

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

January 9, 2002

Council Chamber

CONVENE: 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Jo Anne Johnson, Chair
Councilmember Robert Carroll, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Patrick S. Kawano, Member
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member
Councilmember Charmaine M. Tavares, Member

STAFF: Gary R. Saldana, Legislative Analyst
Camille Sakamoto, Committee Secretary
James Johnson, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Jo Anne Johnson

ADMIN.: Floyd S. Miyazono, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation
Judith Williams, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the
Corporation Counsel (substituting for Deputy Edward S. Kushi Jr.)

OTHERS: None

PRESS: None

CHAIR JOHNSON: . . .(*gavel*). . . The Parks and Recreation Committee, come to order. We have present today. . .Councilmember Robert Carroll, who's our Vice Chair; Council Chair Patrick Kawano; Councilmember Michael Molina; and Councilmember Charmaine Tavares. Thank you for coming. We have with us Floyd Miyazono, who's our Director of Department of Parks and Recreation. And we do not have here David Goode, Director of Public Works and Waste Management, but I'm not sure if, at this point, we will need him. And. . .substituting for Mr. Kushi today is. . .Judith Williams from the operation. . .Office of Corporation Counsel. Camille Sakamoto is our Committee Secretary; and Gary Saldana, our Legislative Analyst. So thank you. We are going to, because we have a meeting coming up after this one, gonna try to expeditiously handle the two. . .items on our agenda. Since we have no one signed up to testify today, I think we'll just close off testimony. There's been no. . .we did receive written testimony that is a part of our binder. And I'd just like to, if there's no objections, move straight into the items.

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COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Go ahead.

CHAIR JOHNSON: The first item is PR-3. And this item refers to County Communication Number 01-113, from the Director of Public Works and Waste Management, relating to a request to rename the Wailuku Community Center to the Velma McWayne Santos Community Center.

ITEM NO. 3: HONORING VELMA McWAYNE SANTOS (WAILUKU COMMUNITY CENTER) (C.C. No. 01-113)

CHAIR JOHNSON: The Commission on Naming Streets, Parks, and Facilities previously reviewed this matter, recommended no change in the name of the Wailuku Community Center. But at its meeting of December 5th, 2001, the Committee requested that the item not be sent--well, we requested that the item not be sent back to the Commission for reconsideration. . .under the new ordinance, and directed that a resolution be drafted authorizing the installation of a commemorative plaque to honor Velma McWayne Santos--because that was our original understanding. So the Committee, at this time, is considering a proposed resolution entitled, "HONORING VELMA McWAYNE SANTOS WITH THE INSTALLATION OF A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE AT THE WAILUKU COMMUNITY CENTER". And the purpose of the proposed resolution is to honor Velma McWayne Santos for her many years of dedicated service and contribution to the community with the installation of a commemorative plaque at the community center. Do you have anything at this time to add, either Mr. Miyazono or. . .Ms. Williams?

MR. MIYAZONO: . . . Madam Chairman, at this point in time, I don't have anything to add, but I would just like to mention that the Department supports the honoring of Velma McWayne Santos in the installation of a. . .commemorative plaque at the Wailuku Community Center based on her years of dedication--not only as a House of Representative member. . .also as a Council Member. . .Deputy Director for Human Concerns, and a Director eventually for Human Concerns, but also as a volunteer. She put so much hours and dedication to the community. So for that, I, I am definitely in support of installing a commemorative plaque at the Wailuku Community Center.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Thank you very much, Mr. Miyazono. Ms. Williams, do you have anything to add?

MS. WILLIAMS: No, thank you.

CHAIR JOHNSON: All right. Uh. . .Ms. Tavares?

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COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Yes. . .Floyd, you know in the letter from the Wailuku Main Street Association, it also suggested. . .planting a tree, a flowering tree. Is that being considered also or . . .

MR. MIYAZONO: Well, that's the first time I've heard of that request--

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Oh, okay.

MR. MIYAZONO: --but, but I could definitely take that into consideration.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Yeah, maybe we can get a copy of this letter for Mr. Miyazono, and probably can work through, with the Wailuku Main Street Association, you know, to get an appropriate tree. And they had suggested that the tree be planted the same time that the commemorative plaque is unveiled or dedicated or whatever. I thought that was a good idea, too.

CHAIR JOHNSON: I, I think that's a very wonderful idea because I know that. . .when we did that after the conclusion of the smart growth conference, I think it's very symbolic. Are there any other comments by any of the other Committee Members? Chairman Kawano?

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: Thank you, Madam Chairman. You know, Madam Chairman, I, I did miss couple of your meetings. And. . .well. . .I'm surprised that. . .we went along with the plaque because look like--I was gonna argue that point, but look like you had a meeting and you guys decided to go with the plaque. But, however. . .I think honoring Velma Santos. . .and what she did for the community. . .and. . .I sure was looking forward to have her. . .the community center be named after her. Because I believe the plaques will come on one day to where we're naming all, and honoring. . .people like Velma. . .like Tavares, Eddie Tam and all that. But I still feel that. . .this person did so much for the community and. . .I sure would have liked to see that the. . .community center be named after her, and not just a plaque. So--

CHAIR JOHNSON: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: --is my. . .my two cents to that.

CHAIR JOHNSON: I, I appreciate your comments, Mr. Chair. And I think that because of so many of the concerns that were raised actually by the Committee. And of course Mr. Kushi is not here today, but he had kind of given us a little bit of background, and it was creating some hardships and hard feelings, I guess, within the community--**not** specifically about this, because I think that had the issues not come up we. . .before this issue arose, Velma. . .was a wonderful woman. And I don't think any of us oppose that. But I think when we looked at

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the concerns of the committee, that were actually raised by them. . .and transmitted to us, and when we heard testimony from the, them. . .we just sort of felt that, well, maybe the more appropriate thing and a way to stave off controversy of this nature would be to. . .adopt their recommendations. And, therefore, those rules were changed by the Street Naming Commission. And so I think that. . .what we're doing right now. . .Chairman Kawano, is to try to honor the recommendations of that particular Street Naming Commission and make their task a little bit easier. I, I saw Mr. Carroll--you had your hand up?

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: . . . I was just gonna ask for the Chair's recommendation.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Oh. The Chair's recommendation, if there's no further discussion on the item, would be to. . .adopt the resolution. . .to name the. . .Wailuku Community Association. . .or, or the Wailuku Community Center, rather, in honor of Velma McWayne Santos with the installation of a commemorative plaque. And then. . .at this point, the item would be filed.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Thank you. Is there any further discussion on the item?

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: No.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Seeing none, all those in favor please signify by saying "aye".

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR JOHNSON: There, are there any "nays"?

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: No.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Seeing none, the measure passes. And thank you very much.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

?: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR JOHNSON: And I'm sure. . .pardon?

?: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR JOHNSON: Oh, was that one "nay"?

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COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: Yeah.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Oh, all right. Excuse me, Mr. Kawano. We had one "nay" . . .and the record will reflect that. The measure will be passed on to the full Council.

VOTE: AYES: Councilmembers Molina, Tavares, Vice-Chair Carroll, and Chair Johnson.

NOES: Councilmember Kawano.

ABSTAIN: None.

EXC.: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending ADOPTION of revised resolution and FILING of communication.

CHAIR JOHNSON: . . . Moving on to our next item. . .this is PR-4. And this item refers to Bill Number 32. . .of 2001, which was transmitted by the County Clerk, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO NAMES OF PUBLIC FACILITIES, TO DESIGNATED THE VERNON A. CORREA BASEBALL FIELD".

ITEM NO. 4: HONORING VERNON A. CORREA (WAR MEMORIAL BASEBALL FIELD NO. 3) [Bill 32 (2001)]

CHAIR JOHNSON: The purpose of the proposed bill would rename War Memorial Baseball Field Number 3 to Vernon A. Correa Baseball Field. At its meeting of December 5th, 2001, the Committee requested that the item not be referred back to the Commission on Naming Streets, Parks and Facilities, and directed that a resolution be drafted honoring Vernon A. Correa with a commemorative plaque. And this, again, was in the same vein that the other request had been made, with Item PR-4--that the Commission on Naming Streets, Parks and Facilities previously reviewed the matter and they recommended no change in the name of War Memorial Baseball Field Number 3, but the Committee took up the recommendations and considered the proposed resolution entitled: "HONORING VERNON A. CORREA WITH THE INSTALLATION OF THE COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE AT THE WAR MEMORIAL BASEBALL FIELD NUMBER 3". So the resolution is included in your binder. Is there anything. . .Mr. Miyazono or Ms. Williams, that you also have?

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MR. MIYAZONO: Um. . .just a recommendation, again--the Department recommends approval. . .and supports the. . .installation of a plaque at War Memorial Baseball Field Number 3 after Vernon A. Correa, based on his dedication to the youth baseball league for the last 30 to 40 years. And he has also instilled and encouraged good sportsmanship, goodwill, and service to the entire community. So with that in mind--based on his dedication--the Department supports the installation of the plaque at Field Number 3.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Thank you very much. Ms. Williams?

MS. WILLIAMS: I have nothing to add. Thank you.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Okay, no comments. Are there any comments by any of the Committee Members?

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: Madam Chairman?

CHAIR JOHNSON: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: If I may?

CHAIR JOHNSON: Chairman Kawano?

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: Uh. . .in following this, is the Committee following the Street Naming Committee by saying the plaque?

CHAIR JOHNSON: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: Because and they, their job is not to say the plaque. I think their job is to name streets and that kind of stuff. So why do they come up with a plaque?

CHAIR JOHNSON: Well, what we had done was when Mr. Kushi took this item to their committee, part of their responsibility is to also undertake renaming of public facilities for fields, that type of thing--

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: Yeah.

CHAIR JOHNSON: --that's within the scope of their authority. So when Mr. Kushi took this back to them, he had a set of proposed draft rules that he had worked on for quite some time. And it was a collaborative effort between the Parks and. . .him as far as I understand. And so the concerns of the Committee that had been discussed at that point in time were that they were going to run out of, I guess, facilities eventually. And that because of some of the controversy that had

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erupted with naming or wanting to even rename some of the public facilities, they preferred not to continue . . . *(cleared throat)*. . . excuse me, to rename the public facilities, but rather start a commemorative plaque where it would honor through the years the many members of the community who had contributed. And what we are entertaining also--and this is something that we also discussed--what goes on that plaque will also reflect the contributions of that individual. The nature of how that plaque is going to be done--particularly, I think, with certain individuals, it won't be just something where their name is on the top of it and no further explanation. So we have urged the Street Naming Commission and the people who actually brought these issues forward to work with the Parks Department in coming up with that. But we are intending to follow their recommendations and follow their rules as they have been drafted.

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: Madam Chair, may I, I may be out of order, but. . .the Lahaina police station. . .they had the. . .did they name the station after the person or was it a plaque also?

CHAIR JOHNSON: To my knowledge, we did not take any action on that. I don't . . . *(inaudible due to interruption)*--

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: Oh, I see. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: . . . Charmaine, you know?

CHAIR JOHNSON: Ms.--

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Yeah, the. . .the Commission denied the request to name the station. And so it would, I, you know, I guess it's in process to do a plaque there, too.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: God. . .well, as I said, I, I missed couple of your meetings. So. . .I. . .I'm still. . .objective *[sic]* to the plaque.

CHAIR JOHNSON: No, and, and I understand that, Mr. Kawano. What we tried to do was. . .to I guess be responsive to their concerns because they were the members of that committee. And also through the transmittals--because Mr. Kushi sits as a, an advisor on that committee. . .we tried to very closely understand what they were up against. And I think we. . .maybe don't agree 100 percent with all of the situations that come up--because I also agree that there are certain members of our community where we should really consider

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honoring them with something greater than that. But until they change their rules, I think that what we could do is as a Committee send down a concern and transmit to the committee the minutes of this meeting, expressing your particular concerns about people who have made what I would consider to be really above and beyond the call of duty type contributions to our community, where they may consider a different category, then, in that circumstance, or come up with a different rule that would permit something that would take it to another level. And maybe it would be a higher requirement then. Mister, Ms. Tavares?

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Yeah, Ms. Johnson, the . . .the rules that they're following are our ordinances. So we amended the ordinance some time back. . .or some time back, but you know recently to take into consideration the Commission's concerns. So if it be the wishes of this . . .Council to add another category or something, we could do that ourselves.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Right. And, and I understand that, Ms. Tavares. I . . .what I should have said was the ordinance--

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Yeah--

CHAIR JOHNSON: --that they're following, you know, and I said "rules". But in, in that particular situation, they are following the ordinance which we established in response to their request for the change. Now what we could do is transmit back to that committee. . .the minutes of this meeting and ask for their opinion on that particular subject and see if they can't give further input on that one particular item, that maybe there's one additional category. And then take the recommendation that they give us, and consider in our Committee a, a redraft of that particular section.

MR. SALDANA: Madam--

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: Well--

MR. SALDANA: --Chair?

CHAIR JOHNSON: Um. . .yes--

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: Oh . . .

MR. SALDANA: Oh, I'm sorry.

CHAIR JOHNSON: --Mr. Saldana?

MR. SALDANA: Go ahead with the Chair. The Chairman wants to--

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CHAIR JOHNSON: Oh, Mr. Chair . . . *(laughter)* . . . Mr. Kawano?

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: In . . . thank you. Madam Chairman, I think what they gotta do is read the . . . the Commission, the duties. And I think they gonna find out that . . . it's not a plaque . . .

. . . to put up or name. Thank you.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: So you said this will go to the Commission? Because I was gonna attend the next meeting at . . . and bring this up, too.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Well. . . well, what will end up happening . . . *(cleared throat)* . . . and excuse me for clearing my throat. . . what will end up happening is these recommendations will go on--if, if this one is passed--they will go on to the full Council. But what I would like to do is have our Staff. . . transmit. . . the testimony, basically, that's been given within this meeting, and ask for their input on what, if any, changes would they agree to or would they consider, perhaps, a category that they could then recommend. Because it was our understanding that they did not support. . . simply renaming wholesale facilities after people **because** of the past problems that have been created. So, I don't know which came first--the chicken or the egg--but we're trying to, I guess, be agreeable to what their concerns were, knowing that they had been the people that had been receiving these requests. And I'm trying to follow their lead and amending the ordinance per their instructions. So I, I, I would. . . I believe that its prudent for us to send back a commentary specific with your comments, Mr. Chair, and then ask them, through Mr. Kushi, for some kind of input as to how we might better address the concerns, you know, that you have raised.

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: Thank you.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Okay--

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Madam. . . Madam Chairman, you know. . . I think Mr. Kawano brings up a really good point. And if you look at the ordinance as it has been amended, under that 2.38.070 . . .

. . . it's attached to. . . a December 10th, transmittal. I guess I'm looking in, in Item Number 3, it must also be in Item 4. Yeah, in Item Number 4 . . .

. . . I think it's attached--

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CHAIR JOHNSON: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: --to the December 10th transmittal.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: If you look on Page . . .3. . .um. . .or Page, starting on Page 2, that last section, Standards for Naming Parks and Facilities. . .and it has . . .

. . . "A" is existing parks or facilities unless otherwise renamed in accordance with the provisions herein. . .existing parks shall retain the name which has been historically accepted. Then it has "B", section B is new parks or facilities bay, may be named. Then "C", it says a person name or an organization's name may be used in connection with a park or facility where at least one or more or at least one of the following criteria are, is satisfied. And under that, Number 3, you know, is a person or organization has achieved significant recognition on the County, State, national, international level for contributions to the region or to the park or facility itself. So I, I would ask that maybe we reconsider our former action in light of this, and ask the Commission to reconsider the renaming of Wailuku Community Center. I think Mr. Kawano is right. And I, I understand the concerns that the Commission had. . .where you're gonna run out of facilities because there are so many people deserving of recognition. And when we amended this ordinance, it was to allow for the plaque system--which wasn't an option before--but to allow for a plaque in order to accommodate and recognize those deserving citizens in our community. But I, you know, I do have to agree with Mr. Kawano that. . .Mrs. Santos'. . .contributions to the community are huge. And maybe we could either have Mr. Kushi look at this from the Corp. Counsel's point of view to see if it would. . .if Ms. Santos could qualify under this section, and that we could ask the Commission to reconsider. . .to have the designation.

CHAIR JOHNSON: It, in, in. . .respect to what you're saying, we did not send this particular item back to the Commission for--

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Oh. . .oh, okay.

CHAIR JOHNSON: --you know, for a. . .an opinion after the drafting of the ordinance because originally they had sent it, you know, they had reviewed it--

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Right.

CHAIR JOHNSON: --and had said that. . .because there was no--

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Oh, okay.

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CHAIR JOHNSON: --you know, I, I guess there was nothing in place at that time--

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Right.

CHAIR JOHNSON: --to guide them--

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Right.

CHAIR JOHNSON: --that they didn't, they just didn't wanna take any action--

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Oh, I see.

CHAIR JOHNSON: --on renaming any facilities. So I think it's totally within the purview of our. . .Committee at this time. If we feel that it rises to that level. . .there's no compulsion that we absolutely have to follow. . .at least, you know, as far as I know, exactly what was recommended. I mean--

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Uh-huh.

CHAIR JOHNSON: --we are the final authority--

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Yes.

CHAIR JOHNSON: --after the Council goes. So what I would like to do, though, first is because we're on PR--

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Four.

CHAIR JOHNSON: --4, I would like to, at this point in time, if there are no objections, I would like to move on PR-4 and then reconsider PR-3.

MR. SALDANA: Madam Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Okay.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Yes. . .Mr. Saldana?

MR. SALDANA: I just wanna point out in that. . .in the ordinance that was recently redrafted, Section 2.38.090. . .gives the Council the authority to adopt, modify, or reject the Commission's recommendations. So if, if this body wants to make another recommendation to the Council, I see it within that authority of that provision of the ordinance. And Corp. Counsel can correct me if I'm wrong.

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COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Uh-huh.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Okay, so. . .Mr. Carroll?

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you, Chair. We brought this up and we've discussed this at length. And the reason we decided to go with plaques was for the very reason that we're having this problem now.

CHAIR JOHNSON: . . .*(laughter)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: . . .*(cough)*. . . excuse me. There is always going to be somebody that we deem extraordinary or worthwhile. There's no end to it. That is why there was strong. . .arguments given by Members of this Committee to go with the plaques. And I was talking to Chairman Kawano earlier. . .before the meeting started. . .let's not flop back and forth like a fish on the beach. . .let's take a stand over here. We agreed first time that the plaques were really a good idea, that we didn't have these problems, and we wouldn't be having the problem we're looking at now. There will be no end to it. There's always gonna be somebody out there that we feel is giving extraordinary to the community and. . .is above all others. It's with, what we're saying here--we're saying we're singling out a single person that is above all of the other people that provided services to our community. That's why I, for one, think the plaques are very appropriate. It's something people can see, it's honoring the person. . .*(sigh)*. . . And it doesn't put this Committee or the Council. . .or families, or other people that are not given this honor and privilege the feeling of being slighted. And I would hope that we could stay with what we have discussed and agreed on before. . .and keep with it. I would. . .and at this point, of course, I'd go with the Chair's recommendation and move for the approval of the, Mr. Correa's. . .the motion for--

CHAIR JOHNSON: Yes, I, at this time, I would, you know. . .following this, we'll entertain more discussion, but what I would like to do at this point is move on Mr. Correa's. . .recommendation and. . .yes, Ms. Tavares?

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Well, I was gonna move already.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Oh, okay--

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Okay. Yeah, I, I move to approve the resolution. . .for Vernon Correa's plaque at the baseball field.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL and COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

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CHAIR JOHNSON: It, it's been moved by Councilmember Tavares, seconded by Councilmember Molina to move forward the resolution and file the matter on Mr. Correa. At this time, is there any discussion on the matter? Seeing none, all those in favor, please say "aye".

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Are there any "nays"?

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: No.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Seeing none, the measure. . .oh, oh. . .you said "no"--

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: One "nay".

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: Yeah.

CHAIR JOHNSON: --Mr. Kawano? One "nay". All right, so let the record reflect there's one "nay".

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Mr. Molina or Mr. Kawano?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Mr. Kawano.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Mr. Kawano.

. . . Mr. Kawano, so there's one "nay".

VOTE: AYES: Councilmembers Molina, Tavares, Vice-Chair Carroll, and Chair Johnson.

NOES: Councilmember Kawano.

ABSTAIN: None.

EXC.: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending ADOPTION of resolution and FILING of communication.

CHAIR JOHNSON: The measure passes, and the item will go on to the full Council. Because of the fact that we are five-member Committee, my

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recommendation--and I hope you would concur with this as. . .exactly for the reasons that Mr. Carroll has stated. . .I believe. . .in my personal opinion that, yes, if any facility deserved to be named Velma McWayne Santos Community Center, that would be it. I mean because she's done tremendous things for our community. Having said that. . .I also know that there were, there will be other people to come in the future where, where we will reconsider naming facilities. When I lived in the Virgin Islands, every few years. . .a facility that had been a facility for years. . .all of a sudden the name would change with the next person. And it was really an affront to many of the family members. So it created a problem. I don't know that that would ever happen here in, in Maui, but I think that my preference would be to let the measure pass on to the full Council with the recommendation as it stands. . .with the committee report, and let the full Council, if there is any feeling. . .that's overwhelming that they do want Ms. Santos or Mr. Correa. . .to be named, you know, or at least to have a building named in their honor, I would prefer to have all of the Members participate in the discussion and hear their input. And I will defer to what the Council really wants. So that would be my preference, but to send out these recommendations as they've been voted on today.

. . . Are there any. . .I, I would be willing to reconsider at this point, but I really truthfully prefer to let the measures go on to the full Council for discussion. And if they choose to reverse the position. . .yes, Ms. Tavares?

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: I, I guess. . .you know, after you said that the Commission actually hasn't. . .acted under the new ordinance yet. . .that's what you had said. . .that, that I think when they sent up the denial before, there were no other options. But now that there are options, maybe they should take a look at it again. And that's all I'm asking for.

CHAIR JOHNSON: I, I understand what you're saying. I think at this point, though, that we are the ultimate decision-makers as far as the naming of that facility. I, we could send it back and they could take another look at it and choose to make a recommendation to rename it. But ultimately the decision is going to be the Council's. I would. . .during my conveyance--

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Uh-huh.

CHAIR JOHNSON: --of this Committee Report, my comments will be reflected, and on the floor. . .when I make my comments, I will reflect those comments on the floor of the Council. So I will basically state that at this point, the Committee. . .you know was willing, or we were considering. . .recommittal to the Street Naming Commission, but ultimately the decision is ours.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Okay.

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CHAIR JOHNSON: And so I will make that very clear on the floor of the Council, to reflect that I would like to go with the will of the Council. And if the Council so approves. . .then I believe we should go with the Velma McWayne Santos--

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: I have no--

CHAIR JOHNSON: --you know--

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: --problem with that.

CHAIR JOHNSON: All right.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Okay.

MR. SALDANA: Madam Chair, one last thing.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Yes, Mr. Saldana?

MR. SALDANA: I just wanted to clarify. . .was the vote on Item Number 4 also to . . .file. . .the communication?

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Yes.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Yes.

MR. SALDANA: Thank you.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Yes. . .if there are no further comments, seeing no further business--

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: Madam Chairman?

CHAIR JOHNSON: Yes, Chairman Kawano?

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: Why is it that we don't have Corp. Counsel today?

CHAIR JOHNSON: Uh, we do have. Judith Williams--

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: Oh . . .

CHAIR JOHNSON: --is Corporation Counsel.

ALL: . . .*(laughter)* . . .

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COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: She's in the wrong seat.

ALL: . . .*(laughter)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: Excuse me.

CHAIR JOHNSON: She's in the wrong seat, Mr. Kawano . . .*(laughter)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER KAWANO: I'm sorry.

CHAIR JOHNSON: . . .*(laughter)*. . . Thank you. If there's no further business, this meeting is adjourned . . .*(gavel)*. . .

ADJOURN: 2:00 p.m.

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