

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
PARKS AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

March 17, 2006

Committee
Report No.

06-39

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

Chair and Members:

Your Parks and Economic Development Committee, having met on March 2, 2006, makes reference to County Communication No. 05-326, from the Director of Public Works and Environmental Management, transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO NAME THE JUSTIN COSTA FIELD".

The purpose of the proposed bill is to rename Field 1C at the Eddie Tam Memorial Park after Justin Costa, in recognition of his contributions to youth sports in the Upcountry area.

Your Committee further notes that the Commission on Naming Streets, Parks, and Facilities (Commission) reviewed and approved the request to rename Field 1C to the Justin Costa Field at its meeting of September 8, 2005.

By correspondence dated October 31, 2005, the Chair of your Committee requested that the Department of the Corporation Counsel determine whether correspondence dated September 19, 2005, from the Director of Parks and Recreation to the Commission, satisfies Section 2.38.070(D)(5) of the Maui County Code, which requires that "Five letters of recommendation from various community members, at least one of which must be from the director of the County department which has the control and maintenance of the park or facility, confirming the contributions of the individual in the region in which the park or facility is located." Your Committee's Chair noted that the Director's September 19th correspondence was submitted to the Commission after the Commission met to consider this request on September 8, 2005.

By correspondence dated November 1, 2005, the Chair of your Committee requested that the Department of the Corporation Counsel review a draft bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.38.040, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION ON NAMING STREETS, PARKS, AND FACILITIES". The purpose of the draft bill is to include a reference to Section 2.38.075, Maui County Code, relating to the establishment of

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commemorative plaques at parks and/or facilities in lieu of, or in addition to, naming or renaming parks and/or facilities, as one of the considerations by the Commission when recommending names to the Council.

By correspondence dated November 2, 2005, the Department of the Corporation Counsel transmitted a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.38.040, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION ON NAMING STREETS, PARKS, AND FACILITIES" and other supporting documents.

By correspondence dated November 10, 2005, the Department of the Corporation Counsel stated that correspondence dated September 19, 2005 from the Director of Parks and Recreation to the Commission satisfies the requirement of Section 2.38.070(D)(5) of the Maui County Code.

By correspondence dated December 28, 2005, the Chair of your Committee inquired whether the Commission considered a commemorative plaque in recognition of Justin Costa in lieu of, or in addition to, renaming Field 1C to the Justin Costa Field.

By correspondence dated January 5, 2006, the Chair of the Commission confirmed that there was no discussion with respect to a commemorative plaque in lieu of, or in addition to, naming Field 1C to the Justin Costa Field.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Deputy Director of Public Works and Environmental Management, the Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation, and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

There was no public testimony.

The Deputy Director of Public Works and Environmental Management provided a brief overview of the matter.

The Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation indicated his Department's support to rename the field. He stated that a sign to identify the Justin Costa Field would cost approximately \$500 and would be installed by June 2006. He further stated that, as previously done at other ball fields that have been renamed, the sign would likely be placed on the field's backstop.

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Your Committee questioned the Department's decision to rename Field 1C to the Justin Costa Field in lieu of issuing a commemorative plaque to honor Mr. Costa.

Your Committee noted that the intention of Bill No. 92 (2001) was to permit the installation of commemorative plaques at park facilities in lieu of naming or renaming parks and/or facilities. Pursuant to Bill No. 92 (2001), a commemorative plaque was issued to honor Vernon A. Correa in lieu of renaming Field No. 3 at the War Memorial Baseball Field to the Vernon A. Correa Baseball Field.

The Deputy Director acknowledged that the option to issue a commemorative plaque in lieu of renaming a park facility to honor an individual arose because of a limited number of park facilities. He further acknowledged that the option of honoring individuals by placing their names on a plaque would certainly have the advantage of recognizing a greater number of deserving individuals at a particular park facility.

Your Committee supported the renaming of Field 1C in Makawao to the Justin Costa Field and pointed out that there are additional ball fields in the area that could be renamed to recognize other noteworthy individuals from the community.

Your Committee suggested that the Department of Parks and Recreation establish guidelines and policies regarding the naming and renaming of parks and/or facilities.

Your Committee further suggested that signage to honor individuals should be placed in a prominent area, and if possible, located directly on the park facility.

Your Committee voted to recommend that the proposed bills entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO NAME THE JUSTIN COSTA FIELD" and "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.38.040, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION ON NAMING STREETS, PARKS, AND FACILITIES" be revised to change the date of the bills from "2005" to "2006" and to incorporate a nonsubstantive revision in the title of the bill amending Chapter 12.40, Maui County Code.

Your Committee voted to recommend passage of the revised proposed bills and filing of the communication.

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Your Committee is in receipt of a revised proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO NAME FIELD 1C IN MAKAWAO TO THE JUSTIN COSTA FIELD", incorporating nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Committee is also in receipt of a revised proposed bill, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.38.040, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION ON NAMING STREETS, PARKS, AND FACILITIES", incorporating nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Parks and Economic Development Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That Bill No. _____ (2006), as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO NAME FIELD 1C IN MAKAWAO TO THE JUSTIN COSTA FIELD" be PASSED ON FIRST READING and be ORDERED TO PRINT;
2. That Bill No. _____ (2006), attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.38.040, MAUI COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION ON NAMING STREETS, PARKS, AND FACILITIES" be PASSED ON FIRST READING and be ORDERED TO PRINT; and
3. That County Communication No. 05-326 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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