

PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE
Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

October 31, 2007

Site Inspection

CONVENE: 9:01 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Bill Kauakea Medeiros, Co-Chair
Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, Co-Chair
Councilmember Danny A. Mateo, Member
Councilmember Joseph Pontanilla, Member

EXCUSED: Councilmember G. Riki Hokama, Member

STAFF: Scott Jensen, Legislative Analyst
Kirstin Hamman, Legislative Attorney
Pauline Martins, Committee Secretary

ADMIN.: Jeffrey Ueoka, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation
Counsel
Tamara Horcajo, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation
Patrick Matsui, Planning and Development Chief, Department of Parks
and Recreation

OTHERS: Mich Hirano, Project Manager, Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.
John Patterson, Principal, JPI Realty Services

**PWF-31 WAIVING CERTAIN PARK DEDICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
KIHEI KAUAHALE SUBDIVISION (KIHEI) (C.C. No. 07-119)**

The Committee assembled at the park, consisting of approximately 10,501 square feet, situated at the Kihei Kauhale Subdivision, located makai of the intersection of Waipuilani Road and Liloa Drive in Kihei, and identified as TMK: (2) 3-9-46:portion of 014.

Co-Chair Victorino convened the site inspection and explained that the Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting Council approval of a waiver of requirements to provide comfort stations and a parking area in the privately owned and maintained park.

There was no public testimony.

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The Director of Parks and Recreation stated that the initial plan presented to the Department did not indicate that the landscaped park would be enclosed by a fence, or that it served as a drainage basin. She stated that no topographic maps were presented with the initial plan.

Councilmember Mateo asked how the Department could make a recommendation for a park without verifying the topography and conditions, and asked whether the site had previously been visited by Departmental representatives.

The Director stated that the initial determination had been made by a previous Director, and that the file did not reflect that a site visit had been made.

Councilmember Mateo asked whether that original determination could be overridden by the current Director.

Co-Chair Victorino reminded the members that the purpose of the site inspection was to view the property and surrounding area, and that questions and further discussion could take place at the subsequent Committee meeting that morning.

Mich Hirano provided a brief overview of the park and introduced John Patterson, who had worked with the developer in the design of the park. Mr. Hirano acknowledged that the contours of the park had not been defined in the proposed park plans. He stated that the park was meant to be a linear passive rest space, providing visual relief and respite along the roadway. He discussed the developers separate contribution toward the walkway and bikeway along the future north-south collector road. He further stated that detailed engineering work had been done to ensure that standing water would not collect in the park basin. He described the proposed improvements planned by the developer, and the location of the proposed bench, table, and cinder path connecting them. He also described a proposed gate that would provide an entrance on Waipuilani Road.

Co-Chair Medeiros expressed concern regarding accessibility and asked whether these planned additions would be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Mr. Hirano stated that the ADA requires that the improvements such as the picnic table and bench be accessible, and that both would be located on a concrete pad. He stated that the cinder path connecting these two facilities would not be ADA compliant.

Councilmember Pontanilla asked whether there would be any drainage from the street.

Mr. Patterson explained that the engineering specifications resulted in the installation of 90-inch culverts beneath the park site, and that this drainage system should be adequate enough to handle all necessary drainage.

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Co-Chair Medeiros questioned the method used by the Department in assessing the community's desire for, and planned uses of the park.

The Director responded that this was an unusual situation given that the subdivision was not occupied at the time the plans were submitted for departmental review, but added that the Department is willing to meet with the community now that homes are occupied to solicit suggestions regarding possible park uses, including a dog park.

Co-Chair Medeiros asked about eventual use of adjoining vacant lots.

Mr. Patterson pointed out that these adjoining lots are intended to be used as single family residences.

There being no further questions or discussion, Co-Chair Victorino adjourned the inspection at 9:21 a.m.

APPROVED:



BILL KAUAKEA MEDEIROS, Co-Chair
Public Works and Facilities Committee

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MICHAEL P. VICTORINO, Co-Chair
Public Works and Facilities Committee

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