

PUBLIC HEARING REVISING ADMINISTRATIVE RULES REGARDING THE PUBLIC
ACCESS, OPEN SPACE AND NATURAL RESOURCES PRESERVATION COMMISSION
RELATING TO RULE 4 – DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND RULE 6 –
ORGANIZATION AND PARLIAMENTARY RULES

MINUTES-PUBLIC HEARING

December 17, 2015

Hawai'i County Building, Puna Conference Room
25 Aupuni Street, Suite #1501
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

Present: Vice-Chair Barbara Bell
Commissioner Kai'ena Bishaw II
Commissioner William Meyers
Commissioner Marilyn Nicholson
Commissioner René Siracusa

Absent: Chair Timothy DeLozier
Commissioner Susan Fischer
Commissioner Cynthia Nazara
Commissioner Kekaulike Tomich

Others Present: Belinda Castillo Hall, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Ronald Kim, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Hamana Ventura, Property Manager, Finance
Alexandra Kelepolo, Property Management Technician, Finance

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Bell at 1:00 p.m.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

DISCUSSION

Ms. Siracusa noted that the rules that are before them are what were agreed upon at previous PONC meetings with Corporation Counsel and everything is in order. Mr. Meyers asked if their responsibilities will start in January. Ms. Kelepolo replied that if the rules are approved today, Ms. Bell will sign and it will then be forwarded to Corporation Counsel, Mayor and County Clerk's office for signature. Once the rules are executed and filed in the Lt. Governor's office, PONC will be able to take on the additional duties. Mr. Meyers asked how many non-profits applied for stewardship grants. Ms. Kelepolo replied one. Mr. Meyers asked what was the stall

or delay in the process. Ms. Castillo Hall replied that there were about 4-5 applicants but only one was awarded for the Waipi'o Lookout property since the other applicants did not follow through with the application process correctly. The application that PONC will be reviewing is for the same applicant that was approved at Council recently from the first round of applications.

Mr. Ventura clarified that PONC will also be accepting stewardship grant applications year-round and it will give non-profits the flexibility to turn in applications at any time.

Ms. Siracusa asked if Parks & Recreation has forms or guidelines for the stewardship grants. Ms. Kelepolo replied that there are no guidelines but there is an application form and she will have that sent out with the packet.

MOTION: Commissioner Siracusa moved to accept and approve the rules. Seconded by Commissioner Meyers; all other members voted aye, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Siracusa moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bishaw; all members voted aye, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexandra Kelepolo
Property Management Technician