

HANAPĒPĒ COMMUNITY MEETING #1 SUMMARY

Time: 9:30am- 1:30 pm

Date: October 26, 2019

Location: 'Ele'ele Elementary School

Event Description

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the project, share findings from work done to date, share preliminary findings from the beneficiary survey, present land use plan alternatives for EA, gather input on what's important to residents of Hanapēpē and how they view their community, and gather input on what should be addressed in the EA.

The project team shared a presentation and developed informative and interactive boards on display in an open house format. Attendees received copies of the agenda, as well as copies of the presentation and project fact sheet. A copy of the presentation is appended to this summary.

Agenda

- Introductions and welcome
- Presentation (repeated at 10:00 and 12:00 pm)
- Question and Answer Session (following each presentation)
- Open House and Refreshments (throughout)

Project Team Attendees

- DHHL: Andrew Choy, Nancy McPherson, Erna Kamibayashi
- Hawaiian Homes Commission: Commissioner Dennis Neves
- SSFM: Jared Chang, Carlos Kelton, Abbey Seitz

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Stakeholder Attendees

Attendees at the meeting included both existing lessees and applicants as indicated below.

Lessees

1. James S. Beniamina
2. John Beniamina
3. Kuulei Kaaumoana
4. Leonard Kanahele, Jr
5. Lavonne Kanahele
6. Tracey Camara
7. Marian Beniamina
8. Sherlin Beniamina

Anuenue Kanahele

Other

- 1) Alex Wong
- 2) Kalawaia Lee
- 3) Kaimana Castaneda
- 4) Malcolm Azeka
- 5) Richard Harter
- 6) Susan Remoaldo
- 7) Terilynn Denson
- 8) Wendy Vidinha
- 9) Kathleen Lee
- 10) Arnette Lee
- 11) Roland Lee
- 12) Don Mitchell
- 13) Jinna Mitchell
- 14) Marylynn Naumu
- 15) Gerald Naumu
- 16) Jonathan Rivera
- 17) Russel Beniamina
- 18) Marian K. Beniamina
- 19) Jared Chang

Applicants

1. Brad Akana
2. Dianna Kaulili-Phillips
3. Elvira Kimokeo
4. Golden Wong
5. James Beniamina
6. Jasmine Taniguchi-Kahepuu
7. John Beniamina
8. John Ruiz
9. Lana Kukona (Pua Ayau)
10. Laurie Ann Ruiz
11. Marilyn Beniamina
12. Myrnadette Bucasas
13. Olivia Kimoko
14. Penny P. Anakalea
15. Sharon C.K. Nerpio
16. Thelma Lauhiwa Ruiz

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Notes from Q & A and Group Discussion

Following the presentation, attendees were given the opportunity to ask questions of the project team, followed by an open house. They were also given comment cards to provide written comments. The discussion from the Q&A and input received on comment cards are documented below.

Comments, Question and Answer Session

- **Q.** Even if you finish on schedule, what happens in the 5-8 years?
 - **A.** We need to do the design- nail down location, lots, specs, drainage. Need approvals, coordinate with the County. Timing depends on funding availability.
- **Q.** How old is General Plan?
 - **A.** County just updated general plan in 2018. Prior that that, it was last updated in 2000. The DHHL Island Plan was finalized in 2004. In the process of updating now.
- **Q.** What is the funding for?
 - **A.** Planning, Environmental Assessment, Design
- **Q.** If residential is a priority, when will Ag happen?
 - **A.** It depends on funding. We are doing EA for entire lot, not just residential. We are doing EA for entire lot, not just residential. Awarding will take place during construction.
- **Q.** Your funding is for what portion of the project?
 - **A.** Phase 2 of the project – up to 75 homes.
- **Q.** Funding could delay this project – is there a way to pre-award if we know the project is coming?
 - **A.** In the past we have given out accelerated awards. Waited for infrastructure- looking at ways to expedite the process.
- **Q.** Most of us will be in our 70's, 80's, and 90's- most of our kids cannot be beneficiaries because they are not 50%. Is there a way to have relatives or children of beneficiaries qualify?
 - **A.** We acknowledge this and is an area DHHL is working on.
- **Q.** What assistance is provided for Subsistence Agriculture?
 - **A.** Currently no assistance on Kaua'i – looking to expand this. Technical assistance needs to be included in the DHHL budget.
- **Q.** Will Hanapēpē have undivided interest?
 - **A.** We don't want to repeat the same mistakes from Anahola. We can go back and review this and the legal implications.
- **Q.** How far along is the Pu'u 'Ōpae Project?
 - **A.** It is a couple years down the road, we're trying to work with the department to figure out the best balance.
- Would like to see a Hanapēpē homeowners association with non-profit arm.

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Comment Cards

- Need more funding to help expedite projects and award the Kupunas their land
- Drop the blood quantum to 45 percent so there are beneficiaries that can be awarded these lands if their Kupunas pass.
- Need someone to ask for grants to help with funding these projects.
- Need a community center with an emergency shelter because there are not enough disaster centers for locals.
- Drop the blood quantum to 45% those that fit the 50% blood quantum or higher are now older retirement age with no way to make the required down payment.
- Hire someone to follow up on grant money or ask for funding necessary to complete projects.
- On behalf of neighbor beneficiary: Uncle has been maintaining DHHL behind his land for over 40 years. Now (2019) DHHL is taking custody of those lands (gardens, grass, trees) in anticipation of development. His worry: now that DHHL “cutting and maintaining grass” will they continue to do that timely and responsibly as a fire break? Because he had been doing it previously. He is worried it won’t be maintained.
- Eventually there needs to be an easement for and land set aside for another access road.

Infrastructure cost money, but the set aside shouldn’t cost much.

- Funding is an issue and need the commission to give more money to help fund these projects. so our kupunas can be awarded their lands, so they can pass it down to their moopuna.
- Have a community or cultural center available for the community to use.
- If building across the gulch, where will our water system come from?
- Need more technical assistance to help with funding projects.



Input from Open House: Envisioning a Future Hanapēpē Homestead Community

An open house was set up to enable people to learn more about the project, talk with team members, and provide input on what they would like to see in a future Hanapēpē Homestead community. The open house included eleven stations, described below. Input received during the open house follows this page.

Open House Stations

Project Orientation:

- Informational poster about project

Beneficiary Input:

- Board explaining input received from beneficiaries based on survey, lessees meeting, beneficiary meeting

Land Use Types:

- Boards explaining Residential, Subsistence Ag, Community Use, and Commercial Designations that showed examples, provided definitions of each land use, and asked people what they would like to see in Community Use and Commercial areas.
- Participants used sticky notes to add their input to these boards.

Land Use Plan Alternatives:

- One board for each of the two alternatives, with acreage tables and highlights of each alternative.

Next Phase of Homesteads:

- A board showing the two locations considered for the next phase of homesteads.

Cultural Resources:

- A board showing place names, wahi pana, and information on the Cultural Impact Assessment underway for the project.

Land Suitability Analysis:

- A board describing key findings of the Land Suitability Analysis for the project.

Community Input:

- Board asking community members what they love about Hanapēpē and what should be considered in the Environmental Assessment.

DHHL Background

- A board explaining the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, DHHL authority, and DHHL planning system.

Parking Lot:

- Easel with markers for general comments

Keiki Coloring Station:

- Coloring sheets with crayons and markers

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Community Use Areas

What types of community uses would you like to see?

- Daycare
- Adult school
- Afterschool
- Preschool



COMMUNITY USE AREAS

- Common areas for people to gather
- Could include space for parks & recreation, cultural activities, shared agricultural facilities, community-based economic development, and other public amenities

What beneficiaries would like to see in community spaces:

- Playground
- Community Center
- Area for Active Recreation
- Adult education/job training classes
- Culture and arts center
- Hawaiian Immersion School
- Pre-school
- Shared food processing center for agricultural uses
- Daycare
- Shared community garden space
- Community garden
- Shared commercial kitchen

Examples

Flower shop in Hanapēpē

Health Center on O'ahu

What types of community uses would you like to see

*Daycare
Adult Education
& preschool*

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Commercial Areas

What would you like to see in commercial areas?

- Low rental for new starter businesses to get experience and a feel for products

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COMMERCIAL AREAS

> Commercial activities could include retail, office space, public services, health care services, and others

What beneficiaries would like to see in commercial areas:

- > Government services
- > Medical/dental clinic
- > Farmer's market
- > Supermarket
- > Convenience store
- > Gas station
- > Retail space for homesteaders to sell food/art/crafts
- > Restaurants/fast food outlets
- > Shopping center
- > Co-working space or business center

Examples

Flower shop in Hanapēpē

Health Center on O'ahu

What would you like to see in commercial areas?

---Top 5---

WAIMANALO HEALTH CENTER
COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH SERVICES
BY THE COMMUNITY... FOR THE COMMUNITY

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Land Use Plan Alternatives 1 and 2

What would you like to see in the plan?

- Shelter and community center
- Will need a new elementary school – ‘Ele‘ele school already has 500 kids
- Residential needs include a community center and park
- Extend the commercial to cover highway and community use closer to residential

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Kaua'i Island Land Use Plan Alternative**

Legend:
 Project Site (365 acres)
 Gulch Area (33 acres) (Sub - 90 - Res - 3)
 20-90% Slope
 Total Unbuildable (51 acres)

Preliminary Land Use*

Land Use	Subsistence	Residential	Community Use	Commercial
Subsistence Ag	158	57	101	
Residential	168	21	147	
Community Use	22	0	16	
Commercial	17	0	17	

Beneficiary input indicates this is not the preferred alternative

Kaua'i Island Land Use Plan Alternative Features:

- > Maintains the existing DHHL Land Use Plan as currently presented in the Kaua'i Island Plan, and refines it to reflect developable and undevelopable areas.
- > Total developable area is reduced by 84 acres.

Kaua'i Island Land Use Plan Alternative Acreage by Land Use

	Total Designated Acreage	Non-Developable Acreage	Gulch Area	Total Developable Acreage
Subsistence Ag	158	27	30	101
Residential	168	18	3	147
Commercial	17	0	0	17
Community Use	22	6	0	16
TOTAL	365	51	33	281

Pros

- > Feasible from a land suitability standpoint
- > The terrain and the soils on the Mauka site are well suited for dwellings
- > Commercial and Community Use areas along the highway could provide benefit to the whole West Side

Cons

- > Infrastructure would need to extend across the gulch
- > Does not encourage compact development patterns
- > May cause unwanted impacts from agricultural activities (noise, dust, etc.)
- > May add to existing runoff concerns

**Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
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Preferred Land Use Plan**

Legend:
 Project Site (365 acres)
 Gulch Area (33 acres)
 20-90% Slope
 Total Unbuildable (51 acres)

Modified Land Use

Land Use	Subsistence	Residential	Community Use	Commercial
Subsistence Ag	190	63	127	
Residential	136	15	121	
Community Use	22	0	16	
Commercial	17	0	17	

Beneficiary input indicates this is the preferred alternative

Preferred Land Use Plan Features:

- > Residential land use areas are concentrated east of Kukamahu Gulch
- > Commercial and Community Use Areas in the southwest corner of the Mauka site remain, and a new area of Commercial is proposed in the southeast corner of the mauka site

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TOTAL	365	51	33	281

Pros

- > Consistent with smart growth principles
- > Helps to preserve viewplanes and green space to the southwest
- > The southeast portion of the mauka site is located within walking distance of Hanapēpē Town
- > Preserves the Commercial and Community Use areas along the highway
- > Existing infrastructure can be extended to residential areas without crossing the gulch

Meeting Photos

