

**PUNA CDP ACTION COMMITTEE
COUNTY OF HAWAII**

**MINUTES
February 1, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wilson called the Puna Community Development Plan (PCDP) Action Committee (AC) meeting to order at 4:01 PM. This meeting was held in-person at the Pahoa Community Center and online via Zoom. Quorum was established at this meeting.

The YouTube video of this meeting can be found here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQQWJTOb0M>

ROLL CALL

AC Members Present (in person): Frannie Brewer, Leila Kealoha, Kanoe Wilson, Jennifer Scheffel, Gregory Henkel, and Martha Morishige

AC Members Present (via Zoom): Susan Osborne (in late 4:04PM)

AC Members Absent-Excused: Leilani DeMello

Left Early: Susan Osborne (5:40PM) and Leila Kealoha (5:40 PM)

County Staff: Maryam Palma, Janice Hata, Kawelo Kalili, and Bethany Morrison (Zoom)

County Officials: Deputy Corporation Counsel, Suzanna Tiapula (Zoom)

Members of the public: 7 in person, also via Zoom

ANNOUNCEMENTS [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 5:10]

1. Glenwood Zip code- Update from Planning Department Staff

Planning Staff Maryam Palma gave an update that Zip codes are handled by the USPS.

2. Puna AC Tentative Meetings for 2024 (Subject to change):

Chair Wilson gave an update on the meeting cadence for 2024, first Thursday of every other month. Chair Wilson noted the date change for the month of April from Thursday the 4th to Thursday the 18th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 8:54]

Committee Member Kealoha made a motion to approve the December 11, 2023, minutes. Motion seconded by Committee Member Osborne. Motion passed with 7 votes aye, 0 votes nay.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Robert Golden public testimony (via zoom) [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 59:08]

Amedeo Markoff public testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:02:19]

Hannah Hendrick public testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:05:58]

BUSINESS:

1. Disaster Recovery Division Update [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 12:50]

This item was called to order at 4:13 PM

County Staff Douglas Le gave an update on Disaster Recovery Division. Douglas noted that the Final Environmental Assessment has been published, currently in the procurement process.

This item concluded at 4:39 PM

2. Pahoa Transit Hub and Library Project Update [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 40:02]

This item was called to order at 4:41 PM

Planner Heather Bartlett from SSFM gave an update on the Pahoa Transit Hub and Library Project. Heather explained that there are three preferred sites for the Hub. Heather noted that they are working on the Draft Environmental assessment. The County & SSFM will update the public on the status of the Draft Environmental Assessment public comment period.

This item concluded at 5:02 PM

3. Draft General Plan 2045 Presentation [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:11:01]

This item was called to order at 5:05 PM

Bethany gave an update on the General Plan, explaining that the public comment period will be open until March 1, 2024. General Plan comments are welcome online through the Konveio platform as well as through email to the Planning Department. Also gave a walkthrough of how to access the functions within Konveio. Bethany answered questions from the Action Committee members as well as the public.

This item concluded at 6:10 PM

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 2:10:03]

1. Puna Brochure- Establish PIG
2. PONC Presentation update
3. Pahoa Transit Hub and Library- EA update
4. Upper Puna connectivity issue
5. Orchid land Park – P&R or Orchid land Estate involvement

72 **ADJOURNMENT:**

73 *Committee Member Brewer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Committee*
74 *Member Henkel. Motion passed 5 ayes; meeting adjourned at 6:18 P.M*

75 These minutes and all related documents are available in the Planning Department's Puna
76 Community Development Plan Action Committee folder via the [County of Hawai'i Public](#)
77 [Documents Repository](#). These documents may also be requested from the Planning Department
78 by calling (808) 961-8288 or emailing cdp@hawaiiicounty.gov.

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