## Niu Valley Playground: We're Ready!



## Agenda

- Background and history of park
- Project overview: Matt Graves
- Proposed Equipment: Mike McFarlane
- Community Participation: Jeannine Johnson
- Identification of next steps

## History

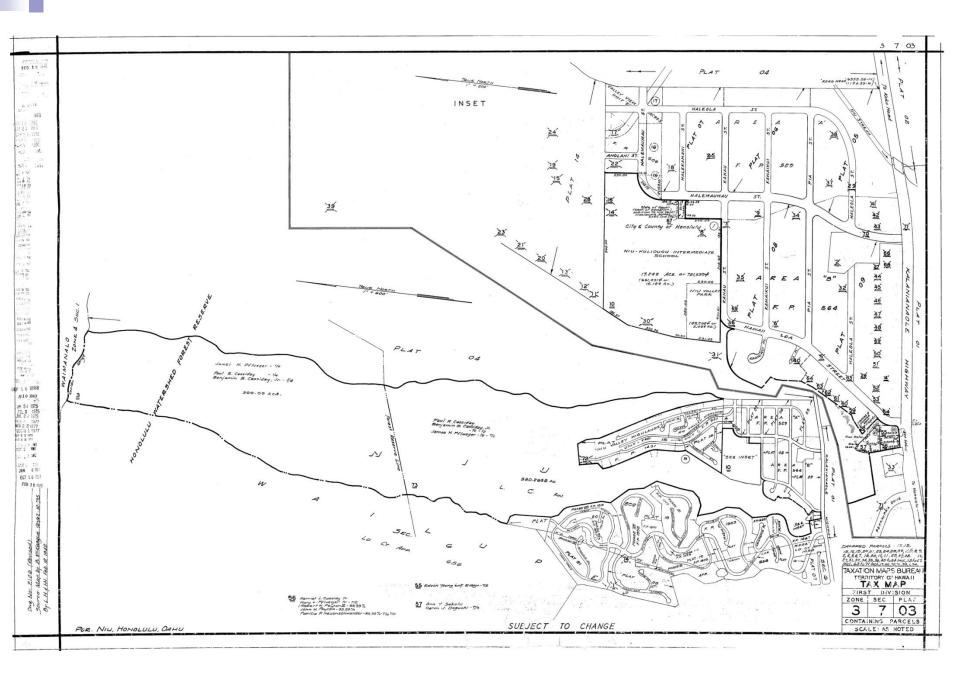
- One of the only neighborhoods on Oahu without a playground.
- Over 7 years of planning and building community support.
- Brought before neighborhood board and received 4 resolutions of support.
- Letters of support from NVMS, Lyons, Scouts.

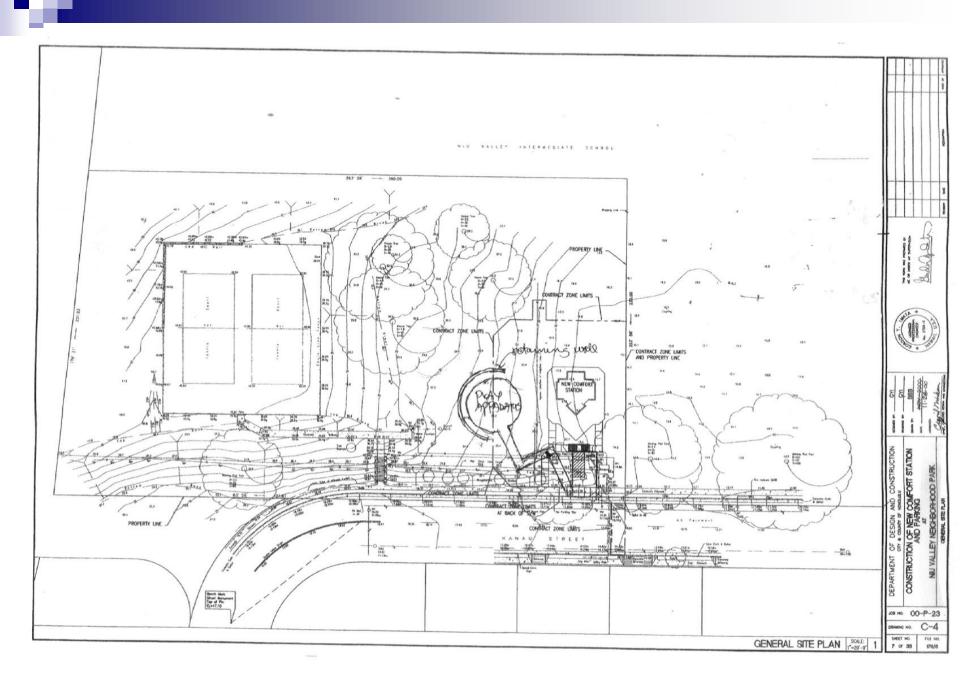
# More than a playground: the missing heart of the community

- Activity area for 5-12 yr olds
- Activity stations for "over 12 yr olds"
- Seating areas at tables to encourage socializing with neighbors

# Project Overview

Matt Graves Niu Valley Resident

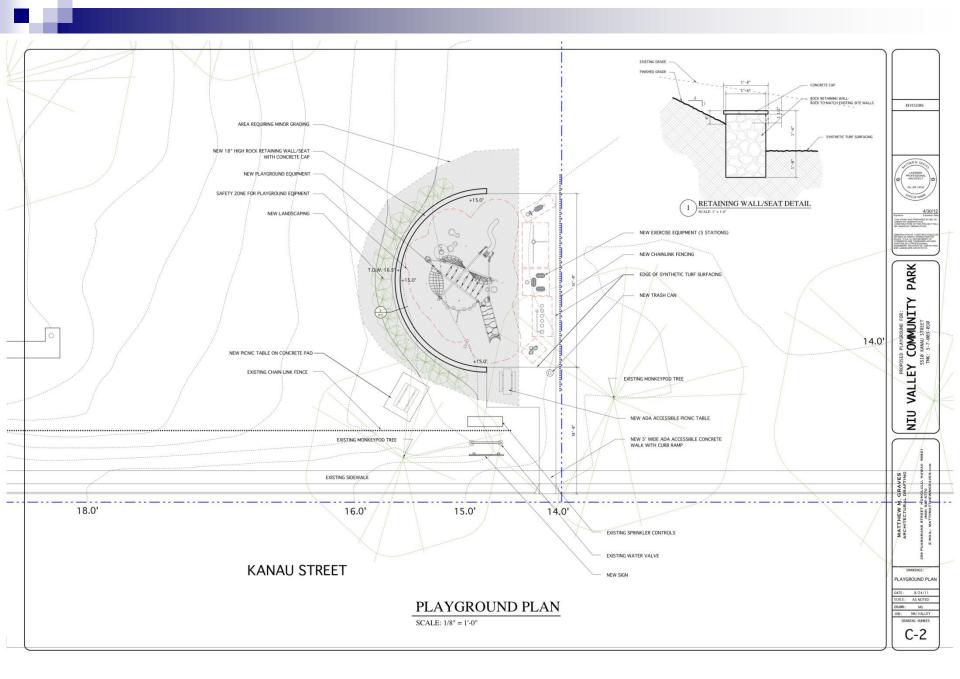




#### City & County of Honolulu - Parcels & Zoning



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### Niu Valley Community Park Playground Preliminary Budget

		Cost	Donation	Adjusted cost
Sitework				
Excavation		\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0
Hauling and Disposal		\$3,000		\$3,000
Retaining wall		\$12,000		\$12,000
Concrete		\$30,000		\$30,000
Equipment				
Synthetic turf		\$32,000		\$32,000
Picnic tables		\$2,000		\$2,000
Trash can		\$500		\$500
Playground equipment		\$44,000		\$44,000
Exercise equipment		\$11,000		\$11,000
Shipping		\$11,000		\$11,000
installation		\$22,000	\$17,000	\$5,000
Site Improvements				
Fence		\$2,000		\$2,000
Landscaping		\$6,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
Irrigation		\$3,000		\$3,000
Sign		\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Miscelaneous				
Job site toilet, Dumpster, Supplies, Etc.		\$1,500		\$1,500
	Total	\$188,000	\$26,000	\$162,000

## Playground Equipment

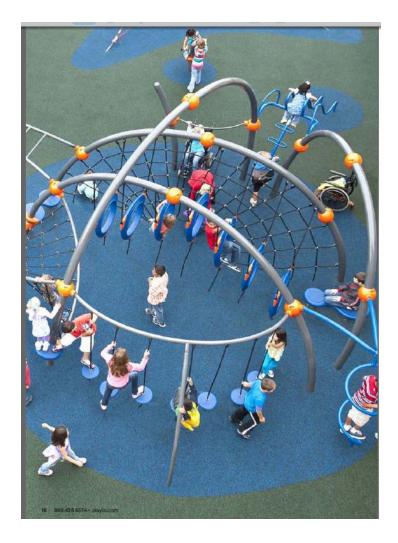
Mike McFarlane Island Recreation

## 5-12 yr old activity area

- Innovative Spherical Design
- CPSC, ASTM, ADA compliant
- Can be integrated into Nui Valley Middle School PE curriculum.
- Kids love it!



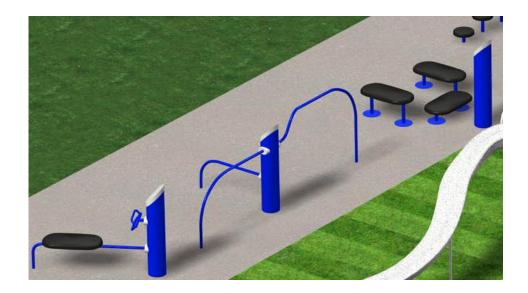
## Undirected vs. Directed Play





## **Exercise Stations**

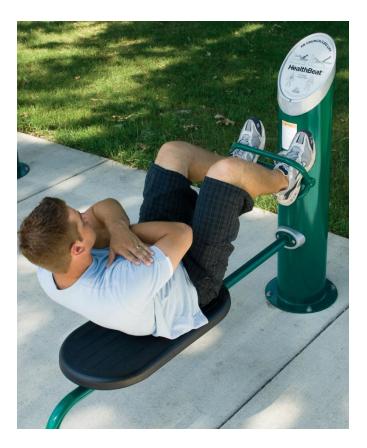
- Teens to Seniors
- Orientated toward play area.
- Open Sight Lines
- Inclusive design provides activity for all ages.



## HealthBeat

Ergonomic Design
Puts users in correct position





## Multi-Use Events





Tri-Dips, Inverted Push Ups, Inclined Push Ups, Pull Ups, Assisted Row,

Pull Ups

## **Seating Areas**

- Sight lines open
- Natural Shade
- Creates a Gathering Place
- 18" Retaining
   Wall provides
   ample seating
   for close
   supervision.





## **Quality and Durability**



Polyester-wrapped, six-stranded galvanized-steel cable.



Connectors have been tested to a minimum weight of 3,500 pounds each.



Two-piece cast-aluminum ball connectors house an innovative and versatile ball-andsocket clamping system Jeannine Johnson Niu Valley Community Association

## COMMUNITY



## **Closest Parks**

- Aina Haina Park
   1.2 miles.
- Kuliouou Park2.2 miles.
- 2.4 and 4.4 roundtrip walks from community





## Stroller Path?



## More than a playground...

- Center of community gravity.
- Strengthens neighbor bonds.
- Something for all age groups.
- Promotes Healthy Lifestyle



## Support & Coalitions

- HMSA Foundation Grant.
- Special funding (discounts) from manufacturer.
- City to provide land.
- Community to build playground.
- Support from Niu Valley Intermediate.
- Community Surveys and NB resolutions.

## Niu Valley Playground Coalition

- Subgroup of Niu Valley Community Association
- Planning playground since September 2007.
- Garnering input, creating preliminary plans, and coordinating stakeholder interest.



## Addresses Community Concerns:

- Playground consensus gained via an open planning process.
- Unanimous support of Neighborhood Board on numerous resolutions.
- Leverages sidewalk proximity for ADA compliance.
- Solves community rejection of comfort stations.

## So Far...

- Extensive community input and support.
- Preliminary design
- Equipment

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- Community involvement and fundraising
- It's in the Budget

## What steps do we take from here to build?

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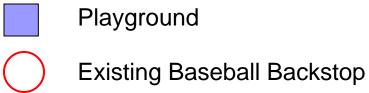
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Letters and surveys

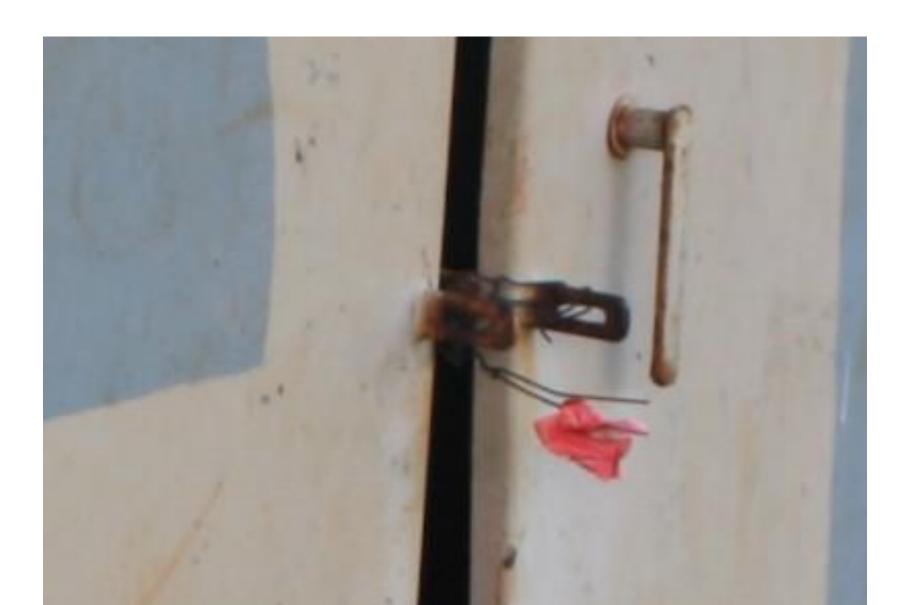
Original city plans

## **Construction Site**











## Kuliouou Park Street Access



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