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Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Dan Taylor called the Puna Community Development Plan (PCDP) Action Committee (AC) meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Kea´au Community Center with the following persons present:

<u>Action Committee:</u> Madie Greene, Farris Etterlee, Keikialoha Kekipi, Patti Pinto, Oshi Simsarian, René Siracusa and Dan Taylor. Excused: Barbara Bell. Unexcused: Frank Commendador.

<u>Staff:</u> Larry Brown, PCDP Project Manager.

<u>Members of the public:</u> 5

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Dan announced that Madie would be chairing this meeting of the PCDP AC.
2. Larry introduced Farris Etterlee, the recent appointee to the PCDP AC by Mayor Kenoi.
3. Larry provided the AC members with an updated AC member contact information sheet to replace the one provided in their initial member binders.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

1. Jon Olson elected to give his testimony on Communications 2012-17-1 and 2012-17-2 immediately prior to consideration of the agenda item by the AC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

René moved to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2012 meeting, as amended with the corrections shown in red. Second by Dan. All voted in favor of accepting the minutes as corrected.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Mountain View Gym:** Sharon Daun reported that the community effort to get playground equipment from KaBoom for a Mt. View neighborhood park appeared to be destined for failure due to the need for a special surface that is required by the Department of Parks & Recreation and that KaBoom would not be able to fund. However, after Sharon and her husband Terry expressed their difficulties getting the playground established to Mayor Kenoi, the Mayor set

up a meeting scheduled for June 14th with Parks & Recreation Deputy Director Clayton Honma to see what could be done to get the playground and other Mt. View Gym equipment upgrades completed.

René moved to have the AC ask Sharon to draft a mahalo letter to the Mayor for the AC to approve at their next meeting. Second by Keiki. All voted in favor.

2. **Puna Community Medical Center:** René gave the AC an update on the status of the Puna Community Medical Center (PCMC) and the progress towards acquiring a long-term lease on 5 acres of state land mauka of Hwy. 130 across from the new county water spigot facility. PCMC intends to use this property for their long range expansion plans including construction of a 24-hour emergency room as a first step towards establishing a comprehensive medical facility for Puna makai. DLNR has granted approval in concept for the lease to PCMC pending completion and acceptance of an Environmental Assessment, which is being prepared at cost by Malama O Puna.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. **Communication Nos. 2012-17-1 and 2012-17-2 pertaining to the request for early consultation comments on the Environmental Assessment for Proposed Electrolyzer-based Hydrogen Production System at Puna Geothermal Plant to Support Mass Transit Agency Hydrogen Fueled Buses being prepared by Geometrician Associates:**
   a. Public Testimony:
      i. Jon Olson testified as representative of the Sierra Club and in support of the use of hydrogen fuel for powering mass transit vehicles. He also pointed out that the original proposal called for the buses to be based at PGV in Puna, but now the hydrogen fuel will be transported to the MTA baseyard in Hilo.
   b. Patti explained the draft letter to Ron Terry of Geometrician Associates providing early consultation comments by the AC on the EA being prepared for the proposed hydrogen fuel production system.

      Dan moved to accept the letter introduced by Patti. Second by Keiki.

      Discussion ensued offering some suggestions for amending the language of the letter.

      René moved to amend the letter by adding "including health and safety issues" to the end of the last sentence in the fourth paragraph of the draft letter. Second by Farris. All voted in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENT: None

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING (August 14, 2012):

a. General Operating and CIP Budget input request from the Planning Director – Larry

   René moved to form a budget subcommittee composed of four members including Farris, Patti, Oshi and Keiki. Second by Farris. All voted in favor.

b. Budget Subcommittee report – Farris, Patti, Oshi & Keiki

c. Mt. View playground & gym equipment support letter to be drafted by Sharon Daun.

d. Pāhoa Plan update – PRTCP SC

e. Draft support letter for the Pāhoa zoning moratorium resolution – Jon Olson
f. Report on KAPONO community input survey kickoff meeting on July 22nd - Farris
g. Report on Mt. View community meeting – Patti
h. Report on progress of Volcano Long-Range Plan - Dan
i. PONC application support letter - Oshi

ADJOURNMENT:

Dan moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by René. All voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.