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Kakaako's future

Bishop Estate's 'urban village'

It's a commentary on the times in Hawaii that Bishop Estate says its planned Kakaako "urban village," where condo prices start at a quarter-million dollars, will be "middle class."

Pauahi Place, a \$2 billion estate plan to redevelop 54 acres of land in Kakaako, was approved this week by the Hawaii Community Development Authority. The plan calls for a majority of its 2,700 living units to be in the \$250,000 to \$350,000 range — which ain't for poor folks.

That quibble aside, however, there's much to recommend Bishop Estate's ambitious, 50-year plans for its Kakaako landholdings. Combined with the long-awaited vision for the even larger holdings of Victoria Ward Ltd., the area on the edge of the current downtown would seem to have an exciting future.

We offer these thoughts:

■ We hope the plan won't stray from the original vision of light-industrial uses mixed with

apartments and other retail businesses. The Japanese economic "bubble" in Hawaii's economy is behind us, with its temptation to overemphasize offices and luxury apartments.

■ The estate says it wants to provide for all economic classes. We've always thought there should be plenty of room in Kakaako for affordable apartment housing.

■ We hope market forces and the estate's planning will allow a range of decent jobs within Kakaako.

■ Our hope is that the estate will reserve a large part of its makai-most Kakaako lands for open and civic uses.

The estate sensibly plans to allow development to unfold as market forces dictate. But we hope the combination of large landholdings, good financing, unified planning under the Kakaako authority and a long lead time will generate a first-class and socially responsible urban jewel at Pauahi Place.

Pedal patrols

Bike-mounted cops make sense

Bicycles may not be high-tech law enforcement, but we think patrol officers on two-wheelers make good sense in urban areas.

The Honolulu Police Department's experience with bike patrols in Kailua and Waipahu over the past two or three years encouraged their expansion into Downtown District 1 — Downtown, Chinatown and Ala Moana and Kakaako beach parks.

through alleys and shortcuts — and increased contact with the folks these officers are assigned to protect.

HPD hopes bike-mounted officers can curb beach park drinking and vandalism. They've already been found effective in combating drugs, prostitution and liquor violations.

We think they'll make a welcome difference

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