

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

# PLANNING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

August 24, 2004

Committee  
Report No.

04-133

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

Chair and Members:

Your Planning and Land Use Committee, having met on August 3, 2004, makes reference to County Communication No. 04-64, from the Planning Director, transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2800 (1999) PERTAINING TO THE GRANTING OF A CONDITIONAL PERMIT TO PERMIT THE OPERATION OF A MUSEUM FOR PROPERTY SITUATED AT TMK: (2) 3-8-006:004 (POR.), PUUNENE, MAUI, HAWAII". The purpose of the proposed bill is to grant a ten-year extension for a Conditional Permit for the Alexander & Baldwin Sugar Museum on approximately 1.773 acres at 3957 Hansen Road, Puunene. A Conditional Permit for the museum first became effective on January 4, 1991 and, after four extensions, was extended to January 31, 2004.

Your Committee notes that the following background information is available on the museum's website <<http://www.sugarmuseum.org/>>:

The Alexander & Baldwin Sugar Museum is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and presenting the history and heritage of the sugar industry and the multi-ethnic plantation life which it engendered. The Museum opened its doors to the public in 1987. Since then, it has received local, state and national recognition for its exceptional work, and frequently serves as a resource for other educational ventures. Its offsite programs include a traveling historical photo exhibit that was displayed at the Smithsonian's Festival of American Folklife on the National Mall in Washington D.C.

Your Committee further notes that the Maui Planning Commission held a public hearing and meeting on the application for a Conditional Permit extension on January 27, 2004. After reviewing the findings presented in the document entitled "MAUI PLANNING DEPARTMENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION JANUARY 27,

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2004 MEETING”, the Commission voted to recommend approval of a ten-year Conditional Permit extension.

By correspondence dated April 28, 2004, the Council Chair transmitted correspondence dated April 15, 2004, from the Planning Director, submitting the relevant minutes of the January 27, 2004 Maui Planning Commission meeting.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Planning Director, a Staff Planner from the Department of Planning, and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

Your Committee received public testimony from Gaylord C. Kubota, Museum Director, Alexander & Baldwin Sugar Museum, in support of the proposed bill. He said that the Conditional Permit allows the museum to continue to fulfill its educational mission for the benefit of Maui’s visitors and residents.

Your Committee voted to recommend passage of the proposed bill, subject to nonsubstantive revisions, and filing of the communication.

Your Committee is in receipt of a revised proposed bill, incorporating nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Planning and Land Use Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ (2004), as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled “A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2800 (1999) PERTAINING TO THE GRANTING OF A CONDITIONAL PERMIT TO PERMIT THE OPERATION OF A MUSEUM FOR PROPERTY SITUATED AT TMK: (2) 3-8-006:004 (POR.), PUUNENE, MAUI, HAWAII” be PASSED ON FIRST READING and be ORDERED TO PRINT; and
2. That County Communication No. 04-64 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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