

**HUMAN SERVICES AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**
Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

January 31, 2002

Site Inspection

CONVENE: 2:45 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Robert Carroll, Chair
Councilmember Jo Anne Johnson, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member

ABSENT: NONE

EXCUSED: Councilmember G. Riki Hokama, Member
Councilmember Patrick S. Kawano, Member

STAFF: Shannon Alueta, Legislative Analyst
Pauline Martins, Committee Secretary

ADMIN.: Alice L. Lee, Director, Department of Housing and Human
Concerns (Item No. 4 & 21)
Agnes Hayashi, Deputy Director, Department of Finance
(Item No. 3 & 21)
Gregory Garneau, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the
Corporation Counsel

OTHERS: **Item 3:** Johann Sosna
William Lansford
Bob Howerton

Item 21: Bob Stailey

Item 4: Michael Munekiyo
Stan Gima
Dan Bowers

PRESS: Melissa Tanji, *The Maui News*

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**HSED-21 PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL BY
NEGOTIATION OF KOMOHANA HALE APARTMENTS**

The Committee assembled on Honoapiilani Highway, across the street from Ukumehame Beach Park, located at Ukumehame, TMK: 4-8-002:046.

The Committee met with the Deputy Director of Finance, a Deputy Corporation Counsel, and Johann Sosna and William Lansford, the project developers.

Mr. Sosna and Mr. Lansford pointed out the boundaries of the proposed project site. They also noted that the pilot project would only utilize about one-half acre, with plans to expand over time.

Mr. Sosna and Mr. Lansford also noted that although sturgeon fish are native to colder climates, they could adapt to warmer climates. In fact, the sturgeon fish grow faster and become sexually mature in a shorter time period when raised in warmer climates.

Mr. Sosna and Mr. Lansford further noted that there are similar operations on the Big Island and on Oahu. In fact, the Big Island will import the sturgeon and split each delivery with them.

Sturgeon fish farming can be a lucrative endeavor. While other local aquaculture projects focus on raising catfish or tilapia, those varieties do not sell for high prices in retail shops. On the other hand, smoked sturgeon fish fillets retail at \$50 per pound, and sturgeon fish caviar retails at \$1,300 per pound, according to the project proposers.

Chair Carroll recessed the inspection at 2:55 p.m. so that the Committee could travel to the next site.

**HSED-21 PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL BY
NEGOTIATION OF KOMOHANA HALE APARTMENTS**

Chair Carroll reconvened the inspection at 3:00 p.m. at Komohana Hale Apartments, located at 120 Leoleo Street, Lahaina, Hawaii, TMK: 4-6-034:043.

The Committee met with the Director of Housing and Human Concerns; the Deputy Director of Finance; a Deputy Corporation Counsel; and Bob Stailey, Komohana Hale Site Manager.

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Mr. Stailey pointed out that the affordable housing apartment complex consists of two buildings and a separate building for laundry facilities and a maintenance area. There is also landscaped open space for tenant parties, as well as access to the Lahaina Recreation Center. He also noted that the apartments are very popular, and are fully occupied. There is currently a waiting list of 75.

Chair Carroll recessed the inspection at 3:15 p.m. so that the Committee could travel to the next site.

HSED-4 HALE MAHAOLU EONO PROJECT

Chair Carroll reconvened the inspection at 3:45 p.m. on Lahainaluna Road, between Kelaweia and Kalena Streets, located in Lahaina, Hawaii, TMK: 4-5-26:03.

The Committee met with the Director of Housing and Human Concerns; a Deputy Corporation Counsel; Michael Munekiyo, Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc., project consultant; Stan Gima, Gima Architects, Inc., project architect; and Dan Bowers, Metcalf Construction Co. Inc., project contractor.

Mr. Gima pointed out various aspects of the 30-unit Hale Mahaolu Eono project, already under construction in an adjacent parcel, located on the corner of Kelaweia Street and Lahainaluna Road. The project currently consists of six buildings of five units each. Additional improvements to the project will also include a separate building for an office, kitchen, restrooms and recreation hall, as well as laundry, storage and utility rooms. The main project entrance will be off of Kelaweia Street, which will lead directly to a 36-stall parking lot.

Mr. Gima also explained that the proposed additional units, located on a parcel of approximately 12,000 square feet adjacent to the Hale Mahaolu Eono project site, would be comprised of one building, consisting of five units. The proposed building would look exactly like the other buildings currently under construction. He also noted that the maintenance/storage building would serve the entire 35-unit project, as well as other Hale Mahaolu projects in West Maui.

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There being no further questions or discussion, Chair Carroll adjourned the inspection at 4:10 p.m.

APPROVED:



ROBERT CARROLL, Chair
Human Services and Economic Development Committee

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