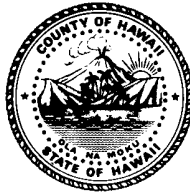


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Wednesday, December 13, 2023 FINAL Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tawn Keeney called the Hāmākua Community Development Plan (HCDP) Action Committee (AC) to order at 5:30 P.M. Quorum was established at this time. This meeting was held online via Zoom, and in-person at the Kula'imano Community Center.

The YouTube video of this meeting can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQXyYKo47IQ>

ROLL CALL

AC Members Present: Brad Kurokawa, Robert Nishimoto, David Meyer, Tawn Keeney, Richard Bidleman

AC Members Present via Zoom: Tisha Mahealani Maikui (arrived 5:35 P.M.), Crystal Kua

County Staff: Planners – Maryam Palma, Janice Hata, Bethany Morrison & Jessica Lahip

Approximately 18 members of the of the public attended the meeting (8 in person and 8 via Zoom)

County Officials: Council Member, Heather Kimball and Deputy Corporation Counsel, Sinclair Salas-Ferguson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chair Keeney read the announcements from the agenda [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 27:55]

Council Member Heather Kimball shared an announcement [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 28:18]

Chair Keeney makes another announcement [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 43:15]

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: This item was taken out of order.

Community member, Chuck Flaherty, provided written testimony on agenda item #2

See Communication No. 2023-33

Five (5) members of the public provided oral testimony.

27 Cory Harden public testimony on agenda item #2 [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 6:51]
28 Marissa Harman via Zoom public testimony [SEE YOUTUBE STAMP 10:58]
29 Meju Lui public testimony on agenda item #3 [SEE YOUTUBE STAMP 13:33]
30 Marissa Harman responded to Meju Lui testimony [SEE YOUTUBE STAMP 15:24]
31 Michael Buth public testimony on cellular/internet outage in Laupahoehoe [SEE YOUTUBE
32 STAMP 17:32]
33 Claudia Rohr via Zoom public testimony on agenda item #2 and #3 [SEE YOUTUBE STAMP 20:25]
34 AC member Robert Nishimoto wanted to comment on agenda item #3. Corporation Counsel,
35 Sinclair informed him to comment when discussion is brought up on Fire Preparedness [SEE
36 YOUTUBE STAMP 27:08]
37 Question came from the public on how to put items on the agenda. Corporation Counsel, Sinclair
38 responded that members of the public are to email Tawn and to put it on the agenda. [SEE
39 YOUTUBE STAMP 04:53]
40 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
41 This item was taken out of order. Committee Member David Meyer moved to approve the
42 November 8, 2023 minutes with amendments by Committee Member Brad Kurokawa . Motion
43 seconded by Committee Member Richard Bidleman. Motion passed unanimously [SEE YOUTUBE
44 TIME STAMP 0:56]
45 **BUSINESS:**
46 1. **Election of Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson 2024**
47 The Action Committee began discussion nomination of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for
48 2024. Tawn will continue as chair until someone volunteers to take on role. Will defer item to
49 next meeting. [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 44:30]
50 Community Member Alana Wallace via Zoom had a question asking what are the requirements
51 for a Chair [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 45:39]
52 County Staff, Janice Hata provided application link [https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/our-](https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/our-county/boards-commissions-application)
53 [county/boards-commissions-application](https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/our-county/boards-commissions-application) to serve on Hāmākua CDP Action Committee.
54 2. **General Plan 2045 (September 2023 Draft) Presentation and Q&A by Hawai'i County Planner,**
55 **Bethany Morrison**
56 County of Hawai'i Planner, Bethany Morrison, provides presentation on General Plan 2045 and
57 shares PowerPoint [SEE YOUTUBE STAMP 51:07]
58 Comments made by the committee members and the community. Questions/comments arose
59 on affordable housing, the different phases/chapters of the General Plan, and land use
60 maps/zoning.
61 Planner Morrison emphasizes needing input and getting comments on the General Plan and that
62 public comment is open until March 1, 2024. The General Plan is available online and physical

copies are available in libraries. People could also come down to the Planning department to use a computer or purchase a hard copy for \$22.20.

3. Hāmākua CDP AC's Investigation into the Fire Preparedness of the Communities in the Hāmākua District:

Agenda item deferred to next meeting [SEE YOUTUBE STAMP 2:14:14]

4. Mud Lane Roadway that runs from Kukuihaele to Māmalahoa Highway

Agenda item deferred to next meeting [SEE YOUTUBE STAMP 2:14:14]

5. Scheduling of Future Hāmākua Community Development Plan Action Committee meetings

Chair Keeney began a discussion on setting a schedule of future meetings. He suggested that they meet every 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30p and to find different facilities to use. The committee agreed. In addition, Chair Tawn mentions that Kō Education facility will be available in January and the Laupahoehoe Library will no longer be available until after March 2024. [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 2:19:45]

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 2:21:15]

1. Hāmākua CDP AC's Investigation into the Fire Preparedness of the Communities in the Hāmākua District
2. Mud Lane Roadway that runs from Kukuihaele to Māmalahoa Highway

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Keeney motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Committee member Nishimoto. Motion passed with unanimous aye vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

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