

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

September 24, 2002

Committee
Report No. 02-131

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

Chair and Members:

Your Parks and Recreation Committee, having met on March 13, 2002 and September 4, 2002, makes reference to a Miscellaneous Communication dated December 11, 2001, from the County Clerk, referring the matter relating to a new rodeo facility on Molokai.

By correspondence dated January 28, 2002, your Committee Chair requested that Harold Edwards, Senior Vice President, Development Division, Molokai Ranch, Inc., and Vandale K. Dudoit, Sr., Senior Advisor, Molokai Junior Roping Club, provide an update on the discussions for securing a rodeo facility in Kaunakakai.

By correspondence dated February 6, 2002, Vandale K. Dudoit, Sr., Senior Advisor, Molokai Junior Roping Club, stated that an agreement has been reached with Molokai Ranch, Inc., and a lease has been executed for the continued use of the existing rodeo facility in Kaunakakai.

By correspondence dated February 12, 2002, Harold Edwards, Senior Vice President, Development Division, Molokai Ranch, Inc., stated that an agreement has been reached with the Molokai Junior Roping Club for use of the existing rodeo facility.

By correspondence dated February 27, 2002, your Committee Chair requested that Harold Edwards, Senior Vice President, Development Division, Molokai Ranch, Inc., provide a copy of the executed lease agreement with Molokai Junior Roping Club for the rodeo facility in Kaunakakai.

By correspondence dated March 12, 2002, Harold Edwards, Senior Vice President, Development Division, Molokai Ranch, Inc., stated that because of the private nature of the agreement, they would be unable to provide a copy of the lease.

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By correspondence received on March 13, 2002, Vandale K. Dudoit, Sr., Senior Advisor, Molokai Junior Roping Club, stated that the Molokai Junior Roping Club has asked Molokai Ranch, Inc., not to disclose any information regarding the lease since the lease is an agreement between two private parties.

At its meeting of March 13, 2002, your Committee met with the Director of Parks and Recreation; a Staff Planner, Department of Planning; and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

Your Committee received written testimony from one individual who stated that the community wanted a detailed plan for recreational facilities in Kaunakakai. He further stated that the zoning designation for the area, including the rodeo facility, should be identified as Park. He indicated that many residents of Molokai have sent letters requesting that this area be maintained as a park.

Your Committee noted that this item was referred to your Committee to ensure that the Molokai Junior Roping Club would have a rodeo facility. Your Committee further noted that discussion should relate directly to a rodeo facility in Kaunakakai and not to zoning designations.

Your Committee felt that the matter of securing a rodeo facility for the Molokai Junior Roping Club has been resolved; however, your Committee decided to defer the matter until the Council's Molokai representative could review the matter.

Your Committee deferred the matter pending further discussion.

At its meeting of September 4, 2002, your Committee met with the Director of Parks and Recreation; the Planning Program Administrator, Long Range Planning Division, Department of Planning; and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

Your Committee noted that a lease agreement has been executed between the Molokai Junior Roping Club and Molokai Ranch, Inc., for the use of the existing rodeo facility. The lease agreement is for a term of five years, with

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an extension option for an additional five years. Your Committee felt that the matter has been resolved and required no further monitoring.

Your Committee voted to file the Miscellaneous Communication.

Your Parks and Recreation Committee RECOMMENDS that the Miscellaneous Communication be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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