



COUNCILMEMBER IKAIKA ANDERSON DISTRICT 3 UPDATE FEBRUARY 2016

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CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Feb. 9

Public Safety	9 am
Parks	10 ³⁰ am
Executive Matters	1pm

Wednesday, Feb. 10

Budget	9am
Public Works	1pm

Thursday, Feb. 11

Zoning and Planning	9 am
Transportation	1 pm
IGA	2:30p

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Aloha,

KALAHEO HILLSIDE UPDATE

Around the beginning of 2016 my office mailed out nearly 1,000 surveys to residences near the Kalaheo Hillside, soliciting input on the future of the city-owned parcel. Currently zoned as residential and 10 acres in size, this parcel could allow for the development of as many as 40 homes. We are still in the process of reviewing all the responses—unsurprisingly, participation was relatively high—and once we have had a chance to compile all the responses we will share the results with community and begin to look at the best course of action to ensure that concerns and desires of the neighboring residents are addressed.

CIP PROJECT REQUESTS

As we await the Mayor’s proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2017 (FY-17) and the Council prepares to begin its annual budget process, it is a good time for community members and organizations to start thinking about any specific City projects they would like to see considered for funding in the upcoming budget. While my staff and I do our best to keep abreast of the wants and needs of our district it is always good to hear suggestions from our constituents, after all this is OUR district! The window for adding projects to the FY-17 is generally fairly short—a few weeks between mid-March and early-April—so the sooner we receive your request the better the chance of it being given consideration by the Council’s Budget committee. It is important to note that there are currently a good number of projects, within our district, that are funded and currently in the planning and design phase. So if you are wondering whether or not a specific project is in the pipeline you can always contact our office and we’ll be happy to check into it for you.

On-Going Projects

BIKELANES: Speaking of projects in the pipeline, over the last few weeks many of you took notice of the various traffic survey devices and temporary lane-changes in Kailua. In the downtown Kailua-area the City’s Department of Transportation Services (DTS) has started studying the potential impacts of certain lane changes to help expand and improve the connectivity of Kailua’s bicycle lane network. This project has been in the works for quite sometime with various community meetings to discuss how the City can make improvements to the overall multi-modal accessibility of Kailua. DTS will be conducting a few more physical surveys and studies of the area before hosting a community meeting to discuss their findings and present their recommendations. I am extremely grateful to DTS for undertaking such a hands-on approach in working with our community to improve the overall quality of life here in Kailua.

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HELE STREET TRAFFIC CIRCLES: In 2014 our office, in conjunction with DTS, hosted a community meeting to discuss roadway safety improvements for Keolu Hills. Despite the efforts of HPD, speeding has remained a constant problem on this long stretch of road. After hearing from the community, DTS made several near-term improvements to the roadway markings and signage and looked at several other options to help mitigate speeding. As a result of their studies, several improvements—including a traffic circle at the intersection of Hele and Liku streets—were identified. Construction on these improvements is expected to begin by late-spring.

KAILUA BEACH PARK COMFORT STATION: Anyone who goes to Kailua Beach is familiar with the old comfort station and the long-vacant concession stand. It's no secret that this facility is showing its age and is at the end of its life-cycle. While the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and community volunteers continue to make their best efforts to keep the facility in usable condition, major investments to repair the comfort station are just not fiscally prudent. In previous budgets I was able to secure funding to begin the planning process to construct a new comfort station and that process is currently underway. Based on the most recent information it appears that the planning and design should be completed this year with construction to begin in 2017.

Maunawili Falls Trailhead—PUBLIC HEARING

When the developers of the Luana Hills golf course, now known as the Royal Hawaiian Golf Club, sought City approval for the project members of the community and various community organizations sought to ensure that the public would have a defined and dedicated access point, in Maunawili, to hike to Maunawili Falls. To this end: the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) which gave approval for the development also required that trail access be provided in perpetuity. However, no other requirements were included. Over the years the trail has become one of the most popular destinations for locals and visitors. Unfortunately, this increased demand has had an adverse impact on the community. While public access to outdoor recreational activities needs to be preserved, impacts to surrounding neighborhoods need to be minimized.

My office has, unsuccessfully, tried to find a reasonable solution to the problem but the absence of additional public space for parking and basic amenities leaves government with few options. As such the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) has scheduled a public hearing to be held on: **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd at the Mission Memorial Conference Room at 10AM**. As this hearing to reconsider the CUP requirement it is important that those interested in the future of Maunawili Falls trail do their best to either submit testimony or appear in person.

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ROAD RE-PAVING UPDATES

Very frequently, we receive calls from our constituents inquiring about the status of a road re-paving project. Earlier this year the City setup an online database that provides a listing of both current and future road repaving projects. As this list is maintained on a regular basis it is an excellent resource for anyone interested in road repaving projects anywhere on the island. Please visit the following website:

http://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/ddc/ddc_docs/Street_List_Web_Layout_Report_20140909.pdf

It is also important to remember that when the City issues a contract for an area to be repaved, the contractor has the discretion to determine the order in which roads—within the scope of their contract—will be paved. If you should have any questions regarding road repaving projects please do not hesitate to contact my office!