

# Kuhio Homes Community Playground Core Planning Committee

News Updates 2/10/05

## Great News:

### 1. Fundraising:

Cooke Foundation Awarded \$25,000!!!

PACT is contributing \$3,000!!!

That brought our fundraising total at last meeting up to \$123,000!!!

***NEWS FLASH!!! NFL PROBOWL CHARITIES HAS CONTRIBUTED \$7,000!!!! Doreen and Kathi attended a presentation at the Mayor's office on Wednesday, Feb. 9 and got a couple of minutes with the Mayor to invite him to the dedication on Community Build Day. He was very positive about attending.***

Current total is \$132,000!!!!

### 2. The Core Planning Committee is expanding. New members include:

Pakalana Chung, resident of Kuhio Park Terrace

Christina Simmons, Family Center Director

Reid Mizue, architectural intern

Helen Wong, Principal Linapuni School

Laurie Young, Community Relations Division, HMSA

Other continuing members are: Debbie Taamu, Rosemarie Abayon, Piko Lolotai, Doreen Lee, Trudy Salbalboro, Rina Moefu, Sara Izen, Judy Cantil, Mike McFarlane, Talia Cardines, and Kathi Hasegawa. Two other residents have attended at least once and may become members.

### 3. Newsletter:

Reid has volunteered to do the layout for a playground newsletter to be distributed to all residents with a flier ad clip art.

### 4. Web-page:

The playground now has a web-page linked to Island Rec. website at:

[www.islandrecreation.net/specialprojects/kpt](http://www.islandrecreation.net/specialprojects/kpt) Check it Out!!! Thank you, Mike.

### 5. Waimanalo Weinberg Community Build Playground

We participated in and learned lots from this build with KaBoom. Doreen, Sara, Mike and Kathi attended.

6. Pakalana has been diligently gathering people to do a door to door fundraiser and working on buttons to give to donors. She is also exploring doing a penny carnival fundraiser for the kids. Great work Pakalana!!!!

7. Mike arranged for a lunch at the YWCA on Jan. 26 for us to discuss fundraising and meet with a couple of fundraisers to see if they could help us come up with “out of the box” ideas.

Some of the ideas shared were:

- Try to get some of the drug prevention \$\$ released from the Gov. office
- Get a reporter to embrace the story and write about how we need to raise \$X so can start the build
- Get coverage on Channel 2 – Linda Kobel or Channel 4
- Approach Steve Case for an individual donation
- Apply to the Campbell Estate
- Kuhio Homes Resident Association apply to businesses for funding
- Approach Zippys, City Mill, HEI, Costco, ServeCo
- Have a penny carnival for the children, sell raffle tickets, bring soda can for donations
- Ask Kamehameha Schools to donate on behalf of Hawaiian children at KPT
- Request funding from Great Aloha Run
- Put donation cans at stores
- Trick or Treat in February (or March) - have children knock on resident doors and ask for contribution for playground – get media coverage. Get local business association to participate

Attendees were: Doreen, Pakalana, Mike, Sara, Judy, Kathi

Many thanks to Mike for arranging meeting, buying us a yummy lunch and bringing Alicia Maluafiti to meet with us. Thanks also to Sara for bring Alan Sunio to share ideas.

8. Judy is exploring requests to Walmart. Kathi and Piko are discussing resident letters to businesses.

### **BIG DATES COMING UP:**

#### **Resident Fundraising Committee Meeting:**

**Tuesday, Feb. 8 at Kuhio Homes Resident Assoc. # 19A on Ahonui St.**

#### **Core Planning Committee Meeting:**

**Thursday, Feb. 24, Community Hall, Conf. Room**