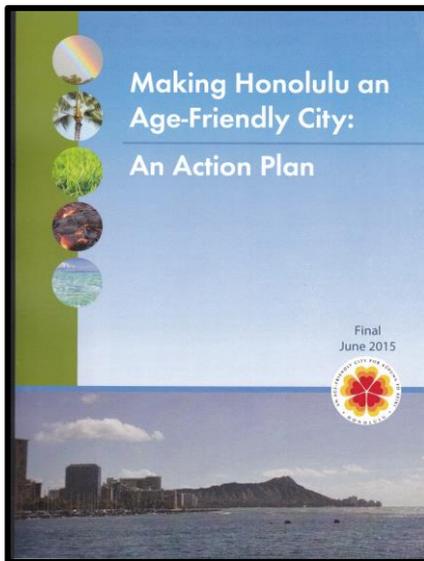




## Age-Friendly City Implementation Committee City & County of Honolulu December 2016



*Aloha Steering Committee members, Community Action Committee members, Friends and Sponsors of Honolulu's Age-Friendly City (AFC) Initiative.*

*As 2016 comes to a close we wish to update you on Honolulu's Age-Friendly City Initiative. It has been a year since the completion of the Action Plan and we are pleased with our progress thus far. The Implementation Committee is comprised of influential and dedicated members from the public and private sectors, and our domain leaders and workgroups meet regularly to review the Action Plan recommendations, set priorities, and take steps to implement the recommendations. In addition, we have begun to reach out and engage the community to participate in age-friendly initiatives.*

*Over the next year we have several exciting projects on tap, and we will continue to advance the Plan's goals and become more visible in the community. If you have questions or would like to re-engage with our AFC Initiative, please contact us at [Kupuna2Keiki@gmail.com](mailto:Kupuna2Keiki@gmail.com).*

*Gary Nakata & Frank Streed*

AFC Implementation Committee Co-Chairs

### **An Age-Friendly City Is Everyone's Concern**

We all have a role to play in making Honolulu an Age-Friendly city. Many of the Plan's recommendations rely on the City & County for implementation, but many others require businesses, non-profits, faith-based institutions and the community at-large to step up, become educated, and take part.

This past semester, Iolani School's "One Mile Project" class studied age-friendly communities and design thinking. The class project focused on creating innovative, age-friendly design solutions to the congested intersection of Kapiolani Boulevard and Date Street for improved pedestrian safety. One student is also pursuing a "GoGo Grandparent" pilot project in partnership with Plaza Assisted Living to provide on-demand transportation service.



Iolani students meet with State and City traffic engineers

## **AFC Domain Sub-Committees**

The day-to-day work of the Implementation Committee is centered around the efforts of six domains, each of which focus on advancing the Plan's wide range of goals and recommendations.

### **Outdoor Spaces and Buildings**

This committee is developing a set of open space requirements to qualify a park or open space as age-friendly, creating an **AFC Park Audit** to evaluate city parks, preparing a map that shows parks and their proximity to AFC populations, and developing a list of parks in greatest need of AFC improvement.

### **Transportation**

The group is focusing on pedestrian, bicycle and elderly safety. HPD and EMS data will be used to identify high accident areas and contributing factors. Also, with the completion of the City's Complete Streets Design Manual, the group is working on **Complete Streets** projects in Urban Honolulu and Windward Oahu.

### **Housing**

Current efforts focus on promoting the construction of **Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's)** to support aging-in-place near family. The group is exploring opportunities to increase awareness of the benefits of ADU's, including informational brochures, sample models, an ADU infographic, and an ADU design challenge.

### **Communication and Social Involvement**

Guiding our larger community involvement efforts, this group has engaged Chaminade University marketing students to develop a **Coordinated Marketing Plan** for our age-friendly city initiative.

### **Civic Engagement and Employment**

Current efforts are directed at developing an **Age-Friendly Employer Award Program** in partnership with Pacific Business News. In addition, Chaminade University marketing students are also working on developing an age-friendly business certification program.

### **Community Supports and Health Services**

This broad-focused group works to **Promote Healthy Aging** through community events and presentations.

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## **Projects on the Horizon for 2017**

This coming year we will be pursuing a number of exciting initiatives that will help propel us further along the path to an ever-more Age-Friendly Honolulu. A few to look forward to include:

- Unveiling of a Honolulu Age-Friendly City **Facebook** page and updating our current website **Kupuna2Keiki.com**;
- In follow up to our participation in the Hawaii State Code Challenge, we are working with a talented young team of coders to develop a "**Yelp for Help**" application to support kupuna and caregivers seeking information on elderly services and programs in their neighborhoods;
- Implementing the **Age-Friendly Employer Award Program** with Pacific Business News;
- Exploring the formation of a revised **organizational structure** to guide Honolulu's AFC efforts over the long term; and
- Participation in the **2017 World Youth Conference** to be held at UH Manoa this summer.