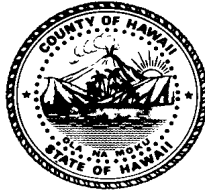


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## County of Hawai‘i KONA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION COMMITTEE

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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 (AC) in accordance with the provisions of Sections 92-3.7 and 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, June 10, 2025

**TIME:** 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

**LOCATION:** West Hawai‘i Civic Center, B2 Conference Room  
74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Highway  
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

**ZOOM:** <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/Kc-yh5f6QROP0Dk5RhuSxw>

**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.

**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@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto:cdp@hawaiicounty.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@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto:cdp@hawaiicounty.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.

### **AGENDA**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
- II. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – The Committee will consider approving the draft minutes from the May 13, 2025, meeting.

III. **PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS** – Pursuant to Section 92-3, HRS, interested persons who want to provide oral testimony may do so now, or at the time the specific agenda item is called. Public testimony may be limited to three (3) minutes in length per agenda item.

IV. **BUSINESS**

1. **Outreach on Sunshine Law Updates** – Discussion and potential decision making on updating government officials on allowable interactions with the committee since the adoption of SB 869, relating to Community Outreach Boards.
2. **Kona International Airport (KOA) Master Plan Update** – Update from Action Committee member John Pelletier, followed by a discussion on potential Committee actions.
3. **Keauhou Aquifer Water Management Plan Update** – Update from Action Committee Chair Charlie Young, followed by a discussion on potential Committee actions.

V. **PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA** – Public testimony may be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. (Pursuant to SB 869)

VI. **THIRD-PARTY REPORTS; GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS** – The Action Committee may receive and discuss information from third-party reports by any government official not included in a publicly noticed agenda. The Action Committee may only make decisions on matters originally raised by third-party reports from any government official at a later meeting, where the agenda for the meeting gives notice of decision-making on the matter. (Pursuant to SB 405)

VII. **NEW BUSINESS** – The Committee will discuss potential agenda items for the next meeting.

VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 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.hawaiicounty.gov/our-county/boards-commissions-application>
- Kona Open Space Network (KOSN) Draft Plan Open House on Saturday, June 28, 2025, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the West Hawai'i Civic Center (WHCC) Pavillion and Building G
- A joint meeting of AC Chairs and Vice-Chairs was held on May 28, 2025.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

**NOTICE:** 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.hawaiicounty.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@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto:cdp@hawaiicounty.gov). The recorded video of this meeting will be uploaded to the Planning Department's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@cohplanningdepartment>

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](mailto: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  
CHARLES YOUNG, Chair

Meeting Packet QR Code:



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

4 DRAFT MINUTES  
5 May 13, 2025

6 **CALL TO ORDER**

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

10 The full YouTube video of this meeting can be found here:  
11 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OpLUTaqOkTg&t=200s>

12 **ROLL CALL**

13 Members Present (in person): Nancy Pisicchio (Vice-Chair), John Pelletier, and Charla Thompson

14 Members Present (via Zoom): David Huerta and Heather Korotie

15 Members Absent: Roselyn Molina and Charles Young (Chair)

16 County Staff Present (in person): Kawelo Kalili and Jessica Lahip

17 County Staff Present (via Zoom): Maryam Palma and Janice Hata

18 One (1) member of the public attended the meeting in person; no participants joined via Zoom.

19 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

20 Committee member Pelletier moved to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2025, meeting as  
21 drafted. Committee member Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.  
22 *[SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 2:19]*

23 **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

24 There was no public testimony at this time.

25 **BUSINESS:**

26 **1. Mayor's Community Meeting Update** – Update from Action Committee member John  
27 Pelletier, followed by a discussion on potential Committee actions. *[SEE YOUTUBE*  
28 *TIMESTAMP: 3:40]*

29 This item was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

30 Committee member Pelletier reported that the recent community Q&A session with the Mayor  
31 in Kona was productive, with strong public turnout and representation from all County  
32 departments. Staff were available to answer questions on a range of infrastructure topics,  
33 including park repairs. During the second half of the meeting, which featured one-on-one  
34 discussions, committee member Pelletier engaged with staff about the Keauhou Regional Park,

the R1 water issue, and funding for wastewater treatment. Transportation concerns – such as bus stop locations – were also addressed. Committee member Pelletier emphasized the value of Action Committee members attending these events in person to build relationships and help advance key community projects.

Vice-Chair Pisicchio added that these discussions align with the priorities outlined in the Action Committee’s recent letter to the Finance Committee, highlighting the group’s focus on environmental protection and infrastructure improvements.

This item concluded at 12:15 p.m.

2. **Tree City, USA Update** – Update from Action Committee member Charla Thompson, followed by a discussion on potential Committee actions. [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 12:36]

This item was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

Committee member Thompson shared her ongoing efforts to revive Kona’s Tree City USA designation – a program that recognizes communities committed to urban forestry. Introduced to the initiative by Vice-Chair Pisicchio, Thompson connected with forestry subject matter experts and members of the Outdoor Circle, including Director Winston Welch, who expressed strong support for revitalizing the Kona branch. The Tree City USA program offers benefits such as community beautification, increased civic engagement, and access to grant opportunities. To qualify, the County must meet four criteria: designate an arborist, adopt a tree care ordinance, allocate a minimum of \$2 per capita for forestry, and hold an annual Arbor Day observance. Although the County previously held the designation, it lapsed due to staffing changes.

Vice-Chair Pisicchio moved to approve the draft Tree City letter for signature by the Chair and submission to the Mayor by staff. Committee member Pelletier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 28:50]

This item concluded at 12:31 p.m.

3. **Update on SB1602, SD1** – Vice-Chair Pisicchio will provide an update on the bill’s status in the current legislative session. [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 29:33]

This item was called to order at 12:31 p.m.

Vice-Chair Pisicchio provided an update on Senate Bill 1602, SD1, which allocates funding to monitor the Keauhou Aquifer through two wells – one for surface water and one for deep water. The bill, along with a \$4 million budget appropriation, had passed the Legislature and was awaiting the Governor’s signature. Committee members expressed strong support for the initiative and appreciation for the unified backing from state legislators. They emphasized the importance of this investment in advancing Kona’s water resource management and long-term planning efforts.

This item concluded at 12:34 p.m.

4. **Update on SB869, SD1** – Vice-Chair Pisicchio will provide an update on the bill’s status in the current legislative session. [SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 31:34]

74 This item was called to order at 12:34 p.m.

75 Vice-Chair Pisicchio provided an update on Senate Bill 869, SD1, which proposes amendments  
76 to Chapter 92 of the Sunshine Law to allow CDP Action Committees to operate under  
77 neighborhood board rules. The bill had passed the Legislature and was awaiting the Governor's  
78 signature. Committee members expressed optimism about the proposed changes, noting that  
79 they would offer greater flexibility and enhance the effectiveness of the Action Committees.

80 This item concluded at 12:35 p.m.

81 **PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

82 [*SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 32:21*]

83 1. Keauhou Aquifer Adaptive Management Plan Presentation

84 **ADJOURNMENT**

85 The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m. [*SEE YOUTUBE TIMESTAMP 36:29*]

86 These minutes and all related documents are available in the Planning Department's Kona  
87 Community Development Plan Action Committee folder via the County of Hawai'i [Public](#)  
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89 calling (808) 961-8288 or emailing [cdp@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto:cdp@hawaiicounty.gov).

THE SENATE  
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025  
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 405  
S.D. 1  
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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEETINGS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 92-81, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

3           "(b) The agenda required to be included in written public  
4 notice of a neighborhood board meeting may include an  
5 opportunity for the board to receive public input and  
6 third-party reports from any government official on issues not  
7 specifically noticed for consideration at the forthcoming  
8 meeting.

9           (c) Any matter raised as part of the public input agenda  
10 or third-party reports from any government official allowed  
11 under subsection (b) may be discussed and information on the  
12 matter may be received by the board at the meeting; provided  
13 that the board shall not make a decision relating to [~~the~~  
14 ~~matter.~~] any of those matters. The board may make decisions on  
15 matters originally raised as part of a public input agenda item  
16 or raised by a third-party report from any government official



1 only at a later meeting, where the agenda for the meeting shall  
2 give notice of decision-making on the matter."

3 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.





**Report Title:**

Neighborhood Board; Meeting; Agenda; Third-Party Reports;  
Government Officials

**Description:**

Allows neighborhood boards to discuss and receive information on matters raised by third-party reports from any government official not included in a publicly noticed agenda. Requires neighborhood boards to make decisions on matters raised by third-party reports from any government official at a later meeting where the agenda gives notice of decision-making on the matter. (CD1)

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THE SENATE  
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025  
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 869  
S.D. 1  
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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMMUNITY OUTREACH BOARDS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that county neighborhood  
2 and advisory boards provide local communities with opportunities  
3 to participate in government. Likewise, boards created for the  
4 purpose of community outreach, such as the Hawaii county  
5 community development plan action committees, serve as an  
6 intermediary between residents and government leaders to  
7 understand local concerns, gather and disseminate information,  
8 and create solutions in a collaborative environment. However,  
9 because such boards are not specific to one neighborhood, it is  
10 not clear that they are "neighborhood boards" and thus entitled  
11 to use the special provisions set out for neighborhood boards in  
12 part VII of chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes. As community  
13 outreach boards serve as a grassroots tool, ensuring open access  
14 to board activities is essential to thriving communities  
15 statewide.

16       Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to:

17       (1) Define "community outreach board";



(2) Include community outreach boards in existing provisions of the sunshine law that relate to neighborhood boards; and

(3) Authorize neighborhood board and community outreach board members to attend meetings or presentations related to official board business statewide.

SECTION 2. Chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to part VII to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§92- Definition. As used in this part, "community outreach board" means a board established to serve in a community advisory capacity under a county commission or a county department."

SECTION 3. Chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the title of part VII to read as follows:

**"[+]PART VII.[+] NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD; COMMUNITY OUTREACH BOARD"**

SECTION 4. Section 92-81, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended as follows:

1. By amending its title and subsections (a) and (b) to read:



1 "[+]§92-81[+] Neighborhood board; community outreach  
2 board; notice and agenda; public input; quorum. (a) [Any  
3 ~~contrary provision in this chapter notwithstanding,~~  
4 Notwithstanding any provision in this chapter to the contrary,  
5 the provisions of this part shall apply to neighborhood boards  
6 and community outreach boards overseen by a neighborhood  
7 commission of the city and county of Honolulu, and [~~such~~] other  
8 neighborhood boards and community outreach boards as may be  
9 created in other counties and overseen by a county-based  
10 commission[~~-~~] or county-based department.

11 (b) The agenda required to be included in written public  
12 notice of a [~~neighborhood~~] board meeting may include an  
13 opportunity for the board to receive public input on issues not  
14 specifically noticed for consideration at the forthcoming  
15 meeting."

16 2. By amending subsection (d) to read:

17 "(d) A quorum for a meeting of a neighborhood board or  
18 community outreach board shall be required for:

19 (1) Conducting official board business;

20 (2) Discussions [~~prior to~~] before and related to voting;

21 and



1           (3) Voting required to validate an act of the board as  
2           part of official board business.

3 A neighborhood board or community outreach board may receive  
4 information or testimony on a matter of official board business  
5 without a quorum; provided that the board shall not make a  
6 decision on the issue. The board members, at the next meeting  
7 of the [~~neighborhood~~] board, shall report the matters presented  
8 as information or testimony."

9           SECTION 5. Section 92-82, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11           **"§92-82 Permitted interactions of neighborhood board and**  
12 **community outreach board members.** (a) Neighborhood board and  
13 community outreach board members may attend meetings or  
14 presentations [~~located on Oahu~~] on matters relating to official  
15 board business; provided that the meeting or presentation is  
16 open to the public, does not charge a fee or require  
17 registration, and is not specifically and exclusively organized  
18 for or directed toward members of the board; [~~and~~] provided  
19 further that no member [~~makes~~] shall make a commitment to vote  
20 on any of the issues discussed.



(b) Neighborhood board and community outreach board members who attend meetings or presentations allowed by subsection (a) may ask questions relating to official board business of persons other than fellow board members."

SECTION 6. Section 92-83, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"[+]§92-83[+] **Neighborhood board meeting; community outreach board meeting; unanticipated events; public interest.**

An unanticipated event that occurs after public notice of a neighborhood board or community outreach board meeting has been issued, but before the scheduled meeting, may be the subject of discussion at the scheduled meeting if timely action on the matter is necessary for public health, welfare, and safety. At a duly noticed meeting, a board may take action on an unanticipated event in the public interest that is not on the agenda in the same manner as if the board had held an emergency meeting to take action on the issue, pursuant to section 92-8."

SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Neighborhood Boards; Community Outreach Boards; Sunshine Law;  
Public Meetings; Permitted Interactions

**Description:**

Defines community outreach board to mean a board established to serve in a community advisory capacity under a county commission or a county department. Includes community outreach boards in existing provisions of the Sunshine Law relating to neighborhood boards. Authorizes neighborhood board and community outreach board members to attend meetings or presentations related to official board business statewide. (HD1)

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# County of Hawai'i Kona Open Space Network Draft Plan

## Community Walk-Through & Talk-Story Event

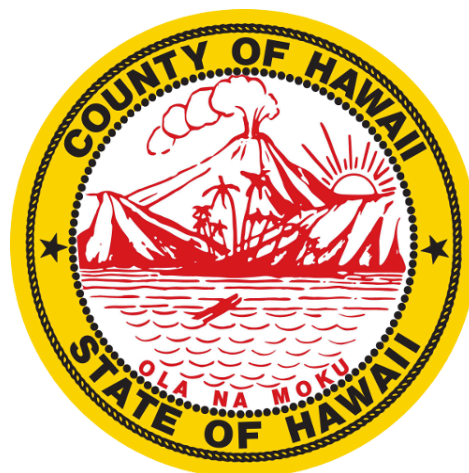
We want your feedback!

- 📅 Saturday, June 28, 2025
- 🕒 10:00am to 2:00pm
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KOSN Story Map



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