

1 HĀMĀKUA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION COMMITTEE

2 Wednesday, January 10, 2024
3 Final 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.

36 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

40 **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

41 **No public comments before agenda items.BUSINESS:**

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

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

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

48 This item concluded at 6:20p.m.

49 **2. General Plan Comments Discussion**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

70 This item concluded at 7:15 p.m.

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

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

73 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.

These minutes 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](#). These documents may also be requested from the Planning Department by calling (808) 961-8288 or emailing cdp@hawaiiicounty.gov.