

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE
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Council Chamber

CONVENE: 1:33 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Member
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Member

EXCUSED: Councilmember Kelly T. King, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Riki Hokama, Member

STAFF: James Krueger, Legislative Analyst
Yvette Bouthillier, Committee Secretary

Zhantell Lindo, Council Aide, Molokai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

Denise Fernandez, Council Aide, Lāna`i Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros, Council Aide, Hana Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

ADMIN.: Michele M. Yoshimura, Budget Director, Office of the Mayor
John Buck, Deputy Director, Department of Parks and Recreation (EDB-58)
Wade Maeda, Captain, Department of Police (EDB-45(5))
David Galazin, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

Seated in the audience:

Robert Halvorson, Chief of Planning and Development, Department of Parks and Recreation (EDB-58)

Linda Munsell, Deputy Director, Department of Housing and Human Concerns (EDB-52)

OTHERS: Scott Crawford, Chair, Ke Ao Hali`i (EDB-24(14)), EDB-52)

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Liam Ball, Board Member, Habitat for Humanity (EDB-52)
Varna Nakihei (EDB-52)
Scott Fisher, Chief Conservation Officer, Hawaiian Islands Land Trust (EDB-24(14))
Christine Davis (EDB-24(14), EDB-52) (via telephone conference bridge from Hana Council Office)
Chad Meyer (via telephone conference bridge from Hana Council Office)
Mary Ann Kahana (via telephone conference bridge from Hana Council Office)
Claudia Kalaola (EDB-24(14), EDB-52) (via telephone conference bridge from Hana Council Office)
Jay Penniman, Manager, Maui Nui Seabird Recovery Project (EDB-24(14))
Zandra Amaral Crouse (EDB-52)
Lisa Starr, Broker, Ke Ao Hali`i (EDB-24(14))
Samuel Akoi IV (EDB-24(14))
Zelda Kahula (via telephone conference bridge from Hana Council Office)
Laurie Smith-Kaukini (via telephone conference bridge from Hana Council Office)
Kathleen Flanders (via telephone conference bridge from Hana Council Office)
Jana Sinenci (EDB-24(14), EDB-52) (via telephone conference bridge from Hana Council Office)
Uilani O'Hara Ah Chan (EDB-24(14))
Claire Kamalu Carroll (EDB-45(5), EDB-24(14), EDB-52)
Earle Medeiros (EDB-52) (via telephone conference bridge from Hana Council Office)
Michelle Horen (EDB-24(14), EDB-52) (via telephone conference bridge from Hana Council Office)
Rick Rutiz (via telephone conference bridge from Hana Council Office)
Jasee Law (EDB-58)
Others (10)

John O'Hara, Ke Ao Hali`i (EDB-24(14))
Robin Rayner, Ke Ao Hali`i (EDB-24(14))
Max Tornai, Development Director, Habitat for Humanity Maui (EDB-52)
Sherri Dodson, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity Maui (EDB-52)

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . (gavel). . . Aloha `auinalā kākou. Kanakolukūmākolū minuke i ka hala o la `ekahi, kēia ma `umikūmāhiku o Nowemapa i ka makahiki `elua kaukani umikamaeiwa. E `olu`olu mai, e ho`omalū ke Komike Ho`omohala Waiwai me Mo`ohelu Kala. `O wai ka Iku Ha`i o keia komike, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. It's 1:33 on November 19, 2019. Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please come to order. I'm your Chair Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. I keia lā, me ko kākou, Member Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha `auinalā, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha `auinalā. Member Mike Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aloha, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Member Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, this is a tough one, this is from the Marshallese Islands, iakwe and raelep. Around like that, something like that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I don't think I can repeat one so okay, aloha `auinalā to you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, very good.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. Committee Vice-Chair and Council Chair Kelly King is excused, as is Member Riki Hokama. Member Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha `auinalā, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha `auinalā. Member Yuki Lei Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Good afternoon.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good afternoon. And Pro Temp Tasha Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Aloha `auinalā, Chair. Aloha `auinalā.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha `auinalā. Okay. And we have with us from Corporation Counsel David Galazin. Aloha. From the Administration we have our Budget Director Michele Yoshimura.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Good afternoon, Chair.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good afternoon. From Department of Parks and Recreation we have Deputy Director John Buck.

MR. BUCK: Aloha, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Okay. Do we have Mr. Halvorson with us too? Oh, he's...oh, there. Okay, Chief of Planning and Development, Mr. Robert Halvorson is with us in the gallery. Let's see, from the...oh, okay, and then we have Police Captain Wade Maeda from Department of Police. Mahalo for joining us. And we will have the Deputy Director Linda Munsell from Department of Housing and Human Concerns join us later. Okay, and then we have our Committee Staff, Committee Secretary Yvette Bouthillier.

MS. BOUTHILLIER: Good afternoon.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good afternoon. And Legislative Analyst James Krueger. Good afternoon. And at our District Offices we have from the Hana Office, Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros; in Lāna`i Office, Denise Fernandez; and the Molokai Office, Ms. Zhantell Lindo. Okay, we have four items on today's agenda. EDB-58, Amending Fiscal Year 2020 Budget: Department of Parks and Recreation (Mayor Hannibal Tavares Community Center Improvements); EDB-45(5), Amendments to Appendix A, Grants and Restricted Use Revenues - Schedule of Grants and Restricted Use Revenues by Departments and Programs for Fiscal Year 2020 (Department of Police (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA)); EDB-24(14), Land Acquisition of Tax Map Key (2) 1-4-010:004 [sic] by Ke Ao Hali'i; and lastly EDB-52, Amending Fiscal Year 2020 Budget: Affordable Housing Fund (Habitat for Humanity, Affordable Hana Housing Project). Okay, we'll begin with public testimony on all items. For individuals testifying in the Chamber, please sign up at the desk just outside the Chamber door. If you're testifying from one of the remote sites, please sign up with District Staff. Testimony is limited to three minutes. If you're testifying beyond that time, I'll kindly ask you to complete your testimony. When testifying, please state your name and the name of any organization you may be representing. If you are a paid lobbyist, please inform the Committee. Okay, we have established a connection with the Council District Offices, and we'll first check in with them for testifiers. At the Lāna`i Office, Ms. Fernandez, do you have anyone wishing to testify? Oh, okay. Okay. Okay, we'll start with the Chamber. Mr. Krueger, will you please call our first testifier?

MR. KRUEGER: Good afternoon, Chair. The first person signed up to testify is Scott Crawford, he's testifying on agenda items EDB-52 and EDB-24(14), to be followed by Liam Ball.

. . .BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

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MR. CRAWFORD: Aloha, Madam Chair and Members of the Committee.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha.

MR. CRAWFORD: My name is Scott Crawford and I'd first like to testify just as an individual on item 54 was it, the affordable housing item in Hana, 52. And just like to express my support for that. You know I think Habitat for Humanity is a great, credible organization, and Hana is very much in need of housing, affordable housing so this item has my support as an individual. And then also just want to as the Chair of Ke Ao Hali'i, you'll be receiving a presentation later from two of our board members, and I just wanted to make myself available for questions afterwards if there's anything I can do to supplement their presentation or fill in some details that you may have questions about, I'll be available. So, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Crawford. Okay, as Mr. Crawford said, he will be available for questions later when the item comes up, so if you have questions to clarify his testimony, I'll take them, but it looks like there are none, so I'll call our next testifier. Ms. Bouthillier, will you please help us with that?

MS. BOUTHILLIER: Yes. Our next testifier is Liam Ball and he's testifying on item EDB-52.

MR. BALL: Aloha, everyone. My name is Liam Ball and I'm here testifying...I work with...I'm on the board at Habitat for Humanity. I'm testifying in favor of EDB-52. I have just a little data set here for everyone. I pulled one year of residential sales in the Hana area from today to a year back, and I...there are only seven residential sales that happened ranging in price from 425,000 for a 864-square-foot house to \$3,400,000 on the top end, only seven for the whole year. The median sales price was 786,000, and the average sales price was 1,112,382. We need housing for our Hana peeps. Thank you so much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Members, do you have any questions for our testifier? Seeing none, thank you so much for your testimony. Okay, so we will take a quick recess to reestablish connection with our District Offices. Please stay in your chairs. It'll hopefully be quick. We'll take a quick recess. It's 1:41 on November 19, at the call of the Chair. We're in recess. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 1:41 p.m.
RECONVENE: 1:43 p.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .(gavel). . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order. It's 1:43 on November 19 and we'll

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continue with testimony. We'll check in with our District Offices, starting with Lāna`i. Ms. Fernandez, do you have anyone there wishing to testify?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Good afternoon, Chair. This is Denise Fernandez at the Lāna`i Office, and there are no testifiers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Ms. Lindo at the Molokai Office, do you have anyone there wishing to testify?

MS. LINDO: Aloha, Chair. This is Zhan at the Molokai Office, and there are no testifiers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Ms. Oliveira-Medeiros in Hana, do you have anyone there wishing to testify?

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Aloha, Chair. This is Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros from the Hana Office, and I have 11 people waiting to testify.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, will you please introduce your first testifier. Perhaps we can take --

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Okay. The first testifier --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --five at first and then come back.

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: --is Christine Davis testifying on EDB-24(14) and EDB...

... (technical difficulties) ...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Oliveira-Medeiros? Or you think we got disconnected again? Okay, all right, will you call our next testifier? We'll take a few here and try to re-establish connection with the Hana Office.

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, the next person signed up in the Chambers to testify is Varna P. Nakihei testifying on agenda item EDB-52, to be followed by Scott Fisher.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

MS. NAKIHEI: Aloha, everybody. Aloha, Members. I was waiting to hear the testimonies of Hana people. But anyway, I'm on behalf of myself and of Habitat too. Back in 2013, I was qualified for one of the condominiums at Harbor Lights through Habitat. And I can tell you before that, my life wasn't that great. And I can tell you one of the County members in this room right now know what I went through then, sleeping in my car, you know, had two jobs. Money in my pocket, I'm thinking, you know, I'm better than everybody else 'cause I'm

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living in my car and not on the beach. And now I get my grandchildren with me too. I can relate to Hana because I'm a Molokai girl. I've been here for 18 years now via the job on Kaho'olawe. When that job was finished, I decided to stay, because you guys all know, Keani, we don't have jobs on Molokai. And, you know, at that time when I didn't have a place, I was staying house to house. And I can imagine maybe some of these Hana people going through this too, you know, staying with family, staying with friends. But the only thing, you know, I had my grandchildren so it was really hard for me, it was stressful, because I had to, you know, tell them no cry, you know, quiet because bumbai the people I'm staying with get mad. But anyway, so somebody told me about Habitat, and I was like nah, I come from Molokai and Habitat never help me on Molokai, forget them, you know, this and that. But anyway, when I was working and passing Habitat every morning, after three months, something told me stop, stop and check 'em out, because what I got...what do I have to lose? I lost everything already. So, I did, and I think that was the best move I made, you know, because went through the whole thing, the financial thing, whatever, I qualified. Three days later, I got the call that, you know, I was qualified for one of the condominiums. However, I was taking my grandchildren work with me, and I was working for Mental Health Kokua and in the office at the worst place, the crisis house. Taking my two granddaughters with me, hiding them under my desk just 'cause I didn't have a place for them, you know, and that's the kind stuff I had to do. But I thank God for...please, I know you guys there already, you guys almost there, approve this project for Hana. They really need it out there. I'm not discriminative but I do love my people first, and I tell you we need to tend to them first like Molokai. I cannot wait till I get one house over there too. But thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Nakihei. Members, any questions for our testifier? We have one question. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Ms. Naki [sic], for being here. You know for Habitat for Humanity they put in 500 hours of volunteer work. Can you speak to that?

MS. NAKIHEI: Sweat equity.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Sweat equity, yes.

MS. NAKIHEI: And I think, you know, I used to tell myself why should I go put in hours for this, you know, but I thank God I did. Because, you know, building my own house or being part of building the house, I know where the pipes stay...I know where...I'm single, I no more one man in my life, you know, so seeing this I know how to fix my house. So, I think...and then but also I think I had to do 250 hours sweat equity. I could get as many people to help me with that sweat equity hours, so I had ten of my family members come out and help

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me and we went whack 'em out in one day. You know and that's the difference too, you know, you get to be a part of your house. So, I no need call one man yeah, come and do my plumbing, yeah, 'cause I know where stay. Sorry, you guys, I crying 'cause I look strong but I'm very sensitive when come to this kind stuff.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo.

MS. NAKIHEI: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo for being here. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci.

MS. NAKIHEI: I love Habitat for Humanity, they're the best. You talk about affordable, that is affordable. Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Nakihei. Okay, next we have Mr. Scott Fisher, and then we'll go back to the Hana Office.

MR. FISHER: Aloha, Madam Chair and Councilmembers. My name is Scott Fisher and I am the Chief Conservation Officer for the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust, and I'm testifying on the land acquisition of tax map key by...in Hana, the Mokae property in Hana, by Ke Ao Hali'i. And just want to make three brief points, one, the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust supports this acquisition. The second point is that HILT is working collaboratively with Ke Ao Hali'i to make sure that all management goals specified in their management plan are achieved. And third, that the easement, the perpetual conservation easement will be held jointly by HILT and the County of Maui and so we will work to uphold compliance with the easement and to ensure the perpetual care of the easement and the land. And so, we will, as I mentioned earlier, work collaboratively with Ke Ao Hali'i in any way that they need us to. So, that's it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Fisher. Members, any questions? Seeing none, thank you so much for your testimony. Okay, going to try again. Hana Office, Ms. Oliveira-Medeiros, will you please identify your first testifier?

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Aloha, Chair. We have Christine waiting to testify, Christine Davis. Here she is.

MS. DAVIS: Hi, this is Christine Davis, I'm a resident of Kawaipapa, Hana. I apologize, I disconnected the phone earlier...new to this process. First off, I want to thank you for scheduling these two really important items for our community together, it made it really convenient and luckily I had a day off today so I was able to come in and share my manao which will be brief. The

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first thing I like testify about is EDB-24(14) and I just, I hope that the County approves the release of funds for the purchase of Mokae by approving the business plan of Ke Ao Hali'i. I've been to some of the meetings. I know that this group of people been working very, very hard week in, week out trying to take into the consideration of respecting the lands and protecting it, all the resources on it, supporting the community, trying to respect the cultural, lineal descendants. So, I know a lot of love has been put into this business plan and it's exciting to see it come this far so I hope that the Council does its part and releases the funds, because it's a really important thing for Hana and for the island too that this space be protected. The second thing I'd like to testify about is EDB-52, the affordable housing. Now, that's a big issue all over the island, but I think in a place like Hana where there's not a lot of housing and there's not a lot of jobs, it's really crucial. And you have a lot of families here that go back for generations, and it's a shame that the fabric of that is being torn apart, because the younger families they don't have places to live and they don't have...they're working multiple jobs and sometimes people got to go the other side to work. And that's why I think more people would be here but they can't because they're working so hard just trying to keep a roof over their head. And so, if you release these funds and people could finally be able to stay in Hana, you know, kids could grow up with their grandparents and not live in the same roof which is a lot of stress but they could actually have their own homes, I think that is really going to be a huge improvement to Hana and I hope that you guys will support that and release the funds for the affordable housing. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Okay, we have Chad Meyer testifying on EDB-24(14).

MR. MEYER: Aloha, Councilmembers. Thank you for your time. I wanted to testify on Ke Ao Hali'i, who we are. You know for details of our history, our goals, our land history and culture or can donate online, please go to Ke Ao Hali'i or hanacoast...savinghanacoast.com [sic]. Our organization is broadly representative of East Maui in terms of age, gender, education, work experience, and ethnicity. Collective skill set that gives us strength and purpose. We're united in the goal of protecting our important wahi pana lands for current and future generations. Our chair has 20 years community service, he's a graduate of a high school on Maui and Tufts University in Massachusetts. He's also on the board of the Farmers Union United, Hana Cultural Center, Kipahulu Association. Our vice-chair is a lineal descendant and representative of the Maka'alaie ohanas. He was raised on Oahu, he spent his summers on his grandparents' property in Hana. He now is retired, a resident of Maka'alaie residing with his wife who he first met on one of those summer vacations in Hana. Our secretary was birthed and raised in Hana, graduate of Hana High School, followed by degrees from University of California, Santa Barbara and

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Chaminade in international studies and education. Currently director of Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike, a renowned Hana skill...work skill study program. We have other members who are lineal descendants from Haneo`o and Hamoa. One is a former school health aide, one is the current nurse at the Hana clinic. We also have a professional architect with 40 years' experience, he's a resident, also runs a farm in Hana for cacao and heart of palms. We have a lineal descendent from Kipahulu who is a Hawaiian practitioner, an experienced paniolo, has history of commercial ranching. We additionally have a long-time Maka`alae resident who is a clinical and research retired physician, US Department of State, former with Kaiser and with Kula Hospital and done public healthy work on Maui with dengue fever and rat lungworm. We all believe in the joint effort of citizens and residents working in their...with their elected representatives, governing staff personnel, and advancing the common good by protecting our special wahi pana lands. We thank you, Councilmembers, for participating and supporting these important efforts.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo for your testimony. Members, just get my attention if you have any questions and that way we can speed things along. Okay, Ms. Oliveira-Medeiros, please call the next two testifiers and then I'll call the testifiers in the Chamber.

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Okay, I have Mary Ann Kahana testifying on EDB-24(14) and EDB-52. And next after that I have Claudia Kalaola testifying EDB-24(14) and EDB-52. Mary Ann.

MS. KAHANA: Aloha. Thank you for invite. I live in Hamoa on ancestral land. Our ohana lived in Hamoa for generations. I'm here today as one of the lineal descendants and one of the board members for Ke Ao Hali'i. Protect Hana coastal lands from being developed into subdivisions and/or development that would jeopardize the view and/or destruction of marine life. I'm saddened to hear of developers and/or secret buyers buying out Hana coastal lands for profit. My intent is to live the rest of my life here in Hana; however, the challenges has been having to face the threat of outsiders trying to build their monster mansions, the threat of outsiders buying properties in the mega millions and having to worry about increasing land taxes. Earlier there was a rep from Habitat for Hawai'i [sic] that mentioned 3.4 million house, that house sits down the road from where I live, so where I would stand with increasing taxes? My question to the politician is where would the locals stand if we keep getting pushed out from people who have come to Hana with money, and the rest of the locals who have been here for decades are trying to get by financially? We the people belong here, we have deep roots here. It's like going to Guam, you would look to see Chamorro, or going to Okinawa, you look to see Okinawans. They are the people who belong and have lineage to the `aina. All I can say there's no Hawaiians in Hana then there's no Hana. In regards to affordable housing, I have five daughters. Three of them live in the mainland.

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They would like to live in Hana; however, there's no affordable housing. So, I support affordable housing in Hana and I do know it's a Statewide problem so I'm asking for your support for affordable housing.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo.

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Any questions?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No questions.

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Okay. Claudia Kalaola.

MS. KALAOLA: Aloha, Chair and Councilmembers. O Claudia Kalaola kou inoa. I'm testifying on behalf of...oh, testifying on EDB-24(14). And testifying as an individual and also in the capacity of a board member for two organizations that have lend support and continue to lend support to Ke Ao Hali'i. So, I beg the Council to listen to and accept the presentation and proposal of the group Ke Ao Hali'i. I also appeal to the Council to approve funding the group Ke Ao Hali'i via a grant of \$750,000 from the Open Space, Natural Resources, Culture Resources, and Scenic Views Preservation Fund. I'm a director and the vice-president of the nonprofit group Na Mamo O Muolea. Our community-based organization proudly carries our kuleana of mālama `āina, mālama i ke kai. As we mālama our kulaiwi, the land of our birth and of our kūpuna. The success of Na Mamo O Muolea is evident at community-based stewardship work. It works because members are present on the land, are from the land, and are ready, willing, and able to apply ike Hawai'i handed down through generations from our kūpuna. The word ho`omau means to continue, persist. I believe Ke Ao Hali'i honors ho`omau and that this Hana pono that they are seeking the long-term investment, time, and effort. As a director and vice-president of the group Maui Nui Makai Network, I have seen firsthand the work that went into Ke Ao Hali'i's community action plan. For over a year now they've attended numerous workshops, participated in brainstorming sessions, train-the-trainer classes, and fellowship with other community groups who are also seeking to manage their `āina and resources. Protecting our `āina and our kai is the lifeblood of our people and culture. Shaping Hana's destiny must be formed by our community's hands; otherwise, we will fall victim to the unsustainable fate that looms in our horizon. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. We don't have any questions here at the Council. Okay, we're going to call four testifiers here in the Chamber and then we'll go back to you at the Hana Office, Ms. Oliveira-Medeiros. Mr. Krueger?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair --

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MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Okay, thank you.

MR. KRUEGER: --the next person...oh, the next person signed up in the Chambers to testify is Jay Penniman testifying on agenda item EDB-24(14), to be followed by Zandra Amaral Crouse.

MR. PENNIMAN: Aloha, Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Members of the Committee. I want to preface my statement here with I fully support all of the goals in the Ke Ao Hali`i management plan. I'm here to speak as manager of the Maui Nui Seabird Recovery Project and about what this could mean for seabirds. Nā manu kai, birds of the sea, seabirds, came to Hawai`i to mate, lay eggs, and raise chicks beginning some 70 million years ago. Over those years, nā manu kai worked as ecological engineers bringing marine nutrients to the terrestrial habitat. These organic nutrients mixed with the mineral lava soils of the islands to form the rich matrix in which the unique plant community of the islands developed. The plants and their detritus that built up on the ground formed the sponge that transport the abundant rainfall to the aquifers within each island from where we now recycle it for agriculture and drinking. Seabird-derived nutrients also nourish the nearshore coral reef ecosystem, providing the nitrogen and phosphorous in proper balance for optimal growth and health. People have modified the lands from the time of the Polynesian arrival to today. Many of the human land use practices have eliminated what were once nesting colonies of nā manu kai. In addition, people brought mammals that were unknown to seabirds and of whom seabirds had no knowledge of their threat. Therefore, these mammals have and continue to eat nā manu kai. These impacts have been so severe that seabird populations are now a dim shadow of their former selves. Today, the majority of nā manu kai of Hawai`i nei raise their young on the islands and atolls of Papahānaumokuākea. Here too the impacts of human activity are threatening the existence of seabirds. Sea level rise has already claimed East Island in Kanemilohai. Literally millions of seabirds need to find new nesting colonies and they are not equipped to move as quickly as the sea is rising. The Mokae lands would provide excellent nesting sites for many of na manu kai whose traditional colony sites are under threat. Predator-proof fencing would be required to prevent introduced mammals from accessing the sites. Within the sites, alien pasture grasses and weed species could be controlled and native coastal strand vegetation could be introduced to move the ecosystem back toward balance and productivity. We believe that Ke Ao Hali`i has the vision and community engagement to succeed in the presentation of open space and restoration of significant elements of ecological and cultural value. We strongly encourage your support of the acquisition of Mokae lands by Ke Ao Hali`i.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Members, any questions for our testifier? Seeing none, mahalo nui for your testimony. Mr. Krueger?

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MR. KRUEGER: Chair, the next person signed up to testify is Zandra Amaral Crouse testifying on agenda item EDB-52, to be followed by Lisa Starr.

MS. CROUSE: Aloha `auinalā kou mau hoa aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha.

MS. CROUSE: Good afternoon, my friends, Committee Chair and Councilmembers. Thank you for your service to us. My name is Zandra Amaral Crouse and I stand before you testifying on the issue regarding Hana housing. My son-in-law David Ho`opai and his family, the Ho`opai's and Ho`opii's go way back as residents of Hana where they gather as you know, Mister...Councilmember Sinenci. They gather every July and the town basically shuts down for the Ho`opai reunion. Their genealogy chart is about as wide as this wall which they post every year. Teaching my grandsons to the course of the time that they are in Hana, they're taking trips one day up to the mountains to gather and taking my little mo`opunas to gather Hawaiian plants, herbs. Spend another day with the entire Ho`opai ohana and with my mo`opunas discussing their genealogy. And this goes on for five days, each day encumbering Hawaiian history, their ancestry, and Hana culture. I have had the opportunity as a real estate broker and I speak on my behalf as an individual, not as a real estate broker or a business owner, but I've had the opportunity to work with Habitat for Humanity many a times, shared many a tears with them, individuals that come to me that could not afford housing. The one thing that I admonish the Council for and when we this...we pass this on to Tasha, Housing, the one thing I ask is that we, when we look at housing, be sure that it is affordable for our local people. Habitat for Humanity will provide that opportunity. But when developers go in, many times unfortunately I have seen projects go in with people getting fast tracked not selling or being able to sell affordable homes to the local people thereby making the market level, far beyond the means of the local people. It is imperative that whatever we do with housing, as a Legislative body it needs to look at affordability, true affordability for our local people. But I humbly ask you support Habitat for Humanity, they're one of the few agencies that continue to do that for us. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Members, any questions? Seeing none, mahalo nui for your testimony. Mr. Krueger, the next two testifiers?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, the next testifier is Lisa Starr testifying on agenda item EDB-24(14), to be followed by Samuel Akoi IV.

MS. STARR: Good afternoon, Chair and Council. I am Lisa Starr. I'm here as the broker representative for Ke Ao Hali'i for the proposed acquisition of the property at Mokae, Hana. The Ke Ao Hali'i entity has been incredibly impressive from the inception of their creation. I serve on several other boards

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and we're...I'm attempting some other foundations, fledgling foundations to get launched and I think of Ke Ao Hali'i as the model of such a well assembled board. They have expertise that is essential and so valuable to any board. They have members of the community that are varied and represent a spectrum of the community, along with the very...in this case for this particular project, the important lineal descendants that should be a part of the board. And they've just been amazingly successful at every phase of what they've done in attempting to seek...get organized, seek funds, and put together a land management plan. And they asked me to assist them which I was willing to do. I believe they asked me because I had some expertise on the Hana Ranch Partners' holdings. And as a land use consultant myself I had some understanding about some of the topics that they would be needing information on. And so, I agreed to be their broker representative, and in as much I have offered to them to, on a pro bono basis donate my commission, my entire commission to them which will amount to about \$50,000 and that will go to their land management operation. And I'm very happy to be able to be in the position to do that for them because they completely deserve it. And it will be well used, I know that for sure.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Ms. Starr. Seeing no questions, thank you so much for your testimony. Okay, James, the next testifier and then we'll go back to Hana.

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, the next testifier in the Chambers is Samuel Akoi IV, testifying on agenda item EDB-24(14).

MR. AKOI: Aloha, Chair. Aloha, County Council. I didn't sign up for EBT-52 [sic] and I would like to ask if, permission to speak on that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: On the two items? You want to speak on the two items?

MR. AKOI: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, please go ahead.

MR. AKOI: Okay. I'm going to speak on behalf of myself as a lineal descendent, seven generations from Hana, Maui. For EBT-52 [sic], affordable housing is like, you know, is the number one thing that we need in Hana. There's a lot of people, you know, rich people come there and buy house and build a big mansion and hire caretakers from America and our people have to pack up and leave. And, you know, even our schooling and stuff, you know, the kids have to go away and go to school where they can just do it right there in Hana. But I support Habitat and...yeah, that's it for that. I'm here as a board member of Ke Ao Hali'i, EBT-24(14) [sic]. I'm a lineal descendent, again like I said, seven

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generations from Keanae to Kaupō. I'm a practitioner. I reside in Kipahulu. I support Ke Ao Hali'i, I'm on the board. And I'm so excited, you know, to use cattle to manage these pastures when we do end up with 'em. I'm so excited that by grazing this pastures when we get these lands in Hana's hands, to use Hana people to manage the property themselves. You know way back when my grandfather was a ranch manager for Kipahulu Ranch, Randolph Smith. And, you know, every quarter they used to give, you know, meat to the community churches and it's all gone now, it's not like that anymore. A lot of the lands there in Hana, Hana Ranch and stuff, Bio-Logical Capital and stuff, most of 'em is lineal descendent lands that has been leased for so long and now, you know, now it's all Bio-Logical Capital. But I'm so excited to...for the community to be a part of, you know, grazing these pastures and putting into the effort of managing the grass and having food, you know, to raise their families and stuff like how we used to have before. But anyway, I support Ke Ao Hali'i, you know, with all my heart. And the community is really excited to helping giving back to the `āina, not only going and take from the `āina but giving back to the `āina. So, I just wanted to thank you guys who support Ke Ao Hali'i. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. We have one question for Miss...Member Paltin has a question for you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Mr. Akoi, for your presence here today and your testimony. I really enjoyed hearing...reading the management plan for Ke Ao Hali'i, I think it's very thorough. But my question was for EDB-52, do you have concerns that folks from outside Hana, like how you said wealthy folks move into Hana and do you have concerns that not wealthy folks would move into Hana and take advantage of the Habitat housing?

MR. AKOI: No. I'm sorry I brought that up. I brought that up because just the whole dynamic been going on in Hana. Hana is so sustainable, so away from society, you know, that we...you can see that happening. I just brought that up just to have support for Habitat to...that it's a great project that they bring into Hana, you know. I brought that up because that's what's happening with lands, there's no lands around and then...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Happening in West Maui too.

MR. AKOI: Yeah, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: But I just was wondering you think majority Hana residents would be able to get into the Habitat houses that are built in Hana?

MR. AKOI: Definitely, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

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MR. AKOI: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. I'll dovetail off of Member Paltin's question and then I'll call on Member Sinenci. I think what I was kind of hearing from Member Paltin was do you know of any safeguards that would help to ensure that Hana residents would get into these houses and not just bring in more people from outside of Hana or outside of East Maui? And if you don't have the answer, you know, we're going to have the presentation or we're going to have resource people that we can ask.

MR. AKOI: I brought that up just the bigger picture of everything, you know. I support Habitat because the people do need 'em in Hana. And as a lineal descendent there, you know, I brought that up because that's the threat to us, you know, and we really need this. So, that's the only answer I have. I mean I'm not supporting the outside, you know, influences or anything. I mean...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Thank you . . .*(inaudible)*. . . for bringing...driving out here today to testify. For those Councilmembers that don't know the area of Mokae and Maka`alae and that whole coastline, you know, can you speak to the, some of the benefits of the gatherers that gather from this place from Mokae all the way to Maka`alae to Waioka?

MR. AKOI: Yeah, well from Maka`alae...from Haneo`o, Haneo`o there's like four big heiaus in there, it's really spooky ones, it's the warrior-type ones. Hana Ranch Partners was, they was going to build, subdivide and stuff in the area but there's...and then you got Maka`alae over to Waioka. The lineal descendants use that area to gather limu, moi, koles, uluas, you know, just the resources there is like abundant and there's no houses, there's no shacks, there's no outhouses, there's nothing, just land. And, you know, being a part of Ke Ao Hali`i as a lineal descendent from Hana, you know, that's the resources that we really want to protect. We want to keep it as is and that's how we created Ke Ao Hali`i board. Seventy-five percent of the board is Native Hawaiian. So, yeah, I mean we're saying get the land back, you know, there's a lot of gathering down there where we got the families come from all over and meet and go down there and camp and bring their bathrooms down, you know. And then when they're done, they pack everything up and everything stays the same, you know. And with Scott Fisher here, you know, doing Hawaiian Land Trust, you know, working with them is so...it's going to be really exciting to...for our native fauna and our native archaeological sites and stuff. And would be...that's the number one thing for the people of Hana, it's like being sustainable and keeping the `aina as is. Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Seeing no other questions, mahalo, Mr. Akoi, for your testimony.

MR. AKOI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We're going to go to the Hana Office. Ms. Oliveira-Medeiros, will you please introduce your next two testifiers?

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Aloha, Chair. I have Zelda Kahula and then Jana Sinenci.

MS. KAHULA: Aloha, Chair and Committee. My name is Zelda Kahula and I'm a Hana resident born and raised in Hana. I live at 350 Haneo`o Road on Hamoa and I am here to support item EDB-24(14) for the Mokae property. I'm also here to testify on EDB-52, affordable housing for Hana. In Hana we have two/three families living in one household so it's very important to have affordable housing for Hana. I ask Chair and Committee to please support this, and mahalo.

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: You guys have any questions?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No questions. Mahalo for your testimony. Next testifier?

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Okay, we have Laurie Smith. Jana left the building for now. Laurie Ann Smith-Kaukini.

MS. SMITH-KAUKINI: Aloha, Chair and Councilmembers. My name is Laurie Smith-Kaukini, born and raised in Hana. My ohana's roots is from Kaupō and Kipahulu. I am testifying on behalf of two items. The first one is in support of the EBD-24(14) [sic] to approve and release any funds to Ke Ao Hali'i for purchase of Mokae as conservation `āina and to keep open in perpetuity for generations. The second item is for the affordable housing, EBD-52 [sic] for Hana. I represent my adult children and their family, the many young families in Hana who are living with their parents or family members and are working at this time of the day and couldn't make it to testify themselves. I know how it is to live with family or parents and 13 people in a household. It is not easy to raise your keiki in an overloaded house. I am one of 14 homeowners of 6 years that was part of an affordable self-help housing project back in 2011 and ended in 2013. We are proof that projects such as this one can work in Hana. It was a long haul and hard work but we did it. Owning a home at our age, 50-plus, was the ultimate goal for my husband and I, but unfortunately the vicious cycle is repeating itself with our young adult children and their families who now resides with us. Finding an affordable home to rent is defeating. Rent at 1,500 to \$2,500 a month could be a mortgage payment instead. Making sacrifices to

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own a home can be rewarding for our young families in Hana. Please help to make affordable housing a reality for our young generation in Hana. Owning a piece of land and a house on it is not only an American dream but a dream for our young, local families in Hana. Raising our keiki in Hana and living in Hana is special, and I want to watch my grandchildren grow, learn, and continue the culture of this place and keep my family legacy alive for generations to come. I appreciate your attention and time and hope that this project will come to fruition in the near future. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. There are no questions.

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Okay. I have...okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Next two testifiers?

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Next is Earle Medeiros...excuse me, sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Next testifier?

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Okay. Next is Kathleen Flanders and then Michelle Horen.

MS. FLANDERS: Okay, aloha and thank you so much for this opportunity. I'm speaking as an individual and a community member supporting Ke Ao Hali'i's effort and as a teacher of three years who committed my, most of my life to working with children. And I first want to commend Ke Ao Hali'i for the way that they went about bringing in the community to formulate the management plan. And it was a cross section of people and it was more than 20 people and each of us divided up the parts of the plan. And the plan reflected the different voices of all of us. And then we had it edited by Scott Crawford. But I want to speak to the virtues of that plan as an educator, and one of them, the first thing I want to address is that it corrected the history that's been misportrayed for a long time or often misportrayed in terms of that the history of Moka'e began with the sugar cane plantations and then after that the ranching. So, we looked back, the plan looks back to the history before human contact where we actually talk about the geological history and the biological history and the, you know, the really beautiful and intricate way that the islands evolved over thousands of years. It's really enough to bring somebody to their knees if they actually looked at it closely how all of that came about. And then we address the history when the Hawaiians, the first people to arrive in Hawaiian Islands. And we talk about that and use language that addresses the fact that it's not...that there wasn't prehistory, that there is a history, history doesn't begin with a recording, it actually just exists and that the Hawaiians had an oral history and we also have archaeological evidence to substantiate all of that history. And then we look at the impacts when Europeans arrived to that area

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through the introduction of sugar cane, grasslands, and how that disrupted the ecological zone there. And to me as an educator, one of the most important part when I see Jay Penniman come down and talk, what's exciting to me is that we're going to engage the keiki as our managers, that they're actually going to adopt zones of restoration and they're going to be active observers. They're going to have the opportunity to get to know the biodiversity in...30 seconds left. Anyway, we're empowering people, we're empowering our youth. We're going to allow them to...the deciders on how threats will be managed and how we will protect the land. And we're going to...I think the most important thing to me is we're empowering the community and explaining the truth. So, I guess I'm pau.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MS. FLANDERS: But thank you. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, there are no questions here.

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Okay, thanks. We have Jana Sinenci back in the room. Here's Jana.

MS. SINENCI: Aloha. Good afternoon. My name is Jana Sinenci. And I just wanted to come and say that, you know, I'm testifying on behalf of EDB-52 and EDB-24(14). And I just feel that it's really important for our Hana community, that we actually get left behind a lot of times. Most of our community members are very active community members, but they don't have the time to come here because they work multiple jobs. So, they're proactive in other ways by actually, you know, being active in the community. Anyway, I just wanted to once again reiterate that I support EDB-24(14) and EDB-52. Thank you and have a good day.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. You have a good day too. And there are no questions here. We're going to call the next four testifiers here in the Chamber. Mr. Krueger?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, the next person in the Chamber signed up to testify is Uilani O'Hara Ah Chan testifying on agenda item EDB-24(14), to be followed by Claire Kamalu Carroll.

MS. O'HARA AH CHAN: Aloha, everybody. My name is Uilani O'Hara Ah Chan and I'm testifying on agenda item EDB-24(14), the Hana Mokae land. I'm here on behalf of my dad, Irish O'Hara, a board member of Ke Ao Hali'i and also a resident of Maka'alae. I am a descendent of Margaret . . .*(inaudible)*. . . O'Hara and also Ethel Kalaola Fontanilla. My dad took my family and I to Mokae and we walked along the coast. He showed us the iwi or the bones of our kūpuna.

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And I could feel our kūpuna walking alongside us when he took us down to that site. And I'm just here to support this agenda item and here to support my ohana, my kūpuna who have passed, and also my children so that they can experience what I have experienced. I support this EDB-24(14) Mokae lands. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, seeing no questions, mahalo for your testimony. Mr. Krueger?

MR. KRUEGER: Chair, the last person signed up in the Chambers to testify is Claire Kamalu Carroll testifying on agenda items EDB-24(14), EDB-45(5), and EDB-52.

MS. CARROLL: Aloha. Good morning, everyone. Thank you for having me here. I would like to testify for EDB-45. I was kind of in shock that it seems that I'm only the person who is speaking up for this and I would like to give great support. I'm from Hana, Maui, and we have two high school girls who did Project Hoomana. This is to gear towards having our town do anti-drugs, anti-smoke, anti-vape. The drugs in our community is overwhelming. It's overwhelming in Hana, and this is something that really needs to address. And I hope you folks find it in your hearts to support this for our community. It is really important. I'm also here to testify for EDB-24. I like other testifiers are generational from Hana. Saving our coast and the open landscape is really appreciated. And if we can find the funding and to approve these fundings, I think our whole community would be eternally grateful to move this forward. And I ask you to please take this into high consideration in giving these funds of the \$750,000. Last of all, I'm here to testify for EDB-52. This started about two years ago. We had some hiccups, some, you know, challenging occurrences but Habitat for Humanity, we need them. You know I work with the younger generation and for people to say that they cannot do it is so unfair to our community. Hana needs housing, it needs housing badly. We're discriminated by rentals as soon as you let people know that you're a Hana person. My neighbor sold their house, a Hana person went to purchase it, the answer was no. They chose an outsider to come and purchase that home. There's always two sides of the story here. But this opportunity for this subdivision is right down the road from us. We embrace this. Our housing is so necessary. As you heard other testifiers say, it's multi-generational families. Is people going to really come to Hana and do residency? They're going to have to have jobs. And who do we call a resident? Someone who was forced to move out of Hana like Molokai? Move on the outskirts just to get jobs to supply the income for their families. This housing project is extremely important to Hana. And I ask this Council to please make that decision in supporting Habitat for Humanity and the community of Hana. Mahalo.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo for your testimony. And just to let you know the EDB-45(5) it's a grant that we're receiving for the Police Department --

MS. CARROLL: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --for the high-intensity drug trafficking.

MS. CARROLL: Exactly.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But mahalo for supporting --

MS. CARROLL: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --that grant coming to the County.

MS. CARROLL: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, mahalo for your testimony. Okay. Okay, Ms. Oliveira-Medeiros in Hana?

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Okay, I have Earle Medeiros and Michelle Horen after that.

MR. MEDEIROS: Okay, I'm going to testify on 24(14) and EDB-52. Oh, you guys can hear me? Good afternoon, Chair and Councilmembers. My name is Earle Medeiros. I was born and raised in Hana. Kids all born in Hana, wife born in Hana, my mother and father born in Hana, Haneo`o my father and my mother Nahiku. You know I support Ke Ao Hali'i all the way. And I not going sugarcoat this, I going tell you straight-out. This group will be faced with challenges and sacrifices and hard, hard work. Also, will be facing many, many unforeseen things because we are facing a whole new frontier and adventure. But I feel this group has the stubbornness, the hard headedness, and the perseverance and also the smartness to succeed in this new venture. And also, to meet and face the problems head-on and anticipate quickly and adjust quickly. I feel we have enough people now to move forward to be successful. To us, the key of this gigantic plight that we have, you know, after, to be successful we must go forward as a group. We must think together. Like they say, build it and they will come. The key of the Hana community is not to be there all at once but over time. This is a long, long process. So, mahalo nui for that part of it. EDB-52, I support this fully. I mean I have a few questions and I never get but I support . . .(inaudible). . . by you folks. Gives the people a place they can call home yeah. So many guys they no more houses you know. Yeah. Give them the sense of responsibility. I think some, in some sort might curb the drugs a little too, yeah, that is happening. We trying to find a solution for that. You know when the Mayor came, I asked him for money for this. So, you

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know, I think it's very important but the housing come along with that. Many families in Hana living three/four families in a home, we need affordable housing. But the big question is what is affordable? You know I mean, you know, for example I just went up the gas station, gasoline \$5.24 a gallon. It's been up to 5.80. And I believe Keani know Molokai like that too. I mean we've been faced with people coming from outside, they're throwing their money around and we living the everyday life. But this all...and go back to the other bill. Can support the preservation of the...can little bit, yeah? When I went to get the gas was 5.24 a gallon for regular unleaded, power plus was 5.51, and power premium was 5.91, diesel was 5.65. I mean we paying the price to live in Hana, you know, and all these outside entities coming in and they know we need this Ke Ao Hali'i, and also we need this housing for our people 'cause they suffering yeah. And like I said how much can they qualify for the loan and, you know, and I get a few questions but I didn't read the bill yet. So, thank you very much and aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your testimony. There aren't any questions here.

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Okay, we have, next we have Michelle Horen.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: How many more testifiers do you have there?

MS. HOREN: Aloha.

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Two, just two more.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo.

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Michelle and Rick Rutiz.

MS. HOREN: My name is Michelle Horen and I am testifying on EDB-24(14) and EDB-52. For EDB-24(14), I grew up down the street from Moka'e and I've used these lands for fishing, gathering, swimming, and recreation my entire life. This is a very special place for me, my family, and our community. The idea of this land being developed breaks my heart. Moka'e is the ideal location for open space conservation. The coastal views are expansive and breathtaking. The land is filled with rich historical and cultural significance, and the community relies on the resources of the land for subsistence living and recreational purposes. However, in my mind the biggest benefit of the conservation of Moka'e is the peace of mind knowing that this land will be protected for the youth and enjoyment of future generations. Ke Ao Hali'i has proven to be a very organized and capable nonprofit organization and I fully support them in the preservation and management of the land. In regards to EDB-52, our community would greatly benefit from the affordable housing project which

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hopefully will give some families the opportunity to stay in Hana and not have to move to the other side to seek better housing and employment opportunity. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, there aren't any questions.

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Okay, and last...oh, I'm sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Go ahead, next testifier.

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: No questions?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, no questions.

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Okay, we have Rick Rutiz, last but not least.

MR. RUTIZ: Aloha, Council. My name is Rick Rutiz. I've had the honor and privilege to be head of Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike for the last 20 years, and most of my life is spent hanging out with naughty 15, 16, 17, 18-year-olds all day long so I get to be like a fly on the wall. And even though I'm haole boy I still get to understand what their lives are like. So, let me switch to now my name is Kawika and I'm a 17-year-old high school student in Hana and...oh yeah, yeah, we live in the garage, my family. My three brothers and two sisters and my mom and dad we stay in tutu's garage, because there's brother's family who lives in one of the bedrooms, tutu she sleeps on the couch because there's another family in the other bedroom. And well, you look at me and you get on my case 'cause I'm head down at ten o'clock in the morning, that's because uncle and aunty were up almost all night watching TV, drinking beer, partying on. And it's really hard for me to live in this house. You guys over Kihei side, you got mom, dad, and a brother and sister living in your house, and when you get done with that house, you move up to the next one, and there are condos and there are places for people to live. In Hana there is no more place. The properties that are out there are being bought up at ridiculous, you know, half million dollars and up. We can't do that. So, we've got to live the way we are. And when I graduate I would love to be in Hana because I love to fish and I love to gather from the ocean and I love to provide for my family. But it seems these days there's nowhere to get into the ocean anymore, because it's being bought up once place after another. And now I'm an outlaw because I got to sneak around to get into the ocean to harvest for my family. And this is a thing that my kūpuna taught me was a really good thing, that we live off the land, that the ocean is our refrigerator. But it doesn't seem the way, everyone else is pointing at us, you know, go get a job, this is how life is. It's not about living off the land. So, I would ask that if you can help us and just give us this, you know, one place that won't be bought up and have gates and fences put around it and forever off-limits. Because once it goes that direction it never comes back to us. So, if

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we can get this Maka`alae, if we can get some affordable housing so I will have a chance to stay in Hana and not live in the closet in tutu's house, I would be forever grateful. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Mr. Ortiz [sic]. Okay, there are no questions here. Thank you very much for your testimony. Ms. Oliveira-Medeiros...

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Okay, mahalo, Keani. Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Was that your last testifier?

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: That was our last testifier.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, mahalo. And then we also --

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --checked in with the Molokai Office and the Lāna`i Office which neither have testifiers as well. And it looks like Mr. Law would like to testify.

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

MR. LAW: Hello, everybody. I'll stick to your agenda today, Keani. EDB-58, that's the Year of the Dog by the way. I'm surprised, I thought all these guys were here from Pukalani but nobody wanted to speak about the Hannibal Tavares, improvements to the community center. I just want to give a thumbs...a shaka with a thumb up to East Maui Parks and Recs, yeah, they're doing a good job and, yeah, the office space, yeah, they could use some office space up there, because they got to go...there's not too many spaces up past there that they can go to. Thank you for your time. Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Mr. Law. Okay, that was our last testifier in the Chamber. If there are no objections I will now close public testimony.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, public testimony is closed.

. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, so we have two...I'm not going to call them housekeeping but that's what they are, two items, and then we'll...my intention is to call for a quick, our afternoon recess. Any objections?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

**ITEM 58: AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET:
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
(MAYOR HANNIBAL TAVARES COMMUNITY CENTER
IMPROVEMENTS) (CC 19-421)**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right, so first agenda item is EDB-58, Amending Fiscal Year 2020 Budget: Department of Parks and Recreation (Mayor Hannibal Tavares Community Center Improvements). We have with us our Budget Director, Ms. Yoshimura and our Deputy Director of Parks, Mr. Buck. And I'll ask Ms. Yoshimura for some opening comments.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you, Chair. On the proposed bill we are asking that Appendix C be amended on Page 2. You can see that we're asking that language be added so we could do improvements to the office space that is on the lower level of the community center. Currently, the community center is closed and we are doing major renovations to the community center itself. This is just to add additional work and language that will allow us to do that. No additional funds is being requested. And I have Deputy Director John Buck here if you have specific questions about the project itself.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Buck?

MR. BUCK: Chair, basically what we want to do is since the center is closed right now, we've had a request from Department of Finance with the DMV to expand their office area to provide better service to our community, and that's what our overall objective is to be sure our community is serviced. With the change in the language, we'd be able to accommodate that project and without having later on to impact the public if we were to do it, the project to expand at a later date, we would still...we would impact the public. So, if we can do it now with the language change then we get to do it all at one time without impacting the community. And if there's...you got some really detailed questions, I have Mr. Halvorson here to answer those questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Buck. Okay, Members, so everyone clear on what it is we're doing? We're expanding the proviso, we're not adding or subtracting any funds, it should be pretty black and white. Any questions? Member Paltin?

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sorry, I just had one question. Is that office space being used by Parks and Recreation or Department of Finance?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, the space is being used by the Department of Finance. It's the DMVL's satellite office, so driver licenses and motor vehicles.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay, any other questions or comments? If not, I will entertain a motion for passage. So, the Chair will entertain a motion to recommend passage on first reading of the proposed bill entitled A Bill for an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget for the County of Maui as it Pertains to Appendix C - Capital Improvement Projects, Department of Parks and Recreation (Hannibal Tavares Community Center Improvements); incorporating any nonsubstantive revisions to the requested...from what's been requested from the Budget Director; and filing of County Communication 19-421.

COUNCILMEMBERS: So move.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Member Lee, seconded by Member Sugimura. Discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, seeing none. All those in favor please say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any opposed? Motion passes unanimously, seven "ayes;" two excused, Chair King and Member Hokama.

VOTE:	AYES:	Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and Councilmembers Kama, Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.
	NOES:	None.
	ABSTAIN:	None.
	ABSENT:	None.

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EXC.: Vice-Chair King and Councilmember Hokama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: FIRST READING of bill and **FILING** of communication by C.R.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Mr. Buck. And we'll call down Officer Maeda.

ITEM 45(5): AMENDMENTS TO APPENDIX A, GRANTS AND RESTRICTED USE REVENUES – SCHEDULE OF GRANTS AND RESTRICTED USE REVENUES BY DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 (DEPARTMENT OF POLICE (HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREAS (HIDTA)) (CC 19-281)

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, the next item on the agenda is EDB-45(5), Amendments to Appendix A, Grants and Restricted Use Revenues - Schedule of Grants and Restricted Use Revenues by Departments and Programs for Fiscal Year 2020 (Department of Police (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA))). We have with us Ms. Yoshimura who will provide us opening comments, and Captain Maeda. Ms. Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you, Chair. The request is to add an additional \$68,000 to the grant. It's already in the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget. We were anticipating 150,000, we're ending up with 218,000, so we're asking that the funds be recognized so it can be expended by the Police Department. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Ms. Yoshimura. So, everyone got that? We're getting more money from the grant than we had anticipated. Okay, so any questions for office...Captain Maeda or Ms. Yoshimura? Okay, seeing none, the Chair will entertain a motion...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You had a question?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Captain Maeda, for joining us, and mahalo. Okay, and then, Ms. Yoshimura, you pau too yeah? Or you staying for the next one? Okay. Okay, so...okay. Well, look at that, we finished that in like less than ten minutes, guys. So, it's 2:55. We'll take a 10-minute break. It'll be our afternoon break. Please be back in your seats at 3:05 and we'll take up the next item which is Land Acquisition of Tax Map Key (2) 1-4-010:004 [sic] by Ke Ao Hali'i, and we'll call up those that'll be giving a presentation. Okay, it's 2:55 on November 19, the Economic Development and Budget Committee is now in recess. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 2:55 p.m.
RECONVENE: 3:10 p.m.

**ITEM 24(14): LAND ACQUISITION OF TAX MAP KEY
(2) 1-4-010:004 [sic] BY KE AO HALI'I (Rule 7(B))**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .(gavel). . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order. It's 3:10 on November 19th and we are on the third agenda item EDB-24(14), Land Acquisition of Tax Map Key (2) 1-4-011...oh sorry, 1-4-010:004 [sic] by Ke Ao Hali'i. Okay, so, Members, if you remember, during Budget Session this past year, this was an item that came down in the proposed budget from the Mayor provided that 750,000 shall be for a grant to Ke Ao Hali'i for land acquisition and related costs for the property at Mokae, Maui, Hawai'i. We added a proviso, the County shall maintain an ownership interest in the parcel until the Council approves by resolution, one, a land management plan; and two, a land trust or tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code as steward of the property. And so, that is what we're doing today. County Communication 19-480 transmitted that resolution on...or will be on Friday's Council agenda. So, there's a little bit of an urgency for us to hear this and that's why the County Communication 19-480 is put on Friday's agenda. We weren't able to get it onto EDB's agenda and that's why we're hearing the presentation now to satisfy the proviso in our budget. And the intention is to then pass County Communication 19-480 on the floor on Friday if that is the will of this body. Okay. Okay, so we have with us on the floor Mr. John O'Hara who's the Vice-Chair of Ke Ao Hali'i, and Ms. Robin Rayner who is also a board member of Ke Ao Hali'i. And we have Mr. Scott Crawford who is the Chair of Ke Ao Hali'i which...who will be joining us...oh, he is in the gallery. So, pursuant Rule 18(A) of the Rules of the Council, I would like to designate them resources for our Council. Any objections?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, so, Mr. O'Hara, are you ready with your presentation?

MR. O'HARA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, please proceed.

MR. O'HARA: Aloha, Madam Chair and Committee Members. We are Ke Ao Hali'i, Save the Hana Coast. The introduction was already completed. I'd like to also identify the lineal descendants in the...that's sitting back there who are of the Mokae lands that we are talking about. We are originally from Maka'ala'e but our family spread to the Hamoa area also. I'm grateful, we are grateful for the opportunity to present our acquisition of the Mokae lands to you. And I guess I got to share something with you before I start my presentation. This is my first time at a hearing like this, a meeting. I attended the State legacy land presentation, the first one we had that where we got the State money on this one. But there was nothing like this where you get testimony and, you know, it was just us against the, you know, the committee. Not against but, you know, presenting to the committee. As I sat in the audience and I listened to the testimony, I was just overwhelmed with the show of support for Ke Ao Hali'i from the Hana people. I had report that Mavis Oliveira said that's the largest turnout they had for an agenda item. Of course we get two good items yeah, Ke Ao Hali'i and the other one about the affordable homes. A lot of the things they talked about was part of my presentation which is good. I was back there, oh, I no need say this and I no need say that. But I just wanted to share with you that, you know, very touching, very different from what I'm experiencing. This is my first experience and I know it's not going be my last, I'll be back here again because we have a lot of land to talk about. So, thank you for letting me share that. The slide on the...I'm going to start our presentation, is...oh...wait, we never even...back, I tell you when. The slide there on the presentation is the Mokae property that we're trying to acquire from the HRP Hana LLC. They used to be called Hana Ranch Partners but they changed their name. I guess they was getting confused with the other Hana Ranch Partners that graze the cattle. This is the view from Puhele which is on the side of Haneo'o Road looking towards Maka'ala'e. The Maka'ala'e is the pine trees. And this is the property that we're talking about. To give you some information about what we're faced with, the shaded areas are the parcels that are up for sale by the owners and, you know, under threat of development. The parcel on the right side of the screen is the parcel by Kauiki Hill in Hana Town and that coastline extends all the way to the opposite end of the shaded area at Waihonu Stream where Waioka Pond is. Mokae parcel is pretty much in the middle of that shaded area on the left-hand side. Four hundred acres is what's involved for sale. This is a slide that covers the property listings that are up for sale. The threat is for real. The present owners they are selling the land in parcels . . .(inaudible) . . . as a ranch that they...that we are familiar with in Hana. The ranch lands were

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turned over as a whole package so the threat was not that, you know, noticeable at that time. But when you make the parcels...selling the land in parcels like this, this just opens it up for investors to build mansion estates. This is a section of the first slide with the overall picture. This is the Mokae property on a map view overhead, the shaded area. In us to acquire this property we are asking the County for 750,000 open space funds which would be matching funds for the State legacy land grant that we were awarded for \$2.25 million. The total Mokae purchase price is 2.8 million plus the related costs, so when you add the numbers going be like 3 million, yeah, but that's the whole package. The 2.8 million is the cost that is the appraised value of the property, the full appraised value of the property that we had to negotiate with the owners. The land consists of 27-acre parcels. The land was offered to Ke Ao Hali'i with no discounts that they previously gave other land offers; however, that...there's a sliver on the right side of the Mokae parcel, the shaded area, that property is the property that they will donate to Ke Ao Hali'i with the purchase of Mokae. That is Tax Map Key 4-1-007:001. It consists of 1.36 acres and we did the appraisal on the land and it was appraised at 205,360 and that will be donated to Ke Ao Hali'i with the purchase of Mokae. This one is a map that shows the entire coastline which is really the...our focus in purchasing...in trying to save the Hana coast. Standing from Mokae to Waihonu Stream where Waioka is located. Some of the shaded colors there are...the green is land that is already under conservation easement that will be donated to Ke Ao Hali'i with the purchase of the land. So, like for example the Waioka parcel where Waioka Pond is, when we purchase that land, they will give us all the green areas as part of that transaction. And then we got to buy the next yellow one and the next yellow one and then the last one would be the orange area and that will protect the entire Hana coast in this area. This totals 145 acres and consists of 18 parcels. This is Mokae with a photo view, Haneo'o Road, Puhele Hill, Hamoa Beach on the bottom, that sandy area. Its relationships towards Maka'alaie, and that's the coastline that we are focused on purchasing. The management plan is something that we, I guess we were not forced to, but...well, we were forced to do because we need it. We didn't really realize the importance of it. And it started off, like one of the testifiers mentioned that the Maui Nui Network, The Nature Conservancy, they provided workshops for the communities on the East Maui. And it prepared to us address developing a management plan. There was four week-long...weekend-long sessions that our board attended. The first one was held in Hana and conducted by the Kipahulu ohana. The second was in Keanae conducted by the Keanae ohana. The third one was in Kaupō conducted by their community, and the last one was in Hamoa conducted by Ke Ao Hali'i. But that is the basis of our management plan that we started earlier part of this year. Ke Ao Hali'i recognizes that our initial version of the management plan does not provide sufficient details and decisions that we will eventually put together as we get more information. The key thing is we need to talk to the community and get their input. The lineal descendants, we have to work with them, and of course we have our expert

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advisors, the State agencies, and expert partners who support our efforts. And with that information we can develop a more meaningful and strong management plan. But we recognize the different areas that we need to focus on. There are five major areas of the management plan that we have established as priorities. We know the iwi kūpuna are on the Mokae lands and they are a lot of cultural and historical sites. We met with the Burial Council people who wanted to look at the burial...the iwi that are being exposed on the coastline. We learned protocols from them on how to handle the iwi. And we learned that all the iwi that was found on the coastline that through the years were collected, bagged, tagged, and stored at the Burial Council office spaces. That's not right. So, we...I cannot see that happening. Why you taking the iwi kūpuna from the land, taking 'em to someplace where they don't belong, and left there? So, part of this management plan is we got to come up with a protocol on what we going do with it. I was involved with the iwi kūpuna at Hamoa and when I started to get involved with the Burial Council. They told me of the protocol when we was going to the land that when you find iwi kūpuna you supposed to call the Police Department. You have to consider it a suspicious situation. And then when the Burial Council comes, they can evaluate whether it's a present type of iwi or it's a ancestral type of iwi. If it's ancestral type of iwi, they take it with them. Those iwi that is in storage need to be returned, it needs to come back to Mokae. When we put the iwi back in Hamoa, they asked me, our group if you could put it back with them, and we said you cannot do that, that's not right, they no belong there, they belong where they came from. So, our group made a decision that if we...a lot of the Hamoa group involved with the iwi at Hamoa is also on Ke Ao Hali'i board. We made a discussion and a decision that if we acquire Mokae, the iwi will come home and we will bring 'em home. And if iwi, is found we will come up with a protocol where they're not going be taken away, they'll be stored until they can be returned with a proper protocol on Mokae. So, that's a main priority for us. We also had an archaeologist, a person from Hana that toured the land with us. We showed them what we knew, she told us what she knew. They identified cultural sites, we talked about the history of the land. We still got to learn more about this land. The land is not obvious, a lot of it is destroyed and no longer there, but when--I think my daughter made testimony--when you walk, the land if you're a lineal descendent or if you're really care for the land, you going feel the land. Open space, scenic view planes, and pasture, grazing license with Hana Ranch, I'll talk about that a little bit later. I think there was testimony that in the future it's something that we would like to entertain, that maybe we can raise the cattle and take care this place. But for now we need to continue the present process of what's in place to manage the land. We need to develop a healthy pasture and manage invasive species. All I can see with that is a lot of hard work, and the community, yeah, we asking the community for support, help us, we cannot do this by ourselves. We going do...do we have tools for this? No, we no more. Everybody bring your own tools, bring your own gasoline, bring your own stuff and help us, you know. But that can only go so

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long, you cannot keep continuing like that. Ecological integrity and habitat restoration, there was testimony from one of the bird experts back there and he explained it way better than I can. But the message I got from him when we toured the land with him was that, you know, there are locations that are suited for the bird habitat, he identified them to us. And he told us if you put up fences where you keep the predators out...when he toured the place, there was no birds or very few, but he said if you put up fences and you keep the predators out, the birds will come back. When we look across the land and we go look at Alau Island, choke birds, yeah, waiting for come back, but they cannot come back in the present situation. We also had the, recently we just had an insect, I'm going call 'em specialist but he came and toured the land and he found a native, an endangered native bee. We never know that. He showed us what it is and said that you have the opportunity to keep these bees forever. You put up fences, you protect the fauna in the area, the bee will be...survive. What else is out there? You know we got to find out. We got to get with the experts, they can talk to us, show us. The guy who did the insect inventory for us also volunteered to provide mapping of the area using GPS so that that can help us to manage the lands. We need to do weed removal. We need to get other organizations. We have like Kahanu Gardens, we get like Mahele Farms, people who kind of know how to do farming, you know, how to propagate seeds. And we need to get that kind of information to do this stuff. We need to get the school children involved. We need to get site field trips. We need to establish outdoor classrooms. We need to work with these youth because they the future of the people who going take care of this land. Public access and recreational uses, this one we...a tough one, you know. Everybody has their own interest on the land. The lineal descendants has always used the land, they not going ask permission, and but we'll work with 'em, we'll work with 'em and we'll come up with a written policy and explain our position, listen to their concerns, and hopefully we come up with something that is workable for everybody. Pedestrian access, we don't plan on controlling that. But I don't know if you guys remember when we met up at the Council Office up by the old school, you know, the traffic behind, all that tourists going behind, going to ko Kaihalulu, you know, if that happened to Moka'e...that's not going to happen. I mean I don't know how we're going to do it, but we're aware of that, so we don't want to control it but we've got to watch 'em. We got to see how that's going to go and, you know, hope for the best that people understand that. A lot of potential to make money on this land from the tourism industry that we know is ready to happen when we get the land, and that's not going to happen. That's not going to happen because that's not pono, that's not the right thing to do. Code of conduct, we got to teach people how to treat this land, how you value the land, what are conservation efforts so they understand what we doing. We not just trying to be hardhead and, you know, we the big owners and all of that stuff, no, we the stewards of the land and we got to provide the guidance. Education, I mentioned that, you know, we got to get the youths involved. We've talked to some of the teachers, the principal of Hana School, and they are willing to

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entertain the idea of this conservation effort on the land with the field trips. But in order for them to teach 'em, somebody got to teach the teachers, yeah, of what we trying to do. And right now it looks positive, it's got to happen, but a lot of work to make it done. We recognize the kūpunas and the practitioners, the lineal descendants, they get plenty manao that we can get from them. We've already started talking to them, but we got to build confidence on them that we doing what right and they'll open to us and they'll give us that information. The visitors again is a concern. We're looking at the tour buses, at least putting a plug in for us about the lands, what are we doing, show...teach them the respect, give them our brochures for educational purpose to teach them what we doing and hopefully we get some donations from them too. Hana Ranch, Bio-Logical Capital caring for the lands, yeah, this is now, this is the owners of the makai side of the land, of the highway. They do the cattle grazing on those lands which includes Mokae. They rotate the grazing with Mokae, Maka`alae, mauka, Hamoa, you know, they move the cattle around. And it seems to be a good thing for the present time to control invasive species. They run about 800 cattle, I heard it's a little bit less than that now, and we plan to continue the, to use them. We've been talking story with them and they are supportive of our efforts. Stewardship of the land, this picture shows a beach cleanup that we had. It was conducted by the Hana Trash Club with the community members and Ke Ao Hali`i. And the point there, even if we don't own the land, we still are stewards of the land and we need to continue that effort. Capacity building, you know, as Ke Ao Hali`i has gone from a land protector to "landowner" and then we're going to go to a land manager. As we move in this process of obtaining the lands, Ke Ao Hali`i has got to build. We cannot stay with Scott over there and Robin here and me here, it's not going to last. We asking people for help but we understand that you got to move with the land and what you getting involved with. And so, the goals for us to do that to remain effective and sustain our capabilities of Ke Ao Hali`i is the mission and vision. We cannot lose focus of that. Every decision we make, every move we make, we got to look at our mission and vision, are we in alignment? If we're not then stop, you losing focus of what you're doing and reevaluate what's happening. So, it's important we continue that. Organizational infrastructure, I mentioned about getting the community to bring their equipment and, you know, borrowing stuff. We got to go get our own things, we got to go get machinery. We cannot stay with hand tools. Mokae maybe we can try, that's not too big an area, but if you get additional lands, you need machinery. You have to move, you got to develop. Management and administration, we're fortunate that our present board members have talents, have skills, and have knowledge. But we are limited as we move forward. We have to look at it and make sure we're not overloading one person. Is the responsibility being delegated? You know, otherwise, we're going to burn some people out. So, we got to look at that kind of things. Staff capacity, maybe we got to go hire somebody, we got to go get professionals. Bring somebody in and he's the expert, he know how to manage the land, even if we have to pay 'em. You know

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it's stuff like that we got to really look at. You know if we serious about these lands, you got to be serious about what you're doing, and we recognize that. You have to have a capacity building. Are you capable to handle what you're doing? An advisory board, we're working on that. We recognize that Ke Ao Hali'i we don't know everything so in the areas where we don't have the knowledge, the experience, and the expertise, we need to go seek help and partnership from those that know. And this is our strength, we know we don't know nothing, everything, and if you don't know, go ask, go ask for help. And we've been very fortunate that when we out to ask for help, nobody has declined our offer for help so far. If they couldn't support us, they would recommend us to someone who could, and with that kind of support, we've been very successful in what we have accomplished so far. And we need to continue that effort as we move on in our obtaining the lands. Conservation action plan, facilitators, this I guess we're looking at the State agencies, The Nature Conservancy, the Maui Nui Makai Network, the Maui Nui Marine Resource Council, these the guys know things. They've been around, they know a lot of things. We no need to create the wheel, we can get their assistance, and they support us, our efforts. We need to establish the communication and partnership. Partnering with experts, you need the scientists, you got to bring in the guys who know. They can tell you what to do, how to do, you know, and we recognize that. Resources for nonprofits, this is Hawai'i Community Foundation, a FLEX grant and this is an association to help the administrative side of an organization. We need that, we need that kind of help. And last but not least is organizational self-assessment. You need to do a critical review of your organization to identify the good and the bad things, and you need to be really critical of yourself, there is always room for improvement. And you must take on that challenge. You know identify your weaknesses, strengths, and move on. This is the fundraising sheet that we were fortunate to have a financial consultant who lives in Hana who offered support. He was instrumental in us developing this sheet. Before that, we was giving tri-fold brochures with excessive amount of details, just overwhelming information. We was giving the history of Ke Ao Hali'i, how we was born, and when you go and ask for donations you no need that kind of stuff. He told us what you need. So, what's on that list is first of all the picture, you need a picture of what you're talking about. So, we put the picture in there. He then told us, you know, what is the color of your, the predominant color that you need on your fundraising sheet. Green, yeah, you looking for money. We never know that. He said no, you got to change that and make a better color green, got to be more bright. He said put your vision down. It's important they know where you going, and then tell them what you need the money for. So, in that box was the, our initial fundraising cost. We was shooting for raising \$100,000 and this was for the closing cost for Mokae. The prices are kind of inflated because when we sat down and came up with the numbers, we wanted to be on the conservative side that we not going to end up short with money. But so we came...we list it all down, the sheet is not updated, a lot of that has already

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been covered, spent, I mean paid for by our fundraising. Give 'em a picture of the, what your overall plan is, where you're getting the money from, and that gives them the plan, tells them where we going try get the money from. And then give them some update of what you've accomplished so they have some...you have some credibility with them. Put the organization name, the address, the website on the bottom so they can get in contact with you. So, this sheet is like this, one page. So, you give the donation, you try hustle donations. There's the information sheet, here's the sheet to fill out that donation. Talk to them little bit, leave it with them, and ask them do you want to partner with Ke Ao Hali'i and be a part of this project? Don't ask for money, get them to be a partnership. So, we're very fortunate that we had this expert person to come and give us that information. He gave us demonstrations on how to do it and we had to practice. Very uncomfortable for me to go ask for money, but if you give me the tools, you give me the skill, I can take a chance at it, yeah? So far, we've raised one-third of the 100,000, \$35,000 is what we raised. The money that we use for the closing cost, those monies will be reimbursed by the State legacy land grant. That money can then be turned for the next property and we can use that to close the next property. So, things are kind of working good in that area. Lisa Starr, and I mention her name, I try not to mention name but she needs to be recognized, our broker who's going to try and close the deal on Moka'e. She is donating her commission, her total commission to Ke Ao Hali'i not to buy land, to manage the land. So, that's a \$50,000 pledge that we have coming. Today, the Moka'e lands, we've got the purchase agreement signed with Hana Ranch Partners, not...yeah, HRP Hana LLC, that's their new name. And we're scheduled, we're looking at a closing date of December, 2019. The date is I think achievable. I know for Hana Ranch Partners they are looking at that date, because we've been telling them we going get the money, we going get the money, and it's time we, you know, we show something. So, we like to mahalo you for your support. This is our Governor...I mean our Mayor at the Taro Festival at our Ke Ao Hali'i informational booth that he came and talked to us. Ke Ao Hali'i goals, again, as our line in our management plan, our initial goal is simply to prevent development of this land by securing fee simple title and establishing a conservation easement to protect the lands in perpetuity. That is why we are here today. This will also show Hana Ranch Partners, Hana LLC that Ke Ao Hali'i is for real in our mission to protect the lands. They don't think we can and we going to show them we can, we know we can. Our long-term goal is to steward the land, to protect it, restore its conservation value, you know, the open space view planes, the cultural, historical resources, native plant, animal habitats, shoreline ecosystem, appropriate agriculture, and access for subsistence and recreational use. I like to mahalo you for your support. In closing, this land purchase is more than just saving and protecting this land forever, but more important keeping the history and culture of the land, its land and the land of the people, the kānaka maoli for future generations. Mahalo nui for your time. Mahalo ke akua.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your presentation, Mr. O'Hare [sic]. Okay. So, we have one Councilmember that will have to leave soon, and do you have questions?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .(inaudible). . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .(inaudible). . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, well, we're...we did support it in budget which is why we appropriated the funding for it, but the proviso requires us to review the management plan which is what we're doing. And so, we have to review the management plan. So, I'm going to open the floor up to questions, but I first wanted to ask Mr. O'Hare [sic], was there a reason that the management plan wasn't distributed to Members? I have the slides of the presentation but the management plan itself that was submitted...

MR. O'HARA: I apologize for that, I thought it was given to --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. O'HARA: --the Committee.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, so...

MR. O'HARA: Scott?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We are making copies of it right now. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Is the one that Mr. Crawford submitted under his testimony the management plan?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Crawford?

MR. CRAWFORD: We did e-mail...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry. Members, is there any objection to ask Mr. Crawford to answer questions?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Mr. Crawford?

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MR. CRAWFORD: Yeah, the...a link to the management plan was provided to the Committee's e-mail address last Friday last week I think or...yeah, sometime last week. So, I'm not sure if that wasn't distributed. But David also had pointed out in his review of it a couple errors that we're going to correct and resubmit with those errors corrected tomorrow so that you'll have another copy for Friday to review. But I apologize if it didn't...the communication somehow wasn't clear for that to get distributed to the Committee, I had a time limit.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Mr. Crawford. Would you like to join us on the floor?

MR. CRAWFORD: Sure.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Members, Staff is now distributing the management plan that is posted to the full Council agenda under County Communication 19-480. In the plan there's a map, it's a colored map. On the top where it says Mokae, it has the wrong TMK number and I think that's what Mr. Crawford was referring to. So, instead if it being 1-4-010:004 it's 4-1-010:004. So, that'll be corrected. Mr. Crawford?

MR. CRAWFORD: That's...it's the other way around. The one that's shown on the maps, the map on Page 7, those are the incorrect TMK numbers --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, that's what I said.

MR. CRAWFORD: --and there's one other item...one other page where there's an incorrect TMK but otherwise...yeah, but otherwise it should be 1-4-010:004.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, that's the correction, Members, and that'll be corrected before Friday when we take up this item. Okay, so I...what time do you have to leave?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, I was going to start with our Hana Member but Member Lee has to leave early. Okay, Member Lee, do you have questions for our presenters?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, I really don't. I have supported this from the beginning. Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Member Lee. Okay, Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. And I just wanted to go ahead and thank Ke Ao Hali'i again, the board members for driving out today and presenting this. I didn't...I've been part of the process too in the past so...and I'm impressed at the amount of work that you guys have put in there. So, like I said I supported it from the very beginning and like a lot of the community members that came out to testify today, this is a very...and like Uncle Irish said, it's a very important site for lineal descendants and the people of the area. So, again, Chair, I just wanted to support and commend them for the work that they've done. They've gone through and included a lot of things that the community had concerns with, so mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. You know I haven't had time to fully review the management plan, but just on the presentation from Mr. O'Hara and the history, background was just impressive. And, you know, for somebody doing this for the first time, you did quite a job, so I like you come back next time. But no, Madam Chair, I totally support this so I just await your recommendation. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, guys, for your presentation and I'm very impressed with the management plan, and thank you for taking us during the budget time for the site visit. For me, we have kind of similar aspiration for Honolua, and we're going through the community management plan process as well. Because the State was the purchaser in full of the property, we have to kind of abide a little bit by working with them and even though what the community wants. So, my question is something that we have been struggling with in our community is I guess to what extent if we're raising funds is it going to come from tourist use? Have you guys looked into that and discussed? Like for us, you know, we're discussing maybe paid parking. I see sometimes on YouTube like, you know, folks going to Waioka, maybe they trespassing. Has there been discussion like, you know, maybe paid visits or paid tours or a way to generate revenue from the abundance of tourists that come into Hana? Is that off the table, is it something still in discussion?

MR. O'HARA: That's something that we're aware of and we're under discussion with that. Like I mentioned, the possibility...just recently we had a directive, one of our Ke Ao Hali'i supporters that they wanted to conduct a camping revenue and bring in people to spend time on the land, and that was kind of like oh, we got to think about that. I mean we still got to get the community come help us

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clean the land so we cannot just open that up to outsiders. My thoughts is we probably are looking at a moratorium on commercialism for a couple years until we can figure this thing out, where we want to go. Because once we open it up, it'll just bust open big time and I don't know if we'll ever be able to control it. So, it's something that we really got to look at seriously. You need the income but at the expense of going against what you're trying to do, go look at your mission and vision and you going see if you stay in focus, because once you're out of focus then that's not the...you know that's the wrong way. So, yeah, it's a big concern also for us and something that we got to really look into. But a moratorium might be the answer for buy us some time, you know, for couple years. We get some money, we should be able to survive, you know, but after that, yeah, we going have to look at, you know, trying to find means --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sustainability.

MR. O'HARA: --to make money.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: For us, we were looking into, you know, if any profit is made that it would need to go back into the management of the land. Like it's not for somebody to come in and make a profit and then get rich quick or anything. So, I was wondering is that kind of a unified feeling of the board that there's not internal folks that want to do the tourism fundraising, it's pretty much everybody is on board on the same page?

MS. RAYNER: I just wanted to add one thing to your first question which is I think maybe the money drives that decision so how much money we actually need to run the operation might actually be the driving force that decides how much tourism we will allow. 'Cause I think preferably we'd probably have very little to none, because that's really not what our mission is about. But if we need to raise funds in order to accomplish something then we might consider doing that. So, it's a driving...it's the money need driving the tourism opportunities rather than the other way around, yeah. And I think our board is very much in support of our mission. And there's...I don't think there's anybody that's come out so far anyway that is advocating anything other than protection of the lands.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. Such a great presentation, and I hear your passion and your love for what you're doing and I appreciate that. I remember when we had the budget hearing in Hana, and a question was asked by one of the Members who will take care of this land if we do this purchase and your...and the Committee...or your group's response was we would. And I

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think you are walking the talk. I appreciate this very much. I can see where these are beginning steps, but I'm glad you're doing all your research to make sure that you cover it. You know on...my question is really this, so all of this land that's for sale and you're proposing to purchase one, so what about the rest? Are the rest all up for sale or is it...

MS. RAYNER: I'm going to go back to a, to an earlier map.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, while you look for that slide, I'll also remind the Members that we also appropriated funding to Maka'ala'e, that's another parcel that was referenced, but today we're just reviewing the management plan for Moka'e.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay, thank you.

MS. RAYNER: Sorry, got too far. That's the one I want. Okay. Thanks. Is this still working? Yes, okay. Just for your information and I think it's on your...the plan that Scott mentioned had the wrong TMK, that map. But this land we will be closing in December next month, we will own these lands. You have already approved 1.5 million which will be to purchase everything in yellow. Okay, and we have funds designated through the legacy land for another 1.6 million. So, we have all the funds we need to purchase all of those lands that are in yellow now. With those lands, the seller has agreed to donate everything that's in conservation now which is all the green lands. The orange lands are...we've also put in a grant application with legacy lands. We are ranked fairly high on that, but they have not established their budget yet so we're working to make sure that we are within their budget. And that will be an...these will both be in FY '21 legacy land budget so we could close on them as soon as December next year. So, and we've also spoken with the Mayor who's made a tentative commitment for some additional open space funds to purchase this last parcel. So, our vision if we're, can succeed in what we're trying to do will be to own all of these lands hopefully by December 2020, so next December. Does that answer your question?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, what is all on this then, the Sea Ranch, the Hamoa Bluffs, Hamoa Bluffs, and Waioka Pond and conservation lands? Oh, that's covered under the Maka'ala'e.

MS. RAYNER: I'm going to go back again to...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Or does this make up your whole coast...or there's more to the coastline than what's on that...

MR. CRAWFORD: Yeah, you know, our initial effort has really been to focus on this continuous area between Haneo'o Road and Waioka...Waihonu. The Hamoa

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Bluffs parcel and the Sea Ranch parcel are also...we're, you know, we're...they're sort of the next phase in our plans, and we intend to, you know, go to some other funding sources and try to also --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I see.

MR. CRAWFORD: --acquire those, but it's kind of like in three phases. So, phase one is this first parcel, phase two will be the rest of those lands, and then those will come after.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay, thank you.

MS. RAYNER: So, does that answer your question?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MS. RAYNER: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: That answers my question.

MS. RAYNER: 'Cause that's...these are the lands that we're talking about and right now we're really just focused on these right here. And we've chosen the Moka'e and Maka'ala'e lands because they're really the most cultural lands and the most significant for our community. But Hana Ranch Partners has all these other lands for sale and we hope eventually to...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MS. RAYNER: Yeah.

MR. CRAWFORD: The most at risk for development.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MS. RAYNER: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, I like the management plan but I like the fact that you acknowledge the fact that your staff capacity needs buildup. That that's seems to be your weakness because while this is all wonderful things that you really want to get done, unless you have a staff to be able to make it all happen and bring it all together and do outreach to your community, this would almost like be pie in the sky. So, I want to urge you to go get funding to be able to hire your staff person. I believe that there are

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fundere not juſt here but away that will fund you for at leaſt three to five year until you can develop your ſuſtainability plan that bring the revenue in for you to continue to do your work. So, I juſt want to encourage you to do that. I alſo want to urge you to go and ſee the Office of Hawaiian Affair, this iſ their job and you're doing it ſo you ſhould get paid for doing it. And but alſo I want you to alway have faith, keep up the good work, keep up the faith and you will be bleſſed. So, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. Juſt one quick queſtion regarding the code of conduct ſection in your management plan, how are you folk going to regulate, you know, uſer of the area to ensure that they take out their traſh and they're not kind of abuſing the privilege of ſtaying out there? 'Cause, you know, you may have ſome folk that will go beyond what iſ expected, you know, maybe not treating the area reſpectfully late night. And will there be...will the organization be kind of...have lookouts or people to watch, keep an eye on folk out there?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Crawford?

MR. CRAWFORD: Yeah, we, you know, we ſtill have to ſort of finalize this policy, and what's in this plan iſ the general guideline that we've come up ſo far ſo we have to finalize the detail. But eſſentially when you're talking about vehicular acceſſ and people being granted the key, there'll be an agreement and the code of conduct iſ ſomething that they'll agree to abide by that would have, you know, curfew hour, noiſe, you know, thing like that, expectation. Something elſe that we've talked about that's really important which iſ alſo a model of looking at how Na Mamo O Muolea haſ managed the County land. There iſ the expectation that if you're going to go uſe the land, that you give back and that you participate in workday or while you're down there you do ſome clearing and beach cleanup or different kind of thing ſo there's a giving back to the land. And, you know, baſically, you know, hopefully through the education and outreach, people really underſtand the value and the reaſon behind the code of conduct. But if there waſ people who really abuſed it then they could like loſe their, you know, loſe their privilege to acceſſ.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay, ſo I have ſome queſtion. Mahalo for the preſentation and for the management plan, it's very extenſive. So, yeah, everyone pointed out that I'm from Molokai, we all know, and that we have, you know, a lot of ſimilar challenge and opportunity, and ſimilar community aſ in it's pretty rural, everyone's related and know each other. So, in, you know, anticipating when a code of conduct iſ developed and

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when rules for access is developed, who will make those decisions, how will those decisions be made, and will it be open to the public to provide input?

MR. O'HARA: Yes, the...all the decision, the management decisions when we make will be, include the input of the lineal descendants and the community. Not that we're going to adopt all of the ideas and stuff but that we can work it out, you know, and come up with a mutual understanding and agreement. But that by itself is a big challenge too, I mean, you know, that's a whole, you know, area that we need to look at. But we're aware of that, you know, you cannot just make rules and expect compliance.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Mr. O'Hare [sic]. So, part of what kind of, you know, initiated that question is there was testimony on and in your presentation eventual raising of cattle and possibly sharing the meat with the community. So, will that kind of, that plan and policy be included eventually in your management plan? And if there are disputes regarding how those decisions are made, how do you plan to settle those disputes?

MR. CRAWFORD: Yeah, just in the short term, you know, or in the...as a transition, we basically have the partnership with Hana Ranch that's currently running cattle on the land and they've agreed to just continue that. And so, you know, we don't have to do anything drastically different right away. But that gives us some time to really work on developing a policy to bring more of a community management to the grazing operation basically instead of just relying on Hana Ranch to do it. That we can bring in experienced paniolos from Hana who can help do that and then develop a policy for how that can, you know, potentially generate some revenue to support the management of the land as well as being able to provide the meat in a way to the local families in a fair, you know, and transparent way. So, that's something that, you know, we haven't worked out the details on, we don't have to figure it out right away but that's our eventual call.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, and then regarding access, camping, gathering, when do you expect to develop those policies?

MR. CRAWFORD: Very soon. That's like our top priority now that we're getting close to closing. We are planning to discuss that within the next few weeks and, you know, start to...we also just recently when we got...when we entered into the purchase agreement, as part of the disclosure we got a copy of the agreement that Hana Ranch Partners currently uses when they let out the key so that's kind of a starting place for us. We're looking at other examples, you know, but we...and we'll probably have some, you know, some meetings with the families of the area and community that wants to provide input into that to be able to come up with at least an initial policy and then, you know, we'll learn and it may be revised over time. But come up with something that is...that we can

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have in place, you know, fairly soon after, once we actually have stewardship of the land and need to be making those decisions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. So, you said that you would kind of use the Hana Ranch's policies as a starting point in how they allow access to the keys. Is that for both pedestrian and vehicular access or only vehicular access?

MR. CRAWFORD: Mainly vehicular, like we really don't intend to restrict pedestrian access. You know, it's, the parking is an issue that naturally restricts it to some extent, but really, you know, for people to just be able to walk on to the land and either for traditional gathering or just to go on walks or whatever, you know, that's...it's going to be open. That I think pretty, everybody pretty much agrees on that. It's more the vehicular access and overnight camping and that kind of use that we need to balance. You know these are areas where families have traditionally camped and gathered for generations, and we want to preserve that ability to continue doing that but balanced with protecting the conservation values and making sure the land isn't overused.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, and then I guess this kind of goes hand in hand with Member Molina's question. So, regarding like that access, is there going to be enforcement or what's your plan for enforcement?

MR. CRAWFORD: Well, this kind of goes back to Councilmember Molina's question where if there is...that in a...basically getting the key and getting a camping permit in essence that somebody who's the responsible person for that party will have to sign an agreement that they're, you know, they're agreeing to the code of conduct basically. And if there really is some kind of abuse then we'll have a process in the policy for, you know, figuring out complaints or, you know, if there's complaints that come in then being able to talk to the person who's the responsible party about making sure that it doesn't happen again. And some kind of system where if it was, you know, really abusive of the code of conduct then there could be a loss of, you know, a loss of --

MR. O'HARA: Privilege.

MR. CRAWFORD: --of privilege basically, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Last question, so in your future plan will it include a plan for sustainability of Ke Ao Hali'i?

MR. CRAWFORD: Yes. You know and we didn't...in this plan we haven't...we've, we kind of worked out a general budget of our operating budget and management budget. We didn't include that in this plan, but we do have a general budget and we have thought about various different sources for where management fund, you know, funding can come from for the sustainability of the

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organization and the management plan. So, you know, some of that still does have to be, you know, worked out in detail, but we feel pretty confident that there is a lot of sources of funds out there to support this kind of thing and that we, you know, we can be successful in creating a sustainability plan for the organization.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, the sustainability I guess it wasn't just in reference to funding but also I know how, you know, boards...

MR. CRAWFORD: Yes, transition and --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

MR. CRAWFORD: --and succession --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. CRAWFORD: --definitely. I mean that comes in with the whole educational side. We do...we have definitely some young community leaders who are either on our board or active supporters of the organization. And part of the educational side is to, you know, develop the connection of the Hana youth with this land so that we're developing, you know, future leaders and future stewards that can take over when, you know, we retire.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your response. Okay, Members, any last questions or comments? Okay, so on Friday, the two things that we'll be voting...well, one thing that we'll be voting on but the two things that the proviso requires of us is to approve the land management plan which is what we received and a land trust or a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS. And so, just to clarify for Members for Friday, that organization is the Hawaiian Island Land Trust, is that correct?

MR. CRAWFORD: Yes, they will be the conservation easement holder along with the County of Maui on all of the lands.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Okay, Members, if there are no objections the Chair will defer this item.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo. Okay, mahalo, Ke Ao Hali`i.

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MR. O'HARA: Mahalo.

MR. CRAWFORD: Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, Members, it's 4:15, we do have one more item on the agenda. I'm not sure if they're still here.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, good. Okay, all right.

**ITEM 52: AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET:
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND (HABITAT FOR
HUMANITY, AFFORDABLE HANA HOUSING
PROJECT) (CC 19-368)**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, would you like to hear the presentation and then defer to another day for discussion or defer the item now? What would be the pleasure of the body?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Do it all now.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Well, Madam Chair --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --because we're kind of shorthanded here today I think it's --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --just from my feeling it's important that we hear and, you know, have, you know, the other Members here. But I mean it's your call. But because we have just what, six Members today, I don't know if maybe just the presentation and then continue the discussion on another day. So, that might be one option to consider, so.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Any other feedback from the Members?

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Anticipate, do we anticipate it taking longer than what we have time to do?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Dodson, do you expect the presentation to take longer than 15 minutes?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, the presentation. We're just going to...it looks like we'll receive the presentation today and then we'll defer to another day for your questions.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I have a question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: This is very important I think and I just wonder for the benefit of the Hana community, it may be better for them to do the presentation and take questions on the same day so that we can have a consistent discussion rather than doing presentation now and then two weeks from now, you know, take it up again is what I would suggest. I think it would work out to the benefit of the project 'cause I think it's so important.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Or could we do it all in one day?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Could we do it all today you think?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, if we can do it all today that's great.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Well, so the concern is that we have three Members missing and I do have to leave by 4:30.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So, I would like to recommend that we take up the presentation on the same day that we ask for questions and have the other Members here, 'cause it's very important I think for the Hana community, and rather than it being broken up. But I defer to the Hana Member, I mean you may have insights on this, you know, deeper than what I see right now.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Member Sinenci?

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. I think I concur and if you have to leave by 4:30 then I would be open to recessing it if it's okay with Habitat for Humanity. I think the only timeline that we're held to is just from the beginning of the project, correct? If maybe Ms. Yoshimura might comment on that as far as any timelines that we're held to. None?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Yoshimura, do you have a response to the question?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, I don't believe there's a timeline for the project, but I'm sure for the Hana community we'd like to see this project move forward as quickly as we can. It's already been in Committee since July so the quicker we take action, I guess the better it is for the community.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: So, with that said, Chair, would be hearing in the next two weeks or I don't know how your schedule is as far as the EDB Committee?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Can we recess this?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: A recess would be...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I don't think we can recess. I think we...there's urgent items that we need to adjourn so that those items are recorded as decisions --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I see.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --made.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, we would have to adjourn.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But I can look at the calendar to see how soon we could take it up. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, Madam Chair, I believe your next scheduled Committee meeting would be...would fall on the same day with my Committee which is December 3rd I believe on a Tuesday, yeah? If I'm correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I think it's December 5th.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Was it December 5th?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm usually on Thursday mornings at 9:00.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh I'm sorry, I'm sorry, that's Mr. Sinenci.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, that's . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We swapped. We swapped places.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Sorry about that. That's right. Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, December 4th, I'm sorry. Oh, it is 5th? Okay, yeah, I was correct. December 5th at 9:00 would be the soonest but there are urgent items that I was planning to take up at that meeting as well. So, we can figure that out with...Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Could you refer it to Housing?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's something we could talk story about. So, I could either schedule it on December 5th or the following and then... 'cause I don't know. Yeah, we can talk story offline --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --to see.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: That's a good idea.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, it looks like we're not going to receive the presentation today and we're going to save it all together. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm not a voting Member of the Housing Committee.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Okay, we'll --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Or you can take a vote.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --I'll see, it'll either be December 5th or the following EDB meeting. I'll also have to work with Habitat for Humanity to find out if they're available at that time and date. Member Sugimura?

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I guess it would be presumptuous to think that we should, you know, like vote on it now. I think, you know, it's such a good project for Hana, I heard the voices. I'm not too sure what more we'll learn with the presentation, but I think that, you know, we heard a lot and we've been waiting, well, I've been waiting for this also because I...from budget, you know, or it's really needed.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: As soon as you can, let's do it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, it's 4:22, there's a request to take a brief recess, very brief, so please stay in your chairs. We're going to call a quick recess, 4:22, November 19th, at the call of the Chair. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 4:22 p.m.
RECONVENE: 4:30 p.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .(gavel). . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order. It's 4:30 on November 19th. Mahalo for that brief recess. So, what we've decided to do is recess the meeting till next week Tuesday which is December...sorry, November 26 at nine o'clock if Members are available.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Chamber.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: In Chambers. Please indicate if you are not available.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .(inaudible). . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Molina, you have a prior commitment?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, Madam Chair, in the morning. If it was something in the afternoon, I could attend but I'm committed from 8:00 in the morning till 2:00 that afternoon.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Till 2:00.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I have a same time commitment, it's Wehena Makahiki for Kula Kaiapuni.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Okay, so...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: But in...it ends at, when school gets out.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, the Healthy Families and Communities have the 1:30 slot so...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, for the 26th?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For the 26th, yeah.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, Healthy Families. Okay, so it's looking that's not a good date and time for everyone. Yeah, Healthy Families at 1:30. They polled and I guess they got quorum for that time slot. And then there's PSLU that night. Okay, so the other option then is we adjourn and in, after some conversation, it looks like the items that I was planning to schedule for the December 5th meeting will be...I can take up on the December 9th time slot. So, I can push everything down later and then take up the Habitat for Humanity item on December 5th which is the regular Thursday, nine o'clock regular meeting time for EDB. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Chair, so that would be the only item...would that be...like you could pair other items on that date with...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, so I would adjourn this meeting today and then repost or post for my regular EDB meeting on December 5th at nine o'clock and that would have the housing item and...the Hana housing item, and then I can see if...how many other items I can squeeze on that agenda.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: But we won't be taking any testimony?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It will be a regular meeting so testimony will be taken. But everyone who has testified today, you know, we have their testimony and we've heard the community loud and clear that they support this.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. I appreciate your willingness to hear the item. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And sorry. Yeah, Madam Chair, for December 5th so would this item be the first on your docket to address at 9:00 a.m. that morning? Is that your plan or is it too early to tell yet?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, actually I didn't check with...Ms. Dodson, are you available, okay, at 9:00? Okay. Okay, so yeah, I could take it up first and then take some budget amendment items after.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay, any other questions? Okay, so we will adjourn today's meeting. We're not going to recess. And we'll take up the Habitat for Humanity, Hana housing project on December 5th at nine o'clock, it's a Thursday. And for those, you know, who have testified, don't worry about taking off work again, we've heard your testimony. You don't have to come out here again, you know, I know it's a long drive. So, okay...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: ...*(inaudible)*...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, all right. Okay, so since we won't be recessing and we're going to be adjourning the meeting, are there any objections to deferring EDB-52?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

ACTION: DEFER, NO DISCUSSION.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you. Okay. All right, it's 4:35 on November 19th and the Economic Development and Budget Committee is now adjourned. ...*(gavel)*...

ADJOURN: 4:35 p.m.

APPROVED:



KEANI N.W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, Chair
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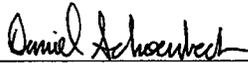
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