

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

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Council Chamber

CONVENE: 1:37 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Jo Anne Johnson, Chair
Councilmember Robert Carroll, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member
Councilmember Charmaine M. Tavares, Member (In 2:07 p.m.)

EXCUSED: Councilmember Patrick S. Kawano, 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
Clayton Yoshida, Deputy Director, Department of Planning
William Spence, Planner, Department of Planning
Edward S. Kushi, Jr., Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

OTHERS: **Item 6:** DeGray Vanderbilt
Hal Silva, Lahaina Harbor Agent, State Department of Land and Natural Resources
Keoki Freeland

Item 9: Keoki Freeland, Lahaina Restoration Foundation
DeGray Vanderbilt
Hal Silva, Lahaina Harbor Agent, State Department of Land and Natural Resources
Additional attendees (1)

Item 16: DeGray Vanderbilt
Additional attendees (1)

PRESS: ?

CHAIR JOHNSON: . . .*(gavel)*. . . The Parks and Recreation Committee will come to order. We have with us today, Councilmember Robert Carroll, who's our Vice

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Chair; Council Chair Pat Kawano is excused, and we wish him well; Councilmember Michael Molina. And Councilmember Charmaine Tavares will be back shortly. We have also with us today, Floyd Miyazono, who's our Director of Parks and Recreation; we have Ed Kushi, our Deputy Corporation Counsel; Camille Sakamoto, who's our Committee Secretary; Gary Saldana, our Legislative Analyst. At this time, we will be accepting public testimony prior to the discussion of each agenda item. Or if the person who signed up to testify wishes to defer their testimony until the actual item comes up, they may also have that choice. In . . .our Committee, we do give ten minutes. . .for you to give your testimony. And so if you would just simply state your name for the record. . .when you do come up to testify? Our Legislative Analyst will be keeping the time. So, hopefully, you won't go beyond ten minutes. But at this point in time, we have. . .three items on our agenda today. We have. . .PR-6, PR-9, and PR-16. But I would like to open up the floor for public testimony. The first person who signed up to testify. . .on PR-9 is Keoki Freeland.

. . . And he's gonna defer that until the actual item comes up on the agenda. The next person we have signed up to testify is DeGray Vanderbilt. . .and he's set to testify on PR-6, which will be the first item that we are addressing.

ITEM NO. 6: MATTER OF STATE AND COUNTY COORDINATION TO IDENTIFY A PARK SITE AT HALE O LONO, MOLOKAI (Misc.)

CHAIR JOHNSON: . . . I want to also, please, if you have any pagers or cell phones, just please turn them off. And also, we have. . .and, and I'll announce him when. . .the item comes up, but we have our State individuals in attendance also. So I will be. . .going over that just before we deal with the item. DeGray?

. . .BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

MR. VANDERBILT: Aloha, Madam Chair. . .Bob, Mike. . .Ed, Clayton, Floyd, Camille, Gary. This is a friendly committee meeting. Ten minutes! Oh, my goodness. I've got nine left.

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

MR. VANDERBILT: So anyway . . .*(laughter)*. . . I'm in deep trouble. Uh. . .no, I'm, I'm here today, I appreciate the invitation. I received an agenda in the mail from the Committee. I talked to some people on Molokai. . .some people from the Enterprise Community--in specific, Karen Holt was gonna come over, but she had another meeting and asked if I could. . .stay over and attend the meeting because there might be some information. And the community is in dire need of information on the status--not only of the future development of Hale O Lono, but the status of lease negotiations. . .for the harbor and, and other related subjects. Um. . .I guess. . .the, I've been listening to a lot of these Planning Committee and

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planning, long-term planning strategies for the County. I was listening to John Min the other day on the television, Akaku, and he was talking about community plans should provide certainty. And unfortunately, however it came about, our Community Plan, in its final form. . . created a lot of uncertainty for our community in a lot of areas. . . on the college site, on the Kaunakakai Harbor redevelopment area. . . um. . . on. . . on the affordable housing. . . also on Hale O Lono. Our community had said very clearly that it wanted 40 acres. . . just mauka of the shoreline by the harbor. . . to be shown or to be on, for the future development of a park area. And it was to go around. . . Hale O Lono Harbor, with the idea, a lot of discussion about it, tying in with the beaches and everything else. But the 40 acres was primarily for the public. Uh. . . you received testimony from. . . Molokai Ranch in writing, saying that they didn't feel. . . the public park right there around the harbor would be very good because it was contrary to good investment practices. So right there, you've got a. . . a concern with the community, because as it turned out, the Council passed our plan and didn't show the, the, the. . . 40 acres there mauka, but did say that there would be 40 acres or more land around the park.

. . . Nobody has even decided whether it should be a commercial park, a harbor, a passive harbor. . . a small boat harbor. Uh. . . I was reading some of the correspondence here. And it said that this thing has been delayed because there's certain businesses in the community that have had hardships, and the State has had budget constraints. But now everybody is ready to move forward. Well, I don't know what businesses they were talking about and how they relate. . . to the development of the harbor. And I certainly know that the State still has budget constraints. So I'm wondering what's moving this thing forward all of a sudden. I think it's important that it is in this Committee. . . and that it go back to Molokai. Uh. . . but before going back to Molokai, I think it's really important that this Committee gather as much information as they can about the lease, about what the process is to date on that lease. Does anybody have the inside tract? What's the process going forward? And how will the community really be involved in selecting this park site?

. . . It's, it's, it's. . . a very important site for the community. As you may or may not know, the community fought hard just to get that access opened down there. There's talk in here about agreements with the Ranch and the State on the. . . on the road. Uh. . . there's also, that road also goes across another parcel. I know during the community review, you were asked to try to get a hold of some of the new big landowners on Molokai and see where they stood on the future of Molokai's development. Unfortunately, that didn't happen. One of the biggest is a fella who has property here on Molokai. He's a mainland developer. His name is Mike Masterson. And he owns the 7,000 acre parcel that is contiguous to the 700 acres the Ranch owns surrounding. . . uh. . . surrounding Hale O Lono Harbor. I know for a fact that he has been in, in contact with the Ranch about the future development of the west end, maybe forming some kind of joint

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partnership. And they may or may not have talked to. . .they may or may not have talked to. . .with each other regarding some kind of joint venture to try to do something at Hale O Lono. And the State has had, and the Ranch has had dialog with the State about the lease. As a matter of fact, there was a resolution passed by the Legislature a few years ago. . .which the Ranch was pushing. . .to get. . .something about the lease of Hale O Lono Harbor, which you may wanna get a copy of. Uh. . .but hopefully the community will be involved, and. . .there'll be some kind of summary before the meeting that is available to the community, sort of giving 'em an update on what the status is. . .on the, on the lease and various talks that have gone on, and who the players are. And. . .there's a lot of information out there. I tried to find some. But I. . .I, I, from our CAC review, but. . .I didn't have time to look through everything. I didn't back to Molokai. And. . .tonight we got the Charter Commission meeting. But. . .that ought to be interesting. So anyway, that was just, those, that was just my thought. And. . .uh. . .the community does have a lot of good visions, as I said. They have a vision for developing the area in Kaunakakai. There was talk in this February 1st letter by the State. Maybe it's just general, talking about developing the property for the cruise ship industry. . .or the. . .uh. . .ferry terminal for an inter-island ferry, for. . .marinas and recreational use. And. . .I know the Ranch has some plans for some restaurants and everything else down there. And. . .I questioned how much development and space for. . .harbor infrastructure, harbor support services there needs to be. If there was an inter-island ferry. . .it would probably stop at Kaunakakai, probably stop at. . .at. . .Lahaina. And there's not big spaces there. Uh. . .but I know that. . .Molokai Ranch is pushing for that area right around the mauka side of the harbor where the community wants a park. They're saying that needs to be reserved for future. . .service facilities for the. . .for the. . .inter-island ferry and other commercial activities down there. Uh. . .but again I think the extent of what the development plans are gonna be is important. And. . .and also . . .

. . . I, I get worried when I see this gated-community. . .mindset that seems to have crept into one of the State letters regarding. . .you know. . .the planning process will also have to take into consideration appropriate consider. . .security measures once the area is developed. And. . .I don't know of any security measures at Lahaina Harbor. I don't know of any security measures at Kaunakakai Harbor. So. . .I really worry about that kind of thing. And. . .especially in light of. . .the statement made that, by Molokai Ranch that sort of said, you know, the public's bad for investment purposes, to have a park area in there. So, anyway, that's just my thoughts. And I'm happy this Committee is looking at it and gathering some information to, and hopefully it'll go back to Molokai. Thank you.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Yes. Are. . .are there any questions for DeGray at this point in time? I have questions for you, DeGray. If you were to look at that area, I've been there and it's a beautiful area. Would. . .would you see that as a potential

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where we might be able to have some camping. I know that we're looking for areas where camping might take place in . . . in and around Maui County. Would that have some potential for use as a campsite--not the whole area, but just a portion of it?

MR. VANDERBILT: Yeah. And I think it, it's a campsite. I saw the map. I don't know who picked out that site that's on the February, attached to the February 1st letter, but that's a . . . fairly dangerous area in the winter. . . with kids and everything going around 'cause it's right there where the big surf comes in. I think the community had seen the park back, you know, along the mauka side and stretching around to the beaches. . . a little bit. And there can be joint park and project facilities. But overnight camping, I think, would be . . . important. People camp down there. And. . . and it needs to have. . . as the Mayor said the other night, people first. And I think if that, that theme can be carried out in the design of the park--that the people are first--that. . . that it'll work out well for everybody.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Thank you, DeGray. And I just, for your information, it's my intention as Chair to take the issue straight to the people of Molokai. This was just a hearing because we've gotten a response so. . . rapidly from the State, that we wanted to get the issue out there so that we could begin dealing with it. But we'll be working to schedule site inspections and also some other things. But just to let you know that no decisions will be made. And whatever we do come up with will be with the full cooperation of the Molokai community.

MR. VANDERBILT: Thank you.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Thank you, DeGray.

. . . END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

CHAIR JOHNSON: There. . . uh, Bob?

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you, Chair. I also concur that I think we should go to Molokai, and that. . . as. . . DeGray said, that. . . collect all information we can before that. I have some things that I would like to know before we schedule that meeting. But I'll give it to you in writing later.

. . . And until then, I'd like to defer this until the time that we can schedule a meeting--

CHAIR JOHNSON: What it, what I'm gonna do today--because we do have certain key people here and also people from our Administration, as well as the State. . . I'd just like to just briefly hear what they have to say, just conceptually so we can kind of inform ourselves about what's there. So if there's no objection, I'd just

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like to proceed with . . .the agenda and go through PR-6 so that we have a brief overview. And then if you have questions, then that's certainly appropriate for us to deal with that.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No objections.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Okay, thank you. PR-6 is the matter of State and County coordination to identify a park site at Hale O Lono, Molokai. The, the item actually refers to a Miscellaneous Communication from the County Clerk, which referred a matter from the Planning Committee regarding the designation of a park site in the Hale O Lono Harbor area on the island of Molokai. And . . .the individuals that we have also asked to attend are Clayton Yoshida, who's our Deputy Planning Director; we have Will Spence. . .who's a Senior Planning with our Planning Department--hello, Will; we have Hal Silva, who's the Lahaina Harbor Agent with the Department of Land and Natural Resources. And so at this time, I'd like to just . . .begin by saying that after a detailed review of the Molokai Community Plan by the Planning Committee, this matter was referred to us . . .to pursue the identification of the park at Hale O Lono by the State of Hawaii. And you have copies of correspondence from the State, dating back to November 29th, 2000, expressing an interest in designating this as a portion of Hale O Lono. . .as a park. And we did receive communication from the State on February 1st. They've reiterated their interest in locating a park in the area--in response to our inquiry. So they've identified a potential location, and we also have the attachment of that from them. So at this point. . .I would like to find out if Hal could just give us a brief overview, if you would not mind, Hal. . .just come forward? And then after . . .an overview of this item, then I'd also like Mr. Miyazono to kind of give us his direction. Please just come right up here. You don't have to stand there.

MR. SILVA: Oh, okay.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Just come, be comfortable. This Committee . . .

MR. SALDANA: Here. . .have a seat right up there.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Have a seat right here. And then that way you can kind of just point to the . . .the site. And just for, for the record just . . .you know, say who you are and who you represent.

MR. SILVA: Hi, I'm Hal Silva with DLNR Boating Division. . .a Harbor Agent at Lahaina Harbor. I've been asked to . . .be here today in place of our District Manager, Carol She. She sends her regrets that she wasn't able to attend today's function. Pretty much in general. . .I, I think what we're looking at is just the, just the, the beginning or groundbreaking of, of a possible project, possible joint State and County project--something that we don't see too much of. Uh. . .and, again, it's

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just, it's in it's, you know, very early, early stages. And...our, our Department is...I believe looking, looking to the County to say, you know, hey, this is what we wanna do and we'll take it from there. One of our, one of our concerns is that, being that it, this is a, you know, DLNR boating facility and you know there is boating involved, that whatever the County does come up with will have...uh...boats in mind, and boaters in mind.

NOTE: Silence.

MR. SILVA: ... I brought some...overview, diagrams of the area. And if we look at...the...diagram attached to the February 1st correspondence...in, in general I'll just point out the area.

... This...this area here is the area that I believe our Department is suggesting that this...uh...facility...be, be developed.

NOTE: Silence.

CHAIR JOHNSON: ... Do you have any questions at this point for Mr. Silva? Or do you wanna wait to hear what Floyd has to say...*(laughter)*...?

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: I'll wait, afterward.

CHAIR JOHNSON: All right.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR JOHNSON: All right. Floyd, at this time, if you could just give...the County's stance on this particular item and where we might wanna go with this?

MR. MIYAZONO: Thank you, Madam Chairman. Um...unfortunately, my contact or my information relative to this issue is very minimum at best. And I do agree with the statement made by Mr. Vanderbilt...Mr. Carroll, and yourself is that there's a need for me to hear exactly what the community wants. I haven't really seen this property yet. So I think it's very important that we take a look at it; we also hear what the people have to say relative to its use. Based on the February 1st letter as received by DLNR, I know they did mention about optimizing...the park for...

... boating, possible boating recreational activities. And I really don't know what that means. I just need to be clarified with a lot of questions in my mind. I have more questions, possibly, than answers at this point in time. And...pretty glad to hear it's in the early, early stage part. I think I need to know a little more about the project before we can move forward. We're looking at a 40-acre parcel. It's pretty big. What I'd wanna do is master plan it properly...and also look at what

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the intent of the Harbors Division is relative to the development of that particular harbor. So at this point in time, I really don't have any comment on it, but I think I would agree that we need to get back to the community, get their input. . .speak to them and see exactly how they see is the best fit for this facility, recreational park which will eventually. . .which will be adjoining a boating facility.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Miyazono. And at this time also, Clayton or Will, do you have anything to add?

MR. YOSHIDA: Madam Chairperson, Members of the Committee. . .we have. . .no further comments to add. I believe that the Planning Committee report relative to the West Molokai Matrix Number 5. . .speaks for itself. But we would be available for questions. We have Mr. Will Spence here. He was the Planner that worked many hours with the Molokai Planning Commission. . .on the Molokai Community Plan update.

CHAIR JOHNSON: All right. Thank you. And do you have any comments, Will?

. . . Yes, just come forward.

NOTE: *Pause while Mr. Spence approached the floor.*

MR. SPENCE: . . . Thank you Madam Chair. I don't really have a lot to add regarding this. I know that this has gone through. . .quite a process through the community plan, through the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission and on. . .on up to the County Council. So it has been discussed a lot. And. . .as Mr. Vanderbilt did testify. . .there is an interest in the community in having a park. . .in the area.

. . . And I believe Director Miyazono's comments that he would go to the community. . .I'm sure the community has very strong feels as to what they wanna see down there. Right now it's being used a lot for camping, fishing, boating. . .canoeing events take place down there. And. . .I'm available for any other questions.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Great. Thank you very much. Um. . .have any. . .have either Councilmember Carroll or Councilmember Molina, have. . .have you actually seen the site?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No, I have not.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Okay. And Councilmember Carroll has. All right. I'll take any questions at this time for any of the testifiers.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. I guess this is a question either for . . .our Parks or our DLNR spokesperson. I make reference to the February 1st letter. . .which is from W. Mason Young, the Acting Administrator, I, I presume for the Department of Land and Natural Resources. The third paragraph, it says: the road to Hale O Lono Harbor is under the control of DLNR. We and Molokai Ranch share in the cost of maintaining this coral rubble surfaced access road, approximately 25,000 dollars per year. And we ask that the County, as part of the agreement to allow for the County park, assume its share of the maintenance cost. What would. . .specifically be our share?

CHAIR JOHNSON: That, it's. . .that's the State--

MR. SILVA: I think that would something to be. . .something to be discussed. Again, it's just opening dialog.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. And. . .as far as the. . .the boating facilities, I presume you're gonna have, create stalls for trailers for people who have their boats, I guess. I. . .I know. . .are we talking something a lot grander--

MR. SILVA: No, I--

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --I guess?

MR. SILVA: I think the intent of, of. . .our Administrator's. . .correspondence is to simply. . .in the County's plan or in this joint plan of creating a, a park-type facility there, have the boaters in mind.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

MR. SILVA: I don't think we're looking at any, any, you know, hidden, hidden agenda. I just think it, it would have to be a boating-friendly park.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So the intent--to just get the input from the boating communities, so to speak, then--

MR. SILVA: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --proceed with the plan?

MR. SILVA: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Great. Councilmember Carroll?

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VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you. When you talk about a “boater-friendly” park . . .

. . . but you have no plans to put any . . . amenities down there for boaters yourself, right?

MR. SILVA: Not, not at this time.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Okay. That . . .

. . . that would really be good if there could be some sort of collaboration in this park to where, perhaps, DLNR can put the restrooms or something like that.

MR. SILVA: Well, I, I agree. Again, we’re in the, this is a early. . . early--

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Yeah.

MR. SILVA: --stages. And. . . those are, those are good questions.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: And since you do wanna be involved and you do want it to be boater-friendly, anything we do down there, I’d like to see it be a collaborative effort in. . . designing and building and maintaining it.

MR. SILVA: Correct. I. . . on. . . let’s see, on the. . . the. . . Administrator’s . . .

. . . correspondence does address the. . . both, both State and County involvement in, in the planning and. . . the planning of, of the facility. So it’s gonna be a joint effort, if anything.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: And then I’d like to see what the people of Molokai have to say. Uh. . . I don’t know, I heard. . . some people before--I’ve been down there quite a few times, I used to work over there so I’ve heard comments like, well, you know, if they fix it up, the Honolulu guys gonna come inside with all their sailboats all the time and things like that. So. . . before I even think about it, I’d like to. . . hear what their opinions are about how they would like to see the direction of it go and what type, how far they would want to see it developed as far as boating goes.

MR. SILVA: Well, I agree. I. . . uh. . . that the community has the loudest and strongest voice.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Yeah. Thank you.

CHAIR JOHNSON: I, I appreciate that. And. . . one of the questions I had, too, just about the property itself--right now, the State manages it. . . mainly. . . there’s no

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other leases or anything on that area, other than what you mentioned about the sharing of the roadway expenses.

MR. SILVA: That, that's all I know.

CHAIR JOHNSON: That's it? Okay.

MR. SILVA: That's all I know.

CHAIR JOHNSON: All right. Um. . .if there are no objections, because of the fact that we really. . .our most important Member . . .*(laughter)*. . . who could really address Molokai is not here, I really want to arrange a, a point in time where we can take this to Molokai and with, you know, Mr. Silva or Carol She's attendance. . .do a little bit of fact-finding. . .let the community know, give them a little chance and, and also with Chairman Kawano, to kind of let him know. Because he, after all, is the person that lives . . .*(laughter)*. . . on Molokai, and he is the representative from that area. I would like to hear what he has to say. But also, I think it's important for him to also hear what the community has to say. Because this is not what you want, not what I want, or any individual Member. It's about a collaboration. And just the way we took the camping issues out to our community--I know that Mr. Miyazono and myself, who took the camping issue out, really looked at the use of our parks and we tried to address what the people wanted in the area. This is no different. So it's my intent, as Chair, to take the direction from the community, and not to form, you know, my, my own necessary . . .*(laughter)*. . . you know, necessarily my own opinions. Councilmember Carroll?

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you, Chair. I would like to suggest, since this is not a time-sensitive matter and since the Legislature's in session already--we can't do anything there, we're not gonna get anything together for our budget in this budget period--that. . .we wait until such, such a time that Chair Kawano can join us on Molokai for these. . .hearings that we will have.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Yes, and, and the Chair will coordinate that. So, with your indulgence, I would, if there are no more questions--are there any more? All right. I really appreciate your attendance. And if you're gonna stay for the other item, too, on the banyan tree?

MR. SILVA: I, I will.

CHAIR JOHNSON: All right. Thank you very much. Thank you. Without objections, then, I, the Chair would like to just defer the item until such time that we have--

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: No objection.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No objections.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Thank you.

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS. (excused: PK, CT)

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

CHAIR JOHNSON: And I don't know, Mr. Spence, do you have to be here for any of these other items? Thank you very much for your attendance. Thank you, Clayton. I appreciate it.

ITEM NO. 9: CONDITION OF THE BANYAN TREE IN LAHAINA (C.C. No. 01-151)

CHAIR JOHNSON: The next item on our agenda--and I'll take any testimony on this item--is PR-9, which is the condition of the banyan tree in Lahaina. And I'll just give an opening statement before we begin taking testimony. And as many of the Committee Members already know, we were in receipt of County Communication Number 01-151 from the Council Chair, transmitting a letter from a member of the public, expressing concerns about the health and life expectancy of the banyan tree in Lahaina. And prior to receiving testimony on the matter. . . I gather the only testifier that we have on this particular issue is Keoki Freeland, so. . . if. . . if there are no objections, I'd just like Mr. Freeland to come forward and give us an update because he's done a really wonderful job before. So there are no, no objections?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No objections.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Thank you. He'll, he'll sort of be testifying and giving . . . (laughter) . . . an update.

NOTE: Pause while Mr. Freeland approached the podium.

. . . BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

MR. FREELAND: . . . Good after. . . good afternoon, Madam Chair and Members of the Committee. I'm Keoki Freeland from the Lahaina Restoration Foundation. Uh. . . first of all, I'd just like to backup a little bit on. . . a little bit on the history of why we are here on this subject. If you looked at the banyan tree a little over a year ago, it was in real bad shape and people were concerned about not only the condition of the tree was. . . whether it was dying or not. Uh. . . now several things has happened since then. And, and just to start off, I'd like to say if you go and look at the tree at the present time, it's in good shape. Uh. . . now several things have happened between when it was observed a year ago and, and where we are today. One thing that did happen was the Arborist Committee of the County

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started monitoring the tree. And there were a lot of suggestions of what was wrong and what needed to be done. But the Arborist Committee then backed up and said, well, instead of voicing different opinions, let's get a more scientific. . . answers of why the tree looks so bad and, and then maybe we can come up with more scientific recommendations. Uh. . .and they, the avenue they took was they, they authorized--or not "authorized", they requested the County Arborist, David Sakoda, to take some soil samples. One was. . .soil compaction. And these samples were to be taken throughout the park--not only in the dirt area underneath the tree, but also underneath the stepping stones that are placed in certain areas under the tree, and also under the, the, the grassy areas. It was. . .it still is an opinion of some people that minimum compaction exists underneath the stepping stones. However. . .these soil samples have yet to be taken. Now if, if this compaction is much less underneath these stepping stones, then the Arborist Committee was gonna recommend to the Administration to increase the area of where these stepping stones could be placed underneath the banyan tree--especially in the dirt area portions. The other. . .soil samples that were to be taken was soil nutrients. Again, people. . .you know, just from opinions, say oh, it needs more nitrogen, it needs more phosphorous, and so on. . .so on and so forth. But instead of coming up with what your opinion was, let's get a more scientific reading on it. And, again, David hasn't done any of these samples yet. Uh. . .now. . .David has been, also, quite busy. Back in November, the tree started really looking good. As a matter of fact, again, the Arborist Committee requested of David Sakoda to make arrangements to properly prune the tree because it's . . .(laughter). . . was looking so good it was getting to be overgrown. And, and this also has yet to be done. I don't know, maybe. . .maybe a letter from this Committee will, will help David to move those efforts up on his priority list. But the tree is looking really good right now. What difference really has taken place between a year ago and, and. . .where we are today. . .nothing has been done to the soil compaction, nothing has been done to fertilization. But there is one thing that has taken place. . .uh. . .Lahaina had gone through several years of drought prior to a year ago. And also the irrigation system was removed from the park inadvertently when the courthouse was renovated. So it was about two years that the park didn't have any irrigation. Lahaina Restoration reinstalled the irrigation system, and the County helped pay for the, the materials for that irrigation system. And then more recently, since November, Lahaina has had some good rains. Now. . .I call it "good rains", but some people think . . .(laughter). . . it's really bad with, with the flooding. But . . .

. . . the tree looks really good right now. I think we should continue these, these scientific soil samplings and, and maybe put to rest what some people think what needs to be done. But if you look at what it was. . .a year ago and where it is today, everything looks good today and there was only one difference--and there's water there now. That's, that's the only difference. And the tree does look good. It's looking so good that it needs to be pruned. Now, I'm also working with the Mayor at the present time on increasing the lighting, the permanent

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lighting underneath the banyan tree. We're very close to coming up with a . . . a figure that I can present to the Mayor. As a matter of fact, I'm probably just a couple days away. The problem had been with different electrical contractors being slow in getting their bids in. But we're very close in that. Any questions?

CHAIR JOHNSON: . . . Councilmember Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. And thank you, Keoki, for being here. The lighting that you're talking about, how, what are the hours as far as how long will this lighting be on from?

MR. FREELAND: Hours. . . lighting?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Uh-huh.

MR. FREELAND: The lights come on. . . by a timer at the present time. And I'm not exactly sure, but they, because they change the timers depending on how long the days are. I think they come on at 7 o'clock in the evening and. . . and they, they go off at 6 in the morning at the present time. But that's just my guess. At the present time, there are 12 light poles underneath the tree. . . with light fixtures on 'em. We wanna add two more light poles. And instead of having just a single light fixture on the pole, we wanna put two fixtures on each pole. So they'll be 14 poles with 28 light fixtures when. . . if it gets approved to be done that way.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. And the. . . the lighting will have shields, I guess, would be shielded lighting?

MR. FREELAND: If, if you've seen these lights, they're. . . they, they're a closed fixture. They're kind of wrought iron with, with glass on 'em. They, they kind of look an old English. . . street lamp. So it concurs with the. . . the historic district of Lahaina. These present lamps that are there were put up, oh, in the very early '60s. And they've been fine. It's just been inadequate. And what we're talking is putting the same type on, except increasing the numbers.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Thank you. Are there any other questions?

. . . Uh. . . Councilmember Tavares?

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: I just wanna take that a step further. Why do you need to increase the lighting? What, what is the problem out there that you're trying to get . . .

MR. FREELAND: Yeah, the, the--

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COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: . . . addressed?

MR. FREELAND: --problem has been. . .some drug dealing. . .muggings and stuff like that. Especially within the heart of the park. And especially the store owners have been requesting this around the area. . .to increase the lighting to discourage this. It, it is pretty dark--especially right now with the . . .(laughter). . . tree growing so well it's even darker. . .than, than normal . . .(laughter). . .

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Thank you.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Thank you. Uh. . .I have a question too, Keoki, because I know that. . .most of the plans that you're working on, some of the issues that have been brought up previously about the tree, I think that Councilmember Tavares had brought up with the, you know, maybe like. . .I guess little berm areas or little raised areas. Can you kind of give an update on where that stands at this point in time?

MR. FREELAND: Well, nothing has been done on that because of the, the lack of the soil compaction test. If we, if it shows that we're not getting any compaction--which we think we do have--then that would be a moot request. But like I. . .I really suspect, though, there, there, there is some compaction, especially in the, the bare soil areas where, where there is heavy traffic. And that same traffic is walking on this stepping stone area. So if there's a big difference in compaction being much less in the stone. . .stepping stone area, then we would recommend to increase that. What. . .Councilwoman Tavares is talking about is something that I had. . .brought up earlier--and that was people driving into the park with their vehicles to unload their equipment and stuff. Uh. . .and this is not monitored by anybody except my maintenance guy. And he keeps getting into trouble, uh . . .(laughter). . . because he just raises all kinds of hell when somebody drives in. And, and her suggestion was, was very good--putting a berm around the park of some sort, much like a planter so that vehicles could not drive in there. That would be a, a very expensive thing. . .to be done. And that's why I say we wanna confirm the, the compaction first. And if we are getting compaction in areas that. . .where we'd not put these stepping stones. . .then maybe we really should put a berm.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Okay, well, I, I really appreciate your monitoring this. And I'm really glad to know that the tree is--and it, and it does look beautiful, but it is. . .overgrown. And. . .one of the actions that we can take is to help with that. At this point in time, because of the fact we're. . .you know, we, we have the item here on our agenda. . .I, I wanna find out what your take would be with keeping it on our agenda. I . . .

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. . . would like to know if **you** would like personally to have us keep this as a Committee item, or if you believe that through the communication. . .that I can just give to the other Committee Members in an unofficial capacity, that the tree is being cared for properly and that we could file this item. And then. . .we already have passed the resolution on the care of the banyan tree.

MR. FREELAND: Yeah. . .I don't think it needs to be kept on the agenda. And I certainly would keep you apprised--especially if and when we can get these soil sample tests back. And, and from there we, we can move forward--especially with recommendations from the Arborist Committee and, and presenting it to the Mayor, relative to making some changes, improvements.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Okay.

MR. FREELAND: But. . .I just would like to see those soil samples completed, and then we can move forward from there. I don't think you need to keep it on your agenda.

CHAIR JOHNSON: All right. Thank you very much. And we'll take your suggestions up. Thank you, Keoki.

. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

CHAIR JOHNSON: At this point in time . . .

. . . at our last meeting we, we had a couple meetings. We had a August 1st and then September 19th. We reviewed the matter, and we recommended the adoption of a resolution. And. . .the purpose of the resolution was to urge the Mayor to provide the necessary funding to improve the care of the tree and develop a master plan that would help extend its life. And at our meeting of October 4th, 2001, the Council did adopt the Resolution, Number 01-167.

. . . Excuse me? Oh, I'm sorry, Mr. Miyazono. I, I'm gonna let you make your comments, too. I just wanted to finish this last little sentence here. But we deferred the matter relating to the condition of the tree to continue to receive updates on the progress. And at this time, I would like to recognize Mr. Miyazono to provide the Committee with an update on the status of the request outlined in the aforementioned resolution. So you read my mind.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: . . .*(laughter)*. . .

CHAIR JOHNSON: Or my script. One of the two.

MR. MIYAZONO: Actually, it was your script . . .*(laughter)*. . .

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ALL: . . .(laughter) . . .

MR. MIYAZONO: But. . .thank you very much for giving me an opportunity to speak on this subject matter. I guess from the standpoint of the Parks Department, it is very important that we keep this tree--one year short of 130 years old--in excellent condition. I can assure you that I will follow up to make certain that this compaction. . .well, some soil analysis is taken based on both the soil compaction and the. . .nutrients--just to make an analysis of that. So we'll. . .we will definitely, I will definitely follow up on that. And I also wanna commend Mr. Freeland. He has worked. . .quite diligently on the care of the park. And that includes our banyan tree. He's done a fantastic job. And from the standpoint--I know you had mentioned earlier about the users of the park. And normally it is, generally we have only two major users. The users are with LahainaTown Action Committee under Theo Morrison, and the Lahaina Arts. . .Arts Society. Those are our two major users there. And maybe *the* only users. What we could do, if need to, we could monitor it occasionally from the standpoint of prepping for their activity, as well as removing all of their goods and wares after the activity. I will be more than happy to speak with both individuals that will be in charge of both organization. And. . .I wanna work closely with the Arborist Committee. There are certain things that I was not aware about. But I think I would like to be informed of issues such as these--like waiting for the soil analysis and it's not coming. But certainly I am definitely in support of making certain that the tree remains there long after. . .well, after all of us are gone. But I think important. . .it's important that we have a maintenance program, and the maintenance program is ongoing. . .so that we make certain, assure that the health is of prime importance here. Thank you.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Thank you very much, Mr. Miyazono. Are there any questions?
Councilmember Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yes, thank you, Madam Chair. Floyd, the. . .maintenance program, do you have something outlined already as to how you're going to, I guess, maybe liaison with Mr. Freeland or other members of the community to . . .

MR. MIYAZONO: Yes, I would. . .from the maintenance program, I would probably take the recommendation from both our Arborist. . .and our Arborist Committee. And if we, there is one, we would like to stay on schedule with the maintenance program. As far as I know right now, currently there is none. I think it's very important that, first of all, we have that soil analysis done first. And once we know what the results are, then I think from there we could start doing a maintenance program. But something like this, we need to get an ongoing program to really make it work. So certainly, I think. . .once we have the analysis and evaluation of the soil, then I'm hoping that from there we could come up with a program.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Uh-huh. Do you know offhand when you'll be getting that final analysis on the soil?

MR. MIYAZONO: Well. . .I'm not really certain where the soil needs to be, you know, needs to go. You know, sometimes it's done here locally. Sometimes it has to be shipped over. . .overseas somewhere. But I could double check on that and, you know, if needed, to get back with that information.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Thank you. Any other questions? Uh. . .I have a question, Floyd, do. . .do you have enough money in your budget to do the pruning and also pay for the soil analysis?

MR. MIYAZONO: We. . .most, most likely do. Uh. . .and I know there is that beautification. . .program with the Department of Finance. So you know, we, we utilize that source as well. So. . .and again it depends how much everything costs. But I'll certainly take a look at the feasibility of possibly funding or maybe with some support from the Department of Finance to look for enough money to do the projects.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Okay, thank you. And. . .would it also help, Floyd, if this Committee did send a letter--as Mr. Keoki Freeland had suggested--to support what you're doing and to just reiterate. . .to Mr. Sakoda? Would that help?

MR. MIYAZONO: Yeah, I think that would help. And. . .also in reference to the. . .to the resolution relative to the support of the Mayor's Office to come up with some type of program relative to the health and welfare of the. . .of the tree, I think it's a good timing from the standpoint of the. . .several months prior to the budget deliberation. So maybe that could be drafted--I would suggest from the standpoint of possibly putting a line item in so that we have continuous funding on this particular endeavor.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Thank you very much, Mr. Miyazono. If the Committee Members would permit, I would ask staff to draft a letter on behalf of the Committee and just simply support all the things which Mr. Freeland advocated for, and also what's been outlined by Mr. Miyazono. No objections?

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: No objections.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No objections.

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CHAIR JOHNSON: Thank you very much. Having said that, it's the Chair's . . . *(end of tape, start 1B)*. . . following this personally along with Mr. Miyazono. It's the Chair's intent to recommend that, at this point, the subject and the item be filed.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

CHAIR JOHNSON: It's been moved by Councilmember Carroll, and seconded by Councilmember Molina. Is there any discussion on the matter?

NOTE: *Silence.*

CHAIR JOHNSON: . . . No discussion. All those in favor please say "aye".

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Aye. Are there any nays?

. . . Seeing none, the measure will be passed on with the recommendation to the Committee or to the Council for filing.

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

EXC.: Councilmember Kawano.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending FILING of communication.

CHAIR JOHNSON: And . . .the letter will also be taken care of. We're not expecting a response, it's just something that we will, I will file up, follow up on as Chair. . .on my, in my individual capacity.

ITEM NO. 16: MATTER RELATING TO THE CREATION OF ADDITIONAL CAMPSITES (C.C. No. 01-204)

CHAIR JOHNSON: The very last item. . .on our agenda is PR-16. And this is the matter relating to the creation of a diff, additional campsites. And the matter refers to County Communication Number 01-204 from the Mayor, requesting

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Council's consideration for the creation of additional campsites within the County. As a result, the Council passed Ordinance Number 30. . .303. . .3032, which designated Papalaua Wayside Park as a campsite. The matter of establishing additional campsites was deferred by the Committee to allow for further review. Today, we will receive recommendations from the Department of Parks and Recreation for potential areas that the Committee may consider designating as campsites. Are there any people in the audience wishing to testify?

. . . Seeing none, testimony will be closed.

. . . Thank you. And just as an overview, at our meeting of December 5th, the Committee did request that the Department of Parks and Rec. provide a list of potential locations that might be considered for designation as campsites. And today, thank you, Floyd . . .(laughter). . . you do have some recommendations. So if you would like to just proceed, Floyd, with your recommendations?

MR. MIYAZONO: Thank you, Madam Chairman. On this particular issue. . . apologize for not formally putting it in writing, but I do have a draft, but I will follow up. . .based on some recommended sites. As I look at the. . .endeavor before us. . .let me, first of all, just. . .take a general. . .general description and responsibility that we feel we need to do. Definitely from the standpoint. . .standpoint of additional campsites, it's something that we lack very much. We currently have only four designated campsites in the County of Maui. Two is in Molokai--that's Papohaku Beach Park and One Alii Beach Park. And two here on Maui--which is Kanaha, and eventually Papalaua, it was approved. And we definitely have a long way to go. As I look at the concept of camping here in the County of Maui. . .we basically have only beach parks currently. And a lot of our beach parks, camping is more tents. . .tent camping. There's all kind of camping that we can look at. One is a rustic type of camping--in which people speak about, they wanna go in the country and there's no amenities with that. I think there are people who really like that. Right in the middle of that is semi-rustic facilities--you may have portable toilets, unpaved parking lot. And the third is the development. . .the developed parking. And example--in Wainapapa, it's currently run by the State, but it's. . .that's what you call developed camping. It's actually. . .you have a park caretaker there, you've got a. . .cabins there, it's more lodging. And as I look at the total concept, I think what's very important for us is to look at all different facets of camping. Say, for example. . .you know, and I just basically took some areas that, which I feel may be feasible. I still may be. . .I need to be allowed to go out to the general public, get some feedback by the communities, but I just wanna just kinda go down about my ideas. . .or our staff ideas relative to potential sites for camping. What we really don't have right now is a campsite for hikers or bikers. You know, in the mainland or in Europe, they have lot of campsites. . .and in the states they have lot campsites based on people who hike from location or community to commun. . .to community. And there is a campsite for them. I was looking at possibly--although. . .we had it as

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a campsite before--is Rainbow Park. I know there is talk about--and until we get that issue resolved. . .on the trees, there is. . .a desire, possibly, to include that as a hiker, biker type of campsite. Another such concept is maybe Giggle Hill of Fourth Marine Park. In some of these facilities, I think. . .as we take a look at it, rather than just taking a look at only the facilities. . .facilities that we own, I think it's very important that we should also consider acquiring certain properties. . .to, to consider expanding the program. In Giggle Hill, of course, there's a need to acquire property, but it might be good to have a campsite there for maybe the hikers. And that's something we really don't have. Because as I mentioned earlier, a lot of our camping or all of our campsites here are along the oceanside. We also looked at camping. . .possible--see, currently, all of our camping is run by the, it's operated and run by the Department. One intent is possibly taking a look at contracting. . .a private vendor. And we're looking at possibly taking a look at Hookipa. . .I'm sorry, not "Hookipa", this would be. . .the old Maui High School, H'poko. It is actually owned by the County of Maui. There are facilities there currently. Um. . .and, and possibly, you know, we know that there is lot of windsurfers that we have, lot of surfers--they're here for one week, they're here for two weeks. We've also taken a look at that. But again, you know, we need to do a lot more research before decisions can be finalized. Um. . .we also took a look at possibly other sites--maybe in the South District is Poolenalena Beach Park; we looked at the Kihei Beach Reserve in the South District. What our intention to do is to have expansion of campsites in each of the districts--including the North Districts, which is East Maui; the South District in Kihei; West District in Lahaina; and of course, the Central District. So we have a lot. . .a lot of more effort that needs to be done for us to really finalize this programs. But I do have a bunch of. . .sites here that might be a possibility. But again, I think there's a need to do more research, take a look at the possible acquisitions of property, and also. . .have a chance to have certain type of discussion with the general public. We also have other possible sites. I just wanna mention. . .possible other sites, and these are real rustic type of camping areas. You know, we do have the Pauwela Lighthouse that is currently under our jurisdiction; there's a Nakalele Point, that's going out to Maalaea, and I don't know if you're aware there's that kind of rough road that goes down and. . .you know, there's a small camp area there where cars sometimes get stuck if they don't have 4-wheel drives. But those are all some of the sites that we've taken a look at. Um. . .but. . .we would. . .definitely want to aggressively pursue those that is in our. . .property right now, properties that we currently own. And also for your information, we have already. . .hired a designer to do the Kanaha Beach Park. . .expansion program, camping expansion program that was included in the last. . .budget deliberation process. So we are in the process of doing that. But. . .it's just definitely not enough for Maui, you know, Maui people here. So I know the issue is pretty desperate from the standpoint of what's happening and the cry out from the general public. We have other issues--homeless situation that we are dealing with--but I certainly would wanna give, be given a little more

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opportunity and time to come back with something more concrete to, to give a report to the Committee.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Okay, are there any questions at this time?
Councilmember Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Floyd, the . . . I thought you brought up the hikers or bikers, I guess, campsites. I found that interesting. Have you had a lot of people inquiring. . . a need for that on Maui?

MR. MIYAZONO: In the East Maui, maybe was in . . . in the Kula Community Association meeting, they did request for that. They've talked about needs for more hiking trails. . . as well as camping site as well. So there is a need, especially in the upcountry area. And, and that has been a push from the standpoint of the Association.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. What additional equipment would you need for. . . campsites like this?

MR. MIYAZONO: Campsite? I think the most. . . I think the most difficult part we have, I, I was with the State before, and one of the issue is safety, from the standpoint of the maintenance of the trails. The campsites, it's. . . if it's--

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Bike racks?

MR. MIYAZONO: --in. . . areas where it's pretty chilly, you may have to come up with some, something to keep them warm. You know, so, so there's all these amenities that we need to work with. And every site would be different, and every needs will be different from the standpoint of the type of parks or camping area we wanna develop. But certainly it will be different from anything we currently have right now. You know, like I said, all of those campsites we have is, is basically limited amenities. On Molokai, we do have restrooms. . . and Kanaha we do have. But it's all similar in nature from the standpoint of camp. . . tent camping with barbeque pits and picnic tables. And that's what we've basically got, you know, gotten for them so far. But we will. . . we would want to vary the amenities based on the different types--as I mentioned, there's three different types of camping amenities to go with that. So certainly from the standpoint of getting into. . . more in the higher elevation, there's other concerns that we need to address.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Yes. Are there any other questions? Um. . . I don't, I. . . don't know if you got my transmission. I, I know it was just put in the binder or it's. . . it's an area out near Kahakuloa. And that's one area that was suggested by

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John Wittinburg, who lives in Kahakuloa. And I did actually approach the Kahakuloa community with the suggestion of that area. They just said they didn't want a campground right near town. But I think out in that area, that's a possibility also, as well as the earlier topic, which was Hale O Lono. . .on Molokai. For the information of the Committee Members--and also I haven't spoken to Mr. Miyazono or Staff about this yet--I have been in contact with Stan Selengut from the Maho Bay Campgrounds, who I've been speaking about for a long while. But he's won all sort of environmental awards for his campsites and eco-friendly developments that he's done in those areas. So. . .he's in Australia currently, or New Zealand. And I'm not sure, he may be stopping, you know, at least in the area to pursue the possibility of exploring private campgrounds and possibly looking at some potential sites so that private campgrounds could go forward, you know, in Maui County. And so. . .I explained to him what we're undertaking--that there is a need, and that perhaps this Committee could visit with him, pose some of the situations that we have. And he, he's perfectly willing to work with us on exploring that possibility. He did go to Oahu. And the area that he had intended to do a campsite. . .it was quite a high-end development nearby, and so he was basically not pleased with the reaction of that community, and they didn't feel it was appropriate in that area. So he did not. . .pursue those. . .particular plans for Oahu. But he is still looking in the State of Hawaii because of his past experience in the U.S. Virgin Islands. And as I said, he is an award-winning. . .designer of campgrounds that are eco-friendly. And he's won all sorts of national awards or. . .basically for his sensitivity for dealing with environmental issues. So it, that's the kind of thing that personally I would like to see in Maui County--have us move in a direction that these campsites are not being trashed and have responsible management. Councilmember Carroll?

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you, Chair. I also agree, and I think that's. . .one of the things that so many of us miss. When I was growing up, you could camp almost any place on this island. . .nobody would bother you. And I would hope that we can get to that. However, the dark clouds on the horizon--we're trying now to get our liability. . .bills passed at the Legislature, there are three of them in there. Uh. . .that's going to make a big difference on how much we can do. . .the impacts that it will have, whether it passes or not. And as I think most people over here know, there's also a bill at the Legislature to turn all State parks over to the County. I would not feel good in approving anything until the Legislature, I think we should proceed and, as we're doing and plan, but any approvals, I would. . .think it would be inappropriate until after the Legislative session. Floyd might find himself with Wainapanapa State Park very shortly as a County facility, along with Kaumahina and Pua'a Ka'a and several other parks which are **very** high-maintenance and very expensive. Uh. . .and I would hope that this doesn't happen. As we speak, the staff is writing a resolution that I hope will come to this Committee that. . .to send to the Legislature. So we will. . .obviously objecting to us taking over any State parks and facilities. But we need to keep that in mind as

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we proceed. But I don't think it's any reason for us to stop in our planning, though.

CHAIR JOHNSON: No, and I, I appreciate that, Councilmember Carroll, because I think that where we're headed is we're trying to plan and adapt to the growing needs in our community of all segments. And particularly in the area of the private campgrounds--that's something that all we would be looking at at that point is drafting legislation that would permit that to go forward. So if private entities want to come in and do that, I think that--at least from what I'm sensing from the community and certainly from other Committee Members--that we're encouraging that at this time also. But it's the Chair's intent to, if there's no further discussion, to just defer this item, continue the dialog and continue to do our research. And certainly no actions will be taken. . .by this Committee. It's not my intention to take any action on accepting anything until the issues that you alluded to are resolved. So. . .the item--

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No objections.

CHAIR JOHNSON: All right. No objections to a deferral?

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: No objection.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Then thank you very much.

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS. (excused: PK)

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Are there any other comments by. . .either Staff or. . .Mr. Miyazono, Mr. Kushi? Nothing? Uh. . .since there's no further business, are there any other announcements?

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Happy Valentine's to all.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR JOHNSON: Happy Valentine's Day . . .(laughter). . .

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: . . .(inaudible). . .

CHAIR JOHNSON: Tomorrow.

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

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CHAIR JOHNSON: I know. Well, thank you very much. And we hope everybody has a great Valentine's Day. Seeing no further business, this meeting is adjourned . . .(gavel). . .

ADJOURN: 2:41 p.m.

APPROVED:

JO ANNE JOHNSON, Chair
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