

MINUTES OF THE
MAUI COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION

DATE: May 5, 1966

PLACE: Board Chambers, Wailuku, Maui

CALL TO ORDER: 1:33 P.M.

PRESIDING: Douglas Sodetani, Chairman

MEMBERS PRESENT: Douglas Sodetani, Chairman
Emil Balthazar
William F. Crockett, Vice-Chairman
Cornwell Friel
Shiro Hokama
Harry Kobayashi
George Kondo
Paul Pladera
Keith Tester
James Ushijima
Charles C. Young, Research Assistant

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Nadao Honda

OTHERS PRESENT: Ricki Yasui, Economic Development
Coordinator

Department of Parks, Playgrounds
& Recreation

Shizuo Inouye, Superintendent
Alfred J. Deloso, Recreation Director
Thomas Lau Hee, Construction & Maintenance
Superintendent

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ROLL CALL:

There were 10 members present and one excused at the regular meeting of the Maui County Charter Commission on May 5, 1966.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the regular meeting held on April 21, 1966 were distributed to the members of the Charter Commission. It was moved by Cornwell Friel and seconded by Keith Tester that the minutes of April 14, 1966 be accepted as circulated. Motion was unanimously carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Minutes of the Kauai and Hawaii Charter Commissions were received and are on file for interested members to read.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

We suspended with our old and new business and proceeded with our hearing with Ricki Yasui, Economic Development Coordinator.

Economic Development Coordinator:

Mr. Ricki Yasui, Economic Development Coordinator, read a statement which was circulated to the members of the Charter Commission.

Tester: Why do you feel the work you are doing should not come under the Planning Commission.

Yasui: The Planning Commission is actually a policing body, whereas, the Economic Development Coordinator does promotional work. There are times when we are at odds and, therefore, if I come under the Planning Department, it would be hard for me to "buck" the Planning Director.

Tester: What is your annual budget?

Yasui: \$25,000. Prior years from 1958, it was wholly subsidized by the Legislature.

Tester: Who is on your staff?

Yasui: I have no staff. I generally use the services of the Chairman's secretary.

There being no further questions, the Chair thanked Mr. Yasui for his presentation.

The Chair called upon the Department of Parks, Playgrounds & Recreation.

Department of Parks, Playgrounds & Recreation

Mr. Shizuo Inouye, Superintendent of the Department of Parks, Playgrounds & Recreation, introduced his staff, which included Mr. Alfred J. Deloso, Recreation Director, and Mr. Thomas Lau Hee, Construction & Maintenance Operations Superintendent.

Mr. Inouye circulated copies of the Organization Chart to the members of the Charter Commission and commented on each of the items listed.

Tester: What does PR 58 represent?

Inouye: Position number for employee. It is a number for identifying the employee.

Crockett: Who is the Supervising Lifeguard?

Inouye: He coordinates between the schools to set up the time and hours which the schools can utilize. He goes around the schools upon request giving instructions on lifesaving water courses. During the summer months, we have just one course.

Tester: How many employees are there in the Department of Parks?

Inouye: Sixty-six.

Tester: More than you had last year. Last time it was 56.

Sodetani: How many part-time employees?

Inouye: We have eight (12 months) part-time employees, three (7 months) part-time employees, and 91 summer program part-time employees.

There being no further questions regarding the Organization Chart, Mr. Inouye proceeded with the Budget of the Parks Department, which was also circulated to the members of the Charter Commission.

Young: Doesn't this department have any income? Where does that show? Like golf course, clubhouse and concessions.

Inouye: We have some income from golf course although not mentioned here.

Tester: How much does the pro shop bring?

Inouye: \$115.00. Food concession--\$415 and Green fees--we figure \$30,000 a year.

Tester: How about golf clubs rental?

Inouye: Golf clubs rental is under the Pro.

Young: You don't get commissions on sales?

Inouye: No.

Young: This golf course--what is the payout average now?

Deloso: Average of 2,800 golfers per month. That is a rough estimate.

Inouye: On Saturdays, Sundays and on holidays, we have about 350 golfers a day. On weekdays it is pretty low.

Young: How many retired golfers play free? I know this is the only place that has it.

Inouye: About 45 right now that is retired and have permits from the Chairman. The permits are issued by our department to allow them to play free. They play free on one condition--that they play any day outside of Saturdays and Sundays.

Tester: (Asking Mr. Deloso). How are you appointed? By the mayor?

Deloso: Through civil service. Through examinations.

Tester: Confirmation by the Board?

Inouye: By the Board. All employees appointed within the department are approved by the Chairman.

Sodetani: Your position allocation is approved by the Board.

Inouye: Processed through the Board.

Crockett: About the Parks Committee--do they have anything to say?

Inouye: No.

Crockett: Chairman has nothing to say about it?

Inouye: No.

Hokama: For information--on the privilege for retired people, is it just for ex-government people, or any retired individual retiring on Maui?

Inouye: For any retired individual retiring on Maui.

Hokama: Then a person has to establish his residency on Maui.

Inouye: Yes.

Pladera: Is the income earned per year considered into this thing?

Inouye: No.

Pladera: What is the privilege issued for the unfortunate?

Kobayashi: All these retirees have the benefit of playing golf. They are wards of the County collecting social security. So by giving them the privilege of playing free, it is a source of improving their health.

Kondo: The intent was good and honorary.

Crockett: What percentage of the profit for the golf course comes from the money earned by it?

Inouye: About 60%. We expect better revenue.

Hokama: What is the Green Fee rate now?

Inouye: \$1.25 per nine holes.

Pladera: What do you charge on use of the gym itself?

Inouye: Depends on what type of professional entertainment. For professional promotion, there is a \$100 deposit. Rental is \$100 per performance or 5% of gross proceeds, whichever is greater. For sponsored professional promotion, there is a deposit of \$10 and rental of gym is \$30 per performance. For non-profit organizations, the deposit is \$10. Rental is free. For conventions and banquets, there is a deposit of \$75 for the first day and \$25 for additional consecutive days. Dancing is prohibited.

There being no further questions on the Budget, the Chair called upon Mr. Alfred J. Deloso, Recreation Director, of the Parks Department.

Mr. Deloso circulated copies of his 1965 Recreational Activities for the County of Maui to the members of the Charter Commission, which he stated is self-explanatory.

Hokama: On this junior golf, you are talking about the Island of Maui?

Deloso: Yes.

Inouye: Right now we have just one man to run around Maui. We will try to provide more recreation for Lanai.

Balthazar: Is there a trend here that there are less and less supervised sports for recreation program in the schools. I am personally in favor of more and more activities after school hours. School hours should be for education.

- Deloso: I noticed lot of youngsters loitering on week-ends. We should make available to them equipment and part-time help.
- Kondo: While I was a member of the Liquor Commission, we had quite a bit of problem on Molokai as far as delinquency is concerned. On Lanai, we didn't have that problem. Is it because of the recreation?
- Inouye: What kind or problem?
- Kondo: I know we made a special provision for a special permit to a certain licensee to allow teenagers to dance at the night club just to keep them away from the streets.
- Deloso: It is hard for us to go into those areas on Molokai. We attempt not to go into those areas.
- Inouye: They have a year-round program.
- Hokama: Is there any way your department can work with the Molokai community to alleviate this delinquency?
- Deloso: I think we can. The schedule submitted to us of year-round activities appear to be adequate.

There being no further questions, the Chair called upon Mr. Thomas Lau Hee, Construction & Maintenance Operations Superintendent.

Mr. Lau Hee gave a brief summary on the accomplishments of the Parks Department during the calendar year of 1965. A copy of the report is on file at the office of the Charter Commission.

Questions regarding the former proposed charter was called for by the Chair.

- Balthazar: Under the old charter we placed your department under the Department of Public Works. Do you have any recommendations at this time regarding what we did last time?
- Inouye: My stand is still the same. They have the personnel and equipment and engineering staff and building department. As far as Parks maintenance, it should be the same. As far as construction is concerned, let the Public Works handle that.

Sodetani: In other words, what you would like to see is the whole Department go into Public Works. From Public Works, have different divisions.

Crockett: Do you really feel there is going to be elimination of jobs?

Inouye: As far as recreation, I doubt it. At present, the system is that any major construction work is handled by Public Works. That is the way we are proposing it.

Crockett: You are under civil service?

Inouye: Yes.

Crockett: What do you think about that?

Inouye: It is all right.

Crockett: If you are the department head, do you think you should still have civil service protection?

Inouye: I don't see why not. If you compare us with the outside like the County of Hawaii changing their department heads, their program will never be continued. We can always progress. That is one of the reasons civil service status should be retained.

Pladera: Are these things repeated?

Inouye: Whatever the Board of Supervisors approve for me is up to them. We have Parks Committee, which I present all my program and if at that time the program is worthwhile, then they will support it.

Crockett: How about these other advisory committees?

Inouye: Golf Committee assist the Chairman in formulating policies or any recommendation to improve the golf course. It goes to the Parks Committee for approval, then to the Board of Supervisors. The Gym Committee assist me in formulating policies.

Crockett: What type of problems does the Gym Committee handles?

Inouye: Mostly rules and regulations.

Pladera: Who created it?

Inouye: Chairman made the appointee.

Crockett: When the Federal Programs Coordinator talked to us, he was talking about different programs such as parks. Do you get very much help from his office?

Inouye: We supply our information to him. We provide him with all information whenever he needs it.

Tester: Is your Parks Committee of the Board?

Inouye: Yes.

Tester: You are appointed by the Chairman?

Inouye: Civil Service.

Pladera: Do you need more people to run the present program?

Deloso: We don't need more people to run the program, but if we will expand, then we are going to need more.

Sodetani: Are your three recreational directors full-time employees?

Inouye: Yes.

Ushijima: The Wailuku Memorial Gym--you have an advisory committee.

Inouye: Just to assist me.

Sodetani: In the proposed charter of the County of Hawaii, they have the Parks and Recreation Director appointed by the mayor and removed by the mayor. Have you had an opportunity to be familiarized with the County of Hawaii? What do you think about this?

Inouye: I mentioned that they get off too fast. The comments from the general public was whenever a program is set, it is never finished. Comparison wise, we do accomplish more on our projects and improvements.

Sodetani: Do you take care of school grounds?

Inouye: No. DPI does.

There being no further questions, the Chair thanked Mr. Inouye, Mr. Deloso and Mr. Lau Hee for their informative presentation.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Douglas Sodetani and seconded by William F. Crockett that the Legislators of the County of Maui be invited to a meeting with the Charter Commission members, so that the Legislators would be able to give the Commission members some sage advice and wise counseling in the drafting of a new charter. Motion was unanimously carried.

The Chair appointed Mr. Crockett and Mr. Balthazar to represent the Charter Commission at the meeting of the United Public Workers on May 20. The Chair also appointed Keith Tester to represent the Charter Commission for the West Maui District, Cornwell Friel for the Molokai community and Shiro Hokama for Lanai.

The Chair informed the members of the Charter Commission of the following meeting dates:

May 19, 1966, at 7:00 P.M., in the Board Chambers,
with the Legislators of the County of Maui.

May 26, 1966, at 4:00 P.M., in the Board Chambers,
regular meeting of Charter Commission members.

June 2, 1966, at 1:30 P.M., in the Board Chambers,
regular meeting of Charter Commission members.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 P.M.

NEXT MEETING:

May 12, 1966, at 7:00 P.M., in the Board Chambers,
with members of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Maui.

Respectfully submitted,

Ayako Ishikawa

Ayako Ishikawa, Secretary