

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

August 3, 2001

Committee
Report No.

01-130

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 July 18, 2001, makes reference to County Communication No. 01-155, from Councilmember Jo Anne Johnson, transmitting an electronic mail from Leonard Klompus, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer for Rivals.com Hula Bowl Maui, outlining a proposal to enhance the entrance to the War Memorial Stadium by creating a brick walkway honoring military veterans.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Chief of Planning and Development, Department of Parks and Recreation; a Deputy Corporation Counsel; and Leonard Klompus, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer for Rivals.com Hula Bowl Maui.

Your Committee heard a proposal from Mr. Klompus outlining the proposed enhancements to the entrance of the Satoki Yamamoto (Track and Field) Stadium, formerly known as the War Memorial Stadium (hereinafter referred to as "Stadium"). He provided your Committee with a written proposal and a conceptual rendering for your Committee's review. He stated that after discussions with the Department of Parks and Recreation, they are now proposing to create an "honor wall". The goal of the project is to upgrade the "first appearance" of the Stadium by creating a wall that honors military veterans, teachers and individuals (living and deceased) that have contributed to the community. He stated that the Maui County Veterans Council has reviewed the proposal and unanimously recommended approval. He further stated that the improvements would be funded privately with donations for each brick that honors a community member. The donation for each brick will be \$125, which will cover the cost of the brick, construction and maintenance, and a \$5 donation to the Maui County Veterans Council and the Maui Research and Technology Center. Any profit from the "honor wall" project will be directed to the continued improvement and enhancement of the Stadium.

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Responding to inquiries from your Committee, Mr. Klompus stated that all of the labor to construct the wall would be provided by Maui workers; however the bricks would be shipped from Florida.

Your Committee expressed concerns about the conceptual rendering of the proposed sign at the entrance to the Stadium which will read "War Memorial Stadium, Home of the Hula Bowl Maui". Your Committee questioned the appropriateness of the sign as a permanent fixture, and also recommended that consideration be given to eliminate the word "war" in references to the War Memorial Stadium complex.

In response to your Committee's concerns, Mr. Klompus noted that the sign would be inter-changeable Plexiglas, which could be modified for each event taking place at the Stadium. He also stated that the funds from the proceeds designated to the Maui Research and Technology Park could be focused toward another project as recommended by your Committee.

After further discussion, your Committee noted that it was pleased with the "honor wall" concept, especially the idea that the project will be funded solely with private funds. Your Committee further noted that the proposed "honor wall" is a great way to recognize citizens that have contributed to our community and served our country. Being that the proposed enhancements are essentially an administrative matter, your Committee recommended that the communication be filed.

Your Parks and Recreation Committee **RECOMMENDS** that County Communication No. 01-155 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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