

PUNA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN
ACTION COMMITTEE
COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

FINAL MINUTES
June 6, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Leilani DeMello called the Puna Community Development Plan (CDP) Action Committee (AC) meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. A quorum was established with six members in attendance. This meeting was held in person at the Volcano Cooper Center and via the Zoom online platform.

The YouTube video of this meeting can be found here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kxOxqus_kNU&t=6972s

ROLL CALL

AC Members Present (in person): Martha Morishige

AC Members Present (via Zoom): Vice Chair Leilani DeMello, Leila Kealoha, Susan Osborne, Jennifer Scheffel, and Gregory Henkel

AC Members Absent: Chair Kanoë Wilson and Franny Brewer

County Staff: Maryam Palma and Kawelo Kalili

There were approximately twelve members of the public in attendance (five in person and seven via Zoom).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES [*SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 5:58*]

Committee Member Osborne made a motion to approve the February 1, 2024, minutes. Motion seconded by Committee Member Kealoha. Motion passed with 6 votes aye, 0 votes nay.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BUSINESS:

1. **Puna Brochure Permitted Interaction** – Decision making on whether to create a Permitted Interaction Group to investigate the existing Puna brochure. [*SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 6:00*]

Committee member Morishige motioned to keep the Puna Brochure as is. Committee member Scheffel seconded the motion. The committee discussed the intention behind forming a permitted interaction group to update the current Puna Brochure. Committee member Morishige withdrew the motion to keep the brochure as is. [*SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 11:45*]

Committee member Osborne motioned for the AC to establish a Permitted Interaction Group for the discussion, review and revision of the Puna Brochure. Committee member Henkel seconded the motion. The members included in this PIG are Susie Osborne, Leila

Kealoha and Jen Scheffel. The motion passed unanimously. [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 17:15]

2. Orchidland Neighbors Park Update – Update by Orchidland Neighbors representative. [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 19:56]

Orchidland Neighbors representative presented the Orchidland Neighbors park update. [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 20:30]

Orchidland Neighbors representative Jessie Molina presented the Orchidland Neighbors park update. [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 27:15]

Committee member Kealoha asked to clarify how the AC can contribute to the initiative. Representative Aste agreed to write a specific letter requesting the ACs support. [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 31:25]

Stephanie Bath provided public testimony. [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 38:33]

Committee member Morishige motioned to discuss the Orchidland Park at the next meeting. Seconded by Committee member Kealoha. The motion passed with 4 ayes and 2 abstentions. [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 47:14]

3. Overview of CDP Action Committee Purpose and Puna CDP Implementation

Priorities – Presentation by Planning Department staff on the background and roles of the CDP Action Committee. Discussion to establish which implementation projects the committee will pursue based off findings in the Puna CDP document. [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 49:23]

Planning department staff Maryam Palma provided a refresher presentation on the CDP AC roles and connectivity within the County and other government and non-government agencies. [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 53:04]

Planning Department Recovery Division staff Patti Pinto provided a presentation on previous Puna Action Committee projects [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:28:14]

Planning department staff Maryam Palma elaborated on the Resilience Capacity Areas (RCAs). Committee member Kealoha clarified that the RCAs will be moving forward and noted that four out of eight AC members are also on the RCAs. [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:34:20]

The presentation concluded with the PCDP priority action items of the AC members. [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:45:00]

Stephanie Bath provided public testimony. [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:57:10]

Hannah Hendricks provided public testimony. [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 2:03:00]

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING [SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP 1:54:03]

1. Discussion of AC Implementation Priorities
2. Presentation by Recovery Division staff Zoe Callahan regarding the RCAs
3. Orchidland Neighborhood Park

80 4. Update from House Representative and Senator

81 **ADJOURNMENT:**

82 Vice Chair DeMello adjourned the meeting at 7:16 P.M. [*SEE YOUTUBE TIME STAMP*
83 *2:10:00*]

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