

# HEALTHY FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

## MINUTES

January 31, 2019

Council Chamber, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor

**CONVENE:** 1:34 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Riki Hokama, Chair  
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Vice-Chair  
Councilmember Tasha Kama  
Councilmember Kelly T. King  
Councilmember Michael J. Molina  
Councilmember Tamara Paltin  
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez

**STAFF:** Shelly Espeleta, Legislative Analyst  
Rayna Yap, Committee Secretary  
Zhantell Lindo, Council Aide, Molokai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)  
Denise Fernandez, Council Aide, Lanai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)  
Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros, Council Aide, Hana Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

**ADMIN.:** Karla Peters, Acting Director, Department of Parks and Recreation  
John Buck, Deputy Director, Department of Parks and Recreation  
William Spence, Acting Director, Department of Housing and Human Concerns  
Lori Ann Tsuhako, Deputy Director, Department of Housing and Human Concerns  
Mimi Desjardins, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel  
*(Seated in the gallery):*  
Kaeo Ah Sau, Chief of Recreation, Department of Parks and Recreation  
David Yamashita, Planner VI, Department of Parks and Recreation  
Robert Halvorson, Chief of Planning and Development, Department of Parks and Recreation  
Chris Kinzle, Acting Park Maintenance Superintendent, Department of Parks and Recreation  
Lisa Almeida, Park Permits Officer, Department of Parks and Recreation

**OTHERS:** War Captain (HFC-13(1), 13(2))  
(2) additional attendees

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CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .(gavel). . . The Council's Committee on Healthy Families and Communities shall come to order. This is our regular meeting of January 31, 2019. Present, we have our Vice-Chairman, Ms. Sugimura.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good afternoon, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Good afternoon. And this afternoon we also have our Committee Members, Mr. Molina --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Good afternoon, Chairman.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --yeah--Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --Ms. King --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Good afternoon.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --Ms. Paltin --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Good afternoon.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --and Ms. Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Aloha `auinala, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Aloha. Okay. We have all Members present. Today, before we start with our agenda, the Chair will just lay out some simple ground rules that we always...I always do at the beginning of the terms. During session, only Committee Staff is allowed to be on the floor unless authorized by the Chair. In session, if your staff needs to contact you, they are to contact you from behind you, not on the floor, unless we are in recess, okay. Couple things, the Chair, again, as it regards to public testimony, the Chair, by my rules for this Committee, we only do three-minutes testimony and that is it. You may not ask the Chair for an additional minute. You can turn in written testimony, provide additional written comments; but as far as for our testimony, the Chair allows only three minutes per item. Let's see, any other things I would like you to know? Just...but if you have any other questions regarding procedures or whatnot, please ask the Chair. I'm very open to any of your queries, Members. This afternoon, before we start testimony, we have two general items. One, by our rules, is regarding the overview of Parks and Recreation committee [sic] as well the component of human concerns that is not housing, which is under the purview of Ms. Kama and her Committee, okay. And today, for those that wish to testify, the Committee's only going to review from an overall perspective. We'll be not diving into specific details; that will

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be addressed on future agendas where the Chair intends to agendaize specific components, so you can dive specifically into the details of that particular Committee item. So today, again, we are going to review from a large perspective Parks and Rec and Human Concerns. The Chair has scheduled that...my intention is to adjourn at 3:00 p.m., okay. At this time, we have public testimony to begin, but I will allow our District Offices, in case our people are waiting there, to present some testimony. So, in the Hana Office, we shall ask Mavis Medeiros, is there anyone wishing to provide testimony this afternoon?

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Aloha, Chair. This Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros from the Hana Office. There is no one here waiting to testify.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you very much. On Molokai, Ms. Zhantell Lindo, anyone wishing to provide testimony?

MS. LINDO: Aloha, Chair. This is Zhantell Lindo. No one at the Molokai District Office to testify.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mahalo. And on Lanai, Denise Fernandez, anyone wishing to provide testimony?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Good afternoon, Chair. This is Denise Fernandez at the Lanai Office, and there is no one waiting to testify.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you very much. We have one request in the Chambers this afternoon. I'm going to read it as he wrote it, War Captain Hawaii Kingdom Ohana.

**. . .BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .**

MR. WAR CAPTAIN *(from the gallery)*: . . .*(Inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Please come forward. You have three minutes to share your comments with us on this specific item.

MR. WAR CAPTAIN *(from the gallery)*: . . .*(Inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah. Hold on, yeah. You gotta come speak on the mic so we can hear you clearly, please.

MR. WAR CAPTAIN *(from the gallery)*: . . .*(Inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, I'm on the microphone, yeah, but we would like to make sure that everyone can hear your comments with us; so please, if you would, speak at the microphone.

MR. WAR CAPTAIN: Thank you.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

MR. WAR CAPTAIN: I was hearing earlier, though, earlier, that because the Hana and the Molokai, Lanai don't have anyone, that's why the seat I'll be taking over. Being that with the Hawaii Kingdom ohana, where 4-plus million acres is large, bigger than Texas, we represent the whole entire area. And because no one is there speaking, that's my duty as representative for the kingdom to go and talk to you, you, you, you, around this whole island of ours and tourist that comes here all the time that we get to see eye to eye. And make sure that eye to eye, ke akua, ke akua lives in me, we, same. Therefore go do on his word versus its own. That can cause a lot of things could happen. So as what we went over all this time and...for this one, today, the Parks and Housing. Parks and housing is something that we're...I'm very familiar with. \_\_\_\_\_, president for, so forth. Housing, well known, family construction, they know. Everything that is built, everything deals with the land, the land that where the State, snake state, of Hawaii do not own. So, because of that, also making as far as counting, which is cunning, being that the serpent state we do things here cunning because of what already established. It established that within the, within the years, I kind of put it down the best way I could, but the Lord is there to help me out along the way, so thank you, Lord. And you guys too, as you \_\_\_\_\_. Listen, we can work together, better and better each time. Today now, Thursday, time, 1:43. For the record, for the record, love, my Jesus, of heaven and earth, kingdom, hale Kaupo, kingdom realm. Final, judge of all judges. As the ohana Smith to Smith. That is Smith to Smith that the road is on, the government road is on. So, now we got this parks, right here, this park --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Start his second three minutes since he signed up for two items, please.

MR. WAR CAPTAIN: --and because of that, as you guys know, it's gonna go more than this as time goes on because everybody giving you the dates and times. And from this time, we've been using everything they come up to par, and we hold and assist today. His word in righteousness giveth, gives, given. Me, War Captain, under chief commander. And \_\_\_ and my teacher, doctor, teacher is the chief commander. Teacher, doctor, teacher, tutor, et cetera, which we all can do a lot of things, but that one, our father can do all and that's for sure. Order me into 23<sup>rd</sup>, May 2016. As I . . . *(inaudible)*. . . it says, bring in my sheep's and was witnessed by others and on that day went to go and see all the sheep's that I'm looking at. So, that time it's thousands of them I've seen. Since then, we didn't, we did for four, four, four to two years, we did it for two years. And my ancestor/descendants included. Twenty-fourth, May 2018, two years it became finalized as our Hawaiian Kingdom ohana sovereign national government is a war crime finalized. By all the brothers that I've seen from marine commanders, you name it from priests and all, right down the line, nobody ever rebutted it. Nobody ever did, until today. I would ask the same all over, nobody rebutted it. It confirms words. It confirms a dictionary. It confirms that what we use is a serpent, snake tongue, which the sin that goes right and back left all over again, like a revolving door. Finalize, independent, sovereign nation, kingdom of God, independently Hawaiian government. Law under kingdom of Jesus. Period. Any one individual who breaks one, two, and three, your soul will be righteously, unrighteous word. Put yourself as a guest to Lucifer.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you for your testimony, sir.

MR. WAR CAPTAIN: I'll end it right here.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Finish up, please.

MR. WAR CAPTAIN: Love increases. His love always increases and that's a . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mahalo for your words --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair, I have a comment.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --this afternoon.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Just a quick comment.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha, War Captain Kaua. Mahalo for your testimony today. I just wanted, I saw you working hard on your testimony outside, writing it down, so mahalo for working hard to keep it concise. I appreciate that. Have a wonderful day.

MR. WAR CAPTAIN: Thanks. Aloha.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Thank you for being here this afternoon. Do we have any other request for testimony? Anyone wishing to provide testimony, with none, no objections, we shall close testimony for this meeting this afternoon.

MR. WAR CAPTAIN: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: Aloha. Okay. So ordered.

**. . . END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .**

CHAIR HOKAMA: One last comment regarding decorum. For those that come before this Committee, Members are here in their official capacity, so I would ask if you could please either refer to them in their capacity or by their formal name. The Chair conducts a formal committee meeting, okay. I don't want first names or nicknames. Either the director's name or the director, but they're here under a position, so we recognize the position and title they represent on the Administration.

**ITEM HFC-13(1): OVERVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

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CHAIR HOKAMA: With that, I'm going to, at this time, bring up Parks and Recreation under our first item, 13(1). We have our current Director, Karla Peters. Today, she has brought Mr. Buck, the Deputy. In our gallery we have Kaeo Ah Sau. Kaeo, raise your hand please. He's the Chief of Recreation. Also from the Department is David Yamashita, one of their senior planners. Robert Halvorson, Chief of Planning and Development. Chris Kinzle, is that correct? Okay, Acting Parks Superintendent, and then Lisa Almeida, our Parks Permit Program Officer. So, Ms. Peters, you have ten minutes to give us your overview.

MS. PETERS (*PowerPoint Presentation*): Thank you, Chair. Good afternoon, Chair and Committee Members. I'm Karla Peters, the acting Parks Director, and right next to my right here is our Deputy Director, John Buck, and in the gallery is our great management team from the Department of Parks and Recreation. So, with that, we'll start our presentation. The Parks and Recreation budget we have in Fiscal '19, a total operating budget of \$36 million, capital improvement of \$16 million, and a total park employees, we have 417 and 300 seasonal staff. We have three or, excuse me, four programs within our Department, our administration, our Parks Program, Recreation and Support Services, and the Waiehu Golf Course. We'll start with our administrative staff. In our administrative staff we have an administrative officer, personnel assistant, and other departmental staff. What they do is they assist us with all of our HR functions within the Department. Our next program is our Recreation and Support Services Program, led by Kaeo Ah Sau our Chief of Recreation. Right there is the org chart showing the different functional and sections of these Recreation and Support Services Division. Right here we have geographical regions in which the district offices are set up, so we have our East Maui from Keokea to Haiku and Hana, and then we have our West Maui District from Papalaua to D.T. Fleming, as well as the island of Lanai. South District, Maalaea to Makena; Central Maui, Central District, Kanaha to Waikapu; and then Molokai. So the day-to-day operations are managed out of the Recreation and Support Services, and these are things that they take care of, and with that, we have their out and about at our 2,547 total developed acres within the Department that we are responsible for. We have 130 active playing fields Countywide, 22 community centers, nine gymnasiums, with one under construction in South Maui, 16 playgrounds, and our three campsites, and 24 beach parks. We have 13 outdoor courts, 53 tennis courts, and five skate parks. Our Recreation and Support Services are also in charge of monitoring and running our adult and youth programs. Right there we have some picture of the programs, as well as the types of programs that we do offer for adult and youth. We also work in conjunction with the Department of Housing and Human Concerns Kaunoa Senior Services section with the senior softball program. Another section within the Recreation program is the inclusive and adaptive programs we have, inclusive specialist who does coordinate these programs for us. And then our ever so popular PALS program, which started out in the 1970s as the first one in Hawaii, and it's developed in to be a really well-utilized program where we offer safe and a fun environment with specialized staff to take care of our keiki. So, in the 2018 summer and winter sessions, we had a little over 2,000 participants. We employed about 300 seasonal staff, and they do provide cultural and sports programs. We take the keiki offsite, as well as, we are able to provide the Federal food service program to all 21 sites. A next component within the Recreation program is our community class program, so

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we offer community classes. We monitor the class, as well as getting instructors for programs that we are not able to do with our in-house staff. Final section with the Recreation and Support Services is our aquatic section. We have our pools, in which we have eight within Maui County. We employ 40 pool guards, including seasonal staff. That number there for people that use our pools annually is a sign-in, so it's not the number of people, but it's actual times that people use our pools. And we also assist in the program in which we want to ensure that all of our keiki learn to swim, and so we work with the P.E., with DOE in order to accomplish those goals. And these are part of the programs, like I mentioned the Learn to Swim, we have therapeutic classes, our Junior Lifeguard program is also very well-known and liked, and then we also offer, you know, special events within our pools. The Junior Pan Pacs and then all of the invitational swim meets. The next part of our Parks Program is included the planning, so that's run by our planner, David Yamashita, and there's three parts to this planning. It's the system plans, our master plans, and the Countywide initiatives. So in the system plans, it consists of five components. The parks, programs, facilities, trails, and our cultural and natural resources. And within these programs, we use the system planning to do the master planning and parks classifications, GIS, our needs analysis, and the master plans that I'll be talking about. In order to get a good idea and good background information for these master plans, we have to have a comprehensive parks inventory, which we have a very good one, and it's, it'll show all of our park parcels, as well as types of ownership, and from there we can gain the knowledge to produce these plans. So, the types of classifications that we have for our parks are listed there. It was done so we could have some type of system in where we could say and provide what each park does for us and just classifications. So, here's a park, typical park. We have our pocket parks, neighborhood parks, community parks, our community recreation parks, community sports parks, regional parks, and then urban parks. And from there, we can utilize information to do most of our master planning and system planning. Also integrated in which we're starting up and trying to get better program with, and we're working with our County GIS system. This is the one that we utilize for the West Maui Park District. We did a assessment survey and a, needs and assessment survey, and it was mailed out. We had about over 12,000 mailed out. It was a scientific survey in which we got some results to help us with our master planning and classification district plans. And this is the results of the survey. So, the top three, we asked how did people like to recreate, was walking, swimming in the ocean, and picnicking. Next up is the master plan. So our Wells Park Master Plan is completed. First phase of improvements is implementation. The Kanaha Park Master Plan is completed, and then currently working right now ongoing is the South Maui Community Park update, the Waiehu Golf Course Clubhouse, and then the new Kahului Community Center, as well as the Baldwin Beach Park Master Plan. Our future master planning's that are going out for a request for proposal for consulting is the Hookipa Park Master Plan and Launiupoko. We do new ways of public engagement. We like to include the community in all of our master planning, as well as whatever we do within the Department. And so we do pop-ups, First Fridays, just open house, more of a open concept in which members of the public can come in. We have poster boards out; you grab a Post-it and you can list your comments, concerns under each of the appropriate headings. And we also have advisory groups and focus group meetings. So, there's a new way of thinking how we look at parks, and we want to ensure that everyone knows that we need to have parks in order

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to provide a healthy community, and so that is one of the other things that we are implementing in our master planning as well as any type of new parks or renovations that we're doing. Countywide initiatives that we're, David is working on is the Kahului 2070, in which was presented at the Multimodal Committee meeting, as well as he is also working with the Planning Department on the West Maui plan. Okay, the next division within or Parks Program is our Planning and Development Division. In this division, we have a team of the Chief Secretary, four CIP Coordinators and one Civil Engineer, in which they have the rule and focus of implementation of our Capital Improvement Projects. Part of their roles is to oversee our QBS consultants selections, manage the projects with low-bid contractors, and as well as doing fields, fencing, landscaping, lighting. This was just a photo of the foot-candle testing done at new lights at the Central Maui Regional Sports Complex. And we also see, oversee the rehabilitation of our aquatic facilities. Expansion of our and improvements to the community centers, playgrounds, skate parks, the new Upcountry Skate Park. Part of our capital improvement, we also have what we call is a park systems, and that came about in about 2015, when we realized that, you know, our facilities are about, the average age is 40 to 50 years old. We need to start doing these deferred maintenance projects in order to maintain them, keep them healthy, I mean keep them safe for all of our people, and so the projects range from roofing, paving. It's, again, it's deferred maintenance in order to keep our areas safe and in working condition. Another role of the Planning and Development Division is administering the Maui County Code 18.16.320. So, that is the park dedication requirement, in which any development, or subdivision and developments in excess of three, they're, you're required to pay, either pay a park dedication fee, provide lands in lieu, or do a combination of both. As touched earlier with the community needs assessment in the Planning Program, so this was an important component that was done both in Planning and Development and with our planner. Again, in order to see how we were doing, it was a satisfaction rating for the Department, as well as what is future interest. And alongside with our planner, the Planning and Development Division, they work hand in hand to ensure that what we're master planning we can properly fund, and we can, the CIP coordinators and civil engineer will then take the project, put it out to bid, and manage construction to see it come to life. Okay, next part of our Parks Program is Parks Maintenance. So, we master plan, we construct, now we need to ensure we can maintain. In the Park Maintenance Division there is a superintendent, administrative staff. Sections within the division is our construction maintenance, parks beautification, and the Waiehu Golf Course. Our beautification team, this is our, we have, we retain the turf at the War Memorial Football Stadium. They do an awesome job in maintaining this, as well as all of our other sports turf. We do turf repair, renovation, and irrigation for all of Maui County. So, our staff goes to Hana, as well as Molokai and Lanai. Right here we have what, part of what we do. We do fraize mowing and sod cutting. We level out baselines. Another important part with the beautification team is they go out to the districts. We encourage the district staff to come out and we train them in order to do the same things within their district, utilizing the specialty tools. This is just a picture of our Waikapu Ball Field running path project. So, in the last two, I believe it was 2017 fiscal year, we got funding to create these base paths for the Waikapu park, which was all grass. So, our team went out and they, end product lower right hand side there, is we got a safe-based path for our keiki to play their baseball. Our construction maintenance section is made up

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of our skilled trades. We have electricians, plumbers, painters, operators, and mechanics. We do projects that are larger than our district building maintenance repairs can do, and not as large and complex as the Planning and Development does. So, some of the projects that we do shown here is the Dorvin Leis Field at Kalama Park. We did its painting and we reconstructed the dugouts so that they were more of a chain-link-type enclosure, where it was easy to be monitored and we could provide, again, a safe environment for our keiki. Currently right now, we're working on the restroom renovation on the restroom off of the 14, number 14 tee at the golf course. So, it's, you can see it far back there in the photo. Before picture, we got the trusses going, already on and the roofing, and then we're almost completed; exterior work has all been done. We're right now inside doing out tile work, as well as our plumbing fixtures. So, we try to do these projects in-house. We identify, you know, that we have the skilled labor to do it, and provided adequate funding and time is allowed, these are the types of projects that the construction maintenance section does. And then we have the Waiehu Golf Course, which is part of the Maintenance Division. The Waiehu Golf Course is, of course, our only municipal golf course. Recently we just did the back nine renovation. Right here, just wanted to show you a brief overview of a comparison of the Fiscal Year '17 and '18, rounds and revenue. So, although we did see a decrease in rounds in '18, we did show an increase in revenue, which is what is preferred. We have less traffic and maintenance on the course, but yet we were able to retain revenue, and that is revenue also during the time of renovation. So, we were able to construct temporary greens on the back nine, and although not the ideal condition for play, we offered 18 holes of play, or you could play the front nine twice. So, here's a picture of the number 12 green before the renovation and then what it looks like now. As part of our Maintenance Program and its utilized Countywide, we have a computerized maintenance management system called Maintenance Connection, and I just wanted to show you what our staff sees when they do open up that program. So, right now we are able to track and identify costs associated with all repairs. We have work orders that are generated where we know where our failures are, and we are able to identify through preventative maintenance work orders failures before they occur. Also, we can forecast budget needs, and so we can come in with proper...when we come for our budget, we have already identified projects in which the maintenance management software shows us we will need major renovation. So, our Permits and Enforcements Section is part of our Administrative Program. So, what Permits and Enforcement does is we assist in administering and implementing Chapter 13.04A of the County Code, as it applies in these three areas. We have permits offices throughout the County, Countywide. We have our central office, and as well as one in each of the other Districts. We have our outer support offices and then those are their hours that they operate. So, we get about up to a thousand permit requests annually. I mean, excuse me, 10,000 permits annually. Permits are issued on a first come, first served basis, and with the exception of our tri-annual permitting, which is how we do, we provide a fair and equitable system in providing everyone with a permit in order to, if you're using it whether it be for a partnership, a youth or community league, and then general use. We have an ACTIVE net, which is our permitting software and we are able to then schedule and block off where we need maintenance, or CIP projects, and we are able to then maintain them and allow the public to know in advance of what we're doing. We have three permitted campground locations shown here. We also have other permit locations, community

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centers, our amphitheaters. It ranges from our ball fields, gyms, stadiums, the pools, and the firing range, and Maui Raceway Park, which fall under Permits and Enforcement, but are not permitted to the general public by our permit office. We have permit-free locations that we want to encourage everyone to go to. Right here we show our, one of our playgrounds, our outdoor courts, some of our pavilions, our beach parks and neighborhood parks are open, first come, first served, open to the public. If, you know, if the community has any special needs, then we are able to accommodate them with these areas. Permit types that we have are camping, our commercial ocean recreation activity, our community classes, like how I mentioned earlier in our rec program, our general use, you know, our private parties in our community centers, and then special events in which we have our tournaments, our concerts. We have right here our adult daycare walks, the East Maui Taro Festival. We host a Kurt Suzuki Clinic at our Iron Maehara Stadium, the Haiku Festival. And then our larger ones, which is the Maui Fair and carnivals. Again, more walks and fun runs, and one of the more familiar ones with everyone is our Aloha Classic, the Maui Invitational at the Lahaina Civic Center, and again, the Maui Fair, which is held at the War Memorial Complex. So, that was the permit part. Now, we're into enforcement. So, our enforcement was created in 2005 to monitor the CORA permittees, as well as any other various commercial activities. So, now what the program has developed into enforcement of our Maui County Code 13.04A, as well our Department's administrative rules. So, we have ten park security officer positions. They are authorized to enforce the HRS Title 10 and these are some of our common citations that we are able to provide with enforcement. We also work multi departments; we work with the Department of Public Works, Housing and Human Concerns, and MPD in the compassionate response, in which we, is identified for the, for our people who need help, and then we also have to then have, help them get their items removed from the site. And so the next slide shows what happens after, then we can provide a safe environment where we can permit out in our campsite. Thank you. That's just a brief overview. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Very good, Ms. Peters. Thank you very much. You did a good job in giving us a overview of the components of your Department. Okay, Members, it's open for you to present any questions you may have regarding the overview. As I said earlier, we will dive into specific components for the more detailed things, such as the Maui Invitational contract or agreement that we are gonna take up very soon. So any questions about that we will have a specific meeting regarding that type of items within the Committee. So, I hope you guys learn, I gave them ten minutes, they took 20. Can prepare for your committee requirements. Ms. Sugimura, you have any questions you would like to pose at this time?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, thank you, Chair. Ms. Peters, you're amazing. Just, this Department is so huge. I always say Parks is the frontline; you touch so many residents, and I think the work that you do is critical to, really, the face of Maui County, so I'm glad that you're in the seat that you are with Mr. Buck, and thank you for introducing your team back here, as you call them your team. Your great team I think is what you said. I just, you know, I noticed that we have a new golf course superintendent. Chris? No?

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MS. PETERS: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, that's the Parks Superintendent.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, Parks Superintendent.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Golf course is, he's not here this afternoon.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Todd? Oh so Todd is still around. Okay, okay good. I was just wondering. So, welcome, Chris. I'm sorry. Regarding, will you be taking up the golf course? Another, another item? Okay, I'll take that off my list. And pickleball.

CHAIR HOKAMA: It's a good-sized project, so we will take up the golf course independently, Ms. Sugimura.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Pickleball. I noticed that on your list of different sports you don't have pickleball located, and I know during the last two Budget Sessions, pickleball users have come to see us. So, do you have anything to say about pickleball?

MS. PETERS: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Member Sugimura, Yes. Unfortunately, we did leave that out of the slide, but we do hold pickleball sessions, or we open up our courts and we run pickleball leagues, and I believe we have them at the War Memorial Complex, in the, at the Lahaina Civic Center, up at Eddie Tam, and we are looking. So, what we are looking at is because pickleball is such a trend right now, we're looking at when we're renovating our tennis courts, of course we are reaching out to the community and ensuring that we can then, you know, add the pickleball lines to the courts, and then offer either tennis or pickleball on alternating dates, but we will work with the community. We know that, you know, the tennis courts are widely used. Pickleball is very trendy and we want to be able to provide that for our communities.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. As you know, the Upcountry tennis players are pretty vocal, so I hear from them every time, and then we start talking about budget. I'm not too sure how you, you know, get those two forces to sort of play together, but I'll help you if I can in any way, as, you know, representing Upcountry. So, I appreciate that.

MS. PETERS: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: The, will you be taking up Cora, also? Is that this or is that budget?

CHAIR HOKAMA: We will take up, my intent is to have some discussion prior to budget so the Members at least have a sense of the perimeters of the CORA program, the permit process, and then as we enter into budget with Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez, at least the

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Members will have a sense already of the budget requests as it relates to this Committee's jurisdiction.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, so I just have one statement and then one last question. So, I know that everything that there's a development project, I wonder how this impacts your Department. So, there are park fees that, you know, may be collected depending I guess on, so what happens to that and how does that help you in terms of once the park gets turned over to you for the maintenance of it?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair? Thank you, Member Sugimura. So, if park fees are collected, if we work with the developer and it is something in which we say we will accept the fee in lieu of land, those are then put into the budget in, and they need to be used within that community plan area. So, if it's paid out of a development out of West Maui, those funds must be used for parks and playgrounds within West Maui. As far as working, we have that current 18.16.320, Maui County Code, which does say that a park agreement, a park dedication agreement must come through this body before we can proceed with the terms of the park dedication for land. So, what happens in the past before that change is we would negotiate. And, you know, we would get the land from the developer and then it would come through this body and it wasn't, you know, it wasn't accepted, so we want to make sure that we are all on the same page, as far as get...bringing the agreement through Council, making sure that it meets the Code, and what we want to do is work on revising that 18.16.320. Using our park classification, we can now identify the different types of parks and come up with some kind of a matrix in which say it's a two-acre park, passive park, well then it needs X amount of stalls and the restrooms should be a certain build and type. So, I mentioned that in, during my confirmation, and I just want to reiterate that is something that we want to do because we want to make sure that we eliminate the situations like at Maui Lani where we don't have adequate parking and people are parking on the grass. And again, our irrigation heads cost a lot of money and the repairing it. So, if we can come up with that matrix in which we are able to identify system and classification, then we can better meet the needs of the community.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Excellent. So, you're coming up with that proposal?

CHAIR HOKAMA: We're gonna bring that up as a specific item, Ms. Sugimura.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, great.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Because taking the land costs this County a hell of a lot more money to develop it, which is a developer's requirement, not the County. It shouldn't be on, the burden on us and our taxpayers. This is a condition of approval, and so we are gonna look at the minimum standards that needs to be placed in a park consideration.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, excellent to get that.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay? And sorry to interrupt, but that is why one of the issues is Waiale Road. That is a drainage basin, but I think officially it's one of your parks?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: With the goats?

MS. PETERS: Yes, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: With the goats. Yeah, the \_\_\_\_\_ white goats. Okay. But you saw what happened the last big flood, right? The water went almost to the top of that basin and yet it's a park? Okay. That's issue for Council.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Excellent. And one last statement --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Proceed.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: --and I'm done. I'm excited. This is great. This year is a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Japanese Cultural Society, and we're having an annual dinner at the end of the year, but part of that--the annual dinner--we're gonna be raising money because we want to fix the Kepaniwai Cultural Park in, well the cultural park in Kepaniwai for the Japanese park which used to have koi and the, there was a water, I guess, that flowed, but because of that September 2016, you know, flood, hundred-year flood, there's no longer water that freely flows through that. And I think all the, I don't even know if the koi is still alive or tilapia, or whatever was in there, but we want to fix that, as well as the tea house. So, I look for your help or support and guidance in terms of what we can do and how much money we have to raise.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair, thank you. Member Sugimura, so we are working with the Department of Water Supply in getting a method in which we can get water to those ponds. So, the intake during the flood got buried, and so right now we have to identify a way to get that water to the ponds, but we are actively gonna work on it and we were also approached by the Hawaiian cultural area in getting the loi in that, so we...that's our goal is to get that up and running, and we're working with Water on it.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. I'll send you a letter, but thank you.

MS. PETERS: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Would love to help contribute not all the money, but some. Thank you. I'm done, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Ms. Kama, any questions you'd like to pose at this time?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I just have an easy question. What is the status of the park in Paukukalo?

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Is that the Hawaiian Homes? That, so that one is now under the Department of Hawaiian Homes [sic] Land.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just had a question on, regarding the presentation on the construction maintenance area. And, Mr. Chair, I'll try to keep it very broad. I'm a somewhat frequent walker of Keopuolani Park and every now and then I'll use the bathroom and I noticed dispensers that are, that have still, you know, in need of repair, and in fairness, it does get vandalized on occasion. How do you folks, you know, because it sometimes takes a while, is the problem getting it fixed because of the parts not coming in, or is it because of, you know, your personnel is so overloaded with other types of work, maintenance work, and I guess you have to prioritize which parks need to be addressed ASAP. So, can you just briefly comment on that?

MS. PETERS: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Councilmember Molina, that's a great question. So, we are, you know, like I mentioned, we have that computerized maintenance management system, and with that, we can identify priorities. So, we are tasked with making sure that the health and safety issues are addressed immediately, and then we prioritize from there. We are working on a restroom checklist, and we need to implement that because it's something that we currently don't have in all of the districts, but then it'll identify, you know, yes, we have checked it all. Yes, we did put in a work order, and then we go back and review and ensure that these items are being, you know, replaced. There is another component with that, is that sometimes we cannot get the parts, so you know, we would like to be able to maybe put out some signage. We deal with a lot of vandalism and that again, you know, is something that we have to prioritize in need of repairs.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, thank you. And now, one last question, Chair, on the, regarding the Papalaua parks and the clean-up. Parks role in this is you have the rangers working with the, I guess, Housing and Human Concerns, Homeless Division, and MPD, so how many rangers do you have available right now?

MS. PETERS: So, currently right now, we have four rangers. We are, so in the past Administration, there was a discussion to transition these positions to the Maui Police Department. We have realized the importance of retaining these positions in a, in order for us to enforce our 13.04A, and as well as assist with just, you know, being our eyes and ears out at the parks, being able to educate people on, you know, what you can and cannot do. So, it's not always about just, you know, enforcing and citing, but more just educating the public in knowing, you know, what we can do, where you cannot do

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things, and then also, the enforcement of the permitted activity, as well, you know, as the camping.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you very much. I look forward to a deeper discussion on Parks' issues during the Budget Session. Thank you, Chairman.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Mr. Molina. Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez, any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Just a comment. Thank you so much for a thorough presentation. I appreciate that. I know we are on tight time constraints, so I'll just keep it at that. Mahalo.

MS. PETERS: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. I'm trying to keep it really broad. One of my questions is on new acquisitions or recent acquisitions that haven't been developed yet, and do we have like an inventory? I know that we purchased that piece of land in North Kihei that's for parking, and I don't think anything's been done on it, so is there a list somewhere, or are you gonna put that together of parks that haven't been dedicated yet, or have more work to do on them, or other parking areas, or is that just an anomaly, that one piece?

MS. PETERS: So we actually did, David helped us do an improvement plan for that, so we are working with the Planning Department because identified on that parcel were wetlands and dunes, in which we don't want to impact. And so what we're gonna work on, I think it's proposed on that Waipuilani north parking area is probably we could get 23 stalls, and we'll try some type of pervious surface, so we'll pilot something where there it's, you know, it'll be environmentally friendly and not just roll out our asphalt like we do in the majority of our parks. And then also, we were approached by some cultural groups to utilize the area. So, right now what we're trying to do is gather all of our inventory and figure out what we can and cannot do, what we don't have the resources for, and then move forward with the master planning. And even if it's a small area, an improvement plan is necessary because we need, again, it was important to identify that it did have those wetland and dune sites.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right. No, I appreciate that, and I actually did talk to some folks in South Maui from the Aha Moku, so I think they contacted you. They're really interested in doing a partnership and helping you maintain that area, and but I do want to caution you about the impervious [*sic*] surfaces because some of the folks on the KCA that we have two architects, and they worry about putting those too close to the beach because it could...it gets covered with sand, it fills in the holes, and then it's useless. So, it becomes just the same as a non-impervious [*sic*] surface. The other question I had was about the numbers of crew that you have on Lanai and Molokai, and then also what is your average number of vacancies Countywide, at any given time?

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Employee-wise.

MS. PETERS: Chair, thank you. Member King, yeah, so we have 30 vacancies right now. As far as our Molokai and Lanai crews, I believe that we are, we don't have any vacancies there. We've filled all of our vacancies. The last one on Lanai was our building and maintenance repair, which was in dire need, and so then that person will be able to help us with our maintenance.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. What was your, what were your numbers of crew on Lanai and Molokai, do you know?

MS. PETERS: Our number of crew?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Lanai is your smallest component of the program.

MS. PETERS: You mean staff?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah. How many staff do you have?

MS. PETERS: Oh, I don't have a number...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: You could share that with me later.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Six, Kaeo?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh.

MS. PETERS: Oh. We'll have our Chief of Recreation. He knows that off the top of his head.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I think Mr. Hokama said he knows there's six over there. So, okay.

MS. PETERS: Six on Lanai and --

MR. AH SAU: *(from the gallery): . . .(Inaudible). . .*

MS. PETERS: --21 on Molokai.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Twenty-one, okay. Okay. And then my...I just wanted to make my, a last comment because it's been a concern that's, it's starting to bubble up more and more, is the amount of dog parks that we have. So, I know we have at least one in South Maui, but that might be an issue like pickleball. I think it's less trendy and it's kind of gonna be more of a demand for, you know, actually, at least having one in West Maui. One in, you know, just places where people can go and...

MS. PETERS: Chair?

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: We just met internally on our capital improvement and our maintenance budgets, and we've identified in '20 a dog park in each district.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, nice. Okay, the same wave length. Thank you very much, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Peters.

CHAIR HOKAMA: We'll have a more detailed discussion on that component in the Committee. Ms. Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Aloha, Miss...Director Peters. I just had some questions on slide 34, which is the West Maui Park District 2017. All these pink areas, that's County-owned parks in the district?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Paltin, maybe you can more specifically point out which graph you were, you would like them to respond to.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Number one, Nakalele Point Light Station.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Director?

MS. PETERS: Yeah, so all of those identified are within the parks inventory.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So it's County-owned land at Nakalele?

MS. PETERS: I would have to look that up --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay.

MS. PETERS: --what the land ownership is. These are County operated park...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Like you're responsible for maintaining --

MS. PETERS: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --that area. So, like, I've been driving from the other side a lot and I'm not sure, number 11, Papalaua Wayside Park, Ukumehame. I didn't realize that the County maintained the mauka side of the road and it seems like there's a lot of trees being cut down, and I was wondering if you knew about that, or if that's like a fire break situation, or just wondering.

MS. PETERS: Thank you, that's a good question. We'll have to go look into that tree trimming. We have our annual maintenance tree-trimming contracts, and I'm not aware that that is part of it, so I would have to go look into it.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh. It might not be the County's land, but it kind of looks like the general area.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Paltin, what we'll do is send a letter from this Committee to the Department of following up on your request and then upon receipt of a response, that will then be presented back to you and all members of the Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you --

MS. PETERS: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --Director Peters.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, got that. Thank you. Okay. Is there any other question you would like to pose regarding this overview? Because again, this was the overview and we appreciate the Department's presence. If you do have additional questions, again, the Chair offers the Committee's assistance to send it to the Chair and then the Staff will forward the question to the appropriate component of the Department, and upon receipt of any response, the Chair will be happy then to disseminate to all Committee members as part of our Committee record. Okay? With that, thank you very much, Director and Mr. Buck.

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair and Committee. Have a good afternoon.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

**COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.**

**ACTION: DEFER PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSION.**

CHAIR HOKAMA: We'll take a two-minute recess and prepare for the Department of Human Concerns. . . .(gavel). . .

**RECESS: 2:32 p.m.**

**RECONVENE: 2:37 p.m.**

**ITEM HFC-13(2): OVERVIEW OF THE HUMAN CONCERNS PROGRAM  
(DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS)**

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CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Okay, we are back in order. This is part two of our afternoon's review. This time we have the Department of Housing and Human Concerns. We will be specifically having an overview of the Human Concerns component of this Department, and so this afternoon we have Mr. Spence, as well as Ms. Tsuhako representing the management of this Department. So, Mr. Spence, you or Ms. Tsuhako have any comments at this time?

MR. SPENCE: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Aloha, Committee Members. My name is Will Spence. I am the acting Director of Housing and Human Concerns. With me this afternoon is Lori Tsuhako. She is the Deputy Director. I really wanted to come here this afternoon. So, Lori is primarily focused on the Human Services side and the, those aspects of this Department. I'm still very much involved with it, because I consider the services that this Department has and the things that we manage, they're really critical for our citizens here on Maui. This Department touches from actually prenatal, from early, early childhood, prenatal to our elderly and a whole lot of people in between. The nonprofits that we help support, you know, they touch a lot of lives within our County. It's a critical, really, a critical function that we provide to the citizens of our County. Being that Lori has a whole lot of experience on the Human Services side, being that she has been involved with the Office of Aging and has worked on the State, on a State level with homeless issues, I am very confident she will make a very good Deputy and with that, I'll let her go ahead and make the presentation and we will be available for questions. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Tsuhako?

MS. TSUHAKO *(PowerPoint Presentation)*: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And good afternoon, Members. I'm Lori Tsuhako and I'm the Deputy Director of the Department of Housing and Human Concerns. So, I have a PowerPoint, and I think you have access to it as well. I'm gonna go fairly quickly through this because Chair asked us to do a very broad overview for you. So, as he said earlier, we'll get to the details, I think, as we get further into our year. The Department of Housing and Human Concerns essentially has...oops. Oh, there we go. An administration program, a housing program, and a human concerns program for budget purposes, so in our budget we're, housing and the human concerns budgets are separate. Under the Human Concerns program we have several divisions. These include Early Childhood Resource, the Grants Management Division, our Homeless Program Division, Immigrant Services, the Maui County Office on Aging, Aging Disability and Resource Center, Kaunoha or the Senior Services Division, and the Volunteer Center. This afternoon, I'm gonna be speaking about all of those programs under Human Concerns with the exception of the homeless programs, which, I think, for the purposes of the Council oversight, will come under Member Kama's Committee. So we also do contract service with the Animal Management Program through our Department, and I won't spend too much time talking about that. So, our administration program provides oversight to all of the divisions and one of the tasks that we're charged with doing is because of our grant-making function and the responsibility we have to ensure that services are provided to the community, I want our Department, and Will also wants our Department to be accountable for the County funds that are spent, to make sure that we're, we and our partners are spending it well,

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and that we're spending it for services that are really needed in the most efficacious way possible. Our Department also staffs a couple of different boards and commissions, and these include the Commission on Children and Youth, Commission on Persons with Disabilities, the Animal Control Board, as well as the Council on Aging. So, the first division that I'd like to introduce you to is our Immigrant Services Division. Their mission is to assist new residents of Maui County to become fully integrated and productive members of our community. So, we have several goals for that Division, and that includes staff training, continued research and application, so that we can work with the different bodies, both Federal and State, involved in helping immigrants, and so that we can provide a service that's both relevant, as well as accurate so that folks don't get into trouble with immigration status, but are also led down the right path. We do a lot of outreach at Immigrant Services to develop programs for the community on the diverse cultural pallet that we have here on Maui County. We also have developed an acculturation program to support and educate the community on not only other cultures, but also on how they can better be integrated into the culture that we have here on Maui. So, some of the programs are that, programs and services that are provided include assistance to the Department of Homeland Security and Department of State with immigration, citizenship, and employment forms, referrals to appropriate services, acculturation, naturalization classes, and support to the consulate services that are brought to Maui. So this will give you a taste of some of the breadth and the number of people served through our Immigrant Services. Six thousand eight hundred and forty-nine processes, people have been helped in Wailuku. In Lahaina, another 384. On Molokai, a thousand, and on Lanai, almost four 400. So, our staff has also worked with immigrant and migrant groups and their organizations on advocacy and learning how to better participate in the community. Again, support and assistance to consulate general offices from Mexico, the Philippines, the Federated States, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, doing USCIS outreach on Maui, and doing outreach for educational purposes. In the old days, I know when I first went to the Department ten years ago, the Immigrant Services Division had a reputation of only serving Filipino people, and I really want to correct that because that's really a misconception. That office serves people of all different nationalities, and it's not limited to only Filipino immigrants and their families. So we have folks there who can speak the language, but who also have different ties in the community to other resources that can be very useful and helpful. Our next division is a one-woman division. It's called the County of Maui Volunteer Center, and it's staffed by Wendy Stebbins and the volunteer center is a one resource and catalyst on Maui that leads, connects, and mobilize volunteers and volunteer agencies to contribute to a better Maui. So, we look at the Volunteer Center as a hub for agencies who need volunteers, for people who want to volunteer and who don't know where to start. And Wendy conducts public awareness about volunteerism, really studies and stays current in the field about best practices in the area of volunteering, helps to mobilize volunteer engagement in the community, and helps to organize recognition and community volunteer programs so that folks who do volunteer are recognized for their work and also agencies have an opportunity and sort of like a format to learn how to retain and recruit more volunteers to get the work that they need to do done. We maintain a website, HandsOnMaui.com, we work with partner agencies and volunteers, conduct volunteer leadership trainings, as I said, do volunteer recognition, contribute to social media, generate newsletter and hot sheets and other

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training. So, everybody needs volunteers in the community, so we try to help with that. So, you can see on your screens that impact has been wide, pretty impressive for a one-woman show, and I think if you speak to the agencies that have worked with our Volunteer Center, you'll see that the impact has been exponential, especially the connection with resources and the connection with each other. So, sometimes agencies have a tendency to work in their own vacuums and work in the Volunteer Center in recruitment and in joint recognition events helps people to kind of cross over those silos, and have a little bit better appetite for working with each other instead of thinking, this is my volunteer, not yours. Don't talk to them. Okay, so I think that's a larger service that's offered to our community of nonprofit providers. The next division that I'll introduce you to is our Grants Management Division, and this little fact here will give you, should give you a moment to pause. Our Grants Management Division funds 92 grants that have a total of over \$14 million in County funds. So, these grants that are administered through GMD touch a whole bunch of different areas that are significant in the social service fabric of our community. These include affordable rental, food, shelter, and safety, early childhood, health, human services and education, the homeless program, self-sufficiency, services for the frail and elderly, substance abuse prevention and treatment, youth alcohol education awareness, and youth centers and programs. The mission of the Grants Management Division is to develop and implement plans to meet the Human Concerns objectives with the assistance of the community and the direct service providers. We want to monitor and evaluate County-funded programs and services provided by private nonprofits, and distribute funds for programs and services that support and enhance the human and social service needs of our County. Accountability is a big word in our Department, and especially in this Division. Because we are helping to distribute and administer County funds, our expectations are very high for accountability of those funds, as it should be. Your expectations and the public expectations of us as a Department should also be very high about how we administer that money. So, our Grants Management staff does a lot of what we call technical assistance to grantees. We have grantees who have been funded through the county through many years, and then we have new grantees who may not be as familiar with the process or with the administrative requirements, and the administrative requirement bar is pretty high, as it should be again. So, they lend a lot of technical assistance to help agencies get through the bureaucratic process that's required of us to be accountable for those funds. They also spend a fair amount of time monitoring those grants because we want to be able to say with certainty that that money is being used well. It's being used for the thing that we intend for it to be used for, and I think that everyone in our community is best served by effective grants management in that way. The Grants Management staff doesn't have any particular expertise, but they've overseen implementation of Capital Improvement Projects. They've also done a lot of program and fiscal reporting and management. And, as I said, their main goal is they want to work with the grantees to ensure that the grantees meet our County requirements, so that we can be accountable for how that money is spent. So, a lot of time is spent on that technical assistance to grantees. So, I'll skip over really quickly over the next couple slides, but you'll see that there's criteria for organizations that are eligible to receive funding through our Grants Management Division. We also have posted here the process that the Grants Management Division follows in order to be able to administer funding to different nonprofits. So, our Grants Management Division has

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helped grantees improve their narratives to help them be better able to explain what's gonna be done and how it's gonna be done. Our staff has gone to workshops and seminars to increase their knowledge about what it means to be a good grant manager, and provided lots of technical assistance and fiscal oversight on Capital Improvement Projects, which include those that you see listed. We will move on to our next division, which is our Early Childhood Resource Center, and again, one-woman show. Kaina Bonacorsi is our coordinator for this office. The mission is to coordinate, support, mobilize and leverage partnerships and funding, including early childhood grants as appropriate and identify, provide, and share resources for families and professionals moving toward implementing a coordinated system of early childhood services for young children from prenatal to kindergarten entry in the County. So, the vision of this Division is to improve and enhance the availability, affordability, and quality of early care and educational services through the promotion of shared goals, partnerships, and resources. So, anything that will impact Maui County families is within the scope of the early childhood resource center. It's not really only about preschool. It's really creating partnerships to maximize what we can accomplish together. So, this one is a little bit harder to read, but you know, the population served are those families and our community, and we do family engagement and support. We talk about safety. We have learning and care, professional development, as well as health. For the community, there's a lot of work done on the public policy and advocacy not just here in Maui County, but also at the State level for items that are of concern and import to the early childhood community. Okay, I'm gonna flip through this real fast. Sorry, I thought this was all on one slide. It's gonna make me go through this whole thing. Okay. So, early childhood grants, we have MEO Kahi Kamalii Head Start, E Malama I Na Keiki O Lanai, Imua. Two programs at Imua, three programs at Imua, parents and children together, Maui Family Support Services, and the Subsidy Program. So, we have a couple of different priorities, including increased initiatives, and here's what I like. The first five years have so much to do with how the next 80 turn out, and so that's why it behooves us to really take care of our young children because they're gonna be taking care of us one day. The next division I'd like to introduce you to is the Maui County Office on Aging and the Disability Resource Center. Our mission there is to promote and protect the well-being of older persons in Maui County, and the office is currently working on a revised mission statement that's gonna be incorporating the disability portion of our work in too. So, the County Office on Aging exists because of Federal law. We are a Federally-designated office, and I think that we're there to also as a result of people understanding that as folks grow older, they may need more support or different kinds of supports. So, when I worked at the Maui County Office on Aging, I worked in health and wellness, and one of the things that I used to tell people is that the services that the Office on Aging are really geared toward helping people stay in their homes and be as independent as possible for as long as possible. And then, in order to do that, we want to have services based in the home and in the community to help people stay as independent as possible. So, if I introduce exercise class to someone and they say, well why would I go? Well this is gonna keep you healthy, and if it helps you from not falling and breaking your hip and ending up in a nursing home, then it's a total yay. Total, okay. So, the office is a lead advocate facilitator, planner, policy developer, evaluator relating to all aging disability and family care giving issues in the County. We inform the public about programs, about resources; we allocate Federal, State, and County

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funding to providers so that home and community needs of our seniors and individuals with disabilities are met. Last year the Office on Aging served almost 12,000 individuals, and around 2,500 families and informal caregivers throughout Maui county. So, this statistic should grab you a little bit, even if you're a very young person like some of you are. Ten-thousand people turn 65 in America every day, and even more turning 60. So, the need of that population of people is gonna grow. Member Molina is smiling at me because he and I are classmates, and contemporaries and we're kind of getting close to that, right? Yeah. So, and it's gonna continue on for many more years. So it behooves us to look at those services and be able to plan for what the needs will be into the future. So, the Aging and Disability Resource Center is, should be a highly visible and trusted source where people of all ages and incomes can come and get information on the full range of long-term support options and access to publicly funded long-term support programs and benefits. So, information assistance, options counseling, which is talking with somebody about if you don't want to do this, you can also do this, and if you don't want to do this you can also do this, and it's a good service to have, helpful to families understand that there are different choices and that nobody is saying you have to do this or you have to do that. So, many, many services are provided through the Office on Aging. Some of Kaunoa Senior Services programs have direct related funding because of the Office on Aging. Those include home-delivered meals, congregate meals, transportation, and nutrition education. We have agencies providing personal care like giving a senior a bath, helping them get dressed in the morning, chores, in-home respite, adult daycare, family care giving, family counseling, legal assistance. So, our office provides some direct services, and those include case management, information and assistance outreach, powerful tools for caregivers, our exercise program called Enhance Fitness, community living programs, veterans directed homecare, and other community-based services and chronic disease self-management suite of programs and more. So that Office on Aging is both a pass-through of Federal and State funds, and County funds, as well as a direct service provider. The bulk of the work is done through contracted services. So, one of the other challenges that the Office on Aging has is every four years is required to do an area plan which is an attempt to plan forward four years for what the needs of the community will be. And right now the Office on Aging is engaged in focus groups with seniors, with service providers, with family members across the County. I think today was the last focus group that was conducted in order to create an area plan that will hopefully be forward looking to what the needs will be four years from now and be able to work on developing those programs to meet anticipated need. Other services also include things like nutrition counseling, health promotion, telephone reassurance, friendly visiting, and access and assistance. So, in my view, the more seniors we have living independently and able to avoid institutional care, the better the health of our community. Because we benefit from them being there as well as families benefit from having access to their elders who are not isolated, so it's a broad picture but it also, you know, if you're one of those families who has a senior that can stay home and be cared for and supported in their home, versus living in an institution and having to pay \$14,000 a month for their care, then you're benefitting from these services. Okay, so, you know, we really , we really feel like sustainability of programming has been important. The County has been a very, very, supportive and generous contributor to the work that's done there. We've had wonderful feedback from the families and the individuals who receive services and we really are trying to do a job

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that is geared toward each individual family and each individual senior to make the quality of their life better. And speaking quality of life, we move on to Kaunoa. So, Kaunoa is also known as our Senior Services Division, and it provides a wide spectrum of programs and services for adults who are 55 and older. They really provide a critical foundation for ensuring that the aging population of Maui remains healthy, has opportunities to contribute. They live independently with dignity, they prevent the costly need for institutionalization for as long as possible. Kaunoa has several different programs. They include the leisure and wellness program, retired senior and volunteer program, congregate nutrition program, Meals on Wheels, and assisted transportation program. Those last three bullet points are all funded through the Office on Aging as pass through. So, their three major areas of focus include increasing a person's health span, which is the number of years people live in health, in good health. Helps people, you know, being engaged in the community, keeping your brain and your body active, helps people to live longer and better quality lives. They also enable many seniors to become volunteers and to really make use of their special talents, their expertise, their knowledge. Let them contribute which also it's a benefit to the community. It also benefits you when you volunteer. You feel good. And to help the frail and homebound elderly to age with dignity in their own homes, provide meaningful and enjoyable experiences to the homebound, which reduce isolation and promotes a sense of security and independence and a positive outlook on life, so Kaunoa does some special events that touch on all three of those focus areas. Their leisure and wellness programs offering, many of you might receive their newsletter that advertises their monthly classes. It's thick; they have huge offerings. Different times of the day, different days, Tai Chi, watercolor, calligraphy, exercise, all kinds of different things, so if you don't already get this newsletter, call me and I'll make sure you'll get one every month and you can see the breadth of exposure that our senior citizens can get. They tell me that over 7,000 sessions a year are offered through their leisure program. Congregate nutrition program is aimed at providing fresh, nutritionally-balanced meals, nutrition education, socialization, and these are for adults 60 or over and they're held at over a dozen different sites in Maui County. Last year they served over 78,000 meals, so some people drive themselves, other people are bused to these sites. They have lunch together, they share activities together, they check in with their friends, and it's a good way to prevent people from getting isolated from others. So, these are a list of some of our sites and some nice pictures of what our participants look like. We have sites on Lanai, Molokai, West Maui, Central, Upcountry, Hana, and different Hale Mahaolu sites. Our retired and senior volunteer program, also known as RSVP, recruits seniors to become volunteers and helps place them, so we have over seven volunteers...70 volunteer stations in the County, and in equivalent of over \$1.2 million in volunteer hours. You might recognize some of these people. That's not the one you were supposed to recognize. You were supposed to recognize Grace and Robin. Yeah, yeah, yeah. Okay, but some of these folks volunteer at the desk downstairs. RSVP also does recognition of the volunteers in the community in which they volunteer, and that's an important part of working with volunteers, is making sure that they understand that they're appreciated. Another program within Kaunoa is called Assisted Transportation and that's, the eligibility is done by the Maui County Office on Aging and it targets frail, homebound people with transportation to appointments, such as doctor's appointment. So, they'll do a door-to-door transport so that folks are not at risk, as much risk as

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falling, getting to the car, and things like that, but it's a service that's very well-used and in very high demand. So, over 10,500 one-way rides last year, 99 percent on-time rate, five-minute window. Incredible. So, lots of personal assistance like this. Medical appointments, business appointments, grocery shopping, adult daycare, and sometimes other requests. So, Kaunoa also has started a program that they titled More Than Just a Ride and Feed the Spirit events, and these are special events that are really geared toward the homebound and trying to get people out of their homes. Sometimes these folks, I think Kaunoa has a Kumiai Day and they invite a lot of people who may not come to other events at Kaunoa, and they say, wow, I haven't seen so and so in 20 years, and it's good for their spirits to be able to do that, so this is something that Kaunoa came up on their own with and it's a wonderful service. And finally, home-delivered meals also known as Meals on Wheels, where meals are delivered to their homes, so that people can eat and it's more than just a meal though, yeah. So, it's somebody who the homebound know and recognize who's bringing them the meal, who'll stop and say, hey, how are you, you know, Mrs. Kanai, how are you doing, and talk story for a little while and have a opportunity to have eyes on that person. So, if I'm the deliverer of those meals and I notice, oh Mrs. Jones is...her walking is really compromised. I will then report that to somebody who's working with Mrs. Jones so that they can do a follow-up. If there were no meal deliveries where nobody took the time to go and do that, Mrs. Jones would be at risk for falling down and dying, and/or being really hurt and her quality of life would be diminished, so that's an additional, sometimes anecdotal, but really important piece of the work that's done there. Ninety-four thousand meals last year. Important. Ninety-nine percent satisfactory rate with the service that's provided there as well. And this one I just wanted to put in there because we do this by contract with the Maui Humane Society for more than 30 years. So, we contract with them to do the services that are required for animal control. So, I know I went through the PowerPoint really quickly. I think you have a copy. If you have more detailed questions, I'm happy to answer them for you, but we'll conclude with that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much, Ms. Tshako. It's a very important program and Department that you folks provide services to, and so I guess you put my picture in because I'm one of those that over 65, so I guess qualify for all the programs.

MS. TSUHAKE: You could.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I could qualify for all the programs. One thing, Members, before I open up, just to let you know, yeah, some of the historic, like Meals on Wheels that we just talked about. MEO came to me 15 years ago. This is a Maui County initiative by Council. Okay. Council initiated this because I put it in 15 years ago by an MEO request, and this is now, as you see, a 99 percent satisfactory program that Council put additional money to do this option of serving our seniors. Okay, so please take pride that you County has been progressive and we haven't waited and part of it is because we've always had the financial capacity to respond to community requests. Okay, and that is one of our advantages, of our fiscal situation. We're the only County that responded with cash in 9/11 when the country was attacked. Okay because of our fiscal discipline. So that is our advantage, Members, and please take pride that the Council has been very, very innovative and open to advancement of our programs for

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the benefit of our residents. I know the Chair has to leave early, so I'll ask Ms. King, you know, we appreciate your presence. So, if you have a question, would you please present it.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. I guess my main question, if I went through all that and asked every, a question about everything I wanted to it would take too long, so I'm gonna keep it general and kind of broad, but in just looking at your various grant programs, is it possible to get from you before budget, a list of grants that you give out that are on-going programs that pretty much get funded every year that you evaluate and you are recommending so that we can look at them in terms of ongoing programs, rather than having to, Chair, evaluate every single one, and you know, go through it through a fine tooth comb? Because some of these I consider fixed costs, almost, because we fund them every year, and I would prefer not to spend hours on end having to evaluate every single program. So, I think it might be helpful if you give us a list that you consider, you know, like the Meals on Wheels, like some of them that we know are gonna be ongoing that we wouldn't want to defund at this point.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Department?

MR. SPENCE: Excellent question, Ms. King. We can get you a list. As you know the way that the budget is laid out, some of these items are line items, so they are, you know, you will see them every single year. we also have targeted funds, which provides us with more flexibility, but we will get you a list of all the grantees and probably for the sake of the paper trail, if we get a letter from...

CHAIR HOKAMA: We'll send you a request, Director --

MR. SPENCE: Thank you. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --and through the Committee on behalf of Ms. King.

MR. SPENCE: We're happy to provide that information.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. That's my main question.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Yeah, we'll be happy to forward again, Members, any requests you have. Ms. Sugimura, as our Vice-Chair, you have a question?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, thank you. So, I was gonna also ask for that, but in budget year 2018, the budget, they had this great spreadsheet that we used that had all the different grants, and I think it actually, I don't know if it generated from Shelly, but no, got it from Housing and Human Concerns. It was excellent the way that it was laid out, so if it could be duplicated that would be great, and it was very easy when we went through the budget. I had that down as one of the things I was going to ask for.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, we'll follow that up as a pre-budget item for us.

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VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, okay. In my bachelors of science degree, as you started, it brought back what our theme was for the, for our college of human development. It was called womb to tomb because it took us from birth to death, so that was what you started me thinking about and the value of the service.

MR. SPENCE: I was avoiding that term.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Womb to tomb. That's the truth.

MR. SPENCE: It's true.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Immigration services, so as you know I just...this will be my one question. Immigration service provides valuable information and as...you're right, we live in a rainbow and multitude of different ethnic groups, and I value what immigration services has provided. And when I worked for Senator Hirono, we visited with them as, you know, just to find out what their concerns were. Excellent. I wonder if, this is my question, does immigrant services ever talk to the sister cities? Because we have so many sister cities out there in the, and I don't know how you bring those together, but they kind of exist in their own silos and I think there could be some union of, you know, information and knowledge that could be served, so that's all I want to say. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Wow, that's a great suggestion. Using the sister city program to assist acculturation.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah because we partner with them and we...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, I think it's good because they're already been expanded into community-based support, so that's good stuff. Ms. Kama'i [sic], any questions you would like to pose at this time?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: None at this time, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No questions, Chair. I want to respect your parameters with regards for time, but just more to compliment the Department, Director Spence and Deputy Director Tsuhako, for the presentation and really appreciated the information about the senior services and how well it's doing. And especially want to thank and welcome back Ms. Tsuhako back to the County of Maui, and thank you for reminding me that I am eligible for senior services. I really needed that. Just kidding, but thank you. Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I just wanted to thank the Department and thank you, Chair, for scheduling these two overviews. Mahalo.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Couple quick questions for Deputy Tsuhako. If I understood correctly, the grant management, it seems they assist entities and nonprofits through the County application and grant process. Is that correct?

MS. TSUHAKE: That is correct.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I was wondering, would it be possible to expand that beyond just County grants and help them to apply for other grants outside of the County, as well? Because I ran a nonprofit and I never got any County grants, but you know, just the start, like to, there's a whole bunch of grants out there and if you guys already assist people through the grant process, maybe if they don't get a County grant or what, you could just have a list, and like, we'll try all of these that deal with like, I mean, for the social services it seemed like there was a lot of opportunity out there. And if you're already helping people through one grant process, maybe you can bring more money into the County that way. Just wondering if it's a possibility.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Department?

MS. TSUHAKE: Thank you for your question. I, if I'm understanding correctly, your suggestion is, or your question is, whether Grants Management Division would be able to help a nonprofit who's not receiving County funds look for other sources of funding?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. Yeah, just anybody. Like say you want to get a grant for whatever social service purposes. There's a lot of opportunity out there and since you're already helping people through the County process, maybe they can also apply, like say they apply for one of the County's grants, and maybe also help them put in an application with not the County so that if they're able to get the not-County grant, then that opens up County funding for some other area of need or something.

MS. TSUHAKE: I don't know that that happens on a routine basis. I know that we have only two program specialists working in Grants Management, so between the two program specialists and the manager, they're taking care of those 92 contracts. So, I'm a little bit reluctant to say, yeah we can do that, but it's certainly something that I think if the Grants Management staff is aware of other sources of funding that might be available to nonprofits, I'm sure they share that information. But I would be cautious as an administrator to say that our Grants Management staff would be able to give technical assistance to private non-profits for the sake of applying for funding from different sources in an organized sort of mission-driven way. I think it happens in the relationship between the agency and the Grants Management Division, you know, did you look at...and I know Weinberg, you know, funds that kind of...did you look at

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Weinberg in that way. But I cannot really say that that happens routinely and as part of what our mission is at the Department.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I guess I was thinking --

MS. TSUHAKE: But I'll certainly ask.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --because like you're already kind of helping them with the wording and like that, and like for me like when I used to write the grants for the Porta Potties I took pretty much the same grant and just like shopped around and see who would give money. And so if they already have like the grant written out, like in some kind of format, maybe they can just, you know, apply it to all the different opportunities.

MS. TSUHAKE: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: A second question I had like a couple of us went to the Kamehameha Schools. One, and I was wondering if you coordinate with the early childhood education program there, as well, or is it not allowed because it's racially...

MS. TSUHAKE: You're talking about the Information Fair that happened recently up in Upcountry at Kamehameha Schools? No?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The one with Venus Rosete.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Kama, do you know anything about this one?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: That was the briefing that Kamehameha Schools had put on for the Council.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, and like in your list of all the early childhood education --

MS. TSUHAKE: Oh, I see.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --I didn't see that listed as like another opportunity to offer to folks.

MS. TSUHAKE: Yeah, I don't believe that the Early Childhood Resource Center funds anything with Kamehameha Schools, but I know that Kaina partners with Kamehameha Schools, in terms of the early childhood area of focus. And so I think recently they did kind of like a community information event where they shared, collectively like a one-stop shop talked about what kind of subsidies were available, and I think that was held recently, maybe in the past month or two.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Do they include Kamehameha Schools early childhood?

MS. TSUHAKE: I think it was held, actually held at Kamehameha Schools.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh.

MS. TSUHAKO: They might have been the primary sponsor --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Host.

MS. TSUHAKO: --of the event. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh. Okay. Thank you.

MS. TSUHAKO: Yeah. So, that work happens. That work happens.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Paltin. Any last question a Member would like to pose to the Department at this time? If not, we thank Mr. Spence, Ms. Tsuhako for your presence and your comments this afternoon. Members, with no further business, with no objections, we will defer both items.

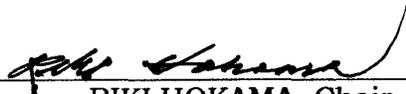
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**ACTION: DEFER PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSION.** (Excused: MM)

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, both are deferred, and I'm sorry I kept you a little longer, but we did some good work this afternoon. So, with no further business, we are adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

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DATED the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019, in Lahaina, Hawaii

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