

**County of Kaua'i
Planning Department**

**General Plan Update Technical Studies
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting #8
Tuesday, December 16, 2014
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM Moikeha Conference Room A**

TAC Members	Organization/Title	Present	Excused
Barbara Robeson	Community Representative	X	
Beryl Blaich	Community Representative	X	
Carl Imperato	Coalition for Responsible Government		X
Dustin Moises	Water Department	X	
George Costa	Office of Economic Development		X
Imai Aiu	Housing Agency (no longer on island)		
Keith Nitta	Former Long Range Planner		X
Lyle Tabata	Deputy County Engineer	X	
Ray McCormick	State DOT	X	
Susan Tai Kaneko	Kaua'i Economic Development Board		X
Tom Shigemoto	A&B Properties		

Other Attendees	Organization/Title
Walter Chong	RM Towill
Lea Kai'aokamālie	County Planning Dept
Lee Steinmetz	County Planning Dept
Marie Williams	County Planning Dept

Summary Minutes. Agenda and presentations attached.

Meeting convened at 9:10 AM.

L. Kai'aokamālie welcomed TAC members and other attendees to the meeting and introduced L. Steinmetz who provided an overview of the Kaua'i Community Health Improvement Plan.

1. Community Health Assessment Presentation

The Kaua'i Community Health Improvement Plan is Phase II of the Kaua'i Community Health Improvement Initiative. The initiative was mandated by the Affordable Care Act (March 2010), involved a collaborative community process, and creates a health improvement framework for Kaua'i. The General Plan Update Technical Study portion of the Health Improvement Plan focuses on the impact of the built environment on communities and individuals on Kaua'i. In essence, the plan identifies "midstream" factors that influence health.

[Refer to the PowerPoint handout attached]

Discussion

B. Robeson provided a statement/question from C. Imperato regarding the development of standards for rural communities (attached). L. Steinmetz explained that standards are based on (1) context of place; (2) street type; (3) speed; and (4) traffic volume. L. Tabata added that [driving] behavior of those in the area may also determine street treatments, such as sidewalks and crosswalks for an area.

T. Shigemoto asked whether street standards for communities would be adopted via the General Plan update. L. Steinmetz answered, “no” and that standards for streets are being updated through a different process. D. Moises added that DCAB (Disability and Communication Access Board) standards may also be required. He mentioned the redesign of the Water Department building lot and the possible need to extend sidewalks on Haleko.

2. General Plan Technical Study on Infrastructure Analysis

Walter Chong provided a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the GP Tech Study on Infrastructure Analysis. The purpose of this study is to provide a current status of public recommendations may be based. The systems described in the study are: transportation, systems using the best available data upon which growth scenarios and policy drainage, water, wastewater, and solid waste. To the extent possible, data on private systems were also gathered.

[Refer to PowerPoint handout attached]

Discussion

B. Robeson asked if the reference to “Hanalei” meant the entire district or just a portion [slide 10, Drainage – Recommendations]. W. Chong clarified that in this case “Hanalei” included all flood-prone areas of the district.

‘Ele‘ele was mentioned as an area in which A&B/McBryde owns/manages a large amount of land and infrastructure. Similarly, a large portion of the Waimea District (including Hanapēpē mauka and Kaumakani-Pākala) is owned/managed by Gay and Robinson/Kīkīaola Land Company.

In regard to Solid Waste, L. Tabata provided the following updates/comments:

- June 2016 – anticipate development of Resource Recovery Park in Hanamā‘ulu.
- At this time, the County is diverting approximately 40% of its waste away from the landfill.
- For Kaua‘i, the cost of recycling is high, as most of the materials are shipped away to be processed.
- The methane recovery project (Mānā) is currently in the design phase.

B. Blaich requested that the study include a map showing sewer-serviced versus septic areas.

There was general discussion regarding water systems, such as whether public/private development of water systems should continue. It was mentioned that expertise in running plants [having qualified engineers] is essential.

In regard to water, T. Shigemoto mentioned that private landowners have found it difficult to decommission reservoirs that are no longer essential to operations. It was suggested that reservoirs no longer being used could be identified island-wide and shared with the [State] Commission on Water Resources Management. D. Moises mentioned that reservoirs are important for recharging aquifers.

B. Robeson requested a status of all technical studies (whether they are draft/final) and how finalized drafts may be accessed.

The meeting ended at approximately 10:45 am.