



HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TRUST
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

**PAPAKŌLEA REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE
LEADERSHIP MEETING
PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
JULY 13, 2019
8:45 A.M.-9:30 A.M. – COMMUNITY DRIVE-THROUGH
9:30 A.M.-11:15 A.M. – MEETING + DISCUSSION**

Attendance: Adrienne Dillard, Kula No Nā Po'e Hawai'i
Kahealani Keahi, Hui Maka'āinana o Kalāwahine
Lilia Kapuniaia, Papakōlea Community Association
B. Puni Kekauoha, Kula No Nā Po'e Hawai'i
Richard Soo, Kalāwahine Streamside Association
Lionel Wright, Papakōlea Community Association

DHHL: Andrew Choy, Nancy McPherson

Townscape, Inc. (Consultant): Sherri Hiraoka, Lillie Makaila

Community Drive-Through

Kalāwahine/Kewalo

- Lower Anianiku Street: homeless living in cars, rubbish, drug deals.
- BWS Reservoir: "99% of residents are opposed to the easement."
- Kapo'opo'o Stream
 - Detention basin at Kapahu Street is unfinished and overgrown. "The trees are so tall that you can't even tell that there's a detention basin there."
 - This is where Mo'o Kalāwahine lives and she needs the water. Water used to flow in the stream but now it's a dry bed, possibly from diversions or concrete.
- Haalelea Street
 - Seepage, spalling, houses shifting.
 - Aunty Lehua has been landscaping the area across her house, above where the water tank will go. Community is fighting to make sure that BWS doesn't destroy it.
- Streamside park at the end of Kapahu Street: it's beautiful but no one comes here because there is no parking and no bathroom.

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- What happened to the streamside walk? It was meant for residents but the homeless are using it.

Kalāwahine/Kewalo (continued)

- The garages are too small, and people cannot park their vehicles inside them. Instead, the vehicles are parking on the street and cause narrow and crowded streets throughout these homesteads.
- There is a neighborhood walk every night of all roads.
- Stabilization of the hillside is needed.
- Mira Construction stockpiling sewerline project baseyard (entrance to 14.5-acre parcel on Auwaiolimu Street): there have been fires there – possibly started by homeless? The company has heavy equipment that seems to be enlarging the space by clearing farther and farther back.
- Need hillside stabilization along Auwaiolimu Street.
- Previous hillside stabilization project along Auwaiolimu Street looks unfinished, has weeds growing, should be completed properly.

Papakōlea

- Community Park still needs Capital Improvement Projects: basketball court and playground need to be redone
- An effort to address the abandoned homes is in progress. There are thirty homes that DHHL was asked to investigate; 27 of them are on Tantalus Drive.
- Infrastructure (sewer line) improvements
 - Could have communicated better with the families
 - Right of entry is so wide, there is a huge service road
 - Left the homes exposed with the location of the service road
 - Did some slope stabilization.
- Access to homes is a problem. People can't get to their homes because it is so steep.
- There is no off-street parking. "Parking battle." "Battle of the orange cones."
- Derelict vehicles.
- Because we are an "existing non-conforming subdivision," we have difficulty improving our homes because we are not in compliance with City Code.
- If homes were developed on the lands at the top of Moreira Street, then that would cause flooding to the homes and properties below it. Any construction in this area will affect the watershed and cause a disturbance.
- Kaululāau Street
 - Drainage affects the lower homes.

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- Don't build homes where homes don't belong!
- The topography doesn't allow for more development, and this concept of doing things that don't work with the environment needs to stop.
- Is are an opportunity for infill?
- Homeless are occupying the area mauka of Papakōlea on Tantalus Drive.
- "If they are from Papakōlea then they aren't homeless, they are family."
- We can't finance home improvements because this is leasehold land.
- It is cost-prohibitive to just make homes safe for kūpuna.
- It takes a long time to repair sewer breaks. Who is responsible?

Discussion

Regional Plan Update Process:

- People have to feel comfortable and that the process is fair.
- Nānākuli Regional Plan Update used an open house style format
 - Open from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm and people came through at their leisure.
 - Various topics: environment, kūpuna, etc.
 - Inclusive of community voice
- Be clear as to how the Regional Plan Update document will be used.
- Give the community feedback. Let them know that they've been heard so they will want to continue participating.
- Proposed Dates for community meetings:
 - First community meeting: September 18
 - Second community meeting: October
 - Dates to avoid: October 19, P'a'ina & October 26, Trunk or Treat.
- Venue to community meetings: Stevenson Intermediate School is the best (nearby, ample parking, neutral)
- Times: start at 6:00 pm or 6:30 pm for regular meetings and earlier for open house style meetings.
- Community Meeting #1 should discuss what from the past Regional Plan Update was done/not done.
- The previous planning effort had problems during the prioritization process because the expectations of the participants was that the project that received the most support from the community would get land and funding from DHHL. If the expectations are set so that participants understand that land and funding is not a part of the prioritization process, then there shouldn't be any problems.

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Issues

- Papakōlea high priorities cannot get resources to implement them. Do we need to look outside of Papakōlea, e.g., Bowl-A-Drome for kūpuna and keiki day care and affordable housing for kūpuna? “Does Papakōlea still have a presence in this development?”
- Isenberg property: revenues should benefit Papakōlea. Speak to this issue at the 1st community meeting and/or have a presentation board.
- Disaster preparedness – see Adrienne for follow-up
 - Michelle Bay did a plan for the disabled.
 - Someone from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers did a disaster plan for their PhD.
- Access to homes.
- Safe homes.
- Abandoned homes – tied to the homeless/houseless issue. People can’t live in their homes, so they live in their cars or on the sidewalk or in the bushes.
- Papakōlea Community Development Corporation (PCDC) and Kula No Nā Po’e Hawai’i are working to get families financing to get people back into homes.
- Who should be doing enforcement when it comes to drug dealing? Who to report to? What about family members?
- Climate change will bring heavier rains and create even more issues with drainage and slope stability.
- FEMA does trainings for disaster preparedness and terrorist threats. If an emergency occurs, we have to take care of ourselves.
- Adult day care is needed. We have over 500 residents that are over 55 years old. Lunalilo Homes cannot do it; it’s too expensive.
- Adrienne has data/reports on health and education, especially in the last 3 years. There is also a report on education, aging, and housing issues.
- Kalāwahine is against the BWS water tank.
- The community is growing so we have outgrown the community park, both in terms of space and scheduling.
- Homes have been built in areas where they shouldn’t have been built.
- If DHHL can’t provide resources to implement projects to address the issues, who do we go to? Papakōlea knows how to fundraise, but DHHL should provide resources.

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Publicity

- Do at least two (preferably three) mailers per meeting.
 - Don't make it look like a "DHHL doc" because people will just throw it away as "just another meeting." Don't make it look so "government-y."
 - Do first mailing four weeks prior to the meeting.
- Social media
 - Lilia and Puni run Facebook pages.
 - Send materials to all of the leadership to post/distribute.
- Provide flyers to the various organizations for distribution.
 - Kalāwahine can distribute them on their nightly walks.
- Newsletter.
- Piggyback onto announcements for other events: Aloha Week Parade float.

Next Steps

- Townscape to secure Stevenson Intermediate School for 1st Community Meeting.
- Get reports on education, aging, health, and housing from Adrienne.
- Share any new data with the leadership before the first community meeting.

Handouts

1. Project Fact Sheet
2. "What is a Regional Plan?"