



CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 23 - 51

RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-PURPOSE RECREATIONAL FACILITY AND A 50-METER SWIMMING POOL IN KAHUKU.

WHEREAS, City and County of Honolulu ("City") parks are classified according to two basic categories: "island-based parks," which serve the needs of the island-wide population and attract people from beyond the community where the park is located, and "community-based parks," which serve the residents of a specific community and serve as local gathering places; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Ko'olau Loa Sustainable Communities Plan lists two community-based parks serving the Ko'olau Loa area, Kahuku District Park and Hau'ula Community Park, and notes that community-based park acreage in Ko'olau Loa is below the Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR") standard for communities, which is two acres for every 1,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, Kahuku District Park is a 15.9-acre City park that includes a comfort station and ball fields and is located at 56-170 Pualalea Street; and

WHEREAS, both the 2006 Ko'olauloa Region Park Master Plan and the 2020 Ko'olau Loa Sustainable Communities Plan call for the expansion of Kahuku District Park to support the development of a multi-purpose recreational building and swimming pool complex; and

WHEREAS, the Ko'olauloa District currently lacks adequate recreational facilities for its communities and residents; and

WHEREAS, a public multi-purpose recreational facility in Kahuku would provide a convenient site for local residents to participate in various indoor sports and a safe gathering place for the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, a public swimming pool in Kahuku would provide the community with a safe place for recreational swimming and access to swimming lessons for a region that has few nearby options, and would also support Kahuku Intermediate and High School Aquatics programs; and

WHEREAS, for decades the Ko'olau Loa community has expressed sustained desire for improvements to Kahuku District Park, including requesting the expansion of the park to include a recreational building and a swimming pool to serve the needs of the immediate community; and



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WHEREAS, the Kahuku Community Association is actively requesting full support in fulfilling the City's long delayed commitment to construct a multi-purpose recreational facility and 50-meter swimming pool at Kahuku District Park; and

WHEREAS, the Ko'olauloa Neighborhood Board No. 28 has communicated its full support for a multi-purpose recreational building and 50-meter swimming pool at Kahuku District Park; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted Ordinance 22-14, the executive capital budget for fiscal year 2023, which includes an appropriation of \$375,000 in funding for the planning and design phases of master planned improvements in Kahuku District Park, including the construction of a multi-purpose recreational facility and a 50-meter swimming pool ("Kahuku District Park project"); and

WHEREAS, the Capital Improvement Program Quarterly Status Report for the Fiscal Year 2023 Second Quarter, ending December 31, 2022, currently lists the Kahuku District Park project as "being reviewed" by the Department of Design and Construction; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it supports the development of a multi-purpose recreational facility and a 50-meter swimming pool at Kahuku District Park or elsewhere within the Kahuku community; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Director of Parks and Recreation.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

APR 10 2023

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers