

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

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Community Plan Advisory Committee

Attending: Chair Kai Nishiki, Vice-Chair Jeri Dean, Donald Robert Gerbig, Hans Michel, Yvette Joyce Celiz, Joseph D. Pluta, Karen J. Comcowich, Leilani Pulmano, Dylan Payne, Dawn Hegger-Nordblom

Absent: Ravi Bugga, Aina Kohler, Joseph Aquino

County of Maui – Planning Department

Jennifer Maydan, Long Range Planning Division

Kate Blystone, Long Range Planning Division

Annalise Kehler, Long Range Planning Division

Jaime Paa, Long Range Planning Division

Call to order at 5:33 p.m.

Public Testimony (00:00 to 25:25 in Meeting Video)

Gordon Firestein urged CPAC to approve the Draft Letter to County Council and/or Mayor Victorino and noted the letter's significance.

Doris Lang stressed the need for the Community Plan to be updated before any development gets decided; she expressed her happiness over the community finally having a voice, and said that there is no point in CPAC if the community voice isn't heard.

George Brown said that there should be no building in Launiupoko, as there is no infrastructure there. He urged CPAC to make sure the County gets CPAC's decisions prior to making any decisions on further development in the area.

Tom Landrigan felt that the 201H fast track process is being abused. He provided suggestions to CPAC on how to handle future developments/developers.

Dina Edmisson read a list of recommendations for CPAC from her written testimony. ([Link to written testimony](#))

Darren McDaniel spoke about the dangers of unregulated population growth.

Donna Brown voiced her support for the Draft Letter to County Council and/or Mayor Victorino.

Councilmember Tamara Paltin agreed with everything Dina Edmisson said in her testimony, and also would like to restore Malu'uluolele. She suggested putting strong language in the Community Plan about a sunset clause on entitlements; she suggested having them revoked if developers don't use them within 10 years.

Continuation of a Discussion of Sending a Letter to County Council or Mayor Victorino Regarding Halting Approval of Major Development Projects Until the West Maui Community Plan Updated is Adopted by Ordinance

Deferred until October 1 meeting due to low CPAC attendance.

Guest Presentations Related to Goal 2.3: Responsible Stewardship of Resources, Culture, and Character (26:12 to 1:28:09)

1. Cultural/Environmental Issues Affecting West Maui – Ke'eaumoku Kapu
Postponed due to scheduling conflict
2. Environmental Issues Affecting West Maui – Tova Callender (West Maui Ridge to Reef), Pomaika'i Crozier (Pu'u Kukui Watershed Preserve), Jen VanderVeur (Coral Reef Alliance), Chris Brosius (Mauna Kahalawai Watershed Partnership [MKWP])

Chris Brosius gave an overview of the environmental issues currently facing West Maui, specifically in the Mauna Kahalawai Watershed, as well as MKWP's priorities in addressing these issues. Specific recommendations included having a restricted planting list within the Community Plan to prevent proliferation of invasive plant species, and alternative bike parks for dirt bikes (to stop erosion on mountain trails). **(26:12 to 34:35)**

Tova Callender focused on issues regarding coastal waters and coral reefs, including water quality, sediment/coastal erosion, coral bleaching, and bioerosion. **(34:35 to 42:42)**

Jen VanderVeur talked more in detail about sediment impacts to coral reefs, and finding ways to reduce sediment transport to streams and oceans. Specific recommendations to mitigate sediment erosion included decommissioning roads running parallel to stream gulches; creating buffer zones with plants that can trap sediment; and creating policies that protect stream gulches and ensure they are vegetated with native species. **(42:42 to 45:38)**

Pomaika'i Crozier gave an overview of the Pu'u Kukui Watershed Preserve and its efforts to protect Maui's fragile native biodiversity and water resources mauka to makai. **(45:38 to 56:18)**

Questions from CPAC included tips for fire preparedness, native plant water collection and storage, outreach with West Maui resorts, additional policy suggestions, and funding sources for each presenter's organization. **(56:18 to 1:28:09)**

RECESS/DINNER BREAK

Public Testimony for Presentations (1:28:09 to 1:33:24)

Lei Ishikawa stressed the need to invest in our keiki, culture and language by creating more programs for keiki to have opportunities to become future leaders.

Guest Presentations Related to Goal 2.3: Responsible Stewardship of Resources, Culture, and Character (Cont.) (1:33:24 to END)

1. Cultural/Environmental Issues Affecting West Maui – Ekolu Lindsey

Ekolu Lindsey provided his insight on some of the topics discussed throughout the night's previous presentations as well as touched upon topics of his own. These included the wide scope of water issues; managing coastal retreat; access to views as well as to the ocean; (homeowners' and companies') pools being drained into the ocean; and the restoration of Moku'ula. One specific recommendation was to include a policy expanding historic district to include all of Front Street to protect the integrity of the area's cultural and neighborhood fabric. **(1:33:24 to 1:47:40)**

Questions from CPAC included: additional recommendations for policies and actions; Ekolu's personal thoughts on managed retreat; his thoughts on cultural integrity, political will and water; how he envisions the restoration of Moku'ula, whether it would be valuable to have a policy or action item for Moku'ula, and how CPAC can best support it; and commercial activities and vending in the historic district. **(1:47:40 to END)**

NEXT MEETING IS ON OCTOBER 1, 2019. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:07 P.M.

