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KONA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION COMMITTEE

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the following matters to be considered by the Kona Community Development Plan (CDP) 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: Tuesday, November 19, 2024
TIME: 12:00-2:00 p.m.
IN PERSON LOCATION: West Hawai'i Civic Center, B2 Conference Room
74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Hwy
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740
ONLINE/ZOOM:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltdu6qqjwsGVGSuL8sTo5AFjfAVtbYRuc>

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@hawaiiicounty.gov or (808) 961-8288. Pursuant to Section 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@hawaiiicounty.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.

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
- II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The Action Committee will consider approving the draft minutes for the Kona CDP Action Committee Meeting on October 22, 2024.
- III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS:** The public may provide verbal testimony at the meeting by joining the Zoom meeting or attending in-person. Please register to testify by contacting cdp@hawaiiicounty.gov. Comments may be made either during the public comment portion of the agenda or just prior to the relevant business item. With discretion of the Chair of the CDP Action Committee, comments may be limited to three (3) minutes in length per agenda item. Written testimony may be submitted via email at cdp@hawaiiicounty.gov or in person at the Hilo or Kona Planning Department, up to two (2) business days prior to this meeting (see the Notice Section below).
- IV. BUSINESS:**
 - 1. Invitation for New Mayor's Attendance** – Discussion and action to invite the newly elected Mayor to attend an upcoming Kona CDP Action Committee meeting.
- V. PROPOSED NEW BUSINESS:** Action Committee members will discuss potential agenda items for the next meeting.
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - The Final Recommended Draft General Plan 2045 has been submitted to the Planning Commission. The Leeward Planning Commission will begin discussions and actions on November 21, 2024, at 9:30am. More information can be found here: <https://www.planning.hawaiiicounty.gov/about-us/boards-committees/planning-commission-applications>
 - The Planning Department is currently seeking applicants for the Kona CDP Action Committee and the Cultural Resources Commission and requests assistance in spreading the word to interested community members. The application can be found on the Mayor's office website at: <https://www.hawaiiicounty.gov/our-county/boards-commissions-application>
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**

This agenda and all related documents are available in the Planning Department's Kona Community Development Plan Action Committee folder via the County of Hawai'i Public Documents Repository: <https://records.hawaiiicounty.gov/weblink/Browse.aspx?dbid=1&startid=9059&row=1&cr=1>. These documents may also be requested from the Planning Department by calling (808) 961-8288 or emailing cdp@hawaiiicounty.gov. The recorded video of this meeting will be uploaded to the Planning Department's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@cohplanningdepartment>

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.

KONA CDP ACTION COMMITTEE

1 KONA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN
2 ACTION COMMITTEE
3 COUNTY OF HAWAII

4 DRAFT MINUTES
5 October 22, 2024

6 **CALL TO ORDER**

7 Chair Young called the Kona Community Development Plan (CDP) Action Committee (AC)
8 meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. A quorum was established with five members in attendance. This
9 meeting was held in person at the West Hawai'i Civic Center, B2 Conference Room and online
10 via the Zoom platform.

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

12 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11Ez2TMGUME&t=56s>

13 **ROLL CALL**

14 Members Present (in person): Nancy Pisicchio (Vice-Chair), Charla Thompson, and Heather
15 Korotie

16 Members Present (via Zoom): Charles Young (Chair), David Hureta, and John Pelletier

17 Members Absent: Roselyn Molina

18 County Staff Present (in person): Maryam Palma, Janice Hata, Jessica Lahip and Kawelo Kalili

19 There were approximately 4 members of the public in attendance (2 in person and 2 via Zoom).

20 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

21 Vice Chair Pisicchio moved to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2024, meeting as drafted.
22 Committee member Korotie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

23 **BUSINESS**

- 24 **1. Final Draft General Plan 2045** – Discussion and decision making on submitting
25 testimony to the Leeward Planning Commission regarding the Draft General Plan. [SEE
26 *YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 9:00*]

27 Chair inquired about the timeline for completing the General Plan (GP). Planning Department
28 staff confirmed the current schedule, noting that the Planning Commission (PC) will conduct
29 both regular and special meetings to address GP items, with a projected timeline extending
30 through March 2025.

31 Committee Member Pelletier asked if public comments will be routed to the Planning
32 Commission. Planning confirmed that all public feedback, including comments gathered during
33 community meetings, will be compiled and forwarded to the PC for review.

Vice Chair Pisicchio inquired if the Action Committee (AC) could submit testimony throughout the GP process, from the Planning Commission's review phase through to the County Council's consideration. Planning affirmed that ongoing testimony from the AC is permissible.

Chuck Flaherty provided testimony. *[SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 13:53]*

The AC discussed the implications of the AUD (Accessory Dwelling Unit) Bill as it relates to infrastructure requirements outlined in the General Plan. Chair expressed concerns regarding the county's legal obligations to manage wastewater, noting that the AUD Bill's potential increase in housing density appears to conflict with these responsibilities and may not align with the General Plan's goals. The AC considered the importance of deciding if and when to submit testimony on the AUD Bill to address this issue.

Committee Member Pisicchio raised concerns about Bill 123, pointing out that the bill does not limit ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units) to affordable housing, a restriction that may impact housing affordability goals.

2. Letter to Planning Department – Discussion and potential decision-making requesting more timely notice from the Planning Department on land use applications to the Action Committee *[SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 29:06]*

Vice Chair Pisicchio read the draft letter to the Planning Director regarding more timely notice from Planning on land use applications. The AC agreed that the letter was well written and there were no objections.

Nancy moved to have the letter signed by Chair and sent to the Planning Director. Committee member Pelletier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Testimony at State Legislature – Discussion and potential decision-making for continued support during the upcoming Legislative Session for the introduction of legislation to provide Sunshine Law flexibility for CDP Action Committees. *[SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 34:00]*

The Committee discussed providing testimony at the State Legislature in support of upcoming legislation aimed at granting more flexibility under the Sunshine Law for CDP (Community Development Plan) Action Committees (ACs).

Vice Chair Pisicchio outlined the reasons for supporting this legislative effort, highlighting that Senator Kanuha has expressed willingness to reintroduce a properly titled bill in the upcoming session to address this issue.

Vice Chair Pisicchio suggested that the AC vote on submitting testimony when the bill is reintroduced. The Chair agreed, emphasizing the importance of continuing support for this legislative initiative to pass a companion bill, which was endorsed by all members.

Nancy moved to support the redrafted bill that would allow CDP ACs to operate under the same meeting guidelines as Neighborhood Boards. The AC also intends to reach out to their representative to ask for support of the bill. Heather seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

72 **AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:** [*SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 44:25*]

- 73 1. Follow up on General Plan Status - Bill 123 and goals with the GP
74 2. Follow up on Draft Bill for Neighborhood Boards
75 3. Follow up on Letter to Planning Department
76 4. Discuss Pu'u Ohao
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78 **ADJOURNMENT**

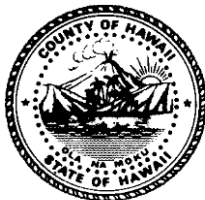
79 Committee member Hureta moved to adjourn this meeting. Vice-Chair Pisicchio seconded the
80 motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. [*SEE*
81 *YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 58:00*]

82 These minutes and all related documents are available in the Planning Department's Kona
83 Community Development Plan Action Committee folder via the County of Hawai'i [Public](#)
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85 by calling (808) 961-8288 or emailing cdp@hawaiiicounty.gov.

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November 13, 2024

MEMORANDUM

TO: Office of the Corporation Counsel
Planning Department Staff Office of the Mayor
County Council

FROM: Zendo Kern, Planning Director

SUBJECT: **Kona CDP Action Committee**
Tentative Meeting Schedule for 2025

The 2025 meeting dates for the Kona Community Development Plan (CDP) Action Committee are listed below. Please be informed that the dates and venue of the meetings are subject to change.

January 21, 2025

February 18, 2025

March 18, 2025

April 15, 2025

May 20, 2025

June 17, 2025

July 15, 2025

August 19, 2025

September 16, 2025

October 21, 2025

November 18, 2025

December 16, 2025