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Aloha Friends,

There’s a lot of talk at the national level about the need for more innovation in America, especially if we are to remain economically competitive on the world stage. This discussion is taking place here at home as well. For example, the Hawai‘i Community Foundation recently launched an Innovation Fund to foster new ways of solving problems in our state by sharing great ideas and using new approaches.

In our work at KPAA, we try to encourage innovation to tackle the issues our island faces. We bring people together to look for new ways of solving persistent problems. But innovation is more than creativity. As American economist Theodore Levitt said, “Creativity is thinking up new things. Innovation is doing new things.” We’re interested in encouraging more “doing” to sustain and improve life on Kaua‘i.

We recognize that sometimes old ways that were abandoned have value when applied to current situations in new ways. On Kaua‘i, we benefit from a rich heritage of risk takers and innovators who found solutions to issues they encountered on this island. Coupled with new innovations we can find the answers we need to build a strong future for Kaua‘i.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

Marissa Sandblom
Chair, Board of Directors

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When you innovate, you’ve got to be prepared for everyone telling you you’re nuts.

~ Larry Ellison, Co-founder, Oracle Corporation

KPAA 2010 Programs & Activities

State Park Improvements

Received grant-in-aid funding approved by the Legislature and released by Governor Lingle through the State of Hawai‘i, Department of Land and Natural Resources for two projects:

- To restore the first two miles of the Kalalau Trail in the Napali Coast Wilderness State Park. Pono Pacific Land Management LLC, assisted by Native Hawaiian Conservation and Hiking Expeditions, worked on the trail to address drainage, erosion control and safety. A group of volunteers, the Friends of the Kalalau Trail, were trained to maintain the trail after the project ends. The project was completed November 30, 2010.

- To renovate the historic Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camp buildings in Koke‘e State Park, in collaboration with Hui ‘O Laka. The primary contractor is Kikiaola Construction and the scheduled completion date is March 31, 2011.

Assessing Kaua‘i’s Energy Sustainability

- Worked with SENTECH Hawai‘i, LLC to assess Kaua‘i’s long range energy needs and, with broad community input, helped prepare the County’s Kaua‘i Energy Sustainability Plan (KESP). The plan included recommendations on how to reduce the island’s dependence on imported fossil fuels by developing local, sustainable energy over the next 20 years.

- Hosted a public meeting to secure comments on the Draft Plan in January. The final plan was released in April 2010.

- KPAA hosts the website where the final Kaua‘i Energy Sustainability Plan (KESP) and other online energy-related information can be downloaded. Visit www.kauainetwork.org.

Enhancing Kaua‘i’s Sustainability

- Convened a Sustainability Action Team (SAT) of “early adopters” to begin exploring the systems, policies, and programs needed to help Kaua‘i become sustainable and more self-sufficient.
Nonprofit Capacity Building Training

- In 2010, hosted three half-day workshops with funding from the Annie S. Knudsen Memorial Fund: *Successful Fundraising in Challenging Times* facilitated by Stephanie Roth, editor of the Grassroots Fundraising Journal; *Business Planning for Nonprofits* presented by Marisa Castuera Hayase, president of Hayase Consulting, Inc.; and *Building Effective Boards* featuring Honolulu attorney Jeffrey S. Piper of Schlack, Ito, Lockwood, Piper & Elkind and a panel of seasoned board members from local nonprofits.
- Secured a grant from Atherton Foundation to enhance skills in Kaua‘i nonprofits to provide workshops and networking opportunities in 2011 for nonprofit staff and boards.

Safe Parking for Kaua‘i’s Homeless

- Began efforts to develop a pilot program to offer safe places to park overnight for Kaua‘i’s homeless who are sleeping in their vehicles, working in partnership with Catholic Charities to provide case management and referrals to needed services and the Kaua‘i Community Alliance.

Transportation Alternatives

- Assisted by a graduate student intern, prepared a study *Defining Successful Ridership Programs: A Vision for Kaua‘i County*.
- Working to develop carpool and rideshare programs to reduce the number of cars on the road and vehicle miles traveled, to compliment the Kaua‘i Bus service and move the county towards reducing its carbon footprint.

KPAA Member Services

- Hosted a meeting in March on *Implementing Smart Growth for Kaua‘i* featuring Councilmember Tim Bynum, former Mayor and Councilmember JoAnn Yukimura and KBA’s Lih‘u ‘Tomorrow chair Dr. Neil Clendeninn. They shared information from the 9th annual New Partners in Smart Growth Conference in Seattle. They highlighted how smart growth principles can be applied to community planning, design, transportation and land use policies on Kaua‘i.
- Held annual membership meeting in June with a program on *Green Jobs, Green Economy* featuring Mina Morita, Hawai‘i State Representative, 14th District and George Costa, Director, County of Kaua‘i Office of Economic Development discussing how sustainability projects provide opportunities to create new “green” jobs for Kaua‘i.
- Updated KPAA’s online Directory of Community Organizations.
- Published bi-monthly e-newsletters to keep members and friends informed of KPAA activities.

Contract Services

- Serving as the Kaua‘i coordinator for consultants CHzM Hill in the development of the *Kaua‘i Long-Range Land Transportation Plan* for the Hawai‘i State Department of Transportation.
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