

**MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION  
SUMMARY MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 8, 2022**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Maui Planning Commission was called to order by Vice-Chairperson P Denise La Costa at approximately 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 8, 2022, online via BlueJeans; **Meeting ID: 668 328 227**

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. MAKAWAO CEMETERY ASSOCIATION requesting a State Land Use Commission Special Permit for a proposed 4.61-acre expansion of the Makawao Cemetery on 7.454 acres, at 3363 Baldwin Avenue, Makawao, Island of Maui, TMK: (2) 2-4-002:001. (SUP2 2019/0021) (P. Fasi)

*(Item B.1 begins at approximately 00:03:35 of Chapter 1 of the audio recording.)*

*(Motion was made at approximately 00:18:20 of Chapter 1 of the audio recording.)*

**It was moved by Ms. Pali, seconded by Mr. Edlao, then**

*(Vote was taken at approximately 00:18:50 of Chapter 1 of the audio recording.)*

**VOTED: To Approve the State Land Use Commission Special Permit as Recommended by the Department.  
(Assenting –K. Pali, J. Edlao, K. Freitas, M. Hipolito, A. Lindsey,  
K. Thayer, D. Thompson, P D. La Costa)  
(Excused - C. Tackett)**

**C. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. LIPOA KAHALEUAHI, Chair of the Hana Advisory Committee to the Maui Planning Commission transmitting its recommendation on the following application:  
  
KAUPO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION requesting a State Land Use Commission Special Permit and County Use Determination for the newly built Kaupo School Classroom structure and related improvements to be used as a community facility on 2.25 acres at 34346 Piilani Highway, Kaupo, Island of Maui, TMK: (2) 1-7-002:015, (SUP2 2020/0005) (UD 2020/0001) (P. Fasi)

The Commission may take action on this request.

*(Item C.1 begins at approximately 00:19:57 of Chapter 1 of the audio recording.)*

**State Land Use Commission Special Permit**

*(Motion was made at approximately 00:54:50 of Chapter 1 of the audio recording.)*

**It was moved by Ms. Thayer, seconded by Ms. Pali, then**

*(Vote was taken at approximately 01:09:00 of Chapter 1 of the audio recording.)*

**VOTED: To Approve the State Land Use Commission Special Permit as Recommended by the Hana Advisory Committee and the Department.**  
**(Assenting –K. Thayer, K. Pali, J. Edlao, K. Freitas, M. Hipolito, A. Lindsey, D. Thompson, P D. La Costa)**  
**(Excused - C. Tackett)**

**County Use Determination**

*(Motion was made at approximately 01:10:20 of Chapter 1 of the audio recording.)*

**It was moved by Ms. Pali, seconded by Ms. Thayer, then**

*(Vote was taken at approximately 01:10:54 of Chapter 1 of the audio recording.)*

**VOTED: To Approve the County Use Determination as Recommended by the Department.**  
**(Assenting –K. Pali, K. Thayer, J. Edlao, K. Freitas, M. Hipolito, A. Lindsey, D. Thompson, P D. La Costa)**  
**(Excused - C. Tackett)**

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

*(Item D begins at approximately 00:00:15 of Chapter 2 of the audio recording.)*

1. MICHELE CHOUREAU MCLEAN, AICP, Planning Director, transmitting a request for comment on the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) prepared for the proposed Waiehu Residential Community to be processed for compliance with Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), Chapter 201H. The project is located on a 158 acre portion of a 238-acre parcel adjacent to Kahekili Highway, Wailuku, Island of Maui, TMK: (2) 3-3-002:031 (portion). (EAC 2022/0001) (J. Burkett)

The entire text of the DEA and Anticipated Finding of No Significant Impact (AFONSI) is available at:

[http://oegc2.doh.hawaii.gov/Doc\\_Library/2021-12-23-MA-DEA-Waiehu-Residential-Community.pdf](http://oegc2.doh.hawaii.gov/Doc_Library/2021-12-23-MA-DEA-Waiehu-Residential-Community.pdf)

The County of Maui, Department of Housing and Human Concerns is the approving agency for the DEA.

*(Vote was taken at approximately 01:29:25 of Chapter 2 of the audio recording.)*

**The Commission by consensus provided their comments as discussed on the Draft Environmental Assessment**

**(Assenting – J. Edlao, K. Freitas, M. Hipolito, P D. La Costa, A. Lindsey, K. Pali, K. Thayer, D. Thompson,)**

**(Excused - C. Tackett)**

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS -- THIS ITEM HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA AT THE REQUEST OF THE APPLICANT; NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

CONSIDERATION OF REVISED RECOMMENDATION, as per settlement discussions with Dr. Lew Abrams and Maria De Abrams, on behalf of Sacred Earth Assembly related to their appeal of the denial of the Land Use Commission Special Permit to operate the Sacred Earth Assembly in the State Agricultural District, Haiku, Island of Maui. (SUP1 2019/0001) (SUP2 2017/0011). (T. Furukawa)

- a) BIANCA ISAKI, Co-Counsel and CHRISTINA LIZZI, Co-Counsel on behalf of NA HINANO O OPANA submitting a Petition to Intervene on the matter of Lew and Maria De Abrams, on behalf of Sacred Earth Assembly to obtain a State Land Use Special Permit to operate Sacred Earth Assembly, a non-profit interfaith church, in the State Agricultural District on approximately 14.8 acres of land located at 4505 Hana Highway, Haiku, Island of Maui, TMK (2) 2-8:003:075 (por.) (SUP1 2019/0001) (SUP2 2017/0011)

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY BE CALLED IN ORDER FOR THE COMMISSION TO CONSULT WITH ITS ATTORNEY ON QUESTIONS AND ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE COMMISSION'S POWERS, DUTIES, PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES AND LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 92-5(a)(4), HAWAII REVISED STATUTES. (Commissioners a separate meeting invite will be sent to you for the Executive Session)

**The matter was removed from the agenda at the request of the applicant. Ms. McLean noted there will be no testimony, no discussion and no action on the item. The item had been discussion of a proposed revised recommendation, but the applicant rejected the revised recommendation.**

**F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*(Item F.1 begins at approximately 01:32:07 of Chapter 2 of the audio recording.)*

1. Discussion in Executive Session:

Update from the Department of the Corporation Counsel on the status of two matters: (1) Hooponopono O Makena, Maui Tomorrow Foundation and Sierra Club of Hawaii vs Maui Planning Commission, County of Maui and Wailea Resort SF-S Partners regarding the acceptance of the Final Environmental Assessment for the Wailea SF-S project and (2) Maui Meadows Neighborhood Association vs. Maui Planning Commission regarding the denial of the Petition to Intervene on the Paeahu Solar project.

Please note that this discussion will occur in Executive Session and that no testimony will be taken.

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WILL BE CALLED IN ORDER FOR THE COMMISSION TO CONSULT WITH ITS ATTORNEY ON QUESTIONS AND ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE COMMISSION'S POWERS, DUTIES, PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES AND LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 92 5(a)(4), HAWAII REVISED STATUTES. (Commissioners, a separate meeting invite will be sent to you for the Executive Session)

No action will be taken.

**The Commission went into executive session to discuss the status of the above-mentioned matters.**

*(Item F.2-4 begins at approximately 00:00:10 of Chapter 3 of the audio recording.)*

2. SMA Minor Permit Report

This is for notification and review purposes. No action is anticipated.

3. SMA Exemptions Report

This is for notification and review purposes. No action is anticipated.

There were no questions or comments on the SMA Minor and SMA Exemption Reports.

4. Discussion of Future Maui Planning Commission Agendas

a. February 22, 2022 agenda items

Ms. McLean went over the items scheduled for the February 22, 2022 agenda.

**G. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: February 22, 2022**

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

CAROLYN TAKAYAMA-CORDEN  
Secretary to Boards and Commissions II

**RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

**Present**

Jerry Edlao  
Kawika Freitas  
P Denise La Costa, Vice-Chair  
Ashley Lindsey (excused at 11:52 a.m.)  
Mel Hipolito, Jr.  
Kellie Pali  
Kim Thayer  
Dale Thompson

**Excused**

Christian Tackett, Chair

**Others**

Michele McLean, Director, Department of Planning  
Michael Hopper, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel  
Jordan Molina, Deputy Director, Department of Public Works