

HONOLULU HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT
SURVEYED PROPERTY CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR NATIONAL REGISTER

Historic Status: **HR/ Site No. 80-14-1388 (Art Deco Parks)**

Resource Name/Historic Name: **Mother Waldron Playground**

Location: **Halekauwila, Coral & Pohukaina Sts.**

Owner: **STATE OF HAWAII**

Date-Original: **1937**

Source: **Tax Office**

Present Use/Historic Use: **Park**

Architectural Description:

This almost two-acre park has a zig-zag painted brick perimeter wall, with circular piers articulating the corners and entries. The inner angles of the wall also have rounded ends. Poinciana trees are planted in the spaces outside the walls to shade the red-tile-topped benches inside the walls. The comfort station pavilion design incorporates a stage and has covered, curving pergolas extending from it. These are also built of brick with rounded forms. Sandstone paving is used in this area of the park.

Significance:

Listed on the Hawaii Register of Historic Places on June 9, 1988 as an element of the thematic group "City & County of Honolulu Art Deco Parks." This park, along with Ala Moana Park, Ala Wai Park Clubhouse, Haleiwa Beach Park, and Kawanakoa Playground are listed on the Hawaii Register of Historic Places (site # 80-14-1388) as the thematic group "City & County of Honolulu, Art Deco Parks." Criterion "A" - significant for its associations with the playground movement, both nationally and locally. Criterion "C"- for its architectural and landscape design by Harry Sims Bent. This park is considered one of Bent's best playground design and a good example of Art Deco/Art Moderne styles in hardscape.

TMK: **21051005 & 21051006**

Portion of Alignment: **Koko Head portion**

Sector: **25 Civic Center Station Sector**

Station Block:

Integrity:

Retains high integrity.

