

KAKA‘AKO MAKAI COMMUNITY PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Hawaii Community Development Authority
677 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 1001
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Subject: CPAC Communications with HCDA

Aloha Vice Chairperson Kimura and HCDA Board Members:

Thank you for your timely reply to our letter dated October 26, 2007. We sincerely appreciate being informed of the HCDA’s position on these matters, and are writing to confirm our understanding as follows:

1. HCDA does not intend to make any permanent physical changes that may inhibit CPAC planning considerations and recommendations for Kaka‘ako Makai, including Kewalo Basin and the John Dominis site. We understand that the abandoned marine mammal lab will be demolished and the site will remain clear pending future plans in consonance with the CPAC’s deliberations and efforts toward this end. We further understand that the non-profit Kewalo Keiki Fishing Conservancy will have the right of re-entry to restore their site-dependent marine conservation program activities on the makai side of Kewalo Basin Cove.
2. HCR 30, 2006, the Legislative sanction which formed the CPAC to “meaningfully participate in the development, acceptance and implementation of any future plans for the development of Kaka‘ako Makai,” is silent with regard to key HCDA personnel with whom the CPAC will be working. The CPAC is cognizant that the HCDA “shall appoint the executive director who shall be the chief executive officer,” and had hoped to provide constructive input on the selection of same after learning of those candidates possessing the qualifications to act in this capacity.

Since this has not been possible, we now hope that the HCDA will ensure that the qualified appointed individual will be one who is experienced with and supportive of open communications and a fair and respectful community-based planning process. Given these considerations and qualifications, the CPAC is very much looking forward to working insightfully together with the new Executive Director.

3. The CPAC will make every effort to inform the HCDA of any recommendations, concerns and agenda requests in a timely manner. We now understand that any agenda request should be provided three (3) weeks in advance of the subject HCDA meeting date in order to be considered for that meeting agenda. In view of this, at the November 14, 2007, CPAC meeting a recommendation will be made to set CPAC meetings three weeks in advance of HCDA meeting dates, with associated committee recommendations and any HCDA agenda requests provided accordingly for consideration by the CPAC.

In addition, we would like to respectfully request that the CPAC have the opportunity to present a brief monthly progress report to the HCDA governing board as part of the HCDA regular meeting agenda, and Steering Committee members will be available to answer any questions. We believe that this will contribute to a greater understanding of the CPAC's endeavors as well as benefit timely and productive communication between the CPAC and the HCDA.

We again sincerely thank you for your timely and welcome reply. We look forward to moving forward in working with the HCDA toward successful future plans for Kaka'ako Makai in the best interests of the people of Honolulu, and future generations.

Sincerely,

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