

HĀMĀKUA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN
ACTION COMMITTEE
COUNTY OF HAWAII

DRAFT MINUTES
May 8, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Meyer called the Hāmākua Community Development Plan (CDP) Action Committee (AC) to order at 5:03 p.m. A quorum was established with six members in attendance. This meeting was held in person at the Kula’imano Community Center and via the Zoom online platform.

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present (in person): Richard Bidleman, Tawn Keeney, Brad Kurokawa, Robert Nishimoto (late in 5:05 p.m), David Meyer (Chair) and Mahealani Maikui (Vice-Chair).

County Staff Present (in person): Maryam Palma and Jessica Lahip.

Also in Attendance: Heather Kimball (County Council)

There were approximately seven members of the public in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 2:50]

Committee Member Richard Bidleman motioned to approve the April 8, 2024 meeting minutes. Vice-Chair Mahealani Maikui seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no public comments on the agenda item.

BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Implementation Priorities

This item was called to order at 5:07 p.m. [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 4:22]

The committee discussed the implementation of action priorities. Each committee member decided to tackle different actions on their own:

- Waipio: Committee member Brad Kurokawa
- Maztac: Committee member Robert Nishiimoto
- Housing & Education: Committee member Richard Bidleman
- CIP & Agriculture Taxes: Chair, David Meyer

- PONC, Fire Preparedness, Trails and Public Notices: Committee member Tawn Keeney
- Community Action 3 (Develop a coastal resource management plan as part of watershed management plans) & Community Action 4 (Support the organization of a community-based hui for the fisher people of the Hāmākua Coast): Vice-Chair Mahealani Maikui

County Official Heather Kimball spoke on agricultural land and farm usage.

This item concluded 6:26 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

[SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 1:24:05]

1. Updates on Action Priorities
2. Honoka'a Community College Presentation
3. DHHL/DEM Presentation on Wastewater Plan
4. Maczac presentation from Committee Member Robert Nishimoto

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 1:27:41]

- The Hakalau Stream Bridge Rehabilitation Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been published. Comments are due by May 23rd. The following is a link to the drafted EA: https://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/erp/Doc_Library/2024-04-23-HA-DEA-Hakalau-Stream-Bridge-Rehabilitation.pdf
- The Environmental Review Program (ERP) facilitates Hawai'i environmental review process, pursuant to Chapter 343, Hawai'i Revised Statutes. The following is a link to subscribe to their semi-monthly publication, The Environmental Notice: <https://planning.hawaii.gov/erp/>
- The Department of Environmental Management has begun the process to Draft an Integrated Wastewater Management Plan. A recording of the first round of public meetings can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DmR2EgTRQVI>
- The Hāmākua CDP Action Committee is seeking applicants. There are 3 vacancies.
- County Official Heather Kimball provided updates
- Committee member Brad Kurokawa announced that the legislature appropriation received \$2.1 million for Hakalau School lead remediation

Charles Carvalho Testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 1:41:40]

BJ Penn Testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 1:44:45]

Lorraine Shin Testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 1:47:30]

66 **ADJOURNMENT**

67 Committee Member Richard Bidleman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chair Mahealani
68 Maikui seconded the motion. An all-in-favor voice vote carried the motion unanimously. The
69 meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

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