



COUNCILMEMBER IKAIKA ANDERSON DISTRICT 3 UPDATE JULY 2016

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CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 19

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

Wednesday, July 20

Budget	9am
Public Works	1pm

Thursday, July 21

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

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The City is in the process of revising the Koolaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan. The finalized draft is now available on-line at: <http://goo.gl/sDwMuk>

In the coming months the proposed revisions will be submitted to the Council for review, amendments and approval. This will be an excellent time for further community input on the proposed changes.

Community Sustainability Plans

For those of you not familiar with “sustainability plans” they were established with the idea that communities could, collectively, set broad parameters to serve as a guide for City planners and decision-makers when changes to existing infrastructure and zoning are being considered. It is important to remember that these plans do not have the force and effect of law, but this does not mean that their contents can or should be dismissed. However, their role as an advisory document is necessary to ensure flexibility when situations or proposals which are not clearly or directly addressed in the plans arise.

Other components that factor into sustainability planning are energy efficiency and environmental conservation. Several years ago, the City Council formed a Sustainable Planning Task Force to establish an advisory group comprised of building industry representatives, environmental advocates and land use experts to recommend to the strategies and techniques for increasing the use of sustainable planning, “green building” design and construction practices within the private sector. Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (“LEED”) is a green building rating system established through a national voluntary, consensus-based, market driven process by the United States Green Building Council. Many municipalities throughout the U.S.(Honolulu included) have adopted LEED standards for building design and construction to improve energy and environmental performance in buildings. Over the past few years, the City of Honolulu has shown its commitment to sustainability through its funding of the sustainability task forces and through the City’s Sustainability Plan. It remains the City’s intent to integrate the identified sustainable practices into the private sector and into our communities.

Revising the Plans

Although City law requires that the community sustainability plans be updated at least every 5 years, the most recent revision process began more than seven years after the plan was adopted and that process is still on-going. I believe that we need to look at both how the revision process is administered as well as a more-realistic timetable for mandated revisions. If it takes one or more years to revise a plan, in essence, these plans are only effective for fewer than four years. The idea behind the sustainability plans was to provide the community the opportunity to set broad guiding parameters for future development. Even in exploding real-estate markets and times of a robust economy, large-scale projects take years to complete the journey from concept to construction. If we consider sustainability plans to be analogous to a constitution of the community, it may be prudent to space mandated revisions at greater intervals; such as every 10 years. More importantly, we need to ensure that the revision process strikes a balance between allowing for substantial community input and efficient administration.

**FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PRESERVATION, CULTURAL,
AND RECREATIONAL LAND ACQUISITIONS ON OAHU**

The Honolulu City Council's Clean Water and Natural Lands Commission will accept applications from June 1, 2016 through July 29, 2016 for land acquisitions to be funded through the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund. Under City ordinance, moneys in the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund can only be used to purchase or acquire real estate or any interest for land conservation that meet specific purposes.

The Commission will accept and review all applications received by the deadline and forward its recommendations to the City Council for possible inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget.

Applications, instructions, and information are now available at:

<http://www.honolulu.gov/council/bc/cwnl.html>

"This is a great opportunity for those groups looking for financial help in the protection of watershed lands; preservation of forests, beaches, coastal areas, and agricultural lands; public outdoor recreation and education; preservation of sites of historical or cultural importance; protection of significant habitats or ecosystems; and acquisition of public access to public land and open space. I encourage all interested parties to apply, said Councilmember Ikaika Anderson.

In conducting its review, the Commission will also look at the degree of urgency of the proposed land acquisition, financial support received from other sources, and how well a proposed project correlates to the City's Fund priorities.

For more information on the Clean Water and Natural Lands Commission, please visit <http://www.honolulu.gov/council/bc/cwnl.html>

BILL TARGETING ILLEGAL DUMPING SIGNED INTO LAW

Mayor Caldwell recently signed Bill 24 that strengthens the enforcement of illegal bulky item dumping. This new law will for the first time, allow inspectors to fine the individual perpetrators who illegally dump bulky waste, not just nearby residents and managers. It also provides higher fines for individual perpetrators as those violators can now be fined up to \$2,500 for each violation.

In various neighborhoods of Oahu, including Kaneohe, illegal dumping has become a problem and hopefully, this bill will help to curb illegal dumping. Please put items out only during your regularly scheduled pickup times, or take them to any of the city's various convenience centers. For a list of bulky pick up times by region and convenience center locations, please visit: http://www.opala.org/solid_waste/Islandwide_Bulky_Item_Collection.htm

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KAILUA BEACH PARK COMFORT STATION UPDATE

For the past several years, my office has been working with the Caldwell administration to expedite repairs to the Kailua Beach Park comfort station. One of the biggest challenges we faced, when approaching the previous administration, was the possibility of having to demolish and rebuild the facility; a project that would have been almost cost-prohibitive. After securing the necessary funding to begin the planning and design process last year, I am pleased to announce that the Caldwell administration was able to design a project that will allow for the complete rehabilitation of the facility without having to demolish the structure. As a result, the total project cost is significantly lower than what we were anticipating and—most importantly—will allow this project to move forward quickly!

The project will involve, among other things: repair and replacement of the concrete walls and steel structure, repair and replacement of plumbing and the plumbing fixtures and replacement of the windows. Additional details will be coming forward in the next few months and CONSTRUCTION is anticipated to begin early next year.

Without question: this is one project that we are all eagerly looking forward to seeing completed!