



## Community Gathering Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 16, 2023

**In attendance:** Councilmember Calvin Say, 4 neighbors, 3 Hanahau'oli School trustees, 4 Hanahau'oli staff

### Topics of Discussion

- **Information Sharing:**

- 105th year of joyous work off to a great start!
  - Updates shared:
    - Rainbow House play structure torn down due to safety concerns. True to our progressive philosophy, children were involved in this process and will help to design a new structure that meets the needs of play at school.
    - New artist in-residence: Howard Wolff, photographer
      - Photos shared to illustrate joyous work in action.
    - Makahiki, 97th Makahiki
      - This will be happening on November 21 beginning at 8:00 am.
      - There will be many parents in attendance, which may increase parking on surrounding streets. Thanks for your kokua.
      - A parking reminder, including information about not moving trash cans, was sent to the community on 11/20.
  - Property Updates:
    - 1921: Awaiting permit needed to make the structure safe for learning
  - Follow-up items:
    - Sidewalk repairs made
    - Parking survey sent - only two positive responses
      - Parking has improved
      - Head of School sends reminders to parents to be mindful of where they park
  - New Items:
    - Summer enrollment: 201
      - Including our The Skills We Need Program (TSWN), a tuition-free summer bridge program for Hawai'i Department of Education (HIDOE) students, priority given to students on free and reduced lunch

- Fall enrollment: 221
- Hosted security watch meeting on July 29, 2023.
- Successful Hui Children’s Fair this year!
  - Used 1911 Ke’eaumoku Street overflow parking, Catholic Charities, and Roosevelt for parking – seemed to alleviate some parking issues from previous years

## Q&A

- What is the green space on 1911 Ke’eaumoku Street currently used for?
  - Mainly P.E. and/or other educational uses
- What is 1921 going to be used for?
  - It is targeted to be the Collaborative Studio, a maker space.
  - The hope is that 1921 will be ready for children in the fall 2024.
- Is the school open to the idea of exceptional trees? / What are Hanahau’oli’s plans for providing shade in the green area?
  - These are trees native to the island, that are approved by the Department of Parks and Recreation for planting
    - The Division of Urban Forestry provides additional information.
    - Mānoa Heritage Center might be another option for obtaining trees to plant in this space.
- Is there any progress on long-term planning for new construction in this space?
  - No. Currently, the Board of Trustees is working with a consultant to reflect on the school’s mission, the first step in strategic planning.
- When was the Mock Orange planted / How did it get its name?
  - The school believes these may have been planted during WWII.
- Can the school remind parents not to move trash cans if parking on the street?
  - Yes. The school will continue to remind its families to kokua when parking in the neighborhood