

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

February 16, 2001

**Committee
Report No.** 01-18

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Parks and Recreation Committee, having met on January 31, 2001, makes reference to County Communication No. 99-139, from the Director of Public Works and Waste Management, transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.40 OF THE MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO NAMES OF PUBLIC FACILITIES".

The purpose of the proposed bill is to rename the Lahaina Aquatic Center in honor of former Mayor Linda Lingle.

Your Committee notes that County Communication No. 99-139 was referred to the prior Council's Human Services and Parks Committee at the Council meeting of December 13, 1999.

At its meeting of November 15, 2000, the Human Services and Parks Committee recommended that County Communication No. 99-139 be referred to the Council Chair for the term beginning January 2, 2001, for a recommendation as to referral or other disposition.

At its meeting of January 12, 2001, the Council referred County Communication No. 99-139 to your Parks and Recreation Committee (County Communication No. 01-20).

At its meeting of January 31, 2001, your Committee met with the Director of Parks and Recreation and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

Your Committee received testimony from one individual who expressed support for the proposed bill renaming the Lahaina Aquatic Center to the Mayor Linda Lingle Aquatic Center.

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The Director of Parks and Recreation reported that after the Council passes a bill renaming public facilities, the Department erects signs identifying the facility by its newly-given name. Because concerns have been raised about which individuals or organizations are more deserving of the honor, the Department is currently contemplating alternatives to the signage at parks. One alternative is to use plaques listing names of individuals, as requested and passed by means of legislation, who are deserving of the honor of having a public facility bear their names.

Your Committee acknowledged the concerns; however, it recognized that the signage at parks is an administrative matter which should be addressed by the Administration. Your Committee requested a written legal opinion from the Department of the Corporation Counsel as to whether Chapter 2.38 of the Maui County Code, relating to the Commission on Naming Streets, Parks, and Facilities, applies to the Council.

Your Committee noted that the passage of the proposed bill would be inappropriate as the honoree has indicated that she is a potential candidate in the next gubernatorial race. Your Committee, therefore, recommended that the communication be filed.

Your Parks and Recreation Committee **RECOMMENDS** that County Communication No. 99-139 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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