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# County of Hawaiʻi
## PLANNING DEPARTMENT
### PUNA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION COMMITTEE

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## Tuesday, November 16, 2010

### Meeting Minutes

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Barbara Bell called the Puna Community Development Plan (PCDP) Action Committee (AC) meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. in the Kea'au Community Center, with the following persons present:

Action Committee: Barbara Bell, Keikialoha Kekipi, Madie Greene, Wesley Owens, Daniel Taylor, Tim Tunison. Excused: Greg Braun, Frank Commendador, Jeffrey Krepps.

Staff: Elizabeth "Liz" Hultman-Salfen (Planning Department, Community Planning Assistant), Lahilahi Verschuur (Planning Department, Recorder).

Members of the public: 3

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

1. **Jon Olsen** testified on the wastewater treatment issue in the Malama I Ka Aʻina Subcommittee report, asking when the Clean Water Act would weigh in and whether there was a maximum number of cesspools that could be installed. He also testified that the "Cape Kumukahi" park designation name should be changed. Area should be called Kapoho Bay Park or something else, as it is not actually on Cape Kumukahi.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**After the reading of the minutes and making several revisions, Dan moved to accept the October 21, 2010 minutes as corrected. Madie seconded and the motion passed with five members in favor. Wes abstained.**

### NEW BUSINESS

**1.** Sub-Committee Reports

A. Amendment Sub-Committee

i. No report

B. Budget and Finance Sub-Committee

i. No report

C. Malama I Ka ‘Aina Sub-Committee

i. Dan reported that the priority issue is water quality in Puna makai with reference to Kapoho. Grant money may be available for a treatment plant.

ii. Barbara announced that USDA representative Joy Dannon and Dale Burton with the Rural Community Assistance Corporation will be meeting with interested parties Jan. 4 in Kapoho about creating a sewer system there. Grant monies are available for 20%, or about $2 million.

iii. Barbara indicated a need to prioritize tasks to alleviate confusion. Dan agreed a list of steps and cost breakdown is needed and asked about the need for an environmental assessment.

iv. Had a 2nd meeting discussing what a reserve biosphere buffer zone would look like in the community.

v. Both meetings dealt with the issue of community participation in creating village centers.

D. Managing Growth Sub-Committee

i. No reports

E. Transportation Sub-Committee

i. No reports

ii. Stephanie Bath asked if the letters agreed upon at the October meeting were sent out. Liz reported the letter to Tom Brown about Hele-on in private subdivisions went out October 22; the one requesting information on the Hub and Spoke grant had been on the Planning Director’s desk. Liz will notify the AC when she has confirmed the letter has been released and will post. No responses have been received.

iii. Stephanie asked if interconnectivity plan could include picking up people in the sub-divisions to take them to the main highway or transportation hub. She feels it needs to be made a priority.

iv. Liz announced a new Hele-on bus route through Leilani subdivision.

a. Stephanie expressed concern about how the decisions are made and where public input goes.

2. Town centers

A. Dan spoke of a need to draw village center planning together with the PCDP. Couldn’t find a place to hook it to in the plan. Wants to lend support to communities who are interested in this.

B. Jon Olson said the Steering Committee identified areas for village centers in the PCDP based on population density. Most difficult to decide on were the communities along Hwy 11. At that time the major input was to keep Kurtistown and Mt. View as the town centers.

C. Dan discussed putting a sub-sub committee for village centers under the Managing Growth Sub-committee (MGS). MGS members were absent; no action taken.

3. Work plan protocols
    A. Barbara announced this would be discussed at a later meeting.
4. Action Committee workshops
    A. Barbara brought up village centers as a possible topic.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. PCDP Amendments
    A. Barbara introduced six amendments labeled A-F.
        i. **Wes moved to approve Amendment A relating to formatting and clerical revisions. Madie seconded, and after discussion a vote was held and the motion passed with five in favor and one abstaining (Keiki).**
        ii. **Dan moved to approve Amendment B relating to mass transit Hele-On bus service to Hilo and Keahole airports; Wes seconded. All voted in favor.**
        iii. **Dan moved to approve Amendment C regarding to the development of a scenic turnout and restroom facility near Kehena Beach. Madie seconded, all voted in favor.**
        iv. **Wes moved to approve Amendment D relating to community parks. Dan seconded, all voted in favor.**
        v. **Madie moved to approve Amendment E, relating to the removal of Hawaiian Beaches Neighborhood Village Center. Wes seconded, all voted in favor.**
        vi. **Wes moved to approve Amendment F relating to the labeling of Village Center boundaries. Madie seconded, all voted in favor.**
    B. Keiki brought up Section 3.5.3b.3 of the PCDP relating to Cape Kumukahi access and the AC discussed drafting a new amendment. Keiki will draft an amendment and bring to the next meeting.
2. Annual Progress Report
    A. Barbara asked the AC to brainstorm on ideas for the preparation of the annual report to be completed by March timeframe.
        i. Areas that received focus were: indicator questions, benchmarks, specific achievements, areas needing improvement to meet implementation goals, and community outreach.
        ii. Barbara suggesting asking the Dept. of Transportation for their list of accomplishments.
        iii. There was discussion about whether the accomplishments listed in the annual report should be things the AC did or any developments community-wide that were congruent with the PCDP. Tim suggested using the benchmarks listed in the PCDP.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

1. **Jon Olsen** suggested the AC request the minutes of the Mayor's Committee on Geothermal to stay apprised of what they are doing. There is discussion to increase geothermal power production from 30 to 200 megawatts to power the whole island.

**AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

1. **Madie moved to hold the next meeting of the PCDP Action Committee on January 20, 2011. Dan seconded; all voted in favor.**
2. Invite Maku'u Hawaiian Homelands representative.
3. Invite newly elected council members.
4. Work plan protocols

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Wes moved to adjourn the meeting, Madie seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.**