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Dear Ms. Salmonson:

Subject: Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for
Petrie Community Park Improvements
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Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii

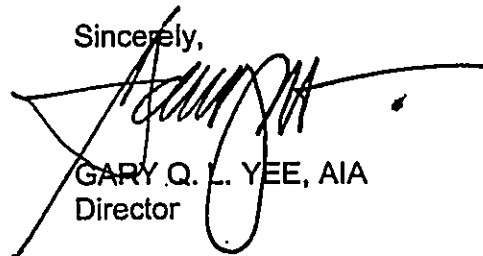
The Department of Design and Construction, City and County of Honolulu, has reviewed the comments received during the 30-day public comment period, which began on October 23, 2000. The agency has determined that this project will not have significant environmental effects and has issued a FONSI. Please publish this notice of availability for this project in the December 26th OEQC Environmental Notice.

We have enclosed a completed OEQC Publication Form, four copies of the final EA and the Project Summary on disk.

With respects to OEQC's comment #2, dated October 19, 2000, due to restructuring, all park improvement projects are being handled by the Department of Design and Construction (DDC). DDC is the correct agency to submit the final EA and provide the determination regarding significance of impacts of the proposed action.

Should you have any questions, please call Harold Mau, Department of Design and Construction, Project Coordinator at 527-6330.

Sincerely,



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Director

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**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

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**PETRIE COMMUNITY PARK
IMPROVEMENTS**

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Department of Parks and Recreation
City and County of Honolulu

December 2000

Environmental Assessment

Petrie Community Park Improvements

Summary Sheet

Project: The Department of Parks and Recreation proposes to improve Petrie Community Park (bounded by Harding, Pahoa, 20th and 21 Avenues). Work will include but not be limited to: 1) reconstruction of two existing basketball courts and two existing volley ball courts; 2) reconstruction of two existing tennis courts; 3) construction of accessible ramps to provide walkway access to the park site; 4) installation of a new automatic irrigation system; 5) landscaping improvements; 6) sewer improvements; 7) construction of parking lots and fire lane in the abandoned portion of 20th Avenue; 8) miscellaneous and appurtenant improvements; 9) electrical and lighting system improvements; 10) potable water system improvements; 11) fencing improvements; 12) picnic tables and benches; 13) removal of certain existing trees; 14) enclosing existing recreation building with edge fencing; 15) installation of chain and post barriers; and 16) construction of grade adjustment concrete and rock walls.

Location	Honolulu, Hawai'i, City and County of Honolulu
Tax Map Key	1-3-2-45:2
Project Site	4.8 Acres (210,000 square feet) total area
State Land Use District and Zoning	Urban Land Use District; P-2 Zoning
Ownership	City and County of Honolulu
Neighborhood Board/Council District	NB 4; CD 2
Approving Agency	Department of Design and Construction, City and County of Honolulu, 650 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813
Proposing Agency	Department of Design and Construction
Consultant	Austin Tsutsumi and Associates, Inc; Attn: Mr. Don Fujii; 501 Sumner Street, Suite 521; Honolulu, Hawai'i 96817-5031; (808) 533-3646
Associated Consultant	Eugene P. Dashiell, AICP; Planning Services; 1314 South King Street, Suite 951; Honolulu, Hawai'i 96814; (808) 593-8330
Required Permits	Approval for construction documents; permits for building and grading as required.

Environmental Assessment

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1 Description of the Proposed Action

1.1 **Technical characteristics.** This section describes the purpose of the project and how it would be accomplished.

1.1.1 **Location and purpose of the project.** The purpose of the project (Figure 1, Location Map) is to upgrade and improve Petrie Community Park to better accommodate the users, to meet modern and current park specifications, and to fulfill the City's commitments to meet the requirements of the disabled.

At present Petrie Park is relatively unchanged from its initial design and facilities which were placed into service in the late 1940's. The park is named for former Honolulu Mayor Lester Petrie.

This is a typical and routine project which is accomplished by the City and County of Honolulu at various parks on Oahu as financial resources permit. Older parks are upgraded to provide improved recreational opportunities, to meet modern standards, and especially to be more accessible to the disabled.

1.1.2 **How the project will be accomplished.** The project will be accomplished by the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) on behalf of the Department of Parks and Recreation, City and County of Honolulu. The City will use a contractor for the construction work.

1.1.3 **Dimensions of the project.** The project encompasses approximately one city block (4.8 acres) between 20th and 21st Avenues and Pahoia and Harding Avenues.

1.1.4 **Description of the project.** The project (Figure 2, Conceptual Plan) consists of the following work which will include but not be limited to: 1) reconstruction of two existing basketball courts and two existing volley ball courts; 2) reconstruction of two existing tennis courts; 3) construction of accessible ramps to provide walkway access to the park site; 4) installation of a new automatic irrigation system; 5) landscaping improvements; 6) sewer improvements; 7) construction of parking lots and fire lane in the abandoned portion of 20th Avenue; 8) miscellaneous and appurtenant improvements including drinking fountains; 9) electrical and lighting system improvements; 10) potable water system improvements; 11) fencing improvements; 12) picnic tables and benches; 13) removal of certain existing trees; 14) enclosing existing recreation building stage with edge fencing; 15) installation of chain and post barriers; and 16) construction of grade adjustment concrete and rock walls.

On March 13, 1973, Resolution Number 39 enacted by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu closed 20th Avenue between Pahoia and Harding Avenues. Petrie Community Park is on the east side of this closed street and Waialae Elementary School is on the west side. At present, the street is open during the evenings and weekends, but closed by barriers at each end during school days. The closed street and the park are adjunctive use areas to the elementary school during that period, a fairly common practice throughout Oahu wherever parks are close-by schools.

The proposed project would permanently close this section of 20th Avenue in accordance with the 1973 Resolution 39. The closed street would be converted to two parking lots, grassed area and a fire lane. Parking lots will be

constructed at either end of the closed section of 20th Avenue, adjacent to Pahoia and Harding Avenues. The parking lots will be connected by a fire lane. A grassed area will be constructed adjacent to the fire lane. The Permanent closing of 20th Avenue per Resolution 39 has been affirmed by an opinion of the City Corporation Council dated May 29, 1992, which confirms the legal necessity of closing 20th Avenue per Resolution 39.

The proposed project will conform to requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to the extent possible.

1.2 Socio-economic characteristics. This section discusses the impacts of the proposed project on the community in terms of both social and economic effect.

1.2.1 Economic impacts on the community at large. The project generally benefits the community at large by adding to recreational opportunities and by providing access for disabled persons.

1.2.2 Provision of income for the county or state and creation of employment opportunities in areas with high unemployment rates. The project provides benefits through jobs related to its implementation. This is beneficial at this time of economic recession in Hawaii.

1.2.3 Targeted segment of the population. No specific segment of the population is targeted because this project has general public benefit. The disabled population will be served specifically, although this is a legal requirement.

1.2.4 Population density. The project has no effect on population density because it retains the basic facilities and functional components of an existing project and upgrades them to present standards and requirements.

1.2.5 Recreational facilities. The proposed project enhances recreational opportunities at this community park.

1.2.6 Child care provisions. There are no child care provisions in relation to the proposed project.

1.2.7 Relocations of residences. No relocation of residences would occur.

1.2.8 Costs of the proposed project and economic analysis. The presently estimated cost of construction of the proposed project is approximately \$1.5 million.

1.3 Environmental characteristics. This section discusses the potential effects of the proposed project on the physical environment. (See Figures and Photographs)

1.3.1 Aesthetics. The proposed new automatic irrigation system and landscaping improvements will enhance the visual appearance of Petrie Community Park.

1.3.2 Air pollution. There would be some effects during construction and these would be mitigated per county and state rules. There would be no long term

effects because the proposed project includes no air pollution sources and would not generate significant differences in traffic from the existing conditions.

- 1.3.3 Traffic congestion.** There will be some improvements in parking from the standpoint of nearby residents who now share on-street parking with park users. There may be minor increased use of the park resulting in some minor increase in the numbers of vehicles. The section of 20th Avenue which was abandoned and to have been closed in 1973 by City Council Resolution 39 is at present closed during school hours, and open at other times. The proposed project will fully implement the Resolution (in conformance with the Corporation Council's opinion) leaving a fire lane which can be accessed by fire trucks in an emergency. As a result, there will be no through traffic between Pahoa and Harding Avenues on 20th Avenue.

At present, the street parking on 20th Avenue between Pahoa and Harding Avenues is not regulated by ordinance standards. The parallel parking along the curb is not marked. If this were done, there would be approximately 20 to 23 permissible parking spaces, including specified handicap parking and loading. The proposed plan includes approximately 31 parking stalls including handicap stalls. The proposed plan is an improvement over the existing condition if the existing condition were regulated. For residents of the area it would also seem to be an improvement because park users should tend to park in the new parking area, rather than on the streets as they do now. This should also benefit Waialae Elementary School because their own parking areas would be less attractive to park users.

- 1.3.4 Noise levels.** There will be some increase in noise levels during construction of the project. This will occur during normal working hours. Contractor's equipment is required to meet Department of Health noise regulations.
- 1.3.5 Effects on water quality.** There will be no effects on water quality.
- 1.3.6 Other environmental effects.** There will be no other significant environmental effects. There are no adverse impacts on historic, cultural or archaeological sites, or traditional cultural practices at this park.

2 Description of the Affected Environment

2.1 Location. Petrie Community Park is bounded by Harding, Pahoehoe, 20th and 21st Avenues in the Kaimuki/Kahala neighborhood of Honolulu. The site encompasses about 4.8 Acres (210,000 square feet).

2.2 Land ownership and tenancy. The park is owned by the City and County of Honolulu, and occupied and administered by the Department of Parks and Recreation (Figure 3).

2.3 County Zoning, State Land Use District, Land use. Existing use at the site is general recreation typical of neighborhood parks in Honolulu and the surrounding land use is residential. County zoning is P-2 (Figure 3) and State Land Use District is Urban.

2.4 Land and related water use plans.

2.4.1 City and County of Honolulu. The land is designated park in the general plan and in the Primary Urban Center plan (Figure 3).

2.4.2 State of Hawaii. The land is designated a State land use district of urban.

2.4.3 Federal. None.

2.5 Flora. The site has been constructed on a fill and is paved with grassed play areas. There are a few trees including monkeypods. Two Autograph trees will be relocated and 17 new Silver Buttonwood trees will be planted (Figure 2). Two Monkeypod trees will be removed. These two trees will be replaced with two Monkeypod trees in another location.

2.6 Fauna. No animals, except typical urban birds (mya, doves, bulbuls) were observed during two field trips.

2.7 Water Quality. There are no water bodies at this site, or in the vicinity.

2.8 Significant habitats. There are no significant habitats at the project site.

2.9 Historical, archeological and cultural sites. There are no known registered or listed historic, archeological, or cultural sites. However, Petrie Park itself may potentially be eligible for inclusion on the Hawaii or National Registers of Historic Places because of its age, and linkage to the development of residential sub-divisions in this older urban area of Honolulu. A letter from the State Historic Preservation Division (December 19, 2000) recommends that more research on the Park be completed regarding its cultural and historic background. An appendix to this report includes information related to these subjects, including interviews with long-time residents of the area and park users, and also a review of some historic reference materials. The appendix (in conformance with Act 50 (State Legislature, April 2000) also discusses the traditional and cultural practices which may relate to this park. The proposed project improvements to the park do not adversely impact the historic, archaeological or cultural sites or values which may be related to this park.

- 2.10 **Adjacent natural resources.** There are no adjacent natural resources.
- 2.11 **Sensitive habitats or bodies of water adjacent to the proposed project.** There are no adjacent sensitive habitats or bodies of water.
- 2.12. **Flooding and Tsunami.** The park is not in a flood zone.
- 2.13 **Soils.** The park is primarily composed of red dirt and rock (oxisol or ultisol families).

3 Major Impacts and Alternatives Considered

3.1 Positive significant impacts. The addition of parking in this location would benefit park users and surrounding residents who now compete with each other for on-street parking around the park. The proposed improvements to the park's facilities will enhance the recreational experience for park users. The construction of access for disabled persons will enable their use of the park.

3.2 Negative significant impacts. There are no negative significant impacts of the proposed project.

3.3 Alternatives considered. The alternative of no action was considered and rejected because: (1) it would not bring the City and County of Honolulu into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which is required of all public facilities; (2) it would not bring the existing aged park facilities up to current city standards; (3) it would not provide any relief from the lack of parking for park goers. Four other alternative schemes which consisted of various configurations of parking stalls within the park were evaluated. The recommended plan was selected after this planning process as the plan which makes best use of the existing facilities and satisfies the community and the neighboring land user, Waialae Elementary School who shares the park facility with the public during school hours.

4 Proposed Mitigation Measures

- 4.1 Potential problems and appropriate mitigation including best management practices.** There are no potential problems.
- 4.2 Mitigation or preservation plan prepared for the Department of Land and Natural Resources State Historic Preservation Division not required.** Because there are no historic properties at the site, a mitigation or preservation plan is not applicable. The proposed projects upgrade or rehabilitate the existing facilities at the park, and bring it into conformance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Some minor alterations of existing rock walls may be made to provide access, but the majority of walls will not be disturbed. The rock walls were noted by the Division as being important to the park's historic character.
- 4.3 Approval letter for the plans from the State Historic Preservation Division not required.** The Division does not object to the proposed improvements, but it has noted that the park may be eligible for inclusion on the State or Federal Register of Historic Places. An appendix to this EA discusses some of the history and cultural significance of the area and this information may be used by others should they wish to list the park on any of the historic registers.
- 4.4 Physical Project Construction.** Contractor will follow applicable rules and regulations regarding noise, dust control, vehicular equipment and project-related actions. If excavation work uncovers bones or other cultural features, contractor will stop work at that location on the site until appropriate authorities can check the situation.
- 4.5 Cultural and Traditional Activities.** Traditional or cultural practices or activities did not emerge as subjects during planning discussions. The project site is, and has been a public park for approximately 50 years. The site is located in a densely developed older urban area of Honolulu (Kaimuki). The very nature of the site, a public park, provides and has provided public access always. The proposed project components enhance public access by adding features for the disabled in conformance with current rules and practices. In sum, the cultural and traditional activities related to this site are those of a diverse urban population in modern metropolitan Honolulu.
- An appendix to this report discusses culture, history and traditional practices with regard to the park and based on interviews with long-time residents of the area and park users, as well as a review of some documents about the history of the area. No adverse impacts are projected due to implementation of the proposed improvements.

5 Expected Determination

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The proposed improvements will not have a significant effect on the environment and therefore preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required. This document constitutes a Notice of Negative Declaration /Finding of No significant Impact for the proposed project. This determination was based on review and analysis of the "Significance Criteria" in Section 11-200-12 of the Hawaii's Administrative Rules, as documented below.

5.1 Primary and secondary consequences; cumulative, short, and long-term effects. The primary consequences of this project would be to maintain and enhance recreation opportunities for the neighborhood and the public. Secondary consequences, cumulative, short and long term effects are generally beneficial with regard to the provision of recreation to the community. There are no significant adverse impacts.

5.2 Determination letter from the approving agency (Negative Declaration). No significant impacts of the proposed project are anticipated (see 5.3, below). A letter of determination for a negative declaration is anticipated. Such a letter will be submitted with the final EA after the public review period has allowed adequate time for the public and agencies to comment. The letter of determination will be prepared based on these comments.

5.3 Findings and reasons supporting the determination including justifying evidence. 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. Based on the following findings, it appears that the proposed project will have no significant adverse environmental impacts.

5.3.1 Involves an irrevocable commitment to loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resource. The project site was developed as a community public park in the late 1940's and has no natural or special resources. The proposed project has no effect on other such resources in the area.

5.3.2 Curtails the range of beneficial uses of the environment. The proposed project does not cause a change from the existing condition which provides for beneficial public recreation.

5.3.3 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 which provide for beneficial public recreation.

5.3.4 Substantially affects the economic or social welfare of the community or State. The proposed project benefits the social and economic well-being of the public.

5.3.5 Substantially affects public health. Public health may be seen as benefitted by the provision of public recreation opportunities.

- 5.3.6 Involves substantial secondary impacts, such as population changes or effects on public facilities. This is a project which brings existing facilities into conformance with present standards and laws. As such it will have no effect on population size or on other public facilities.
- 5.3.7 Involves a substantial degradation of environmental quality. There will be no degradation of the environment from this small project.
- 5.3.8 Is 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 Primary Urban Center Development Plan and is not part of a larger set of projects excepting insofar as it conforms to park planning for Oahu in general. There are no cumulative effects or commitments for larger actions.
- 5.3.9 Substantially affects a rare, threatened or endangered species, or its habitat. There are no rare, threatened, or endangered species on the project site.
- 5.3.10 Detrimentially 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 are not likely to pose nuisance levels. They will be regulated by conformance to State Department of Health regulations.
- 5.3.11 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 proposed project does not affect any of these areas.
- 5.3.12 Affects scenic vistas or view planes identified in county or state plans or studies. The proposed improvements do not significantly alter the visual profile of park structures or facilities nor are scenic vistas altered.
- 5.3.13 There will be no requirement for substantial energy consumption. Construction of the project will not require a significant change in energy consumption from present conditions.

5.4 Comments and Responses to the Draft Environmental Assessment. The final EA includes copies of comments received, and the agency responses.

6 Identification of Agencies, Organizations and Individuals Consulted

The following narrative summarizes the coordination with key agencies and with the community to date. Additional agencies will be contacted during the public review period of this EA.

6.1 State of Hawaii.

- 6.1.1 Department of Education, Waiālae Elementary School. Discussions were held with school officials who support the recommended plan.
- 6.1.2 Department of Health, Disability and Communication Access Board's Architectural Access Committee (AAC). Discussions have been held with the AAC on regarding appropriate standards in design.

6.2 City and County of Honolulu.

- 6.2.1 Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). This agency is the proponent of the proposed project.
- 6.2.2 Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP). The DPP has noted that the park site is designated for park use in the Development Plan, and also the Department expressed the concerns that design standards and the Land Use Ordinance for parking lots be met. Waivers for some standards will be requested at the appropriate times (please see response letter to DPP).
- 6.2.3 Department of Transportation Services (DTS). The DTS has been, and will continue to be coordinated with regarding the proposed changes to 20th Avenue.
- 6.2.4 Fire Department. The Fire Department has requested that the fire lane along the abandoned portion of 20th Avenue connecting the two proposed parking areas be maintained.
- 6.2.5 Board of Water Supply (BWS). The BWS has noted that there is an adequate supply of water to serve the needs of the park, but details as to meters and actual service terms will be decided when an application for a Building Permit is made.

6.3 Organizations and Individuals.

- 6.3.1 Community Members. During preparations of the alternative plans for the proposed project, DPR personnel had discussions with community members and park users about the proposed improvements. Questions were raised about the permanent closure of 20th Avenue and the potential change in the number of available parking stalls. Community members stated that existing parking does not conform to DTS standards because the parking stalls are not

painted and marked at present.¹ If this was done, and parking ordinances fully enforced, there would be less parking than is now available. The trade-off for the community is that the proposed parking area will be landscaped and the overall park improvements also include added landscaping.

- 6.3.2 Neighborhood Board. A meeting was held with the Kaimuki Neighborhood Board during the planning process. Another meeting may be held as the project nears the time of construction. Similar questions as discussed with community members were raised with the Neighborhood Board. Near-by residents were concerned about the effects on their individual drive-way access because they say that student drop-off and pick-up sometimes blocks access to their own drive-ways.
- 6.3.3 Outdoor Circle. The Outdoor Circle was concerned that landscaping not be treated as a secondary project component and rather, that landscaping (including irrigation) be included in all construction phases appropriately. The Outdoor Circle also stated that this would be an appropriate time to add trees to the park, in addition to the one-for-one replacement of two Monkeypod trees to be removed and replaced. The project does include additions – 17 Silver Buttonwood trees will be added to park grounds. The present plans relocate the two Autograph trees which must be moved to make way for the required ADA access ramp.

¹Community members made this statement in error, DTS does not require painting and marking of stalls. However their point was that if vehicles were parked efficiently, that there might be a few more available stalls. The proposed improvements would aid in properly making stalls.

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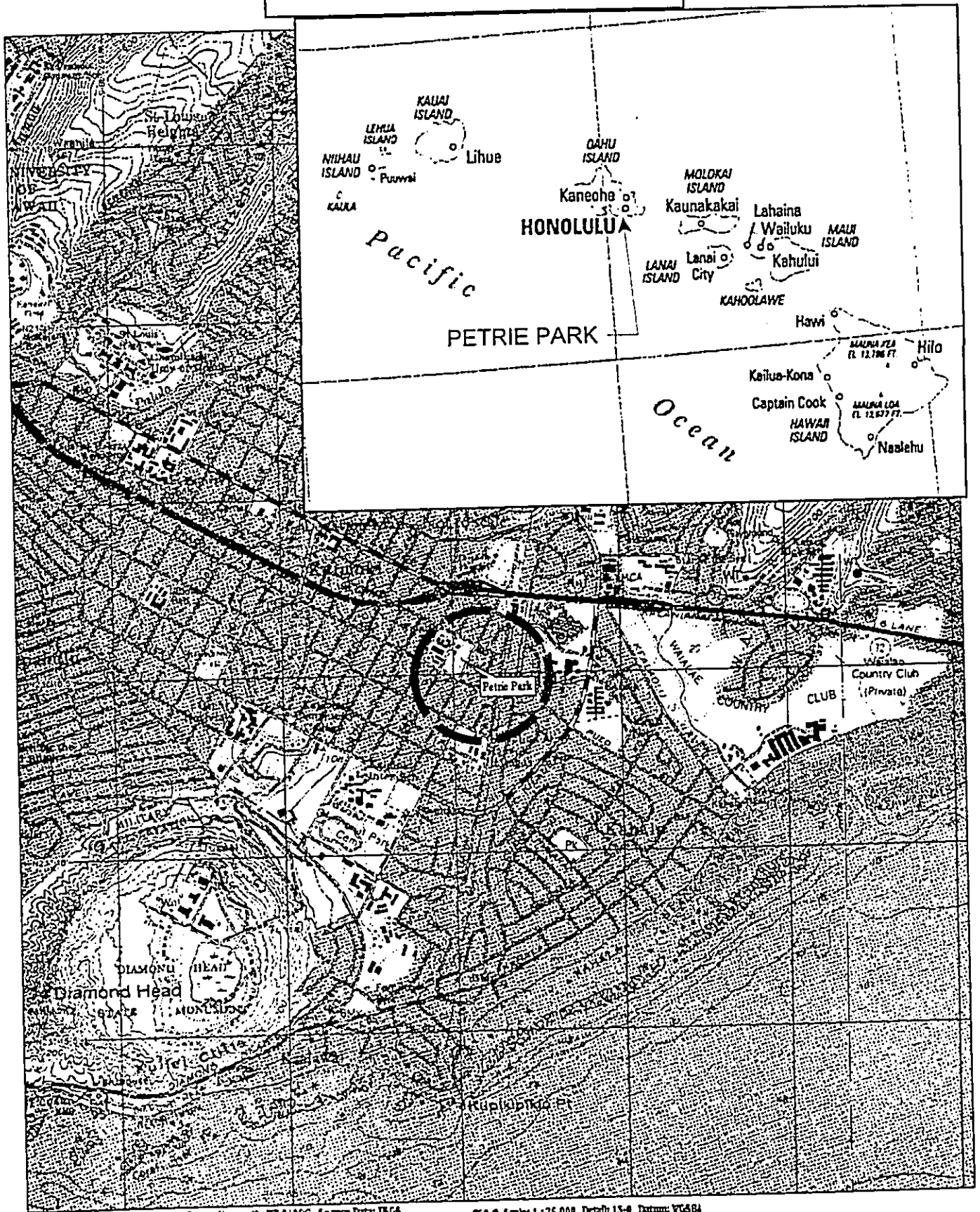
Discussions with various individuals, including:

Don Griffin, Department of Design and Construction
David Kumasaka, Department of Parks and Recreation
Harold Mau, Department of Design and Construction
Toni Robinson, Department of Parks and Recreation
Elaine Morisato, Department of Design and Constructio

Figures & Photographs

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Figure 1 - Location Map



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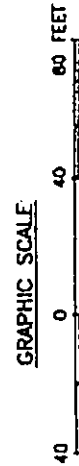
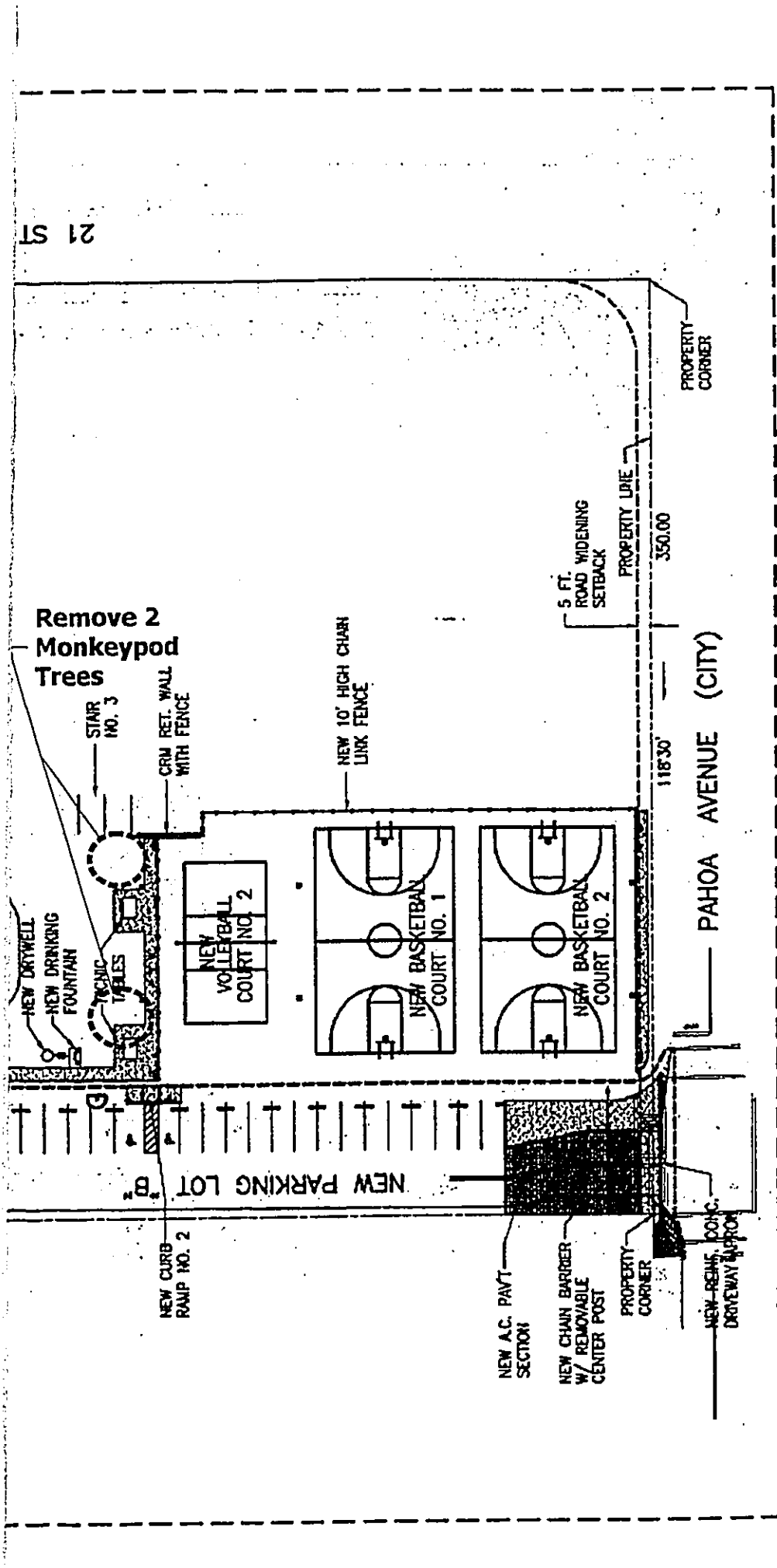
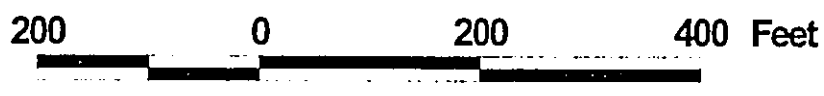
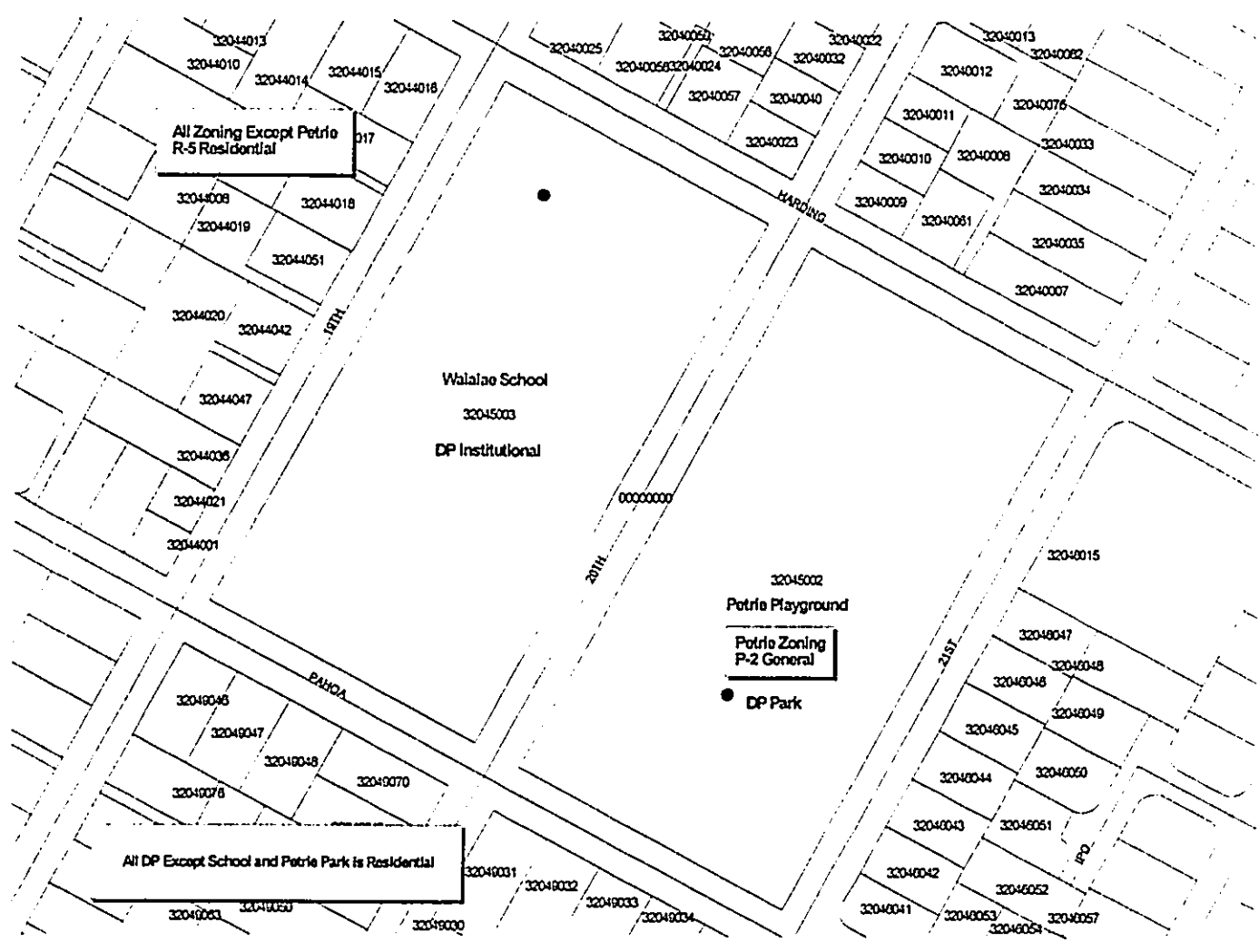


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Figure 3

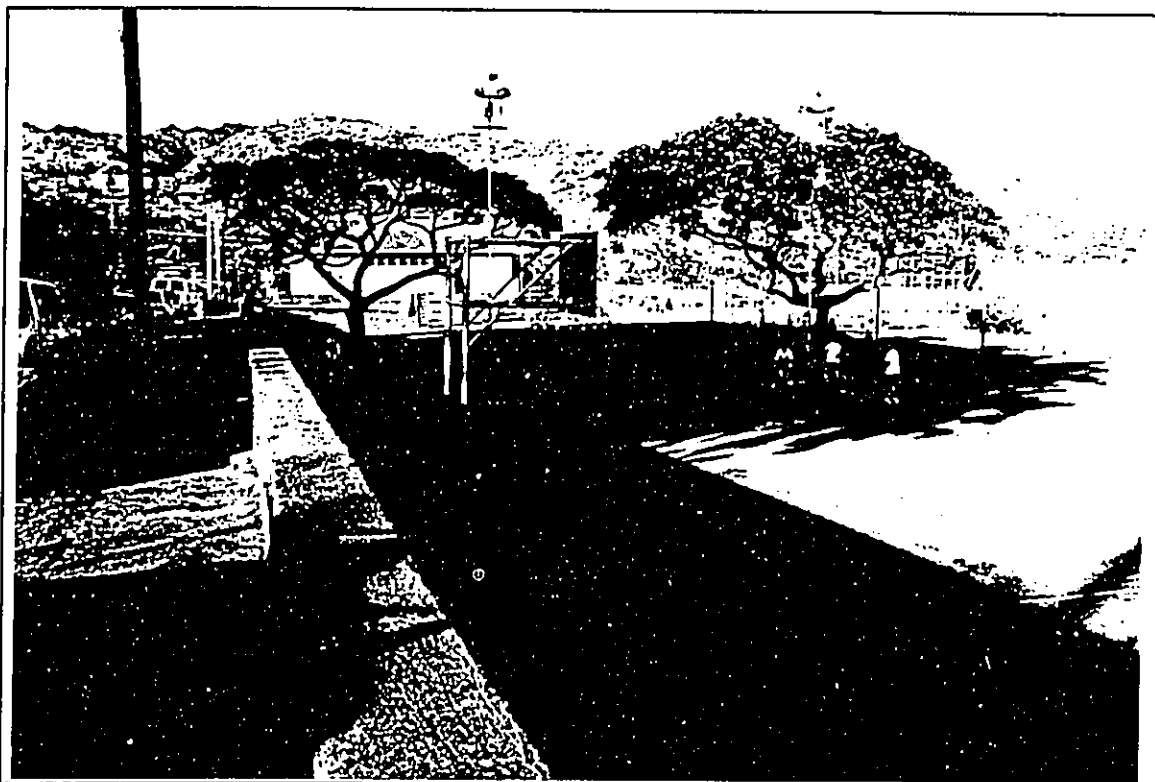
Streets, Parcels (TMK), Zoning & Development Plan Petrie Community Park



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20th Avenue
Between Pahoa
and Harding
Avenues.
Looking towards
Pahoa from
Harding. Waialae
Elementary
School is on the
left, Petrie Park is
on the right. This
is the portion of
20th Avenue to be
closed to through
traffic and which
is proposed to be
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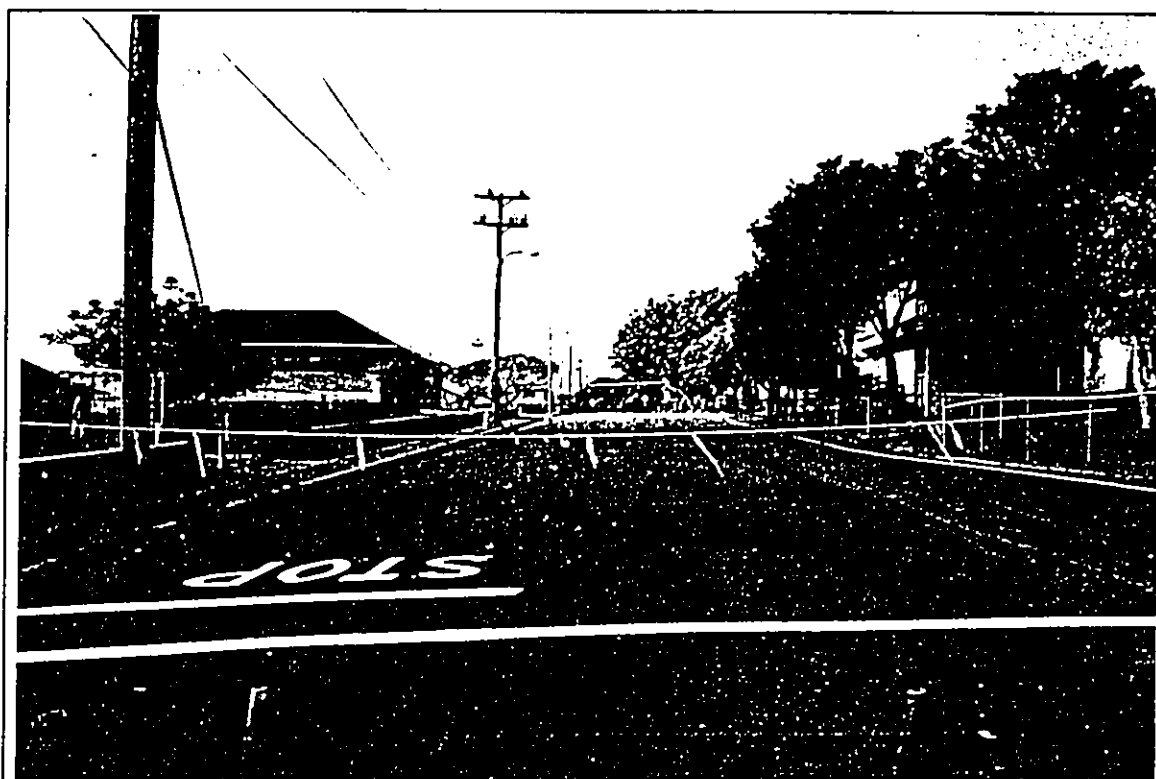


Courts,
Basketball and
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Existing courts will
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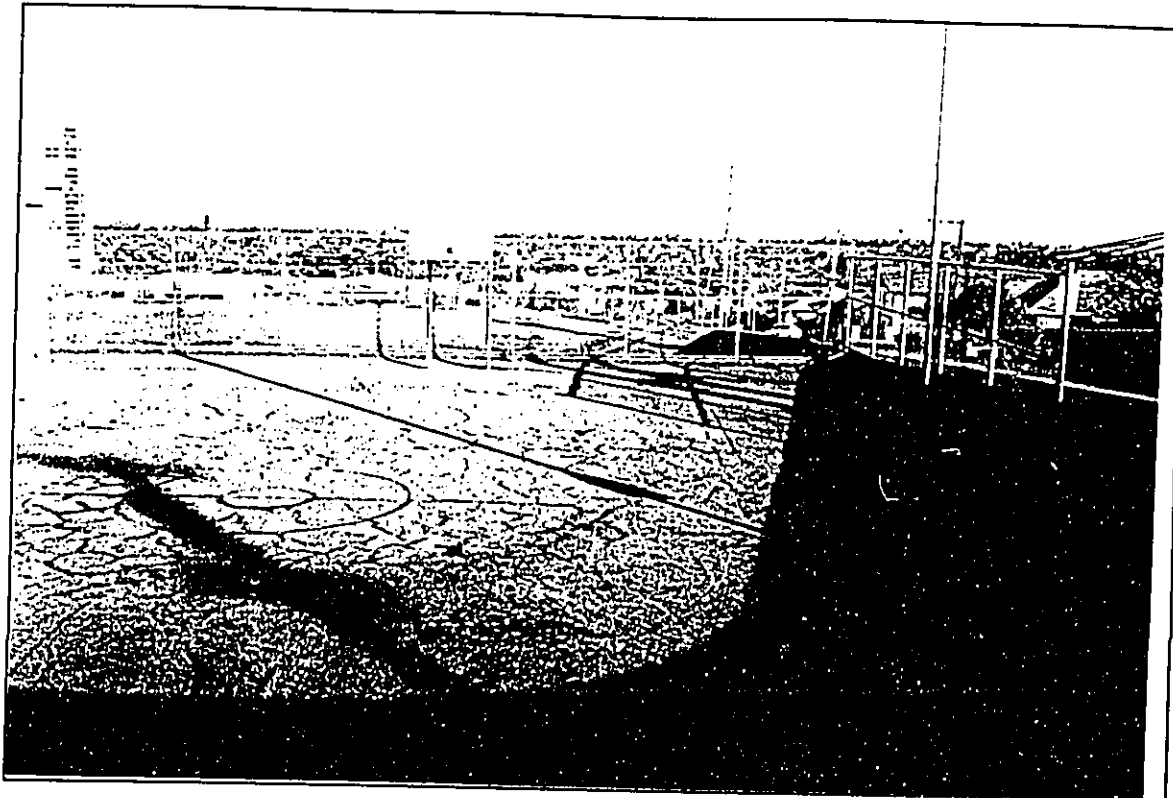


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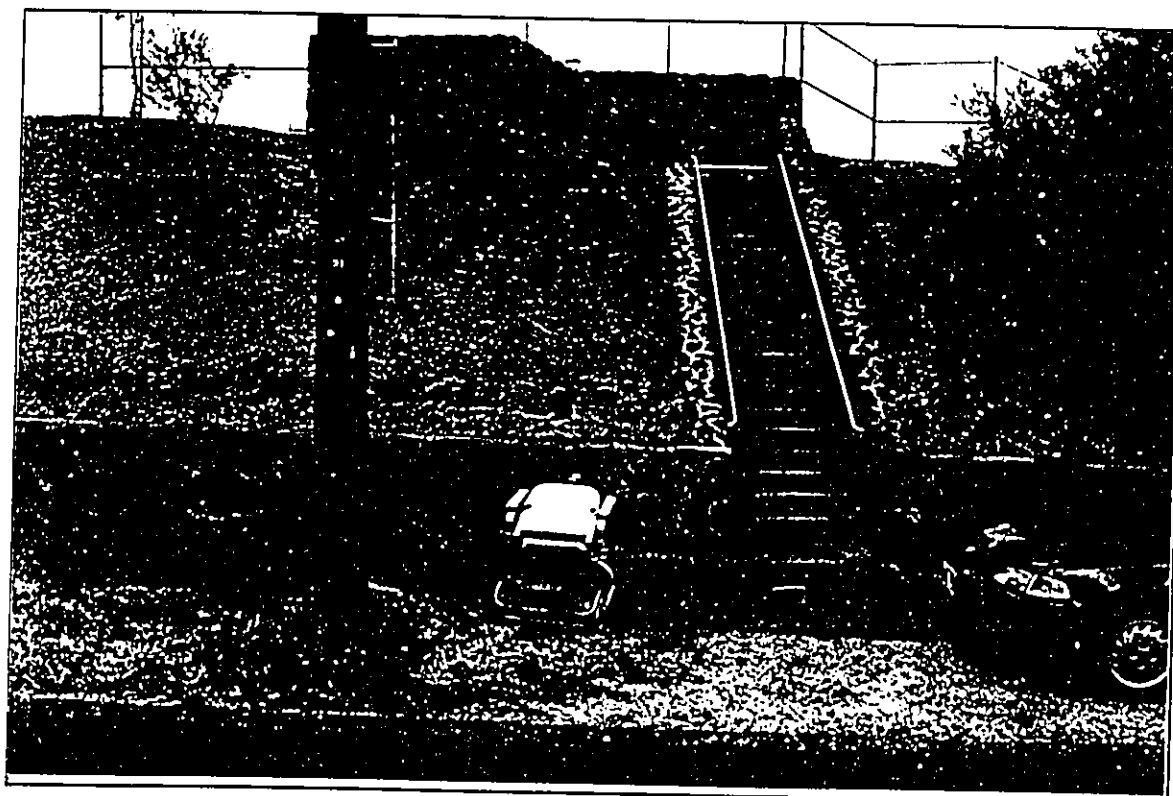


20th Avenue When Closed. Looking towards Pahoa from Harding during school hours. The chain serves to close the street for use of the area and park by Waialae Elementary School. The proposed project would provide access during the day to park users and would make the park more available to the disabled.

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Poor Surface Condition of Courts. Typical poor surface condition of courts.



Access to Park from 21st Avenue. The park is elevated above 21st Avenue and is accessible only up this stairs. Note presence of electric cart which was parked here and was driven by an elder person who was able to walk up the stairs to play tennis during this site visit. The improved access and parking from 20th Avenue will enhance recreational opportunities for disabled persons.

Appendix

Cultural and Traditional Activities

Cultural and Traditional Activities Petrie Playground Kaimuki, Honolulu

Prepared by:
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Geographic Description

Geographic descriptions of cultural spaces are best made using a traditional approach, for example, locating sites within the more-or-less natural boundaries of the ahupua`a, and contextualizing the practices of those who lived, worked and played in the ahupua`a in terms of their relationships to the land, from the mountain to the sea. In this way, the whole of a land area becomes the backdrop for any specific practice and/or place that held cultural significance in times past.

Located within the large ahupua`a of Waikiki, Petrie Playground, in turn-of-the-century maps, sits just on the boundary of the areas known as Kapahulu and Wai`alae Iki, the residential subdivision adjacent to Wai`alae Nui (the great ridge overlooking Waikiki). Wai`alae Iki was once known as Wiliwilinui, after a huge wiliwili tree in the area. Its name at the time was an indication of the landscape, in the days prior to large-scale development, in the areas of Kaimuki and Kahala, themselves subdivisions of Kapahulu. Where once grew wiliwili trees now exist housing tracts and shopping centers.

Kapahulu once included the mauka areas of Pa`ina (Wilhemina Rise) down to Leahi (Diamond Head). New names were imposed on old ones, changing the character of the landscape at the same time that new subdivisions on open lands changed usage. Wilhemina Rise was named for Wilhemina Tenney, daughter of Edward D. Tenney, then President of Castle and Cooke and a developer of the area, who was associated with the Matson Navigation Co. Interestingly, many streets on Wilhemina Rise were named for Matson ships: Lurline, Monterey, Mariposa, Matsonia, etc.

Kapahulu, which is bound by Kapahulu Ave. on the west and Kahala Mall on the east, was also home to the area now known as Petrie Playground. In the early 1900s tract housing was developed in the Kapahulu area mauka of Fort Ruger. Those tracts were called 'Kaimuki' and 'Ocean-view.' As more homes were built within these tracts, City planners recognized a need for both schools and open space. Wai`alae Elementary School and Petrie Playground, adjacent to each other, filled that need. Kapahulu's sprawling reach eventually shrank, and what we now know as Kapahulu moved from the upper reaches of Palolo and Wai`alae downslope to Alohea Ave., its present northeast boundary.

Wai`alae, as the upper areas of the old Kapahulu are known today, is a reference to the Hawaiian mudhen, a black wading bird whose cry uttered in the evening was believed to be a bad omen, as the bird itself was considered an `aumakua, or spirit guardian. Wai`alae literally means 'mudhen water' and stories are told by elders in the community who remember when the area mauka (mountain side) of what is now known as Kahala Mall, contained fresh water springs frequented by the `alae.

Located next to Wai`alae Elementary School, Petrie Playground is presently the hub of a number of subdivisions that include Kaimuki, Kapahulu, Kahala, and beach front Waikiki on the seaward or makai side. In Hawaiian, culture names are important, and old names are of special interest to geographers and geologists because names indicate the kinds of activities that prevailed in ancient times within and on the natural landscapes.

Cultural History

Bartels (Aug. 1998) notes the name 'Ka-imu-ki' is a reference to the Menehune who lived in the rocky hills of this rather hot and dry area, and their penchant for sweets. According to Bartels, Menehune would "cook the roots of the Ti plant in an extremely hot imu for many hours to produce a very sweet candy-like treat." By the time of the early 1800s, newcomers had adapted this method of "treating" themselves and learned to "toss this substance [ti root] into their distilleries to invent the liquor "okolehao." Repeated references to "hot and dry" weather call attention to both the climate of Kaimuki and its appeal to those ancient dwellers and early westerners who found the earth oven useful for meeting their needs. A hot and dry oven properly used provided rewards on many levels.

Waikiki, the beach front that is currently recognized as separate from the rest of the valleys and flatlands which make up the ahupua`a, and which some writers call the 'rest and recuperation' lands of the ancient (and present-day) Hawaiian chiefs, was an "integral part of a totally unified ecosystem" [Kanahale, Waikiki An Untold Story 1995]. Because of the relationship of the Hawaiians to the land, and numerous documented burials within the area, Waikiki for the general public has become more than a "playground". Awareness of Waikiki's kinship relationship to ancient Hawaiians who lived there has elevated and seen application of the concept of 'sacredness' to the area. Oldtimers remember and have shared their stories, some of which indicate that the artifacts remain today.

In the sacred area called Waikiki are a number of stories and archaeological sites that give life to this large ahupua`a, among them the story of the "Wizard Stones." Within Waikiki and elsewhere, "special stones are regarded as sacred because of a traditional connection with old ancestors. They are gods (akua) and it is bad luck to disturb them." According to Mrs. Pukui, "near the old Hawaiian hotel at Waikiki is a row of rocks called pae-ki'i to which it was the custom in old days to take strangers caught along the coast and suspected of a war trip, or search for a human victim for their gods, and hold their heads under water until they were drowned. This method of putting to death was called 'kai he`e kai'. An old Hawaiian who was asked to point the stones out refused lest "our lives should pay the forfeit." But chiefs and their retainers did not limit themselves merely to the beauty of the beach front. Their attention also focused on the lands surrounding Waikiki, much of which provided sustenance for the chiefs and the commoners who lived there.

Waikiki, with its beautiful beach front personality, appealed to ancient Hawaiian kings in the same way they appealed to land developers and rich plantation owners. Land reforms to strengthen the power of the ruling chiefs were carried out on O`ahu about the time of the last ruling chief of the Kumuhonua line. "The elder ruling chief was forced to retire because of his unpopularity. His son Kailikukahi was known as a just ruler, and with his rule Waikiki became the ruling seat of chiefs of O`ahu. He carried out strict laws, marked out land boundaries and took the first born of each family to his own household to be educated. He honored priests, built heiaus and made human sacrifice unpopular."

In Manoa, animals, as well as stones, play an important part in the stories of kupuna who are able to share genealogy and self-identity with each telling, weaving in the significance of their birth places to provide context for understanding. "At Pu`u-pueo lived the owl king of Manoa who drove the menehune from Manoa valley. Kapoi had robbed an owl's nest of its eggs but later took pity on the parent owls and returned the eggs. Kapoi then took the owl as his god and built a heiau for its worship. The ruling chief of O`ahu, Kakuhihewa, considered this an act of rebellion and ordered Kapoi's death, but at the moment of carrying out the order, the air was darkened by flying owls which had come to his protection. One of the places known for this battle is Kala Pueo, east of Diamond Head."

Potential effect of proposed alterations on cultural resources: None.

What is the ahupua`a?

In the time of `Umi, son of the great chief Liloa, the Hawaiian islands were divided into political regions. The four mokupuni (larger islands) of Kaua`i, O`ahu, Maui, and Hawai`i were divided into moku (districts). The smaller islands of Moloka`i, Lana`i and Kaho`olawe became moku of Maui and Ni`ihau a moku of Kaua`i. For ease in collecting tribute the moku were subdivided into ahupua`a, land sections that usually extended from the mountain summits down through fertile valleys to the outer edge of the reef in the sea.

Ahupua`a were often entire valleys, with the ridges between serving as boundaries. They varied in size on different islands from as little as 100 acres to more than 100,000 acres. Ahupua`a were often divided into areas called `ili: some a single tract, some divided, and some divided and crossing ahupua`a boundaries. Areas of `ili separated from the main part of an `ili but considered part of it were called `ili lele. [Life in Early Hawai`i: The Ahupua`a. Kamehameha Schools Bernice Pauahi Bishop Estate, 1994.]

The Hawaiian Studies Institute (UH Manoa), in 1989, prepared a revised map of the Pre-Mahele moku and ahupua`a on the island of O`ahu. Waikiki ahupua`a extended from the ahupua`a of Honolulu (which today includes Nu`uanu and Pauoa valleys) to the ahupua`a of Waimanalo (now bordered on the southern side of O`ahu island by the area known as Aina Haina).

Interviews

John Keola Lake

John Keola Lake, kumu hula and cultural practitioner of traditional hula and oli (ancient Hawaiian chant) lives in a modest home a block from Petrie Playground where construction and improvements to the existing park have been proposed. Kumu Lake has been a resident in the Kaimuki area for over 30 years and is familiar with the ancient history and landscape of the area.

Kumu Lake talked extensively about geographic markers like streams, hills, large rocks and heiau, as well as other characteristics of the naturally bounded areas of land called ahupua`a. Whereas maps of the Pre-Mahele period identify the ahupua`a of Waikiki as extending from Honolulu to Maunaloa (now called Hawai`i Kai), stories handed down over the generations actually described the valleys of Wailupe, Wai`alae Nui, Wai`alae Iki, Palolo, Manoa and Makiki as separate ahupua`a. These may have been consolidated into one large ahupua`a for the use of the ali`i around the early 1800s, perhaps just prior to the time that the land was divided by Kamehameha III. Reconfiguring the various small ahupua`a into a single large one likely changed the relationship between the residents of the mauka (upland valleys) and makai (seaward lowlands) areas where most people who worked the land were related to the konohiki who provided oversight. The valleys in the Waikiki ahupua`a, bound by natural ridges like those separating Palolo and Manoa, became ili (subdivisions) within the larger Waikiki ahupua`a. Families who had identified themselves in relation to the lands they lived on eventually lost the original names and forgot the historical reasons for naming that gave meaning and identity.

Kumu Lake's understanding of the land as described by David Malo, from mauka to makai, divided the vertical ahupua`a into 12 subzones. These subzones included areas like the kulauka - upland plain region, kulawaena - midland plain region, kulakai - lowland, sea plain region, and kahakai ("sea mark") - the beach/shore region. Pre-1900 maps show vast midland and lowland plains, with some hilly areas, in what came to be known as Kapahulu and Kaimuki. Petrie Playground occupies one of those flat land tracts called 'Ocean View'. Undoubtedly, in ancient times this low lying region was cultivated in wetland taro as far as the eye could see, running from the kulakai into the uplands. Kumu Lake acknowledged that the whole of the lowlands and midlands were cultivated for farming and produced food in abundance, but with the introduction of commercial enterprise in the lower Waikiki beach area and building of roads that essentially kept the streams from emptying into the sea, the lo`i became unproductive, mosquito-filled and a health concern. The government at that time supported the filling in of

wetlands to build housing tracts, among them the one that became the ground for Petrie Playground.

Dorothy Doi

Dorothy Yano Doi grew up in Wai'alaie Iki, across from the present-day Kahala Mall. She attended Wai'alaie Elementary School and spent her early years in and around Petrie Playground. Dorothy remembered a fresh-water spring near her home which ran clear until more and more people moved into the area, at which time the spring became muddied and eventually no longer usable as a source of potable water. After several years in that location her family moved from the Wai'alaie Road home across from the shopping center to a home near the Wai'alaie Dairy Ranch on Farmer's Road. A few years later Wai'alaie Dairy Ranch was bought by golf course developers who created the Wai'alaie Golf Course which now occupies much of the land makai of the highway, adjacent to the present-day Kahala Hilton Hotel. Dorothy remembered her father's stories about living for a time near what is now the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel, as a neighbor and friend of Duke Kahanamoku. As a Japanese immigrant, Dorothy's father faced difficulties with immigration officials because of his inability to prove his genealogy. Documents of her father's show that 'The Duke' provided testimony as official 'witness' that Dorothy's father was who he said he was, and likely protected him from deportation. This is a part of local history that Dorothy finds interesting in that it connects her family, early on, with the Hawaiian community.

Dorothy's memories of Petrie Playground area have less to do with the concept of 'park' than they do with the idea of extended schoolyard. While she is aware that the park was named for a government official, the area was significant because it provided a safe place to play after school.

James Nakapa'ahu

James Na'io kala Nakapa'ahu's family was one of the first families to move into Palolo Valley. In 1951, the family had a new house built to replace the old. By then the Valley had expanded to include a 'veterans row' of homes across the street from his house, specifically built to appeal to returning veterans from World War II. James remembers walking to and from Waikiki beach many times as a youngster, and taking a number of detours throughout the Kaimuki-Kapahulu area to explore the undeveloped sites near Diamond Head Crater and around Kaimuki Middle School and Diamond Head Cemetery. Many times his detours took him past Wai'alaie Elementary School and Petrie Playground, although he was unaware that the park was a separate entity. Like Dorothy, James considered the park a part of the school. Early encounters with kupuna (elders) during his walking trips raised his awareness of significant places and the stories attached to them. His recollection of the Petrie Playground area is that the parcel itself held no special significance other than its connection to the neighboring school.

Method: Research, interviews, examination of pre and post-1900 maps, survey of written sources for the ahupua'a of Waikiki

Selection process for persons interviewed: personal knowledge as a long-time resident of the area

Ethnographic and oral history interview procedures: permission to conduct taped conversations either in-person or by phone

Biographical information of interviewees:

John Keola Lake - historian, kumu hula, Hawaiian language and culture expert now teaching at Chaminade University, 33-year resident of Kaimuki and user of Petrie Playground in younger days.

Dorothy Yano Doi - retired school teacher, 50 year resident of Kahala, Kaimuki and Palolo Valley, attended Wai'ala'e Elementary School and was frequent Petrie Playground user.

James Nakapa'ahu - Palolo Valley resident since 1951; Attended schools in the area: Kaimuki Middle School and Kaimuki High School; parents lived in Kaimuki area before he was born and shared stories about the area where Petrie Playground is now located.

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Interview. James Nakapa'ahu. Nov. 22-23, 2000 @ 'Iolani Palace. Honolulu.

Correspondence

December 26, 2000

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State Historic Preservation Division
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Dear Mr. Hibbard:

Subject: Petrie Park: Draft Environmental Assessment

Thank you for your comments of December 19 regarding the subject project. I have incorporated your comments and our responses into the subject documents as follows:

We have included an appendix to the final EA which includes interviews with long-term residents of the area and also users of the park. The appendix includes some discussion of the park's history as well. The proposed improvements to the park do not significantly alter the construction or basic configuration of the existing rock walls.

If you have questions, please call me (593-8330).

Sincerely yours,



Eugene P. Dashiell

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December 19, 2000

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Dear Mr. Dashiell:

SUBJECT: Chapter 6E Review (NHPA)
Petrie Park: Draft Environmental Impact Assessment
IMK 1-3-2-45-2, Kaimuki, Oahu

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Thank you for the submittal dated October 27, 2000, received November 1, 2000, regarding the draft environmental assessment for Petrie Park. While the park is not listed on the Hawaii or National Register of Historic Places, we believe that more research is needed to determine if it meets the criteria of eligibility. It may meet the criteria as a good example of a park within a subdivision, for its time period. We recommend that further research be completed on the historical and cultural background of the park.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Should you have any questions please contact Carol Ogata at 692-8032.

Aloha,



DON HIBBARD, Administrator
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Department of Transportation Services
City and County of Honolulu
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Dear Ms. Soon:

Subject: Petrie Park: Draft Environmental Assessment

Thank you for your comments of December 18, 2000 regarding the subject project. I have incorporated your comments and our responses into the subject documents as follows:

- A. The final EA makes it clear that the project will conform to ADA requirements.
- B. The final EA has been corrected with regards to erroneous statements concerning painting and marked parking stalls.
- C. Regarding the closed portion of 20th Avenue and Petrie Park, the EA incorporates a discussion of the impacts of the proposed project to the school, with special regard for loading and unloading of students (see also Dr. LeMahieu's letter and our response). The parking lot improvement components of the proposed project have been deferred to later phases of the project so that concerns related to traffic and loading and unloading of students can be fully addressed.
- D. Regarding provision of adequate parking – the proposed improvements to the park are not intended or projected to significantly increase park use. Rather the proposed improvements are to repair and rehabilitate existing facilities, and to bring those facilities up to current design standards, especially lighting, safety on the play courts, and ADA access. Impacts on the community are likely to remain the same as they now are – some park users who now arrive by vehicle must find parking in the neighborhood. Mitigation of this situation is not proposed because Petrie Park is a neighborhood community park with the service area being the surrounding residential dwellers.

If you have questions, please call me (593-8330).

Sincerely yours,



Eugene P. Dashiell

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MEMORANDUM

TO: HAROLD MAU
DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

FROM: FAITH MIYAMOTO
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

SUBJECT: PETRIE COMMUNITY PARK IMPROVEMENTS

This is to confirm our telephone conversation this morning regarding DTS's December 18, 2000 memorandum that commented on the subject project. The second sentence of Comment No. 2 should read, "DTS does not require that all on-street parking stalls be

marked." Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at Local 6976.

Faith Miyamoto
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Should you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Faith Miyamoto of the Transportation Planning Division at Local 6976.

MEMORANDUM

TO: GARY Q. L. YEE, AIA, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

ATTN: HAROLD MAU

FROM: CHERYL D. SOON, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: PETRIE COMMUNITY PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Cheryl D. Soon
CHERYL D. SOON

cc: Mr. Eugene P. Dashiell, AICP
Environmental Planning Services

In response to the October 27, 2000 memorandum from Mr. Eugene P. Dashiell, the draft environmental assessment (EA) for the subject project was reviewed. The following comments are the result of this review:

1. One of the purposes of the proposed project is to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). However, on Page 2 of the draft EA, the statement is made that the project will conform to ADA requirements "to the extent possible." The draft EA should clearly state whether the project will comply with ADA.
2. Several statements are made in the draft EA that the existing parking on 20th Avenue does not conform to DTS standards because the parking stalls are not painted and marked. DTS does not require that all on-street parking stalls be marked is not true.
3. Since Waialae Elementary School currently uses the closed portion of 20th Avenue and Petrie Park, the draft EA should identify the impacts of the project to the school and any mitigative measures proposed to address those impacts.
4. The provision of adequate parking for the proposed project is a primary concern of this department. The draft EA should discuss how the number of parking stalls that are being provided meet the needs of the proposed project and identify locations for overflow parking. If sufficient off-street parking cannot be provided, the impact on the surrounding area should be discussed and appropriate mitigation proposed.

December 26, 2000

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Superintendent of Education
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P.O. Box 2360
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Dear Dr. LeMahieu:

Subject: Petrie Park: Draft Environmental Assessment

Thank you for your comments of November 30 regarding the subject project. I have incorporated your comments and our responses into the subject documents as follows:

The proposed project will provide for loading and unloading of students within the 20th Avenue corridor near the future fire lane. Please note that parking lot improvements within the 20th Avenue corridor will be accomplished in later phases of the projects while we work to resolve community concerns.

If you have questions, please call me (593-8330).

Sincerely yours,


Eugene P. Dashiell

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November 30, 2000

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ATTN: Mr. Harold Mau

Dear Mr. Yee:

Subject: Petrie Park Draft EA

The Department of Education's (DOE) primary concern regarding the proposed project is that student loading and unloading at Waialae Elementary School be allowed to continue within the 20th Avenue corridor.

Pursuant to this concern, the school administration met with park officials and was informed that once the park improvements are completed, the school will be permitted to use the fire lane on 20th Avenue for student drop off and pick up. Given this arrangement, the DOE has no objection to the proposed project.

We request that the final environmental assessment include text that confirms this arrangement.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Sanford Beppu at 733-4862.

Very truly yours,



Paul G. LeMahieu, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Education

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cc: P. Yoshitoka, DAS
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Department of Design and Construction
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There is a three and five foot road widening setback affecting the property on Harding and Paboa Avenue, respectively. The new concrete driveways and curbing in the vicinity of the driveways at the abandoned portion of 20th Avenue should be designed to take into account the road widening setbacks.

The driveways should be constructed as standard City dropped driveways. Landscaping and structures at each driveway should be located and maintained such that adequate vehicular sight distance can be provided and maintained to pedestrians and other vehicles. The driveway grade should not exceed five percent for a minimum distance of 25 feet from the proposed road right-of-way. The driveways should be wide enough to accommodate the type of vehicles anticipated to utilize the parking areas.

The new chain barriers should be recessed into the parking areas to a distance where a vehicle can temporarily park and open and close the chain barriers without impeding pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

The conceptual plan should be revised to show a thirty-foot property line radius at the intersection of 21st Avenue at Harding and Paboa Avenue. All improvements within the city right-of-way shall be constructed in accordance to city standards and the city's Accessibility Policies for Public Rights-of-Way.

Construction plans for all work within or affecting the City's road right-of-way should be submitted for review and comment. Traffic control plans during construction should also be submitted, as required.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bonnie Arakawa of my staff at 527-3837.

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December 26, 2000

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Dear Mr. Fujiki:

Subject: Petrie Park: Draft Environmental Assessment

Thank you for your comments of November 28 regarding the subject project. I have incorporated your comments and our responses into the subject documents as follows:

- A. We note that the existing off-site water system is presently adequate to accommodate the proposed park improvements and that the availability of water will be determined when the Building Permit Applications are submitted for Board of Water Supply (BWS) review and approval - and that the applicant will be required to pay applicable Water System Facilities Charges for resource development, transmission and daily storage.
- B. We note that there are 1-1/2 inch and 3 inch water meters serving Petrie Park and Waialae Elementary School, respectively and that if a 3-inch or larger meter is required, the construction drawings showing the installation of the meter should be submitted for BWS review and approval.
- C. We note that BWS has no objections to the proposal for the 8 inch main on 20th Avenue between Pahoa and Harding Avenues, and that the main will remain in service until a master meter is installed, after which it will become a private fire line - subject to the following conditions by BWS, but the Dept. of Design and Construction reserves the right to further discuss and possible negotiate the following suggested terms (provided by BWS) later.
 - 1) The fire protection requirements for the park and school will be coordinated with the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Honolulu Fire Department.
 - 2) The Department of Parks and Recreation will provide a letter committing to the installation of the master meter by a date agreeable to the BWS prior to approval of the construction plans.
 - 3) A maintenance agreement will be required prior to approval of the construction plans for restoration of the landscaping should a main break occur.
- D. We note that BWS - approved Reduced Pressure Principle Backflow Prevention Assemblies are required to be installed immediately after all water meters serving the project site.

If you have questions, please call me (593-8330).

Sincerely yours,



Eugene P. Dashiell

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Manager and Chief Engineer

TO: GARY Q. L. YEE, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

ATTN: HAROLD MAU

FROM: 
CLIFFORD S. JAMILE

SUBJECT: YOUR TRANSMITTAL OF OCTOBER 27, 2000 ON THE
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR PETRIE COMMUNITY
PARK IMPROVEMENTS. KAIMUKI. TMK: 3-2-45: 02

Thank you for the opportunity to review the document for the subject project.

We have the following comments to offer:

1. The existing off-site water system is presently adequate to accommodate the proposed park improvements.
2. The availability of water will be determined when the Building Permit Applications are submitted for our review and approval. If water is made available, the applicant will be required to pay our Water System Facilities Charges for resource development, transmission and daily storage.
3. There are existing 1/2-inch and 3-inch water meters serving Petrie Park and Waialae Elementary School, respectively.
4. If a 3-inch or larger meter is required, the construction drawings showing the installation of the meter should be submitted for our review and approval.

Mr. Gary Q.L. Yee
November 28, 2000
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5. We have no objections to the proposal for the 8-inch main on 20th Avenue between Pahoa and Harding Avenues. We understand the main will remain in service until a master meter is installed, after which it will become a private fire line. The proposal for the main is subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The fire protection requirements for the park and school shall be coordinated with the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Honolulu Fire Department.
 - b. The Department of Parks and Recreation shall provide a letter committing to the installation of the master meter by a date agreeable to the Board of Water Supply (BWS) prior to approval of the construction plans.
 - c. A maintenance agreement will be required prior to approval of the construction plans for restoration of the landscaping should a main break occur.
6. BWS approved Reduced Pressure Principle Backflow Prevention Assemblies are required to be installed immediately after all water meters serving the project site.

If you have any questions, please contact Scot Murooka at 527-5221.

cc: Environmental Planning Services
Office of Environmental Quality Control

December 26, 2000

Eugene P. Dashiell, AICP
Environmental Planning Services
1314 South King Street, Suite 951
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Chris Snyder
The Outdoor Circle
1314 South King Street, Suite 306
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Dear Ms. Synder:

Subject: Petrie Park: Draft Environmental Assessment

Thank you for your comments of November 20 regarding the subject project. I have incorporated your comments and our responses into the subject documents as follows:

- A. Regarding the costs and economic analysis of the proposed project, phasing of construction will occur because the overall project cost presently estimated is greater than the existing available budget. Irrigation systems will be provided or upgraded for all landscaping work and plantings, regardless of phasing, because we also recognize that water for the plants is a necessity. Landscaping improvements including plantings will be done at the time of other construction when excavation work takes place - landscaping will not be deferred.
- B. Regarding aesthetics, we recognize the importance of trees, landscaping, and irrigation to the beauty and attractiveness of this classic and historic neighborhood community park and landscaping will not be neglected.
- C. Regarding traffic congestion, the improvements to the parking areas on 20th Avenue are being deferred to later phases of construction until community concerns can be adequately addressed. When parking areas are constructed, the work will be in compliance with the Land Use Ordinance (LUO), including landscaping requirements, unless otherwise specified by an approved waiver to the LUO.
- D. Regarding flora, although the project does provide for "tree-for-tree" replacement, should opportunities arise for added trees in this park, that will be considered. Qualified staff in the Parks Department are capable for the work, and there are certified arborists as well.

If you have questions, please call me (593-8330).

Sincerely yours,

Eugene P. Dashiell

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November 20, 2000

Mr. Don Griffin
City & County of Honolulu
Department of Parks & Recreation
650 South King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: PETRIE COMMUNITY PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Dear Mr. Griffin:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for Petrie Community Park Improvements. After reviewing both the DEA and the final construction plans dated November 14, 2000, we offer the following comments:

We are concerned that the phasing of this project is being driven by funding, and wonder what negative impacts this may have on trees in the park and the overall landscape design. Feedback from the Kaimuki Neighborhood Board regarding the closure of 20th Avenue as well as the funding constraints for the entire project make us question the project's priorities. In addition, we are concerned that the community has not been completely informed of the changes that have occurred on this project since the construction plans differ from the DEA.

Section 1.2.8 Costs of the Proposed Project and Economic Analysis:

The DEA lists the number of improvements, items 1 through 16, as an entire package, at a cost of approximately \$1.0 million. But we were told recently that improvements for this project are now being phased (\$800,000 for Phase One), and the additive selections will be based on available funds in the future. The Outdoor Circle is concerned that there will not be funding left for the needed landscape improvements in the park. This is inadequate. Certain improvements should be contingent to equal landscaping improvements. For example, the resurfacing of the two basketball courts and volleyball court as well as the demolition of two monkeypod trees should only be completed if four additional shower trees are planted near the new benches and existing lot. Irrigation must also be installed at the same time in order for the newly planted trees to survive.

Section 1.3.1 Aesthetics

The DEA states, "The proposed new automatic irrigation system and landscaping improvements will enhance the visual appearance of Petrie Community Park." If the community wishes to improve the park by enhancing the landscape, then this priority must be articulated in the budget, not neglected.

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Mr. Don Griffin
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Section 1.3.3 Traffic Congestion

Thirty four new parking stalls are proposed in the DEA, and although this may no longer happen due to the retention of 20th Avenue, The Outdoor Circle feels strongly that all new parking areas must have one tree for every six stalls as required in the City's Land Use Ordinance.

Section 2.3 Flora:

In general, The Outdoor Circle disagrees that any trees should be removed from the park to accommodate ball court redesigns. All alternative measures must be reviewed and exhausted before any trees can be removed. In the event that the trees cannot be saved and/or relocated then an adequate replanting program must be in place and not dependent on available funding. The DEA states that there will only be a tree-for-tree replacement to compensate for the loss of two unakuyod trees. Because this project is an "improvement" we feel that this is a perfect opportunity to plant more trees in the park and strengthen the overall landscape. Also, a qualified certified arborist must be hired to perform any and all tree related work, including planting, trimming, relocation, root pruning and irrigation requirements.

Although a Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will most likely be granted, we hope that our comments positively impact your decision-making about the importance of preserving and enhancing our community trees and landscapes. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed improvements to Petite Park. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Chris Snyder

Chris Snyder
Project Manager

cc Office of Environmental Quality Control
Gary Yee, Department of Design and Construction
Bill Balfour, Department of Parks and Recreation
Duke Bainum, Honolulu City Council Member
Harold Mau, Department of Design and Construction

December 26, 2000

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Warren K. Ho
Acting Fire Chief
Fire Department
City and County of Honolulu
3375 Koapaka Street, Suite H425,
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819-1869

Dear Chief Ho:

Subject: Petrie Park: Draft Environmental Assessment

Thank you for your comments of November 17 regarding the subject project. I have incorporated your comments and our responses into the subject documents as follows:

- A. The fire lane along the abandoned portion of 20th Avenue connecting the two proposed parking areas will be maintained. Please note that the improvements along the 20th Avenue corridor are being deferred to later phases of construction until community concerns can be adequately addressed.
- B. Civil drawings will be submitted to the Honolulu Fire Department for review and approval.

If you have questions, please call me (593-8330).

Sincerely yours,



Eugene P. Dashiell

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November 17, 2000

TO: GARY Q. L. YEE, AIA, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
ATTN: HAROLD MAU
FROM: WARREN K. HO, ACTING FIRE CHIEF
SUBJECT: PETRIE PARK: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

We received a memorandum from Eugene P. Dashiell dated October 27, 2000, regarding the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Petrie Park project.


We have no objections to the project provided the following is complied with:

- 1. Maintain the fire lane in the abandoned portion of 20th Avenue.
- 2. Submit civil drawings to the Honolulu Fire Department for review and approval.

Should you have any questions, please call Battalion Chief Kenneth Silva of our Fire Prevention Bureau at 831-7778.

WKK/KS:ms

cc: Eugene P. Dashiell, AICP


WARREN K. HO
Acting Fire Chief

December 26, 2000

Eugene P. Dashiell, AICP
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Lee D. Donohue
Chief of Police
Police Department
City and County of Honolulu
801 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chief Donohue:


Subject: Petrie Park: Draft Environmental Assessment

Thank you for your comments of November 8 regarding the subject project. I have incorporated your comments and our responses into the subject documents as follows:

- A. We note that you do not anticipate additional impact on police services due to the proposed improvements, though there may be calls for police service during the construction phase.
- B. We appreciate your recommendation of the concept of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). Staff of the design firm (Austin Tsutsumi and Associates) have discussed the project design with Sergeant Kawasaki of the Support Services Bureau. It is our understanding that the nature of the proposed improvements, which include improved lighting and access, are in accord with CPTED.

If you have questions, please call me (593-8330).

Sincerely yours,


Eugene P. Dashiell

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November 8, 2000

Eugene P. Dashiell, AICP
Environmental Planning Services
1314 South King Street, Suite 951
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Dear Mr. Dashiell:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment for Petrie Park.

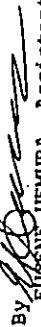
We do not anticipate any additional impact on police services when the improvements to the park are completed. However, there may be calls for police service during the construction phase since dust, noise, and traffic problems are inevitable during any construction project.

At this time, we would like to recommend that the concept of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design be applied in designing the improvements as a means of minimizing any potential criminal activity in the area.

If there are any questions, please call Carol Sodetani of the Support Services Bureau at 529-3658.

Sincerely,

LEE D. DONOHUE
Chief of Police

By 
EUGENE UEMURA, Assistant Chief
Support Services Bureau

December 26, 2000
Eugene P. Dashiell, AICP
Environmental Planning Services
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EUGENIE SALMONSON
DIRECTOR

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TELEPHONE: 832-1514-1518
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October 19, 2000

Genevieve Salmonson
Director
Office of Environmental Quality Control
235 South Beretania Street, Suite 702
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Ms. Salmonson:

Subject: Petrie Park: Draft Environmental Assessment

Thank you for your comments of October 19 regarding the subject project. I have incorporated your comments and our responses into the subject documents as follows:

- A. Cultural impacts assessment: We have included a discussion of cultural impacts and a supporting appendix to the EA.
- B. Approving agency: The Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for preparation of the draft and final environmental assessments and has made the determination of the finding of no significant impact.
- C. Agency contacts: The EA includes a copy of a letter from the State Historic Preservation Division concerning the project. Agency contacts have been added to Section 6 in the EA.
- D. The Development Plan for the Primary Urban Center (PUC) designates the park site as "Park and Recreation". Please also see letter from the Department of Planning and Permitting, November 30.
- E. There will be two volleyball courts and the EA has been changed to reflect this language.
- F. Lights are of the low-sodium type which are consistent with lighting on urban streets and other City park areas.
- G. Consideration will be given to printing on two-sided pages.
- H. The project is anticipated to begin in 2001 and preliminary targeted to be completed within 5 years, although the first phase of the work may be completed much sooner, perhaps within a year of the construction start date.

If you have questions, please call me (593-8330).

Sincerely yours,

Eugene P. Dashiell

Copies to: Depts. of Parks and Recreation, and Design and Construction, and Austin Tsutsumi and Associates

William Balfour, Director
Department of Parks & Recreation
630 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Attention: Don Griffin

Dear Mr. Balfour:

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment (E-A) for Petrie Park Improvements, Kaimuki

We have the following comments to offer:

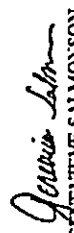
- 1. **Cultural impacts assessment:** Enclosed is a copy of Act 50, passed by the Legislature in April of this year. This mandates an assessment of impacts to local cultural practices by the proposed project. In the final EA include such an assessment. For assistance in the preparation refer to our *Guidelines for Assessing Cultural Impacts*. Contact our office for a paper copy or go to our homepage at <http://www.state.hi.us/health/oeqc/guidance/cultural.htm>.
- 2. **Approving agency:** HRS 343-3(b) specifies that this agency will prepare draft and final assessments and make the determination regarding significance of impacts of the proposed action. This draft EA was submitted by the Department of Design & Construction. The correct agency to submit the final EA along with a determination is the Department of Parks & Recreation.
- 3. **Agency contacts:** An unattached distribution list submitted with the draft EA indicates that the City & County Department of Design & Construction and the State Historic Preservation Division of DLNR (SHPD) were either contacted or sent copies of this draft EA. In the final EA include these agencies on your list in section 6. Be sure to document all contacts and correspondence with SHPD, as it is critical to receive clearance from this Division before any ground disturbance occurs.
- 4. **Figure 4:** In this map it is impossible to determine the PUC classification for Petrie Park. In the final EA please enclose a clear copy of this figure.

William Balfour
October 18, 2000
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- 5. Volleyball courts: The draft EA states that one volleyball court will be reconstructed, yet Figure 2, *Conceptual Plan*, shows two volleyball courts. Please clarify this in the final EA.
- 6. Lighting impacts: Any new lighting should have impacts to adjacent neighbors mitigated to acceptable levels. Please discuss this in the final EA.
- 7. Two-sided pages: In order to reduce bulk and save on paper, please consider printing on both sides of the pages in the final document.
- 8. Time frame: What are the anticipated start and end dates of this project?

If you have any questions call Nancy Heinrich at 586-4185

Sincerely,


 GENEVIEVE SALMONSON
 Director

Enc.

c: Gene Drahicel

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December 26, 2000

Eugene P. Dashiell, AICP
Environmental Planning Services
1314 South King Street, Suite 951
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Gary Gill, Deputy Director
Environmental Health Administration
Department of Health, State of Hawaii
P.O. Box 3378
Honolulu, Hawaii 96801

Dear Mr. Gill:

Subject: Petrie Park; Draft Environmental Assessment

Thank you for your comments of December 12, 2000 regarding the subject project. We note that you have no comments to offer at this time.

If you have questions, please call me (593-8330).

Sincerely yours,



Eugene P. Dashiell

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Mr. Harold M. Gill
Department of Design and Construction
City and County of Honolulu
650 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Maui:

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA)
Petrie Park Improvements
Honolulu, Hawaii
TASK:3-2-452

Thank you for allowing us to review and comment on the subject project. We do not have any comments to offer at this time.

Sincerely,



GARY GILL
Deputy Director
Environmental Health Administration

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GOVERNOR OF HAWAII

BRUCE S. ANDERSON, JR., M.D., M.P.H.
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In reply, please refer to:

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RETURN TO DPR

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Correspondence

April 26, 1995

Ms. Nooreen Arakawa
2569 Jasmine Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

Dear Ms. Arakawa:

Series of letters relating to closure of 20th
Avenue between Pahoa and Harding
Avenues

We have been asked to respond to your letter of April 12, 1995 on behalf of Mayor Harris and Charles Swanson, Director, Department of Transportation Services. This matter has been referred to the Department of Parks and Recreation because the closure of 20th Avenue is under the jurisdiction of this department.

Unfortunately, in urban areas like Kaimuki, it is difficult to provide the needed public space to accommodate all of the activities of daily life. We are often forced to compromise between alternate uses.

Although the community has grown accustomed to stopping and parking on 20th Avenue, the decision to close 20th Avenue was actually made several years ago by the City Council. The Council felt that the community needed additional recreational facilities, and that 20th Avenue was not needed as a public thoroughfare. We are now finalizing plans to close 20th Avenue for the expansion of Petrie Park.

We share your concerns about the need for parking in and around the park. When the renovations to the park are completed, there will be two small parking lots at Petrie Park. This should provide a safe drop-off/pick-up area for children using the park.

In addition, we have made every effort to coordinate use of existing parking facilities at Waiatae Elementary School. Unfortunately, we have been unable to convince the school to open access to their lot after school hours.

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JEREMY HARRIS
MAYOR

April 18, 1995

Ms. Noreen Arakawa
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Thank you for writing to the Mayor. We appreciate your interest in your community and hope we have adequately addressed your concerns.

Sincerely,

DONA L. HANAIKE
For Director

DLH:el (J. Morihara, Advance Planning)
cc: Mayor Jeremy Harris
Department of Transportation Services
bcc: Parks Maintenance & Recreation Services
District I
Design Branch

Ms. Noreen Arakawa
2569 Jasmine Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

Dear Ms. Arakawa:

Thank you for your letter dated April 12, 1995, informing me of your concern regarding the possible closure of 20th Avenue.

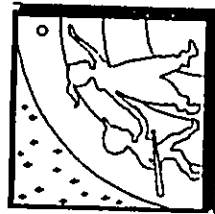
I have asked Mr. Charles Swanson, Director of the Department of Transportation Services, to investigate your concern and respond to me within the next few days. A full and complete reply will be sent directly to you.

I appreciate your patience and thank you for taking the time to write.

Aloha,

JEREMY HARRIS
Mayor

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RONALD B. MUN
CORPORATION COUNSEL

4/12/95

Dear Mayor,

Why in the world would the City want to close 20th Ave between Harding and Pahoa permanently? As it is now we parents often have to park in the residential area whenever there is a school function, Japanese school function and any sports activity at the park. Just on Fridays alone, during baseball season, you have 60, 5 to 8 years olds on Petre field alone. Where are we to park? Losing 20th Ave would mean parking in the surrounding neighborhood, which would mean more kids on the street, where there are no sidewalks, running to get to and from the park.

We love our school, we love our park and we really don't want to give up our one block of street parking. We parents don't want to take up any residential parking, but if it means having to miss our kids practices or games then we have no choice. We don't want our kids to wait for us on busy streets like Harding, Pahoa or 21st Ave. If you recall, a boy got hit on 21st Ave. and a little girl got hit on Harding.

Many of us think this is either the idea of a person with no foresight to the problems of the community and its parking needs, or that of a *disgruntle* parent working for the City and County.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, I know you have more important things to worry about. What ever comes of this is ok, but I just had to say my piece.

Your Truly,

Norm H. Arakawa

May 29, 1992

TO: WALTER M. OZAWA, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

VIA: TONY ROBINSON, DISTRICT 1 SUPERINTENDENT

ATTN: SAM WONG, PETRIE PLAYGROUND DIRECTOR

FROM: KARL K. ICHIDA, DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL

SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF 20TH AVENUE AND LIABILITY FOR ACCIDENTS ON HARDING AVENUE

This is in response to your department's request for an opinion as to whether an accident on that portion of 20th Avenue, running between Petrie Playground and Waiialae Elementary School, will be considered an accident on park property.

We answer in the affirmative.

We understand the facts to be as follows:

Petrie Playground is bounded by Harding Avenue, 21st Avenue, Pahoa Avenue and Waiialae Elementary School. (See attached map). On weekdays, from noon to 2:00 p.m., Waiialae Elementary School closes that portion of 20th Avenue between Petrie Playground and the school to allow the school children to play. And, at other times, that portion of 20th Avenue is reopened for vehicular traffic. Your department has asked:

If someone is injured while playing on 20th Avenue, would that be considered an accident on City park property?

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TO: WALTER M. OZAWA

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May 29, 1992

We believe that that portion of 20th Avenue closed during school hours is a City park and that an accident on 20th Avenue would be considered an accident in a public park, based on the following discussion:

On January 8, 1973, Bishop Trust Company, by deed, conveyed to the City that portion of 20th Avenue which runs parallel to Petrie Playground. And, on March 13, 1973, the City Council passed Resolution No. 39 which abandoned that portion of 20th Avenue as a roadway. Subsequently, the abandoned roadway was to have been incorporated into a single 210,000-square-foot parcel comprising Petrie Playground. (See attached copies of June 13, 1973 and November 20, 1973 letters).

Therefore, any accident on 20th Avenue would be deemed an accident in a public park. Incidentally, we question under what authority that portion of 20th Avenue, between Waiialae Elementary School and Petrie Playground, continues to be used as a public thoroughfare.

Please feel free to call this office at extension 4832 if you have any questions.

Karl K. Ichida
KARL K. ICHIDA
Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED:
Ronald B. Mun
RONALD B. MUN
Corporation Counsel

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Attachs.

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November 20, 1973

June 13, 1973

TO : HONORABLE FRANK F. FASI, MAYOR
VIA : PAUL DEVERS, MANAGING DIRECTOR
FROM : GEMINIANO Q. ARRE, JR., ACTING DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
SUBJECT : TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY PURSUANT TO SECTION III, COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 448, 1964 (POLICY FOR DISPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY)

By Deed dated January 8, 1973, the Bishop Trust Company, Limited, conveyed to the City a portion of 20th Avenue between Fehoa and Harding Avenues (shown in red on the attached map). Said portion of 20th Avenue was abandoned as a County roadway by Resolution No. 39 adopted March 13, 1973.

Since acquisition of said portion of 20th Avenue was for addition to Petrie Playground, we recommend the transfer of jurisdiction and control of the property identified below from the Department of Public Works to the Department of Recreation.

Property Identification

Portion of 20th Avenue
between Fehoa and
Harding Avenues

Paul Devers
Paul Devers
3-2-45 30,000 sq. ft.

Attach.

APPROVED:

Frank F. Fasi
FRANK F. FASI, Mayor

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Acting Director of Finance

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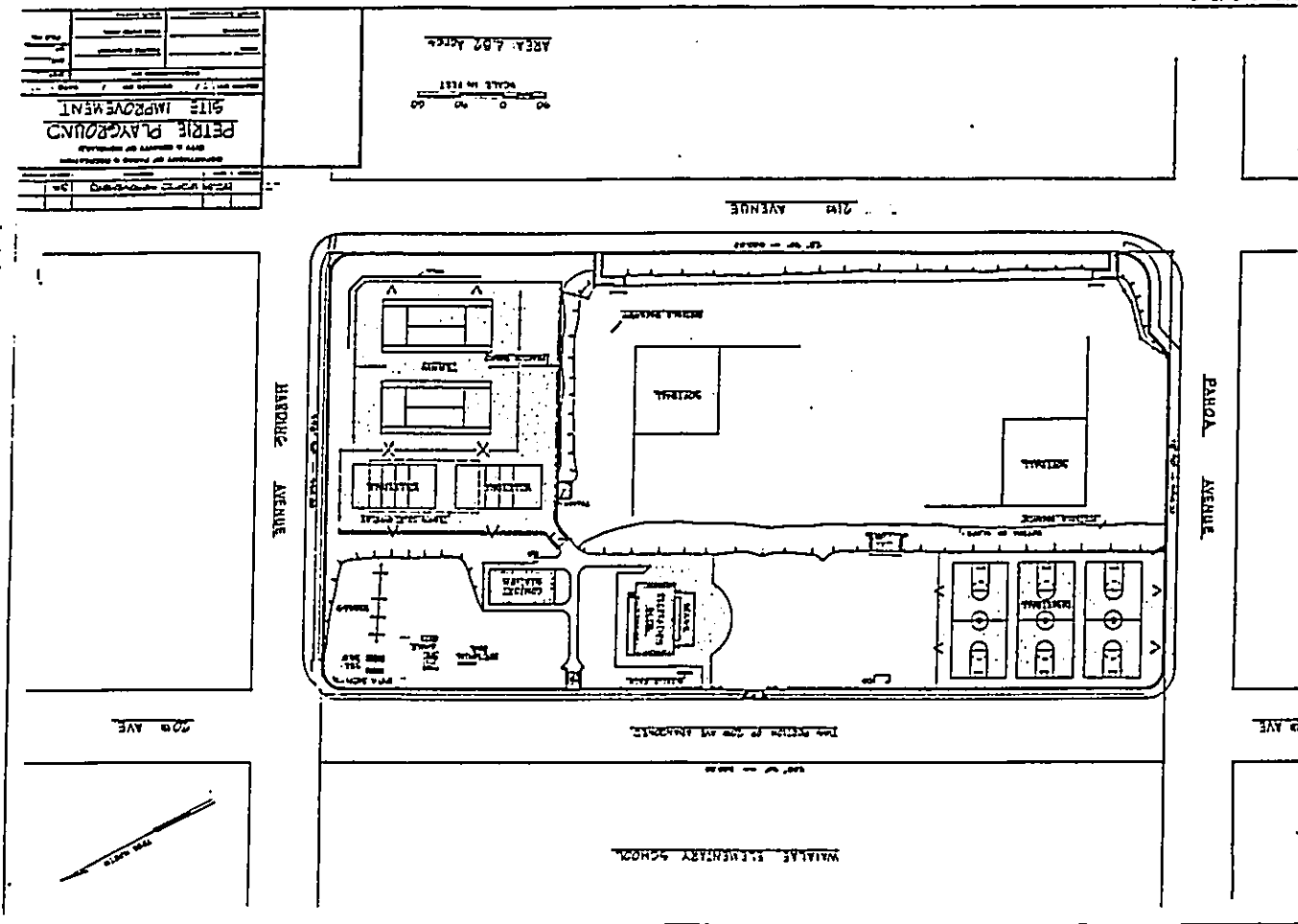
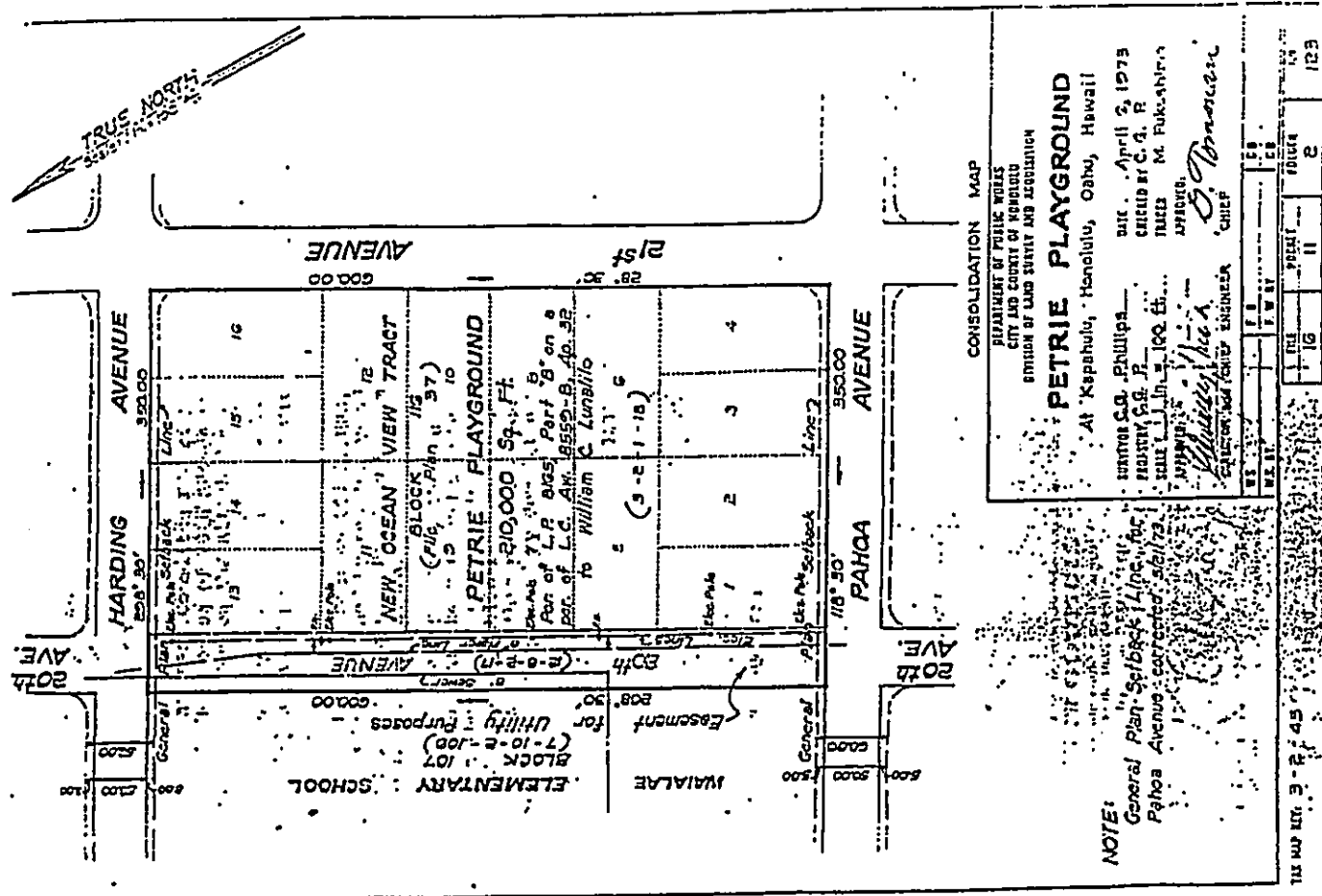
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TO: Mr. Young Suk Ko, Director
Department of Recreation
FROM: Edward Y. Hirata, Director and Chief Engineer
SUBJECT: Consolidation 20th Avenue and Petrie Playground
TMK: 3-2-45

This is to advise you that the Planning Department has approved the consolidation of the abandoned portion of 20th Avenue and Petrie Playground into a single lot of 210,000 square feet. A copy of the letter of approval and the final survey map are attached.

Edward Y. Hirata
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Director and Chief Engineer

Attach.

