



County of Hawai'i PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PUNA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Dan Taylor called the Puna Community Development Plan (PCDP) Action Committee (AC) meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. in the Kea'au Community Center, with the following persons present:

Action Committee: Barbara Bell, Greg Braun (arrived late), Frank Commendador (arrived late), Madie Greene, Keikialoha Kekipi, Jeffrey Krepps, Wesley Owens, Dan Taylor, Tim Tunison.

Staff: Larry Brown (Planning Department, Project Manager), Elizabeth "Liz" Hultman-Salfen (Planning Department, Community Planning Assistant), Audra Ghiotto (Planning Department, Recorder).

Public servants: Gwen Kupahu (County Councilman Fred Blass' office, 5th District)

Members of the public: 5

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Wesley Owens has submitted his resignation from the PCDP AC effective November 9, 2011. He will attend two more meetings.
2. Larry stated he has received 6 applications to fill the four open seats on the Action Committee. The deadline to accept applications has been extended indefinitely.
3. Audra Ghiotto is the new Action Committee Recorder for the remainder of this year and next.
4. Senator Kahele (Senatorial District 2) is holding two meetings next week. The first meeting will be held on September 21st at the Pāhoa Neighborhood Center and the second on September 22nd the Kea'au Elementary School Cafeteria. Both meetings will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. He will be sharing ideas he has for legislation for the upcoming year. He is looking for community input and ideas. Staff from the State Department of Transportation will be at the Kea'au meeting to discuss Hwy 130, roadway improvements, and PMAR. Barbara and Madie will attend the Pāhoa meeting and Wes and Dan will attend the Kea'au meeting.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Madie moved to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2011 AC meeting; Keikialoha seconded. 7 in favor and 1 abstained. The motion passed.

GUEST SPEAKERS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Each AC Member was asked at the August 9, 2011 to bring suggestions for at least one additional Action in the PCDP that might be ripe for implementation activity. The AC discussed new and previously prioritized Actions and developed a list the committee thought were a priority.
 - A. Kapoho waste water treatment solution.
 - B. Support PMAR Environmental study
 - i. Historical and Cultural preservations
 - ii. Send letter to Governor of support
 - iii. Remain true to the PMAR in the PCDP
 - iv. Keep moving forward
 - C. Biosphere Reserve for Volcano.
 - D. Support Village and Town Centers for Pāhoa, Volcano, and Maku‘u.
 - i. Architecture review concepts in village centers
 - E. Parks
 - i. Develop existing parks
 - ii. Support acquisition and development of new neighborhood parks
 - iii. Identify and support development of coastal parks
 - iv. Expanding parks to include athletic fields
 - v. Pohoiki land acquisition
 - F. Promote Red Road (Hwy. 137) as a Scenic Byway.
 - G. Roadway Network
 - i. PMAR
 - ii. Emergency route for Upper Puna
 - iii. Connectivity
 - H. Promote wastewater disposal upgrades in Lower Puna with emphasis on DHHL Maku‘u project
 - I. Land and Infrastructure for Community Farmers Markets (Sec. 3.2.3.F).
 - J. Work with County on Developing Agriculture Tourism Policy (Sec. 2.3.3.H).
2. Sub-committee reports
 - A. Amendment Sub-committee
 - i. Larry reported the second batch of amendments has been forwarded to County Council and will be on a October Meeting’s Agenda
 - B. Budget & Finance Sub-committee

- i. No report
- C. Public Outreach Sub-committee
 - i. No Report
- D. Mālama I Ka ‘Āina Sub-committee
 - i. Biosphere Reserve Buffer Zone (BRBZ): Discussions with the Fern Forest community to set the Makai boundary of the buffer zone.
 - ii. The Kapoho Waste Water Project:
 - a. Barbara reported that the community held a meeting on September 8, 2011 and 12 people attended. The next meeting will be held on September 28, 2011 discussions include investigation of loans, grants, aerobic treatment, cesspools, and septic tanks. individual systems vs. community systems are being looked into.
 - b. **Madie moved to form a subcommittee on the Kapoho Waste Water Project. Greg second; All in Favor. The committee members will include Barbara, Greg, Keikialoha, and Dan.**
- E. Managing Growth Sub-committee
 - i. Local interest appears to be growing in Volcano and Pāhoa to develop village center master plans.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

1. Jon Olson wants to make sure the committee/community know what they are asking for. Make sure you know what you are entitled too.
2. Elizabeth Green offered her help with grant proposals. Would like to have a group of people assigned to do some grant proposals instead of hiring people to do it. Can we evaluate the cost in lost investments, medical expenses, etc. Use these potential resources to hire professional specialist who can prevent those losses and hazards.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Joy Gannon, Rural Community Assistance Program, will be the guest speaker at the October 11, 2011 AC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Greg moved to adjourn the meeting; Madie seconded; all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Next meeting; Tuesday, October 11, 2011.