

1 HĀMĀKUA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION COMMITTEE

2 Wednesday, February 12, 2024
3 FINAL 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.

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@hawaiicounty.gov.