



Community Report



June 2010

Senator Donna Mercado Kim

District 14

Aiea Halawa Kalihi Moanalua Red Hill

Although the 2010 Legislative Session ended two months ago on April 29th, there is still work to finalize the session and recap what we had accomplished. There are also community concerns to address, issues to monitor and achievements to celebrate.

An Update on Kam Drive-In Development

At the Aiea Neighborhood Board monthly meeting on May 10th, there was a special presentation by the Robertson Properties Group on the proposed residential/commercial development on the site of the former Kam Drive-In. Nearly a hundred residents attended the community meeting at which developers presented their plan for a retail and residential project.

Residents have approached me asking how they can get involved and how their voice can be heard on this issue. These are my recommendations not just for this subject but for any issue of concern.

1. Your Council Representative seat will be up for election. Question candidates regarding their position on the development. Vote for a candidate that supports your position.

2. The Mayor's seat is now up for election since the current Mayor is running for Governor. Question Mayoral candidates and vote for the one that will best support your view on this issue.

3. While the State House and Senate seats do not vote on this issue, it helps to question their position. If they, too, support the community, then you will have a greater voice.

4. It takes five members on the City Council to vote in favor of the zone change that the developer will be asking for to allow three 35-story condos. Begin to contact Councilmembers that are not up for re-election to gain support for your position. The following is a list of remaining councilmembers and their phone numbers: Ikaika Anderson (768-5003), Todd Apo (768-5001), Romy Cachola (768-5007), Nestor Garcia (768-5009), and Ann Kobayashi (768-5005).

5. Contact the City Planning commission members who will be taking up the zone changes first and making the recommendations to the Council. The following are the current members on the Planning Commission: Beadie Dawson, Karin Holma, Andrew Jamila, John Kaopua, Rodney Kim, Kerry Komatsubara, James Pacopac, and Gayle Pingree. The Planning Commission's phone number is 768-8007.

I don't anticipate that this project will come before the Planning Commission this calendar year. The developer must do traffic studies and an environmental impact statement (EIS). The community can provide input when the EIS is put out for public comment.

6. To stay involved, the community should attend as many of these "planning sessions" for the area as they can.

These are suggestions of how you can play a role in the decision-making of your community. Questions and updates regarding issues can be raised at your neighborhood board or community association meetings.



Barbara Kim Stanton, State Director for AARP and AARP volunteers embraced Senator Kim for her support of SB 2469 which restored funding for many social service programs.

May 2010 is Play It Safe Month in Hawaii

Play It Safe International, Inc. held an awards presentation on May 21st honoring the poster contest winners. Congratulations to the following students who were honored for their artwork and messages of safety:

Ardean Nicolas (Kalihi Elem.), **Yolanda Fuatogi** (Kalihi Elem.), **Aaliyah White** (Kapalama Elem.) and overall winner in the safety and nutrition category, **Sharmaine Cabrerros** (Kapalama Elem.)



Senator Kim congratulated Ardean Nicolas (Kalihi Elementary) pictured with mom, Mrs. Marilyn Nicolas while displaying his safety poster award

Hurricane Season Tips

The 2010 Pacific hurricane season officially started June 1, 2010 for the central Pacific area. Your Aiea-Pearl City legislators held a town meeting at the Waimalu Elementary School cafeteria featuring the Department of Defense – Civil Defense Division on “How to Prepare for Natural Disasters”. Here are some helpful tips:

Develop a Disaster Supplies Kit

Your disaster supplies kit should contain enough of the following items to last for 5-7 days:

Water – One gallon of water per person per day for five to seven days, for drinking and sanitation

Food – Non-perishable food that does not require cooking to consume

Utensils – Plates, mess kits, forks and chopsticks. Can opener for canned foods

Radio – Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather radio

Light – Flashlight and/or portable fluorescent light and extra batteries

First Aid – Get a good kit and consider taking a certified First Aid course

Whistle – Important for signaling for help

Dust Mask – Helps to filter contaminated air

Sanitation – Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation

Tools – Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities; duct tape

Maps – Local area maps

Prescription – Special medication and glasses

Baby – Infant formula and diapers

Pets – Pet food and extra water for your pet



Mrs. Emilia Garo and daughter, Aimee Garo, recipient of the 2010 Donna Mercado Kim Aloha Spirit award for Dole Middle School

Schedule of Community Meetings

Neighborhood Board Meetings

Aiea Neighborhood Board No. 20

Monday, July 12, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

Aiea Library Conference Room

Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board No. 16

Wednesday, July 14, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Sakima Recreational Center

Kalihi Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15

Wednesday, July 21, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Kapalama Elementary School

Community Association Meetings

Moanalua Gardens Community Association

Tuesday, July 6, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Moanalua Middle School

Moanalua Valley Community Association

Wednesday, July 14, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

Moanalua Golf Course

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