

Ka'ū Community Development Plan

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Next Steps for CDP Outlined in Project "Work Plan"

With both the Steering Committee of community volunteers and the lead planning consultant in place, the process

to shape the Ka'ū Community Development Plan (CDP) is shifting into high gear. The PlaceMakers consulting team has described the next steps in a project Work Plan (download a copy in the "Project Team" section of www.kaucdp.info). The Work Plan is simply a road map for the collaborative process that will lead to the CDP's creation, adoption, and implementation (see the timeline to the right).

Already, public input through surveys and "talk story" meetings has established the foundations for the CDP. But that's only the beginning. At every remaining step, public participation is integrated into decision-making.

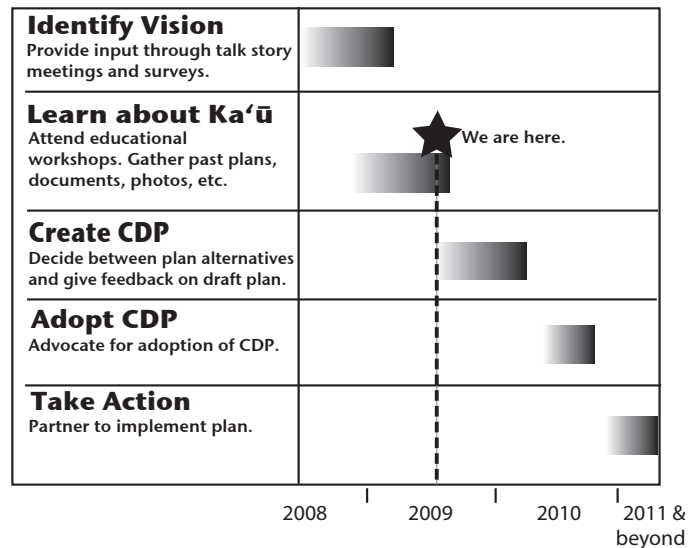
Next Up: Community Summits in September and October:

The Ka'ū CDP Community Profile will summarize information and data about Ka'ū on everything from economic development to coastal conservation. At the Summits, the community will gather local knowledge and expertise

to fill in missing gaps in the Community Profile. For example, participants may be asked to gather information from kupuna, community leaders, and others about the local economy, historic or recreational sites, or natural and cultural resources. Combined with an analysis of community members' input about community Visions and Values (see the story on page 2), the Community Profile will help set the stage for the centerpiece of the planning process – the public "charrette" in November.

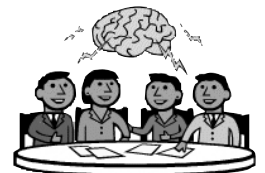
The Charrette: While there will be many chances to weigh in on the CDP planning effort, the most important opportunity is this six-day, collaborative planning and design workshop. The Charrette is the

Tentative Ka'ū CDP Timeline



heart of the Ka'ū CDP creation process, and everybody will be at the table – County officials and staffers, community members, and the PlaceMakers consultants.

Together, they'll sort through ideas that have emerged so far, test them against community objectives, and choose the core elements of the Ka'ū CDP. Everything is open to the public. The immediate outcome of the Charrette is a first rough draft of the CDP. The Charrette will be followed by community "Speak Outs" in February, when the community will confirm that the CDP truly reflects community input.



Plenty more details are coming in future project updates. For the most up-to-date info, check out the project web site or subscribe to the email announcements list (see the bottom of page 2). More information about the Work Plan, including detailed descriptions of the summits and the charrette, will also be shared during the August 11 Steering Committee meeting (see the story on page 2).

(More information on the other side.)

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Check Out What You and Your Neighbors Said

Between October 2008 and February 2009, nearly 1,200 people completed a survey or participated in a “talk story”

meeting to answer the questions: “What do you love about Ka’ū?” and “What would you like to see in Ka’ū in 20 years?” Initial summaries of that input are now available, including:

- A demographic profile of participants, including geographic region, ethnicity, age, generation in Hawai’i, length of residence in Ka’ū, education level, and household income.
- An initial categorization of comments according to the thirteen “elements” of the General Plan, which correspond with the County’s primary areas of jurisdiction. **Of the 2,615 comments about what people love, the highest ranking element was natural resources and shoreline** (461 comments, or 17.6% of the total). **And of the 3,852 comments about what people want to see in the future, the highest ranking element was economic** (952 comments, or 24.7% of the total). Other high ranking elements included recreation (423 comments, or 10.9%), education (420 comments, or 10.9%), health and sanitation (261 comments, or 6.7%), and natural resources and shoreline (224 comments, or 5.8%).

Go to the “CDP Input” section of www.kaucdp.info for more information, including complete sets of the community’s comments.



July and August Steering Committee Meetings

The principal job of the Ka’ū CDP Steering Committee is to represent you – to make sure the CDP truly reflects what community members value in Ka’ū and want to see in the future. The Steering Committee’ business meetings are open to the public, and time will be set aside in each meeting for public comment.

The Ka’ū CDP Steering Committee met for the first time on Tuesday, July 14, at the Nā’ālehu Community Center. Highlights of the meeting included:

- Leina’ala Enos was elected Chair, and Eldridge Naboa was elected Vice Chair.
- A summary of community participation and input through surveys and “talk story” meetings was presented (see the previous story).
- Howard Blackson, Planning Director for PlaceMakers, introduced PlaceMakers’ planning principles, processes, and tools.
- Howard and Ron Whitmore, Ka’ū CDP project manager, shared a draft of the Work Plan that charts the path towards an adopted CDP that represents the best knowledge and the best hopes of Ka’ū (see the story on page 1).

Biographical information about Steering Committee members as well as draft meeting minutes are available in the “Steering Committee” section of www.kaucdp.info.

The Steering Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at **5:30pm** at the **Nā’ālehu Community Center**, so the next meeting will be **August 11**. Likely agenda items include:

1. Testimony Protocols: The Steering Committee will establish protocols for the timing and duration of public testimony during meetings.
2. Analysis of Initial Community Input: An updated summary of community Values and Vision will be presented.
3. Work Plan Details: More detailed information about the Community Summits and the Charette will be shared.
4. Introduction of Sub-Consultants: The local planners that PlaceMakers is engaging to help with the Community Profile will be introduced.
5. Preliminary Community Profile Data: Preliminary findings from initial data collection about historical and baseline conditions in Ka’ū will be presented.

By August 6, a final meeting agenda and related documents will be distributed through the email announcements list (see below) and will be posted in the “Steering Committee” section of www.kaucdp.info.

Want More Information about the Ka’ū CDP?



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- Email announcements: “How to Stay Informed” section of www.kaucdp.info



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