

Chinatown Action Summit

Event Summary

July 2015

Summary

The Chinatown Action Summit was a half-day public workshop held on June 27, 2015 (presentation slides are attached to the end of this summary report). This event was part of an ongoing community planning effort to improve Chinatown by local businesses, residents, property owners, nonprofit organizations, elected officials, and public agencies.

Since there have been several community plans developed for Chinatown over the last decade, the goal of the Summit was to identify and prioritize near-term implementation actions, while refining longer term strategies. A major focus of the event was opportunities associated with the introduction of rail transit and transit-oriented development (TOD), such as the walking environment, improved wayfinding and business access, the new economy and “makers and doers” initiatives, and other emerging issues.

The top priorities identified by participants at the event were:

1. Design local streets to **prioritize safe and comfortable pedestrian travel**.
2. Implement new waste management and public restroom **strategies to improve cleanliness**.
3. Address lighting, homelessness, and crime to **improve the sense of safety** in the district.
4. Use **wayfinding** to support economic activity.
5. Program new events and install near-term public space enhancements to **improve the identity and vibrancy of the Nuuanu Stream corridor**.

Background

The topics explored at the Summit were based on the previous plans listed below, issues addressed by the Downtown Neighborhood Board (No. 13) during the past year, and recent Chinatown Community Discussions hosted by area elected officials, which identified a variety of issues and potential solutions across key areas: heritage, ethnic events, and cultural preservation; safety and security; homelessness and housing; sanitation and community beautification; and commerce.

- *Rediscovering Chinatown Honolulu* (Bedrock, for Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), 2006)
- *Chinatown Riverwalk Revitalization and Downtown Connectivity Study* (Hawaii ASLA, for Office of Economic Development, 2011)
- Draft *Downtown Neighborhood TOD Plan* (DPP, 2015)

Outreach

Leading up to the event, the DPP attended meetings with a broad range of community stakeholders to spread the word about the event and better understand and validate concerns in Chinatown. These meetings also explored ideas and opportunities for neighborhood improvement. Organizations represented in these early outreach efforts include those that represent Chinatown merchants and property owners, artists and event organizers, the commercial real estate industry, and Chinatown cultural groups.

Door-to-door outreach was conducted with individual merchants, storefront operators, and restaurant owners on Kekaulike Mall, King Street, and River Street, as well as those in the Chinatown Cultural Plaza, by DPP staff and Honorary Chinatown Mayor Dr. Joseph Young.

Commonly raised concerns pertain to homelessness, sanitation, (pedestrian) safety, street activities, business needs, affordability, communication, parking, and wayfinding. Most of these concerns were incorporated into the Chinatown Action Summit agenda and group activities.

The Summit was also publicized in multiple ways to maximize community participation. Postcards were mailed to all Chinatown landowners, the AOAOs of all residential towers, government agencies, and community organizations. An email invitation was sent to the TOD mailing list (more than 2,000 residents) and previous participants of Chinatown planning meetings. Announcements were made at the June meeting of the Downtown Neighborhood Board, as well as on local TV and radio programs, including KHON's "Morning Show" and HPR's "The Conversation." Other communication included press releases, social media campaigns on Facebook and Twitter, and internet links to the Chinatown Action Summit website (www.connecthonolulu.com). Throughout Chinatown at willing businesses and organizations, flyers were displayed and postcards were made available to customers.

Event Overview

The Summit took place from 9:00 am to 1:00pm on Saturday, June 27, 2015, at Chinatown's Golden Palace Restaurant. Members of the public began to arrive around 8:30 am. The workshop was attended by approximately 250 people.

The setting of the event included 30 round tables, a presentation podium, and three slideshow screens on the second floor banquet room of the restaurant. There was a resource table with information about the Downtown TOD Neighborhood Plan and other previous neighborhood plans. The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit had a display of the future Chinatown rail station and informational brochures on the rail system, along with info about support for historic and cultural preservation.

There were two interactive displays around the room for the public to provide input throughout the Summit. One of the displays was a map on which participants would put a red dot where they live, a blue dot where they work or own property, and a yellow dot where they 'play' (also understood as areas where they conduct other activities like shopping, recreation, etc). The other display provided space for people to post their thoughts on a postcard that stated: "I Love Chinatown because..."



The Chinatown Action Summit began with a welcome from Honorary Chinatown Mayor Dr. Joseph Young, Councilmember Carol Fukunaga, Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, and Representative Karl Rhoads. Mayor Kirk Caldwell followed with an introduction of the event. Harrison Rue, TOD Administrator for the City, explained the agenda, desired outcome, and goals of the meeting. The program consisted of three main group work sessions, each with speakers that introduced the

topic. The presentations were followed by group discussion and workbook activities guided by a facilitator at each table.

The topics and speakers for the three sessions were:

- Session 1: **Fundamentals of a Vibrant Community**
“Back to Basics”, Harrison Rue, DPP
- Session 2: **Heritage, Stories & Placemaking**
“Culture, Art & Active Spaces,” Andrew Tang, DPP
“Streets as Places,” Mark Garrity, Department of Transportation Services
- Session 3: **New Thriving Economy**
“Supporting Makers & Doers,” Ilana Preuss, Recast City LLC
“Benefits of Effective Wayfinding,” Ann Harakawa, Two Twelve

The program continued with a working lunch session that asked the participants to summarize their priorities at the back of the group activity workbook. The groups then reported back to the audience on their top priorities and commitments for Chinatown. The event concluded in a celebratory mood with the understanding that the group activity workbooks would be summarized and the prioritized actions identified and organized into a draft Chinatown Action Plan.

Group Activities

Each table at the event was provided with a large-format activity workbook to guide group discussion and public input. The workbook activities were organized around the three major event topics: fundamentals of a vibrant community; heritage, stories and placemaking; and the new thriving economy. The results of the workbook activities are described below and illustrated on a series of maps. The size of the dots on the maps correlate to how frequently those locations were identified by participants.

ACTIVITY 1: FUNDAMENTALS OF A VIBRANT ECONOMY

This section of the workbook asked participants to provide information on cleanliness and safety issues in Chinatown today, as well as ideas for improvement.

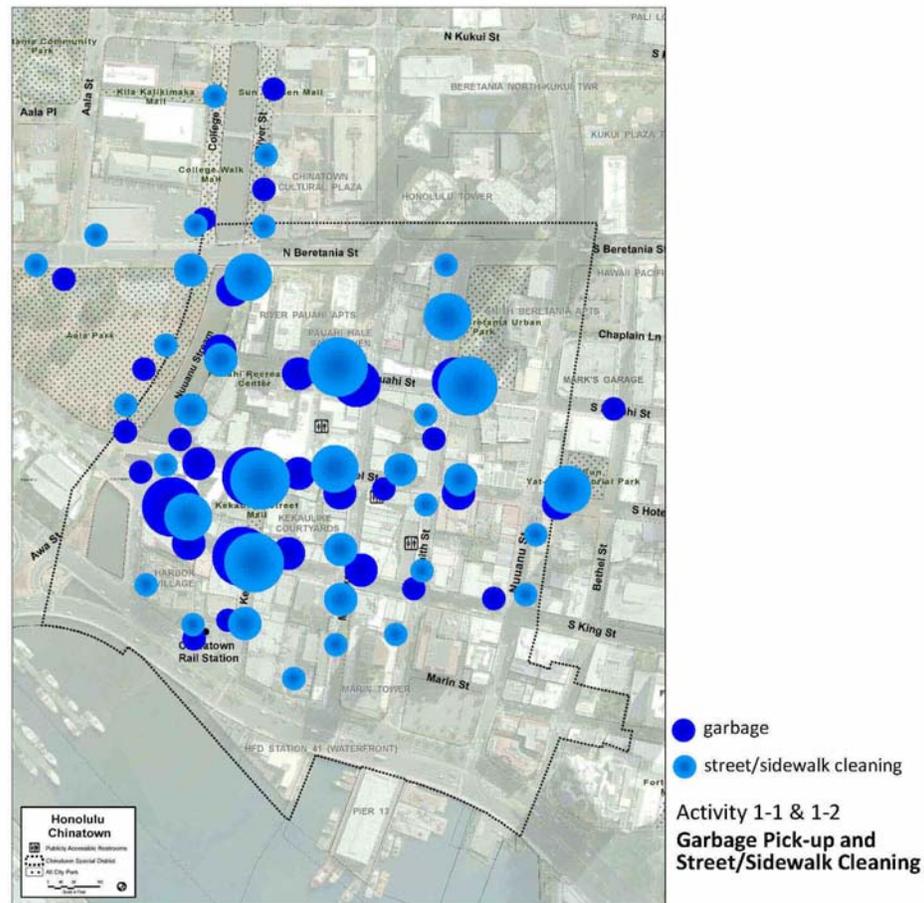
The most commonly identified places **where additional street/sidewalk cleaning is needed** were:

- Pauahi Street – from River Street to Smith Street
- Kekaulike Street/Mall
- King Street – mostly from River Street to Maunakea Street
- Hotel Street
- River Street
- Sun Yat-sen Park

The most commonly identified places **where garbage tends to build up** on the sidewalk were:

- King Street
- Kekaulike Mall
- Hotel Street
- Maunakea Street
- Pauahi Street

Different areas and streets are affected by different types of garbage and unsanitary situations, and, as shown on the following map, there is a clear link between garbage disposal and the perception that more cleaning is needed, for example on Kekaulike Street, King Street, and Hotel Street.



Participants identified **the following as the types of garbage that build up** on the sidewalk (in order of most frequently identified):

1. Food waste – produce from stores, rotting fruit, spoiled food, restaurant waste
2. Bulky items (placed on the street on non-pick up days) – furniture, beds, containers, etc. from residential buildings and businesses
3. Items left by homeless – cardboard boxes, clothing (soiled), broken tents, human waste

Participants identified food waste as an acute problem on the Ewa side of Kekaulike Street, King Street, and Hotel Street. Food waste is also seen as a major cause of the neighborhood’s rat and insect problem.

In terms of solutions to these problems, participants identified a need for **more trash receptacles** around Chinatown. Recycling was also mentioned repeatedly—both **food waste composting** and more traditional items such as glass, cardboard, paper, etc. Ideas were proposed for bicycles with trailers that could pick up trash throughout the day and transport it to collection areas, as well for a smaller, portable dump truck to collect garbage every 4 hours. A program was also envisioned in which student chefs would utilize unsellable produce to feed the hungry.

Additional enforcement of bulky item pick-up rules and increased frequency of bulky item collection were recommended, particularly near Smith-Beretania Park.

Participants were asked whether they would be willing to pay for shared garbage/recycling facilities, and twice as many indicated that they were willing to pay than those who were not. However, concerns were raised over the price and the distance of such facilities from properties and businesses.

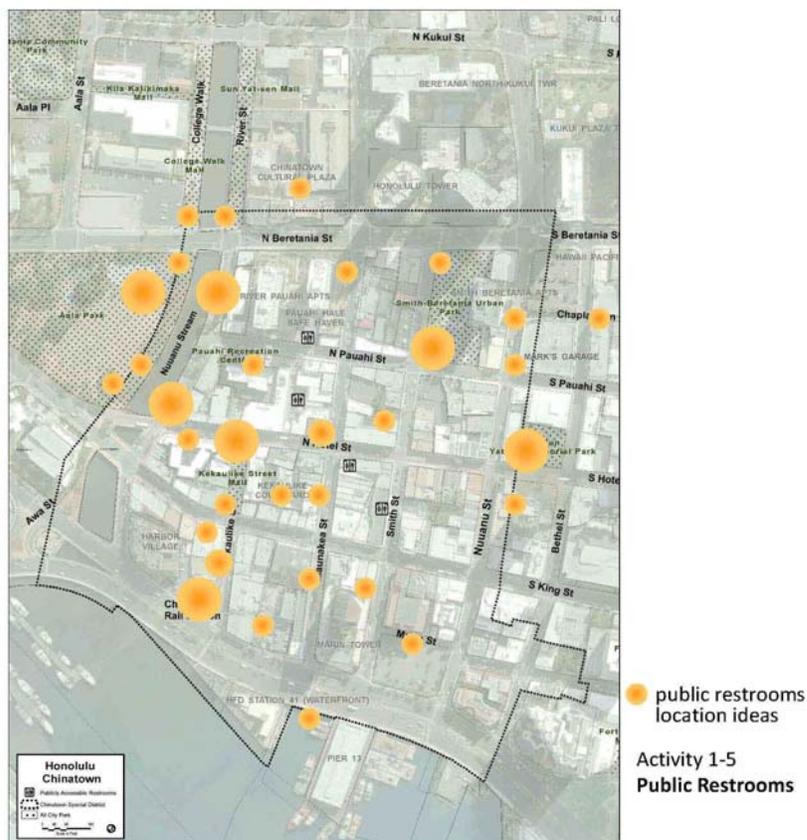
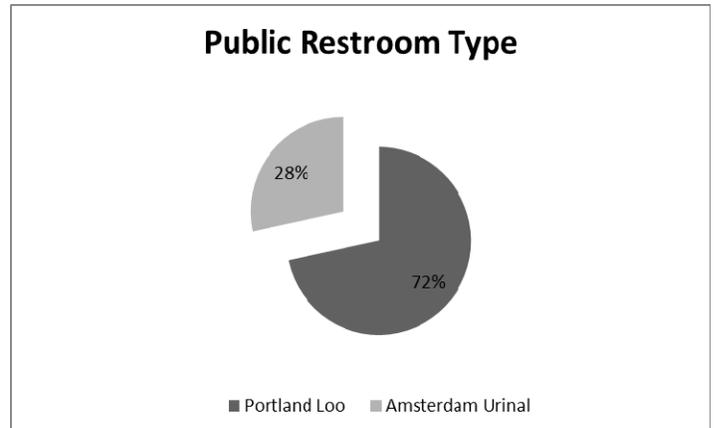
Among those who rejected the idea of paying for such facilities, many felt that the City should better enforce existing ordinances. There was a lack of consensus on whether this should be a voluntary or mandatory program, though there was agreement that trash collection points should be screened, hidden and/or locked. A business improvement district (BID) could also be a strategy for financing and managing shared garbage facilities and street clean up.

The most commonly identified **locations for potential shared trash/recycling facilities** were:

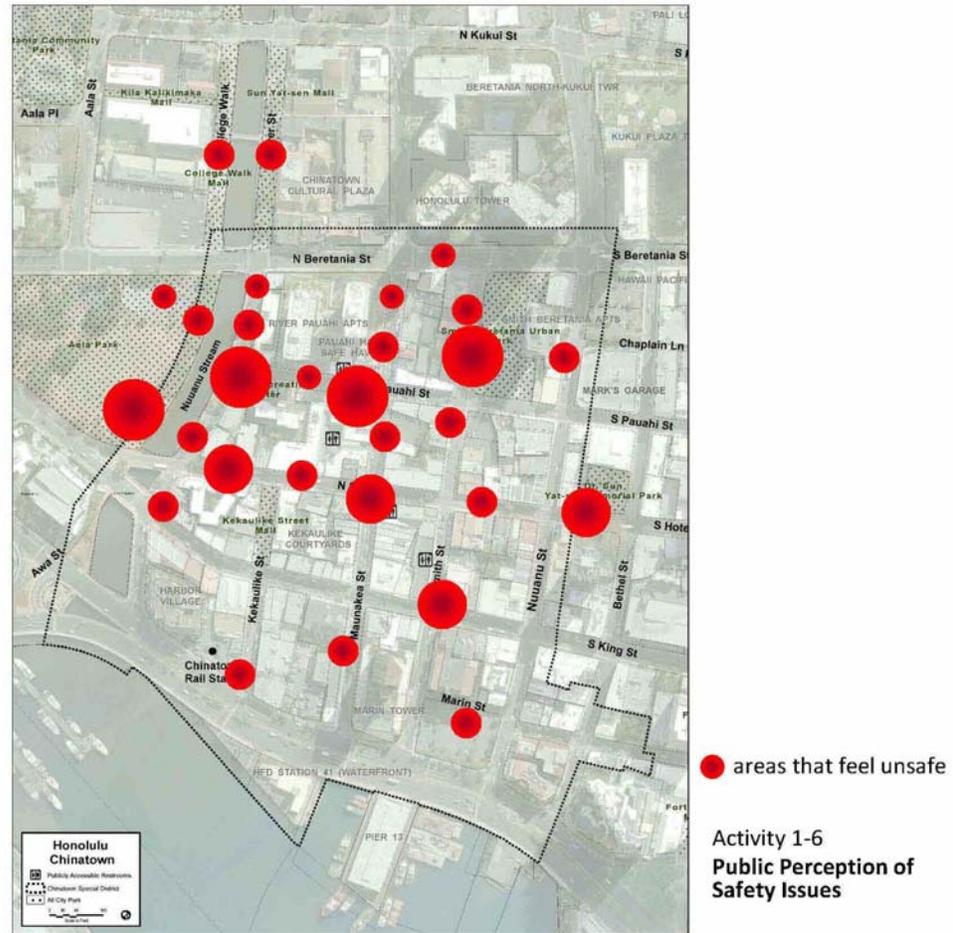
- Sun Yat-sen Park
- All larger residential complexes
- Kekaulike Mall

The City is exploring options for public restrooms in Chinatown and presented two different options for restrooms in public spaces: the Portland Loo and the Amsterdam Urinal. **More than 70% of participants preferred the Portland Loo public restroom design.**

Comments varied including questions about who the restrooms are for (e.g., homeless, tour groups, tenants, etc.), whether they would be free or require payment/tokens for use, identification of requirements (clean, safe, vandal resistant, running water, unisex, ADA, accessible to elderly, baby changing station), suggestions to make the water and electrical hookups adaptable to other types if one design does not work out, and ideas for locations (near public plazas, parks, bus stops, police stations, and in or near parking structures). Specific location ideas are shown on the map below.



The final question of the first activity was about the feeling of public safety in Chinatown. Participants were asked to identify areas that feel unsafe to them, and their responses are shown on the map below. Pauahi Street was mentioned most frequently, partially due to the presence of liquor stores in the area and the activity they attract. The Nuuanu Stream corridor was also commonly identified.



Written comments suggested that the following **three factors most influence feeling unsafe** in a particular location:

- Lack of lighting
- Homeless – unpredictable behavior and the feeling that one is trespassing into their territory (locations: Pauahi Street, Maunakea Street, Smith-Beretania Park, Sun Yat-sen Park, Aala Park)
- Drugs (locations: Pauahi Street, Maunakea Street, Smith-Beretania Park, Aala Park)

There also seemed to be a general consensus that unsafe behavior is fueled by a lack of positive activity on area streets—an issue exacerbated at night.

ACTIVITY 2: HERITAGE, STORIES & PLACEMAKING

The second section of the workbook asked participants to brainstorm ideas for improving public spaces throughout the Chinatown district.

Improvement of the Nuuanu Stream corridor—which includes River Street, Aala Park, College Walk, Sun Yat-sen Mall, Foster Botanical Garden, and the connection to the harbor front—was a major focus of the Chinatown Action Summit. The first question of this activity asked participants to identify **events that could bring more activity to the Nuuanu Stream corridor**. The following ideas were provided:

- Markets – farmers markets, night markets, made in Hawaii product fairs, craft fairs, Art + Flea

- Food – Eat the Street, brunch/dinner events, food walks, food shows
- Water/stream related – WaterFire event (Providence, RI), floating lanterns, Light Market
- Art – performance artists, art installations, classes/exhibits, art fairs
- Music – festivals, live music, ethnic music, classical music, lunchtime/after work performances
- Special events – Christmas events, Chinese festivals, Dragon Boat Festival, flower exhibition (Goyang, Korea), other ethnic festivals, other holidays

The following summarizes the **strategies that were recommended to activate the Nuuanu Stream Corridor on a more regular basis**, when there is not an event happening:

- Food – street vendors, food booths, food trucks, coffee and tea kiosks
- Water/stream related – boat rides/tours, kayak/paddle boat rentals, Chinese boats, bumboats, gondolas, dinner cruises
- Art – storefront exhibits, street performers, Art Walk, Heritage Walk
- Family/children's daytime events
- Aala Park – yoga, tai chi, physical activities for office workers, tennis courts, dog park, jogging path, amphitheater

Whether for regular or infrequent events, there was a suggestion to explore the street festivals and traditions, holidays and customs of other Asian cultures that now call Chinatown home (Thai, Lao, Vietnamese, etc.).

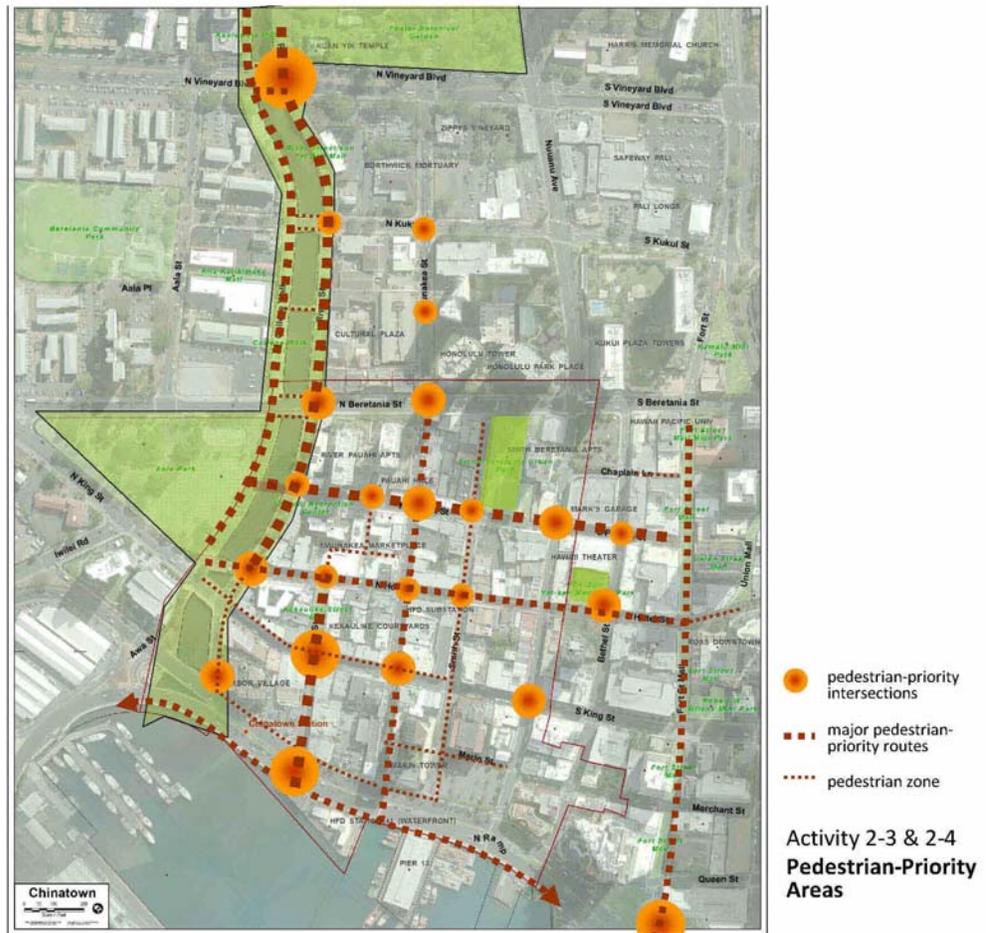
Participants were asked to prioritize **the near-term physical improvements that would help support activation of the Nuuanu Stream corridor**. The following ideas were the most frequently identified (in order of popularity):

1. Create a pedestrian promenade (walking and biking only) with outdoor dining, seating, and shade that connects to Foster Botanical Garden.
2. Dredge and clean up the stream, and provide access to the water. Beautify the space, and address the rodent problem.
3. Clean up Aala Park, and add new park facilities and supportive amenities.
4. Add more trees adjacent to the stream (rather than next to the buildings).
5. Connect Nuuanu Stream with Kekaulike Mall via a pedestrian/bicycle greenway.
6. Encourage property owners to rent to new retail and café tenants.
7. Upgrade lighting in the corridor with LED bulbs, red Chinese lanterns, solar lighting, and colorful electronic lights.
8. Experiment with pop-up installations and parklets to provide greenery, seating, and food.

Other public spaces in need of near-term improvement include Smith-Beretania Park, Sun Yat-sen Park, and Kekaulike Mall and Street.

Moving on to circulation improvements, participants were asked to **identify streets and intersections that need improvement for pedestrian safety and comfort**, as well as **streets/blocks that should be designed to prioritize pedestrian traffic**. The streets and intersections that they most commonly identified are listed here (in order of most commonly identified) and shown on the following map:

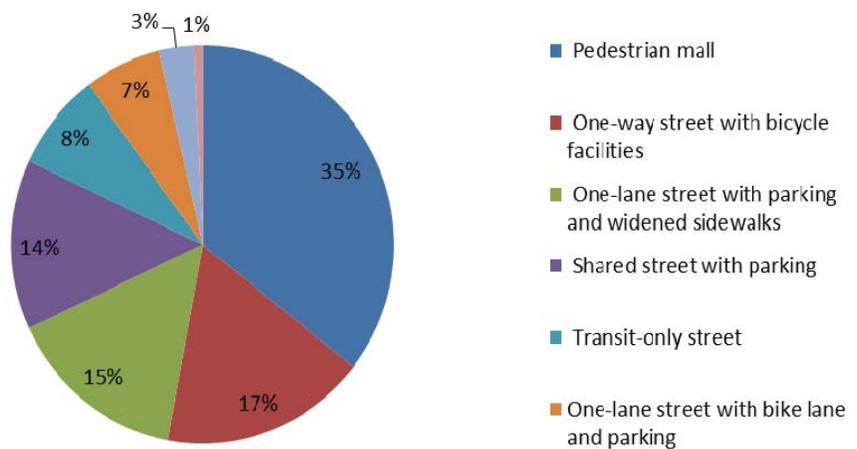
1. Kekaulike Street
2. Maunakea Street
3. Nuuanu Stream corridor (specifically, a proposed pedestrian route that travels makai-bound on River Street/College Walk/Sun Yat-sen Mall to Hotel Street, turns left/towards Diamond Head, then travels makai-bound on Kekaulike Mall/Street to the future rail station)
4. Pauahi Street
5. Hotel Street



General comments included **overwhelming support for making Chinatown more pedestrian oriented** by widening sidewalks, making the sidewalks ADA accessible and age friendly, and improving design elements such as curb ramps. There were also suggestions for removing some street parking and building more off-street parking facilities in convenient locations, managing existing parking more efficiently, and enhancing signage.

Participants were shown a set of pictures of different street designs and asked which they preferred, as well as which Chinatown streets could be re-designed with similar features. The chart at right shows their relative preference, and the table below lists the **most popular street designs** and the **streets most appropriate for each design strategy**.

Favorite street designs



	Street Design	Appropriate Chinatown Streets
1	Pedestrian mall	Kekaulike, River, Hotel, and Maunakea Streets
2	One-way street with bicycle facilities	King, Maunakea, and Beretania Streets
3	One-lane street with parking and widened sidewalks	Hotel, Smith, Kekaulike, and River Streets
4	Shared street with parking	Nuuanu, River, and Smith Streets
5	Transit-only street	Hotel Street (with improved landscaping, wider sidewalks, and just one lane for buses)
6	One-lane street with bike lane and parking	Beretania, Maunakea, Smith, and King Streets
7	Two-way street with parking	Maunakea, River, and Pauahi Streets
8	One-way street with parking	Nuuanu Street

One group had the idea to design Maunakea Street as a Shotengai (Japanese commercial district that runs along a street).

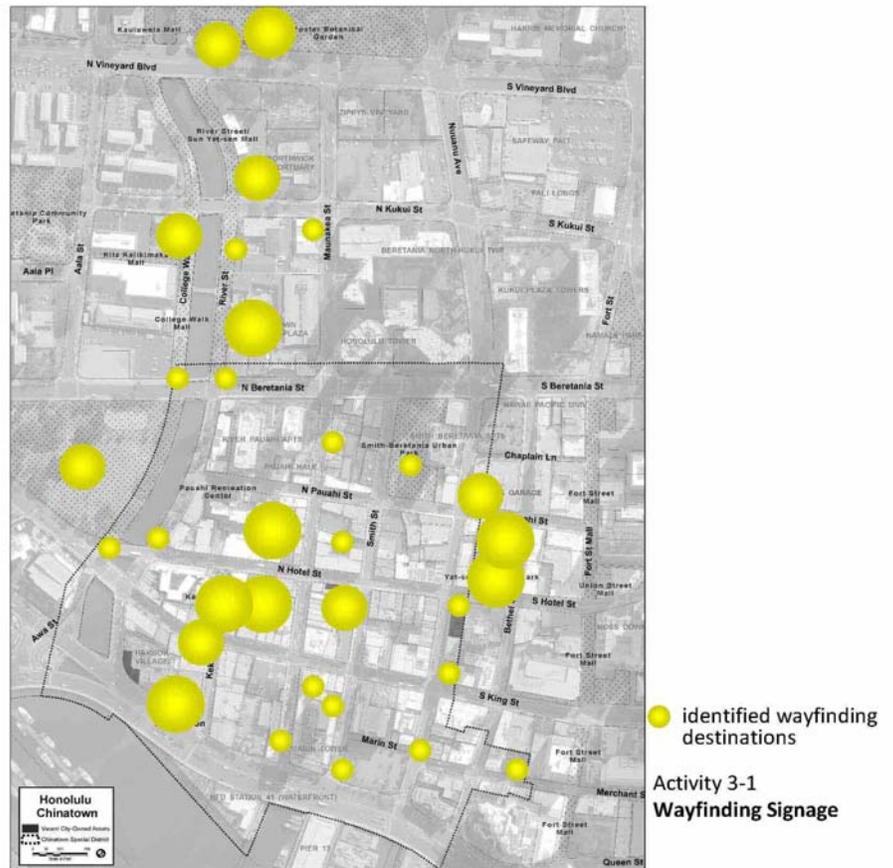
ACTIVITY 3: NEW THRIVING ECONOMY

The third activity asked participants to share their ideas for supporting business and economic activity in Chinatown.

The first question asked participants to identify the **destinations in Chinatown that should be listed on new wayfinding signage** being designed and installed by the City. The top destinations are listed here (in order of most commonly identified) and shown on the map below:

1. Hawaii Theatre/Sun Yat-sen Park
2. Maunakea Marketplace
3. Chinatown Cultural Plaza
4. Chinatown Rail Station
5. Kekaulike Mall

In general, participants also thought wayfinding signs should identify the location of public parking facilities, bus stops and bus routes, public restrooms, historical buildings, and cultural destinations.



When asked to identify other **important elements of a wayfinding system**, groups mentioned the following:

1. Interactive and accessible online – provide multiple ways to get information such as apps, QR codes, public Wi-Fi, social media.
2. Accessible, multilingual, and designed for both pedestrians and drivers
3. Comprehensive system – integrate information kiosks, street posts with directional signs, pylon directories map, banners, district flags, and pedestrian signs.
4. Contribute to neighborhood branding.
5. Street themes – Use visual cues such as lanterns, sign colors, and painted sidewalks to identify pedestrian zones.

Participants strongly (by a 5:1 margin) thought a BID, or similar organization, would benefit the Chinatown neighborhood. When asked whether they would be willing to pay for a BID and the associated services (cleaning, security, marketing, etc.), the participants again responded favorably by a 5:1 margin. General consensus was that there should be one organization to coordinate efforts to improve the district, and the City cannot do it alone. Some felt that an existing organization may be able to fill this role, and there was some concern that the effectiveness of a BID would be challenged by the proliferation of existing interest groups in the Chinatown community.

The groups were then asked to brainstorm **ideas to support more economic activity in Chinatown**, and they identified the following:

- More events and activities (as described in Activity 2)
- More marketing and information – website, apps, visitor center, kiosks, etc.
- Create inviting public spaces and places to gather
- Support businesses and commerce
- Work on fundamentals (as described in Activity 1)
- Revise city regulations and collaborate to support activation

Many historic buildings in Chinatown have vacant upper floors, depriving the district of vibrancy and economic activity. The final question in Activity 3 asked participants to identify **ideas for increasing the use of upstairs spaces**. Commonly identified uses included:

- Housing – market-rate housing, affordable housing, affordable rentals, micro-units, transitional housing, housing for homeless, homeless shelters with social services
- Keiki to kupuna activities – senior center, after school care for children, after school arts programs, Chinese school
- Community space – meeting areas, exercise classes, cooking classes, artisan classes, "skill share" classes
- Artist studios and makerspaces

To implement these ideas, changes may be necessary to building and zoning codes. Partner organizations are critical, as are highly visible signs announcing the upstairs uses.

SETTING PRIORITIES

The final exercise instructed each group to review their workbook activities and prioritize the most pressing improvement ideas. The following is a list of these priorities in order of importance:

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Next Steps

This summary will be posted online at the Chinatown Action Summit website (www.connecthonolulu.com) and provided to workshop participants and partner organizations. City staff will build on the community's input to develop a more detailed Chinatown Action Plan over the summer, for review by the community and partner organizations in the fall. The Action Plan will include proposed public space designs, events, or programs to be led by the City, the State, partner organizations, and private businesses. These will include a range of near-term operational or 'tactical' improvements, plus proposals for potential long-term capital improvement projects that would require additional public budget allocations or private investment.

The City's TOD Subcabinet has taken responsibility for developing the Action Plan and overseeing any City roles in implementation. The Subcabinet is a working group of key City department heads that meet weekly to assure a coordinated effort to move TOD forward, develop catalytic projects, provide timely infrastructure support, develop public policies to address market needs, create new financing strategies, and leverage other investments.

The potential improvement actions fall into the three major areas listed below, and a working group has been established for each, led by department directors or deputies. These working groups will continue to meet with interested partners for input as the Action Plan is developed. A local urban design initiative, SHADE, also has student interns creating a model of Chinatown and working on design concepts for key projects. The major areas of focus are:

1. **Streets and Placemaking.** This set of improvements will include design-oriented and operational actions such as repurposing/redesigning streets, wayfinding, pop-up/tactical street and placemaking improvements, parking management, parklets and plazas, and conceptual design ideas for any of the parks or malls.
2. **Cleanliness and Sanitation.** These improvements include waste management and recycling, street cleaning, public toilets, safety strategies, and graffiti prevention.
3. **Events/Activities/Economy.** This topic includes events and programs to activate streets and parks, especially the Nuuanu Stream corridor. It also includes economic development actions like better use of city assets, makerspaces, business promotion, and exploration of a business improvement district.



What we will do today

- This workshop is about moving forward, working together to strengthen Chinatown
 - Focus on the basics
 - Priority actions we can implement soon
 - A few big ideas that may take more time
 - Take advantage of opportunities from new rail station and neighborhood connections

What we will do today

- Agenda is based on what you have said before
- We'll outline some new ideas and possibilities
 - Session 1. Fundamentals of a Vibrant Community
 - Session 2. Heritage, Stories & Placemaking
 - Session 3. New Thriving Economy
- Small-group discussions, mark up workbooks & maps
- Prioritize most important actions – public and private
- Report back to the group; commit to actions



Building on the past: previous plans and studies

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Chinatown Station Area

- Retain historic character and scale
- Revitalize River Street, Nuuanu Stream canal, and Aala Park
- Redevelop surface parking lots on Nimitz Highway with taller buildings
- Encourage new uses and public services that accommodate seniors, children, and families

Downtown Neighborhood TOD Plan



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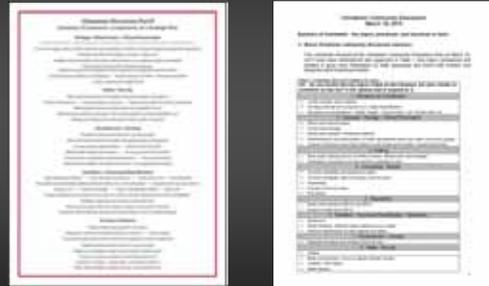
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Nuuanu Corridor



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2015 Community Discussions January and March



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Progress made, but lots more to do...

	Rediscovering Chinatown Honolulu: A Commitment to Partnership (2006)	Chinatown Riverwalk Revitalization and Downtown Connectivity Study (2011)	Downtown Neighborhood Transit-Oriented Development Plan (2014)	Chinatown Community Discussions (January and March 2015)
1 Safety and security	X*	X		X
2 Cleanliness and sanitation	X	X		X
3 Parking	X	x	x	x
4 Homelessness	x	x		X
5 Affordable housing	X		x	X
6 Regulations	X		x	x
7 Pedestrian access		x	x	x
8 Connectivity	x	x		x
9 Long term funding	x	x	x	x
10 Increase Commerce	X		x	x

* Priority topics are noted by a larger and bolded 'X'.

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Housing and Homelessness



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Parking & signage



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Cleanliness and Sanitation



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Historic Preservation



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Culture, Arts and Events



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Chinatown and surrounding area

- Historic District
- Both sides of River St
- Aala Park
- Connections to:
 - Foster Garden
 - Fort St Mall
 - Aloha Tower



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Iwilei Station Area



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What we'll do today

- Work together to define priority actions



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What do you love.....?

Introduce yourself to the person next to you and share what you wrote on #iheartchintown

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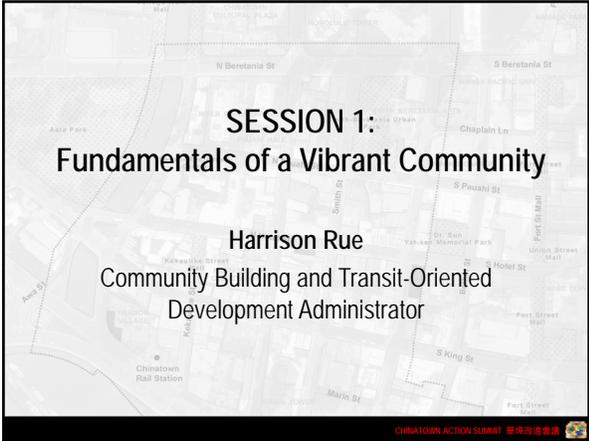
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SESSION 1: Fundamentals of a Vibrant Community

Harrison Rue
Community Building and Transit-Oriented
Development Administrator



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Housing & Homelessness

- Islandwide Housing Strategy
 - Progress on several major initiatives – policies, projects, finance, ordinances
 - Housing First Initiative
 - River St Senior Housing Project
 - Winston Hale Project
 - Mayor Wright Housing (HPHA)



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Housing First, then Treatment

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Variety of activities nearby

River Street

Maunakea Marketplace

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Bathrooms

- Restrooms at HPD Station
- Restrooms and shower at Safe Haven
- Looking at other types of facilities and locations



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Amsterdam Men's Urinal



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Portland Loo



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Possible Toilet Locations



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Trash, Recycling, & Cleaning

- How is refuse collected?
 - Private firms collect from some buildings
 - City collects, primarily in older areas
 - Businesses pay a fee for collection
 - Much of it sits in bags on street overnight
- City route starts at 4:00 a.m. / 6 days a week
- Majority food garbage & boxes
- Largely manual collection; some bulky items

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Business Refuse Collection Stops



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Refuse Equipment



Manual / Bulky
Collection



Automated
Collection

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Chinatown options

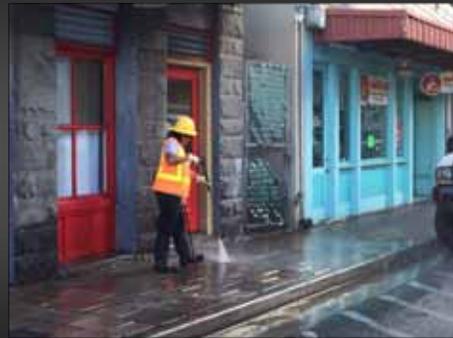


Could locate smaller dumpsters or large bins on vacant lots, parking, or alleys

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Chinatown Clean Team



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Street sweeping



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Community Partners



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A'ala Park American Savings Bank Clean up April 25, 2015



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Graffiti



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Neighborworks Scrubdown

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Graffiti protective coatings

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PROTECTIVE
COATING)



It's easy to bring major vandalism
subject to the presence of graffiti.
This can seriously impact your
brand, your reputation, and
your sales.

OVERVIEW
SI-COAT® 531™ is a clear, water
based, non-toxic graffiti protective
coating that can be applied to
walls, windows, and glass. It is
designed to prevent graffiti from
being applied to the surface. It is
also designed to be easy to apply
and maintain. It is also designed
to be long-lasting and to provide
protection for your property.

BENEFITS
• Easy application - single coat spray application with standard air equipment.
• Long-lasting - clear coat and application over dark, absorbing, oil and
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Historic Preservation



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Safety - Lighting



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Coming soon: New LED street lighting



Before

After

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Safety – Pedestrian Improvements



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Safety – Active Zones



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Brick by Brick



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Step by Step

Great Community



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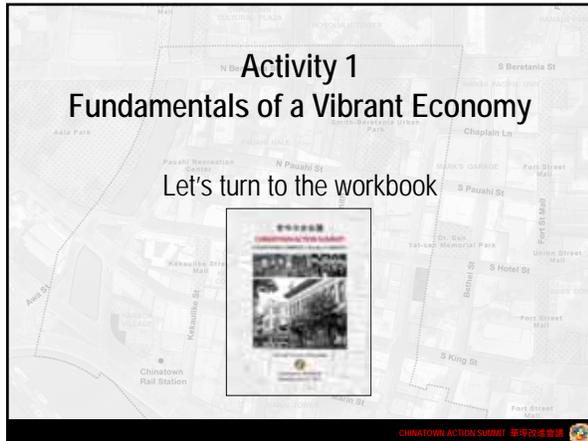
Working Together!



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Activity 1 Fundamentals of a Vibrant Economy

Let's turn to the workbook



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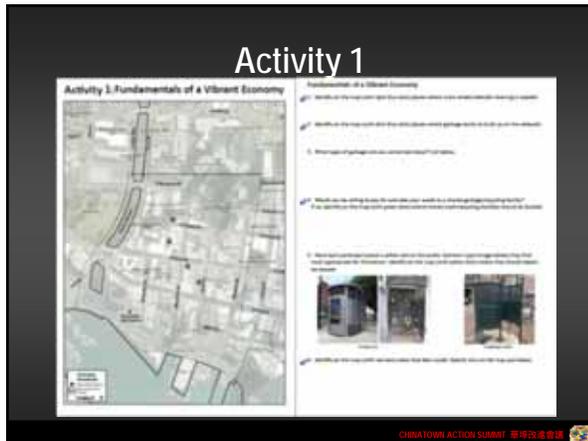
How we'll work together today

- Agree to work together, but don't have to agree on everything
- Try to focus on key questions in workbook, if you have time you can work on other issues.
- Remember the 'hats off' rule

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Activity 1

Activity 1: Fundamentals of a Vibrant Economy



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Activity 1: Fundamentals of a Vibrant Economy

1. Identify on the map (*with light blue dots*) places where more street/sidewalk cleaning is needed.
2. Identify on the map (*with dark blue dots*) places where garbage tends to build up on the sidewalk.
3. What types of garbage are you concerned about? *List in workbook.*
4. Would you be willing to pay for and take your waste to a shared garbage/recycling facility? If so, identify on the map (*with green dots*) where shared trash/recycling facilities should be located.

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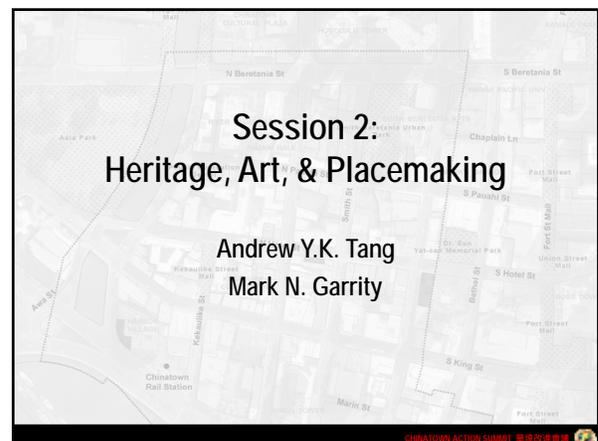
Activity 1: Fundamentals of a Vibrant Economy

5. Have each participant place a **yellow dot** on the public restroom type they find most appropriate for Chinatown (*images in workbook*). Identify on the map (*with yellow dots*) where they could be located.
6. Identify on the map (*with red dots*) areas that feel unsafe. Specify why on the map and in workbook.

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Session 2: Heritage, Art, & Placemaking

Andrew Y.K. Tang
Mark N. Garrity



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Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) HP Program
HART HP Fund - \$1.2 million for Façade Improvement

Projects May Include:

- Repointing
- Graffiti Removal
- Storefront Restoration/Reconstruction
- Canopy Restoration/Reconstruction
- Wood or Metal Window Restoration/Reconstruction

Assistance with Pre-Development Activities:

- Architectural/Engineering Services
- SHPD Review and DPP Permits
- Historic Preservation Certification Application (HPCA) Preparation for 20% HP Tax Credits

Update of 1973 NRHP nomination and boundary amendment

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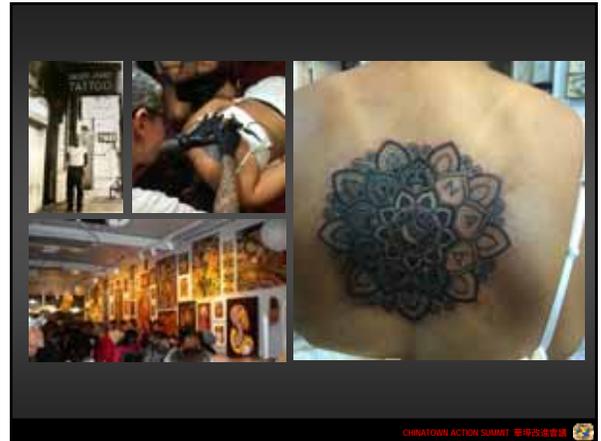
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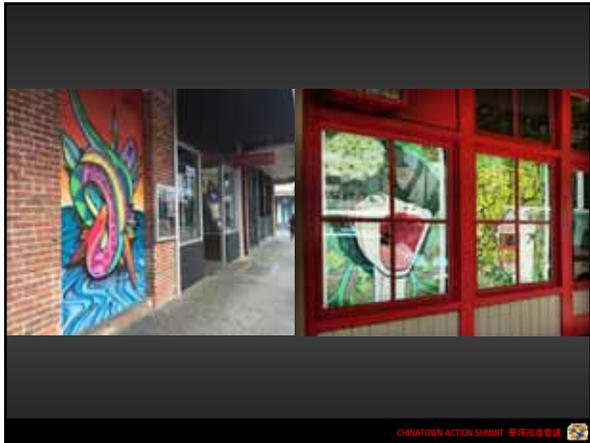


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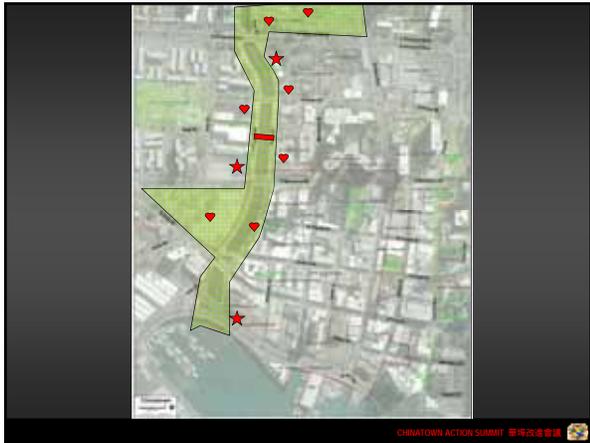
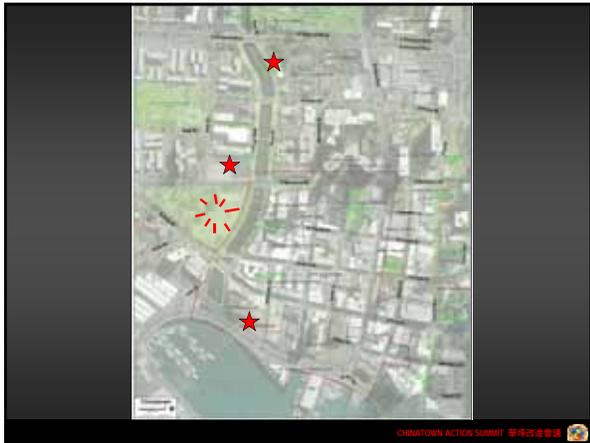
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Streets as Places (aka Placemaking)

Mark N. Garrity
Deputy Director
Department of Transportation Services

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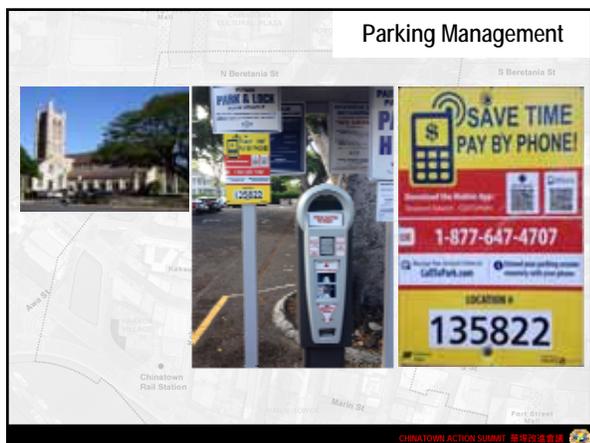
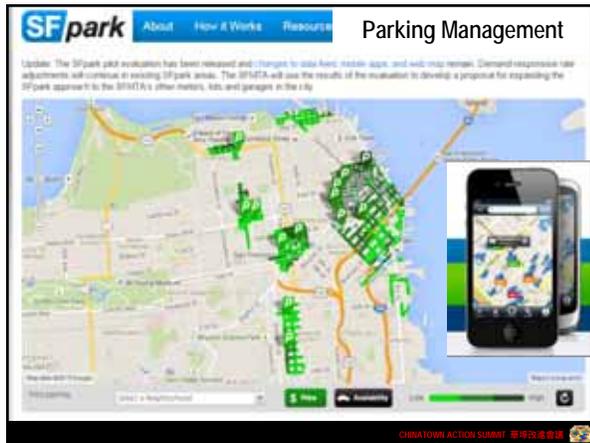
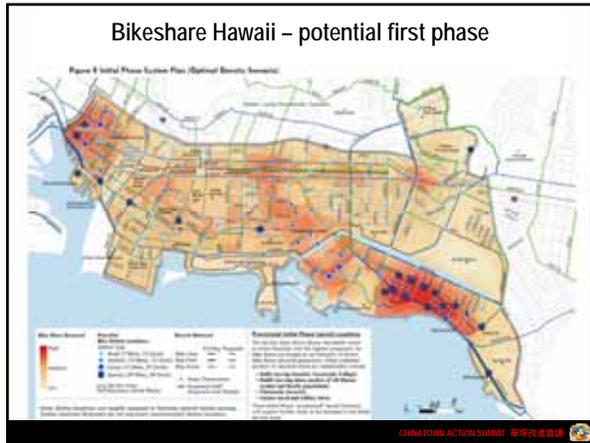


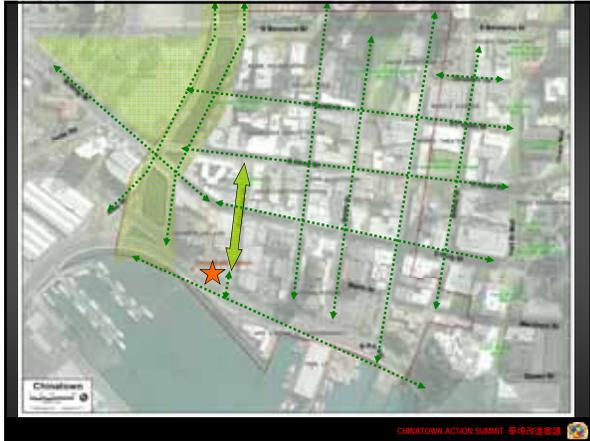
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Bikeshare Hawaii – neighborhood and station access

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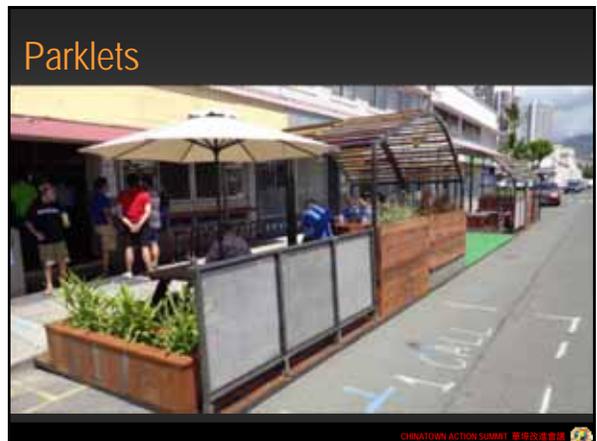
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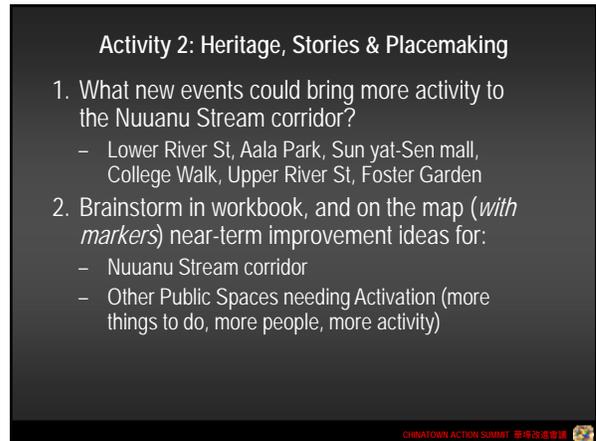
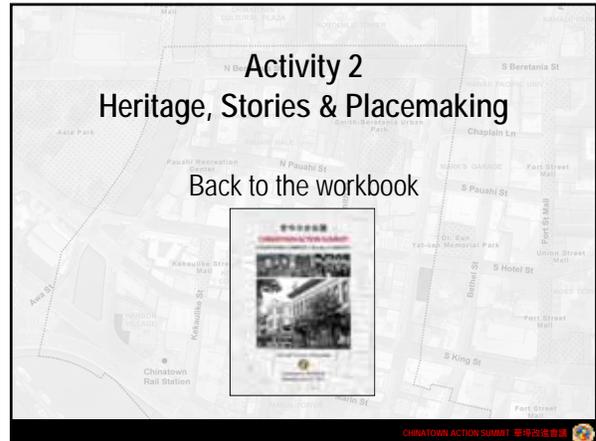
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SESSION 3: New Thriving Economy

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Activity 3 New Thriving Economy

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Activity 3

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New Thriving Economy

1. Have each participant identify on the map (with a *yellow dot*) their *top 3* places/destinations/ districts that should be listed on Chinatown wayfinding signs.
List the most commonly identified places in the workbook.
2. List any other elements that are important for a wayfinding system in Chinatown.

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New Thriving Economy

3. Do you see the benefit of a business improvement district for Chinatown?
If so, would you be willing to pay for this benefit?
4. Brainstorm ideas to support more economic activity in Chinatown.
5. Identify ideas for increasing second-floor use of buildings in Chinatown.

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Final Activity Group Summary of Priorities Report Back

Back page of the workbook

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Summarize Priorities

- Review each of the three workbook sections, and choose the **2 or 3 most important** actions in each section (at least one short-term).
- **Circle** the important ones first, then narrow down to **most important**.
- Write those top 2 or 3 from each section on back page of workbook (you can edit/combine ideas).
- Then discuss 'most important' with the group, and **circle the Top 3 overall priorities**.

Report on Priorities

- Choose a "reporter."
- Write down any commitments to helping implement an action.
- Have everyone sign their name on the front of the workbook (if willing).
- Report the 'Top 3' back to the whole group, and one 'commitment to act' (if any).
 - Tape any extra drawings/notes to the workbook.
 - Put your table number on any extra papers.

Next Steps

- We will review and summarize the workbooks and online comments over the next few weeks.
- We will have a summary of comments in a month or two, and will be back in the fall with an action plan.
- Please share the web/smartphone tool address, so your friends and neighbors can weigh in (you can just click the 'like' or 'share' buttons on website, or email link).
www.connecthonolulu.com
- We will also have mini-workbooks online next week for you to share with friends.

Next Steps

- Downtown Neighborhood TOD Plan will be at Planning Commission on Wed, July 22, 1:30pm.
- Watch for follow-up meetings on wayfinding or street improvements (or other priorities from today).
- Watch for more activities, such as SHADE summer institute (design interns working on "urban acupuncture" implementation strategies).

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