

‘TOGETHER, WE CAN’

Destination enhancements get widespread support

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres describes the response to the Governor’s Council of Economic Advisers’ initiative, called the Public-Private Partnership, as very encouraging.

The initiative, which aims to bring the community together to help in the maintenance and development of CNMI parks, landmarks, and tourist sites, has already drawn the commitment of 20 public and private groups.

Under the initiative, these 20 groups have signed up for a five-year commitment to the Public-Private Partnership campaign by submitting project proposals, while several organizations have already started improving their adopted sites.

The GCEA’s Public-Private Partnership campaign encourages government agencies, the business and education sectors, the many ethnic groups on island, and non-government organizations to adopt tourist sites or any significant locations/areas in the villages on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian, and maintain them.

Over the last several weeks, beautification and clean-up drives have been done in beaches, parks, pavilions, and other attractions on the islands, while hiking and bike trails were cleared. Others did site assessments and have identified potential partners.

Torres, who chairs the GCEA, expressed his deep appreciation to the groups that committed to the PPP and praised them for their swift

Flood advisory on Rota

The national Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam issued an urban and small stream flood advisory for Rota yesterday morning.

Based on information received from the National Weather Service-Tiyan Guam and compiled at CNMI Emergency Operations Center-State Warning Point, doppler radar indicated heavy rain due to heavy showers on Rota mid-morning that were expected to cause urban and small stream flooding.

An additional 1 to 2 inches of rain were also likely over most of Rota.

If you will be driving, be alert for flooded roads and low visibility in heavy rain. If you see lightning or hear thunder, seek shelter indoors. Turn around, don’t drown when encountering flooded roads. Most flood deaths occur in vehicles. Rota residents were cautioned to be mindful of the precautionary/preparedness actions and to stay informed on the latest statements and advisories. (PR)



The bridge near the Quartermaster Road along the Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio Beach Road Pathway went through repairs and improvement under the Governor’s Council of Economic Advisers’ Public-Private Partnership initiative.



The Triathlon Association of the CNMI and the Northern Mariana Islands Cycling Federation provide an illustration of the signage that they are proposing to use at the North Trails in Marpi.

response. The governor said the groups’ involvement in the destination enhancement program reflects how the CNMI, as one community, is taking pro-active steps at this time of the COVID-19 pandemic and is keenly preparing to welcome back visitors.

The initial list of groups that committed to GCEA’s PPP includes E-Land Group, Bridge Capital, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Airport Operators Committee, POI Aviation, Triathlon Association of the CNMI, NMI Cycling Federation, TanHoldings, Lions Club International, CTSI Logistics, Northern Mariana Islands Football Association, United Filipino Organization, Korean Community of Saipan, Rotary Club of Saipan, Emon Lodge 179, Kanoa Resort, and the Chinese Association of Saipan. On Rota, FilCorp., the Rota Mayor’s Office, and Valentino Hotel have also stepped up to the plate to support the initiative.

“We would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the opportunity to be a part of the Public-Private Partnership initiative in the development and maintenance of the CNMI parks and tourist sites. E-Land Group has been engaged in a number of projects to improve public infrastructure and has been taking care of Paupau Beach Park for visitors’ safety and convenience since 2016. As an official partner of the CNMI government, we will continue to advance the adopted site with an even deeper commitment,” said E-Land Group/Micronesia Resort Inc. chief executive officer Brian Shin.

The Rotary Club of Saipan, led by its president, Sonya Dancoe, sees the PPP as an opportunity to create projects that mirror the organizations’ mission, which is to provide services that promote education, health and wellness, environment protection, and economic and community development.

Guam is granted \$112K more to develop capacity of NGOs, protect 2 Guam birds

WASHINGTON, D.C.—An additional \$112,000 in fiscal year 2020 grant funding has been awarded to Guam through the U.S. Department of the Interior’s Office of Insular Affairs’ Technical Assistance Program. The funds will provide training and capacity development for non-profit organizations in Guam and repair the captive-breeding facility for two of Guam’s indigenous birds that are now extinct in the wild. The new funds are on

top of the nearly \$3 million in Technical Assistance Program fiscal year 2020 funds announced for Guam earlier this year.

A total of \$80,000 will be used by the Guam non-profit organization *Mañe’lu*, the Micronesian Resource Center One-Stop Shop, to sponsor and expand leadership training and education opportunities necessary to strengthen the capacity of nonprofit organizations in Guam that work closely with freely associated state

The UFO is encouraging other groups to take part in this endeavor. “At this point, the best way to help boost tourism in the CNMI is to market the islands as a world-class destination. Tourists can help bring back a vibrant economy, which would provide employment opportunities for everyone living in the CNMI. Help beautify, clean, and restore and maintain these sites for all our visitors to see and for us to take pride in them,” the group said.

The GCEA is expecting more groups will come aboard as it talks with other stakeholders. Adopted sites are not limited to places frequented by tourists. They could be any area in

a certain village, government-owned sports venues, youth centers, playgrounds, and other sites and facilities that need improvements and maintenance, allowing residents and visitors to maximize their usage.

“Let’s continue to work together on projects that will further encourage visitors to come to our beautiful islands. The many groups that have contributed to this initiative are much appreciated and their assistance will go a long way as we step up to help the CNMI go through this pandemic, boost our economic gains, protect our environment, and improve the lives of everyone who call our beautiful islands home. Together, we can,” Torres said. (PR)

and Chamorro populations, including their own staff. Two such non-profit organizations that work with *Mañe’lu* are *Victim Advocates Reaching Out*, which works to provide crisis response to victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse, and *West Care Pacific Islands*, which trains youth-serving organizations about trauma-informed care, teen coping, and positive youth development.

A total of \$32,000 will go to the Guam Department of Ag-

riculture to be used to repair and replace fencing around the captive-breeding facility for two of Guam’s indigenous birds: the Guam Rail (*Hypotaenidia owstoni*), or the ko’ko’ as known in Chamorro, and the Guam Kingfisher (*Todiramphus cinnamominus*), or sihek. The fencing will keep out snakes and feral animals to help ensure continued breeding of these two rare birds, indigenous to Guam, that no longer exist in the wild. (PR)

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BRIDGE CAPITAL, LLC,)
Plaintiff,) Civil Case
No. 20-0104
v.)
SYLVAN O. IGISOMAR,)
Defendant.) NOTICE OF SALE

Plaintiff Bridge Capital, LLC (“Bridge”) hereby gives notice that, in order to satisfy sums due pursuant to the stipulated judgment entered June 12, 2020 in favor of Bridge, and pursuant to the Court Order dated September 8, 2020 authorizing a foreclosure sale (the “Sale Order”), the auctioneer designated in the Sale Order will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on **Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**, the following parcel of real property:

Lot 1944NEW-1-R2, situated at Chalan Lulau, Saipan, containing an area of 22,589 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on drawing/cadastral plat no. 2031/10, the original of which was recorded May 26, 2010 under File No. 10-888 at the Commonwealth Recorder’s Office, Saipan (the “Property”).

PARTIAL TERMS OF SALE

- Auction Location.** The auction will be held in the first floor conference room of the Bridge Capital building located at Micro Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan.
- Auction Procedure.** The auctioneer designated by the Court will conduct an auction via competitive bidding. The bidding will remain open until the auctioneer declares that the bidding is closed. If a dispute arises between bidders, the auctioneer shall make the final decision either to determine the successful bidder or to resell the Property.
- Auctioneer’s Rights.** The auctioneer may do any of the following: (1) withdraw the Property from sale at any time before the auctioneer accepts a winning bid; (2) adjourn the auction without notice, at any time before the auctioneer accepts a winning bid; (3) reject any bid, for any reason; or (4) expel a bidder from the auction location.
- Bids.** Bidders may submit bids in advance for the Property. These bids will not be binding. The highest advance bid will become the opening bid for the Property on the day of the auction. During the bidding, bidders may make bids in person or by telephone.
- Deposit.** The successful bidder shall provide to Bridge an earnest money deposit, by check, cashier’s check, or money order, equal to 10.00% of the winning bid amount (the “Deposit”). Bridge will apply the Deposit toward the amount of the winning bid. If the winning bidder fails to deliver the Deposit to Bridge before 5:00 p.m. on the day of the auction, the winning bidder’s bid will be deemed to be automatically rejected, without further notice to the winning bidder. A bidder who bids by telephone shall comply with the deposit requirement.
- Sale Terms.** The winning bidder shall pay the full amount of the winning bid to Seller, by check, cashier’s check, or money order, no later than 10 business days after winning the auction. The closing will occur at Seller’s office at Micro Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan. The sale will be closed by Daniel T. Guidotti, Seller’s attorney. The winning bidder may request that the closing proceed through escrow, subject to the winning bidder paying 100% of all escrow fees.
- Property Sold “AS-IS WHERE IS.”** The Property is being sold in “AS IS WHERE IS” condition. Bridge and the auctioneer make no representations, express or implied, with respect to the Property regarding title, area, location, suitability of the Property for any particular purpose, the existence or condition of any improvements situated on the leased Property, or the existence or non-existence of any conditions that might affect development of the Property (such as zoning, hazardous waste, historical preservation issues, threatened or endangered species, and wetlands).
- Changes to Auction Terms.** Either Bridge or the auctioneer may change or add to these terms or any additional terms prior to or at the auction. An oral announcement made at the auction will supersede anything in writing, including these terms. All changes made in this manner will be binding on the winning bidder.
- Additional Terms.** Additional terms apply. Interested bidders may obtain these additional terms from the attorney for Bridge, Attorney Daniel T. Guidotti. Bidders may request this information by telephone at (670) 322-2222 or via email at dtguidott@bccnmi.com. All bidders are responsible for knowing these additional terms prior to bidding on the Property.

/s/
Bartley A. Jackson
Auctioneer