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**Kawaihae Regional Plan Update  
Beneficiary Consultation #1  
Kailapa Community Association Pavilion  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2023, 6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

**Attendance:** 35 (signed in)

**DHHL:** Lillie Makaila (Planning Office and Project Manager), Rachel Kapule (Townscape, Inc., Consultant Project Manager), and Adam Strubeck (Townscape, Inc., Consultant)

**Handouts:**

1. Project Fact Sheet
2. Slideshow Presentation
3. Meeting Agenda
4. Creating a Community Vision

**Presentation:**

Lillie Makaila opened the meeting with welina and introductions of the staff and consultants. She shared a slideshow on DHHL Regional Plans, the purpose for this meeting and for the Regional Plan Update for Kawaihae, and the current status of priority projects from the 2010 Kawaihae Regional Plan. Lillie also presented a community vision and community values for Kawaihae from the 2012 Ho'okumukapiko Plan, after which the attendees were split up into two groups to discuss these vision and values.

During the slideshow presentation, there was a concern from a community member that the DHHL land use designations limit the potential land use/stewardship by the community. There was also a comment that the Island Plan did not prioritize Kawaihae, but the facilitators emphasized that a strong regional plan could work to change the Island Plan.

**Discussion on Vision and Values:**

*The following vision and values were established for the Kawaihae community in the 2012 Ho'okumukapiko Plan:*

*Vision – “Ehuehu i ka pono,” to “thrive in balance.”*

*Values*

- *Ke Ola Pono: Health & Safety*
- *Noho Kū'oko'a: Self-Sufficiency*
- *Mālama 'Āina: Resource Management*
- *Laulima: Community Cohesiveness*
- *Ka 'Imi Na'auao: Technology & Education*
- *Ka 'Ike Hawai'i: Native Hawaiian Culture, Knowledge & Traditional Practices*

- *Piko: Gathering Place*

*Facilitators in each group went down the list of values and asked attendees to define each one for Kawaihae. Attendees were also invited to comment on whether they felt that each value still pertained to Kawaihae today or if there were additional values that were missing from the list.*

Group 1

- Ke Ola Pono: Health & Safety
  - Health resources available to the community, especially kūpuna.
  - Spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing of our kānaka in our homesteads – including connecting to ‘āina and resource stewardship
  - Protecting lives; protect ‘āina, having a greater capacity for managing emergencies.
  - Evacuation concern - only one way in and out, there is no way to get mauka.
  - Traffic calming/speed bumps, cars are driving too fast through the neighborhood.
- Noho Kū‘oko‘a: Self-Sufficiency
  - Equitable access to all of the resources we need to survive and thrive, including adequate water to grow food and steward the ahupua‘a.
  - Consider the term “kupa ‘āina” instead of “kū‘oko‘a.”
- Mālama ‘Āina: Resource Management
  - Natural, cultural, & historic.
  - Familial connection to ‘āina, the community should be able to revitalize the ahupua‘a
- Laulima: Community Cohesiveness
  - Many hands/working inclusively, connectivity together.
- Ka ‘Imi Na‘auao: Technology & Education
  - Community members should have access to learning materials like computers, printer etc.
- Ka ‘Ike Hawai‘i: Native Hawaiian Culture, Knowledge & Traditional Practices
  - Native Hawaiian culture, knowledge and practices are the foundation of our homestead/community.
  - Learn what Kawaihae is about, including historical significance, what natural ecosystems look like and how they can be restored
- Piko: Gathering Place
  - Connection to ancestors and ‘āina, importance of stewarding natural resources.

Group 2

- Ke Ola Pono: Health & Safety
  - Need access to WATER and improved (fail-proof) water infrastructure → to mitigate the risk of wildfires, provide affordable water for gardening and community agriculture.
  - Develop the Resource Center on the 14-acre parcel near the Pavilion.
    - Provide an area for sports/outdoor activities.
    - Host classes at the Resource Center for kūpuna (i.e., nutrition class).

- Outpatient clinic for doctors and nurses to come to Kawaihae to treat/teach residents.
    - Resources for emergency preparedness.
  - Provide a dumpster close by the community center so kūpuna don't have to drive far to dump their rubbish.
  - Establish an emergency evacuation route for Kailapa and makai homestead sites since there is currently only one road in and out.
  - Expand the capacity and services provided at the Kailapa Pavilion to serve as a shelter during natural disasters.
  - Increase food security by growing and sharing food.
- Noho Kū'oko'a: Self-Sufficiency
  - Improved/affordable access to WATER for agricultural uses.
  - Growing more food on homestead lots and sharing abundance with neighbors.
  - Promote the passing down of generational knowledge through food cultivation and stewarding the natural resources in the ahupua'a.
  - Legalize commercial agriculture on residential lots.
  - Establish a solar farm to provide clean energy for Kawaihae.
- Mālama 'Āina: Resource Management
  - Reforest the ahupua'a with native trees to act as a windbreak and to reduce erosion.
  - Improve shoreline access so that residents can fish and gather from the ocean. This will also promote the passing down of generational knowledge regarding ocean practices.
  - Mālama the ocean → conduct limu planting/monitoring.
  - Protect cultural and archaeological sites (i.e., lo'i kalo).
  - Establish a cemetery and old folks home in Kawaihae.
- Laulima: Community Cohesiveness
  - Construct the Resource Center on the 14-acre parcel next to the pavilion.
    - Establish an office where members of different government agencies could go to once a week/month to answer questions from the community in-person.
    - Provide indoor/outdoor activity spaces (i.e., a sports field).
    - Create a community garden.
  - Increase communication between community members within Kawaihae and between Kawaihae and govt agencies.
  - Host community events for holidays.
- Ka 'Imi Na'auao: Technology & Education
  - Update the community website.
  - Construct the Resource Center.
    - Offer classes for the community.
    - Have a space for students to go get help with their homework.
    - Have a printer and fax machine available for community use.
- Ka 'Ike Hawai'i: Native Hawaiian Culture, Knowledge & Traditional Practices

- Create a functioning ahupua'a that prioritizes resource stewardship.
- Improve ocean access.
- Piko: Gathering Place
  - Establish the Resource Center.
  - Expand the Kailapa Pavilion to serve as an emergency shelter.
  - Ultimate goal is for Kailapa to serve more than just Kailapa (i.e., being able to provide food and shelter for the larger community, not just homestead residents).

**Presentation (Next Steps):**

Lillie Makaila returned to the slideshow to share about the next steps in the planning process for the Kawaihae Regional Plan Update. She informed the meeting attendees that the presentation as well as notes from each group's discussion will be posted on the DHHL website. The next meeting date was announced for Wednesday, October 18, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Kailapa Pavilion. The purpose of this meeting will be to confirm a vision and community values for the Kawaihae Region and to identify a list of potential projects to address some of the major issues and concerns facing homesteaders in Kawaihae today. Lillie shared that Beneficiary Consultation #3 will occur sometime in February 2024 to present the Draft Regional Plan Update to the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.