

**"What do you want to see in 20 years?" Small Group "Talk Story" Meeting Comments**

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<b># of Comments</b>	<b>What would you like to see in Ka`u in 20 years? (organized by General Plan Element)</b>	<b>Votes</b>
39	<b>No Fit in GP Elements</b>	39
4	<b>Preserve Character</b>	
	Retain rural charm	2
	Maintain rural character of Ka`u	1
	Keep small town atmosphere	2
	Community that can support and sustain all ages and cultures/ethnicities while maintaining the rural lifestyle	3
4	<b>Smart Growth</b>	
	Smart development	3
	Limits on population growths	0
	"Smart growth" development - not another Kona	2
	Smart planning and growth	1
4	<b>Revitalization</b>	
	Revitalize down town	2
	Unused buildings torn down and new ones built	2
	Knock down NAPA Auto and rebuild	0
	Improve Na`alehu downtown	0
	<b>Infrastructure</b>	
	Ka`u is underserved in infrastructure	0
	Improve infrastructure including power and water	0
	Overhaul of infrastructure	0
5	<b>Local Governance</b>	
	Separate county representation for Ka`u	1
	Decentralized government ie: town manager	0
	Effective government, "make it happen"	0
	Local government	2
	More local control over tax money expenditures	1
2	<b>Improved Communications</b>	
	Better info on events	1
	Some form of free and diverse public information/education services (eg. Radio, newspaper, TV)	1
2	<b>Harmony</b>	
	Eliminate racism	4
	Families of different cultures interacting more in positive way	0
2	<b>Elders</b>	
	More senior participation in nutrition program to keep it open	3
	Coordinated effort to assist seniors and elderly , home help and publicized	2
2	<b>Cultural Development</b>	
	Promote diverse cultures with activities in innovative ways	0
	More Hawaiian culture oriented facilities (Hawaiian culture center)	0
	<b>Other</b>	
	Welfare check phone system	0
	Community services for needy and homeless	1
	Office center for paralegal/grants/501 - support	0
	Dogs in subdivision kept on leashes	0
	Human society that don't euthanize	2
	Keep it the same - all Ka`u	2
	Stop building	1
	Local families continue to live here	0
	Use studies that exist, have been done	0
	Architectural control with new construction	0

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	Better markings on land boundaries	0
	More funding here rather than O`ahu	0
89	<b>Economic</b>	120
	Employment opportunities	6
	More jobs locally	0
	More business locally	0
	Restore Na`alehu Theatre	1
	Create jobs in Ka`u so members of the community can be employed and live here	8
	More stores	1
	Development/create jobs to retain our young people/others, (adults) to stay in Ka`u, within what community wants	2
	Continuation of ranching and farming	2
	Banks	1
	Continuing education and job training center - to learn different trades/entrepenuership	3
	No coqui frogs	1
	Have value added products ei; sugar industry sells retail brown sugar to bake etc, create economic base	0
	Childcare center	1
	More restaurants	0
	More jobs	6
	Hotel, but not on shoreline	3
	Boat for fishing industry	1
	More agriculture and farms	1
	More local shopping facilities (pharmacy) in existing towns	2
	Clean industry (tech stuff)	0
	Grocery stores	1
	Increased use of agriculture	2
	Controlled development - restaurant, theater	0
	Convienience store or stores	0
	Na`alehu Theatre renovated and open	1
	Agricultural parks for Ka`u residents	1
	Locally grown produce and livestock sold	1
	More small business frienly	1
	Coffee and macadamia nut better marketing	1
	County must reduce red tape for farm tours	0
	Preserve viability of agrcultural land by creating economic zones in small places/commercial zones	1
	Na`alehu Theater running and being used for the arts (hula, plays, etc)	1
	Maintain/become a natural green corridor in terms of jobs/designated green corridor that keeps Ka`u still Hawaii	2
	Network of farms supported by cooperative/central farmer's co-op to process and get products to market	6
	Small factories providing parts for green business/industry	1
	Large scale agroforestry plantation	1
	Statewide requirement/incentives tha a percentage of foods offered in grocery stores/restaurants etc. be bought locally (Hawaii grown products to be used)	4
	Department of water supply/county agency to create a bottling plant her to sell bottled water	1
	Promotion of eco and agricultural tourism	1
	Major grocery	2
	Local jobs	1
	Movie theaters	0

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	Theater restored	2
	A diverse economy	1
	Agriculture for food and bio-fuel	3
	Eco-tourism	0
	Organized co-op exchange	2
	New crop for old sugar land	1
	No supermarkets	0
	Small diverse stores	2
	Incubator - start up small businesses	0
	Feed the island - Ka`u to supply all - diverse	2
	No large hotels - small eco friendly away from beach	3
	More grants for agriculture	3
	Develop the theater	1
	Na`alehu Theatre restored and reopened	2
	Make Ka`u a tourist destination	2
	Improve attitude towards business to encourage limited business growth	2
	Improve shopping and entertainment facilities	2
	Limit majority of commercial development to Ocean View	0
	More agriculture development / diversified to provide jobs	0
	Increase local population thru proper development	0
	Tax free zone to encourage business	1
	Resort Hotel	3
	Re-open Dairy	0
	Na`alehu theatre updated	0
	More sustainable ag, more locally produced vegetables	2
	More small businesses	3
	More and better interpretive signage to local sights and scenic attractions in Ka`u	1
	Workforce development program for youth after school	0
	One major commercial enterprise employer	1
	Better selection of restaurants	0
	Punalu`u restaurant restored	0
	Nice, clean, supermarket in Na`alehu	1
	More places for tourists to stay	4
	Promote ag tourism and B&B's	0
	Bowling alley	0
	Full blown farmers market, permanent facility with cover and utilities	1
	More cottage industries ie: coffe shop, shave ice shop, locally owned and operated	2
	More agriculture opportunities	0
	Friendly open atmosphere market with local products ie: grown and made here	0
	Na`alehu theatre	0
	Better grocery outlets	0
	More local supported restaurants - ethnically diverse in nature using local products	0
	Limited business development	2
	Large scale forestry plantations to utilize current ag land	2
	Art/music workshops	1
	Walmart or Home Depot	0
	Movie theater	0
17	<b>Energy</b>	36
	Alternative energy think green	2
	Energy distribution, better grid	2
	Sugar to ethanol	0

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	Increased use of renewable energy	4
	Need to better address alternative power sources, solar, wind with mass purchasing	1
	Affordable solar panels	1
	Biomass fuel on this island -hemp	1
	Energy sefl sufficiency with wind/sun/geothermal/wave action	2
	Alternative power source	3
	Increased self sufficiency in food and power	6
	Wind power and desalinization facility	0
	Reinstate sugar cane for ethanol production	1
	Alternative energy now - solar, wind, tidal, geothermal	2
	Cheaper electric - replace HELCO	1
	Sustainable/renewable energy	5
	Better tansportaton/alternative energy/biofuel	0
	Alternate energy/energy self sufficiency	5
13	<b>Environmental Quality</b>	11
	Junk control (business, homes, roads) fire hazard	2
	Recycling opportunities	1
	Better and efficient stray animal control	1
	Recycle center/dump improvement	1
	Cleaner beaches	1
	Eradicate coqui in Ka`u	2
	Better animal control	1
	Proper disposal of carcasses by hunters	1
	Better control of feral cats and dogs	0
	Zero ferral cat and dog population	0
	Curb pick up of garbage and recycling	0
	Reuse center parallel with transfer station	1
	Better recycling	0
3	<b>Flooding and Natural Hazards</b>	2
	No vog	1
	Better emergency preparedness	1
	Fix flooding problems on belt road especially at mile marker 57	0
3	<b>Historic Sites</b>	6
	Na`alehu Theatre restored and similar landmarks	6
	Create historical town designation for Naalehu	0
	The theater open again and a heritage protected historical bldg	0
2	<b>Natural Beauty</b>	3
	Preserve the unique view plains and coastline	2
	Hope to still be able to see unspoiled coastal view	1
22	<b>Natural Resources and Shoreline</b>	37
	Access to ocean and beaches	4
	Preserve coast	3
	Natural resources protected	3
	Better road access to beach	4
	County to mandate public shoreline access	1
	Open space and rural area preserved	2
	Access to Kahuku opened to more people	1
	Improve shoreline and access	1
	Increased protection provided to Hou and local species	0

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	Coast protected and open to public	2
	Kahuku section of National Park open	0
	Reforest open spaces	1
	Expansion of conservation lands	3
	Better shore and beach access	0
	Build a causeway at Kawa Flats	0
	More coastline access	2
	More trails for walking	0
	Preservation of 80 miles of Ka`u coast	1
	Preservation of open space	2
	Well developed water shed to support the ag community	4
	Indigenous flora	0
	Bike/hiking trail	3
1	<b>Housing</b>	6
	Affordable housing	6
15	<b>Public Facilities (general)</b>	14
	Mail delivery to our homes	2
	Mail delivery to homes	0
	Mail delivery	1
	Larger post office in Ocean View	1
	Library system improved (weekend time)	0
	Senior housing	3
	Senior citizen facility	3
	Emergency shelter - Discovery Harbour Community Association	0
	Multi - purpose center	0
	Expanded libraries /Pahala	0
	Bigger better community center	0
	Improve post office	0
	Better Library	2
	Local office of agriculture extension service	1
	Better library with longer hours	1
42	<b>Public Facilities: Education</b>	53
	Workshops, special interest projects to educate/train adults, children etc	0
	Better school education	1
	More schools	1
	Vocational training in schools	1
	College satellite facilities	1
	School system locally controlled	1
	Local school boards	1
	Ocean View have its own schools	0
	Children safe and better educated, after school programs	2
	More schools and services in remote areas	2
	More fostering of the arts particularly in schools or outside classes using local artists	1
	Better vocational training (agriculture, farming)	2
	Revolutionizing K-12 education	4
	Bigger and better schools and medical facilities	2
	Small school specifically focused on conservation (for children)	1
	Satellite campus for university/college courses	1
	Local school board	0
	Better education	2
	Rural university center	1

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	Science center - Punalu`u	0
	Vocaitonal training center	4
	Continuing adult education	2
	Better school system	0
	Local accredited classes	1
	Increased adult literacy	0
	Better school system	5
	UH local programs and facilities, college level contnued education	0
	Upgrade High Shool with better supplies	2
	Vocational training	0
	UH satelite campus	0
	Improved education system	0
	Special education and gifted process in schools	0
	Education - smaller schools, more choices and charter schools	3
	Pre-K to 12 school in Ovean View	0
	Trade school	2
	Improve school systems/emphasis on students	2
	Extension program from UH for ag school	1
	Less illiteracy in community	1
	Education options, charter schools, home school, preschool	1
	College courses that involve the lifestyle here	1
	An education system where the teachers are here because they love the children, competent and enthusiastic	3
	Trade school	1
22	<b>Public Facilities: Protective Services</b>	21
	Medevac	0
	Safe community - no drugs/dealers	0
	More police	3
	Larger police department and stricter law enforcement	1
	Lifeguards	1
	Prosecution enforced for bad treatment of animals	3
	Better efficient police enforcement and all effective county government	1
	Expand life guards at all public beaches	1
	Law enforcement based on geography not population	2
	Better, more police with communication	0
	Lifeguards	1
	Lifeguards	0
	Improved civil defense/radio for emergency broadcast	1
	Better equiped fire dept in Discovery Harbour	1
	Improved Police patrols in Na`alehu	1
	Increase fine for littering and enforce	0
	Lifeguards at South Point, Punalu`u and Green sands	1
	Better anti-drug education for all	1
	Make cockfighting an enforcement priority with stiffer penalties	0
	Centrally located emergency shelter (monolithic dome, fire and earthquake proof)	1
	More police oversite by local community and by state authoriey ie; accountability	1
	Enforcement of existing laws combining ocean and land	1
1	<b>Public Facilities: Government Operations</b>	3
	Closer to town government	3
24	<b>Public Facilities: Health and Sanitation</b>	54

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	Better hospitals	6
	A "real" hospital (full functioning)	4
	Better teachers	2
	No tenures for teachers	0
	More doctors and better facilities, improve hospital facilities	3
	Doctors stay longer	2
	Top notch health care in each community "real hospital"	3
	Public toilets at South Point	2
	Assisted living in Ka`u	1
	Health care facilities	4
	Lodging for major health care problems free	1
	Adequate hospital and staffing	3
	Better medical facilities healing centers	2
	Improved hospital facilities and medical services/staff up with 21st century	5
	Improved health facilities	4
	Assisted living facility/nursing home	1
	Wellness center retreat	0
	Better health care	2
	Expansion and improvement hospital with mental health unit	2
	Medical complex with specialty services	1
	More doctors	1
	Better health services in different aspects, affordable, more doctors	2
	More medical services	3
	Hospital in Ocean View	0
3	<b>Public Utilities: General</b>	3
	All utilities to all subdivisions	1
	Underground utilities	2
	Radio stations	0
10	<b>Public Utilities: Water</b>	14
	Harness water resources/aquifers	2
	County water for all	4
	Water and sewer lines planned and improved	1
	Lei of interconnected lakes at an appropriate elevation to provide water to everyone around the island and to generate hydroelectric power	4
	Desalination plant	0
	County water to all	0
	Develop water sources and combine sources for better use	2
	Water treatment for all residents	0
	County water in Ocean View	0
	Access to drinking water within a short distance	1
2	<b>Public Utilities: Telecommunications</b>	0
	Universal broadband available for all	0
	Improved system to provide information to Ka`u residents through internet and website	0
3	<b>Public Utilities: Electricity</b>	3
	Underground wiring	1
	Electric lines underground	0
	Energy producer for island	2
42	<b>Recreation</b>	63
	Facility for youth to be occupied	0

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	Community gardens access for people to grow stuff	1
	Covered lanai at community center	0
	Community gardens in every community	4
	Sustainable agriculture/community projects	2
	Community garden on a grand scale for people without resources but who have the ability and desire to farm	1
	Community gardens	1
	New community center	5
	More trails	2
	Dog friendly parks and trails	1
	Activity opportunities locally eg. Using community center	0
	Sports recreation complex	2
	More local events sports and cultural	1
	Youth programs after school	3
	More things for children	4
	Teen center	4
	Covered tennis courts with lights	4
	Athletic center	3
	Property signage for recreational areas and facilities (restrooms)	1
	Place where kids can spend good productive time	2
	Pool centrally located with classes offered with swim teams	3
	Labor Day two day festival	0
	Well organized park system for sports/activities for kids and adults	4
	Would like to see the rodeo still there	3
	Golf course finished	1
	More parks	0
	Working sugar mill museum	0
	No hunting	1
	Added community events	0
	People fitness park	1
	Culture center with information	0
	More activities for young people	2
	More positive activities for youth	0
	Museum in Na`alehu - paniolo and sugar and cultural diversity of district	0
	Swimming pool in Na`alehu, open to all with expanded hours	1
	Free elder care recreational programs	0
	Recreation/art center	1
	Better parks for all ages	0
	Planned sports playing fields in community parks	0
	More for kids to participate in like water parks, bike trails etc	2
	Free walk in movies in the park	0
	Cultural center and youth center	3
7	<b>Transportation: General</b>	6
	Helicopters	0
	Ocean ferries	1
	Electric cars with hook-ups	0
	Superferry access, implementation	3
	All electric cars	1
	Transportation options	1
	Good transportation island wide	0
21	<b>Transportation: Roadways</b>	17
	Better roads	1
	Wider roads	2



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	Better roads	2
	County should plan smart, especially roads, infrastructure	1
	Fix road segments that flood	1
	Two lane road to South Point	0
	No stop lights	1
	Adopt a highway groups plant flowers	0
	Network of roads so good travel to work plus to all parts of the island	0
	Better roads	1
	Bicycle lanes	0
	Paved road to beach below hawaiian ranchos with facilities	1
	3rd lane though Ocean View/improve all roads	0
	Improved secondary roads and speed enforcement	0
	Coastal road	1
	Relief roads for when belt road improvements	1
	Emergency highway telephones	0
	Facelift for Na`alehu sidewalks	1
	Better (road) infrastructure	4
	Transportation/road improvement	0
3	<b>Transportation: Terminals</b>	2
	Small airport	1
	Dock/launch fishing boats	1
	Rebuild pier at Whittington and create marina with boat launch	0
14	<b>Transportation: Mass Transit</b>	23
	More mass transit	0
	Bus system intra Ka`u	0
	Light rail between Kona and Hilo	2
	Historic coastal train a reality	0
	Public transportation	2
	Bus service (more trips)	1
	Light rail around island	3
	Better public transportation	4
	More buses	1
	Bus turnout	1
	Better bus stops	1
	Improved transportation system	1
	Adequate bus system	3
	Off road monorail Hilo through Ka`u to Kona	4
3	<b>Land Use: General</b>	9
	Controlled development that does not drastically change what we have now	3
	Development stay above high way	4
	Small town centers for locals and visitors	2
3	<b>Land Use: Agriculture</b>	2
	Availability of land to the next generations for ranching and farming	0
	Agricultural set aside from ocean to the snow	1
	Limit development to support agriculture	1
2	<b>Land Use: Resort</b>	2
	Punalu`u resort development	1
	Restoration of Sea Mountain	1
3	<b>Land Use: Open Space</b>	6

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	Ocean setback/preserve (no building there/no development) - to preserve that view and access for public use	4
	Also preserved mountain zone with no development but with access for low/no fee public use	0
	No houses on the coast	2