

HIGHLIGHTS OF APRIL 5, 2006 HCDA MEETING

Following is a summary of several informational items presented at the April 5, 2006 meeting of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA).

Development Strategy for the Ala Moana Historic Pump Station and Developable Lands in the Ewa Portion of the Kaka'ako Makai Area

Developed appropriately as a mixed-use complex, the historic Ala Moana Pumping Station and adjacent 3.25 acres of land could become an icon and gateway for the Kaka'ako District. That is one of the outcomes of the development policies in a recently released draft development strategy plan for the site. HCDA's consultant, Clifford Planning, LLC, spent the past six months conducting a planning study on the site to prepare policy and development guidelines based on input from various stakeholders and the public who participated in several workshops held last year. The study is intended to create the basis for HCDA to develop a Request for Proposals solicitation to develop the site at some time in the future.

Since acquiring control of all State lands within the Makai Area in 1990, HCDA has received over 90 individual formal and informal proposals for use of the historic pump station site. However, none of these proposals came to fruition due to myriad issues and concerns. Other recommendations of the study, formulated from public input, are:

- to restore and rehabilitate the historic Ala Moana Pump Station site;
- to develop the best use of the site including a balance of mixed uses, density and historic preservation;
- to view more favorably proposals that favor low-rise structures and attempt to utilize the "urban village" concept;
- to maintain a view corridor of green space in front of the project site and not obstruct the view of the historic structures along Ala Moana Boulevard;
- to ensure that proposals create an urban space that fosters a friendly, pedestrian walking environment;
- if housing is included in the mix, it should be affordable housing;
- if a parking structure is included in the mix, it should be concealed from view with a commercial liner; and
- to provide a landscaped visual barrier to screen and reduce the visual impact of the active pump station.

Clifford Planning will revise and finalize the Policy and Development Strategy Plan with the additional feedback to be received from the Authority, and from stakeholders and the community. Comments can be directed to: contact@HCDAweb.org through May 3, 2006. Once the Plan is finalized, it will be brought before the Authority for approval and adoption. The adopted final

Plan will also be made available to the community in an electronic format downloadable from the HCDA website.

Request to Install a Commemorative Plaque at Kewalo Basin Park in Honor of Florentino Das

The Filipino Centennial Commission and Committee (FCCC) and Committee on Florentino Das Memorial are asking the State of Hawaii to allow the installation of a commemorative plaque at Kewalo Basin Park in honor of Florentino Das. The groups want to honor the 51th anniversary of Das' solo voyage from Kewalo Basin to the Philippines in his handmade boat, "Lady Timarau." The FCCC is proposing to affix the plaque to one of the columns facing the ocean in the Kewalo Basin Park pavilion. FCCC's plan was shared with representatives of Friends of Kewalo Basin Park Association, who indicated that they were not opposed to the plaque. Das left Kewalo Basin in may 1995 on a planned 90-day solo voyage to the Philippines. After encountering six storms and several repair layovers, Das arrived in the Philippines in April 1956 where he was declared as a national hero. The purpose of this informational presentation was to solicit Authority member and public input on the proposal. The FCCC will need to obtain the Authority's approval prior to establishing the plaque.