

**LANAI GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2008**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Lanai General Plan Advisory Committee (Committee) was called to order by Mae Ulep, at 4:15 p.m., Wednesday, June 18, 2008, in the Lanai Elementary & High School, Room L-16, 555 Fraiser Avenue, Lanai City, Lanai, Hawaii.

Ms. Mae Ulep: I'd like to call this meeting to order, the time is now 4:15 pm. And we do have some public participation, so I'd like to see if there's any public testimony. Then we'll move on to approval of the meeting minutes. We'll start with the May 10, 2007.

B. PUBLIC TESTIMONY – None.

C. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR GPAC MEETINGS ON:

MAY 10, 2007,
MAY 22, 2007,
JUNE 7, 2007, and
JUNE 12, 2007

Ms. Kay Okamoto: Kay Okamoto. Can we just administratively file them, I mean I admit I only got through 2 sets and I don't believe anybody remembers from a year ago, whether these, I'd hate to say I approve 'em if we can't really remember.

Mr. Mike Hopper: Well, parliamentary procedure if you want to go by it, what they did on Molokai is that they asked if there were any changes that anybody had, and if nobody had changes to the minutes, then the Chair could say, if there's no objections the minutes are approved and then if nobody objects the minutes would be approved.

Ms. Kay Okamoto: Well, I mean that's still approving them, and I mean, I don't know, I only read 2 sections, did anybody read all four of 'em? (Background voices - ??) Yeah, and it was over a year ago. We do have a couple I know of correction. But, I just feel uncomfortable of approving something from a year ago.

Mr. Mike Hopper: Well, the minutes do have to be approved at some point by this body, if not we can get the summary minutes but actually State Law requires, that the minutes of every meeting, actually you're supposed to be approved within 30 days from the date of the meeting, there were you know quorum issues, but at this point you do have those minutes, and before they can actually become official minutes the body does have to give some sort of consent or approval of those minutes that they reflect accurately with what went on. Verbatim minutes are not required so I suppose staff could go through and write summary minutes, that would be obviously a lot of tremendous amount of work but, you know, so one of those two options I think needs to

be finalized in order to basically comply with what's required. If, I mean there's not necessarily a requirement that the person attended or knew every word were accurate at those meetings, it's not like you don't have the authority to vote in those situations. I mean obviously if you're not comfortable voting or if you do have an objection to the approval of the minutes then you could, you know discuss that.

Ms. Lisa Kaniho: Lisa Kaniho. I don't think Daniel Bennett is our chair person, so I think on May 10th minutes, that needs to be corrected.

Mr. Ron McOmer: Ron McOmer. You know I'm really concerned you made a statement, that they should be approved within 30 days. Then why are we getting them a year later or more? You know, that kinda puts in a position that we look like that if we don't okay it were like the bad guys and I don't think that's fair to us. Personally, I mean put it back in the County and say why didn't we get these 30 days, if that's what the requirement is, then actually then the County didn't do what they were supposed to do. So you're asking, if we don't approve 'em, if we say we'll you know we're not really sure, I don't think it's fair to put this body at fault for this. Corp Counsel already said that they should be approved within 30 days, well a year and 30 days isn't going to get it.

Chair Ulep: So how should we proceed?

Ms. Simone Bosco: Well, you, if there is some kind of a concern that you would like to discuss if you don't feel comfortable approving the minutes, you could always defer the approval of the minutes until you're able to review the minutes. But, essentially the record isn't complete until these minutes are approved, and so we need to try and reach that goal so that the County Council has a complete record for the deliberations on the Countywide Policy Plan. So hopefully, with the approval of the minutes sometime before Council takes up this item, we can forward the minutes to them, cause that's what they're going to be needing if they need to do some research. So that's what were up against right now, we're trying to complete the record so that the County Council has a complete record otherwise they can't, they can't, review the minutes.

Chair Ulep: Okay, I think the general consensus is that it's been so long that, we really don't wanna go through it because no one can recall, exactly what occurred in those meetings. But, if there's anyone that wants to make note of any corrections or changes as Lisa just did, if there's any other remarks from anyone else, if not I would suggest that we go ahead and approve the minutes.

Mr. Angel Allas: Angel Allas. What's our plan going forward? I mean after today's meeting. What do we see, I mean is this the last GPAC meeting? Going forwardd, what's happening here?

Ms. Simone Bosco: After this action of approving the minutes, basically the GPAC stays, it stays together as a body until the Countywide Policy Plan is approved, okay, and we don't know exactly when that will happen, but the body stays together, however they don't, there will be no further meetings unless there's some reason to have a meeting. But, your work as a body is done. You've reviewed the Countywide Policy Plan. At this point, you would be considered a resource for the County Council, or any other, or any other back ground research, or back ground information that the County Council might need. Also, we're looking at trying to form the CPAC's which will be coming down later on down the line. So that's another issue which I'll get into later on in the agenda. But, essentially you stay as a resource for the County Council. But, you won't have anymore meetings.

Mr. Angel Allas: Okay then, you know if anybody has any corrections, I think we should move forward with the corrections and then make a motion to approve the minutes.

Ms. Kay Okamoto: Kay Okamoto. On the two sets I got through, I have just a couple, more like editorial misspellings I'll just give to you and then the one Lisa had on the 22nd.

Chair Ulep: Then if there are no other corrections or?

Mr. Ron McOmber: I just don't think that this body, Ron McOmber. I just don't think this body. I don't know if we're going to take the heat for this and say well they approved the minutes and it moved forward, I mean I'm not really comfortable with doing this, there was all kinds of discussions going on when we were going through this. Why did we say what we said and you know what drove that. If anything and I don't want to open that Pandora's box either, by going through this whole thing all over again and see what drove those questions or those ideas. Just like Kay said a lot of these were editorializing and personal statements. But, I'm really uncomfortable sending this to the Council saying well this is what Lana`i said, cause it may, if we got the minutes 30 days after we had done this we could've both said, wait a minute that wasn't the intent of what I said. And I think Kay and everybody else would agree to that, and there was a lot of statement made going back and forth. That's my personal opinion, I don't wanna kibosh this, I'm not going to send this forward and put my name on it that we okayed this almost carte blanche. Cause there's gotta be some kind of statement with it, we got it a year later and we were asked to approve this, we'll approve it by looking at it and say well I don't see any major things in it. But, I don't think they should make State or County policy on what were sending forward here on these 3 months.

Ms. Kay Okamoto: Kay Okamoto. I, I mean I agree, but I do have to admit that she took verbatim minutes we do know that from the other minutes. It was taped recorded

and so even if we didn't agree with you know maybe, intent, that's probably we can't do any, may not be, you know correction of the minutes. She did take verbatim minutes and seem to do that at every meeting, but I agree, I'd like to see some sort of statement with it, that we approved it a year after it happened.

Mr. Mike Hopper: And so just to clarify, because of the 30 day requirement, there's been opinions that draft minutes have to be provided, in the event that approved official minutes aren't provided. So not only the Council, but if any member of the public wanted, came in and they wanted to see the Lana`i GPAC meetings from these dates; the Department would be required to give them these draft minutes as they exist right now. The minutes are as you said, it's not to reflect your intentions necessarily, it's exactly what you said during that meeting is the intention of, just as an accurate reflection of what went on was decided, I think the main idea is to get all the motions down correctly and as far as you know, what people voted for, and that's reflecting the comments. But, again the draft minutes have to be provided, certainly if you don't feel comfortable approving the minutes, you don't have to vote on approving the minutes. But, the draft minutes right now exist in this form, so you should be aware of that.

Mr. Ron McOmber: Ron Mcomber. See this is, this is what's going on right now, especially on Lana`i. Things are moving really fast on Lana`i with some things that the County's doing, that we didn't even begin to address it, if we'd known some of this that we knew at the beginning just a year ago, we may have been stronger about green stuff or windmills or you know, there's a whole bunch of things going on in Lana`i right now that I'm not comfortable with sending this forward. I mean we already said this, but I, I don't mind sending it forward but I do think we ought to put a note in there that we didn't see it for a year and how many months. Based on that and a lot of that information was lost.

Ms. Simone Bosco: I just like to clarify for the GPAC. That once the minutes, if they are approved today, all minutes have the date that the minutes are approved, that date is recorded on the minutes. Date of approval, so just so you know, it would reflect today, a year and 30 days later. Whatever it is. Okay.

Mr. Ron McOmber: Ron McOmber. Do you think that Council when they look at that will ask, will that raise a question in their mind?

Ms. Simone Bosco: I am not sure what, how the Council would perceive that, I can't say how the Council would perceive that.

Mr. Ron McOmber: I mean if I got up and I gave a public testimony at a Council meeting, saying yeah that's what we, that's the minutes we approved, but they were a

year and 2 month after we had talked about it. I don't, you know, how does that show light on Long Range Planning?

Ms. Simone Bosco: Well, I'm not sure on how the Council would perceive that, but I can say that to the best of your ability you wanna try and take this opportunity to correct any thing that you feel is not.

Mr. Ron McOmber: I think you're hearing it.

Ms. Simone Bosco: So, I hear it and it's on, it's actually on the record now that you have these concerns too. So just so you know. Yeah.

(Talking in the background)

Ms. Simone Bosco: Yeah okay, so I just wanted to, I just wanted to, I clarified with Corp Counsel here, that your discussion today would be part of the record as well, that would go forward. Okay. So if that helps.

Ms. Kay Okamoto: Based on that I move we approve the minutes.

Mr. Ron McOmber: I'll second that. With reservation.

Chair Ulep: Approval of the minutes have been, motion has made and seconded. I'm sorry.

Ms. Simone Bosco: Chair person, can you also just for the record say who made the motion and who??

Chair Ulep: Okay, motion was made to approve the minutes by Linda Okamoto and seconded by Ron McOmber. All those in favor show of hands. That was unanimous. Minutes have been approved.

Ms. Simone Bosco: Thank you.

Mr. Ron McOmber: Madam Chair. Just a note, when we start the community plan, we'd like to have a tighter return on what we said. So that, cause there's going to be some stuff in the community plan we're going to want on paper and the way our feelings were at the time, not a year later. Because we don't need this, we don't need, that would play right in the hands of developers or whoever wants to do whatever, so we need to have the community, cause the community going to come and give testimony, and that should not be delayed, that should go into, in the script that we get testimony

from the public. Okay?

Ms. Simone Bosco: Okay, yep heard you.

Mr. Ron McOmber: Okay? Please don't delay a year and a month or two.

Ms. Simone Bosco: Yes, I heard you. Okay.

Chair Ulep: With the completion of the approval of the minutes, we can move on to the Planning Director's Report.

D. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Countywide Policy Plan and Lana`i Community Plan Update

Ms. Simone Bosco: Yep, thank you. I'm going to speak for the Deputy Director. I have heard under that agenda item an update on the Countywide Policy Plan and the Lana`i Community Plan updates, and just so you know the Countywide Policy Plan was transmitted up to Council, it was transmitted in January of this year. And, they'll be taking up that matter after, well very soon, very shortly, probably either in August at the earliest or September. Okay so, you, this body received a copy of the transmittal that was sent to Council I believe in March sometime this year on a CD as well as a draft of the Countywide Policy Plan. The draft that includes all of the recommendations from GPAC and the Planning Commissions, so that complete record, except for the minutes went up to the County Council, and we'll be working with them for the remainder of the year to try and come to a, to get the Countywide Policy Plan adopted basically. Right now we've started the beginning phases of the community plan update. We've hired a consultant to work with the Department, to basically assist with the entire process and we're in the very beginning phases like I said. We're formulating the work plan right now with the consultant, we're trying to hammer out the schedule, we're trying to get the public participation program figured out and basically move forward on it. One of the very first things that we are going to be trying to do is have, 2 community outreach events on Lana`i and also on Molokai, but for you guys what we wanna try and do is should to have the events hopefully not later than November. So sometime between September 15 and November 15, we wanna try and have a like a community outreach event, where everybody in the whole community can participate. And it's designed to try and gather information on what the island's resident's concerns are, what the vision for their island is. And try and set for some sense of where this community wants to go as far as the Community Plan. Let's see what else can I tell you. As far as the CPAC's, the CPAC'S have not been formed yet, but we're looking to try and appoint

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them shortly before the end of the year before the CPAC meeting starts. We're looking to start the meeting sometime early in 2008 and the reason why it's at that point in time is we're using from now until the end of the year to do all the background research to gather. Oh, early 2009, I'm sorry, I'm sorry 2009. And we're doing all the technical studies now, updating a lot of technical studies, we want to do the community outreach events, and there's just a lot of background research and mapping that needs to be done. And then we want to be able to bring some kind of a draft to you when we start the CPAC's, and the idea is to use the existing Lana`i Community Plan as the base documents. Okay so, you know we're going to be starting with this document. So in your time, in between, if, okay knowing with the awareness that you are not the CPAC yet, the idea you guys are not the CPAC. Until we form the CPAC, the idea is to become familiar with this Lana`i Community Plan and how it works or how it doesn't work. Eventually we'll be getting back in touch with you very soon, before the end of the year to see if we can maybe get some, get more input, on well, the community we'll be contacting community, members of the community, see if we can get some impact and input on what kinds of focus groups or what kinds of things that you guys as a community can do before we start the meeting. We're looking at actually doing some focus groups on Molokai and I'd like to do that as well for Lana`i. I think that would be really useful in terms of getting some feedback on what the hot issues are on this island and I know Ron had mentioned there's a lot going on on this island, so we want to try and you know create a feedback list that we're, that we are aware of what's going on, on the ground here. You know, just to try and keep the communication open so, anyway that's kind of the general outlook for the community plan. We won't start till early next year on, with the CPAC's, and the CPAC's would have 6 months to review the draft plan. And we'll be giving you a schedule as well when we finally finalize the work plan and finalize the public participation program, we'll be giving, we'll be releasing a kind of schedule, draft schedule, so that everyone can kinda know where we're at in the process.

Mr. Ron McOmbler: Ron McOmbler. Because I was co-chair on the last community plan, we've already talked to some people in the community that have groups and asked them to come before the community plan group and tell us what their needs are, future needs. Like the harbor, like Kaunapali, there's issues that the community is going to be facing. There's other groups, Hawaiian groups, their businesses, that would like to come and give us their input. So as we go through this, what we did last time was, Bill Medeiros, Bill set up basically from the community plan participant, who should we call as main people? Fire Department, Police Department, Castle & Cooke any private developers, which there isn't on Lana`i other than Castle & Cooke basically. But, we wanted to hear from the Company we wanted to hear from other people who have other interests so that we can talk to them and the community can also have input on that. But maybe, may not be called focus groups but to make it work and make this whole thing be in flow we need to have, send out notices to people and say we're going

to have a meeting on this night and this night and this night; and it may run 5 hours, we had some of them run long time. But we're listening to what the community tells us so that when we put it in the community plan it's in concert with that. Cause we have groups on the island that are actually sprawled out, like the water working group has to be in there, the water use and development plan has to be in there, I'm pushing really hard to get that done so that's part of this community plan. It's very important on Lana`i, it's very important everywhere actually in Maui County. But, we have other groups on Lana`i that we want their names, because if you're going to talk about the harbor, then the harbor advisory should be one of the main focus groups that are mentioned in the community plan. If you want input from the Manele small boat harbor, we have our group that's actually working on that and actually worked on the design that's going on down there now. So there's lots of people to we've asked to come before the, I know I've asked 'em. When we start the community plan that we have plenty notice that people can come and participate. Cause this community's gotta come together.

Ms. Simone Bosco: Okay.

Mr. Angel Allas: Angel Allas. Also, when you start to do this outreach programs and things like this, it would be nice if you can advertise it in the Lana`i Times. That's probably your best way to get the information out to the community.

Ms. Simone Bosco: Yeah, we wanna try and really advertise these upcoming events, cause we wanna get as much participation as we can. I'm not sure what to expect yet, but I'm hoping a lot of people come.

Mr. Ron McOmber: And the other important thing is they are all in the same location, that we don't chase them all over this island, so when we get ready to do the community plan, we'll know how many weeks we're going to be doing it, we'll find a common set up and block that off in the calendar, cause nothing confuses this community more than they go here and they go there and then they go over here, we can't have that. It's going to have to be consistent, so same time and same location, so that people don't, they can't use that for their excuses, well, I didn't know where it was at. Very important.

Ms. Simone Bosco: Okay, thank you.

Ms. Lisa Kaniho: Lisa Kaniho. I think also when you do this; you start to plan out the dates and things that you need for us. You need to get it right away, cause your going to have a Senior Center close down, so that's going to throw the load on either Hale Kupuna or the Community Center or different areas, and we don't have that many

meeting places so, I think that's very important that when you get those dates, you

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know, I mean, as soon as you get it, send it out, or else your not going to have the same meeting place all the time.

Ms. Simone Bosco: That's true and also I might want to call on some of the members here just to get an idea of some of the meeting places that would be good for the community outreach events and also, if there's a community schedule of events that might be really helpful too. I don't know if there's any kind of major events that come up that would conflict. So it'd be good to know if there's like a community "special event calendar". Or anything like that. Okay, maybe there is.

Mr. Angel Allas: I think, lately all the community events have been posted on the Lana`i Times. I've noticed that last couple issues. They put all of the events, community events on, in there in the paper and they email. Yeah you're right,

Ms. Simone Bosco: Okay that helps. Thank you.

Ms. Kay Okamoto: Kay Okamoto. Question on the next committee? Is it the same size or is it going to be a larger group?

Ms. Simone Bosco: I think it's the same size. Yep, here hold on let me look at the, it's right here. It's, hang on here, I'll just read it. 13 members, 9 appointed by the Council and 4 by the Mayor.

Mr. Angel Allas: Have they started solicitating people or?

Ms. Simone Bosco: No, we're going to be working with the office that is going to be sending out that, when it happens we're going to be working with them and they haven't done it. They haven't initiated that process yet.

Mr. Angel Allas: Yeah because remember how long it took to put this group together.

Ms. Simone Bosco: Yes.

Mr. Angel Allas: Almost a year.

Ms. Simone Bosco: Yeah, so very shortly we'll be speaking with the office that will be doing the appointments and it won't, the actual CPAC's won't be formed till probably later on this year. Hopefully, hopefully. And, then we'll set the CPAC meeting.

Mr. Ron McOmer: Ron McOmer. What I've tried to do is, I've tried to talk it up with people that might be interested and get them thinking about doing it. Cause it's time

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consuming, it's not going to be easy, so if you guys know people that you think would be good to sit in on this thing, on the community plan, bend their ear cause we need, we need Lana`i people to do that.

Ms. Simone Bosco: And again, it's a 6 month process. 6 months. The Countywide was 4, the Countywide was 4 months and the community plan is a 6 month process. Alright. Is there anything else? If you guys have any questions to just feel free to call me, you know I can probably answer anything okay, or email me. I have my card if you need it.

Mr. Angel Allas: If we had people who did want to get on the CPAC, how would they be able to?

Ms. Simone Bosco: I think it's the Mayor's office.

Mr. Angel Allas: Write a letter to?

Ms. Simone Bosco: Council services or the Mayor's office.

Mr. Angel Allas: Yeah.

Ms. Simone Bosco: Right. That's what I think.

Mr. Angel Allas: Okay.

Ms. Simone Bosco: Yeah.

Mr. Ron McOmber: We're talking about communications with the Mayor's office. Your new phone service is terrible. I'm telling you the 800 number before, where you could dial the 800 number and got to the Mayor's desk and they could direct you to the right Department, this thing that you've got now, this numeric thing, sucks. I mean I've tried to get through by using people's last 4 digits. I get this thing comes back and says, "I didn't hear you, would you please repeat that number?" And, finally you just give up and just call and you have to call straight to that, it's gotta be changed, that's awful. I don't know if they did that for money or why they did it, but that 800 number is not working from Lana`i to the County office.

Ms. Simone Bosco: Okay, I'll. Umm.

(Talking in background)

Ms. Simone Bosco: Sorry about that Ron. I understand your frustration. I've got

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frustration too.

Mr. Ron McOmbler: So, what are we on now? We're still on the director's report on the Countywide Policy Plan?

Ms. Simone Bosco: Yep, well unless you would like to.

Mr. Ron McOmbler: Anything else you'd like to talk about? Can I ask you a question?

Ms. Simone Bosco: Sure.

Mr. Ron McOmbler: We got a letter in the mail that people that are on the GPAC to go to this conference.

Ms. Simone Bosco: The HCPO conference?

Mr. Ron McOmbler: Yeah.

Ms. Simone Bosco: Okay, that's not on the agenda.

Mr. Ron McOmbler: Could you please, will you please explain to me who that letter, cause it sounds to me, that last paragraph in there said, "We are cordially inviting you to participate." That sounds to me like the County's going to pick up my tab for me to go. Oh yes it does.

Ms. Simone Bosco: I don't, okay.

Mr. Ron McOmbler: And everybody took it that way.

(Talking in background)

Mr. Ron McOmbler: Then you shouldn't have sent that letter that way.

Ms. Colleen Suyama: What we had agreed to and what we had told the Long Range Division is that for all the General Plan Committees' the GPAC's that we would pay for the chair and the vice-chair of each committee to go. So that would.

(Ron McOmbler) Yeah, but isn't what is says in the letter though and you should've put.

(Colleen Suyama) I'm sorry I didn't do the letter, but then that was the understanding that we had with the Long Range Division that out of the General Plan the GPAC because we have 3 GPAC committees we would just pay for the chair and the vice-

chair to go from each GPAC. And that was amount of the commitment.

Mr. Ron McOmbler: I don't want the chair or the vice-chair to think I'm against them, I'm not. But, the way that letter said, and most of us interpreted it to be that way, and not just the dumb Ron thought that, there was other dummies that must've thought the same thing.

Ms. Colleen Suyama: I have to apologize if that's the way the letter was written but, intent was that we would only pay for the chair and the vice-chair of each committee.

Mr. Ron McOmbler: Well, you should've put that in there then, cause that would've changed a lot of the attitude. Because we were all getting ready to go.

(Talking in background)

Ms. Simone Bosco: Okay, I'm finish with my item here, unless there's anything else, any other questions, or any thing.

Chair Ulep: Does any of the members have any questions or would like to go over anything else?

Mr. Ron McOmbler: Madam Chair. Ron McOmbler. If that's the intent of this then we gotta find out if the chair and the vice-chair are going to go to that or not. If you're not then assign someone else from GPAC to go, if they want to go, that would be reasonable don't you think?

Chair Ulep: Definitely.

Mr. Ron McOmbler: Okay.

Mr. Mike Hopper: I just need to note that's actually not on your agenda today. I mean I didn't wanna but. Yeah, you guys won't, can't be taking any action on that today.

Chair Ulep: Oh I see, okay.

Ms. Simone Bosco: Okay, and for you guys, I'll see what I can do and contact whoever I need to independently of this meeting so that we can sort this out, okay.

(Talking in background)

Ms. Simone Bosco: Yeah, I got it, I got it. I hear you.

(Talking in background)

E. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ulep: Then if there's no further discussion. I'd like to. Does a motion need to be made for adjournment? No, okay. Then meeting adjourned.

Ms. Simone Bosco: Thank you. Good job guys, thank you.

There being no further business brought before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Joy L. H. Paredes
Secretary to Long Range Division

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Members Present:

Angel Allas
Ron McOmber
Mae Ulep
Ricky Sanchez
Lisa Marie Kaniho
Frederick Sandi
Linda Kay Okamoto

Members Absent:

Edith Mirafuentes
Kristi Alboro
Pat Reilly

Others:

Colleen Suyama, Deputy Planning Director
Simone Bosco, Long Range Planner
Leilani Ramoran, Secretary to Lana'i Planning Commission

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Michael Hopper, Corporation Council