



Ka'ū Community Development Plan

Nū Hou/Update

March 2009

Surveys and Talk Story Meetings Are Pau – Now What?

The first phase of the Ka'ū CDP has come to a close. February 28 was the deadline for telling the County what you value about Ka'ū and what you want to see in your community in the future, either through a survey or a small group talk story meeting.

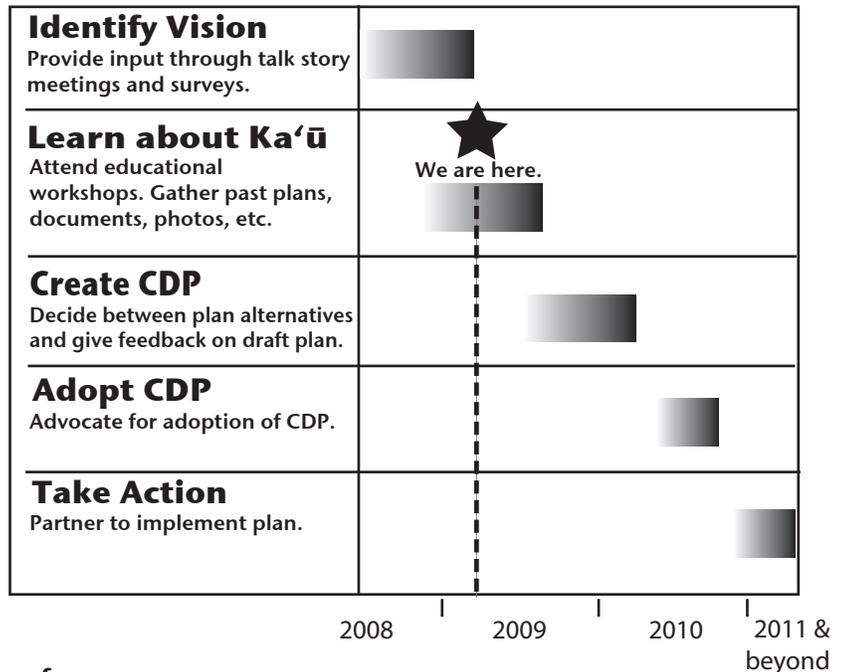
Mahalo to the 1000+ people who took the time to share their mana'o since last October! The thousands of ideas you've shared are now being compiled and organized, both geographically and by topic. Identical (or very similar) ideas will be grouped together (or "clustered"). The clustered list of ideas will be used to identify the core elements of the community's values and vision – and its priorities. Those elements and priorities will be the focus of the research conducted this year by the community and the consultants.

Based on the priorities and research, alternative paths to the future and alternative strategies for forging those paths will be developed and presented to the community for consid-

Next Step – Prepare to Plan by Learning about Ka'ū

While your values and vision ideas are being compiled, the Steering Committee is being seated, and the consultant is being selected, we continue to offer opportunities to learn about Ka'ū and issues related to community planning. All CDP activities are **FREE**.

Ka'ū CDP Timeline



eration once the planning phase begins. The paths and strategies chosen by the community will go into the Community Development Plan.

As ideas are organized, no ideas will be lost, and all ideas will be considered during the next phases of the CDP. The entire list of "raw" ideas and the clustered list will be available to the public.

Ka'ū's Special Places: To plan for Ka'ū's future, people should get outside their homes and neighborhoods and experience the land and water. Once again, the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park is hosting "People and Land of Kahuku", on Sunday, **March 15**. The event includes a 2½ mile hike through pasture,

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quarry, airstrip, and the beauty of 1868 lava fields. Boots, long pants and protection from weather are recommended. Meet at Kahuku's gate at 9:00am. Call 985-6011 for information.

If you are aware of other opportunities to visit special places in Ka'ū, please contact Nālani Parlin (217-6893 or nparlin@hrcr.info).



Introduction to Natural Resource Management: Tuesday, **March 17**, 6:00-8:00pm, Nā'ālehu Community Center. This presentation

will introduce basic natural resource management principles and practices, with specific examples from Ka'ū's mauka and makai regions. Refreshments will be served, and a question and answer period will follow the presentation. For more information, contact Ron Whitmore (961-8288, ext. 258,

rwhitmore@co.hawaii.hi.us).



Stories from Ka'ū's Kupuna: Monday, **March 30**, 9:00-10:30am, Nā'ālehu Senior Nutrition Center (next to the community center). In

February, we heard colorful stories from kupuna in Pāhala about the pre-statehood plantation era. The stories provided some fascinating insights into what the future of Ka'ū might hold. A final, similar session is being planned in Ocean View in April. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Nālani Parlin (217-6893 or nparlin@hrcr.info).



View past workshops online! Presentation slides of the land use and County government workshops presented in January and February are

now available in the "Planning Resources" and "Overview and FAQ" sections of www.kaucdp.info.

Steering Committee Updates



The Steering Committee selection process is coming to a close. Special thanks to the 32 community-minded people who applied to serve on the Steering Committee

– though it made the selection process challenging, Ka'ū is blessed to have so many well-qualified people willing to serve.

The County Council's Planning Committee will consider the following Mayoral nominations during its meeting in Kona on Tuesday, **March 17:**

- Donna-Marie Ambrose
- Patti Barry
- Richard Creagan
- Robert DaMate
- Ron Ebert
- Leina'ala Enos
- Michelle Galimba
- Loren Heck
- Eldridge Naboa
- Marino Ramones
- Simon Torres.

These nominees:

- Represent the following subdivisions/

neighborhoods: Pāhala (2), Punalu'u, Nā'ālehu (2), Green Sands, Wai'ōhinu, Kiolaka'a-Kea'a, Kahuku, Hawai'ian Ranchos, and Hawaiian Ocean View Estates.

- Range in length of residence in Ka'ū from 4.5 to 46 years, with an average of 22 years. Three nominees were born and/or raised in Ka'ū.
- Represent all sectors of the community, particularly agriculture, business, natural resource conservation, and civic groups.

The Council will likely take its confirmation vote during its meeting in Hilo on Wednesday, April 8. Go to http://www.hawaii-county.com/council/agendas_and_actions.htm for copies of those meeting agendas. Updates and additional meeting information will be shared via the Ka'ū CDP email announcements list (see "How to Stay Informed" at www.kaucdp.info) and posted in the "Steering Committee" section of www.kaucdp.info.

Want More Information about the Ka'ū CDP?

- www.kaucdp.info
- Email announcements: "How to Stay Informed" section of www.kaucdp.info
- Project Manager: Ron Whitmore, 961-8288, ext. 258, rwhitmore@co.hawaii.hi.us