

Waimanalo Beach Park Pavilion

Questions asked at the Public Meeting held on June 8, 2023

Comment: Will there be a way to enclose the pavilion from the homeless?

Response: The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) considered enclosing the pavilion with a fence but decided against it because it would be unsightly.

Comment: How do we reserve the pavilion for a party?

Response: In general, we do not permit out pavilions for use. They are first come first serve. The only way would be if an individual or group made a written request and it was approved by DPR's Director.

Comment: Would you be able to put solar panels on the pavilion roof?

Response: The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) is considering the cost and technical aspects connected to putting solar panels on the roof.

Comment: Is there a budget for the Pavilion?

Response: There is a cost estimate of \$1.2 million. The cost will be in the environmental assessment report.

Comment: Can DPR prioritize the bathrooms and the repair of the craft building over the pavilion? The bathrooms (comfort stations) need to be repaired or replaced.

Response: Because DPR had already programmed design and construction funding for the pavilion, the design is already underway and the project scheduled to be bid out in Spring 2024. DDC is currently obtaining a fee from a design consultant to replace the bathrooms and repair the craft building. DDC proposes to replace the comfort stations with prefabricated, vandalism-resistant structures. The replacement of the two (2) comfort stations and the repair of the craft building at the park is being added to the Environmental Assessment. The Special Management Area permit application will also include the replacement of the two (2) comfort stations and the repair of the craft building. The two new comfort stations and the craft building restoration is estimated to complete design and bid out at the end of 2024 or early 2025.

Comment: Can the City retain the pavilion's natural rock wall and dedication to Gabby Pahinui?

Response: The wall, plaque, and dedication will remain.

Comment: Can the pavilion materials be selected for a long lifespan? The public is concerned that the roof doesn't leak and therefore skylights should NOT be included in the design.

Response: The City is considering the options and plans to specify materials that extend the pavilion's life span and makes it attractive and inviting to a wide variety of public uses. Skylights will not be included in the project's design.

Comment: Consider providing sufficient power in the pavilion for hosting musical events.

Response: The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) does not plan to increase power to the pavilion. Those hosting musical events, which occurred rarely in the past, will need to supply power by bringing generators.

Comment: Consider providing a kitchen and food preparation area in the pavilion and/or crafts building.

Response: The City does not plan to incorporate kitchen facilities in the pavilion because they would be prone to vandalism and difficult to maintain. The former facilities in the crafts building that was recently damaged by fire will be restored but this kitchen will only be available to the DPR for their programs.

Comment: Can there be additional public meetings, preferably in the evening hours?

Response: A public meeting will be held during the Draft Environmental Assessment comment period, which is likely to occur in the first quarter of 2024. The meeting will be held in the evening hours on a week day.

An in-person and virtual public hearing will be held by the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) during consideration of the Special Management Area (SMA) permit. The hearing will occur during work hours on a week day. Subsequently, the City Council will consider the SMA permit via a resolution.

Comment: The Waimānalo community parks should be better funded and the proposed improvements implemented soon.

Response: The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is funded via the City Council's annual budget. The annual budget includes funds for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). As the budget process begins, DPR representatives inform the City Council of the CIPs that could be funded. At the completion of the budget process, the City Council's budget bill allocates funds to specific CIPs. Once the proposed Waimānalo Beach Park improvements to have been considered through the Environmental Assessment process and awarded a Special Management Area (SMA) permit by the City Council, DPR will seek funding through the City Council's budget process.