

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

Historic Status: **Evaluated Eligible**

Resource Name/Historic Name: **Walker Park**

Location:

Owner:

Date-Original: **ca. 1951**

Source: **Tax Office**

Present Use/Historic Use: **Park**

Architectural Description:

This triangular parcel, bounded by Fort Street Mall, Queen Street, and Nimitz Highway, has no listed TMK number. It is landscaped with an undulating lawn planted with numerous mature coconut palms and four mature monkeypod trees. Along the east side, facing Fort Street Mall, are a fountain and sculpture in memory of Henry A. Walker Sr. and his wife Una. Also on the parcel are items with commemorative plaques: stones from the original H. Hackfeld Co. building, coral blocks from the courthouse that originally stood on the H. Hackfeld property, a monkeypod tree originally sprouted on the grounds, the original gates to H. Hackfeld, and a plaque to Henry A. Walker, Jr. Also on the grounds is a muzzle-loading cannon on a wooden carriage.

Significance:

Criterion "A" - for its association with the development of the downtown Honolulu waterfront and central business district. Criterion "C" - as an early example of a created greenspace in the central business district. Under Criteria Consideration "F" - the associated memorial items and plaques are understood to be commemorative in nature, and do not constitute NR-eligible objects. The park was created in 1951 from the realignment and widening of Queen Street and Nimitz Highway. Since that time it has become an important visual signpost at the edge of Honolulu's central business district, and a complement and gateway from downtown to historic Irwin Park and Aloha Tower. The memorial items and plaques in the park are commemorative in nature, without their own historic significance. They are not themselves eligible for the National Register, but they do not add to or detract from the park's eligibility for its own significance. The park is an early example of a created greenspace in Honolulu's central business core, an idea begun in Honolulu with 1930s Irwin Park and continued through Wilcox Square on Fort Street Mall, and Tamarind Square.

TMK: **None**

Portion of Alignment: **Koko Head portion**

Sector: **24 Downtown Station Sector**

Station Block:

Integrity:

Setting has been changed by the conversion of Fort Street to a pedestrian mall and by the addition of a paved area and fountain.

