
Discovery Island Playground

“An Adventurous Journey through Time”

Executive Summary

Who We Are

Anaina Hou Community Park is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located on the beautiful North Shore of Kaua`i. We were founded in 2010 by Bill and Joan Porter to provide a gathering place for our kama`aina community, and to serve the needs of the thriving visitor market as well. Today, on our 15-acre campus, we are pleased to offer Mini Golf and Gardens, a Café and Gift Store, access to hiking the Wai Koa Loop Trail, two weekly Farmer’s Markets, a Playground and Skate Ramps, Kilauea Night Market, Free Movie Nights and numerous other free events.

Our Vision

From the beginning, the vision for the Anaina Hou campus has included space allocated to an incredible new Playground for our community to enjoy. At this time, a dedicated team of Board members, staff and community volunteers have come together to vision, support and build this exciting new space. The equipment, structures and educational signage will tell a story unique to Kaua`i and invite keiki and adults to learn together about our Island’s dynamic past, and become inspired to co-create a sustainable future.

In the beginning...

The creation of the Hawaiian Islands will be represented by a large central interactive volcano play structure.

Polynesian Sailing Canoe

We are inviting the builders of Kauai’s newly-launched Namahoe sailing canoe to participate with the creation of an authentic replica play structure of a Polynesian double-hulled ocean voyaging canoe. This structure will help frame the story of the original human settlers and how they got to the islands of Hawaii through navigation by the stars.

Polynesian Play Village

The cornerstone of the playground will be a multi-level ahupua’a-themed Polynesian play structure, complete with countless activities for keiki to enjoy.

Plantation Era

This aspect of our history, particularly relevant to the Kilauea Community, will be represented within the younger keiki play area by a sugar and pineapple train replica, and processing mill “cogs”.

Present & Future Inspiration Zone

Members of our community will be invited to partner with us to help educate members of our community, young and old alike, about the importance of community, sustainability and of protecting the environment and our fragile island ecosystem. This area will not contain traditional playground equipment. Rather, the space is designed to offer hands-on demonstration exhibits sponsored and built by Kua`i residents and non-profit partners to inspire creative imaginations. Some examples include:

- Working solar panels, wind turbine and hydro water-power
- Soil remediation techniques
- “Ocean Art” created with repurposed ocean debris
- How bio-diesel is made
- Sustainable building materials
- Native reforestation and watershed restoration
- Organic farming techniques and sustainable local agriculture

Our Plan

Our goal is to build and open this amazing new space by the Fall of 2017. We will be meeting with philanthropic members of the community, civic groups, community leaders and others to secure the funds needed to build our beautiful new playground. Members of the community will also be invited to participate in “community build days,” allowing young and old alike to be able to play a part in this legacy project.

Financial Need – How You Can Help

The projected cost for this project is \$650,000. This includes building materials, surfacing, professional labor, fencing, landscaping, playground consultant fees, and more. To date, Anaina Hou has raised \$186,000 towards our goal. Members of the community can assist us with gifts of cash, as well as valuable in-kind contributions of building materials, labor and supplies.

We need generous friends in our community to partner with us to create this amazing new space for our young people and we respectfully request the opportunity to meet with you to discuss how your philanthropic goals align with the work of Anaina Hou Community Park and the vision of this amazing new playground.

We remain grateful to you for allowing us to present the vision for this project with you. Please contact Thomas Daubert or a member of our team to request more information about Anaina Hou Community Park or to set a time for us to meet to further discuss this exciting project that will enhance the lives of young people for decades to come. *Mahalo nui loa!*

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