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Tuesday, June 12, 2012

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Dan Taylor called the Puna Community Development Plan (PCDP) Action Committee (AC) meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. in the Kea´au Community Center with the following persons present:

Action Committee: Frank Commendador, Madie Greene, Keikialoha Kekipi, Patti Pinto, and Dan Taylor. Excused: Barbara Bell, Oshi Simsarian, and René Siracusa

Staff: Larry Brown (Planning Department, Project Manager).

Members of the public: 4

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Larry announced that Farris Etterlee's appointment to the PCDP AC by Mayor Kenoi was confirmed by the County Council and he will be joining the AC at their July10 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Madie moved to approve the minutes of May 8, 2012, as amended with corrections shown in red. Second by Dan. All voted in favor of accepting the minutes as corrected.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

1. Toby Hazel announced that she is chairing one of the Pāhoa Plan working groups that will include parks and green spaces. She asked for suggestions on how to go about providing input to Parks & Recreation on development of the Pāhoa Regional Park and to get some of the $5.5 million to implement some of their group's ideas.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Communication 2012-16: Facility Improvements at Ahalanui & Isaac K. Hale Beach Parks**

   Patti moved for the AC to accept the letter as drafted. Second by Madie. Following discussion, all voted in favor with amendments as approved.

Discussion:

a. Keiki expressed concerns regarding safety and historical site preservation over the road widening uncompleted element of the approved park plan.

   Keiki moved to add an additional bullet item under the suggested additional improvements needed section for Ahalanui to include language recommending not widening Kaimu-Kapoho Road as the primary traffic calming measure to encourage lower and safer roadway speed and to be compliant with the historical preservation provisions of §205A, HRS. Second by Madie. All voted in favor.

b. Dan suggested the list of park elements listed in Phase I for Isaac Hale be reduced to a sentence or two acknowledging completion of most, if not all, of them.

   Patti moved to condense the bullets in Phase I for Isaac Hale to a couple of sentences, to be composed by Larry. Second by Keiki. All voted in favor.

2. **Communication No. 2012-17 Environmental Assessment for Proposed Electrolyzer-based Hydrogen Production System at Puna Geothermal Plant to Support Mass Transit Agency Hydrogen Fueled Buses:**

   a. Larry explained the request from Geometrician Associates, LLC for pre-consultation comments from the AC for the Environmental Assessment being prepared and offered suggestions on how the AC might go about providing their comments.

   b. Patti and Keiki agreed to work together on a response the Geometrician request for presentation to the AC at the next meeting.

3. **Communication No. 2012-18: Draft Annual Progress Report on Implementation of Puna CDP Actions for May 2011 through April 2012.**

   a. Public Testimony:

      i. Hannah Hedrick recommended updating the PCDP Fact Sheet and offered several suggestions for amendment to the progress report, particularly pertaining to mass transit.

   Patti moved to accept the report as written. Second by Frank.

   b. Keiki expressed concerns about seeking out federal funding for the proposed Hawaiian Beaches to HPP segment of the Puna Trail development having to be constructed to federal standards that might be inconsistent with other elements of the PCDP.

   Dan moved to accept the report with the editorial suggestions made by Hannah; including mention of the progress made to make it possible for Hele-On buses to travel on Fern Acres private roads. Second by Frank. All voted in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4. **Communication No. 2012-10 rev.: Land Acquisition at Wai‘ōpae.**

   a. Keiki expressed his concerns about the County acquiring any more lands for park development without having an appropriate park development and management program in place.

   Frank moved to accept and forward the letter as drafted. Second by Patti. The motion failed with 3 ayes (Dan, Frank & Patti); 2 nays (Keiki & Madie).

5. **Pāhoa Regional Town Center Plan (PRTCP) Update:**
    a. Jon Olson, member of the PRTCP Steering Committee updated the AC on the progress and activities of the Pāhoa Plan, including:
        i. Survey: more than 600 responses, written and online versions will be ongoing but data for working groups and initial guidance for vision will be based on responses as of end of June 8 or so;
        ii. Larry will be giving a land use seminar/workshop at HAAS for the PRTCP SC on June 28;
        iii. Developing a design district survey for landowners in the proposed design district area, which is along the Pāhoa Village Road corridor;
        iv. Meeting with Mayor Kenoi, possible zoning moratorium, possible regional park elements, funding in support for development of the Pāhoa Plan;
        v. Transportation working group has identified key topics the plan will address;
6. **Volcano Village Long-Range Plan:**
    a. Dan reported that the Volcano Plan has essentially been through a revision process and is being reconfirmed by the community.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING (July 10, 2012):

a. Mt. View plan – Patti
b. Pāhoa Plan update – PRTCP SC
c. Geometrician response – Patti & Keiki

ADJOURNMENT:

Madie moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Frank. All voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.