

NEXT MEETING: THURS., FEB. 16, 2:00 P.M., PIIKOI BLDG. CONFERENCE RM. A

Get Fit Kauai

Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition of Kauai County (NPAC-Kauai)

Built Environment Task Force Meeting Minutes

Location: Piikoi Building, Conference Room B

Thursday, January 19, 2012, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Total attendance: 13

Task Force Member	Agency	Attended	Excused	Absent
Blake, Ted	Malama Koloa		x	
Bowen, Sara	Kauai Natural Resources Consulting		x	
Brody, Bev	Get Fit Kauai Coordinator		x	
Bynum, Tim	Kaua'i County Council Member			x
Caylor, Dave	County of Kauai Dept. of Parks & Recreation		x	
Clendeninn, Neil	Lihue Business Association	x		
Conrades, Tommy	County of Kauai; DPW – CIP Manager			x
Date, Daryl	Kauai Fire Safety Bureau		x	
Griffin, Pat	Lihue Business Association	x		
Grinpas, Esti	Community Member		x	
Hull, Ka'aina	County of Kaua'i Planning Department			x
Kaiaokamalie, Lea	County of Kaua'i Planning Department	x		
Kaihara Patrick /Doug Haigh	County of Kaua'i DPW Building Division			x
Kudo, Wally	County of Kaua'i DPW Engineering Division			x
Langstaff, Curtis	Kauai Fire Department	x		
Linton, Jenn	GFK Safe Routes to School Coordinator			x
Mahikoa, Celia	County of Kaua'i Transportation Agency	x		
McCormick, Ray/ Iwamoto, Stanley	Hawaii Department of Transportation		x	
Morikawa, Dee	State Representative		x	
Noyes, Thomas	Kauai District Health Office	x		
Pendragon, Barbara Aiu, Imai	Kaua'i County Housing Agency	x x		
Pilkington, Christina	County of Kaua'i ADA	x		
Sugihara, Naomi	Get Fit Kauai	x		
Sullivan, Ben	County of Kauai Office of Economic Development			x
Tabata, Lyle	County of Kauai Dept. of Public Works	x		
Takahashi, Kealoha	County of Kaua'i Agency on Elderly Affairs	x		
Taylor, Ken	Community Member		x	
Welborn, Ben	Landmark Consulting			x
Westerman, Robert	Kauai Fire Department, Fire Chief		x	
Williams, Marie	County of Kaua'i Planning Department	x		
Yukimura, JoAnn	Kaua'i County Council member			x
Zachary, Diane	Kaua'i Planning and Action Alliance			x

Minutes

<i>Topic/Discussion</i>
1. <u>Call to order</u> The meeting was called to order by Marie Williams at 2:04 p.m.
2. <u>Welcome and Introductions</u> None
3. <u>Approval of minutes – 11/17/2011</u> It was moved by Christina, seconded by Barbara; minutes were approved.

4. Reports:

a. University of North Carolina's Excellence in Research report:

- Marie reported that the UNC's Excellence in Research developed templates to show successful intervention on policy issues, and their recent report discussed on Hawaii's Complete Streets policy, which focused on Kauai for their implementation on the CS policy; they interviewed several people for their report. Template was developed for other communities to use and apply. Marie recognized Bev for being the voice on the sidelines, she attends all County meetings on CS, and asks questions to move CS forward.

Action Items/Decisions/Follow-up/Deadline

None

b. Complete Streets Media and Outreach Sub-Committee:

- Marie reported that the sub-committee was formed and met twice so far. The purpose for the sub-committee is to create community awareness on CS. She mentioned that there has been pushback from people in the community who feel it's top-down planning, don't want to change the character of the community; we want to work with these people. The media and outreach effort is to help people to understand the concept of CS. Lyle has been very involved in getting the County internal committee and staff to work together in moving the initiative forward. Planning has also been meeting.
- Discussion on the media and outreach effort; want to do a better job in conveying the benefits of CS on Kauai and be very clear. Need to present set of ordinances to Council and want to have support of community.
- Marie shared that part of the effort is to do a brochure and show renderings of CS; GFK has some monies toward this project to hire someone to do the graphics. Comments from members included: people are afraid of having sidewalks in front of their homes because they can't park their cars on the roads, have multiple families with more than 2 cars. Need to think through actual logistics of this to consider the message for the brochure and media/outreach.
- Lyle reported that for Public Works and their plan, they need to pick and choose their projects. They are presently working on the Hanapepe town improvements and incorporate CS, which they hope to use as a model for retrofit. In process to secure professional services. Could be one of the examples of before picture for renderings. Lyle outlined some of the improvements. Hanalei town will be one of the last areas for their projects, main thoroughfare is State highways. Kilauea, Koloa, Poipu Rd. from Chevron to Hyatt would be on their wish list, needs to be prioritized. They would look at trying to get Federal funding to pay for it. Question asked if the brochure could focus on that as an example to try to promote it to the community. Another example might be the Lihue Town Core Plan, which is in process; PW has drawings, the GFK funds could secure a graphic artist who could make it come to life. Lyle mentioned that they have met with some of the agencies already and PW is moving forward.
- Some of the other smaller areas like Kilauea could be more challenging vs. Lihue, with traffic issues, cars moving faster in subdivisions, etc.

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- Comments to be shared with sub-committee for consideration in the brochure development.

c. Complete Streets brochure content development:

- Marie asked for suggestions to develop some content for the brochure, especially with the message and slogan. Some concern expressed from individuals in the past was that they hadn't been part of the planning process. Perhaps need to do outreach and go to the neighborhood association meetings to talk about CS and include them in the process. Marie noted that Teddy Blake did reach out to certain individuals and we want to include them in the process. Time needs to be spent to listen to these concerns and explain about the concept of CS.

- Marie emailed copies of CS brochure examples prior to the meeting. Lyle shared that in LA County, they used the wording of “living streets” and “pioneering healthier communities”. Marie noted that there should be a public health message that obesity is a crisis in Hawaii, we want to be able to walk and build it into our lifestyles. Other suggestions included conveying user friendly ways of getting around the community, being mindful of words we convey; multi-modal plan is all encompassing and is supposed to link all transportation needs and show positive outcomes; use examples of different communities so people can visualize CS in their own community. We need to change mindset to see the benefits, need to talk about our children and older adults and their safety (older adults suffer high pedestrian fatality rates). Need to plan walkable, transit-oriented communities, older people want independence so we need to encourage them to use the bus or walk.
- Lyle shared that with his experience at Wilcox School, which has about 1,100 students, many do not ride the bus or walk, they are being dropped off/picked up. Parents feel it is unsafe to walk or bike to school. With CS, sidewalks would be added along with more options.
- Other comments for brochure content: when addressing obesity, need to turn it into a more positive outcome so that concept is enlarging options; emphasize that CS is beneficial for all ages and all abilities.
- Need public campaign to somehow influence people to demand government workers to make something happen; need creative marketing and public influencing campaign. Use photos to illustrate CS and its benefits, and include areas other than Lihue. It was shared that the sub-committee is looking at 6 different communities on the island to show the before and what CS could look like, that one size does not fit all.
- Discussion on PW projects and collector streets, possible funding sources, including Federal monies. Several roads being considered, concern that people might overreact so we need to be clear about identifying projects and communities. Subdivision ordinance needs to be clear with language and when talking with the community. Communities want people to slow down traffic speeds, look at how can we work together to make our neighborhoods safer. Could show retrofits, bare roads with people walking and biking, convey sharing the road.
- Further discussion on the need for a strong public education plan, shifting mindsets about safety, convenience, attitudes.
- Thomas shared that in a prior survey with parents thru the Safe Routes To School program to find out their attitudes about walking to school, 95% felt roads were unsafe, children felt it was boring or uncool to walk, takes more time. The Walk To School days have changed attitudes, students like the walks, perhaps need to look at a remote drop off as an alternative, child walks from that point to school. Other comments included promoting that walks can be quality time with parents, suggestion of “Be Cool, Walk To School” slogan.
- Other suggestion for brochure: show island of Kauai with CS renderings of 4 communities, have photos with actual staging of Kauai people, ie. parents pushing strollers, people walking.
- Thomas shared that there will be a CPPW workshop on Kauai with March 13 as the target date; they want to highlight stories and document successes in CPPW, CS will be a major focus. He asked who can best express passion in making community changes; Marie suggested Bev and Teddy as the spokespersons.

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- Comments to be shared with sub-committee for the brochure development.
- d. CIP checklist for Complete Streets roadway projects:
- Marie distributed copies of the checklist; explained that it was developed when Michael Moule was here and it is to be used for first stages of planning with future projects. She asked members for their input and reviewed checklist components.
 - Discussion on Item 1, reference to consistency with existing planning documents: Are

designers/consultants given plans, need to share information with them for considerations with existing plans, Planning Dept. does share information.

- Concepts should be embedded in County requirements; need to be part of the contract.
- There should be a comprehensive list of what's out there, along with initiatives for special communities. Could possibly provide relevant information or access/link to these resources and provide basic information for Development Plans and consultants.
- Item 2, Community and Land Use, reference to pedestrian/bicycle traffic within 1300 ft.: maybe some areas need different distances. Discussion followed; for school bus qualifications, if you live 1 mile within school, student doesn't qualify for service. They are looking at expanding it to 2 mile radius. Other comments included:
 - Add housing, dense housing.
- Item 3, Existing and Future Usage: Discussion on linkages to other areas, could it be better utilized if there is improvement to pedestrian/bicycle facilities.
- Item 4, Safety: Look at proximity to local liquor stores and relate it to car crashes.
- Item 5, Transportation: Need to build Transportation Agency into review process for roadway improvements.

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- Suggestions will be shared with Planning Dept.

e. CS update to Council in March:

- Marie shared that the plans for the update/presentation to Council on CS will include GFK doing short intro, followed by Planning and PW. The date for this still needs to be set up
- As far as the ordinance, Bev asked Mike Dahilig, Planning Director, if he would work on it this year, he said yes. Marie indicated that the Built Environment TF can help to review the draft, which will have to be a series of ordinances. Initial one would address the subdivision chapter for new subdivisions to include sidewalks; plans are to do it with present Council.

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- Marie to work with Peter Nakamura to set-up date with Council for update/presentation.

5. Announcements

- Marie mentioned that the Smart Growth conference will be in a week and a half. People will be able to learn how CS is being implemented across the country.
- Jim Charlier and the Transportation Agency will be doing their next round of meetings/workshops in February on the Multi-Modal draft plan.

6. Date, time and place of next meeting

- The next Task Force meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 16, Piikoi Bldg., conference rm. A at 2:00 p.m.
- Celia said that Jim Charlier will be on Kauai at that time to hold the next round of public meetings for the Multi-Modal plan; she will invite him to attend the next Task Force meeting.

7. Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Recorded by: Naomi Sugihara, 1/19/2012