



Planning Department

Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report

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Ka'āina S. Hull
Director of Planning

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

I. MISSION STATEMENT

To provide, through an open and public process, a long-range vision for physical, social and cultural growth, enhancement and preservation of our unique past and present rural island lifestyle and values for future generations, and to implement this vision.

II. DEPARTMENT GOALS

- A. To preserve and protect our unique resources through sensible development of our economy and built environment.
- B. To preserve our diverse historic and cultural resources.
- C. To provide regulatory and enforcement efforts to achieve the long-range vision.
- D. To provide open communication with the people of Kaua'i and all levels of government.
- E. To remember that we serve the people of Kaua'i.

DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS

Article XIV of the Charter of the County of Kaua'i provides that:

1. The Commission shall:
 - A. Advise the Mayor, Council, and Planning Director in matters concerning the planning program for the County.
 - B. Review the general plan and development plans as well as zoning and subdivision ordinances and amendments thereto developed and recommended by the Planning Director and transmit such plans and ordinances, with its recommendations thereon, through the Mayor, to the Council for its consideration and action.
 - C. Hear and determine petitions for varying the application of the Zoning Ordinance.
 - D. Prepare a capital improvement program with the advice of the Mayor.
 - E. Adopt regulations having the force and effect of law pertaining to the responsibilities of the Department.

The following are the members and officers of the Planning Commission during this period:

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Term of Appointment</u>
Gerald Ako	01/01/2021-12/31/2023
Donna Apisa (Vice-Chair 2023)	01/01/22-12/31/24
Helen Cox	04/14/20-12/31/23
Francis DeGracia (Chair 2023)	01/01/2023-12/31/25
Glenda Nogami Streufert	01/01/2023-12/31/2025
Jerry Ornellas	01/01/2023-12/31/2025
Lori Otsuka	01/01/2023-12/31/25

2. The Planning Director shall:

- A. Prepare a general plan and development plans for the County.
- B. Administer the zoning and subdivision ordinances and regulations adopted thereunder.
- C. Prepare zoning and subdivision ordinances, zoning maps and regulations and any amendments or modifications thereto for the Council.
- D. Consolidate the lists of proposed capital improvements contemplated by the several departments in order of their priority for the County.
- E. Advise the Mayor, Council, and Planning Commission on matters concerning the planning programs of the County.
- F. Perform other related duties such as the administration and enforcement of the State Land Use Commission Rules and Regulations, the Shoreline Setback Rules and Regulations, Special Management Area Rules and Regulations, and "plan approvals" of building permit applications.

III. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING

This program is responsible for operations of the department and administers and staffs the Kaua'i Planning Commission, the Kaua'i Historic Preservation Review Commission, the Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Fund Commission and other special citizen's advisory committees as may be formed. The Planning Director oversees administrative reviews and applications for zoning/building permits, sign permit reviews, subdivision recommendations, enforcement of land use ordinances, statutes and rules, landscape plans, County and State clearing-house reviews, CDUA and EA/EIS reviews, Special Management Area minor permits, provides recommendations on various permit and related issues to the Planning Commission, Mayor and Council and serves as a party to State Land

Use boundary petitions pertaining to Kaua'i. Other responsibilities include general and community planning, protection of cultural resources, data collection, consolidation of the capital improvement program of the County, mapping, special projects and providing the public with information and assistance on matters within the department's jurisdiction. The Planning Department also collects revenues from various permit processing fees and park dedication/environmental impact assessments. The Planning Commission reviews and acts on applications for use, variance, Class IV, project development, subdivisions, special management area major and shoreline setback variance permits and State land use special permits. The Commission also recommends actions for changes in zoning, general plan designations, district boundary amendments, hears, and determines appeals from the decision of the Planning Director regarding zoning and subdivision matters. Rulemaking, review and recommendations on land use ordinances and amendments, issuance of declaratory rulings are additional duties of the Commission.

A. Objectives

1. To provide expertise and staff to administer and enforce the County's comprehensive zoning ordinance, subdivision ordinance, special management area and shoreline setback rules and regulations and related State and Federal mandates; to ensure that projects reviewed are in conformance with County policies as expressed in the Kaua'i General Plan and appropriate Community Development Plans; to provide for prompt processing of all permit applications and continuous improvement of the permitting process and related policies.
2. To assist the public in understanding the regulatory codes, ordinances and programs relating to land use and to respond to requests for information in a courteous and timely manner.
3. To facilitate planning efforts with the Planning Commission, Administration and Council and to assist in the dissemination of information relating to all planning issues by coordinating with all other departments, agencies, boards and commissions that may need accurate and appropriate planning information for the administration of their respective programs.
4. To promote efficiency in operations and activities and exercise sound personnel management practices and policies to maintain a high level of moral and work output from department employees.

B. Highlights

1. Adoption of Ordinance No. 1134

This Ordinance was initiated by the Planning Department recognizing that the Constraint Shoreline District provisions of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance (Section 8-12.5) as adopted in 1972 is antiquated and are more appropriately addressed by much more comprehensive and effective Special Management Area Rules and Regulations, pursuant to Chapter 205 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes. In addition, the County of Kaua'i replaced the

existing Shoreline Setback Rules and Regulations with the adoption of one of the most progressive Shoreline Setback Ordinance in the State.

Further, the State of Hawai'i Climate Change and Mitigative and Adaptation Commission recently adopted a Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report (SLR) along with a Sea Level Rise Viewer, providing hazard and vulnerability data and maps that can be used for land management decisions. The County of Kaua'i General Plan (2018) considers in part some of the recommendations provided in the SLR Report, which explicitly called for integrating climate change risks into future land use, development, and infrastructure planning up to the year 2035.

Ordinance No. 1134 repealed the antiquated Shoreline Constraint District and replaced it with the Constraint Sea Level Rise District to address sea level rise impacts on annual high wave run up and passive flooding project to occur within this century by a County of Kaua'i Sea Level Rise Constraint District Viewer.

2. Adoption of Ordinance No. 1136

On November 2, 2022, the County of Kaua'i adopted Ordinance No. 1136 which amended and updated Section 8-1.5 of the Kaua'i County Code relating to definitions of the Zoning Ordinance. This legislation was initiated by the Kaua'i Planning Department which:

- Clarified the terminology that existing with in the definitions of Section 8-13.5 of the Zoning Code;
- Added definitions for uses currently listed in the Use Table of Section 8-2.4 of the Zoning Code that where not defined;
- Removed definitions or phrases that are not used within any section of the Zoning Code.

3. Hawai'i Congress of Planning Officials Conference

In coordination with the Hawai'i Chapter of the American Planning Association, the Planning Department hosted the annual Hawai'i Congress of Planning Officials (HCPO) conference at the Grand Hyatt Kaua'i from September 13 – 15, 2022. The conference brought together over 300 planners, commissioners, and community members interested in improving land use and development across the State. Long-range staff planned and developed the program for the 3-day event.

4. Climate Adaptation and Action Plan (2021 – ongoing)

The Planning Department contracted Raimi + Associates to develop a Climate Adaptation Plan (CAP) in Fall 2020. The purpose of the plan is to create a framework to ensure county infrastructure, services, and facilities can adapt to climate change impacts. The CAP will build on the General Plan's climate

adaptation policy and will assess how climate hazards (such as sea level rise, extreme temperature, flooding, drought, and storms) will impact communities and county operations. The project is managed by a County Resiliency Team and guided by a Technical Advisory Group.

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5. Other Projects

- Monitoring and review the release of Census and DBEDT products (2020 Census and American Community Survey)
- GIS Hub and Story Maps
- GIS mapping and analysis requests
- Pacific RISA Peer-to-Peer Exchange
- County Resiliency Team
- Department of Transportation (DOT) SubSTAC Committee
- Get Fit Kaua'i Built Environment Task Force
- State Urban and Community Forestry Council
- Kaua'i Destination Management Plan Committee
- Assistance provided to TOD grant projects

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT (CZM) PROGRAM

The Coastal Zone Management Program is responsible for administering ongoing monitoring and enforcement for ensured compliance with the Hawai'i Coastal Zone Management program sub-grant agreement between the State of Hawai'i and the County of Kaua'i and for implementing the objectives, policies and guidelines in Chapter 205A, Hawai'i Revised Statutes to guide and regulate public and private uses in the designated Special Management Area of the County. The program also provides project monitoring for compliance to permit conditions and regulations, preparation of semi-annual reports, facilitates, where possible, the development review process, and participates in statewide coastal zone management issues.

A. Objectives

The program objectives are to guide and regulate public and private land use development in compliance with the scope of services the coastal zone management area by:

1. Administering development permit activities within the Special Management Area (SMA) through major and minor permits and shoreline setback determinations to ensure the protection of coastal resources and the provision of public access to those resources.
2. Administer ongoing monitoring and enforcement programs to assure compliance with Chapter 205A, SMA and shoreline setback ordinance requirements and to prevent or minimize environmental and ecological degradation.
3. Support by attendance and participation in CZM related meetings, workshops and seminars.

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

Since 1986, Kaua'i County has been a Certified Local Government (CLG) under provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. The CLG program provides funds and standards for historic preservation from the Department of Interior via the State Dept. of Land & Nat. Resources to local governments. Both the funds and standards are used to assist local governments in promoting historic preservation endeavors. To qualify as a CLG, local government preservation activities must include public participation and use of a qualified local review commission (Kaua'i Historic Preservation Review Commission), survey and inventory of historic resources and participation in State/Federal preservation activities. Kaua'i County alternates with Maui County in receiving the Hawai'i CLG grant funds.

The Kaua'i Historic Preservation Review Commission, which consists of nine members, meets on a monthly basis and is staffed by the Planning Department. Meetings usually entail project reviews at which time the KHPRC provides recommendations on various aspects of archaeological and building design review of historic resources and in-fill development.

Other issues relating to the promotion of historic preservation on Kaua'i are also discussed.

The following are the members and officers of the KHPRC during this period:

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Term of Appointment</u>
Lee Gately	01/01/21-12/31/2023
Gerald Ida (Chair 2023)	01/01/21-12/31/23
James Guerber	01/01/20-12/31/22
Carolyn Larson (Chair 2022)	01/01/22-12/31/24
Stephen Long	01/01/22-12/31/24
Susan Remaldo	01/01/21-12/31/23
Aubrey Summers	01/01/21-12/31/23
Victoria Wichman	01/01/2022-12/31/2024

A. Program Objectives

1. To provide recommendations to the Planning Department and Commission regarding projects that may impact historic resources.
2. To expand the listing of historic resources in the County of Kaua'i.
3. To promote historic preservation and provide information and educational opportunities.
4. To facilitate listing of historic structures on the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

B. Program Highlights

The CLG program continues its efforts to update the listing of historic buildings in the County of Kaua'i and offers assistance and brochures to property owners on techniques and advantages of rehabilitation of historic buildings. The KHPRC meets on a monthly basis at which time they provide valuable input on design and preservation treatment on projects before the Planning Commission and Planning Department which may impact historic resources. Past CLG funding has been also used to co-sponsor educational programs in the form of speakers' series, training, conferences and Archaeology Week activities, County listing of historic resources.

PUBLIC ACCESS, OPEN SPACE, AND NATURAL RESOURCES PRESERVATION FUND COMMISSION

In November 2002, Kaua’i voters approved a ballot measure amending the County Charter to create the Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Fund, which received a minimum of one half of one percent (0.5%) of Kaua’i’s certified real property taxes. In December 2003, Ordinance 812 was signed into law, adding Article 14 to the Kaua’i County Code establishing procedures for the administration and priorities for expenditure of monies in the fund. Effective, July 1, 2013, the minimum percentage of Kaua’i’s certified real property taxes was increased to one and one half of one percent (1.5%) by Ordinance 936 signed into law on December 14, 2012. In May of 2015, Ordinance 986 reduced the minimum percentage of Kaua’i certified real property taxes back to one half of one percent (0.5%).

Article 14 also established the Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Fund Commission, a nine-member volunteer advisory commission whose charge is to work with the Planning Department to solicit public input to develop an annual list of priority projects to be considered for funding. Two contract Planning Department staff-the Open Space/Public Access Planner and the Open Space/Public Access Support Clerk-are assigned to the program.

The following were members of the Commission during the fiscal year:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Term of Appointment</u>
Nancy Kanna (Chair 2023)	01/01/18-12/31/23
Shaylyn Kimura (Chair 2022)	01/01/20-12/31/22
Taryn Dizon	01/01/22-12/31/24
Nancy Kanna (Chair 2021)	01/01/21-12/31/23
Jonathon Lucas	01/01/23-1/31/25
Mark Ono	01/01/23-12/31/25
Robin Pratt	01/01/22-12/31/24
Mai Shintani	01/01/2022-12/31/2023

A. Program Objectives

1. Work with the Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Commission to develop a biennial list of priority of projects to be considered for funding.
2. Support the Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Commission’s solicitation of public input on development of the biennial list of priority projects to be considered for funding.
3. Work to improve and expand beach and mountain access opportunities for Kaua’i’s residents and visitors.

4. Strive to preserve Kaua'i's natural resources and open spaces for the enjoyment of current and future generations.
5. Networking and partnership building with outside agencies like The Trust for Public Lands (TPL) and Hawai'i Land Trust (HILT) and community associations to establish involvement in community projects relating to and that align with the mission and goals of the Open Space Commission to include additional funding opportunities and support.
6. Reorganization of the commission's communication and reporting process to better align with the commission's ordinance, missions and goals and the newly adopted Amendment to the Rules and Practice and Procedure of the County of Kaua'i Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Fund Commission by adding New Chapter V, Report Process, Relating to the Process of Receiving Proposals, and Analyzing and Recommending Land or Property Entitlements for County Council Approval.

B. Program Highlights

During the fiscal year, the commission conducted Seven (7) regular commission meetings.

Commission accomplishments include:

- Development of a reporting process similar to that of Planning Commission on all recommendations received by the public for possible acquisition;
- Continual development of Commission's dossier process (in the form of an Acquisition Plan) to update and communicate to Council in its biennial recommendations year encouraging support to move forward on any proposal from the Commission's recommendation list;
- Development of Commission's Acquisition Plan as part of its Biennial Report for their priority recommendations;
- Continuous discussions on new development ideas for open space, public access and unresolved access issues "Opala List";
- Continual dialogue and education sessions with the County and State departments and non-profit organizations on working as a partner on public access, open space and natural resources preservation for Kaua'i;
- Ongoing strategies for biennial report and public input process with outreach to neighborhood communities and hosting of meetings within these communities, hosting commissioner and staff presence at monthly community association meetings;

- Investigate and update current Kaua’i Public Access List – last update by outside vendor in 1991;
- Update and development of GIS map for Kaua’i Access List.
- Acquisition of the Halulu Fishpond Access Parcel -TMK: (4)56004:017.
 - On October 13, 2022, the Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Fund Commission ("Commission") unanimously voted to recommend that the Kaua’i County Council approve up to \$850,000.00 of the Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Fund ("Fund") for the Waipa Foundation (Foundation) to acquire the Property located at TMK No. (4)5-6-004: 017 (parcel) and for the Foundation to convey a conservation easement to County to ensure that the parcel's resources benefit the public and are protected in perpetuity in compliance with Kaua'i County Code§ 6-14.3(c). On February 8, 2023, the County of Kaua’i adopted Ordinance No. B- 2023-890 which appropriated \$850,000 contribution to the Foundation for the acquisition of the parcel.
 - A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the County of Kaua’i , Waipa Foundation, and the Trust for Public Lands (TPL) was executed on June 16, 2023. The MOA encumbered the \$850,000 for the purchase of the parcel and placed the funding with the Title Guaranty Escrow Services to ensure that the parcel is purchased by the Waipa Foundation in accordance with the terms of the County, State, and TPL, and that a Conservation Easement is secured to ensure that the property continues to benefit the public and is used for land conservation purposes consistent with the Kaua’i County code 6-14.1 in perpetuity.

PUBLIC ACCESS, OPEN SPACE, AND NATURAL RESOURCES PRESERVATION FUND COMMISSION

Commission Meetings..... 7

Committee Meetings..... 0

Public Hearings..... 0

Community Meetings..... 0

IV. BUDGET BY PROGRAM

General Fund (Administration & Planning):	\$3,236,095.00
PAOS/General Fund:	\$92,706.00
Grant Revenue (CZM):	<u>\$354,947.00</u>
Total Departmental Budget:	\$3,683,748.00

V. DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES AND STATISTICS

As shown by the tabulation of permits, applications, meetings, etc., that follow, staff activities involve daily administration of the Subdivision and Comprehensive Zoning Ordinances, General Plan and Development Plans, State Land Use Commission Rules and Regulations, Shoreline Setback Rules and Regulations, as well as the SMA Rules and Regulations. These activities include review and processing of all building, zoning, use, variance, and SMA permits, as well as General Plan and zoning amendments and subdivision applications. Other duties include review and recommendation to the State Board of Land and Natural Resources of all applications for uses located within the State Conservation District, recommendations to the State Clearing-house Review for all Federal-funded projects affecting the County of Kaua'i and coordinate the County Clearinghouse process for grading permits.

CURRENT STATISTICS

SUBDIVISION

A total of 4 subdivision applications were received and processed during the fiscal year. These applications involve a total of 58 lots within the Urban District and 132 lots within the Agricultural District. There were no lots created within the Rural District, Agricultural District, and Conservation District.

Actions taken during the fiscal year are as follows:

Tentative approvals.....	5
Final approvals	9
Disapproved	0
Withdrawals/Cancellations..	0
Outstanding	0
Extensions.....	7
Modifications.....	0
Prior Tentatives Revised.....	1

ZONING PERMIT, USE PERMIT, VARIANCE PERMIT, SMA PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Under procedures established in the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and SMA Rules and Regulations, all construction or development within the County require the issuance of a

zoning, use, SMA, or a variance permit. This involves detailed review of all building permit applications; use, variance and Class IV Zoning Permits require careful review and analysis of recommendations by other governmental agencies; conducting of public hearings and final decision by the Planning Commission.

Following is a tabulation of applications processed or reviewed and the number of Commission meetings held:

STATE LAND USE COMMISSION MATTERS

Special Permit Applications.....	1
Boundary Change Petitions:	
State.....	0
County.....	0

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA USE PERMITS (SMA)

Major Permits	Processed.....	13
Minor Permits	Processed.....	23
Emergency Permits	Processed.....	0
Shoreline Setback Determinations	Processed.....	56

ZONING PERMITS

Class I & II Zoning Permits.....	480
Class III Zoning Permit.....	6
Class IV Zoning Permit.....	12
Use Permit.....	9
Variance Permit.....	4
Shoreline Setback Variance.....	1

GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS..... 0

ZONING AMENDMENTS..... 3

COUNTY CLEARING-HOUSE..... 34

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CDUA Reviews	0
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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

Regular Commission Meetings.....	11
Special Commission Meetings.....	0

Subdivision Committee Meetings	10
Contested Case Calendar	0
Public Hearings on Zoning Permits, SMA Permits, General Plan & Zoning Amendments, CZO and SMA Rules and Regulations.....	32
Field Trips/Investigations	0
Non Hearing Actions.....	55
Workshops.....	0
<u>KAUA'I HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW COMMISSION</u>	

Meetings.....	9
Special Meetings.....	0
Field Trips.....	1
Planning Commission Project Reviews.....	0
Other Reviews	25

VI. SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Mayor has charged the Department as the primary agency for the following projects:

1. Implementing the Līhu'e Town Core Plan
2. Expanding the Līhu'e Civic Center Park/Lawn
3. Waimea 400
4. Climate Adaption Plan
5. Play Streets Kaua'i

The Department continues to work over the past year identifying specific projects for implementation furthering the Mayor's vision to grow Kaua'i responsibly.

- Līhu'e Civic Center Mobility Plan

The Planning Department is engaging in a project to create a Civic Center Mobility Site Plan and analyze parking management strategies for the Līhu'e Civic Center to support County transit oriented development (TOD) redevelopment efforts at the Civic Center. The mobility hub is envisioned to develop 21st century multi-modal parking management strategies as well as provide a suite of transportation services such as transit, car-share, ride-share, micro-mobility, and related amenities to an area adjacent to the newly completed improvements associated with the USDOT Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Project. Analyzing these transportation needs and services in a cohesive Mobility Site Plan for the entire Civic Center campus and integrating a mobility hub concept with the proposed Civic Center redevelopment project will serve potential future TOD projects within the Civic Center and on nearby State properties such as the vacant former Police Station and the underutilized Department of Health sites, and it will greatly enhance the redevelopment efforts already underway. In addition, the proposed Mobility Site

Plan will update the Līhu‘e Civic Center campus concept and incorporate mobility as an organizing framework to strengthen TOD redevelopment at the Līhu‘e Civic Center.

- Līhu‘e Civic Center Redevelopment Feasibility Study

The Planning Department is engaging in a project to study the barriers and pathways to support TOD redevelopment of portions of the Līhu‘e Civic Center. The project will seek to resize the scale and magnitude of any redevelopment and lessen the risk to make the redevelopment feasible. The Redevelopment Plan would seek to develop a plan for a feasible mixture of mixed uses and create pathways to implement the TOD development at the Civic Center.

The redevelopment of the Civic Center will begin to implement several long-range plans and policies. The redevelopment project will realize the Līhu‘e Community Plan’s vision to “restore the vitality of Līhu‘e” and the “need for renewal and revitalization of the Līhu‘e Town Core so that it may fulfill its role in the vision for the Līhu‘e District” as “the heart of the island”. Encouraging these mixed uses at the Civic Center would both revitalize the Līhu‘e Town Core and Civic Center Complex and connect to multimodal networks already in existence. Also, the County General Plan and Līhu‘e Community Plan call for increased density in towns to provide more affordable market-rate housing and reduce long-term health impacts and operational infrastructure costs associated with suburban sprawl. Finally, the redevelopment project aligns with TOD objectives by seeking to incorporate housing, a childcare facility, and commercial uses on portions of the Civic Center property, the heart of Kaua‘i’s commercial and civic epicenter.

- Waimea 400 Conceptual Plan

In 2019, the County of Kaua‘i announced the purchase of a 417-acre property from the Kīkīā‘ola Land Company Ltd. In 2020, the Planning Department launched the process to create a community-based master plan process for Waimea 400. The department hired the planning, design and landscape architecture firm, PBR HAWAII, to assist in developing a plan that honors both the community's desires and the unique characteristics of the property. Pursuant to the terms of the purchase, a small portion of the property will be designed to accommodate housing needs for the community.

The Planning Department completed the public process for the Waimea 400 Plan in Fall 2021 and the County Council adopted the plan in 2022. The project won an honorable mention for the APA-Hawai‘i Chapter Outstanding Planning Award. The Jury commended the plan on its vision to provide affordable housing, enhance recreational opportunities, support local agriculture, restore wetlands and native habitats, and plan for future sea level rise and climate change. The Plan utilized an array of outreach methods/tools, including the hosting of a project website, a project email, virtual community meetings, “talk story” events at Waimea Public Library, and a Student Design Challenge which provided a unique opportunity for students to create their own vision for the site and introduced a younger generation to the profession of planning. The Plan innovatively incorporates “Adaptation Planning”

principles by the use of a five-zone concept plan; these five zones symbolize areas susceptible to flooding, areas suitable for agriculture, and areas suitable for development.

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- Play Streets Kaua'i

Play Streets Kaua'i is a community engagement program that sits at the nexus of placemaking, public health, and community capacity building. In partnership with the State Health Department, County of Kaua'i Planning Department and the Office of Economic Development, and Get Fit Kaua'i, Play Streets activities temporarily transform underutilized spaces such as roadways, parks, or alleys and turn them into temporary spaces for physical activity and to showcase potential area improvements with the goal of encouraging future capital improvement investments.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF

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Shelea Blackstad	Planner II
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Joan Ludington	Planning Inspector IV
Patrick Henriques	Planning Inspector III
James Tejada	Planning Inspector I
Jared Towler	Planning Inspector I
Shanlee Jimenez	Planning Commission Secretary
Duke Nakamatsu	Secretary
Leila Kim	Staff Services Supervisor
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