



WAIKĪKĪ BEACH COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 1st, 2022 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Zoom Meeting

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MEETING AGENDA

1. Waikīkī Beach Community Advisory Committee
a) Welcome, introductions and committee updates
2. Waikīkī Beach Improvements EIS Update
a) Update on Final EIS timeline and next steps
b) Small-Scale Beach Restoration Pilot - Kawehewehe
3. Waikīkī Projects Update
a) Waikīkī Beach Maintenance Project- July, 2022 swell event
b) Royal Hawaiian Groin & Beach Overnight Closure
c) Ala Wai Harbor Vision Plan (DLNR)
d) Waikīkī Resilience Plan
4. Save the Waves, World Surfing Reserve- Application Update
5. Group discussion, questions, comments.
i. Next meeting June, 2023



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Meeting Summary

- 4:00pm Opening remarks and introductions (Rick Egged, WBSIDA - Dolan Eversole, Hawaii Sea Grant/ WBSIDA)
- 4:10pm **Waikīkī Beach Improvements –Draft EIS Project Scope**
<https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/occl/waikiki/>
- Waikīkī EIS project background, goals and scope (Dolan Eversole)
 - Draft EIS awaiting a Board of Land and Natural Resources hearing.
 - Needs Board approval then Governor’s signature, the document can then be used as an environmental reference for subsequent permits.
 - Reviewed the Halekulani beach cell concept plan and Phase I of the plan as the first priority.
 - Reviewed the small scale beach restoration pilot concept for the Kawehewehe area. Urgent need to mitigate erosion and wave run up that is impacting public walkway in the area.
 - WBSIDA is supportive of the EIS plan and a cost-share partner.
- 4:25pm Questions- Waikīkī Beach Community Advisory Committee
- Several questions and general discussion around timelines and with the level of urgency why it is taking so long to get action to mitigate the erosion here.
 - The permitting, while streamlined for a small-scale project without structures will still take time and contracts need to go through the State.
 - Discussed the possibility of a delay in the state permitting beach restoration projects in the summer months could mean a delay if permits are ready in early summer but can’t be initiated.
 - Project needs to have permits developed and submitted to the State DLNR, no project costs for this yet.
 - Earliest expected project start would be Spring, 2023, more likely summer-Fall 2023.
- 4:30pm **Waikīkī Beach Maintenance Projects**
- Waikīkī Beach Maintenance Project 2021*
- Briefing for Royal Hawaiian Groin and Kūhiō Sandbag Groin.
 - 2021 Waikīkī beach maintenance project similar in scope to 2012 maintenance project.
 - Beach monitoring reveals the beach has gained sediment since the beach nourishment was completed in May, 2021. This indicates the beach appears more stable than before, at least for now.
 - The extortionary south swell of July, 2022 brought sand into the Royal Hawaiian beach which gained 3% area on the sub-aerial (above the water) portion of the total beach area.



Royal Hawaiian Groin and Beach Closure

- Royal Hawaiian Groin was completed in September, 2020.
- Beach appears to be much more stable since then. Stability is pronounced near the groin but the entire cell seems to be more stable now.
- *Beach Closure*- A new initiative to have nightly beach closure of the Royal Hawaiian Beach to address overnight sleeping and property storage.
- The WBSIDA is facilitating a process to allow the overnight beach closure to ensure a safe and clean environment.
- The overnight closure would be 2am to 5am which is consistent with the City and County beach park hours at Kuhio Beach.
- Transiting and access to the ocean would be allowed but no loitering, sitting or lying down between 2am and 5am.
- Action is pending a response from the DLNR.

Waikīkī Resilience Plan

- Update on the goals, objectives and status of the Waikīkī Resilience Plan.
- Two year effort through the State Office of Planning and Sustainable Development which has provided funding to the University of Hawai‘i Community Design Center to develop a framework for a plan.

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Waikīkī World Surfing Reserve

- Update on the goals, objectives and status of the Waikīkī Surfing Reserve.
- Application process underway now and due in the Spring.
- Discussion centered around possible projects, stewardship committee composition and actions.
- General support for the idea and discussion about stakeholder and community outreach that is being planned for the application.

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Group discussion, questions and comments.

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