

# HEALTHY FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

## MINUTES

July 9, 2019

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

**CONVENE:** 1:32 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

**EXCUSED:** 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):*

Evan Dust, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Tasha Kama

**ADMIN.:** Karla Peters, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation  
John Buck, Deputy Director, Department of Parks and Recreation  
Mimi DesJardins, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

**OTHERS:** Zaldy Ugalino, Bahay Kubo Heritage Foundation  
Elizabeth Ayson  
(1) additional attendee

**PRESS:** *Akaku: Maui Community Television, Inc.*

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CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . This is the Council's Committee on Healthy Families and Communities, our regular meeting of, what is today, today is July 9, 2019. Present we have Vice-Chairman Sugimura.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good afternoon, Chair.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Good afternoon. And the following Committee Members are present, Mr. Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Good afternoon, Chairman.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Good afternoon, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Good afternoon.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And Ms. Kama. We have...

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Good afternoon, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Good afternoon. We have two items, Members, basically to receive statuses regarding HFC-22 and -23, it's not...your Chair has not planned for any decision-making on any of the two items since we are here to find out what is the status and how the Department is approaching each item.

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

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, so, at this time, we'll allow anyone wishing to provide testimony to provide before the Committee. It is this Committee's rules as we pose for three minutes and three minutes only per item. I have been notified that there is no one in our three District Offices wishing to provide testimony this afternoon. And at this time, is there anyone in the Chambers that would like to give testimony? Okay, having none, with no objection, we'll close testimony for today's meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

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

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Members. So, ordered.

**ITEM HFC-23: MAUI INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE FEES FUND** (CC 19-247)

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, again, we're going to move fast so we're going to take it in order. First, we'll take up HFC-23 is under the heading of Maui Interscholastic League Fees Fund. This is via the Communication 19-247, from your Chair, as it relates to the Maui Interscholastic League Fees Fund. And this afternoon, joining us is Ms. Peters,

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our Director, Mr. Buck, our Deputy of the Department...you don't have Ms. Almeida, that's fine. Also assisting the Committee is our Deputy assigned, Ms. DesJardins, and I'll...want you to know already we have in the Code under Chapter 3.39, an establishment of the Maui Interscholastic League Fees Fund. Okay, so we have the purpose, was to provide grants to County high schools participating in the Maui Interscholastic League for sports-related travel expenses and sporting events. And we also have a section as it deals to the deposits and administration. I can also give you some additional historic. The Council during the tenure of Chairman Kawano --

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --okay, worked with then MIL secretary, Stephen Kim. And the league brought forward to Mr. Kawano, I think I was the Budget Chair at that time, on how the County could assist the League regarding increasing expenses for interleague travel. And, of course, those days Hana had difficulties, Molokai had difficulties, Lanai, the main so-called schools, Saint Anthony had difficulty regarding expenses for league requirements. So, back in the late 1990s, Chairman Kawano convinced Council that we would allow the League to run the programs at the football field, basketball gym, baseball stadium. In return, the Council wanted an annual financial report and audit, since the League is a registered non-profit, on how they generated the funds, and how they then utilized the funds to promote the League's travel requirements to be fair to all schools in the County. I can tell you from that first year we agreed and established it, the League has never presented the Council with a report on how they utilize those fees that they collected, okay. So, for me, this is a...that's fine. You don't want to report to us. Then we'll then take back the management of all our facilities and then Council can decide with the fees in the appropriate fund on how we want to disburse to our schools to assist our student athletes in providing fair opportunities for competition, okay. That's how we reached here today. The League has not done their part in giving us the records on how they utilize their ability. Because we collected nothing now from the gates, it was all the League's money and we have yet to be told how much they collected, how much they spent, and what was the net in achieving the purpose of assisting our student athletes, okay. So, I have an issue with the League and the schools that think that it's their money. It's not their money, okay. So, this afternoon, I'm going to have the Director, Ms. Peters and Mr. Buck, give us the Department's comments regarding this item. Director?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair, and good afternoon, Committee Members. So, revenues, like Chair Hokama mentioned, revenues in the fund are to be utilized for the purpose of providing grants to County high schools in the MIL for sports-related travel expenses and sporting events. The Department is currently in the process of developing a grant program for the distribution of the funds in this account. Currently to date, there is \$18,924 in the account. It was a special account created per Chapter 3.39 by the Finance Department. And we will be utilizing the information based off of MIL's schedules as to sports that require travel and number of athletes that are required to travel in hopes to create an equitable system that helps our student athletes with these expenses. So, at this time I'll open it up for any questions

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or concerns.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Buck, do you have anything you would like to add to the Director's original comments?

MR. BUCK: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, before I ask each Member, you'll have your opportunity regarding this. So, you already have plans on how you want to spend the, what is already existing in the funds, Director? You have a plan?

MS. PETERS: Chair, we're developing that plan right now.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Also, keep in mind when the Members have their questions and concerns, keep in mind, yeah, that we also authorized through the Code the concessions, yeah, ability. So, how the Department is thinking of utilizing that tool from our toolbox to assist you with programs such as this one that we're focusing on.

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. And so, we were also because the language in the Bill did mention a grant, we were looking at Chapter 3.36 and...in the Maui Grants Program and coming up with an application process.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, and are you going to have rules and regulations for this component also?

MS. PETERS: Yes, Chair. So, we would develop those policies and then have a matrix and then a vetting process within the Department.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. I'll allow...okay, if we need more than one round, we'll take more than one round, okay? So, don't feel you got to have everything this one first crack. Ms. Sugimura, as the Vice-Chair, you have your opportunity.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, thank you, Chair. So, the \$18,924 was collected from what period to date? Because I know it's a...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair, thank you. Thank you, Member Sugimura. So, it was effective July 1, 2018 to current.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. And the fees are collected through what?

MS. PETERS: So the fees are...

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Gate fees? No? Oh, go ahead.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

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MS. PETERS: The fees are collected as they require permits for their events. So, we have a park...so, in the rates and fees in Exhibit B, there is a section in there that states that partnership leagues pay an annual custodial and key deposit of \$500. So, the MIL's considered a partnership league, and so they would pay that as a deposit and that gets refunded. Then what we do is if the event is...if they're collecting gate fees, we go off of the schedule of fees and deposits where it says Department-sponsored event with revenue. So, that's what they're charged based on the...whether it's the gymnasiums, stadiums, or fields.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: And the concession, the upper concession at the stadium, that's completely separate then?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair, yes, correct. That is...goes to...they have designated schools that get those...the revenue collected. If they're collecting gate revenue, then they're charged the fee within the rates and fees that are titled Event with Revenue, Department Sponsored.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: And one last question, what are you anticipating doing with this \$18,924?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MS. PETERS: So, we were trying to work on a process in which we would look at the number of sports that require travel. MIL has a travel number for each sport so we can confirm that with them, and then they also have a number of allowed students who can travel. So, we were going to look at all of that, pull all of that together, and so, we, in theory, we were assigning...so if a school had between one to ten travelers, they were given a point. And so it would go on a point system. So, as we were just, again, theoretically looking at it all and trying to come up with a system, we had thought that...we went through all the fall sports, the winter sports, spring, and then for every ten, they were given a dot on a matrix. So, if we looked at it, and again, this is a really rough draft, if we divided that amount...so if we say there was \$15,000 and there were, each school had maybe two dots per team that would travel and then this would be league travel, then it looked as though they would be about \$129 per unit. So, as we calculated this out...so, again, it's really...it's a really rough...it came out to be where Molokai, Lanai, and Hana will be given roughly, like, \$3,600; Seabury and Saint Anthony, about 1,200; and then Kihei Charter, Haleakala Waldorf, and Maui Prep, about 775. So, again, this is all a really rough draft in theory, and then we would also go through the grant process in ensuring that it's equitable. So, we're trying to distribute the money based on the teams that travel and how many are allowed to

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travel per team per sport.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, before I recognize Ms. Kama, Members, again yeah, this is a working development in how we're going to do it, so don't take it as this is the way it's going to be, yeah? You know, the Department is still working it. The Committee will have its opportunity to make revisions and adjust it, yeah. So, we may end up with something totally that we not using currently, okay? And for me, I look at what is to the community's benefit through the County facility first, yeah? We not the State of Hawaii, we not the primary entity responsible, okay? We're a supplemental, complementary component as the County. So, I don't want the State to think they don't need to do their part to take care of education and athletics either, yeah? So, just keep that in mind. Ms. Kama, any points --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --you'd like to bring up at this time?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Just one at this point, Chair. So, as you're coming up with some...your system currently, what was past practice like?

CHAIR HOKAMA: We don't know 'cause they never reported back to us.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: But, how do they make the determinations as to who received and how did that get distributed and...

CHAIR HOKAMA: We don't know, Ms. Kama, because they never reported back to this, to the Council's Committee responsible for --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: And we never asked?

CHAIR HOKAMA: --its oversight. We've asked. We've asked how they've maintained their tax non-profit status since you have to annually report to the IRS and have an audit, with a verified audit. We have never been given a copy of their audit, we've never even been given a gross receipt of their income and expenses. We don't know what is their net. We don't know how each team is allotted whatever dollars they have.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, we just turned over money to the Interscholastic League?

CHAIR HOKAMA: So, I would say right now, what we're trying to do is bring transparency back on what is the actual County asset being utilized for, its purpose, and who is getting the current benefit since we not...we have no reporting, which I find is, you know, very irresponsible of the League.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, at some point in time will we ever be able to have that question answered before this body?

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CHAIR HOKAMA: They've ignored us for 20 years. That's about as long as this program, because I'm talking about Pat Kawano era, 1998.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Well, I wasn't there 20 years ago, but I'm here today.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, no --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --thank you. Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Chair, for that history lesson, that's for sure. Just a quick question for the Department. How many schools over the last year have utilized the fund, it's pretty much all of the public schools, all the schools involved in the MIL?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair, thank you. Member Molina, the fund has never been utilized.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh.

MS. PETERS: There is no...the money was never appropriated in the annual budget ordinance. So, what we're doing now is trying to come up with a plan and then bring it back to this body and then be able to implement it in the Fiscal Year '21 Budget.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

MS. PETERS: Or we could do a budget amendment as well if needed.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And any parameters that you're looking at to be eligible to tap into, you know, any monies from a school, what kind of requirements would they have to be, they would have to adhere to? Any ideas? Any thoughts?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair, so we would utilize the grant process, the 3.39, excuse me, 3.36. And so, they would provide us with objectives. And then, again, working with the MIL on who does travel. So, they come out with these schedules annually in August, and then who does travel, what the amounts or the travel teams, they have designated number of players that are allowed to travel.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So, in short a reporting requirement?

MS. PETERS: Correct, yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

MS. PETERS: Yes, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Good, good.

MS. PETERS: Absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Historically, was there any inquiries, I mean, on our part to just kind of put an end to this because of the lack of reporting? Or I don't know if the Board of Education, maybe Council Chair King, I don't know if this matter ever came --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: That was my last year --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --to the attention of the Board.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: --when it started.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. So, that's kind of tragic, Mr. Chair --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Council made --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --you know.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --multiple requests through the various terms. Budget Committee sent letters to the League and we were never responded to.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, so ignored, yeah?

CHAIR HOKAMA: So, for me it's, you know, the League is just telling the County, hey, we don't need your money, we don't feel to report. So, that's fine with me. We can give from our side a specific grant.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And again, we all know, yeah, for the schools that have the problem with the expenses is usually the school that didn't think they was going to win the championship, and all of a sudden now they won the championship and they got to find \$15,000 to go to one state tournament or something and they got three weeks to make it happen. You know, usually that's the situation the schools get in, right? Wow, they won the state tournament, they got to go nationals.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: We need \$25,000 in two weeks.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: You look for all available sources.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, I mean, we understand, you know. Because we've had successful Maui teams make it to world championships.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, so I get it.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, well, I think it's good. I appreciate the direction you taking on this, Chairman.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So, it's high time for it. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. King, questions for the Director?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you. Yeah, 1998 was my last year on the Board of Education so that was the year this fund started I guess. So, the 18,000, that's just from the last year or that's cumulative since the beginning of this fund?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair, since July 1, 2019.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, so, the money that had been being spent every year, the money that was collected previous?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair, ever since this fund was created, there has been no expenditures to date.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: But then, wouldn't there have been money accumulating in the fund?

MS. PETERS: It all went into the General Fund when the permits were paid.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, and so --

MS. PETERS: So, now this is a special...

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: --at the end of every year it would go into the General Fund?

MS. PETERS: As deposited, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay. So, along the ways it never really accumulated in the fund, it was just the fees were paid, they were put into the General Fund as they were paid.

MS. PETERS: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So, that's the County's General Fund, so actually there was no expenditure by MIL to date?

MS. PETERS: Not that we know of. We weren't giving out monies as for travel or any other expenditures that they were requesting. The permit...they would apply for the permit and then they would pay the appropriate fees at that time.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So, maybe there wasn't anything to report if they weren't spending the money. So, when we, I guess, just theoretically going forward, if we're collecting money, is there a portion of those fees that gets set aside for maintenance or cleaning or whatever? You know, we charge the general public, we charge these groups to use our facilities. And I'm assuming there's a portion of it that goes back into R&M services?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair? Currently no.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. PETERS: We would like for that, we would like to see that. In fact, that and our rec programs. So, if you rent a community center, it goes back to the...you get your deposit back providing that you clean and return your keys, and then the fees get deposited into the General Fund. And the same thing happens with our rec programs, so our Department-sponsored programs they pay a fee and that fee goes into the General Fund --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. PETERS: --so it doesn't come back to the Department.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay, so none of the fees go into upkeep for our facilities. That's interesting. And then, I guess my...I was formulating all my questions based on what I thought might be happening but apparently nothing's been happening so one of my concerns is if we're collecting fees from different groups, I'm assuming we're also collecting fees from non-sports groups that may be school groups like, or maybe arts and music, and, I don't know, spelling bee, mechanics, whatever other activities. So,

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do we have any intent to fund any of those groups? Because a lot of the non-sport groups, you know, the science bowl kids, they get no help from the County and I think probably like sports, Chair, there's, you know, if you're a parent and your kid wins a major tournament and now they have to go to the mainland, a lot of them are going, oh no, you know, we can't afford this. And, you know, I actually hear from parents who hope their kid doesn't win because they can't afford to send them to the next level. But outside of sports, have you folks considered, like, what would happen to the fees that come from some of these non-sporting events that are school-related and have those levels of competition that don't get funded through this Interscholastic League Fund?

MS. PETERS: So, I guess, Chair, it would depend on if they're charged. So, if they're charging a fee for these activities, but we could look into it. Because, you know, there are science fairs and STEM programs and stuff that we could...if we wanted to expand and take their fees that were collected when they use one of our facilities, then we could look into something --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. PETERS: --that type of special fund.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I think it's good to look at it. I mean, somehow we've always been giving this type of money, you know. I'm speaking at the school, or the DOE level when I was involved in it is that, you know, we tended to overlook a lot of the scholastic events and they didn't get nearly the type of funding...they don't have booster clubs, you know, for the science fair. They don't have a lot of it. So, the parents have to front all that money and they don't get the recognition of, you know, you win a science fair, you don't get the people meeting you at the airport when you get back, and, you know, the flags and leis and everything. So, I think we have to pay attention to some of the other activities that are going on too, because we want holistic support for the students. So, I think that's all. I'm curious to see how we go forward with this and --

CHAIR HOKAMA: We have opportunities, Ms. King --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: --if we will get...

CHAIR HOKAMA: --because the Concession Bill we've approved, I believe, has language that revenues from that source goes back into the Parks Department for maintenance and improvements.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So, we go back to the source.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

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MS. PETERS: Yeah, those...thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. That's good, that would be helpful to the Department. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. So, I wasn't really clear, the annual custodial key, \$500 that is like a deposit and they get the whole amount back?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair, thank you. Yes, they...it's a deposit so that goes back annually and then they pay it again.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Then the gate fees, I don't have the rate and fee schedule in front of me, but do they get...do we take all of that or just a percentage or a flat rate?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair, actually, if they collect the gate fees, they collect that and then that's how we determine what fee schedule that they fall into. So, they would pay more if they're collecting revenues. So, an event with revenue pays more than an event that generates no revenue.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Is it by flat rate or percentage of the revenue?

MS. PETERS: So, it's flat based on our rates and fees. And that's something that we also want to take a look at this year and try and do some cost studies to see where we should be increasing the fees and then, again, maybe we, you know, along with the Concession Bill, having these fees then be a part of our R&M operating account.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then, it's just a question, is, like, when you distribute the money based on, you know, theoretically based on how you were thinking about it and it seems pretty equitable, like, points and like that. But, maybe not all of the schools use County facilities and so, not all of the schools are paying in equally. Is there any thought as to that might not be an equitable arrangement?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair, thank you. So, it wouldn't be if you are using any of our County facilities, it would be for all sports teams according to the language in the...in Chapter 3.39. So, it states...maybe you want to...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Paltin, part of the problem, well, not the problem. Part of the challenge is we never had the ability to implement what we enact into the Code. So, it's hard for us because I understand and I agree, if we had some experience, we could

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start now adjusting the Code to the realities of how it is, right?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, so just a starting point now?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, so this just a starting point. Because if we had that, say, already 20 years of experience --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And data.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --and we know we get this much money, this is how it's going out and then the schools are complaining, you know, we are STEM champions but, you know, we got to go Washington DC but we no more any financial support, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was thinking, like, you know, how some schools would have to use, like, they play football at, maybe, War Memorial or something, but then other schools have their own football field so they're not contributing into the pot in that specific scenario. But, if we're just starting, I guess, you know, we can adjust as we go along.

MS. PETERS: So, the language --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: --does say that it's for providing grants to County high schools participating in the MIL. So, you don't necessarily have to have a game in a County facility, especially if you have your own. It would be all schools participating in MIL.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, cool.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, no, I appreciate the question because that's like Kamehameha Schools, right? It's a private school and they play up at Kamehameha campus, but they may be playing Baldwin, our public school, right? Or, whoever. So, again, we get one unique league unlike Oahu, you know, the ILH is basically your private schools, central downtown versus OIA which is public schools in all areas including rural Oahu. So, yeah, we're not big enough to be that level. And part of the other thing is since the State decided to go Division I and II based on enrollment, you know, a lot of Division II schools will not participate all sports, they don't have the enrollment to field, yeah, everything. So, even on Lanai, we have people who might want to do soccer but you don't have enough for a soccer team, you know. So, again...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Plus, too, all Maui County keiki anyway, so, support them all.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And then for this County, we're the most expensive County to travel. We're the only guys that got to go to multiple islands for competition and academic, you know, purposes. So, again, Members, I think we have a good opportunity. I look to the Department, the Director and Deputy to propose something for us to work with. Yes, Ms. Kama?

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, do we have a date that they could report back to us with their findings?

CHAIR HOKAMA: I'm going to ask the Director, you know, what she feels would be sufficient before we consider asking them to return. Because I want them to have enough time to work up something to propose to us as well as consult with whoever they need to, the League or the schools or even like stadium authority. How does Honolulu Stadium, a State facility, deal with collegiate and high school use at the stadium? Is it only stadium employees that work the whole thing and that the school or university only has a percentage of the gate? Or does they have all food and beverage revenue? I mean, you know, it would be kind of interesting to know how others are operating public facilities for these type of events. So, I want the Department to have time to go. See, because besides us, I don't think Big Island County or Kauai has facilities that can match what we're considering to do. I think besides Oahu, only Maui has the ability to consider this kind of opportunities, Ms. Kama, currently. Okay? Ms. Sugimura, anything else you'd like to bring up to the Department --

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, so --

CHAIR HOKAMA: --at this time?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: --it's nice to see this happening because actually when you think about this, this is a special fund that was created, I think last Council we passed this under Budget Chair direction, with Mr. Hokama, and it really is to help the schools that need it, so additional funding. Probably through all these years I think the MIL has had that concession at the football stadium. I don't know how the rest of them are at the other facilities. But that probably has helped the schools in another way. So, your question about wanting to know, you know, what are they doing with the funds, and whatever the rules were with the Parks Department, maybe, you know, that part, maybe that wasn't what was being followed. I'm not sure, but this is in addition to...this will just help them. This is like a brand new grant fund available to schools which they can apply, is what you're creating, yeah? Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, we're looking at doing it better and fairer.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, that's the purpose, yeah? Ms. Paltin, any last things on this item before we leave this number 23?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Just wondering, you know, that dot thing you were talking about, is that assessed annually?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair, yes, it would have to be. Because then we would go according to the

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schedule. Some teams, they have enough to field a team. Some schools have enough to field a team one year and then not the other year, so we would have to work with MIL and the actual sports schedules that come out in August. So, it would be an annual evaluation, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, even if some of the sports don't start in August, how do you know, like, I mean, I forget, like, was...it's been a long time since high school. But, like, you know, some sports start after January but not all the kids going know if they're signing up. So, how would that work?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair, so we would go off of the previous years and then kind of, you know, leave it open maybe for some special circumstances. I think we would be able to...well, we would have to put some sort of language in there in case something did come up where we would then, they would then need to be part of the vetting process.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Like maybe like at the end of the season, like, do you intend to come back, kind of thing. Like get a rough headcount and then make adjustments for graduations and incoming or something like that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair, yeah, so the HHSAA they all meet and the AD's, and then they come up with their schedules. And so they pretty much know what their schedule is going to look like by August. But again, there are things that do come up that we would have to then have a provision to adjust for.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Like if they never make grades or something or injuries?

MS. PETERS: Correct, yeah. And then, you know, we may just roll that amount back into the fund and then re-appropriate the following fiscal in the ordinance.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Like they hold on to it and then like roll it over, the amount? Like if say they anticipate having 20 kids and due to whatever they only have 10 kids but you allot them the money for 20 kids, are they responsible for holding the money to the next year?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Yeah...

CHAIR HOKAMA: I would say that is part of the rules and regs we're going to work on, Ms. Paltin. Because normal practice is if you only get 10, we're only going give you grant money for 10. We not going give you the grant money for 20 if you only get 10.

MS. PETERS: And that would be part of the reporting process that we would have, you

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know, like normal grantees we ask them for receipts and invoices to verify the County funds being expended. So, we would definitely have that component in there as well.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, kind of reservation based on last year's figures but then actual write out based on what you submit before you get the money?

MS. PETERS: Yeah, that's probably how we're going to craft it.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh.

MS. PETERS: But again, we'll bring it back to the body and we'd love to get input, you know, the more solid of a program that we can implement and equitable, we can help our keiki to, you know, assist with those travel expenses.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Yeah, hold on. Ms. King, anything at this time? Thank you. Mr. Molina? Ms. Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: It just struck me that the County grants are reimbursable, right? You have to present your receipt and then you get reimbursed. But if these kids are trying to take a trip, how do...that means they have to go raise the money and then get it reimbursed through the County, I mean...

CHAIR HOKAMA: But that's the unique situation, yeah, and again --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --the Director and Department --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --is sensitive to that, Ms. Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And so, you know, when they come up with the recommendations, you know, we'll work with and we can make adjustments.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Because, yeah --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Just hedging that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I understand what you're saying.

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah. Director?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. We were also looking at, you know, the Project Grad, how each school gets an allotted fund. So, we're kind of...and looking, I was looking at the...there's a Waipahu Sports Foundation. So, we're still...it's in process and we want to go out and look at other municipalities and get a model, a good model that we can build this off of.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Getting off of Ms. Kama, Director, maybe if you would also touch base with HHSAA because I do know...gosh years go by fast. Maybe six years ago, under Secretary Keith Amemiya of the Association, they made Honolulu get special fundraising for Molokai and Lanai athletics, okay. Honolulu and the Association raised thousands of dollars and was only to give money to Molokai and Lanai athletic for travel support. You know, so, it's something that's done statewide. And for us we're unique because Honolulu did this for Molokai and Lanai, okay. Wasn't this County, was the State Athletic Association understanding the rural schools' needs. So, what we're trying to do is just supplement and take it to the next level, Ms. Kama. Because not all our students going to make it scholastically, some will be technocrats, but some will be athletics. So, we should be giving our kids as many chances to succeed. So, I'm very open to us using our money to support that component of education. Anything else, Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair, thank you, appreciate it that you brought this up on this agenda item and keep it open for discussion to bring back to the Committee for review.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Ms. DesJardins, any comments as far as Corp. Counsel is concerned with the proposal or discussion regarding the grants or the Code?

MS. DESJARDINS: Thank you. The only thing that sort of jumps out at me after this discussion is that the funds would be limited to the use of games played by the Maui Interscholastic League. So, I don't know enough about that league to know do they go to the mainland? Do they only play interisland or inter-county? So, I just, I couldn't find a definition of what that was, but I'm sure they have one. But that's the only comment I have is that the funds are really limited to that. Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, then as your Chair, I'll take that under my responsibility to see if, with the Department, if we need to also consider some Code amendments to make it more workable for our intention. So, I'll take that under my responsibility and then report back to you, the Committee. Okay, any questions on this item? If not, Members, any objections to deferral of this matter?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, this matter is deferred.

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**COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.** (Excused: KRF)

**ACTION: DEFER PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSION.**

**ITEM HFC-22: STATUS UPDATES ON FISCAL YEAR 2019 GRANTS TO LO`ILOA AND BAHAY KUBO HERITAGE FOUNDATION FOR REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION AT KEPANIWAI HERITAGE GARDENS (WAILUKU)**  
(MISC)

CHAIR HOKAMA: We have one more item to go this afternoon, that is Item 22. It is the status update regarding grants to Lo`iloa and Bahay Kubo Heritage Foundation. So, we are fortunate, we have representatives from the Bahay Kubo Board of Directors, I believe. We have Dr. Ayson and Mr. Ugalino.

MR. UGALINO (*from the gallery*): Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: But, and so, when ready, yeah, we'll ask you to please come to this microphone on the side. But we'll let the Department give their comments first and then we'll be happy to invite you forward. So, Director, if you or the Deputy could give us your opening comments please, regarding HFC-22.

MR. BUCK: Thank you, Chair and Committee Members. Well, first we'll start with a status of Lo`iloa. Back in January 16, 2019, we received a letter from Ryan Daniels, the Director, the President, stating that they were not going to seek the grant funding for the 150,000. So, those funding will be lapsing. We did get additional funding for Kepaniwai for the 2020 Budget, and...2020 Budget, and that was to do improvements to Kepaniwai along with the ADA improvements. To date, we're anticipating that there are going to be some additional leftover funding from when we finish the ADA and because the wording of the funding allows to do other improvements and we're hopeful that we'll have the funding to take on the project by the Department. And as far as building the, or restoring the Hawaiian hale, we would be doing an RFP on that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you, Director Buck, for that comments. So, since we have representatives from the Bahay Kubo organization, I would like to take up that portion of this item first since we know we have people who are giving their time this afternoon, and then we'll take up the Lo`iloa consideration. So, Dr. Ayson, you or, you know, Mr. Ugalino, whoever would like to come forward and give us your comments, we would appreciate that please.

MR. BUCK: Chair, while they're coming up, I would just want to make a comment. With their grant, they were able to encumber the funds at the end of the fiscal year, so they did...will be receiving their \$20,000 grant.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you for that, Director Buck. Hi, good afternoon.

MR. UGALINO: Good afternoon.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Please identify yourself for us.

MR. UGALINO: Oh, okay. My name is Zaldy Ugalino and I'm the President of the Bahay Kubo Heritage Foundation.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you for being here.

MR. UGALINO: Thank you, Chair. First of all, I would like to thank everyone, the Councilmembers for your hard work for our County, beautiful County of Maui, and for allowing us to have the grant. At this time, we're pretty much ready to go to do the repair work. Unfortunately, we have to deal with permits.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, we understand.

MR. UGALINO: And at this time, we're just waiting for the word from DCAB and hopefully that's the only thing that we'll be facing. But we have all the drawings, we have all the materials ordered, and we're ready to go. So, thank you so much.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, we appreciate and thank you and your organization for definitely supporting our Filipino community. So, is there anything that the County Department or DCAB is awaiting from you to complete their review? You submitted whatever the agencies have requested from you?

MR. UGALINO: Correct, Chair, yes.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. So, you just waiting for the government side to do the review and sign-offs?

MR. UGALINO: That's correct.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, so, Director, is there anything outstanding you made aware of that may delay their approval of the permits?

MS. PETERS: Chair, I will have to go back and look at it and then we can work with the organization in getting that approval.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, you're aware of the DCAB concerns?

MS. PETERS: Not right now. They did need to go through DCAB, that's a requirement --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Right. We understand that.

MS. PETERS: --for the building permit. So, I can go back and look through and see, and call DCAB to see what is the holdup.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. How long have you been waiting so far? An estimate?

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MR. UGALINO: It's been --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Two months, one month?

MR. UGALINO: --two months, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Two months.

MR. UGALINO: And actually we're very concerned right now because the, almost the entire roof of the bahay kubo has blown away and growing from the Philippines, you know, it's very emotional for me because the lumbers that was used, the flooring, is we call Narra wood and I commend the first Filipinos that built that house because...and what I know that the worst enemy for those Narra wood is not termite, it's elements, rain and sun. And it will have...it will rot --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

MR. UGALINO: --without protection.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, thank you, no, we appreciate your concern. We share that concern with you. Mr. Molina, do you have any questions you would like to pose?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No, I think pretty much Mr. Ugalino's answered some of my questions that I had. But, you know, it's good to hear that you folks are ready to go. And unfortunately you're being held up with the permit process. Any estimation, once you're given the green light to start the repairs, how long it would take to finish?

MR. UGALINO: Our team, we were talking of a whole week just to...like I said, everything has been ordered, we're just waiting for the go-aheads. The trusses have been ordered, it's...everything is fabricated --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ready to go.

MR. UGALINO: --ready to go.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Wow, that's good to hear. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. So, thanks for being here for giving us an update. Are you planning to...is your repair and construction going to restore it to exactly what it was before or do you have any new plans or expansions?

MR. UGALINO: Well, ma'am, we are...the size of the building will be the same. Unfortunately, the nipa hut that was, that came from the Philippines, and with the new law, codes and everything else, it'd have to be a tin roof.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh. Okay, that's kind of disappointing, it can't be the same. But I understand. I understand the new codes. Thank you.

MR. UGALINO: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Paltin, any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. No questions, just appreciate the work you're doing. Thank you very much.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

MR. UGALINO: No, thank you for your folks help.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Sugimura?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, so, I remember this coming through last budget session, the 20,000 was put in for you. And I'm glad, you know, to see this happening now. If...my recollection was, this was because of the September 2016 flood, right, the 100-year flood that happened. And it actually destroyed a lot of other, I don't know, would you call villages at Kepaniwai. So, I'm glad that this grant is going to happen. Tante also asked me about this recently and he might have asked some of the other Members. So, there's some...there's a group ready to start working from what I understand. Dr. Ayson is here in the audience and she was also looking for additional funds for this next, this current fiscal year now we're talking about. And that would be a OED grant, I guess, to help you finish. Because I think you're short 21,000, is that correct?

MR. UGALINO: Yes, ma'am.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, if you don't...or, what is the timing then? Because you're going to get this first 20,000, which is last fiscal year's funding, and then what about the next 21,000 --

MR. UGALINO: Well, we --

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: --your needs?

MR. UGALINO: --we'll do something. Because we really want to restore this bahay kubo. Any help we can get will be greatly appreciated.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Yeah, very good, I would like to see you complete and not have these gaps. Because I think you might then have damages to your structure, which is what you're talking about. So, preservation.

MR. UGALINO: I have, yes, I...we went there and inspected the columns of the bahay kubo along with a certified general contractor and we saw some, a little bit of damages on

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the concrete side. And, of course, the bolts has been rusted.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay...

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you for your hard work.

MR. UGALINO: No --

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MR. UGALINO: --we love it and we're thanking you guys. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Ms. Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Could you just share what DCAB is?

MR. UGALINO: It's...I have that form. It's the Disability Communication Access Board with the State of Hawaii.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: And what are they expecting of you?

MR. UGALINO: That's a good question. I don't know. All it says when we filed for the building permit is the County of Maui says you have to go to them.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: And you went to them?

MR. UGALINO: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR HOKAMA: It's about the disability, Federal disability access.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Access.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah, ensuring that there's access for disabled people, right? That's what that's about?

MR. UGALINO: I am sure that's what it's all about.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, it's something the Department has to ensure. Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair, thank you. Thank you, Member Kama. Yeah, so, all of the building permits go through the Disability Communications Access Board. And so, what they review is that, again, the improvements that you are doing if it affects the access and if there's adequate access. So, the project that we're currently doing now at Kepaniwai,

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in fact, it should commence within the next couple weeks, is the second phase of the walkways. So, I'll be reaching out to DCAB, we have a good working relationship with them, and seeing what the process is or what's holding up this review. Sometimes it's just, you know, they need, they have a question and that we can readily answer.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, anything else, Ms. Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: No, that's it. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Anyone else has a question for Mr. Ugalino? Just so that our whole community understands, does bahay kubo have a unique meaning or understanding, that phrase bahay kubo?

MR. UGALINO: Actually Chair, I'm just learning about what it's all about. All I know...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Dr. Ayson, you...is there a meaning or something for the phrase bahay kubo that we can share and at least appreciate why it's called bahay kubo, the structure? You got to come down, you got to come down, Dr. Ayson.

MS. AYSON (*from the gallery*): Yeah, let me come down.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, I'm sorry if I asked a hard question. I just thought would be good to know what bahay kubo was.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: You could ask Alice Lee if she was here.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah. That's not hello in Ilocano, I know that. Hello, Dr. Ayson, thank you for joining us and if you heard my question, again, I'm just curious to see if it has a special meaning for the Filipino community.

MS. AYSON: I don't know about a special meaning, but I grew up understanding that the nipa hut is representative of many, many villages. And we who grew up as Filipinos here were very happy to have one. And I also understand it's the only one in the state.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Oh, okay.

MS. AYSON: And therefore, now that we have to take the nipa, which is the thatch, away and make it into a tin roof, I'm not sure how that's going to hit a lot of Filipinos when they see it. So, I...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Maybe the same way the Hawaiians would feel when they said you got to hemo your hala thatch --

MS. AYSON: Yes.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: --and put one totan --

MS. AYSON: Exactly.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --roof on the Hawaiian hale.

MS. AYSON: Yeah. So, I understand also from a little research that we've done that there's a synthetic fabric that actually looks like nipa, but it's not so it won't blow away and get destroyed in the weather. Except that according to Zaldy, it's way too expensive. Unless you folks want to support us for that? Is that something we could do? I could write a grant for that just to get the more expensive roof instead of the tin roof.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I would check with Fire Department first --

MS. AYSON: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --on Fire Code rating, because it may not pass for public facilities, because you need to have, you know, sufficient, what's...they call that retardation components on the fire, you know, the fire issue and whatnot. So --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Can you spray it?

CHAIR HOKAMA: --we can assist you, have, you know, Fire Department tell you what materials or can and cannot, shouldn't be considered.

MS. AYSON: Did you hear that?

MR. UGALINO: I'll talk to...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair?

MS. AYSON: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, Ms. King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So, what kind of a difference are you talking about in price?

MS. AYSON: We haven't researched it --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh.

MS. AYSON: --because we didn't think we could, you know, we thought it would be too, just too much.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. AYSON: But I...we have started writing another grant for the 21,000. I have the actual

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grant application form. We're halfway done with it. But it was to complete what they'd already started, not to get the new nipa materials. Shall we do another grant for that one?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, well, I don't know. I want to know what you're talking...are you talking about tens of thousands, or a few thousands?

MS. AYSON: What do you think?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Maybe when you have some kind of estimates regarding cost and, you know, what will pass the Code and whatnot, we can have more discussions. But until you get something more specific, I don't want the Committee to get stuck on a lot of what ifs at this point in time.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right.

CHAIR HOKAMA: But we...I just wanted to know, does bahay kubo have a certain meaning, and that's why the project is called bahay kubo. That's what we would like to know. Does it have a special connotation regarding your project?

MS. AYSON: You speak the language, I don't.

MR. UGALINO: I just learned the language.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Maybe you could find that out along with the pricing.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah.

MR. UGALINO: I will, thank you. No, definitely, that is a very nice question because, you know, I was retired and went back to the Philippines and learned my culture a little bit. But I know the bahay kubos are always right in the middle of the rice field.

MS. AYSON: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: That's a building --

MR. UGALINO: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --that's in the middle...

MR. UGALINO: Yeah, that's where everybody, the whole family after working hard in the rice field, that's where they congregate --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Oh, okay.

MR. UGALINO: --and talk stories, talk about their plants, their harvest, and things like that.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MR. UGALINO: And then they just rest there and then they go home to their individual houses after the hard day work.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Oh, thank you for sharing. See, that makes sense to me --

MR. UGALINO: That's what they do with the --

CHAIR HOKAMA: --from a cultural standpoint.

MR. UGALINO: --bahay kubo.

CHAIR HOKAMA: You know, for...

MR. UGALINO: That's why it's open like that, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Right, yeah. Oh, okay. Thank you, no, thank you for sharing because we want to understand and appreciate it too, yeah.

MR. UGALINO: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, Ms. King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So, Councilmember Paltin found this, it says the bahay kubo is one of the most illustrative and recognized icons of the Philippines. The name of the primitive nipa hut is actually based on the Spanish phrase kubo, meaning cube, probably because its rectangular appearance. And bahay is the Filipino word for house.

MR. UGALINO: That's correct.

CHAIR HOKAMA: That was very good. So, we all learned something today. So, we appreciate that. Yes, Ms. Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I just was saying, you know, about the fire issue. I think Uncle Francis developed, like, a fire code for the traditional Hawaiian hale and I don't know if maybe if you want to reach out to him, maybe they can use something similar so that if you build --

MS. AYSON: Is that Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --yeah, Uncle Francis Sinenci.

MS. AYSON: Okay. Yeah, I know him.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, he, I think, developed the fire code standards for the Hawaiian hale and I would imagine it might not be that different if you can use that same standards, you might want to check with him or the Fire Department if it would work for your guys' purposes as well.

MS. AYSON: That's a terrific idea, thank you for sharing that with us.

MR. UGALINO: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sure thing.

MS. AYSON: We will reach out to him.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: He's a busy guy, though.

MS. AYSON: Thank you very much, this has been fun talking with all of you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Ms. Paltin, that was a great...anyone else has a --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: --question or suggestion?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Maybe, you know --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --out of consideration for the change in the roofing material, will they be required to maybe have to go through like a Board of Variances or something in this case? Because now, if I may ask, Mr. Ugalino, Dr. Ayson, the requirement for the, I guess, tin roof, that came DCAB, the State, or...

MR. UGALINO: No, sir.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Where did...

MR. UGALINO: Actually, when we started we know for a fact that to put the same type of nipa roof on there, and we already learned about the, our Hawaiian hale that it's the, you know, some sort of same material. It would be, it's not fire retardant. So, I, so we assume that the same ruling would come if we bought some stuff from the Philippines and ship it over for, you know, I don't think they will allow that.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, yeah. Well, I applaud you folks for being conscientious about the cost but I'm like Mr. Hokama 'cause, you know, the comparison to having a Polynesian hale with a material that's different than what's traditionally on there, you know, I would rather personally see the more, you know, traditional roofing for the

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kubos itself. So, and, you know, I'm asking, you know, who made this requirement. And also, whether they might have to go through a Board of...they have to get some other authorization approval --

CHAIR HOKAMA: The first would be --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --to use that?

CHAIR HOKAMA: --we would check with the Fire Department --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Fire, yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --and Fire Code. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And then whether or not the Board of Variance would be an appropriate option for them --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Alright.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --to get the review and approval from that...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Or, again, yeah, gosh, I think it'd be your Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I don't know who has the review of the codes, building codes. I don't know if it's your Committee or what. But you could pull up the --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Sure.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --last Fire Code and see if there's opportunities for us to address cultural significant structures with the original materials.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Good suggestion, Chair. Whether it comes as a communication from you to whether it's my Committee or any...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, we'll, okay, we'll take it --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, we're open to it.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --as part of the Committee's request, and the Chair will have a letter drafted and signed by my signature to forward--

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --the request of the Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, thank you, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: You got that, Shelly? Yeah, thank you. Anyone else would like us to follow up on other areas? So, the Chair's going to follow up on the material and the Fire Code regarding this project. Anything else regarding the bahay kubo? Yes, Ms. Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I don't know, I mean, while you're doing that if it's possible to see what the fire code is for a traditional Hawaiian hale --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, no --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --and see...

CHAIR HOKAMA: --yeah, we'll do that --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --as part of, again --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Cool.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --as part of the review.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thanks.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, we'll include that within the parameters, okay. Anything else, Members? If not, thank you very much for being here. We appreciate your presence and your comments this afternoon.

MR. UGALINO: Thank you, Chair --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you so much.

MR. UGALINO: --and thank you, Councilmembers. Thank you for having us.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

MS. AYSON: Thank you so much.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Dr. Ayson. Okay, we completed half of it. The second half of HFC-22 is as it regards to Lo`iloa grant which is the Native Hawaiian hale. So, might be a good timing. Director, any comments regarding Lo`iloa?

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MS. PETERS: Chair, thank you. So, in the letter from the President of Lo`iloa, they did recommend using a master hale builder Francis Sinenci in helping us with the restoration. So, we'll be working through that, through the proper procurement process. I was in the Department when we did work with him on the initial building and so I'm sure we can coordinate a good repair project.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, very good. Ms. Kama, questions for the Department? Ms. Sugimura? Ms. Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just wanted to invite you, we having a gathering July 18 to the 22<sup>nd</sup> and Uncle Francis coming out in West Maui above Maui Preparatory Academy. Going have all the...his hale builders there. So, you're welcome to come. We're going to be camping.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you for that.

MS. PETERS: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Is Lo`iloa still doing the taro patch, the taro restoration up above Iao?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair, so I believe they are, we're not...we haven't been in discussion with them about that yet. There is discussion though, on the lo`i that is around the Hawaiian hale. So, there are --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay.

MS. PETERS: --interested groups in getting that restored as well. So...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, that's in Kepaniwai?

MS. PETERS: Correct, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay. Okay, no, just...but the funding that is going into this is just for the hale, it's not for the, for restoring the kalo up in the...up above?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair, yeah, so it was...we were going to utilize it for their request as far as restoring the hale. And like Mr. Ugalino had mentioned, the Hawaiian hale is in disrepair too. And so, the concern of the Department is that the safety of these structures. You know, we're encouraging people to come, visit them, we want to

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ensure their safety. So, we'll be looking at the structure and then again assessing the other structures up there to ensure that it is safe for our visitors --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. PETERS: --and that frequent the park.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Alright, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, let's see. So, the current plan is to lapse the 150,000 as we understand, Department. Is it too late for another potential grantee who's qualified to apply for the funds since Lo'iloa chose not to move forward, Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair, that was Fiscal Year '19 funds, so the money would have to have been encumbered in a grant agreement by June --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thirtieth.

MS. PETERS: --this past June 30<sup>th</sup>.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

MS. PETERS: And, you know, we have been meeting with the other interested parties. It was just they felt the same way, that if the County could take it on as a improvement project it would be easier for them, just in the grant requirements.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, so actually then as of today the funds have lapsed, the money is no longer there because it's July, right?

MS. PETERS: Correct, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Nothing encumbered, nothing was encumbered? Right?

MS. PETERS: No, nothing encumbered, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, okay. No, we just want to be clear on the status of the funding, so thank you for that. Okay, Members, because the Chair will be sending communications on our, the Committee's behalf and awaiting those responses, your Chair would like to defer this item with no objections?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

**COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.** (Excused: KRF)

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**ACTION: DEFER PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSION.**

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you, we'll defer this item. And is there any last requests for your Chair regarding any of the items we posted for today? Any other requests? Having none, thank you very much, Members. Good job for one hour five minutes, we are adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

**ADJOURN:** 2:35 p.m.

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DATED the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019, in Kahului, Hawaii

  
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