Planner

Participants: Julie-Ann Cachola (*Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)*)
Kaleo Manuel (*Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)*)
Karlynn Fukuda (*Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.*)
Justin Tanaka (*Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.*)

Subject: Waiehu Kou/Paukukalo Beneficiaries Meeting To Establish Potential Projects List

ATTENDEES

Leonard M. Kaauha	Olinda Aiwahi
Meiling Maika	Jared Aiwahi
Ramsay Anakalea	Alika Atay
Annie Alves	Walter Kanamu
Irene Neal	Daniel Ornellas
Ewalani Shim	Roy Oliveira
Edward Alves Jr.	Claire Hueu

The meeting began at approximately 6:40 p.m. at the Paukūkalo Community Center and began with a brief presentation by Julie-Ann Cachola of DHHL regarding the regional plan process. Copies of the meeting notes from the February 26th beneficiaries meeting, as well as a matrix of potential projects were distributed to those in attendance. Ms. Cachola then opened the floor to discuss the meeting notes and matrix.

1. Use of Vacant Land Across from Waiehu Kou IV

- a. A participant voiced their concern regarding Item No. 14 of the meeting notes. They explained that a developer, David Goode, intended to acquire a parcel of land across from Waiehu Kou IV in order to re-zone the area and build houses in addition to a community center. The desire of the community has been to keep agricultural lands in agriculture, to retain the rural character of the area. For these reasons, the participant explained that the Waihee Community Association opposed the acquisition of this land to develop a community center.
- b. A participant clarified that many other community organizations such as Ho'oulu'ai and Wailuku Country Estates opposed this project as well.
- c. A participant responded that Kali Watson (Hawaiian Community Development) intended to acquire the land for DHHL inventory. K. Watson had asked for input from the Waiehu Kou associations and one of the suggestions from their meeting was to propose kupuna housing because it would be a less intensive use than regular housing. The kupuna housing may be able to qualify for tax credits which can help fund the construction of a community center. There was discussion of the possibility of joint use of the community center by Waiehu Kous I, II, III and IV. The participant stressed the need for a community center to serve the needs of the region. The area is now home to many residents, but lacks a community center. The participant believed that this project should remain a priority and should not be dismissed or put on hold.
- d. A participant commented that this project seems to be dividing the community. Therefore, this project should be put on hold until more research is done. Other options and alternative locations should be considered.

2. Community Stakeholders

- a. A participant expressed their opinion that the list of community stakeholders in the regional plan should include other associations rather than just the homesteads. They also opposed the inclusion of "big developers" in the stakeholders list.
- b. A participant opposed this view. They explained that the regional plan should only apply to beneficiaries. Therefore, only the beneficiaries should be at these meetings and listed on the regional plans.
- c. A participant expressed their opinion that the regional plan should be more inclusive. They testified that the DHHL should work together with all members of the community – "that's part of being Hawaiian".

- d. A participant also stressed the need for an inclusive plan. However, they explained that the Group should be at least a little selective, to ensure that the needs of the region and homesteads are met.

3. Vision Statement

- a. Participants discussed the adoption of a vision statement that would apply to the Waiehu Kou/Paukukalo region. It was generally agreed upon that the vision statement should include language which addresses cultural practices, education, families, and kupuna needs. This vision statement would help focus the goals of the Waiehu Kou/Paukukalo regional plan.

4. Paia/Puunene Land Acquisition

- a. A participant inquired about lands owned by DHHL in areas such as Paia and Puunene, and whether these lands could be acquired by a region such as Waiehu. Ms. Cachola explained that these lands are meant to be used to provide funding for future homes for beneficiaries. Puunene lands for example, should be utilized by the future beneficiaries who may one day live there, and not “kapu'd” by a certain region as their own. The focus should not be on acquiring land for one’s region, but rather enabling the benefits to flow out from that land.

5. Community Health Centers

- a. A participant stated that they would like to see health centers incorporated into future community centers. They also discussed a pavilion that could be built with help from Maui Coastal Land Trust (MCLT) and Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) for the kupuna that could house a health center.
- b. A participant advised DHHL to make sure that community centers are designed as part of community plans in the future.
- c. A participant stressed the need to consider all elements of infrastructure when building a community, including education, wellness, and schools.

6. Addressing Traffic Issues

- a. A participant stressed the need for a bus route to service the Waihee area. They suggested looking into the costs, routes, and turn-around areas that this bus service would require.
- b. A participant commented that a County public hearing will be held on April 8th at 6:00 p.m. regarding bus service cut-backs.
- c. A participant suggested that a system of bike paths and walking trails could be implemented that would link Waiehu Kous I, II, III, and IV. These paths could be constructed on the side of Kahekili Highway and also within the

subdivisions themselves, allowing passage from one subdivision to the other. These paths would help to lessen the automobile congestion on Waihee and Waiehu roads.

7. Cell Phone Infrastructure

- a. Participants remarked that cell phone reception is bad in the Waihee area, past the Leisure Estates. They would like to improve reception in the area, but are against the construction of large, unsightly towers.
- b. Participants commented on alternatives to providing cell phone service. Individual cell phone providers could be contacted to provide service to individual households. A satellite dish could be installed on the mountain side which would bounce back signals towards the Waihee area.

8. Educational Opportunities

- a. A participant proposed that a conversion school/charter school be considered as a possible opportunity.
- b. A participant suggested that the group consider other educational opportunities outside the traditional classroom setting, such as cultural education. They suggested partnering with MCLT to create a community lo'i.

9. Waiehu Kou Park

- a. A participant testified that although Waiehu Kou II and Waiehu Kou III have a park, a new park is needed for Waiehu Kou IV.
- b. A participant suggested that a community center could be placed in a park area, such as in Waiehu Kou II's park.

10. Paukukalo Armory Site/Community Center

- a. A participant inquired about the Paukukalo armory site and whether it is "clean" and free of chemical hazards.
- b. A participant explained that DLNR received a study of the armory site, available to public record, which concludes that the site is clean.
- c. The Paukukalo Community Center project was discussed, to be constructed on the armory site. Uses discussed for the center include a kupuna center, certified kitchens, a medical center, and it has noted that it should serve the region. Tentative Name: Paukukalo Community Regional Complex.

11. Paukukalo Gym/Boys and Girls Club

- a. A new Boys and Girls Club center was discussed, to be constructed on the present Paukukalo gym site. It was agreed upon that the center should only be two (2) stories tall. The Boys and Girls club requested a gym lease.

12. Waiehu Kou Vacant Lands (Between III and IV)

- a. A participant suggested this land could be left undeveloped as an open field recreational space.
- b. A participant suggested this land could be used to charge parking for oversize vehicles. This could provide small funding.
- c. It was decided that this space should house only temporary structures, since it lies within a flood zone. As a result, the community center and camping grounds projects will no longer be considered for this space.
- d. Other uses for this space include community garden, farmer's market, and swap meet.

13. Paukukalo Neighborhood Improvements

- a. A participant commented on drainage problems plaguing homes along Kalakaua Street in the Paukukalo Homesteads. One end of the street intersects with Keali'i Drive, which is higher, and the other end intersects with Kuhio Place, which is lower. As a result, homes downhill from Keali'i Drive, on the makai side of Kalakaua Street, often have flooding problems.
- b. Sidewalk construction was taken off the issues list because a review of the existing street widths appear limited for additional improvements.

14. Land Acquisitions in Waiehu/Waihee Area

- a. The potential project name was decided as, "Support Trust for Public Lands (TPL) to acquire Kaehu Bay and Pihana Heiau."
- b. The stewardship aspect of the heiau land acquisition was emphasized.
- c. It was noted that DHHL would have to check with TPL if the Pihana Heiau lands could be included in the Kaehu Bay request.

15. Water

- a. Stream diversion and stream restoration were added as issues and opportunities.

- b. The potential project name was decided as, "Participation in watershed management of Na Wai Eha and stream restoration of Waiehu Stream."

16. Economic Development

- a. Participants discussed acquiring the Puunene parcel for economic development uses.
- b. Jobs/Economic Development was added as a 10th issue and opportunity. As a potential project, "Identify community use opportunities of the Puunene parcel", was decided.

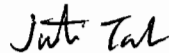
17. Community Center Sites

- a. An 11th potential project was added to the list – "Identify sites for proposed community center within Waiehu Area for region." The site across from Waiehu Kou IV, as well as other potential sites would be considered.

After discussion on potential projects and issues and opportunities and consensus on the matrix was settled, discussion opened on how to approach voting at the next meeting. It was decided that 5 dots will be provided to all participants, with each dot representing an equal vote. The participants will then be able to place each dot next to a project that they would like to see implemented.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (808)244-2015.



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DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS
BENEFICIARY CONSULTATION

**Paukūkalo-Wai`ehu Kou Regional Plan
Community Planning Meeting**

Monday, March 8, 2010

6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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 Previously Identified Issues & Opportunities
- V. Develop Potential Projects
- VI. Next Meeting:
Friday, April 16, 2010
Paukūkalo Hawaiian Homes Community Center
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.