

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

4 FINAL 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.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

These minutes 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](#). These documents may also be requested from the Planning Department by calling (808) 961-8288 or emailing cdp@hawaiiicounty.gov.