

**KAKA‘AKO MAKAI COMMUNITY PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL  
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY  
September 22, 2008**

Committee Members Present: Mark Wong, Michelle Matson, John Parkinson,  
Amy Anderson, Ron Iwami  
CPAC Members Present: Bob Crone, Scott Furushima, Mike DeRego

Chair Mark Wong called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

- 1. Approval of Draft CPAC Meeting Summary - Deferred.**
- 2. Presentation Requests for Future CPAC Agendas – Deferred.**
- 3. Review of Guiding Principles Drafts and CPAC Comments**

The Committee reviewed the Guiding Principles (GP) drafts and September CPAC comments for GP format improvement and content refinement, and a Gathering Place GP and Kewalo Basin GP were re-submitted for consideration. It was noted that several GPs could remain unchanged. Chair Wong led the discussion with introductory comments on each GP:

Gathering Place: The “gathering place” of Kaka‘ako Makai includes several things, and some prefer this as a separate GP while others prefer this as the vision.

Discussion:

- All elements in the GPs constitute the gathering place.
- Question if “gathering place” should be a separate GP if the term appears in other GPs.
- Suggestion to place “gathering place” at the beginning of the GP slate.
- A “gathering place” GP would parallel §206E-34, HRS, which provides for consideration of certain multi-cultural opportunities, such as performing arts, museums and other cultural facilities. This would also parallel the CPAC’s support of performing arts, museums and exhibitions, multi-cultural festivals and a cultural farmers and fish market.
- The “multicultural” GP could be combined with the “gathering place” GP.
- The structure of the GP slate should be determined, e.g., whether to group gathering place elements in one GP, or to broadly describe the gathering place at the beginning followed by more specific GPs.
- There is duplication between the “gathering place” and “cultural center” GPs.
- The “gathering place” GP could be a broad introductory statement for the entire area’s natural aspects and open space; multi-cultural uses with emphasis on the host culture; and celebration of recreational opportunities, enriching public education and the cultural history of the diverse community.

Hawaiian Culture – This GP remains as originally briefly written. Defining the *ahupua‘a*<sup>1</sup> and moving this GP up on the slate was suggested in CPAC comments. This would also help define any GPs that follow with this term.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.pixi.com/~isd/ahupuaa.html>

Discussion:

- A CPAC presentation on the Hawaiian *ahupua'a* previously provided some definitive language that reflects the *ahupua'a* as physical, but beyond physical; self-sustaining and self-contained; and respecting the resources and all who have access.
- A Hawaiian cultural expert should review the GPs when finalized.
- References to “broad cross-section of people” and “multi-cultural” could be moved to the inclusive “gathering place” GP, and deleted from this GP to avoid duplication.
- This GP places the emphasis on the host culture and introduces some of the Hawaiian language terms.

Later in the meeting the language relating to the *ahupua'a* was reviewed further, and it was agreed that this could be incorporated into the GP together with some of the terms suggested in the CPAC comments.

It was agreed that the first two GPs could be less specific and could set the tone for those that follow.

Multi-Cultural – It was agreed that this single-sentence GP should be incorporated into the “gathering place” GP.

Park and Green Space - CPAC comments included “extending” the lei of green and adding “public health and welfare.”

Discussion:

- Replace national-level park standards with “established park planning standards,” because 2 acres per 1000 residents is a Honolulu park planning standard. Replace park acreage with park “space.”
- Clarify the need for this park space to compensate for the lack of park space in Kaka‘ako Mauka.

Open View Planes – No changes or major comments.

Discussion:

- As suggested by a CPAC comment, combining the two bullets was offered as an option.
- It was clarified that this GP addresses the scope of the significant views as well as the vantage areas from which they are seen, i.e., the three view directions to the Ko‘olaus, Diamond Head and the Waianae range as seen from the two significant vantage areas of Kewalo Basin’s harbor and peninsula, and Kaka‘ako Makai’s shoreline and interior.

It was agreed that the clarifying term “view vantage areas” would be incorporated in this GP.

Coastal and Marine Resources – There has been some confusion between the terms “restore” and “repair” as related to coastal resources.

Discussion:

- “Remediate” relates to the contaminated soil.
- “Repair” relates to fixing a bulkhead, and coastal “restoration” relates to returning the area back to its natural state.
- The intent is to practice responsible stewardship of this resource.
- Invest in and protect the dynamic reef, fish population and vegetative systems.
- Heavy storm drainage into Kewalo Basin has not been controlled.

- Monitoring of the resource is an important issue.

It was agreed that “stewardship” and “enable monitoring, protection, restoration, conservation, and enhancement of coastal and ocean resources” would be incorporated in this GP.

Public Accessibility – The term “limited mobility” was added.

- It was clarified that shared parking would be for different users at different times, and concealed and bermed or underground parking would provide minimal visual impact.
- Using “complimentary to the natural setting” was suggested in the CPAC comments.
- Parking for ocean users should be as close to the shoreline as possible to facilitate the transport of surfboards and equipment.
- There may be a conflict between park space and parking.
- Resolving conflicting uses will be part of the planning process.

It was agreed that an additional bullet was needed to accommodate ocean recreation users and their equipment.

Public Safety, Health and Welfare – Bio-hazards have different rankings and there are specific levels of safety construction for bio-safety labs. If there are no bio-hazards in Kaka‘ako Makai there will be no bio-safety labs.

- A Level 3 bio-hazard lab is proposed for Kaka‘ako Makai. “Bio-hazard laboratory” is a known technological term for this type of facility,<sup>21</sup> and “bio-safety” is a public relations term.
- Level 3 laboratories experiment with virulent diseases.
- Level 3 labs require specific ventilation and containment systems with complex construction.
- It would be safer for Honolulu if the proposed bio-hazard lab is built on Johnston Island.<sup>3</sup>
- The intent expressed in this GP is consistent with the CPAC’s position.
- Adding “assure investigation” of contaminants leaching from the soil and in harbor sediments was requested in a CPAC comment.

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<sup>2</sup> Bio-Hazard Laboratory Operations Issues

[http://en.wikinews.org/wiki/Biohazard\\_lab\\_supervision\\_an\\_issue\\_says\\_US\\_investigation](http://en.wikinews.org/wiki/Biohazard_lab_supervision_an_issue_says_US_investigation)

[http://scienceblogs.com/effectmeasure/2007/09/dont\\_ask\\_dont\\_tell\\_at\\_cdc.php](http://scienceblogs.com/effectmeasure/2007/09/dont_ask_dont_tell_at_cdc.php)

[http://www.nytimes.com/2007/10/05/us/05labs.html?\\_r=1&ref=us&oref=slogin](http://www.nytimes.com/2007/10/05/us/05labs.html?_r=1&ref=us&oref=slogin)

[http://scienceblogs.com/effectmeasure/2007/10/a\\_research\\_agenda\\_without\\_fore.php](http://scienceblogs.com/effectmeasure/2007/10/a_research_agenda_without_fore.php)

<http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/dn/education/stories/092507dntexcdca&m.3700e18.html>

<http://beta.abc3340.com/news/stories/1007/460171.html>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/10/05/us/05labs.html>

<http://www.academic.marist.edu/VBSC/mainfloor/haz.htm>

<http://www.academic.marist.edu/VBSC/viruslab/viruslab.htm>

(PacRBL will be a level 3 lab - click on the Prion Lab door)

[http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/publicat/lbg-ldmbl-04/ch3\\_e.html](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/publicat/lbg-ldmbl-04/ch3_e.html)

<sup>3</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johnston\\_Atoll](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johnston_Atoll)

<http://www.141.com/triumphs/J-Atoll.html>

Design Guidelines – Specify “site” design guidelines.

- Blended island fragrances convey the Hawaiian sense of place, e.g., plumeria and ocean surf.
- “Sensory perception” would be more encompassing.
- The sustainability guidelines bullet should be a mandate.

It was agreed that “site” design guidelines, “mandate” sustainability “principles,” and “sensory” qualities would be stated in this GP.

Kewalo Basin – This would be a new addition to the GP slate.

- “State of Hawaii commercial Harbor” and “unique identity” were additional clarifications recommended in CPAC comments.
- Keiki fishing fits with the gathering place, education and cultural GPs because of the activity’s attraction to diverse groups, and this would also fit with the Kewalo GP.

It was agreed that the KKFC keiki fishing use at the cove could be placed with the Kewalo Basin GP.

Cultural Center - Revised

After extensive discussion it was agreed that this GP should be renamed “Cultural Facilities” to collectively address the cultural facilities within the Kaka‘ako Makai gathering place. This would serve a dual purpose by reflecting the statutory public cultural market provision as well as the CPAC’s various facility priorities, e.g., indoor and outdoor facilities for cultural performing arts and festivals, museum exhibitions, a cultural farmers and fish market, a community center, etc. that would define the gathering place.

Small and Local Business – The emphasis on supporting only small and local business is important for Kaka‘ako Makai.

Discussion:

- The addition of the need for park users’ needs to be met by small local businesses was recommended in CPAC comments.
- While the focus has been on the use of public land, the GPs should also relate to adjacent properties within the entire area of Kaka‘ako Makai, including the KS, OHA, CRC, pump station and other parcels.

Legal – This is specific to public lands in the public interest.

- This is specific to the public needs and public interest issues, and the use of public land in the public interest.
- The public cultural market statute is not listed in this GP.
- The public cultural market statute’s featured Hawaiian culture provision, and the various facilities and public/private partnership to be contemplated, are covered in other GPs.
- Citations of the laws relating to Kaka‘ako Makai could be annotated.
- The title could be more specific to the GP: Public Land Use in the Public Interest.
- The objective is to ensure perpetuation of the intent for this area’s use, as established through recent legislative actions and strong public support for the preservation of this shoreline for present and future generations, which the three measures specifically accomplished.

It was agreed that this GP should be renamed “Public Use of Public Lands,” the bullets would describe the objectives of the leading statement, and the laws would be cited in the annotated version.

Community/Government Partnership – The only change would be to delete “to the contrary,” since this appears to be redundant.

Funding and Management - No changes.

Comment:

- Some thought should be given to a park dedication requirement formula for Kaka‘ako Mauka housing developers.

#### **4. Vision Statement Discussion**

Various Vision concepts were discussed, including the two Vision examples remaining from previous meetings, and the following recommendations were made:

- The Vision should be a uniformly crafted image of the future of the area based on the Guiding Principles.
- The Vision should create the image of Kaka‘ako Makai as an authentic and unique experience for residents and visitors, in contrast to Waikiki.
- Key concepts include a community gathering place, open space, public use of public land, and the Hawaiian culture and sense of place.

Each Steering Committee member was encouraged to provide a Vision example for CPAC review and discussion at the next meeting.

Following an informal discussion on planning future meetings and presentations, the Committee meeting was adjourned by Chair Wong at 8:30 pm.

Draft Steering Committee Meeting Summary transmitted by CPAC Secretary to Steering Committee Members for review on September 29, 2008.

CPAC Steering Committee Meeting Summary approved for posting by Steering Committee on October 5, 2008.

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