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DISCUSSION ON OCCC REDEVELOPMENT SCHEDULED FOR NEXT AIEA, KALIHI-PALAMA AND PEARL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEETINGS

Open house to answer questions from the public also planned at the Aiea Public Library

HONOLULU – The Department of Public Safety (PSD) will hold an open house at the Aiea Public Library, 99-374 Pohai Pl., on January 9, 2017 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. to allow for informal discussion and to answer questions from the public regarding the siting process and the proposed replacement of the Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC).

There also will be a presentation during the Aiea neighborhood board meeting scheduled to follow the open house at 7:30 p.m. There are 11 prospective sites for relocating OCCC, including two sites within the boundaries of the Aiea Neighborhood Board No. 20, including one adjacent to the Halawa Correctional Facility and another at the Department of Agriculture, Animal Quarantine Facility.

OCCC is outdated and overcrowded and in dire need of replacement.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. Additional neighborhood board presentations are scheduled for:

January 18, 2017
Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board No. 15
Kalihi Union Church

2214 N. King St.
(Board convenes at 7:00 PM)

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

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

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