December 14, 1994

Director
Office of Environmental Quality
Control (OEQC)
220 S. King Street, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Sir:

CHAPTER 343, (HRS)
Environmental Assessment/Determination

Recorded Owner: First Leeward Samoan Congregational Church
Applicant/Agent: Ilima Corporation
Location: 85-371 Kaulawaha Road, Waianae, Oahu
Tax Map Key: 8-5-14: 017
Request: Special Management Area Use Permit
Proposal: Construction of a Two-Story Multi-Family Building and Accessory Structures to Accommodate 17 Low-Income Rental Units
Determination: A Negative Declaration Is Issued

Attached and incorporated by reference is the Environmental Assessment prepared by the applicant for this project. Based on the significance criteria outlined in Chapter 200, State Administrative Rules, we have determined that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

We have enclosed a completed OEQC Bulletin Publication Form and four copies of the EA.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Donald A. Clegg
Director of Land Utilization

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Attachment

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Final Environmental Assessment

1st Leeward Samoan Congregational Christian Church
Low Income Housing Project
Wai'anae, O'ahu
[A "201E" Project]

'Ilima Corporation
Honolulu, Hawai'i

December 1, 1994
Environmental Assessment

1st Leeward Samoan Congregational Christian Church
Low Income Housing Project
A "201E" Project

Wai'anae, O'ahu

December 16, 1994

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E. Lot Area: 43,995 Square Feet (1.01 Acres)

F. Agencies Consulted in Making Assessment:
Department of Land Utilization, C&C, Lead Agency (see II.A.4.)
Housing Finance and Development Corporation & Rental Housing Trust Fund
Department of Budget and Finance
Division of Water and Land Development, DLNR
Department of Health
Board of Water Supply, C&C
Department of Building, C&C
Department of Housing and Community Development, C&C
Department of Parks and Recreation, C&C
Department of Public Works, C&C
Department of Transportation Services, C&C
Department of Wastewater Management
Neighborhood Board, Wa‘ianae

G. List of Exhibits (Exhibits follow the narrative section of this EA):
1. Location Map
2. Tax Map
3. Site Plan of Existing Conditions
4. Site Plan of Proposed Project (incl. Landscaping Plan and Parking Plan)
5.a. Elevation of Typical Proposed Dwelling Units
5.b. Floor Plan of Typical Proposed Dwelling Units
6. Flood Insurance Rate Map
7. Photographs of Existing Conditions at Site [Pages P-1 through P-4]
8. Correspondence with Agencies
II. Description of the Proposed Action

A. General Description:

1. Description. The applicant proposes to construct 17 low income rental units to provide permanent homes for home-less and other very low income residents of the leeward coast. The project will, in part, correct violations (of existing substandard units) cited by the Building Department of the City and County of Honolulu. The units will be built on property belonging to the 1st Leeward Samoan Congregational Christian Church. The existing Church, administrative offices, Church kitchen, and restroom facilities will remain on the site. The existing pastor's residence would be replaced by one of the units proposed to be constructed. The site is in an Urban Land Use District and is zoned Country.

2. Special Management Area. The project site is entirely within the Special Management Area. It is inland of Farrington Highway, approximately 0.3 miles from the coastline. The Hawai`i State Environmental Review Process requires preparation of an Environmental Assessment to discuss the impacts of the proposed project within this Special Management Area.

3. Location. Exhibit 1 (Location Map) shows the project site and its relationship to major roadways and physical features of the area.

4. Land Use Approvals. At present, the Building Department has found existing dwelling units housing six families to be non-conforming. The applicant and the 1st Leeward Samoan Congregational Christian Church have asked the City to let the non-conforming units remain in place while the proposed housing project is planned, financed, approved and implemented. This Environmental Assessment is one of the first steps in the required process. It was prepared in support of an application for a permit to construct low-income housing within the Special Management Area. This Environmental Assessment is intended to serve as a focal point and the initial planning document to bring together the application process, the applicants, and the approving agencies. DLH is lead agency for this EA because they are the major permitting agency due to the requirement for a Special Management Area Permit.

   The proposed project will be submitted under the provisions of Chapter 201E of the Hawai`i Revised Statutes (HRS). Chapter 201E provides the procedure by which counties can approve exemptions from laws, rules and fees for development of low-income housing, including the provision of waivers of application fees.

5. Public Funds and Financing. Illini Corporation has applied to the Rental Housing Trust Fund (State of Hawai`i) to finance major portions of the project. The Hawai`i State environmental review process requires preparation of an Environmental Assessment to discuss the impacts of the proposed use of public funds to finance this project.

B. Technical Characteristics:

1. Use Characteristics. At present, a portion of the site is used for the Church, its kitchen, and its administrative offices and these facilities are planned to remain as
they are. The remainder of the site is presently used for residential housing for the pastor and about six low-income families in the non-conforming structures. Photographs of the existing site are included in Exhibit 7 (pages P-1 through P-4).

2. **Technical Characteristics.** Exhibit 2 (Tax Map), shows the property lines and basic configuration of the site, including the surrounding lots. The lot size is 1.01 acres or 43,995 square feet. Because the site is 0.3 miles inland from the shoreline, there is no requirement for a shoreline certification, and shoreline setback requirements do not apply. Exhibit 3 (Site Plan of Existing Conditions) shows the locations of existing structures.

3. **Construction Characteristics.** Under the proposed plan, the existing non-conforming dwelling units will be demolished and removed from the site. The site is already level, cleared, grubbed, graded and filled to a base elevation of approximately ten feet above mean sea level. Some minor smoothing at grade may take place during installation of foundations, utilities, driveways or other ancillary and supporting construction components, or during landscaping.

Exhibit 4 (Site Plan of Proposed Project, including the Landscaping Plan, and Parking Plan) shows the layout of the proposed new dwelling structures and parking areas. Seventeen dwelling units are proposed in a two-story building. Four type "B" units of 866 square feet will have three bedrooms, one bath, one kitchen and one living room. Thirteen type "A" units of 576 square feet will have two bedrooms, one bath, one kitchen and one living room. A laundry room will be provided. An open pavilion (800 square feet) will be constructed in the common area. The pavilion will provide a shaded gathering area which is complimentary to cultural values of the anticipated residents of this project. Parking stalls for forty-five vehicles are included and these would be shared between the residents and the Church.

Exhibit 5 (Elevations of Typical Proposed Dwelling Units) shows the structure heights. The height of new structure will be two-story, and will not exceed 25 feet above existing grade elevations. The floor elevations will be above the estimated ponding height (approximately 40 inches above existing grade) of storm water runoff. This estimated elevation will be slightly above the elevation of Farrington Highway, the major storm water runoff flow restrictor in the area.

The buildings will be set back from the property line a distance of 10 - feet which provides a reasonable boundary between the proposed project and adjacent neighbors. In addition, a privacy fence can be constructed at the property boundary to increase privacy.

The 10 - foot setback also provides for substantial landscape planting. Presently on site are edible landscape plants including bananas, coconuts and breadfruit. Additional and new landscaping will include small tree and shrub plantings in the 10-foot setback area to add to the sense of privacy for residents and neighbors alike. Shade trees will be planted for the comfort and beauty of the project. Shade trees are planned for the parking areas and open areas of the project.

4. **Utility Requirements.** The site is presently connected to existing utilities (electric power, telephone, water and sewer). Electric power and telephone needs can be met through existing services. Water and sewer hook-ups to each of the proposed dwelling units will be provided on-site with single connections to municipal lines.
Municipal water and sewer facilities are adequate in the area for these needs. Letters from key utility providers are included in Exhibit 8. The Board of Water Supply has noted in their letter of August 24, 1993 (Exhibit 8) that water in the area is adequate for the proposed project.

5. **Liquid Waste Disposal.** Liquid waste disposal will continue to be through connections to a municipal sewer line. The Department of Wastewater Management has approved (Exhibit 8, August 4, 1993) a Sewer Connection Application for the proposed project and noted that the sewer system in the area is adequate. A grey-water system is under consideration for use as irrigation for the project landscaping, but it is subject to approval by government authorities.

6. **Solid Waste Disposal.** Solid wastes at the project location consist primarily of household domestic refuse and disposal of these wastes will continue to be provided through the municipal pick-up service.

7. **Access to the Site.** Access to the site will continue to be via Kauluwaha Road. Traffic at the site will not increase significantly beyond the existing conditions because the existing non-conforming units have been present for a number of years and the proposed project is small scale, adding 10 new units.

C. **Economic and Social Characteristics:**

1. **Estimated Cost and Time Phasing.** The estimated cost of the entire project is approximately $1.2 million. The estimated length of the construction period is approximately four months following the applicant's receipt of approvals and permits. The project would be financed with the aid of public and private funds and constructed by the 'Ilma Corporation which is a not-for-profit group engaged in providing housing for those in need. The 'Ilma Corporation would own and manage the units and lease them to tenants. The management of the project would be the responsibility of the 'Ilma Corporation. The City and County of Honolulu is assisting in this project through Chapter 201E.

   The Rental Housing Trust Fund Commission, State of Hawai'i, has approved a $30,000 capacity building grant (see attached letter) of which $35,000 is funding pre-development work for this project.

   Pending before the Commission is an application to fund the project the total project cost which is presently estimated to be $1,067,000. That application has received conditional approval.

2. **The Residents.** The project is located in an area of Wai'anae where, according to Census data, household incomes range from $15,000 to $25,000 per year. This is 50 to 60 percent of the median income for the State. Up to 9 extended families have lived on the site in the past.

   Much of the housing that is produced for those with lowest incomes is designed to provide only transitional shelter for homeless families. While this meets an urgent need, it rarely ever leads to permanent shelter. It is the intent of this project to break the homeless cycle by providing permanent rentals and services for those in most critical need of homes. Project monthly rents are $300 and $450, rates well below those established for families earning 50 percent of median income.
In renting the completed project, preference will be given to very low income families in the area, many of whom are currently homeless seeking permanent homes.

3. **Community.** The surrounding community is of low residential density, although located in a country land use zone. Permanent dwellings are being constructed in this area which is in transition from rural to residential use. Meetings have been held (and are ongoing) with the Neighborhood Board regarding the project. Members of the community have expressed concern about the adequacy of public facilities around the project site. Other members of the community have offered support for the project.

4. **Letters of Coordination.** Letters of coordination are included in this EA in Exhibit 8, following the technical exhibits and photographs of the project site. There are two sets of letters. The first set includes copies all comments received in response to circulation of the draft EA, and the applicant's responses. The second set includes all correspondence or other material which was also included in the draft EA itself.

D. **Environmental Characteristics:**

1. **Soils.** Soils at the site are typical of the Lualualei Plain in the Waianae area. Known as Mollissols, they are typically "...well-drained, relatively young soils that develop on coral, lava, or alluvium. They occur in moderately dry areas of the islands and are generally rich in plant nutrients."\(^1\)

2. **Topography.** The site is flat and there are no mountains, headlands, valleys, streams, channels, springs, marshes or other notable physical features in the immediate area.

3. **Surface Runoff, Drainage & Erosion Hazard.** The site is average for this area with regard to surface runoff and drainage. Although there are no nearby streams, the general area is susceptible to ponding during intense rainfall. Ponding in this area is caused by the relatively higher elevation of Farrington Highway in comparison to properties inland. There are no storm drains or other drainage improvements in this immediate area. Surrounding homes tend to be built up somewhat above ground elevation. Recollections of the pastor of the Church include memories of knee-high ponding during intense rainfall on the site. There are no erosion hazards at the site which is flat and there is no apparent gullying in adjacent areas.

4. **Federal FIRM Zone, Flooding and Geologic Hazards.** The project site is located in a Federal FIRM zone known as Other Areas Zone X which means: "Areas determined to be outside the 100-year flood plain (Exhibit 7)."\(^2\) The site is not in an LUS Flood Hazard District. There are no other known geological hazards. First

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\(^2\) *FIRM, City and County of Honolulu, Hawai‘i, Panel 100 of 135, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Map Revised September 29, 1990.*
floor elevations will be placed above the estimated 100-year flood elevation. The Department of Public Works, City and County of Honolulu, has requested submittal of a drainage study.

5. Other Information Pertinent to the SMA. None.

III. Affected Environment

A. Description of the Site in Relation to the Surrounding Area: The project site consists of a Church and a few non-conforming residential dwellings. Surrounding properties are in residential use. Few if any commercial agricultural uses are apparent in the surrounding areas. The site and surrounding area is General Planned Development Planned as Agriculture. The site is zoned as Country. This general area is unique in that although the soil might be adequate to support commercial agriculture, the necessity and lack of inexpensive irrigation water discourages agricultural uses. Surrounding dwelling units are gradually being improved and the neighborhood is evolving as residential.

B. Project Site in Relation to Special Areas: The project site is 0.3 miles from the shoreline, 0.4 miles from the coastal Wai'anae Regional Park and Wai'anae Small Boat Harbor, 0.1 miles from Wai'anae High School, and 0.4 miles from Wai'anae Intermediate School, Wai'anae City and County Park and Wai'anae Neighborhood Community Center. The site does not affect any: rare, threatened, or endangered species or habitats; wetlands, lagoons, tidal lands and submerged lands; fisheries and fishing grounds; or other coastal and natural resources.

C. Relation to Historic, Cultural, and Archaeological Resources: At one time, this area may have been part of sugar cane lands cultivated in Wai'anae. The Kamalei Heiau is about 0.5 miles north of the project site. No archeological features are apparent on the project site.

D. Relation to Coastal Views: The site is located in Section B, Pokai Bay, of the Wai'anae Vewshed. In Section B, Farrington Highway is a coastal roadway, but no significant coastal views are found in the vicinity of the proposed project. The project site is not visible from Farrington Highway, and the proposed structure heights (not to exceed 25 feet) will not extend above existing structures in the vicinity.

E. Quality of Receiving Waters and Ground Water Resources: There would be little if any alteration of the present situation which has little if any impact on groundwater, streams or ocean waters. The proposed project includes landscaped and unpaved areas which would permit some infiltration of rainfall and irrigation water. The effects on coastal receiving waters some 0.3 miles away from this small parcel of land would not be measurable. There are no streams nearby.

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4 Coastal View Study, Department of Land Utilization, City and County of Honolulu, 1987, Exhibit No. 17, Wai'anae.
IV. Project Impacts

A. Short-Term Impacts. There will be short-term impacts during construction of the project. These will include noise, dust and construction-related traffic. None of these impacts will be significant because of the small scale of the proposed project, which does not require major site preparation. Construction will take place during normal working hours, and rules of the Department of Health and the Building Department will be followed to minimize noise, and to suppress dust. To the extent possible, movement of construction-related vehicles will be confined to off-peak hours to minimize any possible disruption of normal traffic flow.

B. Long-Term Impacts. The long-term impacts of the project will include an improved set of residential dwellings on the site, substantially upgraded from present conditions. Because of the small scale of the project, there will be no significant adverse impacts on traffic, water, sewage, solid waste, air quality or other factors as well.

The project includes increased designated parking stalls (45) will serve the occupants of the proposed dwellings, and which will also serve the Church. This will result in a net benefit to the area where parking of vehicles belonging to Church attendees has been a cause of concern by neighboring residents. The increased number of stalls will reduce the existing impact during services on the adjacent community.

C. Impacts Relative to the Coastal Zone Management Objectives. The proposed project is consistent with the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Area guidelines (Section 33-3.2, ROH). The relevant CZM objectives are:

1. Recreational Resources

   Objective: Provide coastal recreational opportunities accessible to the public.

   The Proposed project has no effect on coastal recreational opportunities because of its distance from the shoreline, and the fact that it causes conformance to the City requirements of dwellings now present at the site.

2. Historic Resources

   Objective: Protect and preserve natural and man-made historic and prehistoric resources that are significant in Hawaiian and American history and culture.

   The proposed project will have no adverse impact on historic resources because there are none in the immediate vicinity and because the project is essentially the replacement of existing dwelling units with structures which conform to City requirements.

3. Scenic and Open Space Resources

   Objective: Protect, preserve and, where desirable, restore or improve the quality of coastal scenic and open space resources.
The proposed project will not adversely affect any views of scenic coastal areas because it is located out of prime view corridors, and will not be higher than existing structures.

4. **Coastal Ecosystems**

   **Objective:** Protect valuable coastal ecosystems.

   The proposed project will not adversely affect coastal ecosystems because of its distance from such, because of its small scale, and because it remedies existing nonconforming structures.

5. **Coastal Hazards**

   **Objective:** Reduce hazard to life and property from flooding.

   Although there is no flood problem at the project site which is attributable to coastal forces, there is a ponding problem at the site which will be remedied by constructing the dwelling units above the estimated ponding elevation.

D. **Findings and Determination of Significance.** Chapter 200 (Environmental Impact Statement Rules) of Title 11 Administrative Rules of the State Department of Health specifies criteria for determining if an action may have a significant effect on the environment. These are discussed below in the context of the proposed project.

1. **Involves an irrevocable commitment to loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resource.** The project site has been modified extensively and has no natural or special resources. The proposed project has no effect on other such resources in the Waianae area.

2. **Curtails the range of beneficial uses of the environment.** The proposed project does not change from the existing condition which provides for beneficial dwelling and social uses.

3. **Conflicts with the State's long-term environmental policies or goals and guidelines as expressed in Chapter 344, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and any revisions thereof and amendments thereto, court decisions or executive orders.** The proposed project does not conflict with long-term State environmental policies or goals.

4. **Substantially affects the economic or social welfare of the community or State.** The proposed project improves the health, social and economic well-being of the low-income families who will occupy the proposed dwellings. It benefits the surrounding community by correcting the non-conforming structures.

5. **Substantially affects public health.** Public health is generally benefited by the proposed project.

6. **Involves substantial secondary impacts, such as population changes or effects on public facilities.** This is a small project which remedies nonconforming structures. There will be little if any effect on population size or on public facilities.
7. **Involves a substantial degradation of environmental quality.** There will be little if any effect on the environment from this small project.

8. **Individually limited but cumulatively has considerable effect upon the environment or involves a commitment for larger actions.** The proposed project is consistent with the City’s Development Plan in-so-far as it permits residential development inland of Farrington Highway. The project is not part of a larger set of projects proposed by the landowner.

9. **Substantially affects a rare, threatened or endangered species, or its habitat.** There are no rare, threatened, or endangered species on the project site.

10. **Detrimentally affects air or water quality or ambient noise levels.** There will be minor short-term effects on air quality and noise levels during construction but these pose nuisance levels and will be regulated by conformance to public health regulations. Over the long-term the number of people and vehicles using the site will differ only minimally from existing conditions.

11. **Affects an environmentally sensitive area such as a flood plain, tsunami zone, erosion-prone area, geologically hazardous land, estuary, fresh water, or coastal waters.** The project affects no environmentally sensitive areas and although there is a minor ponding problem, the site is not within a regulatory flood zone and the structures at the site will be built above the estimated ponding level. Extensive landscaping is included in the project plan and this will function as beautification and to aid infiltration of runoff. Because the project will be built on piers and posts, and will be above estimated ponding levels, it will displace a very small volume of ponded water unlike a project which may be built on fill.

Based on the above findings, it appears that the construction of the proposed dwelling units will have no significant adverse environmental impacts.

V. **Mitigation Measures**

A. **Landscaping.** Trees and shrubs will be planted as part of the project’s landscaping to provide shade in the parking, residential and open areas of the site, and as part of the privacy buffer in the 10-foot setback areas between the new structures and neighboring properties.

B. **Fencing.** As needed, a privacy fence will be constructed between the project and nearby adjacent neighbors.

C. **Drainage.** New structures will be built above estimated ponding elevations at the site. These will be slightly higher than the elevation of Farrington Highway.

D. **Parking.** Adequate parking for Church use will be provided on an all-weather surface.

VI. **Comments to Draft Environmental Assessment and Responses**

Comments and responses to the draft EA follow. Copies of agency letters and comments, and the Applicant’s responses are included in Exhibit 8.
State Department of Health - All new and existing dwellings must be connected to the municipal sewer system.
Response: All existing or new dwellings are, or will be, connected to the municipal sewer system.

State Department of Land and Natural Resources - No comments regarding the special area management permit application. There are no known historic sites at this parcel. It is possible that historic sites, including human burials, will be uncovered during routine construction activities. If this happens, all work in the vicinity must stop and the Historic Preservation Division must be contacted at 587-0047.
Response: Builders will be notified to meet this requirement should burials be found.

City and County of Honolulu, Board of Water Supply - The pre-assessment comments of August 8, 1993 are still applicable.
Response: This letter is included in Exhibit 8 of this final EA.

City and County of Honolulu, Department of Public Works - A drainage report should be submitted to the Drainage Section for review and approval. The report should assess the impact on the existing drainage pattern resulting from development. Landscaping should be maximized to promote infiltration of storm runoff. A two-way 2-foot minimum paved driveway to the site is recommended. Adequate parking, loading and unloading areas should be provided on site.
Response: A drainage report will be submitted for review and comment and it will assess the impacts on the existing drainage pattern. Landscaping is being maximized. An adequate driveway will be provided and parking acceptable to the Department of Land Utilization will be provided.

City and County of Honolulu, Department of Housing and Community Development - Applicant is to provide the following: a revised development schedule which incorporates the removal of existing illegal structures and its subsequent impact regarding the relocation of tenants presently occupying these structures; relocation plans and accurate tenant data. The project essentially consists of the replacement of existing illegal structures, which currently house approximately 17 family units, with new structures which conform to City requirements. Now increase in the number of affordable housing units is indicated. The priority for existing tenants as displaced is unresolved. The project prioritizes low-income households, and Church membership cannot be a condition of residency or preference. There are discrepancies in the site plans, particularly the location and square footages of the proposed parking lot. The developer is requesting an exemption from the Land Use Ordinance regarding the number of parking stalls required from 49 to 35 stalls. A revised site plan will be required. Developments regarding neighborhood board presentations and preliminary financing commitments are also requested. The Department supports the proposed development of low-income housing, provided the concerns regarding tenant relocation and accurate site plans/drawings have been resolved.
Response: Applicant has substantially provided the requested information and this final EA includes a revised site and project plan based on a recent land survey to meet the need for the requested site information. Subsequent to the above comments from the Department, the number of parking stalls has been increased to 45 during discussions with DLU. The applicant notes and appreciates your basic support for the project, subject to the City’s conditions.

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EXHIBITS 1 through 7

1. Location Map

2. Tax Map

3. Site Plan of Existing Conditions

4. Site Plan of Proposed Project (Including Landscaping Plan and Parking Plan)

5.a. Elevation of Typical Proposed Dwelling Units

5.b. Floor Plan of Typical Proposed Dwelling Units

6. Flood Insurance Rate Map

7. Photographs of Existing Conditions at Site
1st Leeward Samoan Congregational Church
Low-income Housing Project

Site Plan of Existing Conditions
(Not to Scale)

Exhibit 3
EXHIBIT 5.a. ELEVATION OF PROPOSED DWELLING UNITS
DOORS
D-1  3'-0" X 6'-8" HC DOOR FLUSH
D-2  2'-8" X 6'-8" HC DOOR FLUSH
D-3  2'-0" X 6'-8" HC DOOR FLUSH

WINDOWS
W-1  22" X 48" JALOUSIE
W-2  22"X36" JALOUSIE
W-3  22" X 24" JALOUSIE
EXHIBIT 5.b.
FLOOR PLAN OF PROPOSED DWELLING UNITS
Entry to Property, Looking northwest from Kaulawaha Road – the entry to the property.
The 1st Leeward Samoan Congregational Church meeting room and administrative offices comprise the structure to the left of the photo. The pastor’s residence is the dwelling unit straight ahead. The existing nonconforming housing is seen in the background at the end of the driveway.

Church, Closer view of the front of the church building viewed from Kaulawaha Street.
Kaulawaha Road. Looking north from the entrance to the property. Note good condition of roadway.

Kaulawaha Road. Looking southeast from the inside the property. The church kitchen and restrooms comprise the single story structure at the rear of the church as shown on the right of the photo. The pastor's residence is on the left.
Neighboring Residence.
Looking southwest at a neighboring residence. Vehicle will be moved during construction site preparation and construction.

Temporary Dwelling On Site.
Looking west, structure at right of photo is one of several temporary dwellings on site. Dark-colored structure at left of photo is another neighboring residence behind the one shown in the above photo, and adjacent to the southeast border of the subject property.
Temporary Dwellings on Site. Looking northwest -- these are other temporary dwelling structures on the subject property.

Rear of Pastor's Residence. Looking southwest -- Kaulawah Road in background.
EXHIBIT 8

8. CORRESPONDENCE WITH AGENCIES
Responses to Letters and Comments Received Regarding the Draft EA and the Project.

Following is a list of all letters and comments received regarding the draft EA and the project. A copy of each response letter from Ilima Corporation, the project Applicant, is followed by a copy of the original agency letter/comment. Included are copies of two recent letters from the Department of Land Utilization (9/27/94) and Department of Housing and Community Development (9/28/94) which are not technically in response to the EA because they were received after the close of the official comment period. Rather, these letters refer to the status of the agency review of the project itself and are included here because the final EA and the project design as presented in this document reflects these agency comments.

City and County of Honolulu
1. Department of Housing and Community Development (3/15/94)
2. Department of Public Works (3/21/94)
3. Board of Water Supply (3/30/94)
4. Department of Land Utilization (9/27/94)
5. Department of Housing and Community Development (9/28/94)

State of Hawaii
7. Department of Land and Natural Resources (4/8/94)
8. Department of Health (5/2/94)

After this set of letters are copies of the letters and comments which were included in the original draft EA.
1. James Richards (12/17/93)
2. DLU (11/3/93)
3. Neighborhood Board, Waianae Coast (11/2/93)
4. DHCD (9/13/93)
5. BWS (8/24/93)
6. DWM (8/2/94)
11.25.94

Mr. Ronald S. Lim
Acting Director
Department of Housing and Community Development
650 South King Street, 5th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819

Subject: Environmental Assessment, 1st Leeward arson Congregational Christian
Church Low-Income Housing Project

Thank you for your review and comments concerning the subject EA. In response we:

- Determined that no relocation of existing residents will be needed during construction of
  the units.
- Will resolve, with your staff, eligibility of existing residents for priority.
- Revised the site plan to accommodate the required number of parking stalls and other
  site features authorized under 25% provisions, and as discussed with you and your staff.
- Agree to notify you of any further developments regarding neighborhood board
  presentations and financing commitments.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Phil Smith
Development Director
March 15, 1994

Memorandum to Donald A. Clegg
March 15, 1994
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A site visit indicated discrepancies in the site plans, particularly the location and square footage of the proposed parking lot. The developer is requesting an exception from the Land Use Ordinance (LUO) regarding the number of parking stalls required from 49 to 35 stalls. A revised site plan will be required.

In addition, notification of any further developments regarding neighborhood board presentations and preliminary financing commitments will also be requested.

The Department supports the proposed development of low-income housing, provided the concerns regarding tenant relocation and accurate site plans/drawings have been resolved.

Should you have any questions regarding our review of the draft EA and the non-profit preliminary 2016 application, please call Charlotte Yoshioka of our Planning and Analysis Division at 350-999.

Donald A. Clegg
March 15, 1994

To: Donald A. Clegg
Department of Land Utilization

From: Thomas A. Lim, Acting Director
Department of Housing and Community Development

Subject: Environmental Assessment Pre-Agency Review
1st Keeaumoku Samson Congregational Christian Church
Low-Income Housing Project
Tax ID No: 6-8-14-17

Our Department is currently reviewing an application for development exceptions under Chapter 20.5, HRS, submitted by the Ilama Corporation, the nonprofit owner and developer for the subject project.

Based upon the preliminary application and the draft environmental assessment, additional information and documentation prior to the formal review of the application will be requested. This includes a revised development schedule necessary to incorporate the removal of existing illegal structures and its subsequent impact regarding the relocation of tenants presently occupying these structures. The nonprofit has not indicated any relocation plans regarding these tenants or accurate tenant data, a concern which our Department feels should be addressed.

Proposed as a 17-unit low-income development, the project essentially consists of the replacement of existing illegal structures, which currently house approximately 13 family units, with new structures which conform to City requirements. No increase in the number of affordable housing units is indicated.

While the project would prioritize low-income households, and it has been indicated to the nonprofit that Church membership cannot be a condition of residency or preference, a question as to whether priority for existing tenants as displaces is also unresolved.
March 21, 1994

MEMORANDUM:

TO: DONALD A. CLEGG, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF LAND UTILIZATION

FROM: KENNETH E. SPRAGUE
DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)
FIRST LEIWARD KAHANU CHURCH LOW INCOME HOUSING
TAX MAP KEYS: 6-5-144: 17

We have reviewed the subject EA and have the following comments:

1. A drainage report should be submitted to Drainage Section, Division of Engineering, for review and approval. The report should also assess the impact on the existing drainage pattern resulting from the development.

2. We suggest to maximize the landscaping area to promote infiltration of storm runoff.

3. We recommend a two-way 20-ft minimum paved driveway for ingress and egress purposes to the project site. Adequate parking and loading and unloading areas should also be provided on site.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Alex Ho, Environmental Engineer, at Local 1459.
11.25.94

Mr. Kazu Hayashida
Manager and Civil Engineer
Board of Water Supply
630 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Environmental Assessment, 1st Leward Samoan Congregational Christian Church Low Income Housing Project

Thank you for your review and comments concerning the subject EA and we will continue to abide by your pre-assessment comments of August 8, 1993 as we have included in the final EA.

Sincerely yours,

Fran Smith
Development Director

TO: DONALD A. CLEGG, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF LAND UTILIZATION

FROM: KAZU HAYASHIDA, MANAGER AND CHIEF ENGINEER
BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY

SUBJECT: YOUR MEMORANDUM OF MARCH 9, 1994 REGARDING THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (DEA) FOR THE PROPOSED FIRST LEWARD SAMOAN CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH LOW INCOME HOUSING PROJECT, TMG: 8-5-1617, KUALAWAHA ROAD, WAINAN

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the DEA for the proposed low income housing development project.

Our pre-assessment comments of August 8, 1993 are still applicable and are included in Exhibit A.

If you have any questions, please contact Barry Usagawa 527-5235.
Mr. Donald A. Cogg
Director of Land Utilization
Department of Land Utilization
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Environmental Assessment and Special Management Area Use Permit, 1st Lewaind Samoan Congregational Christian Church Low-Income Housing Project

Thank you for your review and comments concerning the subject EA and SNAP. In response we have:

- Included in the final EA all proposed changes including additional open space, parking, and two two-story buildings
- Revised the site plan to accommodate the required additional open space, parking stalls and other site features, as discussed with you and staff of your Urban Design Branch.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Signature]

Fran Smith
Development Director

September 27, 1994

Mr. Fran Smith
Samoan Corporation
810 N. Vineyard Blvd., #8
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Dear Mr. Smith:

Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) and Special Management Area Use Permit

1st Samoan Congregational Church Low-Income Housing Project

This responds to your September 1, 1994 letter informing us of a proposed amendment to the design of the above named project and asking how this change may prolong the processing of Chapter 343 documents.

As described in the DEA which was published in the OEC Bulletin on March 22, 1994, the project consists of 17 residential units which were to be built in two single-story buildings. In order to provide additional open space and parking, and possibly a slight increase in total floor area, you propose to amend the project by providing the 17 units in two two-story buildings.

As the proposed change is not expected to result in additional environmental impacts, we have determined that it would be appropriate to include the proposed changes in the Final Environmental Assessment (FEA). This document should clarify that a change has been made between the DEA and FEA.

Be advised that our Department continues to have design concerns regarding the proposed site plan. We suggest you contact Patrick Seguirant of our Urban Design Branch at 257-2999.
Ms. Fran Smith
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September 22, 1994

If you have any questions regarding the processing of the environmental assessment, please contact Anita Shaw-Kia of our staff at 527-5949.

Very truly yours,

Donald Clegg
Director of Land Utilization

November 2, 1994

Ms. Gail M. Kaito, Acting Director
Department of Housing and Community Development
City & County of Honolulu
650 S. King Street, 5th Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Madam Director:

This letter is in response to your letter of September 26, 1994, commenting on the proposed revisions in our application for 2012 Exemptions for the 1st Leeward Samoan Congregational Church Low-Income Housing Project (Fale Ola Agaga).

The following points are to complete our application:

1. Enclosed are two copies of the revised plans incorporating the decision to build a two-story structure instead of a single story structure. Each copy shows the site plan, the floor plans and elevations.

2. We have advised the Department of Land Utilization of our revisions and enclosed is the Director's response advising that they are not expected to affect the processing of our Chapter 343 (Environmental Assessment) documents.

3. Enclosed is a report from the Pastor of the 1st Leeward Samoan Congregational Church describing the uses of the church. As you may note, at no time are both the Sanctuary and the Sunday School used by people old enough to drive. Thus, we request that parking requirements be based only on square footage of the Sanctuary, and not the Hall as well. The site plan is drawn accordingly.
4. Application for an Existing Use Permit for the church is in preparation and will be submitted in a timely manner to ensure it is obtained simultaneously with the 201E exemptions. We would request the filing fee be deferred until our 201E exemptions are finally determined, since our request includes waiver of a number of fees.

5. Exchanges with the Neighborhood Board continue. Enclosed is a memorandum on the meeting between Ilma’s President and the immediate past president of the Board.

6. Enclosed is a revised detailed list of all exemptions requested.

7. Enclosed is a revised development schedule to reflect the delays this project has experienced.

Again, we express our appreciation for your consideration of this request and the commitment of your staff in working with us. We look forward to receiving your comments on our final application and to proceeding to the next step of putting it out for agency comment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 845-4505 or on my voice pager: 525-9084.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Fran Smith
Development Director

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**DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE**

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REVISED LIST OF EXEMPTIONS

1. Request exemption from zoning district 21-3.30(a) on zoning map in order that country zoned lot be considered A-1 zoning for purposes of project, with waiver of development standards specified in Land Use Ordinance included with this list.

2. Section 3.70-2 Off Street parking and loading calls for 84 stalls (1 stall per 75 sq. ft. of floor area of church) and 21 for residents. The handicapped parking requirements are unclear since the Commission on Persons with Disabilities advises churches are exempt. The project proposes a total of 45 spaces in accordance with the enclosed report from the church pastor indicating the Sanctuary and the Hall are never used at the same time by people of driving age. Two spaces are set aside for handicapped.

3. Our original request for exemption from Section 3.70-2-c relating to standard and compact spaces is withdrawn.

4. Our original request for exemption from Section 3.70-3-c relating to tandem parking is withdrawn.

5. Section 3.80-A requires 5-foot landscape strip adjacent to any adjoining street right-of-way and one canopy form tree in landscape strip for each 50 feet or major fraction of adjacent linear street frontage. The project proposes keeping existing street frontage landscaping, consisting of one such tree in a linear street frontage section measuring 52.04 feet and one such tree in a section measuring 78.44 feet.

6. Our original request for exemption from Section 3.80-B relating to distance between trees in parking area is withdrawn.

7. Our original request for exemption from Section 3.80-B relating to size of tree wells is withdrawn.

8. Our original request for exemption from Section 3.80-H relating to irrigation requirements is withdrawn.

9. Ordinance 4621 requires dedication of 110 sq. ft. per unit (or 1870 sq. ft.) to a park on the project site and the park to meet certain landscaping and amenity requirements of the Department of Parks and Recreation. Alternatively, the ordinance requires payment of a fee in lieu thereof equivalent to the land value per square foot multiplied by the number of square feet required for park dedication. The requirement would have an extremely costly impact on the project which proposes no park with the mitigating factor of only 43% of lot coverage with Fale Keo (pavilion) for recreational use and intermittent yard areas.

10. Request waiver of fees required by the City & County of Honolulu, including those for Building Permit, Special Management Area Permit, Existing Use Permit, sewer connection, water connection and on-site fire protection.

MITIGATING FACTORS FROM SITE IMPROVEMENTS

1. Removal of existing non-conforming residences.

2. Legalization of non-conforming use of part of the property as a church.

3. Provision of parking for church uses.

4. Installation of required all-weather surface in parking areas.
Ms. Fran Smith  
Development Director  
Illima Corporation  
810 M. Vineyard Blvd. F7  
Honolulu, HI. 96817

Subject: Preliminary Application for 201E Exceptions:  
1st Leonard Sansei Congregational Church  
Low-Income Housing Project (Pala Ola Atapa)

Dear Ms. Smith:

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed the items submitted in your application for development exceptions under Chapter 201E, HRS, for the proposed project in Waianae.

We understand that the Illima Corporation (Illima) will submit the final Environmental Assessment (EA) to the Department of Land Utilization (DLU) and that the application for project funding with the Rentai Housing Trust Fund is under preliminary award pending completion of the Negative Declaration.

Illima has indicated that its revised site plans for a single story to a two-story structure to accommodate the parking, loading area and landscape requirements. Please notify DHCD and DLU, in writing, of any such revisions as it will have an impact on the EA, EAP and the 201E application process.

DHCD has the following comments on the revised site plans, parking and neighborhood board presentations of the preliminary application package:

1. Parking
   * Illima proposes a total of 35 parking stalls for both the housing units and the church in lieu of the 45 required stalls as determined by Illima.

   However, under Section 3.70-2, Land Use Ordinance (LDO), approximately 84 parking stalls would be required. This amount is comprised of 63 stalls for the church (1 stall per 75 s.f. of floor area), 21 stalls for the 17 housing units and 4 handicapped stalls.

   A more accurate determination of the number of parking stalls for the church will be made based on the floor plans of the church submitted to us. Please provide a detailed description of all uses of the church by location and use.

2. Prior Compliance of Code Requirements

   The church building should have met all code requirements. Illima stated the purposes of this project were to correct building violations of three illegal structures currently housing six families and to provide affordable rental housing with priority given to homeless families.

   Development exceptions requested and under review are based on the proposed housing project and not on the existing church facilities.

   Illima will be required to obtain an Existing Use Permit (EUP) for the church, which can be obtained simultaneously with the 201E exceptions.

3. Neighborhood Board
   
   * Illima has not met with the Board since its initial presentation of the proposed project in October 1993.

   Please arrange for a meeting with the Board to update them on the project, including any proposed changes to the site plans. The Board should also be informed of the limited parking on-site and probable increase of traffic along Kalawaha Road during ongoing Church activities. Illima should address any of the Board's concerns along with their position on the proposed project.

   Please submit a copy of the Board's minutes relating to Illima's presentation.

September 28, 1994

Ms. Fran Smith  
September 28, 1994  
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4. Landscaping requirements

- Since Ilima has indicated that a permanent irrigation system will be installed in compliance with Section 3.49-6 of the I100, Ilima's initial request for an exception relating to this landscaping requirement is no longer required and will be excluded from the list of proposed exceptions.

Should you have any questions, please call Charlotte Yoshikawa at 527-5090.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Gail M. Kaido
Acting Director

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11.25.94

Mr. Don Hobbs
Administrator
Historic Preservation Division
53 South King Street, 5th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Environmental Assessment, 1st Leonard Sareen Congregational Church
        Low Income Housing Project

Thank you for your review and comments concerning the subject EA. In response we will:

- Stop work in the vicinity of any historic sites or buildings should they be uncovered during routine construction activities, and we will report the situation to the Historic Preservation Division at 887-4043.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Pan Smith
Development Director
A review of our records shows that there are no known historic sites at this parcel. The parcel has been developed with a church building including administrative offices and kitchen, restroom facilities, a parsonage, and wood framed dwelling units. The parsonage and dwelling units are to be replaced with new replacement dwelling structures. Given this history of development, it is likely that demolition of the parsonage and the wood-framed structures followed by construction of slab on grade housing will have "no effect" on historic sites.

It is possible that historic sites, including human burials, will be uncovered during routine construction activities. Should this be the case, all work in the vicinity must stop and the Historic Preservation Division must be contacted at 387-0047.

End
The Honorable Donald A. Greeg, Director
Department of Land Utilization
City and County of Honolulu
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Greeg:

SUBJ: Dual Environmental Assessment (DEA) for a Special Management Area Permit Application (94/80-009): 1st Leeward Burial Ground and Congregation Christian Church Low Income Housing Project

We have reviewed the DEA information for the subject permit transmitted by your letter dated March 9, 1994, and have no comments to offer at this time. We will forward any historic preservation concerns as they become available.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Please feel free to call Bruce Tepuma at our office of Conservation and Environmental Affairs, at 567-2373, should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Keith W. IKEU

November 25, 1994

Mr. Peter Slobinsky
Acting Director
Department of Health
P.O. Box 2076
Honolulu, Hawaii 96801

Subject: Environmental Assessment, 1st Leeward Burial Ground Congregational Christian Church Low Income Housing Project

Thank you for your review and comments concerning the subject EA. In response we will:

- Connect all new and existing dwellings to the municipal sewer system as part of the overall project.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Fran Smith
Development Director
May 2, 1994

Mr. Donald A. Clegg, Director
Department of Land Utilization
City & County of Honolulu
650 South King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mr. Clegg:

Subject: Environmental Assessment, Chapter 343, HRS
(SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA) [94/SMAP-001]
1st Leeward Samoa Congregational Christian Church
Low Income Housing
PS-571 Kualoa Road
Kalihi, Oahu, HI

THX 8-3-94 017

Thank you for allowing us to review and comment on the subject project. We have the following comments to offer:

Wastewater
All new and existing dwellings must be connected to the municipal sewer system.

Very truly yours,

John C. Lechin, M.D.
Director of Health

c: Sanitation Branch

Olima Corporation
810 N. Vineyard Blvd. #7
Hilo, HI 96727
Tel: (808) 935-4555

January 20, 1994

Mr. Craig Herli, Chair
Rental Housing Trust Fund Commission
677 Queen Street, Suite 300
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mr. Chair:

We appreciate having the opportunity to present our housing project, Fale Ola A'a, in cooperation with the 1st Leeward Samoa Congregational Church in Waimea, to the Rental Housing Trust Fund Commission on Tuesday, January 18. We welcome the opportunity to explain our plans and answer Commissioners' questions prior to your consideration of our project award application next Friday.

We were, however, quite concerned about the discussion amongst our Environmental Assessment and the apparent requirement that we get our own Negative Declaration (neg dec) from the State in addition to the one the City will obtain in order to issue our Special Management Area Permit.

In response to this, our Environmental Consultant, Eugene P. Deckard, ASCE, examined the Office of Environmental Quality Control where officials advised that in such circumstances, rather than duplicate the entire process, it is customary to designate a lead agency. In this case the City Department of Land Utilization which will process our SMAP application.

We fully understand that your Procedures Manual provides that the entire Environmental Assessment process in accordance with 343 HRS must be completed before application is presented to you. In this instance, however, it would seem a waste of time and resources, not only of the Olima Corporation, but of the OEQC and an array of other State agencies, to require a separate neg dec to be obtained from the State in addition to the one ELU will have to have.

We respectfully request, therefore, that you make an exception to your Procedures Manual in our case and proceed with consideration of our application at your meeting January 28. We certainly appreciate your consideration of our request and would be happy to discuss it with you should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Name]
Development Director
Attached is a draft letter of intent to enter into a Development Agreement between the 1st Leonard Simson Congregational Church (TMK: 8-5-14:17) in Wailana and the Illima Corporation.

In talking with Mike Matsumura, we discussed the concept of a 25 year lease with Illima holding an option to renew for an additional 25 years. I expressed my reservations to Mike about the "split the profits" quid pro quo for the final 5 years, and he thought that such a "pro-lease" condition might not be necessary in order to pass muster. Mike had just met with a group doing this kind of work, and he is familiar with House Bill 413 that seeks to keep land owners from "gutting rich quick" by redeveloping their land with the improvements built on it using government funds. Mike believes that the 25 year period in and of itself should be sufficient for the government.

For safety, however, there could be the option of a 25 year period with language that permits the owner (the church) to withdraw the land if it wishes to expand its church use, and with language that speaks of the additional 25 years as a lease rent that takes into account the value of this and nearby similar land with similar zoning as though unimproved by a house and un-built. Mike would be happy to talk with you (320-1335) about this.

You've also agreed that since the project will require demolishing the parsonage, a separate agreement will be made that permits the pastor of the church to occupy one of the apartments in exchange for supervising any necessary maintenance activities (the project will be separately managed), so the only hang-up I have involves making sure that the church is protected for the 25 year option period. I've thus attached a draft letter of intent.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Draft Letter of Intent

JAMES A. RICHARDS
15 Calypso Place, Honolulu, HI 96817
17 December 1993

Mr. Steve Hs, President
Illima Corporation
810 North Vineyard Street, No. 7
Honolulu, HI 96817

Dear Mr. Hs:

The First Leonard Simson Congregational Christian Church of Hawaii ("the Church") is prepared to enter into a Development Agreement with the Illima Corporation in order that the "303B" Low Income Housing Project may be built on its 1.01 acre parcel of land in Wailana (TMK: Oahu 9-5-14:17). If all approvals and financing can be obtained, the Church would lease an undivided 9 of its parcel (only that portion needed for the project but specifically excluding the land upon which the sanctuary is located) for a period of 25 years for a consideration of $100,000 to be paid upon completion of construction of the project, and for an agreement whereby the Pastor of the Church is provided living space on one of the three bedroom apartments for performing site oversight (but not labor) services.

A 25 year extension of the lease could be included with the provision that the Church could choose to withdraw the right of extension if it required the property for use in its ministry. If the extension were exercised, terms of the lease rent would be negotiated taking into account the value of the land with its existing zoning but without the dwellings located on it.

The Project for which the Church is willing to execute this agreement is as has been defined in the Draft Environmental Assessment Special Management Area Use Permit (SNP), September 1993, prepared by Eugene P.L. Dashdul, AICP, Planning Services.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
WAIANAE COAST NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 24

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WAIANAE SATELLITE CITY HALL
NOVEMBER 2, 1992

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Reilii Kaeleh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rony Homing, Viola Stadhecker, Neddle Waiananow-Humka, Regina Kawa; Gail Duke, Harry Choy, Ray Wright, Albert Silva, Steven Gilbrich, Reilii Kaeleh, Melbae Hoosier, Adrian Silva, Michelle Gero, Calvin Katohina, Barbara Campbell, Gigi Cucio, Rona Konahunia, Glen Kila.


GUESTS: Merrie Aipalani (County Commissioner John DeSoto), Alapa Claudio & Sgt. Wailua Matue (Army), Captain BM Jimmie-Drill, Captain Steve Yarbrough, Martin Kauluma, Harry O. Ojiki, Pat Lee, Faith Atwood, Joseph A. Ho, Marian Hasey, Donna Stenson (Coca), Tom Shae, Fredric Schir, Earl Ho, Tom Jones (Mercy Ambulance), Nancy Catha, Paul Laloan, Kathy Reynolds, Eli Florence, Atoka Silva, Melbae Hoosier, Mike & Walter Klein, John Quimby Doss, Dennis A. Fortina, Ben Kana (Neighborhood Commission Office Staff).

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SINGING OF HAWAII POUH: Mata Hoa gave the invocation, Kaeleh led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and everyone joined in and sang Hawaii Poihu.

WELCOME: Vice Chair Kaeleh welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2, 1992 AGENDA: The Board approved the agenda as circulated.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 5, 1992 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: The Board approved the minutes as circulated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Board members and residents in attendance were given an opportunity to announce upcoming meetings and events the Waianae Coast.

Vice Chair Kaeleh ruled that a motion to add #1115 53 (1992), concerning exempting Hawaiian homesteaders from property taxes, to the agenda was out-of-order because it violates the Sunshine Law's conditions concerning adding items to the agenda. The two conditions cited were "no item shall be added to the agenda if it is of major importance or affects a large number of people".

REPORTS:
A. Honolulu Police and Fire
1. Honolulu Police Department (HPD) - Sgt. Debra Talled reported the following for the month of October 1992: 38 burglaries; 17 thefts from auto; 283 adult arrests and 130 juvenile arrests; 25 DUI arrests.

WAIANAE COAST NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 24

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 5, 1993

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CONEEM, concerns, and responses followed: odor concerns are being addressed; city sewer trucks are allowed to dump their load at designated areas along the highway; barns and landscaping will be used along the property line; the Waianae Sewage Treatment Plant is currently at 90 percent capacity and only services residential lots, therefore, there are no taxes in the sewer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
A. Public Hearing Request for Open Burn/Oven Permits at Kauka - Board member Campbell expressed concern about the air and water quality impact at Kauke. The board also asked that the Board be given a copy of the testimony report. At the time of the hearing, the Department of Health in the county had not been notified about the proposed burning.

Resident Kathy Reynolds called the for the return of Kauka no matter what it testing results are. She also reminded the community of the previous Board’s support of a resolution that called for the military to cease all activities. Clean Kauka Valley and return to Kauka Valley to the community.

NEW BUSINESS:
A. Joint Volunteer Project Request by Farmer’s Friend (Mikihana Fish Feed) - Deferred.

B. Site Plan Review (SRP) Request By Makaha Corporation (Hunahun Corporation) - Deferred.

C. Leonard Kamae Condominium Project Request for a 20108 Westlawa Road, Waianae - Steve Kamae, president of Llama Corporation, spoke to the Board about the need to develop an all low-income rental housing. There will be an apartment building, 12 units in Building A, and 4, two-bedroom units. Selection for the units will be by lottery. All units will be accessible. There will be 12 units in Building A, and the apartments will be wheelchair accessible.

Comments, concerns, and responses followed: there were no objections to the request.

RECOMMENDATION: Before adjourning the meeting, Vice Chair Kaeleh asked everyone to drive safely.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Submitted by,
Ben Kana,
Neighborhood Assistant.
Mr. Steve Ito
September 13, 1993
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2. Shoreline Management Area (SMA)

The Department of Land Utilization (DLU) should be consulted on permitting requirements for building within the SMA and environmental review requirements.

3. Ingress/Egress and Parking

There are currently 14 parking stalls designated for the Church. Ilia is proposing to provide a total of 28 tandem stalls to serve the Church and residential users. Ms. Smith will consult with OLU and the Department of Transportation Services (DOTS) on the acceptability of the proposed parking arrangement and number of stalls to be provided.

Ms. Smith was also informed that if the project receives exemptions under Chapter 201E, HRS, Church membership cannot be a condition of residency or preference for residency. The units must be available to all residents of the island.

Upon completion of consultation with the affected city agencies, Ms. Smith will have more definitive site plans prepared and submitted to us along with a proposed financing plan, evidence of site control, preliminary list of exemptions and other items listed in the Department's procedures (enclosed).

Please contact Karen Iwamoto at 523-4377 if you have any questions or need assistance. We look forward to having an opportunity to work with you to facilitate the development of a privately-initiated affordable housing project.

Sincerely,

E. James Turse
Director

Enclosure

Senior Planner
Division of Plans and Research
Department of Housing and Community Development
City and County of Honolulu

September 13, 1993

Mr. Steve Ito
President
Ilia Corporation
810 North School Street, #7
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Dear Mr. Ito:

Subject: 1st Leonard Hana Congregational Church

85-431 Kuaiwona Road, Wai'anae

This is to acknowledge receipt of your proposal to develop apartment units in Wai'anae for low-income families with exemptions from certain development standards pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 201E of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

Ms. Fran Smith, Development Director of Ilia Corporation, met with Ms. Karen Iwamoto of my staff on September 1, 1993 to review the proposed project concept and clarify the Department's procedures and submission requirements for obtaining exemptions. Ms. Smith has in fact negotiated a long-term lease or joint-venture partnership with the Church for development of the apartment units on the back portion of the Church. We also understand the project site lies within the Shoreline Management Area and that a Shoreline Management Permit (SMP) will be required. Ms. Smith stated that an environmental assessment is expected to be completed by the end of September 1993 as part of the SMP application.

Ms. Smith noted that the project is still in its preliminary stage and was advised to initiate informal consultations with affected public agencies to address, at a minimum, the following prior to preparation of final plans:

1. Park Dedication

Preliminary sketches indicate an interior courtyard and pavilion will be provided for the residents. The Department of Parks and Recreation should be consulted to determine if the courtyard meets park dedication requirements or if any other recreational amenities would be required.
August 26, 1993

Mr. James Turne, Director
Department of Housing & Community Development
City & County of Honolulu
650 S. King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mr. Turne:

The Ilana Corporation, a non-profit housing development corporation, has agreed to develop a low-income housing project for the 1st Leeward Samoa Congregational Church on their property at 65-371 Kualawahia Road in Wai'anae. We plan to seek 201(e) exemptions and would appreciate the Department's submitting our waiver request to the City Council.

The project will consist of seventeen 2 and 3 bedroom/1 bath units which we hope to rent for $300 per month. The apartments will be attached single-story dwellings located on approximately half of the site owned by the church.

Ilana Corporation's control of the site for development will be obtained through either a long-term lease or joint venture partnership with the Church. The enclosed conceptual drawing shows the proposed site plan, standard floor plan and elevation.

We have obtained approval from the Department of Wastewater for sewer hookups. Our request for water is pending before the Board of Water Supply. The property lies in the SMA, and we have a signed contract with an environmental consultant to prepare an Environmental Assessment for obtaining the Special Management Permit. The flood zone classification is X.

The property is presently zoned AG-1 and is designated as Agricultural in the County Development Plan.

It is our hope to complete the project within one year and to develop the homes at a minimal cost. Thus, 201(e) exemptions are essential. We will be seeking land use exemptions as well as exemptions from a number of fees imposed by the City & County such as park dedication, wastewater system facility charges and water charges. This is a preliminary list, and we anticipate adding to it as the project develops.

The Department's support and sponsorship of this exemption request would greatly facilitate our work. We would be happy to meet with you to give you a full presentation of our project. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Fran Smith, the Development Director, at 733-9312.

We appreciate your consideration of our request and look forward to your approval.

Sincerely,

Steve Ilo
President
BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
450 SOUTH BERETANA STREET
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

August 24, 1993

Mr. Frank Smith
Illia Corporation
3231 Spaulding Avenue
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

Subject: Your letter of August 5, 1993 Regarding Water Availability for the Proposed Low-Income Housing Development Project on Kualuaha Road, TMD: 8-5-14-17

Thank you for your letter regarding water service for the proposed low-income housing development project.

The existing water system is presently adequate to accommodate the proposed development.

The availability of water will be confirmed when the building permit is submitted for our review and approval. If the development plan requires action by the Department of Land Utilization, the plan should be approved by that department before we take action on the proposed development. When water is made available, the applicant will be required to pay our Water System Facilities Charges for source-transmission and daily storage.

The on-site fire protection requirements should be coordinated with the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Honolulu Fire Department.

If a three-inch or larger meter is required, the construction drawings showing the installation of the meter should be submitted for our review and approval.

If you have any questions, please connect Joseph Kishida at 527-6123.

Very truly yours,

KAZU HAYASHIDA
Manager and Chief Engineer

City and County of Honolulu
DEPARTMENT OF WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT
SEWER CONNECTION APPLICATION

PART A — TO BE FILLED BY APPLICANT: (June 1991)

1. Project Name: Payment Development

2. Address: 126-159/169 Runa Avenue

3. Tax Map Key: A-5-92

4. Development Type:
   a. Commercial
   b. Residential

5. Total Number of Units Proposed:
   a. Residential
   b. Commercial

6. Sewer Connection Work Required: 2,860 sf

7. Approximate Date of Connection: May 1, 1992

8. Rate Type of Existing Structure on Property:
   a. Single Family
   b. Multi-Family

9. Remarks:

10. Information Provided by:

   Name: Frank Smith
   Firm: Illia Corporation
   Making Address: 3231 Spaulding Avenue
   City: Honolulu
   State: Hawaii
   ZIP Code: 96822

PART B — TO BE FILLED BY THE CITY

1. Current Zoning: General Plan

2. Sewer System: Adequate

3. Charges:
   a. Sewer Assessment: 5,320.00
   b. Wastewater System Facility Charges: 11,220.00
   c. Other (new utilities, etc.): 0.00

   TOTAL CHARGES (estimated): 16,540.00

4. Remarks:

5. Application: Approved

   Approval Date: 7/1/92

   Note: Approval subject to conditions set forth in application and subject to conditions subject to conditions of submission.

   Not Approved
      Date: 7/1/92

   Cancellation of Approval: 7/1/92

   Date: 7/1/92