

1 What do we have, Number 17 through 32.

2 First on the list is Cyrus Monroe.

3 Try to limit it to three minutes. And then, if
4 there's any questions, you can wait up here for any
5 questions from the Commission.

6 MR. MONROE: Okay. Thank you very much for
7 moving us up.

8 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: State your name for the
9 record.

10 MR. MONROE: Cyrus Monroe.

11 I live in Spreckelsville, for the past 24 years.
12 And I am speaking about the campground, homeless
13 campground permit.

14 Sunday afternoon, I was notified that this was a
15 -- that this permit was being considered before this
16 group. It wasn't until -- it was less than 48 hours ago
17 that we -- that I learned.

18 And I was told at that time, because I am beyond
19 500 feet of where this facility is proposed, that the law
20 did not require that I be notified.

21 But I think, in all fairness, this facility
22 could potentially impact a much wider range than, say, 500
23 feet. There's the entire neighborhood of Spreckelsville
24 that lies -- well, there's a lot of it that lies beyond
25 this 500 feet.

1 And my -- my -- my request here is to ask this
2 -- this body to allow the rest of the residents, myself
3 included, to be formally apprised of what is going on.
4 And give us time to be able to respond to this. I mean,
5 48 hours is not -- is not adequate. And so that we could
6 then intervene properly and respond to this -- this
7 project on a timely basis, through counsel.

8 And -- and so I am also asking that any action
9 on this -- on this project be deferred until the majority
10 of the Spreckelsville residents know that this is -- and
11 are aware and are informed of this project that's being
12 proposed.

13 We strongly feel that this -- that this project
14 has farther reaching implications for us as a
15 neighborhood.

16 Thank you very much.

17 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: Excuse me, sir.

18 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Commissioner Mardfin.

19 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: I just wanted to ask, do
20 I take it from that comment, though, that you are not
21 wildly in support of this project?

22 MR. MONROE: Wildly supportive, no.

23 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: Are you mildly
24 supportive?

25 MR. MONROE: I am supportive of the idea that

1 something should be done for the homeless. I really do.
2 I really believe it -- something should be done.

3 But I am of the opinion that it should be in a
4 place where there's bus stop, post office, access to
5 stores and schools. Say Puunene, for example, a place
6 there, rather than in somebody's neighborhood.

7 Now, that is just my personal opinion. But that
8 is -- but I think certainly something should be done.

9 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: Thank you very much.

10 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Any other questions?

11 Thank you.

12 Next on the list is a Pam English. She was the
13 first one to sign up and she's -- let us know what agenda
14 item it's on.

15 MS. ENGLISH: Good morning, Vice-Chair and
16 Commission Members.

17 I am here to speak on Item Number C-1, which is
18 an application for a bed and breakfast in the Agricultural
19 zone of the Launiupoko Subdivision.

20 My name is Pam English. And I am the president
21 of the Homeowner's Association at Launiupoko. Although, I
22 am here to speak on my own behalf, not on the Board's
23 behalf.

24 I've reviewed the application that was sent to
25 me, because I am within 500 feet. I am three doors down

1 from this bed and breakfast application. And I am opposed
2 to the Conditional Use Permit that they are submitting
3 for.

4 I did write you a letter. And I had a few
5 concerns that I would like you to take into consideration
6 when you do vote on this issue.

7 One is, I do believe that they have been
8 operating a bed and breakfast in this -- in this location.
9 I've looked at their website and I actually did visit the
10 property and saw visitors there.

11 I am concerned that when they applied for a
12 building permit, how that would have worked to get a
13 five-room, with five separate bedrooms and bathrooms, home
14 approved in an agricultural subdivision. I know I went
15 through the building permit process, and it was really
16 difficult for me even, with my small ohana, with the very
17 strict rules that you have between doors, doors between
18 rooms in the house, et cetera, that you cannot go outside
19 to get from room to room, et cetera. So I would be
20 concerned with that and hope that they didn't do anything
21 after the fact on their building permit.

22 Another issue that I think you need to take into
23 consideration is we have our own private water system.
24 And our water system is sized and our reservoirs are sized
25 for single-family and agricultural dwellings on our ag

1 lots, not for doing washing every night as you would see
2 in a transient vacation rental type of a situation.

3 The same goes for our sewer systems. They are
4 all private septic sewer systems. So those are sized for
5 single-family home use. So even if they did have a
6 permitted five-bedroom home, plus an ohana, that
7 calculation for the septic would have been different than
8 it would have been if you had two or three people in a --
9 each room of a five-bedroom home every night.

10 The other thing that we do is we have our own
11 private roadways. And those roadways are needing to be
12 resurfaced. We take care of that.

13 Similar to the way the County takes care of it,
14 we have our own budget that takes care of those roadways
15 every so many years, when they need resurfacing. So those
16 budgets are sized and our dues are sized to take care of
17 single-family agricultural use in that subdivision.

18 And one last thing. As I understand it, the
19 owner is occupying the ohana in this situation, not the
20 main house. So as -- that, I think, is a little bit
21 different than what you talked about a little bit earlier.

22 I would suggest that since -- and I have been
23 auditing the hearings at the Council level as well on the
24 agricultural subdivision for bed and breakfast and TVR.
25 And my suggestion in this regard would be to stay this

1 issue until the Council has decided on that.

2 My opinion is that they are against TVR and B&B
3 in the Agricultural District.

4 Thank you.

5 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Thank you.

6 Any questions?

7 Commissioner Iaconetti.

8 COMMISSIONER IACONETTI: Do you occupy a piece
9 of property there as a residence and ag land?

10 MS. ENGLISH: I do, yes.

11 COMMISSIONER IACONETTI: What is your
12 agricultural development? What do you do?

13 MS. ENGLISH: I have conservation. What I am
14 doing is I have tried to rebuild the upland forest that
15 was cut down when they had plantation in that area. So I
16 have had two crops of a soil regenerative. It's a lagoon
17 species that regenerates the nitrogen in the soil. And
18 then I've started to plant all native species on all of my
19 land to see if I can bring it back to the way the upland
20 forest was before it was clear-cut.

21 COMMISSIONER IACONETTI: Thank you.

22 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Commissioner Mardfin.

23 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: I'm sorry. Your name
24 was, again?

25 MS. ENGLISH: Pam.

1 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: Pam, I -- are you Pamela
2 Boyd?

3 MS. ENGLISH: No, I am not. Pam English.

4 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: I don't see a letter from
5 you. Am I missing something somehow?

6 I am looking at the last page, Exhibit 34, it
7 says, "Three letters in support, no letters in
8 opposition." So this sounds like you are in opposition.

9 MS. ENGLISH: I am. I have a letter drafted --
10 or sent to you on -- dated August 21st.

11 MR. DACK: The Staff -- I am the Staff Planner,
12 Jeffrey Dack. I had that -- no such letter has made its
13 way across my desk as of this morning, I am sorry to say.

14 MS. ENGLISH: I do have a copy of it I can leave
15 with Staff.

16 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: Thank you very much.

17 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Any other questions?

18 Commissioner U'u.

19 COMMISSIONER U'U: Where do you live, again,
20 adjacent to the potential TVR?

21 MS. ENGLISH: Three doors down to the north. I
22 am looking at their -- their map says number 22 on it.

23 COMMISSIONER U'U: Uh-huh.

24 MS. ENGLISH: And I am at 19.

25 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: Thank you.

1 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Commissioner Hedani.

2 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: Pam, has the Homeowner's
3 Association take taken a position on this issue?

4 MS. ENGLISH: No, they have not. We haven't had
5 a board meeting since the notice was sent.

6 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: Is it something that they
7 would be discussing in the future?

8 MS. ENGLISH: We will be discussing it at our
9 meeting which isn't until next week.

10 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: Thank you.

11 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Any other questions?

12 Thank you for your time.

13 MS. ENGLISH: Thank you.

14 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: The next testifier to sign
15 up is Janice King.

16 MS. KING: Hi. My name is Janice King. And I
17 am here to testify about the homeless campground in
18 Spreckelsville.

19 And I just wanted to echo the previous comment
20 about how little notice we feel that we have had in our
21 neighborhood about something that has far reaching
22 consequences for our neighborhood.

23 And to that end, I would like to read a letter.
24 We've had -- I heard about this about 24 hours ago. And
25 in that time, I sent out an email that I would like to

1 read. And also like to read to the committee all of the
2 neighbors who signed onto this email.

3 Again, many people in the neighborhood we fear
4 haven't even heard about this issue at all.

5 And so to the Maui Planning Commission: "We are
6 the concerned families of Spreckelsville. Although the
7 plan for a homeless campground shelter in Spreckelsville
8 may sound like a noble idea, we think its location in our
9 family-friendly neighborhood is a bad idea. We are
10 particularly concerned about the safety of the many
11 children who currently play safely in the neighborhood."

12 And I want to pause and say that I have a stack
13 of emails from moms and dads in Spreckelsville who have
14 frantically emailed, saying what is going on, how is this
15 happening, what's going to happen to the safety of our
16 kids.

17 And many of those people said they couldn't plan
18 to come because this only came to their attention within
19 the last 12 or 24 hours.

20 And then this email goes on to say, "The
21 homeless 'campground' will create a congregating point
22 which inflicts the blight of crime, drugs and
23 environmental nuisances upon an entire neighborhood.
24 Spreckelsville is a neighborhood in which many families
25 make great sacrifices to provide a safe upbringing for

1 their children. We are stunned that this nuisance would
2 be foisted onto our entire community with little or no
3 neighborhood-wide consideration given to the negative
4 impacts on both person and property here in
5 Spreckelsville.

6 Many of us just learned of this dramatic impact
7 to our homes and lives today. This concept has been
8 railroaded upon us without a careful presentation of a
9 detailed plan to all of those affected."

10 And I would ask you all to reconsider this to
11 protect the children of Spreckelsville. And there are
12 many other children who come to Spreckelsville to play
13 safely.

14 And these are all the people who signed on just
15 in this little amount of time. Patty Ann Gulo (phonetic),
16 Bob Bolis (phonetic), April Nims, Tom Cherry, Lauren Golm,
17 Phillip Golm, Martha Hecker, Michael Hecker, Carla
18 Jolbert, Kimo Hanes, Shannon Hokstra, Jeanette Iwado, Bill
19 Carton, Rachelle Carton, Janice King, myself, Sheila
20 Majors, Uli Montague, Tisha Newman, Scott Newman, Ansel
21 Newman, E. Newman, Lynna Pritchett, Kathy Ross, Tricia
22 Shoemaker, Pete Siracusa, Liz Warrick Smith, Sarah
23 Sorensen, Madeleine Templeton, Matthew Whims (phonetic),
24 Erik Leuteneker and Hillary Leuteneker.

25 MS. TAKAYAMA-CORDEN: Three minutes.

1 MS. KING: Oh, my time is up.

2 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: You can wrap up.

3 MS. KING: Well, I just wanted to emphasize,
4 also, that there were other -- another -- one other mother
5 was here and she already had to leave to take her child
6 somewhere else. And several of us have babysitters, so we
7 won't be able to even hear today what the plan is. So I
8 truly hope you will send something out more broadly or
9 notify us more broadly. Because none of us have any idea
10 what is going on.

11 But we are truly terrified and shocked that you
12 might bring this blight upon our great neighborhood.

13 So --

14 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Thank you.

15 Any questions?

16 One question, Commissioner Hedani.

17 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: I'm sorry. I didn't get
18 your name.

19 MS. KING: Janice King.

20 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: How far away from the
21 location do you live, Janice?

22 MS. KING: I am not good at distances. I can
23 tell you my address and you can -- I live on Nonohe.

24 So --

25 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: Is that an agricultural

1 subdivision?

2 MS. KING: Again, I've had so little time to
3 even --

4 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: No, no, no. Your
5 neighborhood.

6 MS. KING: I don't know.

7 Is our neighborhood in agriculture?

8 No.

9 I am just a concerned mother for my child.

10 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: Do you know approximately
11 how far away you live, half a mile, a mile, two miles?

12 MS. KING: Half a mile.

13 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: Half a mile?

14 MS. KING: Yes.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Quarter mile.

16 MS. KING: Quarter mile.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Really, it's two blocks.

18 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: We'll keep it to the
19 testifier. Thank you.

20 Any more questions?

21 Seeing none, next testifier is a Beth McGregor.

22 MS. CALLENTINE: Mr. Chair -- I'm sorry.

23 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Okay.

24 MS. CALLENTINE: Can I just ask the applicant to
25 -- I'm sorry, not the applicant -- the testifier to give

1 the Planning Department a copy of that letter? Because we
2 don't have it.

3 MS. KING: Do you all have a copy machine? Or
4 can I email it to you?

5 MS. CALLENTINE: Yes.

6 MS. KING: Okay. What is the email address?

7 MS. CALLENTINE: I'll -- why don't you come over
8 here? And I will give you a card.

9 MS. MCGREGOR: Good morning.

10 My name is Beth McGregor. I am not a resident
11 of Spreckelsville, but I am a concerned citizen of Maui
12 who would like to address several issues relating to the
13 homeless campgrounds in Spreckelsville.

14 The first point I would like to make is that the
15 public process has failed the community of Maui. There
16 are very few residents in the 500-foot radius of the
17 proposed campground. Therefore, not really taking into
18 consideration the impact of the surrounding community and
19 the beach that I use on a regular basis with my children.
20 There was no public process that really served the people
21 of Maui. And I think that is a failure by the process and
22 the system.

23 Second, according to the County Council, with
24 their debate right now on TVRs, which this is essentially
25 a transient vacation rental proposition, it is stated that

1 no TVRs will be on agricultural land. This is an
2 agricultural development. And it clearly states in the
3 County Council recommendations for TVRs that they not be
4 placed on ag land.

5 I think it's really important that Maui address
6 its homeless issue. The homeless are homeless for various
7 reasons; there are emotional problems, there are physical
8 problems, there are drug problems.

9 I think that the County needs to more
10 specifically address a location for these people where
11 they will have access to public transportation, access to
12 public services, access to just basic life support
13 systems, a place to live, a place to buy their food, a
14 place to get health care.

15 And I don't think the Spreckelsville location
16 accommodates any of those.

17 That is all I have to say.

18 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Any questions for the
19 testifier?

20 Seeing none, thank you.

21 We have Trish Jones Marini.

22 MS. JONES MARINI: Hi. My name is Trish.

23 And I found out yesterday --

24 MS. CALLENTINE: Trish, full name, please.

25 MS. JONES MARINI: Trish Jones Marini.

1 And yesterday I became aware of the proposed
2 permit for the Spreckelsville homeless camp.

3 I do not live in Spreckelsville. I live in
4 Haiku. But I spend a lot of time using public and private
5 facilities in the area. And with small children, I was
6 really taken back.

7 And I think that this affects not only the
8 people that live 500 feet from the area, but, also, in the
9 rest of the community of Spreckelsville. But not only
10 that, all of Maui. I mean, people come and go from that
11 area to go to the beach, to play on the bike path, to do
12 all those things.

13 And I guess I feel as if this is something
14 that -- you know, the wireless coconut is somewhat
15 surprising. It should have been like -- you know, I would
16 like to sit down and talk about it, find out what the plan
17 is, what the -- how are they going to accommodate
18 transportation for people.

19 Are people living there going to be walking back
20 and forth on a two-lane road? Are there going to be dogs?

21 I mean, I can't even imagine that unless it's --
22 I would like to see a business plan.

23 So my first thought would be that there would be
24 more appropriate areas that could consolidate services for
25 people that are in these situations, closer to job

1 opportunities, closer to public service, health care, to
2 transportation, to grocery stores. Somebody mentioned
3 post office. I hadn't even thought about that. Welfare
4 checks.

5 I mean, it's just -- it's just -- to me, it
6 seems as if it's not well thought out on the large scale.
7 And that is only what I have heard. I mean, I -- I -- I
8 would expect the opportunity to really see what the big
9 picture is planned.

10 And so if more people got involved, I would like
11 to see taking that picture and putting it in a location
12 that would make more sense to really help the people that
13 really need the help.

14 So that is all I have to say.

15 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Commissioner Hedani.

16 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: I'm sorry. Trish?

17 MS. JONES MARINI: Yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: You're the third person
19 that I have heard testifying now against the homeless
20 campground. Is there any reference to homeless campground
21 in the application?

22 MS. JONES MARINI: I have not seen -- I have
23 seen absolutely nothing. Just as a mother, that is what I
24 have been made aware of. So it sent up red flags to me
25 instantly.

1 Sewer systems. Showers. I have -- I know
2 nothing.

3 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Commissioner Mardfin.

4 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: Trish, would -- you said
5 this isn't the right place for a campground. Would Haiku
6 be a better place for a campground?

7 MS. JONES MARINI: Potentially. I -- I can't
8 imagine being able to address public services and health
9 care needs and transportation needs in Haiku. But maybe
10 something more centrally located.

11 Puunene, which has been mentioned at this desk,
12 makes more sense. Because isn't there a bus service that
13 goes by there, too?

14 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: I am just curious.

15 MS. JONES MARINI: Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: I mean, I guess what I am
17 asking is, is there any place on Maui which would be a
18 proper place for something like that?

19 MS. JONES MARINI: I would love to help find a
20 place. I really would put energy into that.

21 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: Thank you.

22 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: I appreciate that.

23 Because, in Kahului, we have a major problem. So maybe
24 not all the testifiers here, but I am involved with a kids
25 program. And they have to go pick up needles of people

1 that are homeless all the time. So it's a big problem.

2 So, hopefully, we can focus some of this energy
3 and find something positive instead of keeping it out of a
4 certain area. Because a lot of us are affected by it
5 every day, and we don't have a place like this to come
6 testify at all.

7 MS. JONES MARINI: Uh-huh.

8 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Any other questions for
9 the testifier?

10 Seeing none, thank you.

11 The next one is Gayln Trevia.

12 MS. TREVIA: Thank you, Council, for allowing us
13 to have this time.

14 And I wanted to, also -- I wanted to commend --

15 MS. CALLENTINE: Please state your name for the
16 record.

17 MS. TREVIA: Oh, sure.

18 My name is Gayln Sweet Trevia. And I am a
19 resident of Spreckelsville. I did receive notice.

20 And I wanted to -- I wanted to thank Mr. Martin
21 for bringing awareness to the homeless situation, because
22 it is a problem. And, however, I do feel it's
23 inappropriate for our neighborhood and for various
24 reasons.

25 And one thing I would like to address, as

1 everyone else has, is a lack of information that we've
2 received as a neighborhood about this issue.

3 And what happened to our public hearings? What
4 happened to -- about receiving an education on what is
5 going on?

6 I think that that would -- that would have been
7 very much appreciated by everyone. Because most people
8 here are on such short notice.

9 Our neighborhood, we are very much directly
10 impacted by the camps, the homeless camps. And I see this
11 every day. I go to the beach every day. And I see what
12 goes on, people that are camping and living on the beach.
13 And it's not a really happy sight.

14 And you see dogs that are tied up to cars. The
15 trash. I go up, I pick up trash every day that is left
16 around at the situation.

17 And, yeah, it is a problem. And I think to find
18 an appropriate place for a camp, or to help these people
19 with shelters, I am totally for that.

20 But as a neighbor, to have something like this
21 so close to us, we're going to feel the impact. The crime
22 goes up. It's a science. Whenever there's more camps in
23 our neighborhood, we have more crime.

24 And some of this, it ranges from having our
25 homes broken into, to having our slippers disappear,

1 people using our showers, that we don't even know, an
2 outdoor shower, and, also, the cats.

3 I want to make mention of a situation in our
4 neighborhood. This was two years ago, where there was a
5 couple that was living on the beach with -- they had five
6 or six dogs. Within one-week period, five cats on our
7 street were killed because these dogs, they -- I guess
8 they let them run loose at night, or maybe the dogs
9 accidentally get loose. And this is a real problem.

10 This could be children as well. These are dogs
11 that are kept tied up for the majority of the time. And a
12 lot of these dogs are hungry.

13 And it's really a sad situation, but I feel it's
14 very inappropriate for this to be close to our
15 neighborhood.

16 Thank you so much.

17 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Thank you.

18 Any questions?

19 Thank you.

20 Next testifier is Karen Gallagher.

21 MS. GALLAGHER: Hello. My name is Karen
22 Gallagher. And I am a resident of Spreckelsville.

23 And I, like the rest of our neighborhood, just
24 found out about this issue yesterday. And I was also
25 quite shocked that something of this magnitude was limited

1 to notification to 500 feet.

2 And as everyone has said, this is an issue that
3 affects the entire island, it affects tourism. Being
4 located right by the airport, it's a -- will be the visual
5 that people, our tourists, will see as they fly in. And
6 it affects our way of life.

7 I have been a victim of crime in Spreckelsville.
8 I had my house -- I awoke to an intruder trying to get
9 into my house. Because we do have a drug and crime
10 problem in Paia that we haven't been able to solve yet.
11 Working on it, but haven't been able to solve.

12 So I am scared to death that we are going to
13 invite more drugs, more crime, and not have a way to
14 police that.

15 And, normally, I am a good speaker, but I am
16 about to break down. I am terrified. I am sick. And I
17 just can't believe that this is happening and that we had
18 no notice.

19 So I want to learn more about it. I want to
20 know how it's going to be policed. I want guards around
21 the place, quite frankly.

22 But, anyway, I just wanted to be heard.

23 Thank you.

24 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Any questions?

25 Hold on one second.

1 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: Ma'am, I just have a
2 quick question. I am curious how this works. How did you
3 hear about this?

4 MS. GALLAGHER: We got an email from our
5 Association letting us know that this was coming before
6 the Council today. So we just -- just because our
7 neighborhood is so good about letting each other know what
8 is going on, that is how we finally found out.

9 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: Is there somebody from
10 your Association that -- that -- you know, an executive
11 from your Association here today?

12 MS. GALLAGHER: I don't know.

13 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: I am just kind of curious
14 how they heard. I am just trying to track down
15 information flows, out of curiosity more than anything.

16 MS. GALLAGHER: Yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: Thank you.

18 MS. GALLAGHER: Well, and I guess I have a
19 question, is, why is this the way that we're finding out?
20 I mean, what if it was a prison? Is this how I would have
21 found out?

22 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: I think there's different
23 levels of information. And it's, actually, all of our
24 County Code that everyone's, I guess, agreed to or voted
25 on, or through council member action at some point or

1 another.

2 MS. GALLAGHER: Okay.

3 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Great time to get
4 involved.

5 Commissioner Hedani.

6 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: I have a question.

7 MS. GALLAGHER: Oh, sorry. Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: I guess if I got an email
9 that said they are going to establish a homeless
10 campground in our neighborhood, you know, so all of the
11 homeless of the Island of Maui can come and live here, I
12 would get excited, too.

13 I know there's a problem with not enough
14 campground space on the island. As more and more of our
15 beachfront properties are taken by development, the
16 traditional areas where families used to go to enjoy the
17 beach and camp overnight don't exist anymore. And there
18 is a need for campgrounds on the island.

19 Would you have any objection to the project
20 itself if it weren't intended as a home for the homeless?

21 MS. GALLAGHER: I believe that I would. I
22 would.

23 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: You would have an
24 objection?

25 MS. GALLAGHER: Yes. I am -- not because I am

1 objecting to camping. I actually enjoy camping. But I am
2 concerned about our ability as a county to police that.
3 And living in the neighborhood and being around the
4 campgrounds that have been on Maui, there is a drug and
5 crime problem in our campgrounds. And until we get that
6 solved, I wouldn't feel comfortable with a campground.

7 I -- I grew up camping. I love to camp. But I
8 don't want to go camp where there is drugs and alcohol and
9 needles.

10 And unless I am comfortable with how we're going
11 to enforce who is using the campground and that those
12 types of activities aren't allowed, I would be opposed to
13 a campground.

14 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Thank you.

15 Commissioner U'u.

16 Oh, one more.

17 MS. GALLAGHER: Obviously, I want to go back to
18 work, but that's okay.

19 Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER U'U: You know, I used to camp a
21 lot. I never did drugs. So I was wondering if you would
22 have to have an application to camp? You opposed to
23 camping.

24 I tell you the negative impacts of development
25 around shoreline areas. I walked to the beach my whole

1 life. I live in Kuau. And, recently, people built
2 million dollar homes around my mom. She has a cottage.
3 There is a drainage easement that we took our whole life
4 going back and forth to the beach that has been blocked.

5 I see the negative impacts you bring about,
6 about homeless people. Sometimes we got to give 'em a
7 shot because they are down on their luck.

8 I heard one person comment and saying, oh, they
9 druggies, they this, they that.

10 I know guys that just lost their jobs. I know
11 people two weeks away from losing their home because they
12 lost a job.

13 I think you guys categorizing homeless people as
14 flat-out drug users. And that is not true, not all of
15 them.

16 So there is negative impacts to houses like
17 yours that block beach access that you are overlooking, at
18 times. And it's right next to my mom's house. So our
19 beach rights, our beach access right now, is blocked.

20 So you got to look at two sides of the picture.

21 I wish, at times, there is homeless people in
22 here speaking up for themselves. So we can hear both
23 sides.

24 But I understand where you coming from, because
25 it would be of great concern to me. But you guys

1 categorizing homeless -- and I know homeless people -- as
2 druggies. And that is a fault on your part.

3 MS. GALLAGHER: Well, I don't mean to categorize
4 that. I can only give you my experience in the
5 neighborhood when the druggy --

6 COMMISSIONER U'U: I live in Paia, by the way.

7 MS. GALLAGHER: -- when the druggy was trying to
8 break into my house. I live alone. He was masked. He
9 was trying to break into my house.

10 Number two, I don't live on the ocean. And I
11 haven't blocked the access.

12 And I am a single woman who works two jobs to
13 afford to live in a safe neighborhood. So I understand
14 what you are saying.

15 COMMISSIONER U'U: I agree.

16 MS. GALLAGHER: But --

17 COMMISSIONER U'U: I was raised in a single
18 family. My mom raised four. I understand. I
19 understanding what you said. And I would be concerned.
20 But we can't just group them and kick 'em to the curb.

21 MS. GALLAGHER: I am not. I am not proposing
22 that we do that. But I am proposing that we don't just
23 throw them in a place, and, oh, this is where you go, and
24 we don't give them the services that we -- that they need.

25 COMMISSIONER U'U: I agree.

1 MS. GALLAGHER: And we don't police it to make
2 sure it's safe for everybody. That is my concern.

3 My concern is that, oh, we solved the homeless
4 problem, we gave them a nice piece of property by the
5 beach in Spreckelsville. And we don't solve the problem.

6 COMMISSIONER U'U: I would be concerned, also.

7 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Let's not make it a
8 debate.

9 Thank you.

10 MS. GALLAGHER: Thank you.

11 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: The next testifier is
12 Tricia Shoemaker.

13 MS. SHOEMAKER: Hi. I am Tricia Shoemaker. And
14 I live in Spreckelsville, about a mile from the proposed
15 site.

16 And I, too, am opposed to the location of this
17 potential campground.

18 I do agree that it would be wonderful to have
19 such a facility somewhere on the island.

20 What I would like to read to you is an email
21 that was circulated last night. It was just a concerned
22 other resident of the area. I think it says a lot, kind
23 of reflecting on Karen's sentiments of being afraid.

24 "Aloha.

25 I live within 500 feet of this proposed

1 campground for the homeless. I grew up on Maui and raised
2 my kids on Maui and worked and slaved for 35 years to buy
3 my property three years ago.

4 In that time my taxes have gone from \$6,000 to
5 \$24,000. I cannot afford this tax. I am not rich just
6 because I live in Spreckelsville.

7 So I have been trying to sell my property for a
8 year. Last year, we had three homeless camps" -- excuse
9 me -- "in the sand dunes near the property. I was robbed
10 pretty much on a daily basis. I had to disconnect the
11 outdoor shower and give away the hot tub. I lived in
12 constant fear. My two cats were killed by dogs living
13 with the campers. The campers left starving, flee and
14 worm infested puppies in my yard. I had to escort people
15 off my property who were stoned and drunk, they could
16 barely walk, day and night. They would tell me they were
17 lost. It was a horrible nightmare."

18 Being made to leave last year and their
19 campsites -- I'm sorry -- "I was afraid all the time.
20 When the campers were finally made to leave last year,
21 their campsites dismantled, and it all stopped
22 immediately, the nightmare was over. I have not been
23 robbed since and no daily/nightly intrusions.

24 Since this news, I have been having panic
25 attacks. I have been looking on the web at costs for

1 electric fencing and outdoor warning systems. I will
2 never be able to sell my property, it will be worthless.
3 And I will be in constant danger.

4 I know, I have lived this already. I have heard
5 there are to be 30 campsites, and there are no rules
6 regarding alcohol or drug use.

7 As a property owner and taxpayer, I feel this is
8 a taking by government of my home, my life, and everything
9 I've worked for, and my right to safely live in my home.

10 This is many campers in a close proximity to
11 many houses. This will be everyone's worst nightmare, not
12 just mine."

13 I think that says a lot about people's
14 sentiments and their being afraid. And I just think this
15 needs to be thought about and addressed.

16 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Thank you.

17 Any questions?

18 Commissioner Hiranaga.

19 COMMISSIONER HIRANAGA: Hi, Tricia.

20 MS. SHOEMAKER: Hi.

21 COMMISSIONER HIRANAGA: Who wrote that letter?

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I did.

23 MS. SHOEMAKER: April.

24 MS. NIMS: I can't talk.

25 MS. CALLENTINE: Could you provide a copy of

1 that letter to the Planning Department?

2 MS. SHOEMAKER: Yes.

3 MS. CALLENTINE: I will give you my card so you
4 can email it to me. Send it as an email.

5 COMMISSIONER HIRANAGA: Thank you.

6 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Anyone else?

7 Seeing none, thank you.

8 MS. SHOEMAKER: Thank you.

9 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Next up is Barbara Woods.

10 MS. WOODS: Good morning.

11 My name is Barbara Woods. And I've lived in
12 Spreckelsville for 54 years. So I have seen a lot of
13 changes and I've seen lot of growth.

14 I was notified of the campground by mail when
15 they were sent out probably four to six weeks ago.

16 And I looked at the notice and I thought, oh,
17 you know, Martin is going to put up a campground so that
18 when visitors come, they have a place to camp. Because I
19 know that there are no available camping sites. And I
20 know that locals, if they want to go barbecue over in
21 Lahaina on the way to Honolulu -- Honolulu -- to Lahaina,
22 on Honoapiilani, they have to get a permit just to have a
23 barbecue during the day hours. So I thought this sounded
24 like a pretty good idea.

25 And I -- you know, they all have cars, they were

1 coming from off-island, and it would take some of the
2 curse off the problems of TVRs and, you know, be a
3 positive thing.

4 Then I heard via the coconut wireless that, no,
5 it was going to be for the homeless, because Mr. Martin
6 had developed a social conscience and wanted to do
7 something for the less fortunate.

8 And I can go along with that, too, except for my
9 experiences when there were people living on the beach at
10 Spreckelsville, along where I do live, for 54 years, that
11 the dogs come through.

12 And I had a huge veterinary bill because one of
13 my cats was attacked and almost died, except for very
14 expert veterinary care, and the fact that my daughter was
15 here visiting and she helped pay the bill. And then, a
16 year later, when the cat had recovered pretty well, and
17 was sleeping out on the porch, on the eve of 4th of July,
18 dogs who then came along and killed her.

19 And I -- I do not -- and I know that these are
20 from homeless people. I checked all the neighbors who had
21 dogs, the description of the attack. And they all denied
22 and had pretty good reasons for believing that the dogs
23 were tied up in the evening, you know, overnight.

24 So I am against it just from the fact that I
25 would like to continue my life on -- in my home until I

1 die. And I don't like the idea of people wandering around
2 and going through the yard and seeing what is loose that
3 they can pick up.

4 And I know that this is a terrible thing to say
5 about people, but I am very worried. And I'd just like to
6 see that some consideration is given to security, in
7 looking after the people who do live there, the citizens
8 of the island.

9 So I thank you very much.

10 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Any questions?

11 Commissioner Hedani.

12 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: Barbara, the problem that
13 you are talking about is people that are living in what
14 area, when you say homeless people that are living on the
15 beach?

16 MS. WOODS: They were living on the
17 Spreckelsville Beach down towards the windsurfer area.

18 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: So it's makai of the
19 airport? It's in alignment with the airport runway, that
20 area?

21 MS. WOODS: Yeah. Yeah. Because when they --
22 when the cat was attacked, I was -- I spent a lot of time
23 on the phone with A&B and the airport man as well as the
24 Humane Society. And they cleaned out one of the camps
25 that was there that was just an absolute pit.

1 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: So that is where -- the
2 area where the people congregate?

3 MS. WOODS: That's where that camp was at that
4 time.

5 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: I see.

6 MS. WOODS: But I know that it's moved -- moved
7 further to what I call point -- Second Point.

8 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: I sympathize with your
9 situation. Because I went just fishing down at Kanaha --

10 MS. WOODS: Yeah.

11 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: -- close to Kanaha. And
12 as I got finished and I was heading back to my car, five
13 pit bulls came toward me.

14 MS. WOODS: Yeah, that's a wonderful feeling.

15 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: And they were loose, yeah.
16 And if I didn't wave my fishing pole around, they
17 probably, you know, would have attacked me.

18 MS. WOODS: Yeah.

19 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: So I -- I -- I feel for
20 your problem.

21 MS. WOODS: Thank you.

22 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Commissioner U'u.

23 COMMISSIONER U'U: Question. Homeless, how much
24 homeless would you estimate would be living in the area?
25 Just for --

1 MS. WOODS: I have -- I don't -- I don't go down
2 on the beach anymore because I have a knee problem. So my
3 access to the shoreline is limited because of the steep
4 area in front of my house.

5 But up until a year ago, I was able to walk on
6 the beach. And at that time past Second Point -- past
7 Second Point, there was -- they had the blue tarp and the
8 tents and so on. And I imagine there were at least five
9 or six people.

10 And I know that -- the wahine that Gayln
11 mentioned. They used to come in front of my property.
12 And they had a -- I think it was a part lab dog. And she
13 had five pups. And so the pups were out on the beach.
14 And they were darling, but they grow up to be big dogs.
15 And I -- and they --

16 These people didn't have a car. I said
17 something about -- I was talking to the young woman one
18 morning. I said, "Gee, you're out early getting those
19 puppies into the car, must be a job." She said, "Oh, no,
20 we don't have a car." So they were living on the beach.

21 So that is my experience.

22 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Commissioner Hiranaga,
23 followed by Commissioner Mardfin.

24 COMMISSIONER HIRANAGA: I would just like to
25 say, Mrs. Woods is one of the few residents in

1 Spreckelsville that survived the 1960 tidal wave.

2 MS. WOODS: Yes, we did.

3 COMMISSIONER HIRANAGA: There was only a handful
4 of you that decided to continue residence in
5 Spreckelsville after the tsunami.

6 I know this may be out of order, but you can
7 tell John I said hello.

8 MS. WOODS: My son?

9 COMMISSIONER HIRANAGA: Yes.

10 MS. WOODS: Oh, thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER HIRANAGA: I used to play
12 basketball with him.

13 MS. WOODS: He's a wonderful boy. He's a
14 wonderful young man. He's in Toronto now.

15 Thank you.

16 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Commissioner Mardfin.

17 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: Most of your concerns
18 have dealt with the animals.

19 MS. WOODS: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: If the campgrounds were
21 established and the rules were that they couldn't have
22 animals there, would that alleviate some of your concerns?

23 MS. WOODS: To some extent.

24 But I think limiting people to not having
25 animals is cruel. It's just that they have to be -- they

1 would have to be responsible. Yeah, even if they are --
2 and if they are involved with drugs or alcohol, their
3 irresponsibility factor is increased.

4 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: But if it were just
5 campgrounds for people from Lahaina, or Honolulu, came
6 over to camp, and they didn't bring animals --

7 MS. WOODS: We used to go camping. We used to
8 go camping over on Lana'i. And slept on the ground.

9 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: So the problem is use of
10 things like alcohol or drugs and the possession of animals
11 is the concerns, not --

12 MS. WOODS: Yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: -- camping per se?

14 MS. WOODS: No. Camping is a natural thing to
15 do.

16 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: Okay. Thank you very
17 much.

18 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: I have one question for
19 you.

20 Sorry about your cat, first off.

21 When I read the application, I thought
22 commercial camping sounded like a good thing as well, like
23 you started to say.

24 MS. WOODS: Uh-huh.

25 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: If there was a limit on

1 the time, that you couldn't stay for more than a few days
2 to -- I mean, I can see the problem is -- I see it every
3 day -- with the same person living there for two to three
4 months, it becomes a major issue. If there was a limit on
5 the transient camping, I think it is a good thing.

6 I mean, I will disclose, I have a beer when I
7 camp. So I hope I am not a druggie on Lana'i. I don't
8 want to be going in front of the Lana'i Planning
9 Commission when they open up a campground.

10 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: You are a druggie.

11 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Legal, legal drug. Sorry.
12 Over 21.

13 If that was an issue, I think that would,
14 hopefully, curb part of the problem of, obviously, having
15 a litter of pups and watching them grow to adults --

16 MS. WOODS: Yeah.

17 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: -- would be curbed if
18 there was, you know, on-site recreation. All over the
19 mainland, there is commercial campgrounds. And the last
20 one on the north shore, Baldwin Beach, and they took that
21 away as well. So I thought something on the north shore
22 would be of benefit besides going all the way out to Hana.

23 MS. WOODS: But this isn't -- this isn't a
24 commercial enterprise, from what I understand via the
25 grapevine.

1 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Okay. Well, that's what I
2 am wondering. We probably need to see some emails because
3 I saw commercial campground on here. I did see homeless
4 here and there, but I am just wondering if it was
5 curbed --

6 MS. WOODS: Yeah.

7 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Sounds like a lot of
8 misinformation. So, hopefully, that --

9 MS. WOODS: Well, there's a fair amount of that,
10 just no information, really. So --

11 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Okay, thank you.

12 MS. WOODS: Okay. Thank you for your time.

13 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: The next person on the
14 list is a Samuel Dolphin.

15 MR. DOLPHIN: Yeah.

16 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Okay.

17 MR. DOLPHIN: Thank you for giving me the
18 possibility to express myself.

19 First of all, I would like to say, if you guys
20 have problem with the shoreline, I know the County, they
21 want to give permission to build on the shoreline, so you
22 should stop to do that. That way, you stop complaining
23 about having the shoreline busy from your buildings.

24 Second of all, about the homeless camp. I camp.
25 I love camping. I love fishing. But I love -- also

1 respect the shoreline, the people, and the natural, the
2 fish and everything. I never catch more than I need. And
3 it's good to respect anything that you do when you go
4 down.

5 I think homeless camping should be close to a
6 hospital or close to a police station.

7 The thing could be categorized homeless. What
8 kind of homeless these people are? Are drug addict,
9 mental problem, lost their job?

10 So you put a -- like people they go in jail,
11 they go in jail for what, depends what kind of problem you
12 have, you think they (inaudible) a solution.

13 I want to say I am here -- you know, I am a
14 citizen of Maui from over 11 years. I live in Halama
15 Street. And I am against short-term rental.

16 I live close to a public access. And in 10
17 years, I saw at least three short-term rental places
18 coming up.

19 People come out at night, screaming, they drunk.
20 They are on vacation. They want to have fun. They leave
21 garbage on the shoreline. My property have setbacks, they
22 are plastic setbacks. People come over there and there's
23 fires on top, barbecue, and damage them. These are
24 setbacks that protect our properties. And these happening
25 because of short-term rental places, yeah.

1 And, you know, you keep going, but if there is
2 people that always stumbling and some intelligent, they
3 should take care of this. It's not right.

4 Even there, I will -- I would do short-term
5 rental with people that need it. Like you are a family,
6 you lost your job, you got a little place that you can
7 rent out, you do categorize in there, too. I will never
8 open -- I will never make somebody that got a lot of money
9 to back up in a short rental situation. You got money,
10 you can survive, you no need there.

11 If you do that, just because you are a pig, I
12 don't think is right.

13 You can give a possibility to people that need,
14 like local people that have extra room that they want to
15 rent out. I will appreciate more to do that, than
16 somebody that already have a good life.

17 MS. TAKAYAMA-CORDEN: Three minutes.

18 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Questions?

19 COMMISSIONER U'U: Question. You speak -- are
20 you speaking on behalf of the Maui Blue?

21 MR. DOLPHIN: I speak as a citizen.

22 And, yeah, I am against the Maui Blue short
23 rental, yes, on Halama Street.

24 And I have lots of -- let me see. One, two,
25 three, four, five. I have five numbers in the Halama

1 Street that they do short rental.

2 I don't know if these are legal, illegal or
3 whatever, but I am living there from 11 years and I see
4 what is going on.

5 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Thank you.

6 MR. DOLPHIN: Actually, I am a homeowner, yeah.
7 I live on the shoreline.

8 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Any other questions?

9 If you like, you can leave that with the planner
10 on Staff for that project.

11 MR. DOLPHIN: Thank you.

12 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Thank you.

13 The next testifier is a Carla Jolbert.

14 MS. JOLBERT: Aloha.

15 My name is Carla Jolbert. I live in
16 Spreckelsville. I have a five-year-old son and a
17 six-year-old daughter.

18 And one of the reasons why we moved to
19 Spreckelsville is because of the safety for my children.
20 They are able to run up and down the street. We ride our
21 bikes along the bike path. And one of our favorite things
22 to do is to go to Sprecks Beach.

23 Currently, when we've gone, we've had trouble
24 with dogs. My children have commented to me and said,
25 mommy, look at these needles we've found in the sand

1 dunes. You can see the homeless tents set up. I was
2 there last week, there were some right behind the sand
3 dunes close to the beach.

4 So it concerns me as a mother and a homeowner
5 that these problems will continue with this so-called
6 campground.

7 A campground in a residential area is
8 inappropriate.

9 Last year, I was also walking my dogs early in
10 the morning, and there were some campers. One of the
11 gentlemen exposed himself to me and masturbated while I
12 walked by.

13 I did call the police. There is a record of
14 this incident.

15 I have some questions, questions that need to be
16 answered. And we want answers for these.

17 First: Why was the homeless camp removed from
18 Kahului Harbor? Safety, drugs, cleanliness?

19 How will this campground here in Spreckels be
20 regulated?

21 What about the safety of our children? There
22 are at least 40 school-age kids in Spreckelsville.

23 Is it safe to have an unregulated homeless camp
24 here when people potentially have drug, alcohol and
25 psychological problems?

1 What about criminal records?

2 Will registered sex offenders be allowed to stay
3 at this homeless camp?

4 And according to USA Today, many sex offenders
5 are often homeless. Thousands of convicted sex offenders
6 are reporting to police that they are homeless, raising
7 concerns that their lack of a permanent address could make
8 it difficult for them to track.

9 What about security at the airport?

10 Are there any issues with the Transportation
11 Safety Administration or the FAA?

12 How does allowing homeless people to camp at
13 Sprecks fit with the policy of not allowing any transient
14 vacation rentals on agricultural land?

15 Didn't Mr. Spencer agree to keep this land as
16 agricultural when he was granted subdivision approval?

17 Why didn't Mr. Martin hold any meetings with
18 local residents?

19 Hasn't the Planning Department recommended that
20 people who are proposing high-impact changes hold
21 community meetings?

22 And at the moment, there has been anywhere from
23 a few to several cars camping at Sprecks Beach. There has
24 been feces in the water and pit bulls on the beach, as
25 previously mentioned.

1 How will this homeless camp improve the quality
2 of living for Paia?

3 How will our infrastructure handle this?

4 How will sewage and waste be treated?

5 How will Stables Road and the pristine
6 Spreckelsville Beach handle the additional crowding if
7 there are up to 40 campsites with multiple people and
8 cars?

9 I think it's a noble idea for Mr. Martin to
10 propose helping the homeless.

11 This is a County problem. It's not something to
12 be pushed off to Spreckelsville or any other neighborhood
13 without a complete and thorough plan put in place.

14 Thank you.

15 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Questions?

16 Commissioner Mardfin.

17 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: When you -- is the
18 camping legal on the beaches there?

19 MS. JOLBERT: No.

20 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: When you complained to
21 the police, did they have the campers removed?

22 MS. JOLBERT: Sometimes. I've -- we've
23 complained to the police, we've complained to Henry
24 Spencer since it is Henry's land.

25 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: And they respond or they

1 don't respond?

2 MS. JOLBERT: With the incident with the man,
3 they did respond. I did have an officer come to the
4 house.

5 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: But, I mean, did they --
6 was -- the next day were the campers gone?

7 MS. JOLBERT: No. I know there's been
8 complaints for campers who stay there for a while. And
9 then, after a while, maybe a couple of weeks, they tend to
10 disappear. They will disappear, and then I will see the
11 same campers come back a month or so later.

12 COMMISSIONER MARDFIN: Thank you.

13 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Commissioner U'u.

14 COMMISSIONER U'U: How long has it been ongoing
15 as far as homeless living in the area?

16 MS. JOLBERT: In the camping?

17 COMMISSIONER U'U: Camping.

18 MS. JOLBERT: I've only lived in Sprecks for
19 almost two years. So as long as I have been there, I've
20 noticed.

21 I am a windsurfer. And I, over the last years,
22 have been told, like as a single female, to go -- to stay
23 away from windsurfing out at Camp One because of the drug
24 activity, homeless activity.

25 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Any other questions?

1 Thank you.

2 MS. JOLBERT: Thank you.

3 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Next testifier is a
4 Phillip Golm.

5 MR. GOLM: Yeah, I am Phillip Golm. And I live
6 in Spreckelsville, at the very end of the road towards
7 Kanaha, the final home down there. So --

8 And I have been down there about 20 years. And
9 so I am a real witness of what goes on with the homeless.
10 I walk down to Kanaha and down to the lifeguard station
11 and beyond. And I have seen them move from the harbor.
12 They kicked them out of the harbor. Then they moved into
13 camping at lower Kanaha. They kick them out of there,
14 then they move in the woods behind my house, between the
15 airport and the woods. So they are always transient and
16 they are always moving around. And it's quite obvious
17 that their camping isn't like a normal commercial
18 campground where you put a tent up and there's water
19 facilities and there's toilets and there's barbecues.

20 And like you would see on the mainland, if there
21 is a campground that's commercial, it's set up properly,
22 there's someone there that checks them in and checks them
23 out per day, and a station. That would be commercial
24 camping. Otherwise, you're just giving them a home. And
25 they tend to sit there and be there day and night.

1 And right in terms of to make a general
2 statement that people that are -- that are campers are
3 homeless aren't exactly criminals, they are not exactly
4 druggies, but I would say, in general, that would be a
5 pretty much consensus thought by most people that that
6 would be the trend. It's not specific, but pretty general
7 you could say that.

8 In living in my area, there's been theft. I
9 have had about seven thefts at my home. My car was taken
10 at 10:00, in the middle of the afternoon. I have kids
11 that are on the basketball court. People are wandering
12 through at all times because I am at the very end of the
13 road. I can see them moving about.

14 So the question I have is if they are going to
15 do this campground -- I am all for homeless, I am all for
16 campgrounds, commercial campground. I have not seen
17 anything -- because I was just aware of this recently,
18 like most people have complained about they have not been
19 informed with enough time to respond, that I would like to
20 know how they are going to control it, how they are going
21 to police it, what kind of facilities, what kind of
22 sanitation, how they are going to -- what -- what method
23 are they going to use for transportation or what route are
24 they going to take to get to town to buy their groceries.
25 Are they going to be taking the bike path that is used by

1 the public, that they are concerned about, on the way to
2 go to the beach? And there's a lot of theft.

3 It's just unquestionable. There's too many
4 unknowns.

5 What will it look like? What will it look like
6 to the people that are flying in to Hawaii as tourists?
7 The first thing they see is a homeless camp out the window
8 of the airplane and the last thing they see departing is
9 the same thing. I don't know if that is real receptive --
10 I mean, what we would like to see for Maui.

11 There's a lot of unanswered questions that I
12 think that should be put out of how they are going to
13 control it and who is going to police it. If it's a --
14 you say, if they stay three days. What generally happens,
15 they stay three days, they pick up, they move into the
16 forest for a day, then they are back the next day. So it
17 needs a lot of thought and lot of time.

18 And I am not aware of all the things that are
19 going on, so I just request more time and to look at it a
20 little closer, and hope you take that into consideration.

21 At present, I am against it, until I am informed
22 of something that's responsible.

23 Thank you.

24 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Thank you.

25 Any questions?

1 Commissioner Hiranaga.

2 COMMISSIONER HIRANAGA: I thought your comments
3 about commercial campground are valid.

4 When I first saw this application, that's -- my
5 first impression was it was a commercial campground which
6 I thought was a good thing. Because, you know, like was
7 previously mentioned, we lost the campsite at Baldwin
8 Park.

9 And looking through the Staff Report, I only see
10 the word homeless mentioned once. So I am not sure --
11 and, you know, we haven't had the presentation by the
12 applicant yet. So I am not sure why, all of a sudden,
13 this homeless issue became such a major factor. Because I
14 know you are not privy to a Staff Report, but the word
15 homeless only comes up once.

16 It appears there's going to be a perimeter
17 fence. There will be on-site management. I am sure there
18 will be rules.

19 And so if it was properly administered, we have
20 the right to place that -- we have the right to properly
21 place conditions on the use of the property, like length
22 of stay, things like that -- and it turned out to be a
23 valid commercial campground, would that calm some of your
24 concerns?

25 MR. GOLM: A little -- it would calm it a little

1 bit more. But for some reason, when that is in the
2 intent, it doesn't seem to be what really happens in fact.
3 And it gets abused, it gets oversight and it doesn't -- we
4 don't have the forces to enforce it properly. And that
5 would be my concern.

6 COMMISSIONER HIRANAGA: One thing to keep in
7 mind is this permit is only for one year. And he has to
8 come back for a renewal. So if he doesn't comply with the
9 conditions placed on it, that permit can be denied, the
10 extension.

11 MR. GOLM: But, once again, it would be nice to
12 have a little more time for a lot of neighbors to be aware
13 of this. As I -- as you have heard from many people
14 testifying, that people were not aware of it in time to
15 come and represent. You've heard a list of names of
16 people, but they otherwise could possibly be here with
17 some defense or be more aware of what is going on.

18 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Thank you.

19 Yeah, this has happened in the past where one
20 neighbor or one party kind of bangs the drum and the whole
21 war party comes down with a bit of misinformation on a lot
22 of projects. So it's nothing new for us to obviously now
23 take over an hour on something that we may not even know
24 to be completely true.

25 So we all -- I am for giving everyone more

1 information on that, but we will carry forward with
2 everyone getting their opportunity to testify on their
3 thoughts. But I think that seems to be what we have been
4 hearing, is just people want the full information and time
5 to review it.

6 So thank you.

7 MR. GOLM: Thank you.

8 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: The next person is -- I
9 think it's a Louise Severson.

10 Oh, Dr. Iaconetti. Sorry about that.

11 COMMISSIONER IACONETTI: I have a question.

12 I think it ought to be made clear to the
13 testifiers that they should be testifying at this point if
14 they are not able to stay when they -- when the
15 applicant's process comes up, rather than getting all of
16 this information now and not being able to ask the
17 applicant exactly what is intended here. So I would
18 appreciate it if the testifiers realized that they will
19 get an opportunity to testify at that time and not
20 necessarily have to testify now.

21 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Okay. It was the last
22 agenda item, and a lot of people had expressed that they
23 would have preferred to testify at the 8:30 time. So we
24 opened it up on any agenda item.

25 At this point, it's probably doubtful that we're

1 going to even get to this agenda item today. Just from
2 historically speaking at every other meeting we've had, I
3 don't think we're going to get to the item, if that plays
4 a part for any people that want to come back and review
5 the packet and possibly get a chance to look at it for the
6 next meeting. We greatly appreciate that. And maybe some
7 of these communication items would be answered directly
8 instead of through public testimony.

9 But with that, Louise Severson. Continue on.

10 MS. SEVERSON: Hi. I am Louise Severson.

11 I would rather come back. I want to hear Peter
12 Martin's presentation, what he intends to do. It's hard
13 to just blanket -- before I get something, before you know
14 anything about it. So I will do that.

15 I did get a letter, because we do live quite
16 close.

17 And will there be another letter, or how will we
18 be notified?

19 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: I guess that is up to the
20 Commission to review, but I am just looking at we have a
21 12:00 lunch break and we are not coming back until 1:00,
22 and this was the last agenda item with four more things to
23 go.

24 Commissioner Hedani.

25 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: I don't think we should

1 misinform the public.

2 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: Because we can take action
4 on this item today if we have time.

5 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Fair enough.

6 MS. SEVERSON: You can't? You can?

7 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: We can.

8 MS. SEVERSON: You can approve this today?

9 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Technically, we can.

10 MS. SEVERSON: Oh, so -- well --

11 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Hold on.

12 Commissioner Hiranaga.

13 COMMISSIONER HIRANAGA: If you allow me,
14 Vice-Chair, the process is you are given an opportunity to
15 provide testimony at this time, or you can defer when the
16 application comes before the Commission. At that time
17 Staff will provide a report, the applicant will provide a
18 report, and an opportunity for public testimony again will
19 be provided. So you have had a chance to hear the Staff's
20 presentation, the applicant's presentation, then you can
21 provide comment.

22 If time allows, we may address this agenda item.
23 There is no guarantee, depending on the other agenda
24 items, how quickly we will get through them. So it could
25 come up for action today.

1 MS. SEVERSON: Well, I would just, then, like to
2 add one thing. I think Peter Martin -- it is -- it is
3 nice that he does have a conscience about -- and here
4 again, my letter does say establishment of a commercial
5 campground. So it's only rumor about the homeless.

6 And I second everything from cars stolen to
7 thievery that's happened to us, too. And so there is that
8 concern.

9 And I think that if Peter Martin really wants to
10 help the homeless people, he should build a rehab center.
11 Because we all agree that a lot of homeless do have drug
12 problems and alcohol problems. And enabling them to
13 continue the lifestyle, but in a cleaner, more organized
14 camp isn't getting to the problem these people need to be
15 rehabilitated. And he could maybe dig deeper into his
16 pockets. He's made a lot of money developing properties
17 on Maui. And he can establish a rehab center, really help
18 these people get clean. He could be the Betty Ford of
19 Maui.

20 Thank you.

21 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Thank you.

22 Any questions?

23 Hold on one second.

24 Commissioner Hiranaga.

25 COMMISSIONER HIRANAGA: Louise -- and I guess

1 this is kind of a blanket statement -- for those of you
2 that do have the opportunity to remain for the
3 presentation, I would urge that so that, when you provide
4 public testimony, you know exactly what the applicant is
5 proposing and the comments that the Staff will be
6 recommending to the Commission versus now, I think a lot
7 of you are basing your testimony on certain casual
8 comments that have been circulated.

9 MS. SEVERSON: That's -- yeah.

10 COMMISSIONER HIRANAGA: So those of you that can
11 stay for the agenda item, I would urge you to do that, and
12 reserve your public testimony until that time. Because,
13 technically, you're allowed to testify only once.

14 MS. SEVERSON: Oh.

15 COMMISSIONER HIRANAGA: But we may make an
16 exception, depending on the Chair's pleasure.

17 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Well, typically, it's been
18 for new information. So I think most people here don't
19 have any information. And that's all we're really hearing
20 at this point.

21 MS. SEVERSON: Yeah. I really thought that
22 Peter Martin was going to give his plan, and we were
23 listening to it, and then we could --

24 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Okay. Yeah. I apologize
25 with that.

1 People in the audience asked to be able to
2 testify, and I gave that opportunity. But if it's all
3 going to be based on one email that got circulated, I
4 think it is unfair to not allow the applicant to give
5 their presentation first.

6 Because, right now, this whole list of people
7 has all been based on, it sounds like, one or two emails
8 that went around. So it's a lot of fires being fanned --
9 the flames have been fanned.

10 And without the application in front of them,
11 everyone is talking off of one email that got circulated.
12 So it's unfair to the applicant, that maybe I shouldn't
13 have opened it up for public testimony. But based on
14 people being asked, we decided to go with the wishes of --

15 MS. SEVERSON: Well, just one more thing. If
16 this is in ag zone, does he get -- need to get a variance
17 to do a campground?

18 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: We will have to go through
19 the application on that, because it is addressed in the
20 whole thing.

21 MS. SEVERSON: Then if it doesn't work out and
22 the camp doesn't -- isn't a success, does it go back to
23 being ag?

24 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: It's a one-year permit.

25 So at this point I apologize for opening up to

1 let people speak publicly, because these are all issues
2 that would have been addressed in the presentation from
3 Planning as well as the applicant. So right now, it's
4 based mainly on people didn't get to hear anything and it
5 caused this uproar over this email.

6 And I probably shouldn't have went with the
7 wishes of the public because now this has added on another
8 two hours of our time to ask questions that would have
9 come up in the --

10 MS. SEVERSON: Yeah.

11 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: -- presentation.

12 So thank you for that.

13 MS. SEVERSON: Uh-huh.

14 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: So same thing. It sounds
15 like it's a lot of the people wishing to do the same
16 thing. If they want to hear the application, they might
17 wish to hold off on their presentation.

18 Next is Pete Siracusa.

19 MR. SIRACUSA: Good morning.

20 I am Pete Siracusa, longtime resident of
21 Spreckelsville, neighbor of Barbara Woods and the
22 Seversons, and the folks down there.

23 I would also like to comment on the fact that we
24 did receive no notice on this.

25 And, also, to Commissioner U'u, and your

1 concerns about us folks who live along there, I've
2 welcomed local people, in fact learned so much from local
3 people on fishing, diving and the Hawaiian style, in front
4 of my house. And I had several fishermen who come in, go
5 down and talk to 'em. I used to have a requirement that
6 they have to give me half their catch, but they don't
7 anymore.

8 And -- but it's -- it's -- our community there
9 is a very nice community that welcomes people who come
10 down, and with legitimate reasons to use and traditional
11 reasons to use the beach.

12 Several of us actually give money to Sugar Cove,
13 we don't even live on Sugar Cove, so that the Sugar Cove
14 community -- the beach in Sugar Cove is used by many, many
15 people. If you go down there over the weekend, you'll see
16 what we have done down there as the Spreckelsville
17 community. Not just for us, but for the community as a
18 whole.

19 This idea -- and I have it on very strong
20 authority, not rumor, not just email -- that this is a --
21 a altruistic gesture on Peter Martin's part for the
22 homeless. That's very nice, but I want to bring your
23 attention to two things.

24 First, the homeless issue that was at the harbor
25 couldn't be managed by the police or the County. So what

1 did they do? They threw 'em out.

2 Where did they go? They went to Kanaha.

3 I am a longtime user of the water and spent the
4 last four years at the area in Kanaha where the homeless
5 were. And I am telling you, it was a mess.

6 It's a shame because there were some very good
7 people that -- that were involved in the homeless
8 community, but there were also some people who made it
9 untenable.

10 The police couldn't handle it. If you talk to
11 the Enforcement Officer Mark at Kanaha, he couldn't handle
12 it. So what did they do? They closed the campground
13 down.

14 Now if the County can't handle it, how is Peter
15 Martin going to handle it? It's incredible.

16 But we have been very beneficial and, also,
17 altruistic to homeless. We teach 'em how to kite surf.
18 (Inaudible), who is a crippled fellow down there was
19 learning how to fly a kite. We went and gave him kites,
20 we gave him and his family -- he'll testify to this, we
21 have been very kind to those people. But it's a problem.

22 And to take the problem from the harbor, put it
23 to Kanaha --

24 And, you know, you talk about people who want to
25 come down and go camping. One of the joys of my life in

1 living in Hawaii is driving along the beach on a holiday
2 weekend and seeing the Hawaiian families out there, with
3 the kids and their barbies. I go up and try to tell them
4 if I can have a bite to eat because it's such good food.
5 Kanaha, the same way.

6 But this isn't that issue. This is an issue of
7 people who have had a problem, some doing what -- I don't
8 know if they are all on drugs or whatever they are. But,
9 obviously, are a big enough problem the County kicked them
10 out of the harbor, they are a big enough problem they
11 closed the campground -- the campground that we need on
12 this community, they closed it, at Kanaha, because they
13 couldn't handle it.

14 So why would you take this problem and give it
15 to a private individual, who we don't know is going to be
16 able to handle it or not?

17 So if you give us a chance, with proper notice
18 to address this issue, we will do it in a way that I think
19 you will find rational.

20 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Thank you.

21 Any questions for the testifier?

22 Commissioner Hedani.

23 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: Just a comment, Pete, that
24 a lot of times the private sector can always do something
25 better than the government can.

1 MR. SIRACUSA: Oh, I agree. And as an
2 entrepreneur and a strong advocate of the private sector,
3 I agree with you.

4 But this -- the homeless problem is a problem
5 not just of Maui. It's a problem of Oahu, it's a problem
6 wherever you go, San Francisco. And people are trying to
7 figure out what to do. But I am not sure that a private
8 -- that a privately-sponsored homeless campground in
9 Spreckelsville, next to the airport -- which is another
10 issue, right next to the runway. I am surprised that the
11 FAA isn't here testifying against it.

12 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Sorry, Pete. It had been
13 a comment from him. There was really no question.

14 Director.

15 PLANNING DIRECTOR HUNT: I would like to
16 respectfully remind the Commission that your procedure
17 right now is to ask questions of the applicants to clarify
18 things. You don't have to ask them questions, and they
19 don't have to respond beyond that.

20 The process we're in is very awkward because we
21 haven't heard from the applicant. I would suggest that a
22 lot of this stuff will come out during the presentation by
23 Staff and by the applicant.

24 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Thank you for that.

25 So, hopefully, the public is hearing our -- that

1 we opened it up as if it was the 8:30 testimony. And
2 that's what I asked the Commission, and everyone agreed.
3 So I apologize on that, that we're going through this now,
4 but that was what we did agree to do.

5 Commissioner Hedani.

6 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: Maybe we can ask the
7 remainder of the people that have signed up if they -- if
8 they cannot be here at the time the agenda item comes up.

9 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Yeah. Okay.

10 The public is hearing that, that if they can't
11 be here for the time of the presentation, they can speak
12 now, or if they have any -- if they can't be here, then
13 that's the people we're going to try to take.

14 I will go with the list, continuing on, John --

15 MR. SIRACUSA: I would just like to say thank
16 you for your service to the community. Thank you for the
17 opportunity to testify.

18 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Thank you, Pete.

19 John Yeoman.

20 MR. YEOMAN: Good morning.

21 My name is John Yeoman. I am a Spreckelsville
22 resident. I also represent Carolyn Damon, who could not
23 be here today. She also was not noticed.

24 I didn't receive a notice.

25 Nor did the Gaines family at 308 Paani. I

1 represent them, also.

2 We would like to receive notice and
3 consideration. We would like to know what the plan is.

4 And I've got lots of other comments to reflect
5 Pete's and all the other people's, so we won't repeat
6 those, but I would just like to get -- ask for notice and
7 information, if we could get that, and a notice of how we
8 can get the information.

9 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Great.

10 MR. YEOMAN: Thank you very much.

11 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Thank you.

12 Kathy Ross.

13 MS. ROSS: I'll wait until I hear the applicant.

14 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Okay. Thank you.

15 Kenny Hultquist.

16 MR. HULTQUIST: I will wait until --

17 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Thank you, sir.

18 Stuart Farberow.

19 MR. FARBEROW: Yeah. I gotta go now because I
20 gotta go pick up my child.

21 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Okay.

22 MR. FARBEROW: Couple of these little handouts,
23 if you guys want them, to show you where the project site
24 is.

25 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Please --

1 MS. CALLENTINE: Please. And when you come back
2 to the podium, sir, please state your name for the record.

3 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Thank you.

4 MR. FARBEROW: My name is Stuart Farberow,
5 Lahaina resident. I lived in Maui for about 20 years.

6 I met Peter Martin probably about two years ago,
7 west side. My daughter was planning on doing some
8 retirement work and rescue work with horses. And Peter
9 and his group was kind enough to help us with a piece of
10 land where she could start this.

11 I am a police officer. So Peter came to me and
12 asked me if I would walk the homeless area near his
13 residence.

14 Where Glen is standing over here, he is pointing
15 to the area where Mr. Martin lives. The area he will
16 point to now is the homeless area that everybody was
17 talking about.

18 I went over here with Peter just so he didn't
19 get his rear end kicked walking through here and
20 approaching all these people.

21 And he is coming up to them, and he wanted to
22 explain to them what he wanted to do and what his idea was
23 and if anybody would be interested, you know, and then to
24 meet some of these people. He just wanted to meet them
25 all.

1 We went down there. We didn't get approached by
2 a bunch of druggies. We didn't get approached by a bunch
3 of criminals, not saying that they are not there. And we
4 talked to a lot of different camps.

5 There's people -- a lot of them are like me. I
6 have been here for almost 20 years, I am probably two
7 paychecks away from being homeless. If I lost my job
8 right now, my daughter and I would -- it's tough to stay
9 here. It's just the way it is.

10 A lot of them need a step up. This might be an
11 opportunity for them to do it.

12 You know, we -- it shows you where the project
13 site is. You know, I know nothing about the project site.
14 I know nothing about the project, just about the people
15 that we went to talk to, to see if they were interested.

16 There's a site similar to -- there's a location
17 similar to this in Olowalu. Okay. It's been going for
18 about two and-a-half years now. It used to be called Camp
19 Pecusa.

20 Peter Martin's group, with the help of Josh and
21 some other guys, took over Camp Pecusa, and they also have
22 homeless people staying there. Not as much as this
23 campsites that are being proposed. But as soon as they
24 put management on-site, the only thing I can say is, being
25 a police officer in Lahaina, we go there anymore, we don't

1 get called there.

2 We get called if somebody hurts themselves, what
3 is called a miscellaneous accident. But we don't have the
4 thefts, we don't have the break-ins, we don't have the
5 people calling and saying, hey, these guys came over,
6 because there's on-site management.

7 I can't say that is the answer for everything,
8 but I know it's worked over there. I've seen it work.

9 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Thank you.

10 Any questions for the testifier?

11 Commissioner U'u.

12 COMMISSIONER U'U: So the homeless is closer to
13 the residents as --

14 MR. FARBEROW: The homeless --

15 COMMISSIONER U'U: -- now?

16 MR. FARBEROW: Right now, the homeless is closer
17 to the residents than they will be at the project site.

18 COMMISSIONER U'U: How much homeless, roughly --
19 I know they come up more at night, that I know. How much
20 would you say, walking that area, did you guys come
21 across?

22 MR. FARBEROW: Well, we did it for two hours.
23 And it was pretty much the tip of the iceberg. We didn't
24 even get down closer to Naska and Kanaha area. And I
25 would say we ran into 20 campsites.

1 COMMISSIONER U'U: Thank you.

2 MR. FARBEROW: Not all of them had people in it.
3 Okay. Some people were gone. I don't know if they have
4 day jobs or what they were doing, but some of them were
5 empty.

6 COMMISSIONER U'U: Thank you.

7 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Thank you.

8 Commissioner Iaconetti.

9 COMMISSIONER IACONETTI: I'm sorry, I didn't get
10 your name.

11 MR. FARBEROW: Stuart Farberow.

12 COMMISSIONER IACONETTI: Mr. Farberow, you -- I
13 get the impression that you are referring to this project
14 site as a site for homeless. And it's being projected
15 here that it is a campsite. Which is it?

16 MR. FARBEROW: It's not only for homeless. But
17 I am not part of the project site or the project
18 management team or any of that.

19 COMMISSIONER IACONETTI: I understand.

20 MR. FARBEROW: But I went to talk to the
21 homeless as the homeless entity that would be interested
22 of the people that are going to go -- be available to go
23 there. You know, there's a lot of -- like John said, the
24 vice-chairperson said, there's a lot of information that's
25 not out yet because the project guys haven't been able to

1 speak.

2 I mean, they are going to have screeners. They
3 are going to have a whole bunch of stuff involved. They
4 are going to have on-site people. They are going to have
5 social workers. They are trying to do a lot of things
6 that I think will be beneficial. And then everybody will
7 be able to hear that as soon as the project guys come up
8 and are able to speak.

9 COMMISSIONER IACONETTI: Thank you.

10 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Thank you.

11 Any other questions?

12 Thank you for your time.

13 Mike Newbro.

14 MR. NEWBRO: My name is Mike Newbro. I am a
15 resident of Kuau, Paia, so I am not directly affected by
16 this.

17 I know Peter Martin and the group. And I
18 applaud them for their efforts.

19 I could reiterate a lot of what's been said here
20 today, but I think the one thing that needs to be
21 identified -- and it's been touched upon so much -- is
22 that this appears to be some sort of a loophole. A
23 homeless shelter is not a permitted use or allowed as a
24 conditional use under ag zoning, is my understanding, a
25 campground is. And if they are calling it a campground

1 with the idea that they are creating a homeless shelter,
2 and that's their way to get around this, I think that
3 needs to be addressed.

4 Now, that should tie in with the public notice
5 aspects of this, getting the proper information out to the
6 community, and letting this go through the proper channels
7 in order to have people make an educated decision.

8 And this may turn out to be the best place to do
9 this. I am not saying that I have all the information
10 myself. But I just would like to make sure that it's
11 being called -- a spade is being called a spade here.

12 Thank you.

13 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Thank you.

14 Any questions for the testifier?

15 Seeing none, thank you.

16 Next is Ray Masters.

17 MR. MASTERS: Good morning.

18 My name is Ray Masters. I live in
19 Spreckelsville and have for many years.

20 I guess, looking at the map -- which is the
21 first time I've seen it -- I am probably one of the
22 closest homes to the proposed site.

23 And before I get anywhere, I would like to
24 applaud the movement to take care of this problem. It's a
25 worldwide problem. It's particularly an island-wide

1 problem. And it's something that it's our social duty to
2 get fixed.

3 The issue here seems to be the location. And it
4 seems, sitting back there, that we're coming across as a
5 bunch of nimbies. Well, yes, we are. We don't want it in
6 our back yard. And I wonder whether anybody here would.

7 The question has been, is it homeless, is it
8 not. I was going to come up here and not use the word
9 homeless because that has not been stated officially. But
10 the last one speaker, a partner of Peter Martin, has
11 pretty much opened that door and said that, yes, in fact,
12 this was inspired by a need to protect and help the
13 homeless.

14 So that point, these things do need to be
15 considered.

16 I would just like to point out that in the ten
17 years that I've lived on Stable Road, I have been
18 burglarized 13 times. Every one has been reported to the
19 police. I've had my car broken into twice. I've had
20 stuff stolen from my yard. I am constantly finding people
21 in my yard, using my water, my facilities. I've had
22 people in my bedroom, as I slept, twice.

23 We live in fear sometimes on an island that I
24 love beyond words. And I just want to see that not get
25 any worse.

1 To suggest that all homeless people are druggies
2 or any other thing would be socially completely wrong and
3 factually wrong. But the fact of the matter, and we have
4 been naive to suggest otherwise, is that there is that
5 element possible and probable in a situation like this.

6 And because of that, I think some care and
7 consideration obviously needs to be taken as to the
8 placement of this site. If indeed it's going to be in
9 this location at all, then we really need to see very
10 clearly what is going to be happening.

11 To place it at the end of a runway, it seems
12 absolute unbelievable to me. And the fact that the FAA
13 and Homeland Security aren't present here just is
14 remarkable. Because this seems like, you know, we're
15 spending billions of dollars every year going through our
16 flip-flops and stuff, and, yet, we're going to stick a
17 campground at the end of a runway. Are we kidding?

18 I would also have to question the whole thing
19 about Mr. Peter Martin being altruistic, which might be
20 the case. But if this is going to be a commercial
21 campsite, then his altruism true surely extends to profit.

22 On that point, we do have that problem, is
23 this --

24 MS. TAKAYAMA-CORDEN: Three minutes.

25 MR. NEWBRO: -- commercial or is this

1 altruistic.

2 And, lastly, I would like to ask that possibly,
3 if you are saying that this meeting that will be held
4 later, which, unfortunately I can't be here for, could
5 result in a decision, I would like to respectfully ask
6 that that would be deferred so that people can be here.
7 There are hundreds of people that are wanting to speak on
8 this. There are hundreds of people that will be affected
9 by this. And I think, in all fairness to you, maybe the
10 meeting could be rescheduled for a specific time -- I know
11 how difficult it is to agendize these things -- so that
12 people could be more efficient in their testimony and
13 giving you information.

14 That's it.

15 Thank you very much for the opportunity.

16 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Thank you.

17 Any questions for the testifier?

18 Seeing none, thank you, sir.

19 Lauren Golm.

20 MS. GOLM: Hello. I am also a concerned mother,
21 but more --

22 MS. CALLENTINE: Excuse me, Ms. Golm. Please
23 state your name for the record.

24 MS. GOLM: Lauren Golm.

25 The reason I really wanted to quickly speak is

1 because I do live at the very end of Stable Road, closest
2 to Kanaha. And as everyone began to think, oh, a
3 campground is great -- of course, we all love camping -- I
4 have seen what happens at Kanaha when they closed that
5 campground to clean it, because it's filthy and horrible.
6 And they all come up in our neck of the woods. And we are
7 -- we get robbed and we get over and over problems from
8 that. And they have not been able to run that campground.

9 So that's what concerns me, is why can't they
10 just run that campground? Why do we have to open a new
11 one, you know, on our street or whosever street?

12 And, I mean, we can all say we love camping and
13 it would be great to have a place, but I've seen that
14 fail. And, you know, as that has happened, I mean, I -- I
15 know our homeless neighbors, Willy and Granny and John.
16 And, you know, we're right there. And I know many, many
17 who live there.

18 And, you know, of course there's some good
19 people and -- but if we're drawing them in with this
20 campground and they can stay for three days and they have
21 to leave for three days and come back for three days or
22 whatever, I know where they will be on the other three
23 days is down by us, you know. I just don't see how that
24 can solve homelessness.

25 So it was the campground thing that, you know, I

1 had a problem with. Even though everyone loves
2 campgrounds, I don't know how that could work.

3 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Okay. Question?

4 Commissioner Hedani.

5 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: I'm sorry, I didn't get
6 your name.

7 MS. GOLM: Lauren.

8 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: Say we didn't approve with
9 the project, would the homeless problem go away?

10 MS. GOLM: No. But I think it could possibly
11 draw more people to an area with bike paths and kids.
12 And, you know, I mean, Maui is really hurting for a bike
13 path for kids to go on at all compared to anywhere in the
14 world. And they have one little stretch there. And I
15 just think it would be detrimental to possibly attract
16 more of what we've already got.

17 Obviously, it's a problem. I mean --

18 COMMISSIONER HEDANI: Thank you.

19 VICE-CHAIRMAN GUARD: Any other questions?

20 Thank you for your time.

21 We have a couple more minutes, if there is any
22 people that won't be able to testify later on, if they
23 want to speak now.

24 Seeing none, I think -- are we ready to break,
25 anyway, Karolyn?