

**COST OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSION
MINUTES
Kalana O Maui Building, 9th Floor, Mayor's Conference Room
Thursday, September 11, 2014**

PRESENT: Tina Gomes, Chair
Garrett Evans, Member
Gabriel Hoeffken, Member
Stanford Lantias, Member
Gayle Long, Member
Dale Thompson, Member

EXCUSED: Kent Hiranaga, Member
John Watling, Member

STAFF: Gary Murai, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Gina Gormley, Technical Writer for the Commission

OTHER: John Buck, Executive Assistant, Office of the Mayor

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Gomes called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There was no public testimony.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE AUGUST 14, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Evans moved that the August 14, 2014 minutes be approved, and Commissioner Long seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection. Commissioners Hiranaga and Watling were excused.

V. REVIEW AND DISCUSS CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A. Resignation Letter of Yuki Lei Sugimura

The Commission acknowledged receipt of the resignation of Commissioner Sugimura.

VI. COUNTY AUDITOR'S UPDATE

There was no update to provide.

VII. DISCUSS 2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT

A. Summary of T.I.G. of County Planning Commissions

Commissioner Lantias informed the Commission that the T.I.G. met with Deputy Planning Director Michele Mclean on August 26, 2014. Commissioner Lantias informed the Commission that the T.I.G.'s goal is to schedule and limit the costs associated with the planning commissions.

Deputy Planning Director Mclean is exploring the possibility of moving the Lanai Planning Commission meetings to business hours to eliminate overnight stays. She is also looking at the possibility of decreasing the number of times the Molokai Planning Commission meets throughout the year.

B. Membership of County Planning Commissions T.I.G.

The Commission deferred this item to its October meeting.

C. Summary T.I.G. of Grants Making System & Process

Commissioner Evans informed the Commission that they have received responses from both the Budget Director Sandy Baz and Housing and Human Concerns Director Jo-Ann Ridao. Commissioner Evans met with Housing and Human Concerns Director Ridao. Commissioner Evans informed the Commission that there are two types of grants, line-item grants and community partnership grants. Line-item grants are recommended by the Mayor and ratified by the Maui County Council. Community partnership grants are administered by several different County departments. There is no standardized system in administering grants; each department has their own system.

Commissioner Long stated the goal is to refine and simplify the process and to have a review panel to spot check the different agencies and grants.

Commissioner Evans explained the best method for funding a grant is to match funds set aside in the Budget to qualified recipients based on their merits of their grant application. In order to accomplish this, the Maui County Council should allocate funding to specific areas, the Administration should create a plan for each of these categories, and then put out a Request For Proposals to potential grantees.

Commissioner Evans informed the Commission that the T.I.G. plans on meeting with Council Member Mike White to discuss the possibility of removing line-item grants. He also plans on meeting with Budget Director Baz to discuss the possibility of creating a standardized system for all the departments in administering grants.

VIII. DETERMINE NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, AND AGENDA

The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2014, in the Mayor's Conference Room, at 10:00 a.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Long moved and Commissioner Evans seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.