

HEALTHY FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

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Council Chamber, 8th Floor

CONVENE: 9:06 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Riki Hokama, Chair
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Tasha Kama
Councilmember Michael J. Molina

EXCUSED: Councilmember Kelly T. King
Councilmember Tamara Paltin
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez

STAFF: Shelly Espeleta, Legislative Analyst
Wesley Crile, 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)
(Seated in the gallery):
David Raatz, Supervising Legislative Analyst
Julie Reed, Legislative Analyst

ADMIN.: Karla Peters, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation
Lisa Almeida, Parks Permit Officer, Department of Parks and Recreation
Kay Fukumoto, Economic Development Director, Office of Economic Development
Mimi DesJardins, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

OTHERS: Warren Watanabe, Executive Director, Maui County Farm Bureau
Harry Cambra
Charlene Kauhane

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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 May 13, 2019. It is slightly after 9:00. Present we have Vice-Chairman Sugimura, present this morning.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good morning --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Good morning.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: --Mr. Hokama.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And we have Member Kama with us.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Good morning. And Mr. Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Good morning, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: The Chair excuses Ms. Paltin, Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez, and Ms. King. At this time we'll take...we have one item only, Members, this morning. That is item HFC-19, under the heading of 2019, Maui Agricultural Festival and 4-H Livestock Fair, War Memorial Complex. We'll take public testimony before we start our review of this item. Everyone turn off your noise-making devices please. You have three minutes to share your comments with us on this item. State your name, if you represent an entity, that entity's name also.

. . . BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: So, we'll call up Harry Cambra please.

MR. CAMBRA: Good morning, Chair --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Good morning.

MR. CAMBRA: -and good morning, Members. My name is Harry Cambra, and I represent the Maui 4-H Livestock Association. And I would just like to thank the Parks Department for the all the support we've been having so far. I'd like to thank the Ag Fest people for helping us. This year we're joining forces with Ag Fest. We're not doing the Upcountry Fair this year, but we're joining. And so, I ask that you guys support this resolution, and, you know, give the kids the chance to show their animals, have their fair, and their auction. And that's it. Thank you very much.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Mr. Cambra, for being here. Any questions for the gentleman? Ms. Sugimura?

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VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Thank you. Thank you for being here. I'm a strong supporter of the work that you do for the 4-H. So, how many years has the Upcountry, or the 4-H association been part of the Upcountry Fair?

MR. CAMBRA: It's been from, I mean at least 25 or 30 years. Prior to that, we were in conjunction with the County Fair. But the Upcountry Fair probably has been going on for about 30 years with the Makawao Community Association. And so, yeah, we, last year we celebrated probably most of you know our 100...the 4-H celebrated its 100th anniversary in Maui County. So, that was a big event.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thank you for the work that you do for our youth, appreciate it. Thank you.

MR. CAMBRA: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you for that. Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Good morning, Mr. Cambra. Thank you for being here. As you mentioned, you've had the event for the Upcountry Fair for all these years. Now that it's moving down here, any changes to the normal, I guess, a program agenda? I know you folks have the award ceremony, and then I guess you have those who want to bid and make bids for the cows and cattle. Any changes or anything you want to add?

MR. CAMBRA: Actually, our show was Saturday and Sunday at the Upcountry Fair. This year, we're combining it all in one day. So, it'll be on the 1st. Usually, we have our award ceremony on Sunday about one o'clock or two o'clock. This year what we're doing with the awards ceremony, we're doing it, I think a week later, we're having just a brunch, or actually it's a dinner, and, you know, so we're going to do the award ceremony there. And, you know, have all the kids come, their family and friends and relatives. So, that's basically the only change. The only other change is we added a new project, it's a beef heifer project. So, usually we have the beef steers, the market hogs, the goats, the lambs. And then this year we adding a heifer project that kids can hopefully sell their projects to the ranchers and the community.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay. Well, thank you for the update on that. Thank you, Chairman.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Any other questions for Mr. Cambra? Thank you very much for being here --

MR. CAMBRA: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --we appreciate it. Anyone else would like to give testimony? Make yourself known now. We'll ask the District Offices. Hana Office, anyone wishing to provide testimony please?

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MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Aloha, Chair. This is Mavis Medeiros from the Hana Office, and there's nobody here waiting to testify.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, mahalo. Lanai, Ms. Fernandez, anyone wishing to provide testimony?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Good morning, Chair. This is Denise Fernandez at the Lanai Office, and there are no testifiers.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Lindo, anyone on Molokai? Okay, we have no request for testimony. So, with no objections, we'll close testimony.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. So ordered.

. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

**ITEM HFC-19: 2019 MAUI AGRICULTURAL FESTIVAL AND 4-H LIVESTOCK FAIR,
WAR MEMORIAL COMPLEX (CC 19-197)**

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. So, let's take up our one item for today, Members. We are in receipt of County Communication 19-197, from Director of Parks and Recreation, with a proposed resolution. Authorizing Issuance of a Permit with Greater Duration than Five Consecutive Days for the Use of War Memorial Complex for the 2019, Maui Agricultural Festival, and 4-H Livestock Fair Pursuant to Section 13.04A.100, Subsection D, Maui County Code. So, Members, couple things, one, the term of the use is greater where Council will give its review and approval if appropriate. Second, because of timing of the event, we'll discuss it today. It is anticipated for Friday's Council meeting. The item will be discharged for Council action on Friday's meeting. And then Council can make a decision whether or not to approve or disapprove, because of the timing requirements. Okay, so this morning, we'll have Parks Director give opening comments regarding the proposal.

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Good morning, Chair and Committee. So, we're here supporting the Maui Agricultural Fest as well as 4-H Festival at the War Memorial Complex from May 27th through June 3rd. And we're here with...I'm here with our Parks Permit Officer to answer any questions that you may have along with Kay Fukumoto from OED who would be available for the community and economic benefit of our County.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you for that. Ms. Fukumoto, any opening comments?

MS. FUKUMOTO: Thank you, Chair and Committee Members. Just wanted to support obviously agriculture in our economic development. You know this has been a longstanding event. And with the coming together of both of the events, I think it's

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fabulous that we have, you know, the youth component, and they're having some, you know, opportunity to showcase their work down here in Central Maui. You know, obviously there was a change in venue and so we are fully in support of this change to the War Memorial Complex. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. I'll ask Corporation Counsel Mr. DesJardins, if there's any comments she wishes to make regarding the proposed resolution?

MS. DESJARDINS: Thank you, Chair. I don't have any comments if anyone has any questions. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Watanabe, you're here representing Maui Farm Bureau. Any comments regarding the event?

MR. WATANABE: Not really, but I would like to ask the Council support, and this Committee's support. We are going to be in our 12th year, and it is a change. We are moving to a County-run facility, and that's why we are before you. As you know, we were at the Maui Tropical Plantation. And so, we are excited about the new location, and our partnership with the 4-H. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you very much. Members, any questions? Again, this is a change of venue. The event is longer than anticipated. That's why they're asking for this approval of length of use of County facilities. Ms. Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, I just wanted to know why is there a change of venue, and if we anticipate having these two events combined again thereafter?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Mr. Watanabe?

MR. WATANABE: The reason why we changed, I mean I'll be frank, last year we had a tremendous rainstorm. It did create a lot of damage to the facility. But for us, we've grown as an event over the years. And also the Tropical Plantation is under as you know new management. They have their own business plan. They've open up the Mill House. So, it was a mutual agreement to part ways. You know it worked fine for both of us, but we felt it was time to move on, especially in their case.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: The other one was thereafter do we anticipate using the same events for the following years?

MR. WATANABE: In the current proposed budget, we are allocating funds for the 4-H to be again part of the Ag Fest. And we do hope that it'll continue. I think a lot of it will depend on how this year's event goes. And again, we are concerned about the welfare of the animals with this new location.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I'm sorry, I have never gone to an Ag Fest or even a 4-H. So, just help me to understand what goes on during these events.

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MR. WATANABE: Okay. The Ag Fest started about, like I said about 12 years ago. The reason why we do it is to educate the public. There's a lot of mixed information about agriculture right now. And so, as Farm Bureau we support all types of agriculture, large, small farmers, and, you know, a whole range in agriculture. And it's to educate, again educate the public. I mean we still have children that thinks chocolate milk comes from a brown cow. So you know, they think their food comes from a supermarket. And that's why we're trying to make the connection with the public that where their food, and where all of agriculture grows, because although we look at food security, as you look at agriculture, we also have the flower industry, nursery industry. We're all a part of it, and we all need to work together in order for it, to make agriculture work in Maui County and the State of Hawaii. And that's basically why we do it, and we want it in a central area to make it convenient for the public to get there.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: And 4-H?

MR. WATANABE: The 4-H, you know, they've been around for a while. Farm Bureau has always supported them like we also support FFA. Again it's...

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: FFA?

MR. WATANABE: Yeah, FFA.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Which is?

MR. WATANABE: Future Farmers of America.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

MR. WATANABE: I think it's important for the youth again to understand, because as you know our farmers are aging. I've lost a lot of famers to retirement Upcountry. And so, you know, there's a huge concern, and we need the young people to be involved in agriculture whether it's production, research, whatever, you know. There's a whole wide range of career choices for our students.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Do we have a large amount of participants in the 4-H?

MR. WATANABE: Yes. I'm not sure what the numbers. Maybe Harry can answer that. If you allow him.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah.

MR. CAMBRA: Thank you. Yeah, this year, we have about 40 projects including beef steers, lambs, goats, and swine. And we have about 25 kids participating. Some raising two

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or three projects. The 4-H program is an educational program. These kids need to keep accurate records of things they purchase, their animals feed supplies, and turn in their record book at the end of the project in order to participate at the show. And so, it's a learning project for the kids. A lot of...there's two 4-H'er right now that's working on cattle ranchers here on Maui that wasn't 4-H. Dr. Kyle Caires who sometimes testifies here, he was an alumni, I won't reveal my age, but I was alumni. When I was nine years old I started raising 4-H. And so, it's a community event. It involves parents and farmers, a lot of ranchers get involved, so...yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Watanabe.

MR. WATANABE: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Molina, any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yes, thank you, Chair. Just one question each for the Parks Department and OED. Just with Parks, this event will not displace any youth events or other events that have been held in the past there? You know we have some events that are, become somewhat fixtures at a certain date, and they use our War Memorial Complex. So, for the record, it's not going to cause any disruption with other organizations?

MS. PETERS: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Member Molina, that's a great question. So, we did meet with the Maui Ag Fest and OED last year and did identify that they were looking at using the property. So, we did blocked off the area. They will not be impacting. We have a very busy Memorial Day weekend. So, we host a large baseball tournament, the Sakamoto Invitational. So, they will be coming in on Monday afternoon after everyone has already been...events are completed.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, alright. Thank you. And then, for Ms. Fukumoto from OED, what is the appropriation for the 4-H with the County's sponsorship, the amount?

MS. FUKUMOTO: The 4-H grant is 35,000, and the portion of the budget related to the Maui County Farm Bureau is 34,500. In overall, you know, they all...they do seek funding outside with sponsorships. So, they do seek other funding outside of County funding.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you. And then last question, parking--I don't know if maybe Mr. Watanabe can answer that--with parking, so will there be, public be charged a parking fee for the event? And if so, will those proceeds be split between 4-H and Maui County Farm Bureau?

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MR. WATANABE: We will be charging a \$5 parking fee. I believe most of the funding will go to that organization that handles the parking.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm certainly happy to support this. Although, you know, I'm just being picky, but I'm so accustomed to seeing the 4-H event in Upcountry, Maui, yeah. So, this will be the first time I'll experience it in Central Maui, but it's all good. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Bring the trailer for your cow. Ms. Sugimura, questions?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. I totally support this. And I've been lucky to go the Upcountry, you know, Fair and participate in it and see the auction. That's pretty amazing when you see these children. I didn't realize there's 40 kids that have raised, you know, their animals, and I always think it must be kind of painful to part with it, they must get attached to it. But it's all part of the process and reality of understanding what agriculture is about. So, I want to just say kudos to the families that do that. They're pretty committed. And I wondered, Mr. Cambra, he said that he was very pleased with the support from the County. So, I wonder what kind of support you're seeing with now being part of a County facility versus I think you're at the Oskie Rice Arena before, which is completely--

MR. CAMBRA: Yeah

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: --private.

MR. CAMBRA: Yeah. I mean, you know, we had to set up with...I mean we still got to set up all our staff at the War Memorial Stadium, but the Parks have been working with us and Farm Bureau. And so, hopefully everything will work out. And, you know, we need to transport our panels, and all that stuff to set up for the animals. And just a thing to think about in the future. If we could look at some place where we could have a permanent fair grounds, and we can store our stuff there, and set up maybe permanent panels and pens and, you know, use it for the County Fair and other activities throughout the year. That will be, you know, a real good step forward.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. That's a good big wish. I think we all remember the Maui Fair Grounds, and it was a thing to do every year, and yeah livestock was there. And then, just with OED then, the funding that was provided to the 4-H it was really for them is now being consolidated for the Ag Fest, or how was that working out?

MS. FUKUMOTO: Well, for 2019's Budget it was separated with each organization receiving their funding separate. But for 2020 Budget, the entire funding is coming under the Maui County Farm Bureau. So, when you look at the budget, you know, there is an increase and it includes the combination.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, good. So, we're making sure we took care of that.

MS. FUKUMOTO: Right.

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VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. I fully support this. Thank you, Chair, for hearing it today and then taking it up on Friday's Council agenda to expedite it.

CHAIR HOKAMA: You will. Not me.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh. That's right. Okay

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: You will.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: He's going to be traveling.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, Ms. Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, I just have a couple of other questions. Is there an entry fee?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Watanabe?

MR. WATANABE: No. There will be no entry fee. Just parking.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay, so it's free. And I heard you say that the parking, whatever is raised goes to the organization that's actually directing the parking?

MR. WATANABE: Yeah. Cause we're not...we're kind of like subcontracting the parking out to, you know, people that are experienced in handling parking. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. So, but does the organization get a part of that? Or does all the whole \$5 goes to the org that's directing the traffic?

MR. WATANABE: Sorry. That's...they'll get part of it, of the five.

MS. KAUHANE: Hi. Aloha. My name is Charlene Kauhane, and I work on the Ag Fest with Warren. So, the parking is going to be handled by a nonprofit organization. And with the other groups that are helping us with services for the event, they get a portion of the money that we raise.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

MS. KAUHANE: And it's based on the number of hours they provide, the number of bodies that are there on the site.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Not the amount of cars that are parked?

MS. KAUHANE: Well, I guess they are going to keep track of that too. But the way we've set up the budget is that it's really based on the amount of hours that people provide. And so, it's fair across the board with everybody.

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Thank you.

MS. KAUHANE: Okay. You're welcome.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, again getting back to my original question about, so do we anticipate the venue continuously being at the soccer field for...and do we need to have a memorandum of agreement or an MOU between us and them, or...it's just pure curiosity, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: They work it with Parks Department. Director?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Kama. Yeah, so, you know, it depends like Warren said how the animals adapt to the climate down here in Wailuku, Central Maui. And then if it becomes an annual event, we'll do something, a license agreement like how we have with the Maui Fair. So, that comes to this body for approval, and then they wouldn't have to come every year for the extension of the five days. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

MS. PETERS: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Wow, I'm excited. I guess, because it's down in Central. I guess I should go. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: We do have a handout. Is this what you presented, Mr. Watanabe? Who gave us this handout? Oh okay, this was...so that I know what I'm doing. Okay. Thank you. Anyway, I appreciate your questions. This is I think something very beneficial for everybody. So, your question is very good, especially with Parks getting ready to finalize rules and regs on concessions. Okay, all of these things are to be revenue generators for the Department so that we can maintain our facilities and provide facilities that make good sense for community use. So, that's the plan with concession revenues. Okay, it's not about we taking away opportunities. We're finding ways to improve what we have to offer. So, we look forward to that when the Department is ready in short, near future. For Ms. Fukumoto, you know what I find interesting, on those posters, like for Ag Fest and whatnot, you have Office of the Mayor being a sponsor under OED, and then you get the County of the Maui sponsoring also. What's the difference? Why is there two County seals on one poster for the County?

MS. FUKUMOTO: Well, the budget, you know, comes from the grants that we monitor and administer through OED. So, there's the OED specific logo. And obviously, because it is being funded through the County's budget, we do encourage the second seal as well, the County seal.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, that's fine. There's only one County government though. One seal is good enough, 'cause only Council gives money. So, we can just put the Council seal, good enough. No, we're just trying to understand how entities get the benefit of fee waivers by having us co-sponsor events. Yes, Ms. Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Just a question that may not even be...but do all of the fliers that the County produces for all events, do they always need to have two seals on top of it with the Mayor and the Council? Or can it just be one, and if it doesn't matter, can we just do one? I think it's confusing to the public.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I'm not sure. Because it depends on whose event you notice on the walls. Some have one seal only. Sometimes there's just Parks. Sometimes there's just maybe DOT. So, I'm just wondering why do we put more than one County seal. There's only one County dollar coming to the program.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, who can answer that question?

CHAIR HOKAMA: We'll let the Mayor and the Managing Director answer that for us.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. So, we'll send them a letter?

CHAIR HOKAMA: We can send them a letter.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. I'd like that, because I think sometimes it is confusing to the general public when they see two seals, and it almost makes it seem like there's a division when there really shouldn't be. And if we are a team, then we should be a team and have one seal. It's just my sense of it. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah. We'll send them a request that they can respond to for us. Okay, anything else on this item you folks need to know about? Anything else, anything new you folks doing that you want to share since you're talking about food security and everything else, Mr. Watanabe?

MR. WATANABE: Well, I think basically we have the same events. We do have our . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. I know what is easier for us. We should just ask you questions instead of having you think what we're thinking yeah, without you knowing what we're thinking. So, you brought up food security. Is food security still a concern for this County? Are we still concerned about rat lungworm? Are we still concerned avian items from wild chickens? Are we still concerned about, you know, feral cats?

MR. WATANABE: Well I guess I would say yes it's a huge concern. And we just had again another rat lungworm incident. We will be posting signs, and I think maybe possibly CTAHR will be having again informational brochures on the subject. It is a big, huge concern, because I don't know if you're aware, but there was a recent, the most recent one of a rat lungworm one was a visitor came to Maui I believe, and he took and when

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he went back to Alaska that's when he found out he contracted the disease, and so we reached out also to the Hotel Association to help promote food safety. And it's always, you know, wash your produce before consumption, and no matter where it comes from. As far as other issues biosecurity, we're always concern about invasive species.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So, wait, wait. Go back to the food security. So, does the Ag Fest planning to do a like a demonstration of how to properly wash your produce or something like that?

MR. WATANABE: Yes.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Is this the kind of activities that the public can look forward to?

MR. WATANABE: Yes. And, you know, we are doing our best to reach out even to, again to Lanai and Molokai, our ag industries there. I think, you know, the basic premise about food security is that we, like I mentioned, we do have lot of farmers retired, and the concern is we don't have enough in this, I would say the 30 to 40 age bracket of farmers. That is a major concern. Not only for the county but I mean for the state. Production issues are there, transportation. Cost of production is still there. And that's why we always get back to what kind of policies government can provide. You know we need long-term leases. I know you...we pushed about dedication of ag lands. I think that's important to food security. So, a lot of it I think is policy. And as far as being featured at Ag Fest, I think what we want to feature more is that our local farmers and ranchers need the support. This is what they produce. They're always in the market of new trends, and what else they need to grow to stay competitive. A lot of times we depend on old products and I'm kind of old school. And I think we need to get sort of get back to like where my parents grew head cabbage. You know the staple, stable ag products that the public can afford to buy. I mean you can't always afford these high-end products, and that's what we need to be concerned about, and where I think where our emphasis should be.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. So, this is what the Ag Fest is going to be promoting and discussing during the five days?

MR. WATANABE: Yes. Yes.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. No, I think we just trying to provide you a venue for you and the departments to be able to share information, yeah. And it's the new slang word, yeah, you know, healthy communities, opportunity zones. You know just all the new glitz, the new bling blings that the Feds throw at us. So but I think you'll find in this Committee enough interest that we are going to continue to look at how to create better healthy communities through our efforts, yeah. So, parks is a big one, how to keep our people healthy before they need medical service. OED, because of economic drivers that will help pay for it, yeah, and then we need entities like yours that will continue to show. Actually we're kind of like, we like the glitz too, the bling bling. So, you know, you should be telling us what the new breakthroughs in technology that is assisting ag or whatever it be, on your yields, tons per acre, whatever it be. Is

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Mahi Pono the...still looking like the answer to some of our problems regarding water lease situations and everything else going on? We look forward to your folks' regular input to us. Because this Committee can do a lot if we want to do a lot. Okay, and we can do nothing if we choose to do nothing also. Yeah, Ms. Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, you know, one of the things I've been asking developers as they come before me regarding their developments is I'm always asking them if there is room for community gardens. 'Cause I think if we have housing, we have community gardens. I think for me anyway, that's another effort towards helping our communities to be able to be more sustainable and to be healthy. So, I'm not sure how easy or how hard it is for that to occur. So, let's say for example, we said for every development that comes, they got to have a community garden. Doesn't have to be big, but they've got to have something, I don't know, I haven't figured it out in my head. But is that potentially possible? And I'm going to assume that people may or may not know how to garden. But still they would need to have some help in just getting started. So, where would that...

CHAIR HOKAMA: You can deal with Ms. Desjardins and look at the County Code under subdivision requirements. So, maybe instead of a subdivision tree, you can have a subdivision garden.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, who would we go to, to even start a garden?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Planning Department.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Planning? I hope they're listening. Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Watanabe.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I mean, you know, if you want to...depends how you want to approach it, Ms. Kama, you know, the subdivision requirements. We always plant trees, right?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Absolutely.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And then you see all the new home buyers cut down the trees we plant right?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Fruit trees. Plant fruit trees. Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So, yeah. No, it's an idea. Maybe you can think about it. Anything else, Ms. Sugimura, before we finish up?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. So, thanks for opening it up, because as you know we're having a trade war with China. And what president, I want to say Tsu [sic] from China is focusing on are the farmers in the United States. So, I'm just wondering if you have any opinions. Especially Maui County Farm Bureau, if you've heard about it yet. Because I think the list of the items that are being I guess taxed more just recently came out. So, what does that do to us farmers on the local level?

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MR. WATANABE: I mean, for us in Hawaii I mean we haven't really looked at it, but there are implications, because when new products are...and I'll use as an example from the floral industry. Like, you know, when they allow foreign imports like for orchids, it really hurts our local industry, and that's where trade really hurts. And that's where we look at it. And I know Farm Bureau has been supportive of, you know trades, trade agreements like NAFTA, but, you know, Hawaii is so small that, you know, their concerns are not...our concerns are not naturally always addressed. But that is why for Hawaii to be competitive in the world market, is to be...that's why we need support for research and development. And this is where the flower industry has been strong. You know, they've always come up with new varieties of anthuriums or orchids to stay one step ahead, because you have an opening for about, I would say three to five years, and then the rest of the world catches up with it. And then...and that's why, you know, for us the University of Hawaii is important for research and development, and places like HARC and PBARC, because we always have to be on the cutting edge of new products.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. I mean, I think you have a big battle, not only is it locally, but when I heard that the list of the trade embargoes or different things going on nationally, and with our presidents being the two powerhouses of the world, I hope we win. I hope we win.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Everybody got to win. Nobody wins, only one side wins. Mr. Molina, any last-minute questions you might pose at this time?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No. I'm just ready for your recommendation, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Just couple of things yeah, Mr. Watanabe, so the Members are clear. About what size are you looking at currently for this new event, this event? How many acres of land you're looking at utilizing? No, because I think one of the Members brought up that if this continues what are we looking at on one annual basis, you looking at five acres every time we put on event like this? If you get more wild...livestock and whatnot, you looking at eight acres? Or I mean what are we looking at?

MR. WATANABE: Yeah, I would say about five, yeah, in that range, yeah. That should be adequate. Again, you know, we are, you know, we've reached a really large point in our event. I'm not sure how much more you can grow. Hopefully, you know, again, if you take the three islands, you know, hopefully we can make it a lot bigger. And I think what we are looking at too, I think we are competitive, I would say we are much more competitive and have a better event that would end up--even though it is...I am part of the organization--than the State Farm Fair at Kualoa Ranch, yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. You're doing anything with Maui hotel...Restaurant Association and MCC's [sic] food service and veterinary care studies, veterinary studies programs?

MR. WATANABE: Maybe Charlene can give you a better answer, reply.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Charlene, your turn.

MS. KAUHANE: Hi. Thank you. Yes. We do have a really good relationship with the University, and the Maui Food Innovation Center is a vendor at the event in our education tent. Also, the Culinary Academy is involved. This year it's a little bit different because we normally use to have our event in April when school was in session. So, we had a lot of students involved. We are going to see a decrease but hopefully increase next year when the students can be arranged prior to school ending. One of the big focuses of the event is our Grand Taste. It's a ticketed event, it costs \$30 and it's scheduled this year from three o'clock to five o'clock. And we have 12 chefs from various restaurants on Maui that are participating, and they do a taste featuring a local item, a local ingredient. And the focus this year is to focus on a vegetable ingredient that can be made into a main dish. Or something that's, people can take to potlucks. Normally the chefs include local ingredients and it sometimes is a complement to the protein. We're requiring them to make a, to utilize a vegetable as a main dish. So, that's going to be fun. So, the University, the Culinary Academy students often partner with the participating restaurants and they help, and they get to work with the chefs at our event.

CHAIR HOKAMA: 'Cause, you know, Chef Molina is pretty good too, you know.

MS. KAUHANE: Yeah. So, yeah, so we're really happy, because that event has just grown over the years, the Grand Taste, and we price it specifically at \$30 so that we can get more of Maui residents to attend because the other events are usually much higher priced.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. No, no, no, I think that's good stuff. I've been to events where you buy the product and there's someone who can prepare it for you for another price, and then you're eating the product right --

MS. KAUHANE: Oh, that's great.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --at the, you know, at the...that's pretty much farm to table, right --

MS. KAUHANE: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --program, so yeah. You know, we've seen those things successful in other venues that you might want to consider those type of opportunities.

MS. KAUHANE: Okay. Great, we will look into that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah. Yes, Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Mr. Chair. You know, as I was looking at the list of participants on our Granicus, there are two liquor dispensing companies that will be part of the Ag Fest. I don't know if maybe it's for Mr. Watanabe or

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Charlene could answer. What kind of rules would be place on them as far as dispensing the liquor? Because you have a youth organization, 4-H as well, and any issues with the Department as far as permitting? 'Cause I have a feeling the inspectors will probably be dropping by. Any comments?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Department?

MS. PETERS: I'll defer to Charlene, but there will be no liquor at the event.

MS. KAUHANE: Yeah. Our events are alcohol free. And so the vendors that are there, they are there to promote their tours that they offer, and in conjunction with the Pineapple Tours. So, Haliimaile Distilling Company is across the street from Maui Gold Pineapple, and they work hand in hand to do a combined tour of the fields. And then educating the attendee about the value-added products made from the pineapple, which is the PAU Vodka.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Well, thank you for that clarification.

MS. KAUHANE: You're welcome.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you.

MS. KAUHANE: And same as the Maui Brewing Company, they do the same thing. And there are several companies that offer different tours. Independent business people. There's a craft tour on Maui where people can go to. The Maui Brewing Company, I thinks it's Ocean Vodka, and Haliimaile Distilling Company.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Anything else, Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No. That's it. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Anything else, Ms. Sugimura?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: I was wondering, are you honoring any ag people? I think in the past, I remember you did. I'm curious.

MS. KAUHANE: Yeah. This is our fourth...

CHAIR HOKAMA: You guys have one breakfast, right?

MS. KAUHANE: We do, and it's just so great. It's the fourth year that we're doing it. It's called the Maui Farmers Pancake Breakfast, Legacy Farmers Pancake Breakfast, and this year we're honoring three farmers. The first is Arthur DePonte who's with the livestock industry. He was responsible for bringing in Brangus cattle to Maui. So, he is wonderful. He just turned 90 on May 2nd, and his family's all coming and they're very excited. Keoki Freeland, if you know him, he has always worked in the plantations on West Maui. And he's very excited as well. His family's going to be

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there. And he's being recognized for his contributions in the sugar industry and pineapple, but also his involvement with getting his nephew involved in the coffee industry. So, there's quite a legacy there of multi generations of farmers. And then, we're also recognizing the Uradomo Family who did the Maui pickled products, but they also had a farm since, I guess, the 1930s here on Maui. So, it's wonderful. We get to have a variety of farmers being recognized. And I wanted to draw to your attention that we have the Fairmont Kea Lani this year sponsoring the food. So, one of the ways that we garner support from the community is not only financial sponsorship but they're providing the breakfast food as a donation. So, it's an in-kind donation, and that's from Chef Tylun Pang. So, that saves us a bit of money on our end so that we can do other things. I think we paid \$2,500 last year for the food and they are going to do it this year. So, it'll be nice.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, Chef Pang is terrific.

MS. KAUHANE: He's a tremendous supporter. He's always willing to support us.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Sugimura?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Can you send us the list that you just mentioned?

MS. KAUHANE: Sure.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: When you do your press release.

MS. KAUHANE: Yeah. We have the press release. Warren just got out the info from Ira for the Uradomos. So, I just have that section to write and then we'll issue the press release.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Kama, any last question, comment?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: No, Chair. I'm ready for the question.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Anything else you want to...

MS. KAUHANE: No. We just, thank you for all of your help, and I think one of the points that's important for us and I know we all have a love for Upcountry, Maui and wanting to hold our event up there. But we're really looking forward to having it in Kahului, Wailuku area at the Parks, War Memorial, because we feel that it's easier for everybody to get to. So, what we've learned in the past after having it at Maui Tropical Plantation is, is that every year we've increased our attendance by being in the central

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location. But what we do at our event is promote the agricultural districts in every place that people can visit on their own. But for this particular event it works really well to be in a central location.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you very much. Mr. Cambra, you wanted to say any last-minute words? We'll give you an opportunity today since you took the time.

MR. CAMBRA: Just the part about the restaurants and hotels. A lot of these businesses support our auction. So, we have hotels, restaurants, and businesses in the community. So, it's a good time where both the Ag Fest participants and the...they can participate at the livestock auction. So, it's kind of, you know, working together.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, thank you for being in here this morning. Okay. So, is there anything we need to know, Ms. DesJardins, regarding the proposed resolution? Any adjustments, revisions, corrections?

MS. DESJARDINS: No, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Ms. Peters, any adjustments, corrections, revisions on proposed resolution?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. I'd just like to thank you, Chair, and the Committee for taking this up and expediting it to assist with this great program.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Ms. Fukumoto, any comments on the proposed resolution?

MS. FUKUMOTO: Thank you, Chair. No other changes. And just want to thank everyone for giving the agricultural community an opportunity.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. The Chair will then state that it is the intent for us to defer the item today. Friday's Council meeting there is an item for a discharge consideration that Ms. Sugimura will bring forward, and then if approved, then the Council can make a determination on this agreement for use of the complex. Yeah, and the Department and applicants know they need to start earlier next year. Yeah, yeah. So, any other comments, Members? Any other questions? Then, we are done for the day. This meeting is adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS. (Excused: KK, KRF, TP)

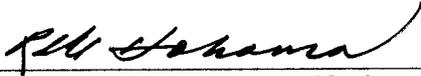
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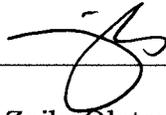
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CERTIFICATE

I, Zoila Olsten, hereby certify that the foregoing represents to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not in any way concerned with the cause.

DATED the 4th day of June, 2019, in Wailuku, Hawaii



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