

MOLOKAI PLANNING COMMISSION
SUMMARY MINUTES
JUNE 24, 2020

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Molokai Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson Lori Buchanan at approximately 11:04 a.m., Wednesday, June 24, 2020, via BlueJeans Meeting No. 274029839.

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

*(Agenda item B.1. begins at 00:02:33 of **Part 1** of the meeting audio recording)*

B. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA (SMA) MINOR PERMIT

1. RK DEVELOPMENT requesting a Special Management Area Minor Permit for the grubbing and removal of approximately 250 cubic yards of invasive vegetation blocking water flow within a concrete walled and lined drainage ditch, located at Kamehameha V Highway, Kawela, Molokai TMK (2) 5-4-017:042 (SMX 2019/0357) (Valuation: \$5,000) (S. Lopez)

The Commission may act to approve or disapprove the permit or defer.

*(A Motion was made at 01:41:46 of **Part 1** of the meeting audio recording)*

It was moved by Commissioner Laakea Poepoe, seconded by Commissioner John Sprinzel, then

*(A Vote was taken at 01:43:29 of **Part 1** of the meeting audio recording)*

VOTED: to accept the Department's recommendation with the ten conditions plus the three additional conditions as discussed.

(Assenting - L. Buchanan; L Espaniola; W. Moore; B. Mowat; L. Poepoe;
J. Sprinzel)

(Absent - J. Perez, III)

(Excused - J. Bicoy; J. Pele)

*(Agenda item C.1. begins at 00:00:07 of **Part 2** of the meeting audio recording)*

C. WAIVER OR NON-WAIVER OF SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA (SMA) ASSESSMENT REVIEW

MS. MICHELE MCLEAN, Planning Director, notifying the Commission pursuant to the provisions of Section 12-302-13.1(a) of the Molokai Planning Commission's Special Management Area Rules that the following proposed action located within the Special Management Area is not a "development" and therefore exempt from the requirements of the Molokai Planning Commission's Special Management Area Rules:

1. MR. GEORGE KANEMITSU, proposing to stabilize, repair, and reconstruct the exterior wall on the east side of the building and stabilize, repair, and reconstruct the collapsed roof located at 65 Hotel Lane, Kaunakakai, Molokai, TMK (2) 5-3-002:055 (SMX 2020/0202) (Valuation: \$25,000) (S. Lopez)

The Commission may act to waive or not waive its review or defer. If the Commission votes to not waive its review, it may review the subject SMA assessment and act to approve or disapprove a SMA exemption, or defer.

Chair Buchanan disclosed that her son has a working relationship with Mr. Kanemitsu, therefore, due to a financial involvement between her son and Mr. Kanemitsu, Chair Buchanan chose to recuse herself from Agenda Item C.1.

Due to her recusal, Chair Buchanan asked Commissioner Sprinzel to chair this portion, item C.1., of the meeting.

Commissioner Poepoe also disclosed that his Aunt, Blossom Poepoe, is the Manager of Kanemitsu Bakery but that he does not have a direct financial interest due to her position, and he also stated, for the record, that he is able to make an impartial decision, therefore, he will not recuse himself from Agenda Item C.1.

*(A Motion was made at 00:21:11 of **Part 2** of the meeting audio recording)*

It was moved by Commissioner Leonora Espaniola, seconded by Commissioner Bridget Mowat, then

*(A Vote was taken at 00:21:25 of **Part 2** of the meeting audio recording)*

VOTED: to waive its review of Agenda Item C.1.

(Assenting - L Espaniola; W. Moore; B. Mowat; L. Poepoe; J. Sprinzel)
(Recuse - L. Buchanan)

(Absent - J. Perez, III)
(Excused - J. Bicoy; J. Pele)

*(Agenda item D.1. begins at 00:22:30 of **Part 2** of the meeting audio recording)*

D. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Ms. Michele McLean, AICP, Planning Director, Memorandum, dated June 10, 2020, submitting the 2019 Annual Status Reports on the Implementation of Maui County's Community Plans, and Countywide Policy Plan and the Maui Island Plan (K. Aoki)

These matters are for reporting and discussion purposes.

Ms. Aoki mentioned that, as part of an implementing action, the 2019 Annual Status Reports were submitted to the Commission for their information and entertained questions from the Commission. A discussion was held. No action was taken.

*(Agenda item E begins at 00:39:04 of **Part 2** and continues into **Part 3** of the meeting audio recording)*

E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Open Molokai Applications Report generated by the Planning Department with the June 24, 2020 Agenda Packet (Appendix-A)
2. Completed Molokai Applications Report generated by the Planning Department with the June 24, 2020 Agenda Packet (Appendix-B)

A discussion was held on items E.1. and E.2. No action was taken

*(Agenda item E.3. begins at 00:20:58 of **Part 3** of the meeting audio recording)*

3. Agenda Items for the July 8, 2020 meeting

Ms. Lopez mentioned there were no items currently scheduled for the July 8, 2020 meeting but that there are SMA assessments being scheduled for the July 22, 2020 meeting. No action was taken.

*(Agenda item F and G begins at 00:21:26 of **Part 3** of the meeting audio recording)*

F. NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING DATE: JULY 8, 2020

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:16 p.m.

Submitted by,

SUZETTE ESMERALDA
Secretary to Boards & Commissions II

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE:

Present:

Lori Buchanan, Chairperson
Laakea Poepoe, Vice-Chairperson
Leonora Espaniola
William Moore
Bridget Mowat
John Sprinzel

Absent:

John Perez, III

Excused:

Julie-Ann Bicoy
John Pele

Others:

Sybil Lopez, Staff Planner, 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