# Wai'anae and Lualualei Regional Plan Update Wai'anae Valley Homestead Community Association Meeting Summary Thursday, November 30, 2017, Kaupuni Neighborhood Park

#### In attendance:

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# **Kaupuni Community Park**

- What you see right now is only phase 1 of the 3 phases originally proposed
  - Following phases did not happen due to funding, permitting, etc.
  - O Phase 2 will require homesteaders to show interest and support the update
  - Would like to send out a newsletter and survey
- Vandalism
  - O C&C wanted to teardown the bathroom because of vandalism
    - Was too difficult to maintain
    - We used to be able to use it for storage, etc.
  - Need to be part of the solution
    - Unfortunately, it is members of our own community that are vandalizing

#### **Community board posts**

- Community board can be found on Kaneaki Street
  - Usually put board up 1 week prior to meetings
  - O Contains information about upcoming general meetings, special meetings, etc.
- If you have questions, please contact Kapua at <a href="mailto:dkapua@gmail.com">dkapua@gmail.com</a>
  - Put WVHCA and Question/Concern in the title/subject line
- Meetings are normally held at Kaupuni Neighborhood Park

#### Whose plan is this?

- This is your plan, the community's plan
  - The plan is something you can take to the state legislature
- The Department can approve the plan and support it, but they do not have funding to fund the project
  - The community can use the plan to identify priority projects that they would like to focus on

#### Vacant lots at the top of Kaneaki Street

- Residents were promised a park in that space in the 2000's
  - O But recently, someone from the Department told a community member that 8 homes would be built in the vacant space

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- Keiki need a place to play in that area because right now, they are playing in the street where people drive too fast
  - And they were playing in the vacant lot and getting hurt
- Department reps will try to get as much info as possible from the Deputy
  - Unfortunately, the Deputy does not appear to have any meetings scheduled with Terry George at this time
- If built, that park would be open to the entire community, not just the neighbors in that area
  - O Don't want it to divide the community (those above the white fence and those below)
  - Would be great if it was made specifically for elementary school aged kids
  - Plus a small community center

#### **Transit Corridor**

- Issue for the whole coast
- Need to coordinate better between utility companies (electricity, water, etc.)
  - O This is a big pilikia because we are not forcing the government to coordinate their activities and we are being held hostage
  - Every time there is a change, it causes delays
  - O Better coordination would mean fewer delays
  - O Big priority now

#### Sewer

- Connecting to sewer system vs. cesspools
  - O Now required to connect to system, which significantly increases the water/sewer bill
  - Anyway to change that? Make it so that new homes are not required to connect to sewer system?
    - We are over 200 feet above sea level (not near the water table) and we are not close to a running stream

## Parking, Speeding, and Bus Routes

- Some people get 6-7 cars on the road
  - Makes it hard for the buses to come through
  - We call enforcement, but nothing ever happens
  - Possible solutions
    - Make no parking zones and clearly ID those areas
- People driving too fast on Kaneaki
  - o 25 MPH speed limit is too high
    - Need to lower to 15
    - Very dangerous right now, especially with keiki playing in the street
  - o Install speed bumps?
    - Might interfere with bus routes (some people have heard that buses will not go over speed bumps)
    - Maybe raised sidewalks could work? Will have to check into that more

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#### **Parties and Other Disturbances**

- 2 guys on dirtbikes speeding, etc.
  - O Community members have confronted them before
- Used to have parties in the back every weekend
  - Took community participation and collaboration to make that stop
    - Neighbors working together, police helped too
    - Best thing to do is call 911

#### **Other Issues and Projects**

- Agriculture and aquaculture
  - O To increase food production and food security for our community and our island
  - O Own our own lo'i, etc.
- Going green
  - O Reuse rain and wastewater
- Columbarium
  - O Right now, our people end up in the ocean
- Animals on the property
  - O Possible to increase the number of animals you can have?
    - Need animals to feed my family
  - Need to be mindful of neighbors

### **Strategies**

- Work collectively, ID champions and collaborators, and then we have to go and get funding
  - Need to find the right people who know where the funding is and to go after the funding

#### **Focus Meeting Topics**

- Hawaii Energy
  - O Will come to home and provide LED bulbs, shower heads, etc.
  - O All free, just need to call them and make appointment
- Bus stop
  - o Took away some bus stops in the community recently
  - o What is the solution?
  - O Please contact Kapua if you have any suggestions
- New nominations
  - Willing to bring new people on board
  - O But please be aware, it is all volunteer and it takes a lot of time
- Voter registration
  - o Will be doing again in 2018
  - O Takes a lot of work to send out the letters, etc.
  - Please contact Kapua if you would like to be involved