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HĀMĀKUA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION COMMITTEE

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AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the following matters to be considered by the Hāmākua Action Committee in accordance with the provisions of Section 92-7, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS). This meeting will be held in-person at the location listed in this notice and by Interactive Conference Technology (ICT) through Zoom.

DATE: Monday, February 12, 2024
TIME: 4:00 P.M.
IN PERSON LOCATION: Pāpa'aloa Community Center Annex
35-1994 Government Main Road
Pāpa'aloa, HI 96780

ONLINE/ZOOM:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltdO-hrjopGQsw3GqylSt3T7Bpys76bco>

NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC TESTIMONY: The public may provide oral testimony at the meeting by joining Zoom or attending in-person at the physical location listed above. Although not required, to register in advance for oral testimony please contact staff at cdp@hawaiiicounty.gov or (808) 961-8288. Pursuant to § 92-3, HRS, interested persons who want to provide oral testimony may do so either at the time the committee takes public statements on the agenda, or at the time the specific agenda item is called. Please note that public testimony may be limited to three (3) minutes in length per agenda item. In addition, although not required, to ensure timely delivery of written testimony to committee members, it is requested that written testimony be submitted by 4:30 p.m. at least two business days prior to the meeting via email to cdp@hawaiiicounty.gov. When submitting written testimony, please specify for which agenda item written testimony is being submitted. All written testimony will be a part of the public record.

NOTICE REGARDING INTERACTIVE CONFERENCE TECHNOLOGY (ICT): A meeting held by ICT shall be automatically recessed for up to 30 minutes to restore communication when audiovisual communication cannot be maintained with all members participating in the meeting or with the in-person location identified in this notice. The meeting may reconvene when either audiovisual communication is restored, or audio-only communication is established after an unsuccessful attempt to restore audiovisual communication. If it is not possible to reconvene the meeting as provided in this subsection

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within 30 minutes after an interruption to communication, the meeting will be automatically terminated.

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Planning Department is currently seeking applicants for the Hāmākua Action Committee and is requesting assistance to get the word out to interested community members. The application can be found on the Mayor's office website at: <https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/our-county/boards-commissions-application>
- Links to public notices regarding variance applications, subdivision applications, planning commission meetings, and other Planning Department applications can be found on the Planning Department's website: <https://www.planning.hawaiicounty.gov/>
- Hawaii County Council Chairperson, Heather Kimball to provide County Council Updates related to the Hāmākua Community Development Plan.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The Committee will consider approving the draft minutes from the January 10, 2024 meeting.

IV. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS: Pursuant to § 92-3, HRS, interested persons who want to provide oral testimony may do so now, or at the time the specific agenda item is called. Public testimony may be limited to three (3) minutes in length per agenda item.

V. BUSINESS:

1. **Emergency Routes Discussion** – Decision making on whether the committee will investigate potential evacuation routes, such as Mud Lane, Upper Cane Haul Road, and Old Airport Road Laupāhoehoe Mauka.
2. **Lehua Street Subdivision Sidewalk Funds Availability** – Decision making on whether to ratify a letter addressed to County Council Chairperson Heather Kimball regarding Lehua Street subdivision sidewalks funds availability.
3. **Scheduling of Future Hāmākua Community Development Plan Action Committee meetings:** Discussion and decision making regarding the scheduling, logistics, and format of future meetings.
4. **Letter of Endorsement to a Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Commission (PONC) Application** – Decision making on whether to submit a letter of endorsement as testimony during a PONC meeting.

VI. AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING: Action Committee members will discuss potential agenda items for the next meeting including revisiting topics from meetings that did not have quorum.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

This agenda and all related documents are available in the Planning Department's Hāmākua Community Development Plan Action Committee folder via the County of Hawai'i Public Documents Repository:

<https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/weblink/Browse.aspx?startid=9059&row=1&dbid=1> These documents may also be requested from the Planning Department by calling (808) 961-8288 or emailing cdp@hawaiicounty.gov.

NOTICE: The purpose of the public hearings is to afford all interested persons a reasonable opportunity to be heard on the above items. A person desiring to submit oral or written testimony shall indicate their name and whether the testimony is on their behalf or as a representative of an organization or individual. Written testimony can be submitted via email or hard copy. Hard copies should include an original and nine copies and be submitted no later than 4:30pm two business days prior to the meeting.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service, other reasonable modification, or language interpretation to access this meeting please contact the Planning Department at (808) 961-8288 or cdp@hawaiicounty.gov as soon as possible, but no later than five business days prior to the meeting date, to arrange for accommodations. If a response is received after the five-business days deadline, we will try to obtain the auxiliary aid/service or accommodation, but we cannot guarantee that the request will be fulfilled. "Other reasonable modification" refers to communication methods or devices for people with disabilities who are mentally and/or physically challenged. Upon request, this notice is available in alternate formats such as large print, Braille, or electronic copy.

If you are a lobbyist, you must register with the Hawai'i County Clerk within five days of becoming a lobbyist. (Article 15, Section 2-91.3(b), Hawai'i County Code). A lobbyist means, "any individual engaged for pay or other consideration who spends more than five hours in any month or \$275 in any six-month period for the purpose of attempting to influence legislative or administrative action by communicating or urging others to communicate with public officials." (Article 15, Section 2-91.3(a)(6), Hawai'i County Code). Registration forms and expenditure report documents are available at the Office of the County Clerk-Council, 25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720.

HĀMĀKUA CDP ACTION COMMITTEE

1 HĀMĀKUA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION COMMITTEE

2 Wednesday, January 10, 2024
3 DRAFT Meeting Minutes

4 **CALL TO ORDER**

5 Planning called the Hāmākua Community Development Plan (HCDP) Action Committee (AC)
6 to order at 5:33 P.M. Quorum was established at this time. This meeting was held online via
7 Zoom, and in-person at the Kula’imano Community Center.

8 The YouTube video of this meeting can be found here:

9 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UTZDDfQ0WPg>

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11 **ROLL CALL**

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

14 AC Members Present via Zoom: Mahealani Maikui

15 County Staff: Planners – Maryam Palma, Janice Hata & Kawelo Kalili

16 County Staff Present via Zoom: Bethany Morisson

17 Approximately 20 members of the of the public attended the meeting (10 in person and 10 via
18 Zoom)

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

21 **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

22 Planning read the announcements from the agenda [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 2:34]

23 Council Member Heather Kimball shared an announcement [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP
24 2:50]

25 **ELECTIONS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON FOR**
26 **2024:** [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 14:53]

27 Committee member Tawn Keeney motioned to nominate David Meyer for Chair, seconded by
28 committee member Richard Bidleman. Meeting was called to a recess due to technical
29 difficulties [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 27:45]. Meeting was brought back into session and
30 the motion passed by unanimous vote, aye. Committee member David Meyer accepts Chair
31 position.

32 Committee member Brad Kurokawa motioned to nominate Mahealani Maikui for Vice Chair,
33 seconded by committee member Tawn Keeney. Motion passed by unanimous vote, aye.
34 Committee member Mahealani Maikui accepts Vice Chair position.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice Chair Mahealani Maikui motioned to approve the December 13, 2023 minutes. Motion seconded by committee member Robert Nishimoto. Motion passed unanimously [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 33:00]

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

No public comments before agenda items.BUSINESS:

1. Permitted Interaction Group Reports – The following permitted interaction groups will provide their reports: Waipi‘o Wahi Pana, Housing, and Lehua St.

This item was called to order at 6:13p.m.

Waipi‘o Wahi Pana PIG report by Committee member Kurokawa, Vice Chair Maikui, and Council Member Kimball. Waipi‘o wahi pana PIG, Housing PIG and Lehua St. PIG dissolved [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 35:35]

This item concluded at 6:20p.m.

2. General Plan Comments Discussion

This item was called to order at 6:22 p.m.

Jaerick Medeiros public testimony [SEE YOUTUBE STAMP 46:19]

Dante Orpiua public testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 51:05]

Mezhu Lui public testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 54:03]

Council Member Kimball discussed current Affordable Housing code Chapter 11. Committee member Tawn Keeney suggested a broader discussion on Affordable Housing code [SEE YOUTUBE STAMP 52:25]

Action Committee Members discussed submitting comments to the General Plan as a group. Council Member Kimball suggests that all comments from the AC be submitted as a compilation letter to the Director [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:02]

Mezhu Lui public testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:18]

Committee members Nishimoto and Kurokawa discuss comments made to the General Plan [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:20]

Jaerick Medeiros public testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:24]

Committee member Tawn Keeney discusses comments made to the General Plan [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:28]

Committee member Richard Bidelman motioned for AC to submit a letter by March 1, 2024 to the Planning Director including all comments on *Communication No. 2024-01* and any other comments sent to Chair Meyer by January 19th. Motion seconded by committee member Tawn Keeney. Motion passed unanimously [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:36]

This item concluded at 7:15 p.m.

3. Status of Hāmākua Wildfire Plan & Status of Firewise Communities Initiative

This item was called to order at 7:18 p.m.

Mezhu Lui public testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:40]

Marissa Haman public testimony Kamehameha School's management areas near Kapehu Road
[SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:41]

This item concluded at 7:24 p.m.

Agenda item deferred to next meeting [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:39]

4. Emergency Routes Discussion

Agenda item deferred to next meeting [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:39]

5. Lehua Street Subdivision Sidewalk Funds Availability

Agenda item deferred to next meeting. [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:39]

6. Consideration of Public Access to Pāpa'ikou Landing Beach (Mill Road Beach)

Jaerick Medeiros public testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:46]

Donald Rudny public testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:54]

Council Member Heather Kimball, AC members and community discussed subdivision and public access to Pāpa'ikou beach [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:57]

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

1. Consideration of Public Access to Pāpa'ikou Landing Beach (Mill Road Beach)

2. Lehua Street Subdivision Sidewalk Funds Availability

3. Status of Hāmākua Wildfire Plan & Status of Firewise Communities Initiative

All other agenda suggestions should be emailed to Chair Meyer, Planning and Corporation Counsel [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 2:16]

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice chair Mahealani Maikui motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Committee member Keeney. Motion passed with unanimous aye vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

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Communication No. 2024-02

Site Plan
Lehua St & Plumeria St
Scale: 1"=200'

0 200' 400'
SCALE: 1"=200'



Site Plan
Lehua St & Plumeria St
TRAFFIC DIVISION, Department of Pub

COUNTY OF HAWAII

IR No: N/A
WO No: N/A
Date: 12/22/23
Scale: 1"=200'



Communication No. 2024-03

LEGEND (For Maps of the Mud Lane - Waipio - Honokaa Area):

VIOLET LINE: Waipio Vally Rim proximate to Kukuihaele - 2005 General Plan proposes the County advocate to the State to build a Valley Rim Road for the Waipio Lookout to the Mud Lane entrance onto Highway 19 with multiple recreation or viewing areas.

WHITE LINE: Mud Lane running from Kukuihaele Bypass Road to Highway 19 near Waimea. Also White is a side Jeep Road running from Mud Lane to the Old Waipio Lookout which the Hamakua CDP proposes for study as a pedestrian (?) bicycle access to a park on the Valley rim.

RED LINE: Alternate access from Mud Lane to the Honokaa - Waipio Road. Cane Haul Road now gated.

YELLOW LINE: Previous and Proposed Emergency access route from the Large Acreage Subdivision on the Waipio side of Mud Lane Mauna of the Eucalyptus Plantation to the Mauka Cane Haul Road and Honokaa. (Now blocked by private property ranching owner)

BLUE LINE: Lower Cane Haul Road from Kukuihaele to Honokaa. There is a 'bridge out' on this Lower Cane Haul Road between Haina (below Honokaa) and Paauhau. The bridge on the Waipio side of the Power Plant below Honokaa I believe is intact but would need clearing.

LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT BY THE HAMAKUA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN
ACTION COMMITTEE FOR NOMINATION OF PROPERTIES TO THE PUBLIC ACCESS, OPEN
SPACE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION OF ACQUISITION
BY COUNTY OF HAWAII

This Letter is an expression by the Hamakua Community Development Plan Action Committee of concurrence toward the nomination of the Properties located at 27-920 Old Mamalahoa highway 27-870 Old Mamalahoa Highway and identified by Tax Map Key of 2-7-11:01 & 2-7-10:27, to the Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Commission for consideration of acquisition by County of Hawaii. Each property is approximately 40 acres and owned by Na Aina Kai Botanical Garden (Kauai) and located in the Kawainui and Onomea Ahupua'a of the Big Island.

It is found by this Hamakua CDP Action Committee that this nomination satisfies the intent of the Hamakua Community Development Plan in envisioning the collective goals of Hamakua's future. Acquisition by the County of Hawaii of the properties identified, in service to the purposes and vision to which the PONC process is committed, also is found to serve those ideals which are inscribed in the Hamakua Community Development Plan. Those Ideals are described in the Introduction to the Hamakua CDP:

Section 1.1.3: What does the Hamakua CDP do?

- Protects coastal areas, agricultural land, and Mauka forests from development
- Protects open space, areas with natural beauty, and scenic view planes
- Guides the development of programs to strengthen protections for coastal and agricultural lands as well as open space and view planes
- Preserves historic resources
- Guides the restoration of historic sites and buildings, the retention of village and town character, and the documentation of oral, written and video histories
- Guides the expansion of lands held in public trust
- Ensures appropriate public access to the shoreline and Mauna forests
- Guides the development of a regional network of trails
- Guides collaborative stewardship and enhancement of coastal and forest ecosystems, cultural resources, agricultural lands, public access, and trails.

This Hamakua Community Development Plan Action Committee identifies that these foundational intentions of this Plan are remarkably well served by County of Hawaii acquisition toward the ideals embodied in the Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Commission.

This Hamakua Community Development Plan Action Committee enthusiastically endorses nomination of the properties described above to the Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Commission process toward acquisition by the County of Hawaii.

In service to the ideals of the Hamakua Community Development Plan,

David Meyer, Chair, Hamakua CDP Action Committee