

HĀMĀKUA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN
ACTION COMMITTEE
COUNTY OF HAWAII

FINAL MINUTES
April 10, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Meyer called the Hāmākua Community Development Plan (CDP) Action Committee (AC) to order at 5:05 p.m. A quorum was established with six members in attendance. This meeting was held in person at the Pa‘auilo Gym Annex and via the Zoom online platform.

The full YouTube video of this meeting can be found here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ivnqkzk5L-Q>

ROLL CALL

Members Present (in person): Richard Bidleman, Tawn Keeney, David Meyer (Chair) and Mahealani Maikui (Vice-Chair).

Members Present (via Zoom) Brad Kurokawa and Robert Nishimoto.

County Staff Present (in person): Janice Hata and Jessica Lahip.

County Staff Present (via Zoom): Maryam Palma

There were 0 members of the public in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 2:40]

Committee Member Tawn Keeney motioned to approve the February 12, 2024 meeting minutes. Vice-Chair Mahealani Maikui seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Member Richard Bidleman motioned to approve the March 13, 2024 meeting minutes. Committee Member Tawn Keeney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Implementation Priorities for 2024

This item was called to order at 5:11p.m. [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 7:24]

Planning Department Staff Maryam Palma presented on the Hāmākua CDP Implementation Priorities for 2024 and reviewed the results from the Google Form survey, which had been

distributed to the AC prior to the meeting. There was a discussion among the AC members regarding potential actions they were interested in pursuing. The AC also discussed whether a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) would be beneficial to the various implementation actions.

This item concluded 6:48 p.m.

2. Letter to the Hawai'i Wildfire Management Organization

This item was called to order at 6:48 p.m. [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 1:44:34]

Committee Member Tawn Keeney led the discussion on sending a letter to the Hawai'i Wildfire Management Organization (HWMO) regarding the Hāmākua Wildfire Preparedness Plan. Committee Member Tawn Keeney made a motion to send a letter to HWMO as an Action Committee. Chair David Meyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This item concluded at 6:54 p.m.

3. Draft General Plan 2045 Permitted Interaction Group

This item was called to order at 6:54 p.m. [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 1:50:19]

Committee Member Tawn Keeney proposed to establish a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) to prepare AC comments on the Final Recommended Draft General Plan. Committee Members Tawn Keeney and Brad Kurokawa volunteered to work together on preparing AC comments for the Final Recommended Draft General Plan.

This item concluded at 7:03 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

[SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 1:59:18]

1. Continue discussion on implementation priorities for 2024
2. Kolehale Bridge repair update
3. Possible presentation from Committee Member Robert Nishimoto

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 2:04:30]

The Planning Department is currently seeking applicants for the Hāmākua CDP Action Committee.

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<https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/our-county/boards-and-commissions/sign-up-for-boards-and-commissions-email-notifications>

61 **ADJOURNMENT**

62 Committee Member Richard Bidleman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Committee Member
63 Brad Kurokawa seconded the motion. An all-in-favor voice vote carried the motion unanimously.
64 The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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