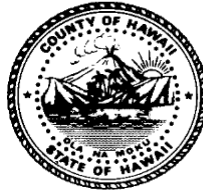


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HĀMĀKUA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION COMMITTEE

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AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the following matters to be considered by the Hāmākua Community Development Plan 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: Wednesday, April 10, 2024

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

IN PERSON LOCATION: Pa‘auilo Gym Annex
43-977 Pa‘auilo Hui Road
Pa‘auilo, HI 96776

ONLINE/ZOOM:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltc-qqqzwvHsAnJhO0FkuTRR8-k3O2lco>

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

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The Committee will consider approving the draft minutes from the February 12, 2024, and March 13, 2024, meetings.

III. 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.

IV. BUSINESS:

- 1. Discussion of Implementation Priorities for 2024** – Presentation by Planning Staff to review “Hāmākua CDP AC Action Items for 2024” Google Form responses. Discussion and decision making on Hāmākua CDP Community Action Guide priorities and strategies for 2024.
- 2. Letter to the Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization** – Decision making on whether to submit Communication No. 2024-12 to Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization.
- 3. Draft General Plan 2045 Permitted Interaction Group** – Decision making on whether to create a Permitted Interaction Group to investigate the Draft General Plan 2045.

V. 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.

VI. 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>
Planning Department update on Public Notices

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?dbid=1&startid=109367&cr=1>

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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, February 12, 2024
3 DRAFT Meeting Minutes

4 **CALL TO ORDER**

5 Chair Meyer called the Hāmākua Community Development Plan (HCDP) Action Committee
6 (AC) to order at 4:00pm. Quorum was established at this time. This meeting was held in-person
7 at the Pāpa‘aloe Community Center Annex and online via ZOOM.

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

9 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=poWghSnRl78>

10 **ROLL CALL**

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

13 AC Members Present via ZOOM: Mahealani Maikui joined late at 5:05pm

14 County Staff: Planners – Maryam Palma and Jessica Lahip

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

17 11 members of the of the public attended the meeting (7 in person and 4 via ZOOM)

18 **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

19 Chair Meyer announced that the Planning Department is seeking applicants for the HCDP AC.
20 There are currently 3 vacancies and 3 holdovers on the AC.

21 Chair Meyer announces how to find public notices via the county website. [SEE YOUTUBE
22 TIMESTAMP 3:45]

23 To ensure timely review of Hāmākua CDP district applications, the AC requested that the Chair
24 be notified of any new applications for subdivisions, zoning changes, variances, and Planning
25 Commission agendas and meeting minutes upon submission to the Planning Department
26 [YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 4:08]

27 Updates and announcements by Council Member Heather Kimball and discussion with AC [SEE
28 YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 11:02]

29 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

30 Committee member Richard Bidleman motioned to approve the January 10, 2024 minutes.
31 Motion seconded by committee member Brad Kurokawa. Motion passed unanimously [SEE
32 YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 33:43]

33 **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

34 **No public comments before agenda items.**

35 **BUSINESS:**

- 36 1. **Emergency Routes Discussion:** This item was called to order at 4:48 p.m.

Kevin Waltjen and Jennifer Zelko from HECO discuss concern about powerlines and tree trimming cycle on Kapehu Road. Marisa Harman speaks on Kamehameha School's work on Kapehu Road. [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 48:05:00]

AC discusses potential Permitted Interaction Groups (PIG) for emergency routes. Planning addresses Section 4.9.3 Policy 55 of the CDP as a suggestion for the Mud Lane emergency route. Tawn Keeny requests to form a PIG. [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:04]

Brad Kurokawa motions to form a PIG to solicit community input on Policy 55 in CDP document with committee members Tawn Keeny, Mahealani Maikui, and Chair David Meyer, seconded by Mahealani Maikui. Motion passed by 6 votes, aye. [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:45]

This item concluded at 5:50 p.m.

2. **Lehua Street Subdivision Sidewalk Funds Availability:** This item was called to order at 5:50 p.m.

Committee member Richard Bidleman presents Lehua Street map, Communication No. 2024.02. Bidleman expresses the need for an additional sidewalk along Lehua Street adjacent to Honoka'a Sports Complex. Planning addresses Section 5.3.4 Policy 70 which states the County's action for improving pedestrian access in Honoka'a. Planning agrees to address feasibility of this project at the next meeting [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:49]

This item concluded at 5:58 p.m.

3. **Scheduling of Future Hāmākua Community Development Plan Action Committee meetings:** This item was called to order at 5:58pm

AC discusses possible meeting times, dates, and meeting locations. AC agrees to meet on the second Wednesday of every month at 5:00p.m. [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 1:57]

This item concluded at 6:06 p.m.

4. **Letter of Endorsement to a Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Commission (PONC) Application:** This item was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

AC discusses letter of endorsement for PONC application, Communication No. 2024-10.

Committee member Tawn Keeney motions to submit letter of endorsement by Hāmākua CDP AC for consideration by Hawaii County, seconded by committee member Richard Bidleman. Motion passed unanimously [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 2:04]

This item concluded at 6:31 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Committee member Brad Kurokawa motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Vice Chair Mahealani Maikui. Motion passed with unanimous aye vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33p.m.

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HĀMĀKUA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 13 2024
DRAFT Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Meyer called the Hāmākua Community Development Plan (HCDP) Action Committee (AC) to order at 5:05pm. Quorum was established at this time. This meeting was held in-person at the Honoka'a Sports Complex and online via ZOOM.

The YouTube video of this meeting can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCHo0TxDnkw>

ROLL CALL

AC Members Present: Richard Bidleman, Tawn Keeney, Chair David Meyer

AC Members Present via ZOOM: Vice Chair Mahealani Maikui, Brad Kurokawa, and Robert Nishimoto

County Staff: Planners – Maryam Palma and Kawelo Kalili

County Officials: Council Member, Heather Kimball

25 members of the of the public attended the meeting (10 in person and 15 via ZOOM)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Heather Kimball shared an update [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 2:09:30]

Deputy Corporation Counsel Jean Campbell is assigned to the Hāmākua CDP AC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Committee Member Keeney motioned to approve the February 12, 2024 minutes with amendments. Motion seconded by Committee Member Bidleman. Motion passed unanimously [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 7:09]

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Steve Holmes Public Testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 9:45]

Meizhu Lui Public Testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 2:25:41]

BUSINESS:

1. Integrated Wastewater Management Plan Presentation: [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 19:30]

Director of DEM Ramzi Mansour gave a presentation on Cesspool conversion. All Cesspools in County of Hawaii need to be converted by 2050.

Director Mansour gave three options of conversion:

Option #1 Connect to the County's sewer system (Centralized system)

Option #2 Connect to a new or existing decentralized or cluster WWTP.

Option #3 Convert to a DOH-Approved onsite system (Septic system)

37 Keoni Payton Public Testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:13:44]

38 Jaerick Medeiros Public Testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:20:53]

39 Kurt Sullivan Public Testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:27:14]

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41 **2. Overview of CDP Action Committee Purpose and Hāmākua CDP Implementation**
42 **Priorities for 2024: [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:39:47]**

43 Planner Maryam Palma gave a refresher presentation on CDP AC roles, Sunshine Law,
44 and examples of possible CDP priorities for 2024.

45 **PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP**
46 **2:28:04]**

- 47 1. Update from Planning Department regarding sending planning applications reports to the
48 Committee Members.
49 2. Look into possible resources to help support Waipi‘o Wahi Pana

50 **ADJOURNMENT:**

51 *Committee Member Bidleman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Committee*
52 *Member Keeney. Motion passed with unanimous aye vote. The meeting was adjourned at*
53 *7:40p.m.*

54 These minutes and all related documents are available in the Planning Department’s Hāmākua
55 Community Development Plan Action Committee folder via [the County of Hawai‘i Public](#)
56 [Documents Repository](#). These documents may also be requested from the Planning Department
57 by calling (808) 961-8288 or emailing cdp@hawaiiicounty.gov.

Directors Nani Madeiros and Elizabeth Pickett
Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization

Dear Nani and Elizabeth,

The Hamakua Community Development Plan Action Committee wishes to again express our appreciation for the work which you are doing on behalf of the residents of Hamakua in facing the threat of wildfire. Especially, thank you for the excellent presentation before our committee in November of last year.

As we get closer to 'fire season' we in communities along the Hamakua coast will probably become more interested in the status of the Hamakua Wildfire Preparedness Plan which you referenced in that presentation. Of course, that season is probably still a few months away, but preparation time is always 'now'.

That this Plan has not been released to the Public after 4 or 5 months of consideration, and possibly discussion, at expert levels, likely means that there is some disjunct between what has been proposed in the Plan which you had submitted, and what is felt practical by the Agencies responsible for its application.

We, as the public, would be interested in where that tension might exist between the ideal and the practical. It can be imagined that your organization, as advocates, might strive toward that ideal. The County undoubtedly has an obligation to work within its limitations. And obviously, the two of you must work together to confront the challenge.

It is therefore wondered if it would be practical that the Action Committee would become informed as to any discussion that might be taking place which will shape the final design of the Plan which HWMO and the County are formulating. Of course, this would be public disclosure, and it may be that there are sensitive issues. But, I think that it is reasonable that the Public be informed of dimensions which may separate the ideal from the realizable or practical. The public might wish to advocate on its own for striving toward the ideal in its protection, and might be able to volunteer energy toward realizing that ideal.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Chair, Hamakua Community Development Plan Action Committee