

MOLOKAI PLANNING COMMISSION  
SUMMARY MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 26, 2020

[\(HYPERLINK TO AUDIO RECORDING OF MEETING\)](#)

A. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Molokai Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson Lori Buchanan at approximately 11:15 a.m., Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at Mitchell Pauole Center, 90 Ainoa Street, Kaunakakai, Island of Molokai.

A quorum of the Commission was present. (See Record of Attendance.)

*(Agenda item B begins at 00:00:22 of the Audio Recording)*

- B. PUBLIC TESTIMONY - At the discretion of the Chair, public testimony may also be taken when each agenda item is discussed, except for contested cases under Chapter 91, HRS. Individuals who cannot be present when the agenda item is discussed may testify at the beginning of the meeting instead and will not be allowed to testify again when the agenda item is discussed unless new or additional information will be offered. **Testimony will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes, with 30 seconds to conclude.**

**There was no public testimony at this time.**

*(Agenda item C.1. begins at 00:00:55 of the Audio Recording)*

C. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Memorandum, dated February 14, 2020, from the Director of Planning requesting comments from the Molokai Planning Commission regarding a Parking Stall Reduction request for the proposed Molokai Theater, to be located at the R.W.H. Chen Building, 61 Ala Malama Avenue, Kaunakakai, Molokai, Hawaii, TMK: (2) 5-3-002:095

*The Commission may take action to provide its comments to the Director of Planning.*

*(A Motion was made at 01:24:03 of the Audio Recording)*

**It was moved by Commissioner Bridget Mowat, seconded by Commissioner Laakea Poepoe, then**

*(A Vote was taken at 01:28:12 of the Audio Recording)*

**VOTED: to recommend to the Director to not approve the reduction in off-site parking.**

(Assenting - J. Bicoy; L. Buchanan; W. Moore; B. Mowat; L. Poepoe)  
(Dissenting - J. Pele; J. Sprinzel)  
(Absent - J. Perez, III)  
(Excused - L. Espaniola)

*(Agenda item D.1. begins at 01:29:50 of the Audio Recording)*

**D. PUBLIC HEARING, CONTESTED CASE.** Public testimony will be received and the applicant may choose to cross-examine the testifier(s). Action may be taken after public hearing.

1. MR. SHANE VISITACION, on behalf of VERIZON WIRELESS, requesting a County Special Use Permit in order to operate and modify a telecommunications facility located at the Maunaloa Ranch Rodeo Grounds, TMK (2) 5-1-002:023 (por.), Maunaloa (CUP 2019/0003) (S. Lopez)

*The Commission may take action to approve or deny the County Special Use Permit, or choose to defer the item.*

*(A Motion was made at 03:06:26 of the Audio Recording)*

**A motion was made by Commissioner John Sprinzel, seconded by Commissioner Laakea Poepoe, then**

*(A Vote was taken at 03:09:59 of the Audio Recording)*

**VOTED: to approve with conditions.**

(Assenting - J. Bicoy; W. Moore; B. Mowat; J. Sprinzel)  
(Dissenting - L. Buchanan; L. Poepoe)  
(Recused - J. Pele)  
(Absent - J. Perez, III)  
(Excused - L. Espaniola)

**MOTION FAILED**

*(A Motion was made at 03:12:46 of the Audio Recording)*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Laakea Poepoe, seconded by Commissioner William Moore, then**

*(A Vote was taken at 03:14:51 of the Audio Recording)*

**VOTED: to defer item D.1.**

(Assenting - J. Bicoy; L. Buchanan; W. Moore; B. Mowat; L. Poepoe; J. Sprinzel)  
(Recused - J. Pele)  
(Absent - J. Perez, III)  
(Excused - L. Espaniola)

*(Agenda items E, F, G begins at 03:15:04 of the Audio Recording)*

**E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

1. Open Molokai Applications Report generated by the Planning Department with the February 26, 2020 Agenda Packet (Appendix-A)
2. Completed Molokai Applications Report generated by the Planning Department with the February 26, 2020 Agenda Packet (Appendix-B)
3. Agenda Items for the March 11, 2020 meeting

**Due to time constraints, agenda item E was deferred.**

**F. NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING DATE: MARCH 11, 2020**

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m.**

Submitted by,

SUZETTE ESMERALDA  
Secretary to Boards & Commissions II

**RECORD OF ATTENDANCE:**

**Present:**

Lori Buchanan, Chairperson  
Laakea Poepoe, Vice-Chairperson  
Julie-Ann Bicoy  
William Moore  
Bridget Mowat  
John Pele  
John Sprinzel

**Absent:**

John Perez, III

**Excused:**

Leonora Espaniola

**Others:**

Jordan Hart, Deputy Planning Director, Department of Planning

Sybil Lopez, Staff Planner, Molokai, Current Division, Department of Planning

Stephanie Chen, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

Suzette Esmeralda, Secretary to Boards & Commissions II, Current Division, Department of Planning