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**MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION
PORTION OF REGULAR MINUTES
ITEMS E.2A AND E.2B
AUGUST 14, 2018**

Mr. Robinson: Thank you. All right, now we're back to Item E.2.a. Director.

Ms. McLean: Thank you Chair. Now you do have before you the Department initiated Change in Zoning, Community Plan Amendment and State Land Use District Boundary Amendment for the proposed Nahiku Community Center on approximately 1.9 acres of land at 0 Nahiku Road, TMK: 1-2-002: 023. And well we start with...Mr. Fasi did already make some introductory remarks. Did you have more presentation or would you like to turn that over to the applicant's consultant at this time?

2. MR. GALE NOTESTONE, Chair of the Hana Advisory Committee, transmitting its recommendations on the following:

a. WILLIAM SPENCE, then-Planning Director, transmitting the following requests for the proposed Nahiku Community Center to be located on approximately 1.9 acres of land at 0 Nahiku Road, TMK: (2) 1-2-002:023, Nahiku, Hana, Island of Maui (P. Fasi) (Public hearing conducted on October 26, 2017)

- 1) Community Plan Amendment from Agriculture to Public/Quasi-Public, (CPA 2017/0002);**
- 2) State Land Use District Boundary Amendment from State Agriculture District to State Rural District, (DBA 2017/0002);**
- 3) Change of Zoning from Agriculture to P-1 Public/Quasi-Public, (CIZ 2017/0002);**

(Discussion begins at 02:57:47 of the audio recording.)

Mr. Paul Fasi: Thank you Director. I'm gonna be real brief. I just want to get this on the record and I will turn it over to the consultant to make their presentation and that way I will not be repeating myself.

So in Conclusions of Law, a community plan amendment is reviewed pursuant to Maui County Code, Title 2, Chapter 2.8b, and the Community Plan Amendment is to reclassify the project's area in the Hana Community Plan from Ag to Public/Quasi-Public. This is consistent with Chapter 2.8b of the Maui County Code.

As far as the next request for land use entitlement and the district boundary amendments standards for reviewing a Land Use Commission District Boundary Amendment and this is going to be from Ag to Rural are found under Title 15, Subtitle 3 of the State Land Use Commission and the conclusion that the Department has reached is that this District Boundary Amendment will change the land use designation from Ag to Rural and the proposed action is consistent with the District Boundary Amendment requirements from Ag to Rural.

In the Change in Zoning the last land use entitlement, the Change in Zoning is reviewed pursuant to Maui County Code, Title 19.510, Change in Zoning and this is Change in Zoning designation

1 from Ag to P1, Public/Quasi-Public is consistent and is supported by the Title 19, Chapter 19.510,
2 Section 19.510.040 as stated in the Maui County Code and further supplemented by the
3 Department's report. So I just wanted to get that on the record for the three land use entitlement
4 requests and in order so I don't repeat myself, I'm going to turn this over to Karlynn Fukuda,
5 Munekiyo Hiraga. She's going to give you a presentation on the actual project and its details.
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7 Ms. Karlynn Fukuda: Good afternoon Chair and Members of the Maui Planning Commission. My
8 name is Karlynn Fukuda of Munekiyo Hiraga. We are here today to present information regarding
9 the proposed Nahiku Community Center project. Joining me today are Brian Shimomura and
10 Robert Halverson from the Department of Parks and Recreation, the project's applicant. Mimi
11 Desjardin from the Parks Department's Corporation Counsel and Anthony Riecke Gonzales from
12 Riecke Sunnland Kono Architects, the project's architect.
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14 The presentation will briefly touch upon the three requested land use entitlement actions which
15 were initiated by the former Planning Director as well as the Special Management Area Use
16 Permit application which was prepared by our office. We are requesting the Commission's
17 recommendations on the State District Boundary Amendment, Community Plan Amendment and
18 Change of Zoning. Following the County Council's final determination on the land use
19 entitlements as has been discussed in the previous proceedings the project would return to the
20 Planning Commission for final action on the SMA Use Permit application.
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22 This is a regional location map to provide you with context on the location of the project site. We
23 have Hana Highway here. This is heading towards Keanae and Hana. This is back towards—
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25 Unidentified Speaker from Audience: Keanae is the other way.
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27 Ms. Fukuda: Sorry, to Kahului but the location is, the Nahiku Road is here. This is a tax map key
28 map which provides the project site located here at the corner of Nahiku Road and Lower Nahiku
29 Road, also across the street from the Nahiku Church site. The site is owned by the State of
30 Hawaii and transferred to the County of Maui with a Executive Order for community center
31 purposes.
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33 The proposed Nahiku Community Center would replace the former Nahiku Grammar School
34 building which was burned by arson in 2005. The former school building served various
35 community purposes after the school was closed down including as an election polling place as
36 we understand and as a gathering space.
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38 This next slide provides a brief history of the site and the legislative actions that have taken place
39 for the project. As you can see here, the school was closed in 1958 and from then on was utilized
40 for various community purposes. We note that the Department of Parks and Recreation filed an
41 SMA Assessment application for the project which was approved as an SMA Minor Permit back
42 in 2012. There was also an EA Exemption granted by the Department of Parks and Recreation
43 at that time.
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45 A construction contract was awarded in 2012 and a Notice of Proceed was issued in 2013. We
46 note that there was also a legislative action by the County Council to officially name the community

1 center as the David Kanaloa Kahookele, Jr. Nahiku Community Center. However, as has been
2 mentioned previously there was a legal matter between the contractor and the County so work
3 was not initiated.

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5 The proposed project plans are the same as what was prepared or proposed in 2012. However
6 the estimated cost of the project has increased over that time to \$1.5 million as previously
7 mentioned and as such the Planning Department determined that the SMA Use Permit would be
8 required. It was also determined by the Planning Department that the proposed use was not
9 consistent with the existing land use entitlements which we'll talk about in a minute and so the
10 Director initiated the District Boundary Amendment, the Community Plan Amendment and the
11 Change of Zoning. The project was reviewed by the Urban Design Review Board for the SMA
12 Permit and the Hana Advisory Committee in October of last year for both the land use entitlements
13 and the SMA application and as has been mentioned previously the meeting today is to review
14 the recommendations by the Hana Advisory Committee.

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16 The next series of slides are photos of the project site. What you see here is the northwest and
17 southeast view of the future...of where the future community center building would be located and
18 we have a reference map for you up here. This next slide shows the northeast view and the
19 southwest view of the proposed parking area that would be adjacent to the community center
20 building. Next we have the northwest view of the project area and the southeast view along
21 Nahiku Road just located here. And then finally we have the east and west view of the project
22 site which is located here and on this side in these photos along the Lower Nahiku Road and you
23 can see the Nahiku Church you know at the top here which would located there.

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25 This next chart provides a summary of the land use entitlements that are being sought for the
26 project site. As been mentioned previously the State Land Use District Boundary Amendment is
27 proposed from Agricultural to Rural. The Hana Community Plan is from Agricultural to
28 Public/Quasi-Public and the Maui County Zoning is from Agricultural to P-1, Public/Quasi-Public.
29 The project site is approximately 1.9 acres in size and these land use changes would only apply
30 to the particular TMK.

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32 As Paul mentioned, you know the Planning Director initiated the land use entitlement changes
33 and the Planning Department went through their review of the proposed action and so on the
34 District Boundary Amendment they determined that the project will meet the standards for Rural
35 District. On the Community Plan Amendment they determined that the proposed request was
36 consistent with the Maui County Code relative to the General Plan and community plans. And for
37 the Change of Zoning the Department determined that the proposed request met the criteria that's
38 outlined within the Maui County Code relative to zoning.

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40 I'd now like to provide you with information on the proposed community center improvements
41 which is submit to SMA Use Permit application. We understand that there will be no action on
42 that today but wanted to provide the Commission with just some information. We note that the
43 proposed center is approximately 600 square feet larger than the footprint of the original Nahiku
44 Grammar School building and the community center would be a Parks Department facility and
45 hours of operation for the center would be posted at the site. The community center building
46 would contain those various uses a social hall, a kitchen, restrooms, storage and a covered entry

1 lanai and related improvements we have a paved parking lot and driveway, individual wastewater
2 system as well as utility connections and site work.

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4 This is copy of the proposed site plan again to provide you with some orientation this is Nahiku
5 Road and Lower Nahiku Road is here. So this is the community center building that would contain
6 the community hall, the kitchen, restrooms, et cetera, and this is the paved parking lot where there
7 would be I believe it's 13 parking stalls and one loading stall as required by County Code. Again,
8 the improved driveway up and down from Nahiku Road. The landscaping would generally stay
9 with what's there. As you saw in the photos is pretty lush. There is a tree that would need to be
10 relocated from the site and it would be relocated here.

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12 Wanted to just provide some context for everyone in terms of the size and scale of the site. If
13 you're familiar with Helene Hall in Hana we just provided an overlay of...the outline that you see
14 here is the footprint of Helene Hall. So the proposed Nahiku Community Center would fit within
15 the footprint of Helene Hall.

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17 These are elevations of the proposed building. You see the west elevation so this would be
18 looking from the parking lot looking back at the community center building. This would be looking
19 from the other side of the building and then you've got the north elevation and the south elevation.
20 We did as I mentioned go through Urban Design Review Board review and the colors don't
21 necessarily translate very well here in the slide but they are from the palette of approved colors
22 from the Parks Department requirements.

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24 In addition to those improvements there will be drainage system improvements. We're proposing
25 installation of catch basins within the paved parking area and the drainage system is designed to
26 accommodate the increase in runoff due to the improvements of a 50-year, one-hour storm and
27 would meet the County Storm Drainage Rules and requirements.

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29 Additionally we note that...so there is an existing water meter on the site that served the school's
30 building that was there previously. A new individual wastewater system is proposed and I assume
31 because you know the system that was there previously is probably no longer permitted, the
32 cesspool system. And the electrical and telephone services are available in the area.

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34 We note that there was an archaeological inventory survey that was completed for the site in
35 January of 2017. The report recommended no mitigation for three historic properties that were
36 identified on the site which were associated with the Nahiku Grammar School. There were two
37 modified outcrops for agriculture purposes or landscaping and one buried trash pit.

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39 As has been mentioned previously I think the Commission understands that you're making a
40 recommendation today to the Maui County Council for review and action and that final action on
41 the SMA Permit will be held...on hold until there is a final decision from the Council on those land
42 use entitlements.

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44 Again, just to summarize, the proposed community center would replace the former Nahiku
45 Grammar School building which was utilized for community purposes previously and it would

1 provide another County facility in East Maui which, you know, residents could use for various
2 public purposes.

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4 So today we're respectfully requesting your recommendation of support for the proposed District
5 Boundary Amendment, Community Plan Amendment and Change of Zoning to the Maui County
6 Council. This concludes our presentation and we're available to answer any questions you may
7 have. Thank you.

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9 Mr. Robinson: Thank you, Karlynn.

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11 **a) Public Hearing**

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13 Mr. Robinson: At this time we're gonna open it up for public testimony. And if we can please,
14 please keep the questions to this item would be preferred. We've heard a lot, but you know just
15 as a...we do have to leave over here so don't lose quorum, but I do want to hear all the testifiers.
16 You guys all will be able to speak. First, Mr. Paisner. Would you like to speak on this item sir?
17 Please introduce yourself, you have three minutes.

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19 Mr. Jeffrey Paisner: Jeffrey Paisner. I won't take three minutes.

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21 Mr. Robinson: Jeffrey, please move the mic up. Thank you.

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23 Mr. Paisner: Jeffrey Paisner. You showed some photographs could you go back to Photo
24 Number 1 of the site please?

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26 Mr. Robinson: Jeffrey I'm sorry, it's maybe we can come back later but you—

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28 Mr. Paisner: Okay, Photo Number 1 showed the site and I believe if I was looking at it correctly
29 it showed a lot of flooding on the site which is one of our big concerns that site often floods. This
30 photo, I believe that's water there pooling on the site in the lower left corner. Sunshine on water
31 I should say. There's been testimony from the intervenors that it is a site that does flood. Did you
32 consider the elevation of the site?

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34 Mr. Robinson: Jeffrey, I apologize, it's just testimony and it's to the Commission. It's not to the
35 applicant, sorry.

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37 Mr. Paisner: Oh, okay. She had asked for questions.

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39 Mr. Robinson: No, no but that's from us.

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41 Mr. Paisner: Oh okay.

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43 Mr. Robinson: Yeah, but it's fine.

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45 Mr. Paisner: My question is one of the reasons why this site should be considered is for use as
46 an emergency shelter and I question why we would consider that given the low elevation of the

1 property number one. And number two, the difficulty, you saw the road how it's a narrow one-
2 lane road of getting emergency vehicles in or out. So I want to know what the rationale is to
3 consider that a site for an emergency shelter on the basis of that lack of infrastructure. Thank
4 you.

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6 Mr. Robinson: You're welcome. Any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, John would you
7 like to testify on this item?

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9 Mr. Blumer Buell: I would.

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11 Mr. Robinson: Please introduce yourself and you have three minutes.

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13 Mr. John Blumer Buell: Thank you Chair. John Blumer Buell and I would just like to say...plea
14 really for you to recognize the wisdom of the Hana Advisory Committee and they're simply asking
15 for an EA. And I think you could send it to the Council with the recommendation that an EA be
16 available to them. That's just information.

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18 Now a couple things. When Mr. Correa declared an exemption and I think it's...if you go back
19 and look at that there's a lot of misinformation intentional. So I call it fraudulent. It's not a
20 replacement of the old Nahiku School. The old Nahiku School had at the most eight students and
21 a teacher living there. There was no real impact. A new center is gonna be available to every
22 person on Maui and every visitor to use. It will be anybody can reserve it with a capacity of 150
23 and a certified kitchen. That's gonna be an enormous impact and that's...let me tell you there will
24 be regular use every weekend there's going to be 150 people down there having enormous
25 impact. And you know, Mr. Correa claimed that there was no significant change in use. I just laid
26 that out, there's a huge difference in use. It's not a replacement of the Nahiku School. And so all
27 I ask is for you to please recognize the Hana Advisory Committee recommendation to you to
28 request an EA.

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30 Finally, I ask you to go back and look at the 2007 transfer from the State Land Board to the County
31 of Maui. It did not exempt the County from an EA at all. It says, the act of transference is not
32 subject to an EA. And it is clear that does not exempt the project from Chapter 343.

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34 And so in closing, I just you know really beg you for the sake of the community and due process
35 to recommend that the County Council require an EA and that will be in everyone's best interest.
36 And that will be as you know an EA is a chance for everyone in the community to ask questions.
37 It's a back and forth dialogue and EA or EIS requires alternative to the project. One year ago,
38 more than a hundred people signed a petition wanting no money to be spent for this center. They
39 wanted the bridge to be replaced as a priority. So that would have to be looked at in an EA and
40 God Bless you. I hope you make a wise decision and thank you for your service.

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42 Mr. Robinson: Thank you for your testimony John. Next up to testify is Lehua
43 Kehuna...Kekahuna, I'm sorry. Aloha, please introduce yourself and you have three minutes.

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45 Ms. Lehua Kekahuna: Aloha mai kakou. My name is Lehua Kekahuna and I am a partial resident
46 besides my family also resides in Nahiku, Maui. I stand before you all just to hope and pray that

1 we can come to some kind of decision for this has been on the table since 2006. I am in fully in
2 support of this community center. I think it will hold a big asset to the community and the
3 communities on the east side of Maui. Now I've heard a lot of testimonies and we all have our
4 own mana`o but I hope and pray that we can come to a decision for it's a long awaited decision
5 to have been made. So with Ke Akua to guide you folks decision, I hope you can come to a
6 decision and put this project going forward. Mahalo nui.

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8 Mr. Robinson: Aloha. Do we have any questions for the testifier? Lehua, could you please?
9 Commissioner Tackett.

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11 Mr. Tackett: My question to you is how do you feel about what was said about the community
12 center being open to all the public and the amount of traffic that they're saying may or may not be
13 going on down there. Do you think that that would be problematic to have that community center
14 down there deep in Nahiku open to people that are maybe not necessarily from Nahiku?

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16 Ms. Kekahuna: I don't think so because I think as a kuleana everybody that lives there pretty
17 much has the aloha and the understanding you know to share. I think it will be controlled. We
18 already have traffic there. Tourism is there. Due to the bridge being broken, it has stopped a lot
19 of traffic because they can no longer go all the way down to the landing, turn around, picnic, party,
20 et cetera. So in order to go to the landing you would have to walk it and then carry all your ukana
21 which is your stuff, you would have to carry it all the way down which I definitely don't want this to
22 be a head...talk about the bridge because this has nothing to do with the bridge. The community
23 center is way before the bridge. It's located right across the church.

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25 The access of this community center will be for our generation to come, our keiki. I think our
26 kupunas that is no longer here that was it's all part of it, you know it's not only for disasters. It
27 should be for community events. It could be held for County people or State people to come
28 there, meet with the people, meet with the community. Hana has its own. Keanae we don't have
29 any more. YMCA is rented out to tourism and things like that. So a lot of functions can be utilized
30 with this community center. It doesn't have to only be for a disaster use whether it's a tsunami or
31 it could be road closures, trees, storms knocking out electricity, the roads, you know, where the
32 cliffs or all of that can be considered where it could be a safe haven for a lot of people, for
33 community members. A lot of people...how many of you have gone to Nahiku, have seen Nahiku?
34 Who here has gone to Nahiku I would like to surely know. Okay, so for the ones that have gone
35 down to Nahiku, you know, people love to go, visit and leave. So on this community center
36 whether we want to realize it or not will benefit the community and the communities on the east
37 side of the island. Unless you're a property buyer or you already own property there, you live
38 there, this is for the community. So you know, I respect everybody's testimony. I am not here to
39 bash anyone. I am not here to make anybody think any different, but in the long run I think the
40 community center is needed for the east side of the island. And so with that being said, I think
41 it's a good thing and I'm in full support.

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43 Mr. Tackett: Thank you.

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45 Mr. Robinson: Mahalo Lehua.

1 Ms. Kekahuna: Mahalo nui.

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3 Mr. Robinson: Oh I'm sorry Lehua, Commissioner La Costa would like to ask you a question.

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5 Ms. La Costa: Mahalo Chair. Mahalo nui for showing up and giving your testimony. So you're in
6 favor of a community center.

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8 Ms. Kekahuna: Yes.

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10 Ms. La Costa: Whether it's that place or would you be in favor if it were to be some place with,
11 with different roads and infrastructure?

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13 Ms. Kekahuna: You know it's never been a problem when the school was there. I don't feel it
14 will be a problem if the community center is there. I would surely like to see something there that
15 will benefit the community. Whether it's Upper Nahiku or not a place where the land will be taken
16 cared of and a place that can benefit the community I think the place isn't the problem. People
17 will go anywhere to go there and do their function. In other words, kupunas there if they want to
18 gather to do a crocheting or a haku lei making guess what, they have a place to go. If a boy's
19 club or some kind of sport event wants to come there because Helene Hall isn't available
20 ...(inaudible)...they have a place to come. You know so I don't think it would be a problem. The
21 lower part of it, you know being close to the ocean when there was a tsunami years ago it never
22 even touch Nahiku. So we have to look at all of this other aspects of it and I wanna think that I'm
23 looking at it as a positive thing that will happen for the future not only for our generation right now.
24 We're fighting for our future. So I want to use this and hopefully pray that my ancestors, my
25 kupunas which this community center will be named after my great grandfather, great, great
26 grandfather. So this property was in our family and it was given and I'm hoping that it's used for
27 benefits of our community.

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29 Mr. Robinson: Mahalo. Okay.

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31 Ms. Kekahuna: Can I go?

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33 Mr. Robinson: Yes.

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35 Ms. Kekahuna: Thank you so much.

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37 Mr. Robinson: Next we have Della Honokapu.

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39 Ms. Zandra Amaral Crouse: Aloha Chair and Commissioners. The Kekahuna Family asked me
40 to testify because I do need to leave and they'll be testifying prior...I mean, after myself. My name
41 is Zandra Amaral Crouse. And I'm glad to see these people coming together and I thank the
42 intervenors Chair and I thank you for providing them opportunity to kuka kuka so that resolve can
43 be made. Because those of us who were born and raised here, who have family in Keanae,
44 Nahiku and Hana know that it's a very small and close knitted community and we should not let
45 things like this diversify and divide them and so I thank you for that.

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1 As for the community center, I am totally in favor of that. We know that there is not much to
2 occupy our children, our keiki. Keiki o ka aina in our east part of the island. Thereby leaving them
3 with having to do things that's not what we think they should be doing. And we all know that when
4 we have a center to gravitate and gather at that our kupunas are blessed by taking care, and
5 meeting, and gathering with our keiki o ka aina.

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7 As for the school in Nahiku that closed in 1958 if I recall correctly, that area was the gathering
8 place. My son-in-law's family, the great family of the Hoopais and the Hoopiis. My daughter-in-
9 law's family of the kalo patches in Keanae, the Nakoa Family. They gather there. That was a
10 place for...that provided an opportunity for families to gather. I remember we used to roll rocks
11 there. We used to play all kinds of Hawaiian games down there and I envision that to be a place
12 where East Maui will have their own area at least in the Keanae and the Nahiku part of East Maui.
13 Give them a place where the halaus can practice such as we have here in Wailuku and in other
14 areas in Maui Nui. Give them a place to learn how to dance, to learn how to weave with the
15 kupunas in our district, in their district. Give them a place to call their own and the only traffic
16 impact I see for this community center Chair, Commissioners, are the impacts of their very
17 community, their children going down there to play ball, meet friends, and meet family. They're
18 families going down there to put on a miniature luau or a big luau, but they'll have a place to do
19 it. So I see the impacts of traffic being the very families who are keiki o ka aina who has been
20 there over 100 years. These ahupuaas and these are theirs. Give their children. Have we not
21 displaced our families and our children for far too long? So I humbly ask you to support their
22 community center and I realize that there's much that needs to be done before it comes back to
23 you guys. But when it does –

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25 Ms. Takayama-Corden: Three minutes.

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27 Ms. Amaral Crouse: --give our citizens a place to gather in their own community. And mahalo
28 Chair and Commissioners, I really do thank you for the time and effort. Mahalo.

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30 Mr. Robinson: Thank you Zandra.

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32 Ms. Amaral Crouse: You're welcome.

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34 Mr. Robinson: Is Della here? Della want to...you want to testify Della? Aloha please introduce
35 yourself and you have three minutes.

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37 Ms. Della Honokaupu: Can give you one minute time. Hi I'm Della Honokaupu, and thank you
38 all for the input and everything. I agree. I also would like to say I'm with the community center.
39 And it's not only for disaster it's for the keiki, for the kids, like my niece was saying if they like learn
40 leis, going do the hula, you there's some place to go to. I'm not doing only for all of us, yet this is
41 all for all of us, for everybody, the community. But mine is for keiki. You look at this right now,
42 summer just when pau. What did the kids do down there at Nahiku? What did they do? The
43 other kids out here they play football. They get place to practice soccer. They have some place
44 to go to dance the hula. So this community for me I would say is for the keiki. For the future. For
45 the future that's what I'm saying. Maybe I not going be there. I'm 72 years old believe or not,
46 maybe I not going to be here to watch that, but it's for the keiki as what I'm saying. So I hope that

1 we can get together as one and try see if we can do something about this. I really do. Thank you
2 so much. Mahalo nui loa.

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4 Mr. Robinson: Mahalo. Any questions? Della please, Commissioner Pali.

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6 Ms. Pali: Hi, thank you for your testimony. I...we were handed a bunch of written testimony and
7 a petition that supported...I didn't count the number of supporters here, but at a glance and I
8 attempted to count it looks like a few hundred people also agree with you. Your testimony did
9 that encompass some of these people that were not here today as well?

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11 Ms. Honokaupu: Yes, yes.

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13 Ms. Pali: Thank you.

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15 Ms. Honokaupu: Oh you're welcome. You're so pretty. Thank you. Any more questions?

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17 Mr. Robinson: Ask you'll get a compliment.

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19 Ms. Honokaupu: Yeah, yeah, no worry braddah you look good too. Thank you very much.

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21 Mr. Robinson: Thank you. Aloha. Next Cheryl Kekahuna. Please introduce yourself and you
22 have three minutes.

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24 Ms. Cheryl Kekahuna: Aloha.

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26 Mr. Robinson: Aloha.

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28 Ms. Kekahuna: My name is Cheryl Kekahuna aka Kaohe. I'm a resident of Lower Nahiku. E kala
29 mai I'm not trying to be disrespectful but I kinda made some memo bullet points so I try not to get
30 off track. A project that started for a very long time, a building to replace a building sounds like a
31 simple task but obviously not. A lot of unforeseen obstacles that you would never think. I've said
32 it in the past and I truly believe, I truly believe in this center simply because it seems like based
33 on the powerpoints that we viewed it's a center that actually compliments our community. It's a
34 simple, small community. I've never seen or I don't know if you folks know I pass, I commute five
35 days a week to and from work, I pass Haiku Community Center, I pass Paia Community Center,
36 I don't see how that impacted their communities in a negative way. It had said, it is mentioned
37 you know about property taxes being raised. That answer I think has been answered it's not.
38 And I just think that for generations now and generations moving forward it has been a very
39 tireless process. We continue to holomua for kupunas in memory and in honor of them that have
40 supported and have passed and are still with us. We holomua in that initiative which is a protocol
41 that was how we was born and raised into. We didn't really have planning commissions, we didn't
42 really have...we went to the kupunas, we solicited their mana`o. They knew what was right. They
43 know what's right for the ahu, what's right for your ahupuaa. If they didn't say, if they were
44 negative, it would be a negative, you know, then that wasn't good enough. But look at all this
45 process that you have to go through it seems like a lot of obstacles and red tape you have to go
46 through. The blessings came from the kupuna from this project. And with that being said, we're

1 gonna continue to move forward and I hope you folks make the right and the pono decision.
2 Again, this is something that's not gonna impact in a I think we hear the negative, we the EA and
3 it's something that's not only gonna help our generations now, our kupunas and future generations
4 but going ahead. It is something that will be, that we as a community should be proud of. Division
5 comes from the people of being misinformed, miseducated, holoholo olelo. They go around and
6 they talk, talk, talk and then before you know it's a big mess. You can support something and
7 then on the tip of a hat now you don't support something, I struggle with that. I struggle as an
8 individual, as a character now how am I going to look at you? How is your character? Do you
9 have the right intentions for the ahu? You're not even relevant and live in the ahu, but you have
10 a kuleana. Now you niele and you come here for our ahu but you not even relevant. I don't even
11 know where your roots are, but they get plenty to say. So with that being said, again we commute,
12 the road conditions they change at any time. It could be a final stop. I can go on and on of the
13 benefits of a community center. People say going get big parties. They will go through the same
14 regulations like any community center would. You know you apply, you go through the process
15 like everybody else. Look at something and be proud off because of all the challenges that you
16 need to make something an entity like that happen. And so I pray to you folks, I lift it up to Ke
17 Akua to give me the strength and the focus to say what's right and what's pono and I hope you
18 folks will make the right pono decision in this initiative for our community. Mahalo.

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20 Mr. Robinson: Mahalo. Any questions for the testifier? Commissioner La Costa?

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22 Ms. La Costa: Mahalo Chair. I will ask you the same question and again mahalo for being here
23 and testifying. Is it the actual building of a community center that is most important or is it the
24 position of that building of the community center that's most important?

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26 Ms. Kekahuna: Well, it just makes sense. I guess it's a yes or no question. A community center
27 on the east side would be very...you know, it's something that would be neat. I think it would be
28 very instrumental, a fundamental for the community. If your question is the location it just made
29 sense. You know the school burned down that there's an open spot, boom...put a building there.
30 If another location that would be good too 'cause it would serve the east side community. Do you
31 want to go through the process? The money, it's talked about the money, the process of how it's
32 going to take. Do that all over again? So to me, it makes no difference, but where would that
33 second location be? Again, we've seen the power. You know, we've seen the power slides, it's
34 a little community. Smaller than Helene Hall that would be perfect for that 1.9 acres. It just makes
35 sense to me to replace a building with a building than having to explore a different area where
36 possibly more millions, probably 1.5, 2.5 million dollars would have to be spent for another
37 initiative. Does that help?

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39 Ms. La Costa: That does. Mahalo.

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41 Mr. Robinson: Thank you. Anyone else? Mahalo for your testimony.

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43 Ms. Kekahuna: Mahalo.

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45 Mr. Robinson: Next up I have Mapu Kekahuna.

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1 Mr. Mapu Kekahuna: I'm going to let my kupuna go first. I want to speak last. Let the kupuna
2 go. Thank you.

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4 Mr. Robinson: Sure. Next on the list is Louisa Alina.

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6 Ms. Louise Alina: My name is Louise Alina. Aloha ka kou everyone.

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8 Mr. Robinson: Aloha.

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10 Ms. Alina: I came in from Honolulu for this meeting. I have come to Nahiku every year for this
11 project. So I really firmly believe in it and let me tell you why. My great grandfather worked with
12 or had the chance to pick two parcels to give according to our Kalakaua and so he picked the
13 church parcel and he picked the school parcel out of his...what he was in charge of to give to the
14 community. Now my grandfather really continued what Kalakaua wanted was to care for his
15 people and this is one of the things to take care of the church and to have a school for education
16 and they firmly believed in education. And all my grandfather, great grandfather that's what they
17 believed in. And so they used this school property to further education, to share whatever they
18 wanted to share with everyone. As a child I used to come there every year and I've seen the
19 school being used for school and for voting, for community things that they needed to take care
20 of. So for me it made sense, really made sense to make use of this property to put a community
21 center in place of a school which is too bad it burnt down. So why leave this property vacant for
22 what? So to continue my grandfather's passion of education, English education and the Hawaiian
23 culture, we think having the community center is a way to continue this process of I really, really
24 believe it will help the community. Yes, it is for the small community but there are many people
25 that come there, all of you when you come from town here and you go to the country side, you
26 will stop by maybe not, but you might do in some time. It's a beautiful, beautiful place. It's very
27 peaceful and yes, we may have difference of opinions there, but it's like that everywhere and we
28 can never satisfy everyone. We try our very best to do what we can to help further educating
29 people, giving our children, our grandchildren, grandchildren to come to have a place to share
30 with each other, to learn. Regarding traffic and all, no, we have the regular normal traffic of the
31 people that live there that go up and down. I see it 'cause I'm there. I see it up and down. It's our
32 own people. We have the normal little people that come to visit and that's fine and they are so
33 hungry. The people that come to Nahiku and any part of the east they're hungry for learning what
34 our culture is about. So we want to share that with them and we're there. I mean, the families
35 it's too bad that we used to be down on the landing, we can't go because of the bridge and the
36 locals used to just share what they know about the area and that encourage people to get
37 interested in the Lower Nahiku and what do you know, we have new people moving in. Fine,
38 that's great, we welcome all. I heard so many things today which really it hurts and it doesn't
39 make sense and I really don't know where they're coming from but Nahiku is a beautiful place. It
40 encourages everyone to come in and the community center will serve its purpose because we
41 have education there. We'll have Hawaiian culture there, whatever is needed. Civil Defense, we
42 need a place when the electricity and the water and whatever, telephone goes out, what if
43 somebody is hurt on the Hana Highway, someone gets stuck in between when there's flooding or
44 landslides where would they go? They're stuck in between if two sides are caught. So there's
45 many, many positive things where this community center will come in use for everyone. And I
46 hope we can all just work together and find some kind of solution that will work. But it's been a

1 really long time and I encourage this...my cousin them to call a meeting because it's very
2 discouraging. I come every month when we started this program and I'm coming from Honolulu.
3 I care and I'd like to see something done. Thank you.

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5 Mr. Robinson: Mahalo. Any questions for the testifier? I have a question for you please. Kahu
6 Hill.

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8 Kahu Hill: Mahalo for testifying and everyone. I just wanted to know, I haven't heard you guys
9 talking much about the flooding and just knowing about that in the past and Nahiku my kupuna
10 Kaalakea we came many times just for Nahiku for the flooding of that area and the homes. Could
11 you speak about your experience in this please?

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13 Ms. Alina: Okay, my experience regarding the flooding I don't know where that flooding is coming
14 from. As a child my brothers, we all grew there. I've never saw flooding. Yes, we have rain that
15 come through every home there that was there and is now being built there have the same
16 problem because of the way they build the roads go down. But as for flooding, no I think that's a
17 little exaggeration for the cause whatever that might be. But no, I have not seen that. It's like the
18 puddles in there, that's normal and in no time if there's a little rainwater that kind of builds up just
19 a little bit in certain low areas it dissipates really fast. So it's not like it's a disaster, no it's not like
20 that.

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22 Mr. Robinson: Okay, thank you so much. Next is Kumu Kamalu. You guys jun ken and poing?
23 Please introduce yourself, you got three minutes.

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25 Mr. Paul Bordner: My name is Paul Bordner. Excuse me I have a hard time speaking. I'm a
26 resident of Nahiku. I live there a long time. E kala mai ia`u. I am emotional. Let me calm myself
27 down.

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29 Mr. Robinson: Paul take your time. It's okay.

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31 Mr. Bordner: I get like this all the time. Oh my goodness. Anyway I live there for so long. E kala
32 mai. Thank you so much. Mahalo. My grandma was school teacher in Nahiku. I remember,
33 reminisce back in the days of the old days when we all gathered at the school and it hurts me to
34 see people fight against each other because of the school. It is a place of gather, of learning of
35 hula, of chants, of speaking Hawaiian. All doing the things that is what we brought up as. So
36 when I see people from not from Nahiku, from not from our area, of you, it hurts me more and
37 wonder why. So I must overlook all this and think of my tutu and my parents, my mother and my
38 father, think of them and calm myself down and say and pray that all this things will come to a
39 close and decision where we great help from Akua and which is also among you people that we
40 are...we work very hard for many, many 12, 13 years already on this project and we know the
41 benefits of it but it's so hard to convince everyone. So when we propose all this and worked on it
42 we wasn't thinking about...we wasn't thinking about oh, you can come but you cannot come. We
43 were thinking about you all come. You all come ...(inaudible)...You all come to be with us. And
44 it's still like that in my heart. I still aloha them all. They are my...these are my family as well, they
45 are part of my blood, Bergau is relative, but he's on the other side. So it makes hard for us like
46 this. So I pray that we can all one day come to a head where we can agree that this community

1 is so important to us. We are...we need something for like when there's a Civil Defense for any
2 of the above matters, for fires, for floods, if there be any flood which Nahiku never had. Nahiku
3 never flood. The river we have two ...(inaudible)...wai's run between Nahiku that's where the
4 flood stay but never in us, in your homes or never at the school, maybe little bit water here and
5 there, but the water bumbye evaporate. So no more pilikea, no more trouble. So our King David
6 Kalakaua, my King he told all the Konohiki, he put one church and one school and all the ahupuaa
7 and he when he say that he didn't say for Maui he said all the Hawaiian islands and so all the
8 Konohikis did. And Kahookele is Konohiki and so he did. ...(inaudible)...us, here school, here
9 church and so respect that. And when we look at the church after the thing when demolish when
10 burn down we said, well maybe we could do something else with it. Maybe we could school and
11 bring back culture and so we try. We try, we try our best and we still try today and we will continue
12 on trying so. Knowing in that in our hearts that this is the right thing to do. We have many of our
13 kupunas older than...I'm only 75 I'm still a young man. There are many of the other kupunas
14 much older than me who have passed away already...(inaudible)... who wanted the center, who
15 came to meetings for the center, only think about the center, would dream about seeing their
16 ohanas coming to visit them at the center and I had the plan to go get MEO, bring all the Keanae,
17 the Hana, the Kipahulu, Kaupo, wherever they all from come down holoholo have dinner with us,
18 have lunch with us at our, at our ahupuaa. To gather, to continuously gather and to be among
19 our people. This is what we want, but we having hard time now. So we look upon you people to
20 make decisions for us to help us and I thank you all of you thank you very much.

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22 Mr. Robinson: Mahalo, mahalo.

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24 Mr. Bordner: Thank you.

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26 Mr. Robinson: We have any questions for the testifier? Mahalo.

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28 Mr. Bordner: Thank you.

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30 Mr. Robinson: Thank you. Okay, Kumu and Kapu...Mapu, you guys when jun ken po? Who's
31 next? Please guys.

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33 Mr. Mapu Kekahuna: Aloha mai ka kou.

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35 Mr. Robinson: Aloha.

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37 Mr. Kekahuna: Commissioners. Mahalo nui for having us today and thank you for hearing this
38 project today. Today we delivered a lot of issues—

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40 Mr. Robinson: Mapu please introduce yourself.

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42 Mr. Kekahuna: Oh yeah, my name is Mapu Kekahuna, I'm the sitting Vice-Chairman of the Nahiku
43 Community Association. It's the most heart wrenching for me to hear my kupuna talk amongst
44 my cousin, Moke Bergau who is also a Kanaka. I am a Kanaka and I'm very ha`aheo about that.
45 I will always be. I served eight terms on the association board. Prior to me Moke served as the
46 President also. My mother serves as the current President. I've been hearing all of this talk about

1 the history and all of this things. And I keep telling myself inside I says, Mapu you really stick with
2 your foundation, the roots, where you came from.

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4 You know when the school was resurrected in 1898 it educated about a hundred somewhat
5 children my mother being the last graduate in 1955 before they closed the school not eight or ten.
6 Go look it up, public ...(inaudible)...Ordered by the King David Kalakaua at the time was a ruling
7 by his order that this aina is set apart for this things.

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9 Today, 2018...in 2006 when this project was first geared its way out I wasn't even on the board
10 but I was a member. Everyone thought it was a good thing. People that were in support of it and
11 are against it. Today, I think we wouldn't be here today if the Council built it 2013. That's a fact.
12 So now the kuleana falls back here, you know, and along the way between 2013 and 2018 five
13 years after we're back at the same problem. Well, not even a problem...but now it's a problem.
14 2013 it would have been built. We never had intervenors in 2013. Maybe two, one of which is
15 no longer here.

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17 So I just wanna say that I'm a Kanaka, proud to be. I stand forward in front of Ke Akua and my
18 kupuna and I made a vow and one of my kupunas passed, in fact two of them has passed since.
19 I have a 95 year old ...(inaudible)...in Honolulu that keeps asking the question when is the
20 community center gonna be pau. He no longer can travel here because of his age and it's a real
21 shame. So while all this bickering going on and I'm glad that the intervenors were granted that
22 thing so sit and kuka and discuss all their concerns, what have you. You know for time us is
23 minimal, I may not even be here when that building gets set forth. I'm in full support of it. But we
24 shall see where it all goes. Appreciate your time and we shall see how this whole thing pans out.
25 Thank you.

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27 Mr. Robinson: Mahalo.

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29 Mr. Kekahuna: Questions before I walk away?

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31 Mr. Robinson: Mapu one second. Commissioner Pali.

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33 Ms. Pali: Hi, thank you for your testimony. You mentioned that there were only two people that
34 may have been against the project prior to 2013 when it seemed to be approved and money
35 granted to build?

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37 Mr. Kekahuna: In 2012 and Mr. Blumer Buell can recall this if he could there was...he couldn't
38 make that meeting and there was an individual that spoke on his behalf that individual is no longer
39 here. The partner of hers has since been deceased. Relevancy things such as lighting and the
40 banyan treeing be yanked out, all this misinterpretation of certain things that has already been
41 mitigated through the whole process. So my point that I'm trying to make is this thing was incepted
42 in 2006, a huge committee meeting in 2010, petitions signed by some of the intervenors by the
43 way, it's in front of you, okay these matters should have been brought up then not today in 2018.

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45 Ms. Pali: So what you're saying is these issues that you're hearing recently were not brought up
46 back then based of your understanding?

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2 Mr. Kekahuna: Honestly I don't recall none of it.
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4 Ms. Pali: Yeah.
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6 Mr. Kekahuna: Because if that was so we wouldn't have had a groundbreaking in 2013 and a
7 notice to proceed.
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9 Ms. Pali: Okay, thank you.
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11 Mr. Robinson: Mahalo. Any other questions? Mahalo Mapu.
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13 Mr. Kekahuna: Thank you.
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15 Mr. Robinson: Kumu are you ready?
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17 Ms. Dorothy Kahookele: ...(Spoke in Hawaiian walking up to podium)...
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19 Mr. Robinson: Aloha.
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21 Ms. Kahookele: I'm Dorothy Marleen Lena Kamalu Kahookele aka Kumu Kamalu Kahookele of
22 Lower Nahiku, raised in Lower Nahiku since I was three years old. The last graduate of the Lower
23 Nahiku Grammar School. And I would like to say, mahalo ya oukou Cousin Moke, to all of you,
24 John Blumer Buell, Jeffrey, Theresa, mahalo kakou for all your mana`o. Mahalo.
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26 And I would like to just share this with you dear panel. I am the oldest person standing in this
27 room right now. Born and raised lived through Nahiku, know the history of Nahiku like the back
28 of my hand. Raised with kupuna, kupuna kane ame kupuna wahi and yes, I do speak my
29 language fluently.
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31 I am so pleased to be amongst all of you and I thank all of you for giving us this opportunity and
32 this blessing to be amongst you. I have been affiliated with the Nahiku Community Association
33 with the help of many great, great people on the State level and the County level and the
34 community level. And they have given me and taught me so many things. You know when you
35 graduate Nahiku School yeah, you only know so much. Now when you graduate Hana High
36 School you still only know so much. But irregardless I pray that all of you will be touched by Akua
37 ame kupuna and bring home what belongs and what should be for many, many reasons including
38 reasons that at this time is unforeseeable. Our future we're depending on that. When I say our
39 future I'm talking about the next generations to come and those that are already right here. They
40 will need the community center in Lower Nahiku because we go through a lot of things in Lower
41 Nahiku that people are not even aware of like being without electricity for about a week, almost
42 two weeks. We don't have a cell tower up at Makapipi that everybody where that. The true name
43 for that is Kapipiwai. But anyway telephone service down and out. Nobody have anywhere to
44 go. If landslides fall where do we go? How do we get ahold of the Police Department, et cetera,
45 et cetera? I know how. I got me an iPhone and ...(inaudible)...what they call the Wi-Fi. What a
46 lucky kid I am, wow. But anyway, I thank all of you. God bless all of you. And whatever will be

1 will be through God's wish not yours, not mine, not nobody. Akua will be the one to tell the story.
2 Aloha kakou, mahalo keia.

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4 Mr. Robinson: Mahalo. Any questions for the testifier?

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6 Mr. Tackett: I got a question.

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8 Mr. Robinson: Kumu?

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10 Ms. Kahookele: Kala mai ia`u.

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12 Mr. Tackett: Thank you for your time. So there was some talk about this type of center being
13 built in a place that's easier to be reached perhaps off of the main road or something along that
14 lines. Since you have the most experience of anybody here in that area I would like your insight
15 as to whether or not you think a community center for Nahiku and you know Nahiku would be
16 better served next to the ocean or up next to the road?

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18 Ms. Kahookele: The ocean, are you speaking of the landing, paena or are you speaking of pitiula?

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20 Mr. Tackett: Or the fact that...so people were saying that that it would be better up by the top
21 road and my understanding of Nahiku which is not great, but my understanding of Nahiku is that
22 much of what happens in Nahiku revolved around the ocean and much of what was taught to the
23 children had to do with what was going on around the ocean. And if people from Nahiku are
24 gonna be using it would it...do you feel it would be better closer to the ocean where you can have
25 some of those kinds of activities going on or do you think it would be better up towards the road
26 where you could access it more easily off of a highway?

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28 Ms. Kahookele: Okay, I'll answer that question sir.

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30 Mr. Tackett: Thank you.

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32 Ms. Kahookele: This is my honest answer. It would be better where it is designated to be 'cause
33 it has been chosen by the kupuna. So it's best sometimes to leave things alone the way it's
34 supposed to be and not change it 'cause kauna fall down. So where it's supposed to be is right
35 where the old grammar schools was. When I first looked into this situation sir, I wanted to see if
36 we could get back a grammar school. Why? Call that pride 'cause I was the last graduate et
37 cetera, yeah. But we didn't...we wouldn't have enough students 'cause they were all transported
38 back to Hana and for that reason it was suggested to me how about a community center so that
39 my ohana, and I'm gonna be honest with all of you, my ohana, my family I got so sick and tired of
40 them grumbling, fighting because of land. The only way this problem could be solved was no, no,
41 you no own 'em John, oh Mary own 'em, oh no, no, no my tutu own 'em, no, no, no, no. No. So
42 I said with the help of State representatives, senate, let's do a community center for everybody
43 whether they're in Kaupo, Kipahulu, Kaeleku, Honokalani, Waikoloa, Nahiku, Keanae, et cetera,
44 so on and so forth, it would be a place for all them. And if death occurred for example, we have
45 one church left, that land was very much...(inaudible)...with the school lot, it walked hand in hand.
46 The church lot is one acre, the school lot is 1.9 that they would have a place to go to feed the

1 family. They would have a place to come for meetings no matter what type of meeting. It would
2 be so maikai for everybody and everything. I hope I've answered your question. Did I?

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4 Mr. Tackett: Yes you did.

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6 Ms. Kahookele: Thank you.

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8 Mr. Robinson: Would anybody else like to testify at this time?

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10 Ms. Kahookele: Oh, I'm sorry any more questions?

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12 Mr. Robinson: You already dropped the mic, you're good. You're good.

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14 Ms. Kahookele: Am I good?

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16 Mr. Robinson: You're good.

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18 Ms. Kahookele: Mahalo sir.

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20 Mr. Robinson: Aloha. Any other testifiers at this moment? Yes, you may if you want. Yes, it's a
21 different item. Yes, please. Please introduce yourself again.

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23 Mr. Moke Bergau: Thank you Chair. My name is Moke Bergau. I'm from Lower Nahiku. I just
24 want to comment on the proposal here. My understanding of it is that if it gets passed it becomes
25 a public domain. And my experience with public domain in the middle of a community with no
26 access to the public is very detrimental. A mirror image Honokalani, Waianapanapa State Park.
27 It's a public domain that's situated in the middle of a community with no public access. And the
28 people are on that main highway, on that road is affected value. You know I get to...I know that.
29 And they've been going with the State, going head on with the State of that one particular matter
30 access. I appreciate the uses that was mentioned for a facility of that sort. And I do understand
31 that on the public domain created by the County Council...created by the Planning Commission
32 it has criteria that needs to be met. Now those criterias is not very suitable for the people in
33 Nahiku. For the evidence wise there's two facilities in Hana which is Hana Bay and the Old Hana
34 School. It's underutilized but it's a public domain. It's been set aside for that underutilized. This
35 proposal is proposing for "x" amount of millions of dollars yeah to create a public domain in the
36 middle of Nahiku that ladies and gentlemen it's a proposition that's very detrimental. There is no,
37 there is no check and balance here. There is none. Because of the EA that they...it was claimed
38 to be that they exempt from without any findings for the purpose of the exemption. What? It's
39 not recorded. There is none. And EA needs to be addressed, looked at and I would strongly
40 recommend that you press on that issue. Press it hard 'cause we've been told an exemption has
41 been served. The question is where did it come from? It did not come from the State. The State
42 don't do that. We asked. It came from one individual, a stroke of a pen that exemption
43 materialized. All my rights has been determined by the stroke of that pen. And that ladies and
44 gentlemen is not acceptable, it cannot be. So I would recommend again, take a really close look
45 at Waianapanapa State Park and if it's possible get it...start interviewing those people. For my
46 ohana that's on that road, ...(inaudible)...trampled, getting pushed. And I do realize that Nahiku

1 need, need a place, yeah. Before this even happened, before we even came to this Planning
2 Commission it was utilized, it was utilized. Today it's still being utilized by the people. It's still
3 being used. We don't need a elaborate with infrastructure...(inaudible)...we don't need, don't
4 need that because that area is not suitable for it. Our pipelines is all undercoated, our water
5 source, our power, our electrical, it's all undersourced, monthly you know we have blowouts every
6 time, water pipes which is coming. But again, council let's let's...I beg you to reconsider and
7 really push on the EA issue to the Council members. Mahalo for your time. And I really appreciate
8 you guys donating your time to us.

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10 Mr. Robinson: Mahalo Moke. Questions? Commissioner Pali.

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12 Ms. Pali: Yes, thank you for your testimony. So forgive me because I did not sign up for this on
13 my first day. So forgive my ignorance, but I always like to make sure I understand each side.
14 And so the only way I can do that is to ask questions. I also feel it's important to consider the
15 written testimony from many working families that cannot travel out of Nahiku or wherever they're
16 from to be here presently. And so I'm a little perplexed and I just need your help. Your testimonies
17 have all been important and very strong. But I don't see a lot of written testimony in opposition
18 and when I keep hearing the word, Nahiku I keep thinking of a group of people. It's clear that
19 there's a very large group of people that are in support of this very community and its very location.
20 And I see just a few of you standing here today. I want you to have an opportunity of commenting
21 on others like you that are against it so that when we make a decision we're making sure to
22 include all the facts.

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24 Mr. Bergau: Yes, ma'am. Thank you. All the facts have started back 10 years ago.

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26 Ms. Pali: And just to clarify the facts of how many people are truly opposed versus how many
27 people are for because you know when we make a decision everyone...you can't please
28 everyone. Unity is important but we do want to make sure that the groups are represented
29 properly with how many are for, how many are against that's sort of important as well I suppose.

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31 Mr. Bergau: Yeah, I understand your question ma'am. Yes, October 26 at the hearing at Hana
32 Bay there were almost 200 petitions demanding that the County do an EA. It's recorded and I
33 see had seen them. It's available to the planning yeah, to you folks. There's a lot more. There's
34 a lot more people. I cannot bring it out right now, but it's available.

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36 Ms. Pali: Okay, thank you.

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38 Mr. Robinson: Any other questions? All right thank you.

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40 Mr. Bergau: Mahalo.

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42 Mr. Robinson: Anyone else would like to testify at this time? Seeing none, public testimony is
43 closed. We'll take a five-minute break. Thank you.

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45 A recess was called at 3:00 p.m., and the meeting as reconvened at 3:07 p.m.

1 Mr. Robinson: Maui Planning Commission is now back in session. Commissioners now is time
2 for questions for Karlynn. Does anybody have questions for Karlynn? Commissioner La Costa.

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4 Ms. La Costa: Mahalo. Can you please tell me how far is it from the current site to Hana Highway?

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6 Ms. Fukuda: I'm getting some assistance from...but the architect, Anthony Riecke-Gonzalez is
7 saying it's about two, maybe two and a half miles.

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9 Ms. La Costa: Yeah, there was no scale.

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11 Mr. Robinson: I know, no scale yeah.

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13 Ms. La Costa: There's no scale. That's why I wondered because I see how far the—

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15 Mr. Robinson: I think the consensus is two and a half to three miles. Any other questions?
16 Commissioner Carnicelli.

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18 Mr. Carnicelli: I was gonna let you just finish your notes. So the other part too that I didn't find in
19 here but has been talked about a couple of times is do we have a visual of the flood zone and
20 flood plain and also just because it's something that's already being considered other places in
21 relation to the sea level rise adaptation and vulnerability report like where does this particular site
22 fall within those two items?

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24 Ms. Fukuda: Thank you Commissioner for you question. So let me just go to the project
25 assessment report that we had filed as part of the SMA application. Relative to the flood zone so
26 I do have a copy of the map that was included in our application, the flood zone, the FIRM map,
27 the Flood Insurance Rate Map. So the site is located in the Flood Zone X which is an area of low
28 risk, low flood risk and minimal flooding with no development restrictions. Secondly, we did have
29 a figure in here with the tsunami evacuation map and the site appears to be within the safe zone
30 for tsunami evacuation. And then relative to your question on the sea level rise, we did take a
31 look in our report with the UH Sea Grant College Program, Sea Level Rise and Coastal Land Use
32 which recommends using sea level rise benchmarks of one foot by year 2050 and three feet by
33 2100 for Hawaii and the project area is located between 98 to 135 feet above mean sea level. So
34 we did not anticipate that it would be affected by the projected sea level rise.

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36 Mr. Robinson: Commissioners? So Commissioners is what we're doing right now is we have
37 the, is we have the three different type of recommendations that we're going to do and we're
38 gonna tie it all in one. I think if you're for one, you're for them all. If you recommend against all,
39 it's all intertwined it's just boundary exemptions, it's you know it's zoning and it's really intertwined
40 even though it's three different things. Do I have any apprehensions from the Commission about
41 bundling it that way? Okay, seeing none let's...let's make sure we proceed that way where we're
42 talking with all three. We've heard a lot of testimony and we do have Karlynn here. If somebody
43 decides, Karlynn if you'd like to ask a question to if you think that's gonna pertinent to your
44 decision making we can also make that available. Commissioner La Costa.

1 Ms. La Costa: Thank you Chair. So my question is and I'm not sure if you're able to ask this or
2 not there has been no building there for at least 13 years from my calculations from the time it
3 was closed in '58 and then it was burned down in 2005?

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5 Ms. Fukuda: Yes. I'm not sure the exact date but the remains of the building got demolished, but
6 it was sometime after 2005 that...but it was inhabitable because it had burned down in 2005.

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8 Ms. La Costa: So where was the place that people went to vote because I heard it was a polling
9 place? I don't know if that was prior to 2005 when it was burned down or where has the community
10 gathered from 2005 until 2018?

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12 Ms. Fukuda: So in answer to the question I think as far as the polling place and where it was
13 used as kind of a community center use anyway it was the school building before it had burned
14 down. Since then I'm not sure. It seems that maybe some...you know the photos show the
15 grassy area that's there so perhaps the community is just using the grassy area that's there at
16 the site but I'm not certain as far as anything happening after 2005.

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18 Ms. La Costa: Can we ask the community Chair? May I ask the community?

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20 Mr. Robinson: The Nahiku Association? Is that what you're asking for?

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22 Ms. La Costa: Yes. I just want a verification on what they're using now?

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24 Mr. Robinson: Yes, Mapu being the Vice-President can you honor us with the question?

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26 Mr. Kekahuna: But first the question?

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28 Mr. Robinson: We'll repeat it for you. Commissioner La Costa.

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30 Ms. La Costa: Being that there hasn't been a building or anything there since 2005 where has
31 the community gathered for meetings and hula and those kinds of things since then?

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33 Mr. Kekahuna: Currently the association meetings are being held at our residence at 540 Lower
34 Nahiku Road since. We used to have the meetings at the church pavilion you know across the
35 street from the school, but they had been since the passing of the Kahu the association was
36 displaced. We're no longer allowed to use it as a community meeting place which is the little
37 pavilion next to the church. So since that time we've been using...voting now is done in Hana's
38 cafeteria at the Hana School. Currently since the property...since the building had been torn
39 down to the fire is you know, the community put their hands together including the intervenors,
40 well some of them, put their hands together to clean it up 'cause it was just a holy mess. It was
41 devoured with bushes, we made it pretty the way it looks today you seen in the pictures. So there
42 was a lot of community effort to keeping the property looking the way it is now. Now that it's under
43 the County's jurisdiction the County has been you know maintaining the mowing and stuff like
44 that. So as far as where the community is using now currently, nothing, nowhere.

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1 Mr. Robinson: Thank you and I apologize Carolyn that was Mapu Kekahuna, I forgot to remind
2 him. Do we have any other questions? Is I have a question and it's my question is concerning
3 the slide that you showed and the roads that we saw that you had on those slides. I don't know
4 how that meets public access width if you could...if somebody from the County could please verify
5 or that they have plans for it. You know we've dealt with this before with gatherings, we dealt with
6 this before with people with tours and horticulture and all this type of stuff. If we're gonna have a
7 public place there has to be a certain right of width of a road to be access.

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9 Ms. Fukuda: So I'm not certain that there's any information we have regarding what that existing
10 right of way width is for Lower Nahiku Road. That's something that certain we could follow up
11 with Public Works on to confirm that information. So I do know that there is some additional
12 information that Corp. Counsel had obtained relative to the roadway right of way because of the
13 testimony that had been presented earlier and that it appears again, you know that there is County
14 jurisdiction over that road. But I think that's probably better responded to by the Corp. Counsel.

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16 Mr. Robinson: Okay. I have another question. You guys have a question? Please Commissioner
17 Castro.

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19 Mr. Castro: Karlynn, they mentioned earlier the distance from the main road all the way down to
20 the site is roughly about two and a half miles or so. Where are the majority of the resident, where
21 do they live? All down on the lower side or are they all located all coming on all the way down to
22 the site?

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24 Ms. Fukuda: So I'll share my limited experience with going to the Nahiku site and I'm not sure if
25 you know, you're open to hearing from the residents themselves who would probably be better,
26 better resource, but when we did drive down the road there were residences along the way from
27 what I remember on both sides of the road. I did not go beyond the project site that we're looking
28 at but in looking at the tax map key maps there appear to be residences both going towards the
29 church site and in the opposite direction. So basically it seems that there are residences you
30 know all along the way.

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32 Mr. Castro: Thank you.

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34 Mr. Robinson: Is...my question is is for community centers and for community centers on the
35 east side it's when people are making reservations to use that community center is it a online
36 reservation or is it a they have to come down to the county offices here in central?

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38 Ms. Fukuda: I do see from the Parks Department Representative Mr. Halverson he is saying that
39 it can be...it could be available online. You know there's no center there yet so...

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41 Mr. Robinson: Well, I mean is how is Hana dealt with the community center?

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43 Ms. Fukuda: It's available on—

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45 Mr. Robinson: Is it in person registration or is it online or both?

1 Ms. Fukuda: It appears from the Parks Department's response it's available online and I would
2 imagine yeah both that you could go to the center itself.

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4 Mr. Robinson: And it's just a normal assumption that to be able to sign up for the Nahiku
5 Community Center in the future it would...people could do it online from anywhere as long as they
6 have internet?

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8 Ms. Fukuda: That would...I would assume so...

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10 Mr. Robinson: Fair assumption?

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12 Ms. Fukuda: Yeah, it's a park...it will be a parks facility so...

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14 Mr. Robinson: Okay, thank you. Commissioner Kahu Hill.

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16 Kahu Hill: Aloha. I just wondered about the people of Nahiku and if anyone can rent this area
17 what you're looking at to charge this area or for them to be able to come to practice hula or teach
18 or to be able to utilize this center?

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20 Ms. Fukuda: Yeah, so I will defer to the Parks Department. I don't know that they've come up
21 with a price scale yet or anything like that but I don't know if there's been thought or...I'll defer to
22 Robert Halverson from Parks Department.

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24 Mr. Robert Halverson: Robert Halverson with the Parks Department. The fees...the rates and
25 fees are set by Council. Parks makes the recommendation but the actual fees are set by Council
26 and it's determined by the size of the facility and infrastructure there if it's air conditioned or what
27 different facilities are available at that community center.

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29 Mr. Robinson: So Robert is it, is it all rates are considered on a straight standard form or does
30 the Council look at each individual area and assess rates that way? What I'm saying is the Paia
31 Community Center ...(inaudible)... charged per foot, per square foot or they say well Paia we're
32 gonna charge this, Haiku we're gonna charge this, Velma Santos we'll charge that.

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34 Mr. Halverson: I think there's a distinguish between large and small community centers and it's
35 also different rates for different functions. Like community classes have one rate and birthday
36 parties have another rate.

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38 Mr. Robinson: So what is the rate for a community class?

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40 Mr. Halverson: I don't have that information. It's available.

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42 Mr. Robinson: It's available.

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44 Mr. Halverson: Publicly but I don't have it in my mind.

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1 Mr. Robinson: Okay, all right. Thank you. Thank you for that. Guys any other questions? You
2 know it's, and Commissioners, you know going through this...listening to this, I mean does
3 anybody on this Commission think that there shouldn't be a community center? I think, I think
4 that's just trying to narrow it down. I think we're all in agreement that a community is a good thing
5 and needed. You know, and I don't know if a community center is what's needed. I know a center
6 is needed, right? Right, Hana has a ...(inaudible)...has a center from the State that they do that
7 but yet State, you know State has different needs. County it's different permitting process, it's
8 different uses, people can still use it, but when you turn something to a community center like I
9 said your internet it's everybody, it's exposable. And you know, and that's something that I, you
10 know when the State turned it over to the County then therefore uses changes. You know, the
11 State with the school, the school has a ability to rent to churches, rent to halaus, rent to all these
12 different type of people. Community center becomes auxiliary use with certain rates everybody
13 can sign up for with different things. You know so you know I think there's a, there's a need but
14 what is the use and whether you should be I think that's, you know I think that's what a lot of
15 people are struggling from. You know, and sorry, I brought that up guys, it complicates it more
16 'cause we're not here for that, we're here for the three other things. But I just wanted to, to share
17 that with you guys. Do we have any discussion? Do we have a motion? I'm sorry, we won't have
18 a motion yet because we still have discussion and we need the recommendation, I apologize.
19 But you have a question?

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21 Mr. Tackett: Could what you spoke about, could that be part of the recommendation?

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23 Mr. Robinson: Of course.

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25 Mr. Tackett: I like those lines.

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27 Mr. Robinson: Okay, I don't know if it's...we can say anything in the recommendation. We can
28 say they could have banyan trees, but you know I don't know of the legality and you know and
29 that type of stuff that we can move there because it was donated. It is the County of Maui's land
30 now. But just on that, you know, thought process. Kahu Hill.

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32 Kahu Hill: Just part of the discussion. Very moved by everybody's testimony today. Very moved
33 and it's an honor, very humbling to be here and I remember when Uncle Harry Mitchell told Papa
34 Kaalakea we have to share the la`au lapa`au or it's going to die that part of our culture and it's
35 very also touching the kupuna coming out and the last student of this school in 1958 and to want
36 to share the culture and I just as we move forward hope that this is the way we're going for this
37 center or community center and it's right for this area that the people of Nahiku really will be able
38 to access this and be able to practice their culture to learn and to teach and to carry on for
39 generations to come. Mahalo.

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41 Mr. Robinson: Commissioner Carnicelli.

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43 Mr. Carnicelli: This is hard. This is hard. I have to say guys. Excuse me. When I think about
44 the Hana side, I think about the family that is that and to see you guys divided is a little hard. And
45 the other part of it is you know several of you talked about like we need a decision today and this
46 is the part that's hard too is there's not a decision today. We make a recommendation on these

1 three things and then you guys get to go relive this whole thing again up at County Council. And
2 if it goes from there then it comes back to us for a SMA and we get to relive this all over again.
3 And this is what...this is how the ball bounces and this is a community center and we wonder why
4 we can't build houses. I mean this is something that you know is we're splitting hairs to a certain
5 extent on what it is that we want and so, and I'll just share it's just part of what is hard for me today
6 is to see the kupuna come out and bare their hearts 'cause my 86-year-old father's oldest living
7 relative died this morning. So I'd like you guys all share your mana`o. I just hope you guys can
8 come together as a community. I really do. I don't know how it's going to happen. I don't know
9 what it's going to look like. I don't know what it's going to be, but if there's a part of this island
10 that can do it it's you guys. You guys know how to do that more than any of us. So as
11 Commissioner Pali said is, you know whatever we decide today somebody is not going to be
12 happy, but we don't make a decision, we make a recommendation. My heart goes out to you all
13 and hope that there can be a resolution that everyone can live with and as Barrack Obama once
14 said, don't let perfect get in the way of good. And that's all I have to say Chair. Thank you.

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16 Mr. Robinson: Thank you Commissioner. Anybody else have anything else they like to share?
17 Commissioner La Costa.

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19 Ms. La Costa: I am also in agreement with all of the other commissioners and it is, it is so hard
20 to hear both sides and be at each other and kind of for manini things. Yes, there does need to
21 be a place for gathering and for cultural exchange and for learning. And what I'm struggling with
22 is we're all one community. We may be in different places but we're all one. And is this you know,
23 if it is in this place because of the association with the church of the family property will it create
24 a problem or an issue for more cars because it is a community. Will it be an issue because you
25 won't be able to have emergency vehicles because of the small road because if you have more
26 people there then it opens you up to people falling and breaking their leg, et cetera? But having
27 said that only you folks can decide I think. We can, we can say yeah we make a recommendation
28 to the County, but again, it's your ohana, it's your home. It's the hale where your heart is. So you
29 know, it's...this one is not an easy one. Kinda like you spank your kid or do you make him sit in
30 the corner or do you take away his cellphone? You know it's a real tough thing. So understand
31 that we are struggling with both A and B sides of this because we see both sides. So mahalo nui
32 for all of you being here and mahalo Aunty for the mele.

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34 Mr. Robinson: Anybody else? Can we hear the recommendation please Paul?

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36 **b) Action**

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38 Mr. Fasi: In consideration of the foregoing, the Planning Department recommends that the Maui
39 Planning Commission recommend approval of the Community Plan Amendment, State Land Use
40 District Boundary Amendment, Change of Zoning and adopt the Planning Department's report
41 and recommendation statements prepared for the October 26, 2017 meeting. This is was the
42 Hana Advisory Committee public hearing which is the report you have before you, and authorize
43 the Planning Director to transmit the report and recommendations to the Maui County Council.
44 Thank you.

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46 Mr. Robinson: There's a little bit more?

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2 Ms. McLean: No.

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4 Mr. Robinson: No, you're good?

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6 Ms. McLean: Got it.

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8 Mr. Robinson: You got it Paul. Commissioners, discussion? Okay, I'll start to try lead us and
9 take a breath and then I'll bring you in. So we agree on community center or center is good. So
10 recommendation is I assume is we don't want to deny a center but now we're ...(inaudible)...what
11 type of center do we recommend? And I think that's what we're looking at. I think with the three
12 things that we have in front of us and we'll stick to that is that do we approve of the land use and
13 the amendments that's going forward in front of us. We still want to remember that the SMA part
14 is still gonna come back to us. The intervenors still have their chance in that SMA part to still step
15 in and do some things that are coherent, I mean, that may not, you know that may not
16 ...(inaudible)... on certain things. My personal feelings is is this is a...the farther we keep it from
17 Hana Highway the more Nahiku it stays. They move it up towards Hana Highway the more access
18 it is, like anything you build it they will come. You build the center close to the roads, the roads
19 will grow and people will be more accessible, they'll use it more and that's just my feelings. Is is
20 the location that it's at it's 98 feet I don't think, you know, I don't remember a tidal wave on record
21 of hitting that so it's not that, but storms, other things we've heard from people about the rivers on
22 both sides that's where the water flows, it's not that. There's always standing water, but as with
23 the puddle, once the water hits that level then the water ...(inaudible)...over. So I think we want
24 to, want to start moving on what I think we all are is at, we think a center is good. Now, County
25 community, State community that's, that's gonna be down the road and that's gonna be for the
26 Council. But as far as recommendations do we have a feeling of we want it, we want a certain
27 thing or certain way in part of the recommendations and do you guys have any opinions on top of
28 that and I think that's what we gotta, we wanna go now. And if you have, anybody has any feelings
29 you know let's get at. Commissioner Carnicelli.

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31 Mr. Carnicelli: So Chair the thing that sorta jumps out for me is the example of Waianapanapa
32 that was brought up and the impacts on the community. You know this isn't gonna be cabins and
33 things of that nature. This is a community center so it is a little bit different. But you know like the
34 example at the beginning of the day however long ago that was now when it comes back or an
35 SMA part of what an SMA is and does is we can impose conditions to mitigate impacts. You
36 know so knowing that...I mean, I only have two and a half years left on the commission so who
37 knows if it will come back by the time I'm still here or not, but I think that in knowing that this
38 commission can put some mitigating factors into an SMA Permit to try to help the community in
39 that way helps me think okay, at least we can lessen the impacts that are the concern. And again,
40 that's not what we're doing today, we're just making recommendation and hopefully you know
41 we're still here. It's this group that gets to make the recommendation on the SMA so we all know
42 it, you know, everything that was shared today. So that's kinda where I guess I'm coming from is
43 can we move forward on a community center like you said, and yet do everything we can to
44 mitigate the impacts on the local community.

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1 Mr. Robinson: Anyone else? And you know it was mentioned earlier that the EA was exempt
2 you know and a signature was made and I agree that happened, but I also agree that we vote
3 people in office, we put people in positions to make decisions. We may not agree with the
4 decisions, we may not like the decisions, it affects people differently and hopefully our laws and
5 our SMA will protect that signature that happened and hopefully everything can be pono, but
6 there's always somebody that's gonna be able to, you know to do things unless, unless we have
7 an SMA. But the SMA does...EAs, EAs take a long time, EAs are good, but SMAs are stronger.
8 SMAs are stronger than the EAs. EAs are just a report. SMAs we find out what in that report that
9 we can pull out that we can mitigate things for. And I'm being here I'm very confident in that fact
10 and I just wanted to share that with you guys. So Commissioners how do we feel? We want...we
11 feel on the recommendation please, Commissioner Tackett.

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13 Mr. Tackett: I feel like it's a community center. I don't know if it was initially intended to be a
14 community center. It was initially intended to be a school. When it was a school I believe that
15 they were...I don't know what the fee schedule was like to use the school. I don't know if there
16 was any fee schedule to use the school. I'm definitely in favor of the community center. I'm in
17 favor of anything that allows the people of Nahiku to have a nice place to gather at minimal
18 expense and I don't know if the name has to be a community center or it has to be a cultural
19 resource center or what it has to do to create a place that gives these people the facilities without
20 giving them a facility that one, they cannot afford or one that they gotta make a reservation to
21 where it's already been reserved or one that somebody else comes in and reserves when they
22 need it. So those are the things that I'm leery of. I'm definitely in favor of it in whatever form best
23 suits that community.

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25 Mr. Robinson: Anyone else? Do we have a motion? Director.

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27 Ms. McLean: Thank you Chair. Commissioner Carnicelli is correct that with SMA Permits the
28 commission can place conditions and typically those conditions are related to the Special
29 Management Area or impacts to the coastal zone, the coastal environment and that includes the
30 socio economic environment. The land use entitlements in front of you today that are going to
31 the Council those can also have conditions placed on them. It's most typically on a change in
32 zoning. And at this point you may not have language in your minds of what kinds of conditions
33 you're thinking of and if you do those can be discussed and you can decide whether that's part of
34 your recommendation. But you can also specify comments that you would like for us to include
35 in the transmittal that goes up to Council. If for example you recommend approval of these today
36 and you don't have specific conditions in mind, you can say that you know, you would like for the
37 Council to consider these several points. You know, describing the kind of facility that you have
38 in mind or what concerns you have that you would like the Council to be sure to address. So
39 that's part of the decision you can make today is not just saying yes or no, but you could say yes
40 with conditions or you could say with conditions or with comments for the Council's consideration.
41 Thank you Chair.

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43 Mr. Robinson: Commissioner Carnicelli.

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45 Mr. Carnicelli: So then would that in mind however you're going to put this in your report is you
46 know like the fear that I have is that suddenly we end up with weddings happening there, you

1 know, the tour buses are gonna end up being down there and it's like you know okay, we're gonna
2 rent it for the afternoon and it suddenly becomes it's not a community center but it's just a tourist
3 attraction. That's I think you know my concern in just sort of listening to everybody right now is
4 that it becomes a destination place. So you know I don't, you know...

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6 Mr. Robinson: It be on some site of Hidden Treasures.

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8 Mr. Carnicelli: Right.

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10 Mr. Robinson: Here's what you do, you go to the site and get your—

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12 Mr. Carnicelli: Yeah, this is the inside thing like oh, the new thing that nobody knows about that
13 it's down the broken road that you know, like the thing that everybody wants to try to find, that
14 golden little treasure. That's the thing to me that I look at, it's like you know what if the people
15 from Hana, the people from Nahiku want to have their birthday parties there, right on let's go. But
16 I don't want to have all the wedding folks find out about it and it's now, and then they're walking
17 across the broken bridge out to the landing which is even more spectacular and it now...it even
18 affects the below. So that to me is, and I don't know again how that looks in a change in zoning
19 condition but that's something that I think that you know limiting the use of it and I don't know if
20 we can make it limited to just the people that live in a zip code you know or what it is, but...

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22 Mr. Robinson: Yeah, and we have these opportunities like you know, it's we have community
23 parks but teams are able to reserve this park for three months or six months for their teams to
24 practice and they sign up and you know they have this. And I think that's where we're trying to
25 get is is community center the right title? Should it be a district park? Should it be a community
26 complex? You know, what is the different criterias for different things for availability and for usage
27 and how can we use, we use the criteria of what each thing is called you know for the benefit of
28 Nahiku, you know, and I think Nahiku can be part of that reason. I said because community center
29 compared to you know community park, you know parks can be open at certain time or they're
30 not renting that out but you can reserve it for a whole season and we talk about cultural hula
31 dancing, we talk about classes, we talk about all these things that people want to be able to use
32 it for instead of having to sign up every single weekend on that weekend or that weekday again,
33 and again, and again every single day.

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35 Mr. Carnicelli: And to that point the last thing I want to do though is say okay, there's a local
36 company that then rents it every Saturday that said oh it's a local that renting it but yet they're
37 subleasing...so the other part then and I'll stop here Chair is again, maybe that's the thing that
38 can bring you guys together is to agree on what it can be used for and not and when you guys go
39 to County Council and you know whatever our recommendation is it still goes to County Council
40 and you guys can come with that. Like here are the restrictions that we would like to have as a
41 community on that or not and maybe that's where it is that you guys can come together is in that
42 regard. So thank you Chair.

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44 Mr. Robinson: Commissioner Pali.

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1 Ms. Pali: So just along that same lines from my understanding of what we're doing today is we
2 might be in agreeance to moving forward with maybe let's say this parcel even the same building
3 aspects that this young lady did as a presentation but right now maybe we don't have to identify
4 a name or a use yet. That's something that can be established as this moves forward?
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6 Mr. Robinson: Is each Commissioner is we can have 20 recommendations, we can change and
7 differ in recommendations because it's just a recommendation. One commissioner could say we
8 recommend that, you know, it be blue, recommend that it's open so many hours and that's the
9 beauty about recommendations. It's not a vote. It's they want to our input and they might take it,
10 they might listen to it, they might not.
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12 Ms. Pali: But I guess what I'm saying is I wonder if...could we separate the use with the building?
13 Like do we like this building, do we like the plans that have been presented, do we like the way
14 that looks, will that serve the Nahiku community as you hoped it to? 'Cause I think what we're
15 doing is we have this project in front of us that we're...
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17 Mr. Robinson: Yeah, so at this point we're dealing with the zoning at this juncture and on SMA
18 we can maybe look at certain things but when an EA happens we look at different structures. The
19 Urban Design Board is you know is in charge to make sure that that's there. I think there wasn't
20 any complaints about the building itself.
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22 Ms. Pali: Got it.
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24 Mr. Robinson: And you know, there's just so many things but I think what we're talking about right
25 now is just the zoning. But again, we can make all types of recommendations. You know, we
26 could recommend that it's a youth center, it's not a community center. You know, like we heard
27 from the kupunas it's supposed to be for the youth, supposed to be for school, supposed to be for
28 different things but youth centers can still be used for different things in the community. You know
29 I think that's a recommendation that we could put forward to the Council say we'd like this to be
30 something other than a community center. Can you find...can you pick a different definitions that
31 the community could maybe look at and decide what they want to call that? Well, I mean, but the
32 Council has the criteria, the different classifications and maybe go back to the, you know, hopefully
33 by that time they'll maybe agree on one, and then again, you know, agree you know it's a slippery
34 slope. Commissioner La Costa.
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36 Ms. La Costa: Thank you. And along the lines of restricted activities. If there's a recommendation
37 if it's possibly for us to say no commercial or if the community has an issue with commercial so
38 you wouldn't have the buses and the vans and you know the non-community activities in that.
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40 Mr. Robinson: Well, it's...but you gotta be careful 'cause what if somebody from Nahiku has the
41 community center, they want to have a wedding and they want hire a caterer instead of cook?
42 And I hear you, is I think that's something that they're gonna have to work out. You know, as I
43 said because we all want a place to throw a party that's not our house and we all want to go
44 someplace, the community centers, you know the Hawaiian Homelands you know guys they all
45 have a community center, they all use it for their parties, it's great, ...(inaudible)...and this is what
46 I sort of see what's happening in Nahiku, they want to...you know they want their area to go and

1 have these, you know these gatherings. And it could be, you know it doesn't have to be a blow
2 out or alcohol ...(inaudible)...just a gathering area. And I think we want to let them, we want to
3 let them you know sort of get that criteria. Yes, go ahead Corp. Counsel.
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5 Mr. Galazin: Thank you Chair. Just to kind of bring everybody back to what we're looking at right
6 now if I can. You know we have a parcel that's been turned over to the County. It's community
7 planned Ag, State Land Use District Ag and Zoning Ag. So we have a County owned parcel that's
8 Ag across the board. What is being proposed is to change all those to Public/Quasi-Public
9 because it's owned by a public entity. What happens there, what ultimately ends up getting built
10 there if anything down the road if Council goes ahead with these changes who knows what it
11 might look like, who knows what might be allowed there and who knows what kind of restrictions
12 might be appropriate to it, the level at which you're looking at it is really a 10,000 foot level when
13 you guys are down around a hundred feet right now. So my advice would be probably stick to
14 you know, what the recommendation is as far as okay, we think it's appropriate to recommend
15 these land use entitlement changes knowing that there's still a lot more processes to go through.
16 We don't have any idea yet what an ultimate project might look like. The EA exemption is
17 predicated on the fact that it's a similar footprint. That might change. You know a project change
18 and that might entitle something you know completely different but right now the Council needs
19 to know from you folks what you think about this proposal of change in zoning and a change in
20 community plan and the State Land Use Boundary Amendment.
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22 Mr. Carnicelli: Thank you for that clarity.
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24 Mr. Robinson: I disagree with Corp. Counsel, but...it's I think we already, I think we already
25 agreed on the part of what the zoning is going to be and what the Council wants. I think we're on
26 the recommendation. I think we're on the part where this land was donated for a purpose from a
27 private owner to the State and then the State gave it up and gave it to the County 'cause they
28 didn't want to deal with it. And I think us with our recommendation is trying to honor that original
29 donation. And I think a community center wasn't...you know, even though it's considered I think
30 that...you know, that's ...it's a criteria that I don't think any of us are comfortable with because it
31 was supposed to be for a school. So if you guys would like to put something on record for a
32 recommendation and we can go and we can wrap this up. Commissioner Kahu Hill.
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34 Kahu Hill: I did want to acknowledge what Lehua said that it was coming forward that this is
35 what's gonna happen that it would be named after her grandfather I believe who donated the land,
36 great grandfather. So I think that's really important we honor the past and remember that as we
37 move forward that we reach back.
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39 Mr. Robinson: So we have to start saying recommendations and put it down on paper. Lawrence
40 would you like to start with one and I'll go around the horn.
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42 Mr. Carnicelli: I'll just go with support the Department's recommendation.
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44 Mr. Robinson: That's your recommendation?
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46 Mr. Carnicelli: That is mine. I'm in support the Department's recommendation.

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2 Mr. Robinson: Okay. Kahu Hill. You have any recommendations?

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4 Kahu Hill: I would just like to recommend knowing that there's a declaration of exemption and it
5 says in here for the replacement and reconstruction of existing structures, facilities with new
6 structures located generally in the same site that has substantially the same purpose. That we
7 look at that that it is moving from a school and to a community center or a center in Nahiku and
8 that we keep mindful of this community that it can be near the same capacity and density because
9 that's what's written that I understood.

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11 Mr. Robinson: Okay, thank you. Commissioner Pali.

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13 Ms. Pali: I do recommend to take the advice of the suggested I guess recommendation from the
14 Planning Department and move forward with I believe changing zoning or recommending to
15 change zoning so that we could build a community meeting place. I'll just call it a community
16 meeting place for now.

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18 Mr. Robinson: Commissioner La Costa.

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20 Ms. La Costa: I concur with the recommendation of Staff. My...however with the caveat that the
21 uses be noncommercial which excludes caterers that come for birthday parties. I'm talking about
22 dive companies that might come there, et cetera. So no commercial uses out of there on an
23 ongoing basis.

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25 Mr. Robinson: Commissioner Castro.

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27 Mr. Castro: I agree with the Planning Commission's recommendation and support it. They do
28 need something.

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30 Mr. Robinson: Okay, thank you. Commissioner Tackett.

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32 Mr. Tackett: And I recommend that whatever it ends up that the fees for the community be as
33 minimal as can possibly be for them so that people use it for what's it's intended for not because
34 whether or not they can afford it or not. So it was donated land so...

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36 Mr. Robinson: And I'd like to recommend that the Council look at a other use besides a community
37 center that would more reflect supporting the youth of this donated land. Okay. She got it and
38 then I call for the vote.

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40 Ms. McLean: I don't know if there's a motion.

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42 Mr. Robinson: Oh I'm sorry, Commissioner Carnicelli.

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44 Mr. Carnicelli: I make a motion to approve or to recommend approval be transmitted to the County
45 Council.

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1 Mr. Robinson: Do I have a second?

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3 Mr. Castro: Second.

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5 Mr. Robinson: Second by Commissioner Castro. Discussion? Seeing none, Director.

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7 Ms. McLean: The motion before you is to approve or excuse me, to recommend approval to the
8 County Council of the Change in Zoning, Community Plan Amendment and District Boundary
9 Amendment with five comments that were just noted those being one, that the purpose is similar
10 to the school as per the EA exemption meaning the same density and impact and size and that it
11 serve as a community meeting place. That there be no commercial uses. That the fees for the
12 Nahiku and Hana communities be minimal and that the Council consider different terminology
13 than community center to ensure that the focus is on youth and culture and gathering.

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15 Mr. Robinson: All those in favor please raise your right hand? Six ayes. All right motion passes.
16 Thank you.

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18 **It was moved by Mr. Carnicelli, seconded by Mr. Castro, then**

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20 **VOTED: To Recommend Approval of the Community Plan Amendment,**
21 **District Boundary Amendment, and Change of Zoning to the County**
22 **Council as Recommended by the Department and with the**
23 **Commission’s Comments Noted.**

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25 **(Assenting – C. Tackett, L. Carnicelli, A. Hill, K. Pali, S. Castro,**

26 **P.D. La Costa)**

27 **(Excused – T. Gomes, L. Hudson)**

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29 Ms. McLean: ...(inaudible)...defer action on the SMA.

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31 Mr. Robinson: We’re still in session guys. You know what guys just for housekeeping is we didn’t
32 officially vote on the deferment of the SMA and we’d like to do that point.

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34 **b. KAALA BUENCONSEJO, Director, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND**
35 **RECREATION requesting a Special Management Area Use Permit for**
36 **the Nahiku Community Center Project and related improvements**
37 **located at 0 Nahiku Road, TMK: (2) 1-2-002: 023, Nahiku, Hana, Island**
38 **of Maui. (SM1 2017/0002) (P. Fasi) (Public hearing conducted on**
39 **October 26, 2017)**

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41 **The proposed action includes the replacement of the former grammar**
42 **school building site with a community center building of**
43 **approximately 2,472 square feet in size and related improvements,**
44 **including a paved parking lot and driveway and installation of an**
45 **individual wastewater system. The proposed community center**
46 **includes a social hall, kitchen, storage areas, restrooms, and a**
covered entry lanai.

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2 Mr. Robinson: Could I have a motion please?
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4 Ms. Pali: I'll make the motion. I'll make the motion to defer the SMA agenda item.
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6 Mr. Robinson: We have a motion to defer.
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8 Mr. Carnicelli: Second.
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10 Mr. Robinson: And we have a second. All those in favor raise your right hand. Six ayes. All
11 right, defer has passed.
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13 **It was moved by Ms. Pali, seconded by Mr. Carnicelli, then**

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15 **VOTED: To Defer Action on Special Management Area Use Permit.**
16 **(Assenting – K. Pali, L. Carnicelli, S. Castro, A. Hill, C. Tackett,**
17 **P D. La Costa)**
18 **(Excused – T. Gomes, L. Hudson)**
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21 Submitted by,

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24 Carolyn Takayama-Corden
25 Secretary to Boards & Commissions II