

**KAKA‘AKO MAKAI COMMUNITY PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
November 18, 2008**

Committee Members Present: Mark Wong, Michelle Matson, Wayne Takamine,
John Parkinson, Amy Anderson
CPAC Members Present: Bob Crone, Reg White, Mike DeRego, Lynn Sorensen

Chair Mark Wong called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

1. Approval of Draft CPAC November 12, 2008 Meeting Summary

The draft meeting summary was discussed later in the meeting. Minor formatting clarifications were discussed, with Committee review and approval for posting to follow.

2. Presentation Requests for Future CPAC Agendas – Deferred.

3. Review of Four Remaining Refined Guiding Principles

The Committee reviewed and discussed the four specific points in the three guiding principles returned to the Steering Committee for adjustment at the November 12 CPAC meeting:

- Hawaiian Culture and Values of the Ahupua‘a
Legal rights provisions and citations:
 - The Committee discussed at length the federal Admissions Act and State Constitution and statutory provisions provided just prior to the November 12 CPAC meeting by the OHA representative. It was generally agreed that these documents, as general laws not solely specific to the particular planning area, would be cited in the annotations to the Guiding Principles.
 - Review and discussion of the refinement of this guiding principle followed later in the meeting. It was determined that the term “legal rights” as defined by the State was implicit, as are all federal and State laws. The majority of those present believed that the tenor of this guiding principle’s purpose and intent should be maintained with refinement of the lead statement to include “customary and traditional rights and practices” in place of “legal rights” and with the addition of “protected by the State,” to read:

“Base the framework for the planning, decision-making and implementation of the Kaka‘ako Makai master plan on Native Hawaiian values and traditional and customary rights and practices protected by the State.”
- Public Safety, Health and Welfare
 - The third bullet was considered for refinement with the following language submitted by a CPAC participant at the November 12 CPAC meeting:

“Ensure that exposure to land and ocean is environmentally safe for people and marine life by assuring timely investigation, determination and mitigation of contamination found in the harbor and sediments.”

Discussion:

- The revision as generally supported, but some questions arose about the terms “sediments” and “contamination” vs. “contaminates,.” and the technical specificity needed to clarify sediments and harbor conditions given pollution in the harbor originating elsewhere.
- It was recommended that the bullet be refined to read: “Ensure that exposure to land and ocean is environmentally safe for people and marine life by assuring timely investigation, determination and mitigation of contaminants.”
- It was suggested that “identification” precede “investigation, determination and mitigation of contaminants.”

There was general agreement to refine the bullet to “Ensure that exposure to land and ocean is environmentally safe for people and marine life” and to annotate the details and specific concerns later.

- Pending additional information, later in the meeting clarification of bio-hazard levels was discussed as recommended at the November 12 CPAC meeting. It was agreed that more definitive language provided by the CPAC participant prior to this Committee meeting should be incorporated in the second bullet, to read:
 - “...including laboratories containing and experimenting with Level 3 or higher bio-hazardous pathogens and/or biological toxins known to have the potential to pose a severe threat to public health and safety.”
- Future Funding and Management
 - The Committee considered a CPAC participant’s written recommendation to include developing a public/private community benefits agreement stating each party’s contributions to the area.

Discussion:

- It as pointed out that this would be a separate document developed in the future.
- It was suggested that there could be a guiding principles provision in the second bullet or as a new third bullet for development of a public/private community benefits agreement relating to Kaka’ako Makai.
- To maintain consistency in the tenor of the Guiding Principles, annotation of the potential development of a public/private community benefits agreement was recommended.

- Additional comments on Guiding Principles

- Public Accessibility

Questions were noted from the November 12 CPAC meeting during discussion on public and consolidated parking. It was agreed to clarify the lead statement by deleting “public” from “shared public parking” and revising “park” to “parks,” with Kewalo Basin Park, Waterfront Park and Gateway Park footnoted.

- Kewalo Basin Harbor

- It was pointed out that the essential green belt from Ala Moana Park to the Kewalo Basin channel should include the connection between Ala Moana Park and Kewalo Basin Park, the Kewalo Basin channel frontage, and the physical links along Ala Moana Boulevard in addition to the shoreline promenade under the Public Accessibility guiding principle.
- Because of the additional uses now being addressed it was suggested and agreed that the title of this principle be revised to “Kewalo Basin”

4. Draft Vision Statement Review

The draft vision statements developed at the November 12 CPAC meeting and a summary of the terms common among these statements were provided for this meeting.¹

- It was suggested that one draft vision statement could be developed from several of the duplicative statements.
- It was noted that CPAC comments reflected in the meeting summaries would also provide helpful guidance.
- It was suggested that the draft vision statement with the most support at the November 12 CPAC meeting could be used as the basis for the consolidated statement.
- It was noted that the final vision statement needs to be polished and inspiring.
- A follow-up Committee meeting was recommended.

It was agreed that the Steering Committee should meet to move forward with drafting a recommended vision statement for presentation at the December 16 CPAC meeting.

The Steering Committee adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Draft Steering Committee Meeting Summary transmitted by CPAC Secretary to Steering Committee Members for review on November 30, 2008.
CPAC Steering Committee Meeting Summary approved for posting by Steering Committee on December 11, 2008.

¹ See Attachment D

**VISION EXAMPLES
From November 12, 2008**

- A. Kaka'ako Makai is a community gathering place that welcomes people from all walks of life seeking recreational, educational and cultural enrichment. Kaka'ako Makai continues the shoreline lei of green while connecting the mountains to the sea and encouraging ecological integrity. Kaka'ako Makai honors and celebrates the best of Hawaii for present and future generations
- B. Kaka'ako Makai shall be a special place by the ocean where all people from all walks of life, from the keiki to the kupuna, to the resident and visitor, come to absorb its natural beauty and history from the mountains to the ocean and engage themselves in celebrating the things that make Hawaii "special" now and for future generations.
- C. Kaka'ako Makai is a community gathering place that welcomes all people seeking recreational, educational and cultural enrichment. Kaka'ako Makai continues the shoreline lei of green, connects the mauka to makai vistas, and encourages ecological stewardship. Kaka'ako Makai honors and celebrates its history and the best of Hawaii for present and future generations.
- D. Kaka'ako Makai is a community gathering place that welcomes all people ~~from all walks of life~~ seeking recreational, educational and cultural enrichment. Kaka'ako Makai continues the shoreline lei of green while connecting the mountains to the sea and encouraging ecological integrity. Kaka'ako Makai respects Kewalo Basin's boating and fishing history and honors and celebrates the best of Hawaii for present families and future generations.
- E. Kaka'ako Makai is a culturally enriching community gathering place continuing the lei of green parks along the shoreline and connecting mauka and makai vistas with scenic beauty. Kaka'ako Makai offers an expansive shoreline park and open space with recreational, cultural and educational public uses to benefit present families and future generations.
- F. Kaka'ako Makai embraces ecological stewardship of the natural coastal environment inherent to the values of the Hawaiian ahupua'a.
- G. Kaka'ako Makai is a culturally enriching community gathering place continuing the lei of green parks along the shoreline and connecting mauka and makai vistas with scenic beauty. Kaka'ako Makai connects urban to natural and offers an expansive shoreline park and open space with recreational, cultural and educational public uses to benefit present families and future generations.
- H. Kaka'ako makai will be a memorable and uplifting gathering place that demonstrates Hawaiian values and offers public access to park and green spaces, shorefront, and the ocean. Educational and recreational opportunities will reflect the spirit of aloha, commitment to cultural and global connections, and sense of community within and beyond its borders. Kaka'ako makai will demonstrate protection of the natural environment and resources of the land, air and sea, will respect Kewalo Basin's working boat harbor and its history, and will actively contribute to the greater good of present and future generations of residents and visitors to Hawai'i.
- I. Kaka'ako Makai is a culturally enriching community gathering place continuing the lei of green parks along the shoreline. Kaka'ako Makai connects mauka and makai vistas with scenic beauty and a Hawaiian sense of place in landscape, setting and design. Kaka'ako Makai offers an expansive shoreline park and open space, respects Kewalo Basin's working small boat harbor and its history, and emphasizes recreational, cultural and educational public uses to benefit present families and future generations.

VISION TERMS
From November 12, 2008 Vision Examples

A. Kaka'ako Makai

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seeking

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Kaka'ako Makai

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while connecting the mountains to the sea

And encouraging ecological integrity.

Kaka'ako Makai

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for present and future generations

Terms in common

Terms emphasized in comments

Other terms to consider

B. Kaka'ako Makai

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E. Kaka'ako Makai is a culturally enriching community gathering place continuing the lei of green parks along the shoreline and connecting mauka and makai vistas with scenic beauty. Kaka'ako Makai offers an expansive shoreline park and open space with recreational, cultural and educational public uses to benefit present families and future generations.

F. Kaka'ako Makai embraces ecological stewardship of the natural coastal environment inherent to the values of the Hawaiian ahupua'a.

G. Kaka'ako Makai is a culturally enriching community gathering place continuing the lei of green parks along the shoreline and connecting mauka and makai vistas with scenic beauty. Kaka'ako Makai connects urban to natural and offers an expansive shoreline park and open space with recreational, cultural and educational public uses to benefit present families and future generations.

H. Kaka'ako makai will be a memorable and uplifting gathering place that demonstrates Hawaiian values and offers public access to park and green spaces, shoreline, and the ocean. Educational and recreational opportunities will reflect the spirit of aloha, commitment to cultural and global connections, and sense of community within and beyond its borders. Kaka'ako makai will demonstrate protection of the natural environment and resources of the land, air and sea, will respect Kewalo Basin's boat history, and will actively contribute to the greater good of present and future generations of residents and visitors to Hawai'i.

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Kaka'ako Makai
offers an expansive shoreline park and open space,
respects Kewalo Basin's working small boat harbor and its history,
and emphasizes recreational, cultural and educational public uses
to benefit present families and future generations.

Common terms within the Vision examples:

**Kaka'ako Makai
welcome/ing
community gathering place
seeking
recreational, educational and cultural
enrichment
continues the lei of green parks along the shoreline
connects the vistas of the mountains to the sea/ocean
scenic beauty
encouraging ecological integrity/stewardship
honors and celebrates its history
public uses to benefit present families and future generations**

Final Refined Guiding Principles

Hawaiian Culture and Values of the *Ahupua'a*

(#13 with #14, #18 and #24; July 22, August 12 and September 9 written and discussion comments)

Base the framework for planning, decision-making and implementation of the Kaka'ako Makai master plan on Native Hawaiian values and traditional and customary rights and practices protected by the State.

- Emphasize the host Hawaiian culture.¹
- Incorporate the *ahupua'a* concept and spirit of caring for, conserving and preserving the self-sustaining resource systems necessary for life, including the land that provides shelter and sustenance, the natural elements of air, wind and rain extending beyond the mountain peaks and streams of pure water, and the ocean from the shoreline to beyond the reef where fish are caught.
- Assure that the planning of collective or individual traditional features, settings, and activities will be overseen by Hawaiian historic and cultural experts to prevent misinterpretation or exploitation.
- Adopt the *ahupua'a* lifestyle of individual *kuleana* working together and contributing to the whole for a greater level of stewardship, conservation, and proper management of resources with contemporary land-use benchmarks, such as growth boundaries and carrying capacity.

Public Safety, Health and Welfare

(#7 with #22; July 22, August 12 and September 9 written and discussion comments)

Ensure that Kaka'ako Makai is a safe and secure place for residents and visitors.

- Keep public use areas safe day and night for public comfort and enjoyment.
- Ensure that Kaka'ako Makai remains free and clear of elements, activities and facilities that may be potentially harmful to the natural environment and public well-being, including laboratories containing and experimenting with Level 3 or higher bio-hazardous pathogens and/or biological toxins known to have the potential to pose a severe threat to public health and safety.²
- Ensure that that exposure to land and ocean is environmentally safe for people and marine life. *

¹ §206E-34(c)(5), Hawaii Revised Statutes, A.62/10; C.11/10. The Hawaiian host culture is emphasized as pre-eminent yet inclusive of other cultures.

² A.79 Kaka'ako Makai shall remain free and clear of bio-hazard laboratories experimenting with virulent diseases on animals or otherwise, specifically because protection of the public health and safety is first and foremost in this area a) immediately adjacent to a shoreline recreation area and the central urban population and b) in close proximity to a regional beach park and the Waikiki primary visitor destination.

<http://beta.abc3340.com/news/stories/1007/460171.html>" 16 (from 08 and 22)

Future Funding and Management

(#25 with #28; July 22 and August 12 comments)

Assure and assist viable and sustainable operation of public uses and facilities on State public land in Kaka`ako Makai through public/private partnerships and 501(c)(3) non-profit management³ similar to successful park conservancies and their stewardship programs.

- The community land conservancy will be essential in determining safeguards to restore, protect and perpetuate Kaka`ako Makai's natural shoreline resources and view planes, historic and recreational resources, and public uses on State public lands in the public interest as a quality of life benchmark.
- This conservancy may be a public/private partnership of the Kaka`ako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council (CPAC), the Hawaii Community Development Corporation (HCDA) or current oversight agency, and private contributing interests to both monitor and underwrite public use on State public land in service to the public good.⁴

³ §206E-34(c)(3), Hawaii Revised Statutes; E.42/11; E.34/10; E.35/10; E.36/9; E.45/8

⁴ A public/private community benefits agreement may be developed at a later date to define respective responsibilities and contributions.