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DISCUSSION ON OCCC REPLACEMENT SCHEDULED FOR KAPOLEI/MAKAKILO AND WAHIAWA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEETINGS

Open houses prior to meetings to answer questions from the public

HONOLULU – The Department of Public Safety (PSD) is continuing its community outreach on the siting process for the proposed replacement of the Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) with open houses and presentations to the Wahiawa Neighborhood Board No. 26 and the Kapolei/Makakilo Neighborhood Board No.34 .

The open house at the Wahiawa Recreation Center, 1139-A Kilani Avenue, is set for Monday, January 23, 2017 from 6:30-7:00 p.m. It precedes a presentation to the Neighborhood Board No. 26 meeting that begins at 7:00 p.m.

The open house at the Kapolei Hale Building, 1000 Uluohia Street, is set for Wednesday, January 25, 2017 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and precedes the presentation at the Neighborhood Board 34 meeting that begins at 7:00 p.m.

There are 11 prospective sites for relocating OCCC, including one site within the boundaries of the Wahiawa Neighborhood Board No. 26, and five sites within the boundaries of the Kapolei/Makakilo Neighborhood Board No. 34.

OCCC is outdated and overcrowded and in dire need of replacement. From its beginning in 1975 as part of the county-based community corrections system with 456 beds, the facility has been expanded to its current operational capacity of 954 beds and consistently operates above this capacity. OCCC provides the customary county jail function of managing both pre-trial detainees and locally-sentenced misdemeanor offenders and others with a sentence of one year or less. It also provides a pre-release preparation/transition function for prison system inmates when they reach less than a year until their scheduled release.

PSD is committed to openness throughout the OCCC planning process, and informing elected officials, agencies, and the public about the prospective sites is an important step.

Consistent with this effort, PSD is reaching out to neighborhood boards to introduce the team of staff and consultants working on the project and to share information on plans for the new

facility. Although not currently scheduled for an open house, additional neighborhood board presentations are scheduled for:

January 18, 2017
Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15
Kalihi Union Church
2214 N. King Street
(Board convenes at 7:00 p.m.)

January 24, 2017
Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21
Waiiau District Park
98-1650 Kaahumanu Street
(Board convenes at 7:00 p.m.)

Additional information concerning the OCCC project also can be found at:
<http://dps.hawaii.gov/occc-future-plans>.

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