

## Pulama Ia Kona Heritage Preservation Council

### Annual Report: 2006

Pulama reached a milestone in 2006 with the installation of signs indicating the Kona Heritage Corridor along Mamalahoa Highway between the Palani Rd Junction to the north and Kuakini Highway Junction to the south. Efforts to continue the Heritage Corridor to the south was addressed in the third annual information workshop, "Growing the Corridor" on September 30, 2006 at the Community Hall of Christ Episcopal Church in Kealahou. Work in progress of four significant projects in this section of Mamalahoa were described, Amy Greenwell Ethnobotanical Gardens, Coffee Living History Farm of the Kona Historical Society, Kealahou Ranch Center and the Kona Theater complex. Representatives of the State Department of Transportation and County Department of Public Works explained how Pulama might work with these agencies in the near future.

A Strategic plan was developed at a retreat on January 8, 2007 facilitated by Diane Ley of the County Research and Development Dept. Strategies were identified at this meeting with a summary as follows:

- Achieve higher visibility of corridor concept
- Address corridor growth, organizational issues
- Maintain Pulama's Hawaiian name as it embodies Hawaiian values as its base
- Need to identify richness of Hawn sites; need markers (problems involved with markers on county road, maintenance issues)
- Delineation of KHS and Pulama's shared resources (board issue)
- Funding priority: grant writing services; capacity building grants; staffing resources
- Are we willing to start thinking about other heritage areas in the state; should contact Brad Kurokawa to talk to Pulama about what other mainland areas are doing.
- ( The entire report of this strategic planning meeting is attached.)

Another exciting event was the blessing of the Tomikawa Store in Holualoa Village which has been restored under the guidance of Tom Quinlan, Preservation Architect and Contractor. This building is now being considered for placement on the State and National Register of Historic buildings, the first in Holualoa Village. Pulama is grateful to have had the opportunity to work with Mike Drogin, owner of the property.

Pulama's management team of Facilitator Russell Kokubun, Preservationist Sheree Chase, and Government Liaison Millie Kim has continued to seek ways to implement the Pulama's mission to preserve, protect, and enhance the special qualities of historic Kona. To this end the management team has researched ways of working not only with the state and county but the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Pulama looks forward to 2007 as a time to learn about preservation projects not only in Hawaii but on the mainland. The theme for the 2007 Informational Workshop is "Beyond the Corridor" and is scheduled for Saturday, December 1, 2007. The Directors of the Board are grateful to you who have served as volunteers on our projects, supported us with membership dues, made special donations to continue development of the Kona Heritage Corridor.