

**COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI**  
**PUBLIC WORKS AND**  
**FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

August 21, 2007

**Committee**  
**Report No.**

07-87

Honorable Chair and Members  
of the County Council  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Public Works and Facilities Committee, having met on June 13, 2007 and July 25, 2007, makes reference to County Communication No. 07-179, from the Director of Parks and Recreation, informing the Council of the closure of the Velma McWayne Santos Community Center (the Center) from November 19, 2007 through March 9, 2008 in order to install a grease interceptor and conduct renovations of the facility.

At its meeting of June 13, 2007, your Committee met with the Director of Parks and Recreation; the Project Manager, Planning and Development Division, Department of Parks and Recreation; the Corporation Counsel; and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

There was no public testimony.

The Director stated that scheduling the work for November will allow the Department enough time to notify the public and locate alternate sites for current users of the facility without having to cancel existing permits.

The Project Manager reviewed the anticipated timeline of the project, and described the improvements to be made following the demolition of the existing kitchen. He stated that the grease interceptor has already been installed.

Your Committee considered the need to close the Center in order to accomplish the needed repairs, and noted that County Communication No. 07-179 inaccurately portrayed the work to be done, given that the grease interceptor had already been installed. Your Committee further discussed the certifications expected at the conclusion of the kitchen renovations, and the efforts of the Department to relocate existing programs during the closure.

Your Committee questioned whether a closure of this type would require Council approval by resolution.

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The Corporation Counsel clarified that such a resolution would be required for a Type V permit for uses exceeding three consecutive days, but would not apply to this situation, in which renovations were being done.

Your Committee deferred consideration of the matter pending further discussion.

By correspondence dated June 29, 2007, the Co-Chairs of your Committee requested that the Department of Parks and Recreation provide further information regarding the justification for closure of the Center pursuant to Section 13.04.060 of the Maui County Code. The correspondence also asked for clarification regarding enhanced certifications expected as a result of the kitchen improvements and the impact of the closure on senior programs currently utilizing the Center.

By correspondence dated July 16, 2007, the Director of Parks and Recreation responded to the request of your Committee, by providing further information regarding the scope of work for the project and its impact.

At its meeting of July 25, 2007, your Committee met with the Director of Parks and Recreation and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

There was no public testimony.

The Director provided an updated overview of the project, clarifying that the grease interceptor has already been installed. She stated that the renovations include acoustic improvements, jalousie replacement, main hall renovation, and upgraded flooring and fire-detection systems. She further stated that all current group users of the facility have been successfully relocated with the exception of one group, who decided to conduct field trips during the period the Center is closed.

Your Committee voted to recommend filing of the communication.

Your Public Works and Facilities Committee **RECOMMENDS** that County Communication No. 07-179 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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