



Ka'ū Community Development Plan

Nū Hou/Update — November 2010

What's Up With the CDP?

In November 2009, hundreds of people participated in the Ka'ū CDP "charrette" – a six day workshop to lay the foundation for the first draft of the CDP. The materials prepared for and during the charrette are available at www.kaucdp.info.



Since then, the County Planning Department has been working with the PlaceMakers consulting team to produce a draft CDP that is consistent with all of the community input and is of the highest quality. PlaceMakers delivered a draft in mid-August, but it didn't meet County expectations for content or quality, so additional analysis and significant revisions are underway. The County is taking the time to get it right so that Ka'ū gets the plan it deserves.

What steps has the County taken to keep the CDP on track?

From the beginning of the project, the County has worked hard to make sure Ka'ū gets the best CDP possible:

- The County executed a detailed contract with PlaceMakers that emphasizes high-quality "process" and "product."
- Prior to the charrette, the Planning Department provided PlaceMakers specific feedback about project management, work product timing and quality, and public engagement. In response, project roles were adjusted.
- After the charrette, the Planning Department raised concerns about PlaceMakers' management and facilitation of the charrette and requested that PlaceMakers identify a new project manager.
- In January, the Planning Department developed a CDP outline that is consistent with the contract and requested confirmation that Place-

Makers is willing and able to complete the project as contracted and within budget.

- In March, the Planning Department finalized the CDP outline in collaboration with PlaceMakers, and PlaceMakers requested a reorganization of the project budget.
- In June, the Planning Department approved the fifth draft of the reorganized budget and a revised project work plan, which were consistent with the contract and the CDP outline, and PlaceMakers responded to the Planning Director's January letter, confirming that it will complete the contract within budget.
- In October, after thoroughly reviewing PlaceMakers' August draft of the CDP, the Planning Director wrote PlaceMakers to explain that the Planning Department would assume the lead writing role.



(More information on the other side.)

What has been accomplished since the charrette?

Over the past year, significant progress has been made:

- The Steering Committee adopted community **goals and objectives** based on community input and the community profile (in the “Charrette Materials” folder of the charrette “quick link” at www.kaucdp.info).
- The Planning Department worked with local stakeholders and agencies to develop collaborative **mauka and makai access and use management strategies**.
- The National Park Service’s Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program developed detailed reviews of potential CDP strategies, in-

cluding **“gateway” development, geotourism, community-based natural resource management, and oral histories**.

- The RTCA committed to supporting CDP development through September 2011 with additional research, partnership building, and preparation for implementation.
- The Planning Department is developing **new land use tools that should strengthen CDP implementation**.
- The Planning Department is working hard to prepare a high-quality CDP.



Why hasn't there been more communication sooner?

The Steering Committee has indicated that it didn't want to meet or organize public meetings again until a draft CDP was ready for review. Each month since the spring, the Planning Department expected to be able to share news of progress other than “the draft CDP is being prepared,” but the series of delays outlined above made that impossible. Through August, the



Planning Department developed a productive working relationship with PlaceMakers and expected to have a draft CDP ready for public review in October. Now that project management issues have been resolved, and recognizing that the community needs to know what's happening with its CDP, the Planning Department wanted to provide a detailed update.

What's next?

We know from experience that the final product suffers if draft plans are reviewed and discussed before they are complete. Therefore, to make the best use of community time and discussion, the Planning Department wants to wait to share a draft CDP until it is complete and ready for public review. At that point, for those who want to make the comparison, the Planning Department will also make available the draft that PlaceMakers delivered in August.



available online and in hard copy at community centers and libraries. There will also be public workshops to learn about the plan, public “speak outs” to provide feedback, and Steering Committee meetings to recommend next steps.

Once a draft CDP is ready for review, it will be

In the meantime, there will be a Steering Committee meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 5:30 p.m. at the Nā'ālehu School cafeteria. The agenda will likely include a project update and discussion of plans for community outreach when the CDP is ready for review.

How can I stay informed?

As always, **public workshops and meetings will be publicized in the Ka'ū Calendar, on flyers, at www.kaucdp.info, and by email.**

Mahalo for your continued interest and patience! Please don't hesitate to contact the Planning Department or your Steering Committee members if you have any questions.

Want More Information about the Ka'ū CDP?



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



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