



North Hawai'i Regional Plan Update

Beneficiary Meeting

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Meeting Memorandum

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Hawaiian Homestead Commission: Alapaki Nahale-a, Chairman

Political Leadership: Representative Cindy Evans- District 7, Representative Faye Hanohano- District 4

Staff: Kaleo Manuel, Ulu Lota, Jim Dupont

Consultants: PBR Hawaii – Scott Abrigo, Malia Cox

Handouts:

- Agenda
- Meeting Memorandum for September 15, 2011, Beneficiary Meeting
- Draft Priority Project Write-ups

Welcoming:

Mr. Kaleo Manuel welcomed the participants and introduced Mr. Alapaki Nahale-a, Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Opening:

The opening pule was given by Ms. Kanani Kapuniai

Introduction of Regional Planning Process:

Mr. Manuel introduced the DHHL staff and consulting team. He described the goal for the evening was review/discuss the priority projects.

Summary of Issues: Mr. Scott Abrigo briefly summarized the process that the community went through to arrive at five priority projects. He explained how the 28 issues identified by community members were consolidated to 15 potential projects and revised based on community input. Mr. Abrigo explained how the community identified the top five priorities. A summary of the process was described in detail in the September 15, 2011 Meeting Memorandum provided as a handout to the attendees.

Priority Project Review: Mr. Scott Abrigo provided the community with several options regarding how the priority projects would be discussed. Reading the text verbatim aloud to attendees, summary of each project with a few minutes provided to read text quietly to oneself, or just a summary of each project. The attendees opted to have the projects summarized, while they read along on the handout. The review of the priority projects was designed to allow open discussion. This discussion is an important element of capturing the goals/objectives of each of the priority projects.

Priority Project- Waimea Hawaiian Homestead community Complex-Planning

The community had no concerns with the priority project as described.

Priority Project-Evaluate and Revise Agriculture/Pastoral Program in North Hawai'i

Attendees felt that the project was written from the perspective of the Department rather than the community. The project as written did not accurately reflect the community's vision for the project. Attendees provided numerous specific goals and objectives for the project. They also voiced their concern regarding the lack of actionable items to improve both the agriculture and pastoral programs as currently written. Some of the concerns identified were lack of separation between agriculture and pastoral programs, staff dedicated to agriculture and pastoral issues, staff to act as a liaison between lessees and DHHL, shared equipment, greater community input on technical program, creation of a co-op, etc. This priority project will be re-written and be made available for review and comment.

Priority Project-Support and Develop Affordable Homestead Alternatives in North Hawai'i

Attendees indicated that there needs to be more community participation incorporated into the project and that beneficiaries need to have more choices and more options. Concerns were also raised regarding contractor quality, phone service options, and DHHL programs (ex- Home Street Bank) that do not "fit" with other DHHL programs. This priority project will be re-written and be made available for review and comment.

Priority Project-Access the Implications of Eliminating Requirement to Pay Property Taxes

Meeting attendees voiced their concern that services providing community wide benefits, such as fire stations, schools, etc. are cited on DHHL lands, and this should be included in the project discussion. A comment was made that revenue generation should be distributed by County. Mr. Manuel opined that as beneficiaries we are one big 'Ohana, and that some communities do not have revenue generation opportunities such as Lāna'i. For that reason, all revenue goes to DHHL and is dispersed based on need. A comment was made regarding the seven year exemption from taxes starting after subdivision occurs. This will be confirmed with DHHL staff and incorporated into

the priority project as appropriate. This priority project will be revised and be made available for review and comment.

Priority Project-Access the Implications of a Non-Standard Building Code

The attendees indicated that the program evaluation section should in more action words and less comments and questions. It was also recommended that Ameron Hawaii be added as a potential partner. This priority project will be revised and be made available for review and comment.

Regional Plan Review

Mr. Abrigo briefly went through the updated plan, identifying how the plan was revised since the last update. Several attendees including Representative Evans and Representative Hanohano expressed concern regarding the reference to Waimea having a higher median income than the state median as it is not necessarily representative of the community. Based on these comments, the text, "Waimea has a higher median income than the State median income" will be deleted from the plan.

Schedule

The priority projects will be revised to incorporate the communities' comments. These will be provided electronically to the community. The planning office will submit the plan for approval in either November or December.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned around 8:30 pm.