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**MEETING NOTES**

**DATE:** November 3, 2016

**MEETING DATE:** October 22, 2016

**MEETING LOCATION:** IBEW Local 1186, Kalihi

**PRESENT:** Donna Mercado Kim, State Legislature  
 Romy Cachola, State Legislature  
 Carol Fukunaga, Honolulu City Council  
 Jackie Boland, AARP Hawaii  
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 Ryan Kusumoto, Parents and Children Together  
 Susan Gall, Robinson Estates  
 Marc Rubenstein, Stars of Paradise Tours & Attractions  
 Ron Higashi, Susannah Wesley Community Center  
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**SUBJECT:** 21<sup>st</sup> Century Kalihi Visioning Workshop

The following notes capture the main discussion points of the meeting. Attached to this meeting summary is a copy of the presentation and material used for the visioning exercises. This memo highlights the key discussion points from this workshop and is not intended to be a detailed account of the meeting.

## Meeting Notes

### A. Welcoming Remarks & Introduction from Ramsay Taum

Ramsay Taum welcomed and thanked attendees for dedicating their morning to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Kalihi Visioning Workshop. He began by giving an overview of the meeting agenda. He reminded everyone of meeting protocols and conduct by referencing the ALOHA Spirit Law. After allowing the Vision Committee (VC) members to introduce themselves, he stated the goals and objectives of the project. He briefly discussed the timeline for vision development, and then provided a recap of meetings to date. He also drew attention to other projects in and around Kalihi.

He then gave an overview of the 9 themes that emerged from previous conversations with the community and the VC:

- Infrastructure
- Housing
- Sidewalks
- Open Space/Parks
- Safety
- Education
- Community Pride & Culture
- Other Needs
- Assets

After sharing the input received, Ramsay transitioned focus onto the development priorities and community values that came out of previous planning efforts, reports, plans, and surveys. He shared the vision statements from the Kalihi-Palama Action Plan (2004) and the Kalihi Neighborhood TOD Plan (2014).

He went on to describe the purpose, intent, and desired intent of the Draft Vision Concept, which would be reviewed by the VC on November 1 and then by the community on November 15.

He emphasized that the focus of this project was to develop a vision for the OCCC site, in anticipation of its future replacement, in part or in its entirety. He explained that relocation is being considered, but is not guaranteed. The vision would therefore rely on two independent assumptions:

- Complete relocation of OCCC services and population
- OCCC facilities (all/some) replaced with new facilities, but remains in place

## B. General Discussion

Ramsay opened up the discussion to the VC and encouraged them to think about how the OCCC site could serve as a catalyst for future development in Kalihi, based on the two different scenarios presented above.

Comments from the VC:

- Stereotypes of Kalihi shouldn't drive the conversation.
- Kalihi has had more than its fair share of social services and needs more than one level of economic activity. Why should all the homeless shelters stay in/move to Kalihi?
- We already have a vision statement in the TOD Plan.
- We need to involve more residents. (Ramsay: This effort relies on VC members to extend invitations to their networks.)
- Who are we building for? We need to identify and address the needs and visions of the emerging population.
- Housing prices in Kalihi have increased 20%. (Ramsay: Demand for housing is clearly growing.)
- Is the end product a project plan? Or a modification to the TOD plan? Or a general plan? (Ramsay: The end product is not a plan. It's a concept that stimulates future discussion and decisions.)

Following this discussion, he introduced the visioning stations and invited attendees to spend around 20-minutes discussing and recording their thoughts on each theme. Economic development emerged as an important issue for the VC, and so another 'station' was created to encourage further discussion.

## C. Themed Discussions (20-minute stations)



Note: Asterisks (\*) represent the frequency of a specific issue/idea.

**C-1. Infrastructure**

- Improvements
- Opportunities for small business
- Accessibility (smooth traffic flow)
- Connectivity
- Not segregated (like Mayor Wright)
- Bike path/sharing
- Better drainage (residential & business)
- Inspiration from Pearl District, Portland
- Road restorations

**C-2. Housing**

- Workforce housing\*
- Mid-rise
- Not another Kakaako/Kuhio Park Terrace
- Greenspace
- Walkable
- Mix-use\*
- Adult day care
- Child care
- Flexible, realistic plans
- Family housing (not studio spaces)\*
- Develop OCCC site
- Co-working/Co-living spaces\*
- Roof-top gardens
- Ground floor community areas\*
- Partnerships for maintenance
- Complete neighborhood
- Secure areas/ perimeters

**C-3. Open Spaces/Parks**

- Maintenance plan\*
- More lighting in parks
- Greenspace built into housing areas
- More parks
- Sports fields
- Family-friendly spaces
- Keep homeless from taking over
- Fewer skate parks
- Lo‘i Kalo Park funding

**C-4. Safety**

- Students walking to school
- Security for housing

- Proactive community\*
- Better lighting\*
- Better police enforcement\*\*\*
- Regulate public access areas
- Improve pedestrian routes/access

**C-5. Education**

- MA‘O Organic Farms
- 808 Urban
- Council of Students
- Meeting space/community center\*\*
- Rec. Centers with cultural connection\*\*
- Difficult to access existing rec centers
- More collaboration between teachers and social services
- Indoor schools
- Resources for higher education
- Spaces for AFY
- KVIBES
- Programs to connect kids with businesses
- Thoroughfares
- More family involvement
- Student attachment to school & community

**C-6. Community Pride & Culture**

- Support existing small businesses\*
- No ‘cookie-cutter’ franchises
- Retain visual cues of Kalihi/Hawaii
- Respect Past
- Look to the future
- Ethnic parades
- More cultural celebrations
- Build on ‘I love Kalihi’
- Preference for businesses dislocated
- State should implement Container tax for fairness
- Sustain cultural value

**C-7. Other Needs**

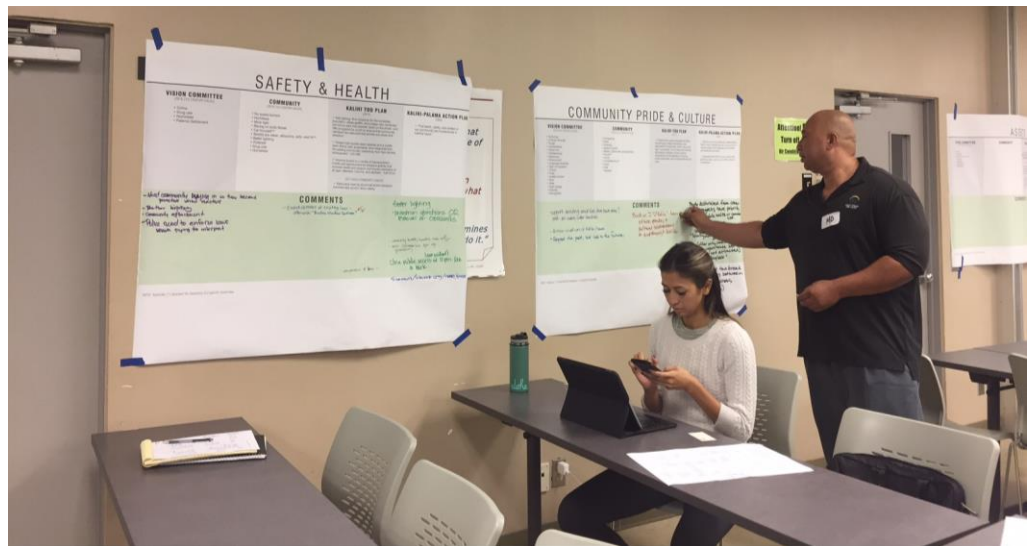
- Pharmacy
- Spa for mall
- Grocery store
- Kupuna centers/resources
- Health clinic
- Open markets

**C-8. Assets**

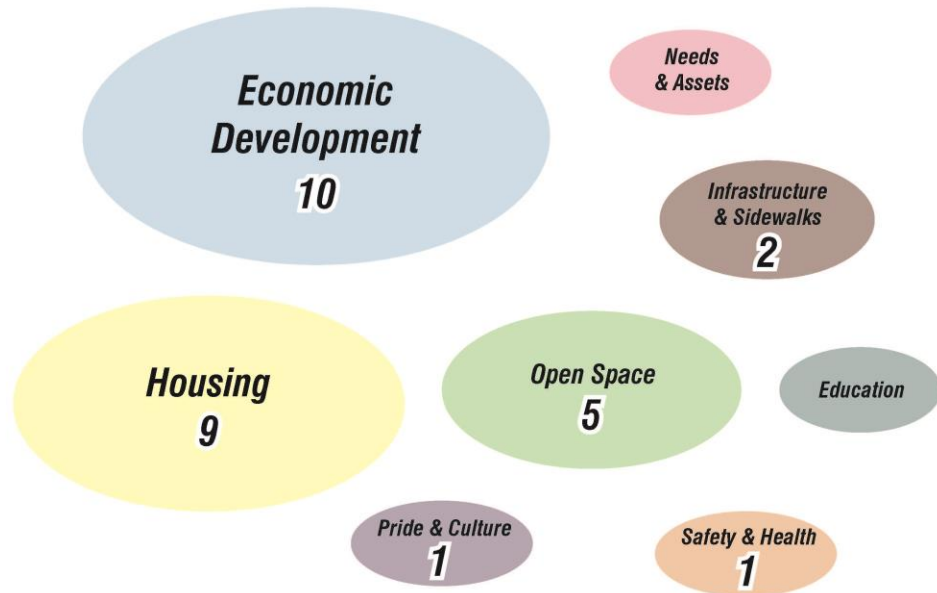
- Natural Resources
- Interconnected (education, businesses, etc.)
- Not stand-alones

**C-9. Economic Development**

- Keep industrial character/use\*\*
- Job center
- High transit accessibility
- Mix business uses
- Residential use difficult
- Reasonably priced leases for small business owners\*
- Association (like SIBA) for financing\*\*
- Job Corps (training & hiring workshops)\*
- Balanced approach\*\* (profit vs. needs)
- Elevate, prioritize, & involve residents\*
- Live above business\*
- Mix-use (live/work/play)\*\*
- Other options for OCCC\*\*
- Leverage Chamber of Commerce
- Reestablish City facilities (e.g. offices, parking, access to services)



At the end, VC members were asked to vote on their top two issues. The results of the votes are summarized below:



#### D. Next Steps

After thanking everyone for their attendance, Ramsay invited attendees to reconvene at the next VC meeting scheduled for November 1, 2016. The next meeting will be an opportunity to come together to refine and articulate the vision concept.