



HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TRUST
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

**Kapolei Regional Plan Update
Beneficiary Consultation #2**

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021

6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

MEETING RECAP

Attendance: 10 (digital sign-in via Google Forms); 27 (count on Zoom)

DHHL: Pearlyn Fukuba (Planning Office and Project Manager), Andrew Choy (Planning Office), Sherri Hiraoka (Townscape, Inc., Consultant Project Manager), Lillie Makaila (Townscape, Inc., Consultant), Nolan Hong (Pop Creative Media, Technical Assistance).

Digital Handouts:

1. Beneficiary Consultation #2 Agenda
2. Slideshow Presentation
3. Draft Values
4. Draft Vision Statement
5. Draft List of Projects

Presentation:

Lillie Makaila opened the meeting with a welina, Aunty Homelani Schaedel offered opening pule and DHHL staff and the consultants introduced themselves. Lillie gave a slideshow presentation on the background of DHHL Regional Plans, the current update to the 2010 Kapolei Regional Plan, and what was discussed during Beneficiary Consultation #1 (BC#1) held on December 9, 2020. Notes from BC #1 may be found on the project website:

<https://dhhl.hawaii.gov/po/oahu/kapolei-regional-plan-update-2020-2021/>.

The purpose of Beneficiary Consultation #2 (BC#2) was to review and revise the draft values and vision statement that were developed after BC#1, review and amend the draft project list, and explain how the projects will be prioritized. Lillie facilitated a large group discussion on each of these topics. The following are summaries of the questions and comments that were raised.

DRAFT COMMUNITY VALUES

A list of draft community values was developed from the discussion in the visioning exercises conducted in BC#1. Each of the draft values is presented below with the **general topic in bold font** and a *description of the value in Italics*. Where appropriate, edits to the topic or descriptions are captured in Ramseyer format with additions underlined and ~~deletions struck through~~. Summaries of the discussion are presented as bullet points under each value. Some of the ideas are taken directly from the chat function in Zoom. These draft values will be further refined based on the discussion and presented in the Draft Kapolei Regional Plan Update (Kapolei RPU).

General Comments on Values

- Kāko’o for values so far. Need more participation on these calls. Gatherings are very important. Having spaces to gather are a priority. Important to instill values in the keiki.
- Hawaiian values are important and are important to be a part of our daily lives. We are forgetting about our values and replacing them with social media and influencers who are not rooted here. Younger generations are forgetting and not always practicing these values. A school that could teach etiquette and manners to our younger generations. Healing aspects of ho’oponopono, lomilomi.
- Would cover safety of community. We are community based, ‘ohana. We gather and feel the most comfortable in places we gather. Could do practices.
- Take the values taught by our kūpuna and bring that forward and share.
- Do we have anywhere mentioning the pledge to the health and wealth of our community?
- Are there other community partners in Kapolei that have similar values?
- Serving all of our people in all of our homesteads. The values that each of us were taught. Open it up: what do we need vs. want. What is the priority?
- We no longer have a sense of being Hawaiian. Now we have to be Hawaiian in the white world. We’ve been told what we can and should be. We are teaching our children that we have a bigger loss and stake that the lands that have been taken away. It’s our sense of self being.
- Hope that all the ideas are looked at. We know that it is not always possible to keep the agricultural history/lands, and that things are changing. This used to be swamp, not solid foundation. The roads are sinking. Makes you think about what will happen in the future, if the homes will start to sink.
- Health & wealth of the community.
- All the various communities have their own ideas about how they want to be. This is our little niche to be reflective of what we want to see

- City has ordinance that all new street names will be Hawaiian. Running out of words. A street in Kaupē'a was named Kānehili before there was a Kānehili homestead.
- There may be more homesteads in the next 20 years.

Natural, Cultural and Agricultural Resources

~~Incorporate reminders of~~ Preserve Kapolei's rich natural, cultural, and agricultural history into new land uses and programs ~~whenever possible~~. Kapolei is a Town that has grown in what was once Country. That Country-feel should be incorporated wherever appropriate.

- The natural, cultural, ag resources is Kapolei's story.
- Everyone is from somewhere else. It's our keiki who are truly going to call Kapolei home.
- Kapolei is a new community with its people coming from somewhere else but now call Kapolei home. Our Keiki will be the first generation that can truly say they are from Kapolei. Together we are learning about this place we call now call home. We are learning new mo'olelo and mele. This is a tremendous opportunity to uncover Kapolei's rich history, learn its mo'olelo and share Kapolei's story...add to it...and build our community.
- We're still building and growing. We're still finding ourselves. Exciting times! We're building a community and a homestead.
- Natural, cultural & ag..."whenever possible" could we talk about rephrase wording? it feels like its optional.
- I think that the "whenever possible" is implied as with all of the other values. "whenever possible" doesn't belong in a value statement. 'O ku'u wahi mana'o kēia.
- Basic needs need to addressed. Give people hope. "when can" doesn't give you hope, it takes away.
- If can have enough space to grow food, it helps if there are no jobs. Basic needs need to be addressed. One of the basic needs is to give hope. To say "when possible," that takes away hope.
- However we choose to define our values, that is how we should articulate it.
- Don't think that it forces anything.
- Inside of "Incorporate reminders" of Kapolei's rich...replace with "Preserve"....

Wahi Pana

Traditional place names and wahi pana are of great value. Mo'olelo and histories are shared with homesteaders and the extended community of Kapolei to ensure that these celebrated places are respected, protected, and remembered into the future. Wahi pana, of old and new, throughout the region are used by the community to gather and practice the native culture.

Kūpuna

Traditionally, kūpuna held an important role and place in native Hawaiian society. Spaces and resources in Kapolei are used to create full and healthy lives for kūpuna as they age in place.

- Place for kūpuna that is serene in setting that provides them quality of life with assistance and care.

Keiki

Resources for ‘ōpio and keiki in Kapolei are a priority. There are safe places for youth to spend their time and programs for them to learn and play near their homes.

- Emotional safety. Safe spaces.
- We’ve lost students in neighborhood to suicide and we need to do more. Our rates are higher than national average.
- Lots of fights at the park after school and the school doesn’t do anything.
- Everyone is coming from somewhere else. The children who are transplanted are already at an age that they’re trying to figure out who they are, and the transplanting doesn’t help. They end up fighting for no reason.
- Need a better way to help kids and guide them in and out of school. Community cohesiveness and teach them how to be the next leaders in our homesteads. Build youth leadership. Physical leadership, emotional safety.

Self-Sufficiency

Kapolei is a place where people can live, work and play. All the things that homesteaders need to have a healthy, thriving community can be found within the region. Kapolei offers an affordable lifestyle where people have time to enjoy their homes and their ‘ohana.

- Include safety. Think about not just feeling safe to go home or go out at night, but safety in the infrastructure itself: safe roads, streets. Roadways are so small and parking is restricted. Need more open space & parks for children to play.
- Ka’uluokaha’i is growing now and in the next few years the children who are playing now, they will be driving. The roads are so small that it restricts parking. People are fighting over parking already. There will also be children playing with even more cars and parking. There’s no place for kids to play. Illegal parking.
- There’s new construction going on and workers are blocking the roads. Garbage trucks won’t go through if the road looks blocked.
- No parking on this side of road with arrows. Police will ticket and tow if the curb is painted red.

- DHHL enforcement branch needs more resources, and the teeth or ability to actually enforce these issues.
- People want more support in entrepreneurial and business opportunities – it's a part of independence.

DRAFT VISION STATEMENT

A draft community vision statement was developed from the discussions in BC#1 and is presented below *in Italics*. Where appropriate, edits to the vision statement are captured in Ramseyer format with additions underlined and ~~deletions struck through~~. A general comment on the vision statement is summarized in the bullet point. This draft vision statement will be further refined based on the discussion and presented in the Draft Kapolei RPU.

From the Pu'u in the uplands to the shores of Kualaka'i, Kapolei is a growing region that looks to its history, mo'olelo, 'āina and kūpuna to build a strong foundation for ~~the~~ our Hawaiian homestead communities. Kānaka embrace the area's rugged climate and terrain, which motivates them to be resilient and self-sufficient. The wahi pana and kīpuka of this place are celebrated and stewarded for future generations

- Should the reference be to "Pu'u" in general or to a specific pu'u? There are many pu'u. Pu'u Hāpapa is the highest point, but it is not as well known as Pālehua, Mauna Kapu, or Pu'u o Kapolei. General consensus was to keep the reference general.

DRAFT LIST OF PROJECTS

A draft list of projects was put together from the needs and desires raised in BC#1. The first five projects in the draft list (indicated by an asterisk*) were the top five priority projects from the 2010 Kapolei Regional Plan. Projects were not listed in any particular order and used the alphabet (A, B, C, etc.) to easily refer to projects during the discussion. Based on that discussion, some projects were deleted, some projects were added, and some projects were combined or revised.

General comments on the projects are listed below in bullet point format with some comments taken directly from the chat function in Zoom. The project list following the general comments uses Ramseyer format to show additions and ~~deletions~~. Where comments related directly to a specific project, they are listed in bullet point format below the project title.

General Comments

- When I think of our family home in Nānākuli, that home was established in the 1940s/50s. Growing up in Wai'anae, it is not that different from what we are experiencing here in Kapolei. They were new to the place and they built their communities. We have a wonderful opportunity to look at what kind of projects and programs are needed in order for us to support the needs of our community from keiki to 'ōpio to kūpuna. The Heritage Center was meant to provide this space. The voices that I have been hearing in my community have been to bring in a Hawaiian immersion school that focuses on 'ōlelo Hawai'i and 'ike Hawai'i. Place for kūpuna, serene in setting, provides a quality of life in a comfortable setting that provides assistive care if they need it.

A Support Heritage Center & Community Commercial Development*

- Supporting the Heritage Center supports programming. The Kapolei Heritage Center (Heritage Center) should provide these types of programs (former projects):
 - Create youth and young adult education programs
 - Support programs that provide cultural and historical education
 - Create a program to make the built environment more reflective of Kapolei's unique native roots (ex: murals, art, native landscaping, etc.)
 - Support cultural celebrations in common spaces
 - Support economic development for homesteaders
- Hawaiian cultural center to practice all of these things
- Hearing programs needed to support 'ōpio, keiki, kūpuna .
- In the last Regional Plan, the Heritage Center as the place to provide the wahi pana to provide these programs.
- Will Heritage Center accommodate the future of our homesteading growth?
- So the Heritage Center is run by the homesteaders?
Yes. The Heritage Center is run by homesteaders who volunteer on the Kapolei Community Development Corporation (KCDC) Board. The mission of KCDC is to serve the homesteaders in the Kapolei region.

B ~~Support New School~~ the Development of a Hawaiian Focus/Immersion School*

- Papa 'ōlelo school in Kapolei
- Absolutely! Culture/'ōlelo based charter school in Kapolei!
- Immersion School to focus on 'ike and 'ōlelo Hawaii.
- A papa 'ōlelo school in Kapolei would be a good improvement to the community.
- Please add Hawaiian Focus Charter School to Hawaiian language Immersion School.

- Hawaiian focus school can cover language, culture, music, and programs to support keiki and young adults.
- I think a Hawaiian-focused charter school is needed in for our keiki. 'Ōlelo is part of curriculum as well.
- I respectfully disagree with reducing 'ōlelo to a papa.

~~C Engage Beneficiaries in a Planning Charette Process*~~

- Completed

~~D Develop Pedestrian/Bike Path Network to Community Resources*~~

- Department of Transportation project

~~E Preserve & Develop Parks to Service Create More Open Spaces, Park Spaces, and Recreation Spaces to Support the Homestead Community*~~

F Create a Kūpuna Living Community

G Establish a Place of Worship and a Place of Rest/Cemetery for the Homestead Community

~~H Establish a place of rest/cemetery for the homestead community~~

- Combine with “Establish a place of worship”

I Create a Community Garden/Agricultural Space/Farmer’s Market for Homesteaders

- Maybe a part of the region could be a coop part of land where people can grow food or have a swap meet. There is an example in Kekaha on Kaua‘i. This helps with the entrepreneurship, pop-ups, etc,

~~J Create a farmer’s market~~

- Combine with “Create a Community Garden/Agricultural Space”

~~K Create More Open Spaces, Park Spaces, and Recreation Spaces to Support the Youth in the Community~~

- Combine with “Create more open spaces, park spaces, and recreation spaces to support the youth in the community”

~~L Create youth and young adult education programs~~

- Move under “Support Heritage Center & Community Commercial Development”

~~M Support programs that provide cultural and historical education~~

- Move under “Support Heritage Center & Community Commercial Development”

~~N Create a program to make the built environment more reflective of Kapolei’s unique native roots (ex: murals, art, native landscaping, etc.)~~

- Move under “Support Heritage Center & Community Commercial Development”

~~O Support cultural celebrations in common spaces~~

- Move under “Support Heritage Center & Community Commercial Development”

~~P Support economic development for homesteaders~~

- Move under “Support Heritage Center & Community Commercial Development”

Q Create Multi-Family and Rental Housing Developments for Homesteaders in Kapolei

R Hawaiian Culture Center

- Hawaiian culture center. Place to practice values. It would cover safety of the community, it could be a space to gather and showcase our culture. We could have resources.

S Create Entrepreneurial and Business Opportunities

T Support Music

U Nurture Kapolei-Based Community Health Workers and Build Partnerships and Community Capacity to Help Address the Findings of the Recently Completed Kapolei Homestead Health Survey

V DHHL to Address Post-Build Issues in the Homesteads

- Actions should include:
 - Find opportunities for more parking in homesteads
 - Create a crosswalk and traffic light at the intersection of Pū'ainakō and Kapolei Parkway
 - Reduce the speed limit from 25MPH to 15MPH within the homesteads
 - Install green growth projects along Kualaka'i Parkway
 - Finish Villages of Kapolei Association (VOKA) license agreement to manage homesteads
 - Preserve trees
 - Place cluster mailboxes in better locations (not fronting homes or blocking driveways)
- Examples include plumbing in washed-out lots in Malu'ōhai, speed signs, the need for additional safe parking, cluster mailboxes in poor locations, and the need for retaining walls in Ka'uluokaha'i.
- The slope issue seems to be a specific issue to Ka'uluokaha'i and not a regional plan issue per se. However, it seems that each development has had post-build issues that have arisen. Maybe a better way to phrase as regional issue ...would be for DHHL to make it a priority to address post-build issues in area such as the plumbing in wash-out lots in Malu'ōhai, the sound wall in Kānehili, etc. Speed signs I think would fall under post-build issues as well.

W DHHL to Provide More Options for Communication in the Homesteads instead of only Sandwich Isles Communications

- Yes we need to get Sandwich Isles out lol, I work from home & have them coming out multi times, I'm sure we're all experiencing that.

X Establish and Grow Inclusive Housing and Programming for native Hawaiians with Disabilities

Y Establish a Neighborhood Watch organization

- There are already watch groups established

Z Find opportunities for more parking in homesteads

- Move under "DHHL to address post-build issues in the Homesteads"

~~AA Create a crosswalk and traffic light at the intersection of Pū‘ainakō and Kapolei Parkway~~

- Move under “DHHL to address post-build issues in the Homesteads”

~~BB Reduce the speed limit from 25MPH to 15MPH within the homesteads~~

- Move under “DHHL to address post-build issues in the Homesteads”

~~CC Install green growth projects along Kualaka‘i Parkway~~

- Move under “DHHL to address post-build issues in the Homesteads”

~~DD Finish Villages of Kapolei Association (VOKA) license agreement to manage homesteads~~

- Move under “DHHL to address post-build issues in the Homesteads”

~~EE Create multi-family housing developments for homesteaders in Kapolei~~

- Combine with “Create Multi-Family and Rental Housing Developments for Homesteaders in Kapolei”

~~FF Create more homestead rental projects in Kapolei~~

- Combine with “Create Multi-Family and Rental Housing Developments for Homesteaders in Kapolei”

~~GG Place cluster mailboxes in better locations (not fronting homes or blocking driveways)~~

- Move under “DHHL to address post-build issues in the Homesteads”

PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

The revised project list was posted to a Google form where Kapolei Beneficiaries can vote for their top five priority projects. Priority projects inform DHHL as to what is important to the Beneficiaries in a homestead region. The Department offers grants to communities to implement projects on a Regional Plan Priority Project list and since these projects have been vetted through the regional plan process, priority projects are considered to have gone through required beneficiary consultation. Projects that are not on the priority list may still be implemented, but additional steps may be necessary.

PRIORITY PROJECTS SELECTION POLL:

Voting instructions and eligibility were described during BC#2 and included in the Google Form instructions. Participation in priority project selection was limited to DHHL Kapolei beneficiaries, or DHHL lessees in Kapolei, DHHL undivided interest lessees in Kapolei, applicants on the DHHL waitlist who have a Kapolei mailing address, or a representative participating on behalf of one of the above persons. Only one submission was allowed per beneficiary. All participants were required to include a full name and valid form of contact for verification purposes. Additional household members were not eligible for participation unless they too could verify themselves as a Kapolei beneficiary. Submissions that could not be verified and duplicate submissions were excluded from the poll results. Prioritization was open until WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021 (extended from May 18, 2021 at 8:30pm).

NEXT STEPS

Lillie concluded the presentation covering next steps, the proposed timeline for completion of the update to the Kapolei Regional Plan, and shared contact information with the attendees.

- Develop Draft Kapolei Regional Plan Update
- Hawaiian Homes Commission: present for review and comment (Aug 2021)
- Beneficiary Consultation #3 (Sep 2021)
- Hawaiian Homes Commission: present Regional Plan Update for adoption (Oct 2021)

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 pm.

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