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MEETING NOTES

DATE: September 30, 2016

MEETING DATE: September 13, 2016

MEETING LOCATION: Farrington High School, Kalihi

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SUBJECT: 21st Century Kalihi Community Kick-Off Meeting

The following meeting notes capture the main discussion points of the meeting.

Meeting Notes

A. Welcoming Remarks & Introduction from Ramsay Taum

Ramsay Taum welcomed and thanked attendees for participating in the first 21st Kalihi Community Meeting. He presented "meeting protocols and guidelines" by referring to a graphic of the '5 Pillars of Aloha' which takes inspiration from the HRS 5-7.5 the "ALOHA Spirit Law". After briefly describing how Governor Ige convened a Vision Committee in August, he introduced the project by asking, "What would/could a 21st Century Kalihi look like?" He also explained the anticipated relocation of OCCC, by emphasizing that relocation is being considered, but not guaranteed. He reminded everyone that the goal is to have a Draft Vision Plan by the beginning of next year and a Final Vision Plan by Summer 2017. He highlighted the importance of integrating community input and feedback throughout the planning process. Using a context map, he gave an overview of the area of focus. He also showed everyone a historic map of Kalihi.

B. Visioning Exercise: Station Maps & Wish Cards

Ramsay described the goals and intent of the visioning exercise. He explained that the rest of the meeting would require attendees to move between several Visioning Stations. He encouraged everyone to either write or draw in response to the prompts at each station, keeping in mind the focus question, "How will your great grandchildren describe Kalihi?" He explained the concept behind each of the Visioning Stations (i.e. Existing Community Assets, Sidewalks, Open Spaces, Improvements, and Community Priorities/Action Items). Lastly, he noted there would be room for additional ideas and questions in the Wish Cards available at each table. (He also announced that Wish Cards could be taken home for friends and family.)

C. Summary of Community Responses

C-1. Existing Community Assets: "What are the assets and resources in your community? Are any missing?"

- Need affordable rental housing that can be integrated with community

- Skate park
- Immigrant services
- Social service organizations (QLCC; Partners in Development; Kokua Kalihi Valley)
- "Taste of Kalihi" (need more special events/programs!)
- Need a gathering place
- Need bike racks/bike sharing system
- Put in new but keep character
- No gentrification
- More mixed-use development
- More recreational areas

C-2. Sidewalks: "Where do the sidewalks need to be fixed? Are sidewalks missing or needed anywhere?"

- Cars park where sidewalks should be on Kalihi St.
- Few painted crosswalks (lots of pedestrians)
- No speed bumps around Farrington HS
- No sidewalks around Farrington HS
- Need wider sidewalks
- More light along King St.
- Big pot holes
- Industrial/residential area hard to drive through
- Auiki St. is a good street, but racing happens
- Mokauea St. is a wide street; businesses with parking in front; no sidewalk

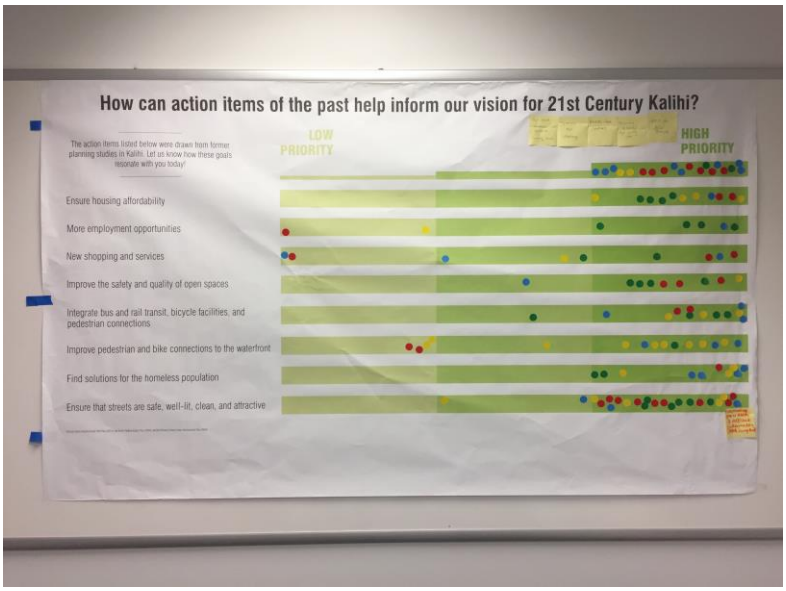
C-3. Open Spaces: "Where do you envision improved public/open/gathering spaces?"

- Kamehameha Park: improve access and parking lot
- Loi Kalo Park: fix park (needs better access + maintenance)
- Move OCCC… Park/community center/mixed-use development instead
- More cafes in industrial area

C-4. Improvements: "Are there areas which need improvement?"

- Growing homeless population
- Need functioning drainage (Umi St; Colburn St)
- Wider sidewalks
- Relocate OCCC
- Develop Kapalama Canal as a promenade/walk/feature waterway
- Pedestrian bridge along Kapalama Canal
- Redevelop HCC to include coworking/coliving complex that services HCC students to tech/innovation center
- Workforce/residential

C-5. Community Priorities: "How can action items of the past help inform our vision for 21st Century Kalihi?"



A list of action items were drawn from former planning studies conducted in Kalihi. At this station, attendees were asked to indicate the relative importance of each item. The following emerged as high-priority relative to the others on the list:

- Ensuring housing affordability
- Integrate bus and rail transit, bicycle facilities, and pedestrian connections
- Improve pedestrian and bike connections to the waterfront
- Find solutions for the homeless population
- Ensure that streets are safe, well-lit, clean, and attractive

Additional comments called for high-quality educational opportunities; spaces for learning, health care centers, social services; economic vitality and high-quality jobs; functioning storm drains; and active, ADA-compliant sidewalks.

C-6. Wish Map and Wish Cards

The Wish Map asked, "What do you wish to see in Kalihi, and where would you like to see this change?"

- Excellent education
- Safe, well-lit streets
- A community urban school which includes businesses, DMV, retail banks, so the community is not separated from school
- Shaded, walkable paths
- A welcoming and inviting community that people want to come to
- Bike path
- Trash cans
- Immigrant center
- More parks, recreation centers for children and youth
- Arts and music center by the water (Keehi Lagoon Park)

- Better sidewalks
- Hospital and/or health center
- Safe, designated paths to and from schools
- Trees
- Better roads and drainage
- Cafes
- Infrastructure to transform neighborhood
- Upgrade building (look and feel)
- Chipotle
- Affordable art classes
- Better utilization of industrial properties
- Establish mixed-use residential for workforce housing (coworking/coliving spaces featuring common spaces and integration of small businesses)
- More green space, especially in lower Kalihi residential area
- Pedestrian stanchions at all mid-block crosswalks
- Better use of vertical real estate, but not like Kakaako (tall towers)
- Redevelopment of Dillingham Plaza to be mixed-use/vertical development
- Better street lighting… everywhere

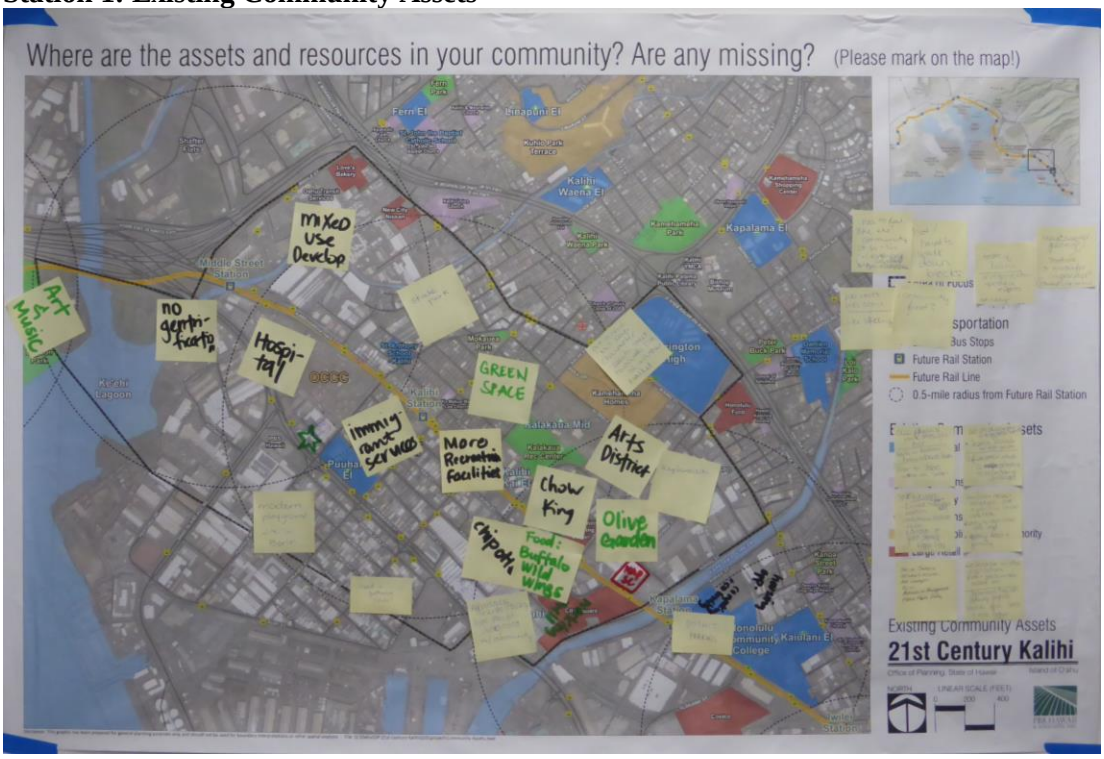
The Wish Cards posed the question, "What is your wish for Kalihi in your great-grandchildren's time?" Most of the responses called out the need for safer neighborhoods and better infrastructure. Infrastructure deficits and unsafe streets/public spaces emerged as the biggest concern among participants. Many responses were centered on creating a family-friendly environment and ensuring affordable housing. A few responses were critical of the relatively low resident turnout at the meeting, compared to politicians and members of the Vision Committee.

D. Next Steps

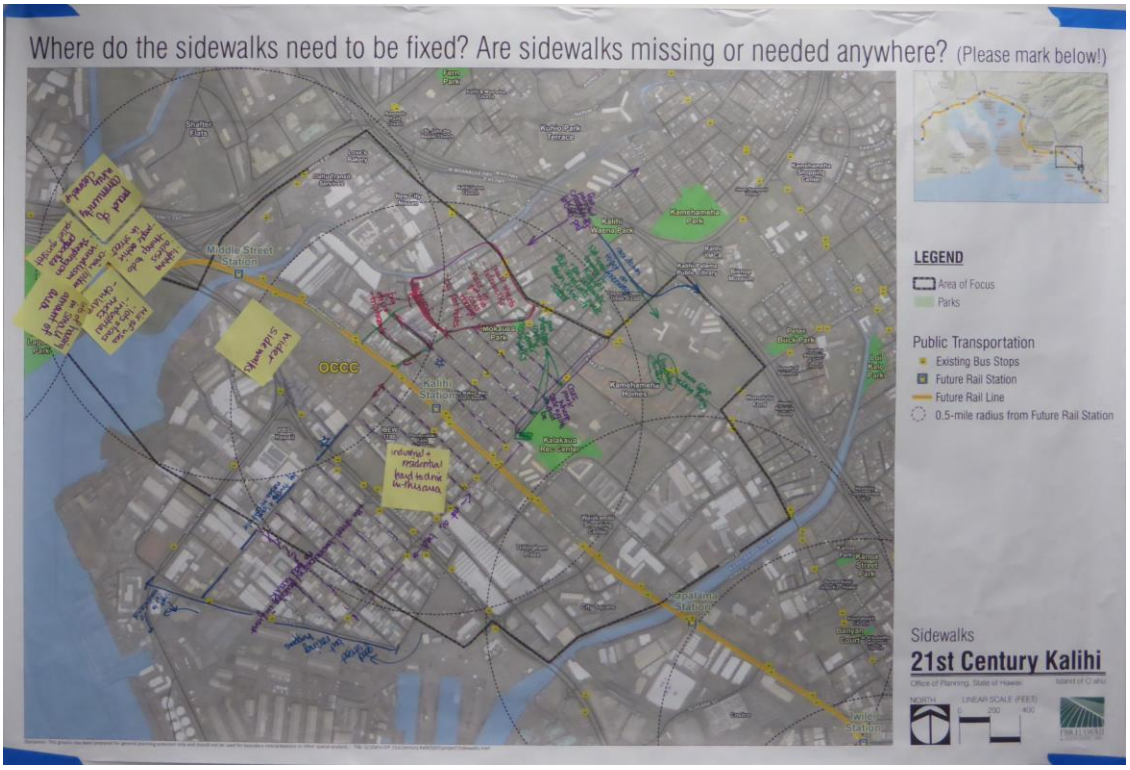
After thanking everyone for their attendance, Ramsay invited them to the next community meeting scheduled for November 15, 2016. The next meeting would be an opportunity for everyone to review the Draft Vision Concept, which will be formulated after community input has been shared with the Vision Committee.

APPENDIX

Station 1: Existing Community Assets

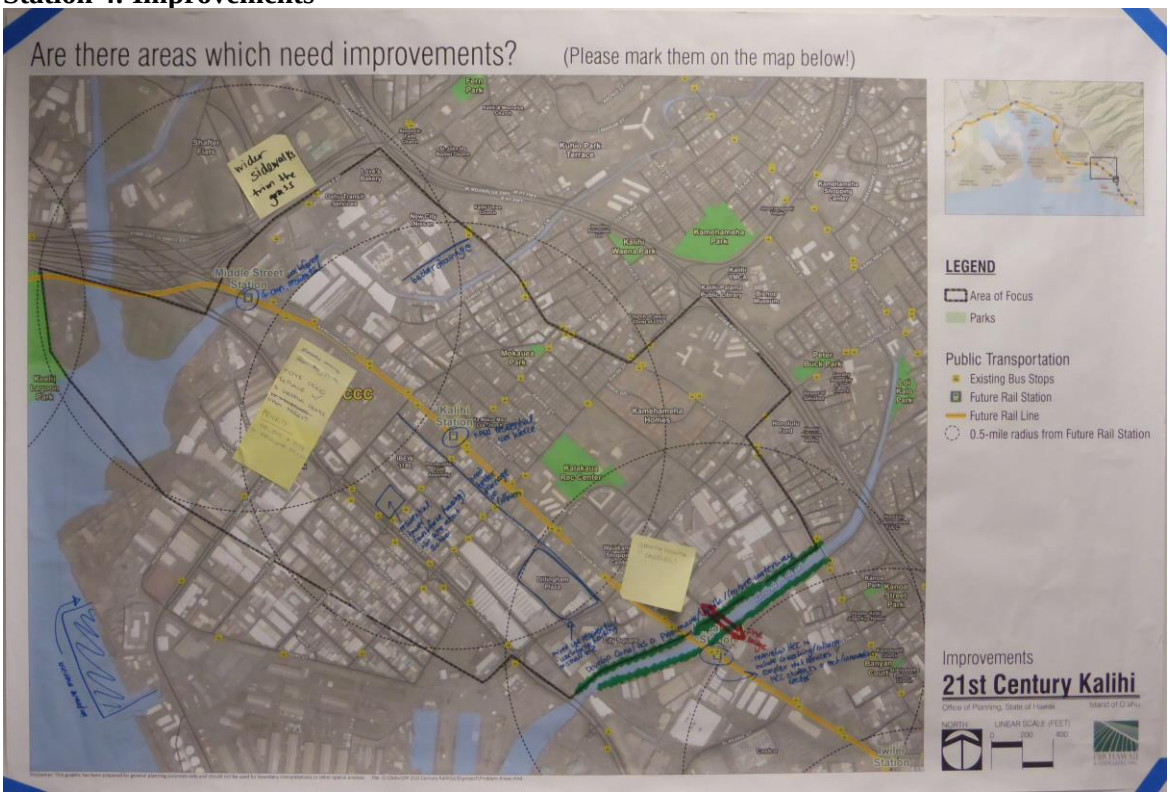


Station 2: Sidewalks



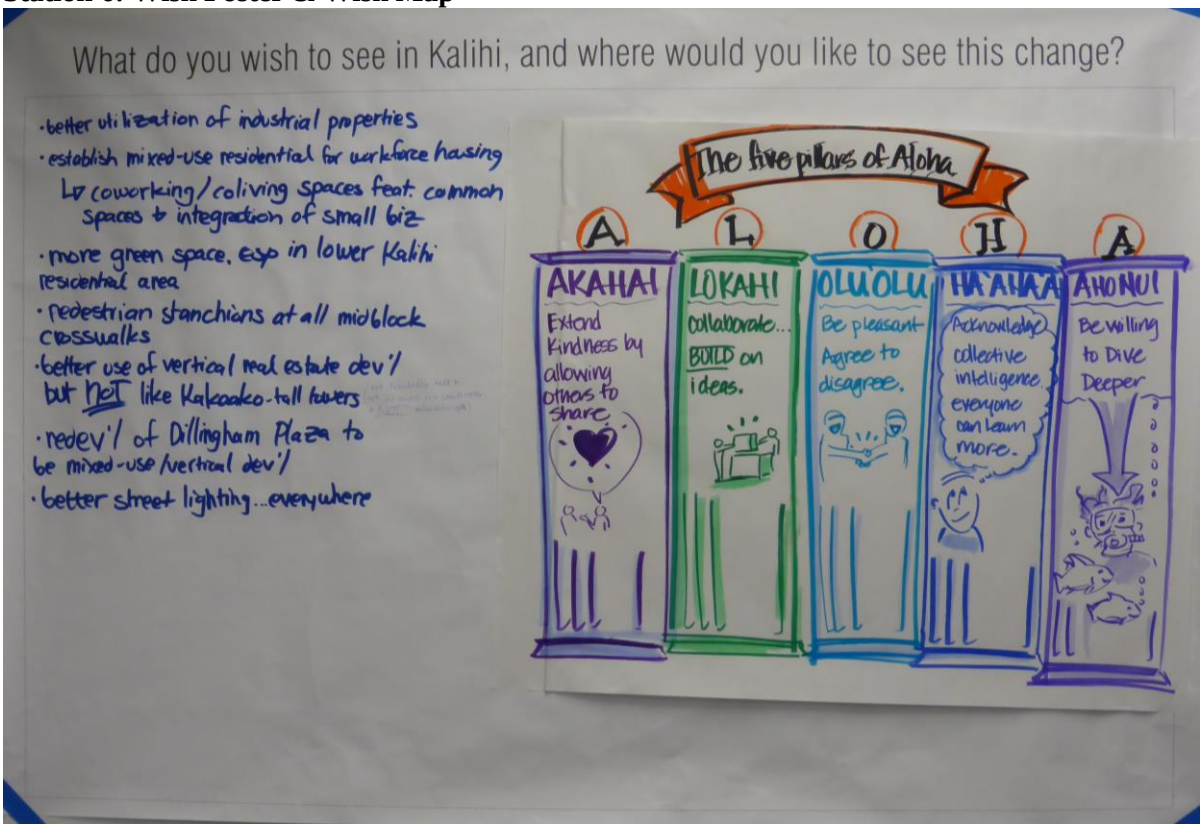
Station 3: Open Spaces

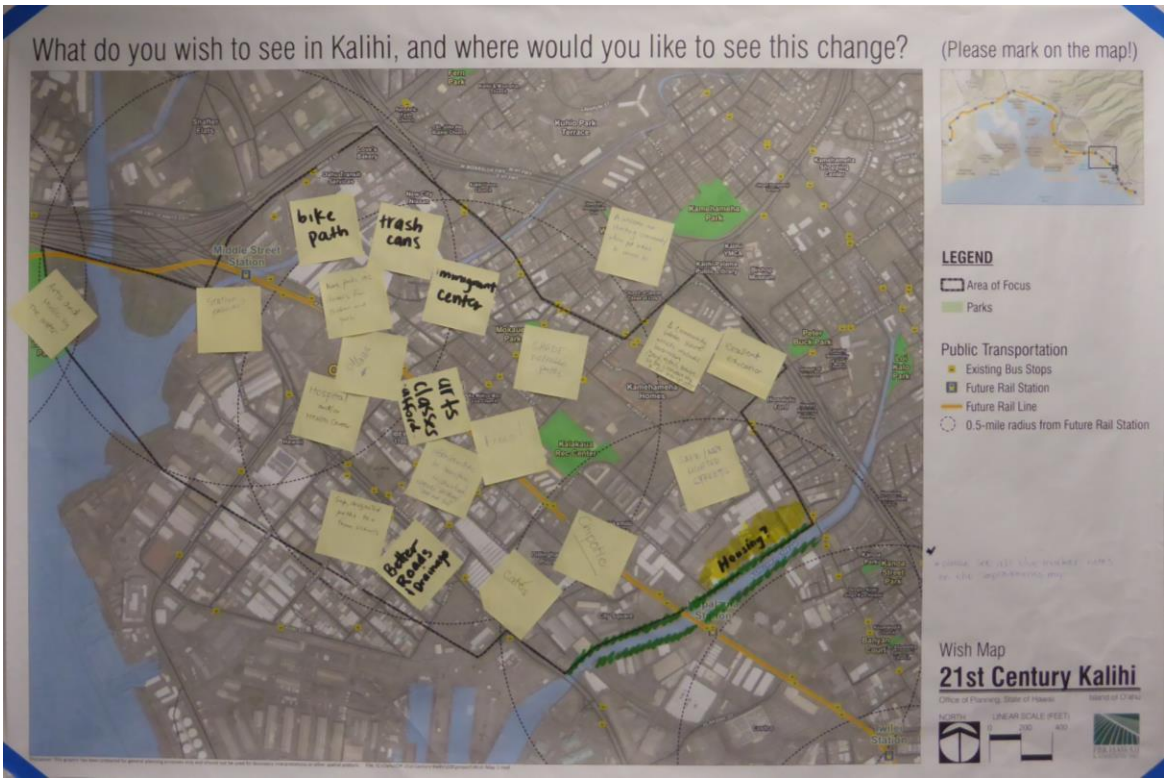
Station 4: Improvements



Station 5: Community Priorities (see photos on page 4)

Station 6: Wish Poster & Wish Map





VISUAL SUMMARY OF INPUT (Wordclouds)

1. Infrastructure

2. Housing

3. Sidewalks

4. Open Space

5. Safety

6. Education

7. Community Pride & Culture

8. Community Needs

9. Additional Comments