

1 SOUTH KOHALA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
2 ACTION COMMITTEE  
3 COUNTY OF HAWAII

4 DRAFT MINUTES  
5 September 23, 2024

6 **CALL TO ORDER**

7 Chair Tristie Licoan called the South Kohala Community Development Plan (CDP) Action  
8 Committee (AC) to order at 5:03 p.m. A quorum was established with six members in  
9 attendance. This meeting was held in person at the Kūhiō Hale.

10 The full YouTube video of this meeting can be found here:

11 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7pTSCj1Ons>

12 **ROLL CALL**

13 Members Present (in person): Tristie Licoan (Chair), Scott Nagata (Vice-Chair), Julia Alos, and  
14 William Sanborn

15 Members Present (via Zoom): Ruth Smith (left at 7:30 p.m.), Kevin McLaughlin (left at 7:01  
16 p.m., and Pete Hendricks (left at 7:15 p.m.)

17 Members Absent: Karen Anderson

18 County Staff Present (in person): Maryam Palma, Jessica Lahip, Kawelo Kalili, Janice Hata,  
19 Natasha Soriano, and April Surprenant.

20 County Staff Present (via Zoom): Shannon Arquitola

21 There were approximately fifty members of the public in attendance (thirty-five in person and  
22 fifteen via Zoom).

23 **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

24 Momi Naughton testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 4:50]

25 Donna Thompson testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 12:11]

26 Anna Kahoopii testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 17:21]

27 Lloyd Case testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 22:30]

28 Pier Shige testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 25:47]

29 Aislinn Chalker testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 32:54]

30 Owana Wilcox testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 34:27]

31 January Herron-Whitehead testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 37:28]

32 Pua Case testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 39:07]

**BUSINESS**

**1. Final Draft General Plan 2045 Presentation** – Presentation and Q&A by Planning Department Staff regarding the Final Draft General Plan 2045.

This item was called to order at 5:51 p.m. [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 48:45]

County Planning Department staff April Surprenant and Natasha Soriano presented on the Final Recommended Draft General Plan 2045. The presentation covered what the General Plan is and its role in the planning system, the comprehensive review process, and the structure and organization of the draft. There was time for questions from members of the public.

During the presentation and Q&A session, numerous questions and comments arose concerning land use, transportation, infrastructure, water, and the implementation of the plan. Many attendees expressed concern about managing resources with rising population and land prices by asking how the plan addresses immediate needs using existing resources. There were multiple questions regarding the ‘Ōuli Farms project and the implications of proposed land use changes on rural and agricultural lands. Attendees also highlighted concerns about climate change, cultural preservation, water shortages, and the lack of public health considerations in the plan.

The Action Committee lost quorum at 7:40 p.m.

Erin Petrosian testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 1:32:53]

Kulike Chow testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 1:36:55]

Kaulahea Wilcox testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 1:40:05]

No’eau Lindsey testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 1:51:48]

Pomai Bentelmann testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 1:58:55]

Ursula Chong testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 2:07:00]

Cindy Evans testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 2:17:20]

Tehani Barton testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 2:27:45]

Kalani Guerrero-Tilini testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 2:32:00]

Sharon Olson testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 2:34:32]

Patti Cook testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 2:39:05]

Name unknown testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 2:45:11]

Name unknown testimony [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 2:50:24]

This item closed at 7:56 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 1:34:02]

- The Planning Department is currently seeking applicants for the South Kohala Action Committee and is requesting assistance to get the word out to interested community

66 members. The application can be found on the Mayor's office website at:  
67 <https://www.hawaiicounty.gov/our-county/boards-commissions-application>

68 **ADJOURNMENT**

69 Chair Licoan adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

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