

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
**PARKS AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

March 3, 2006

**Committee
Report No.**

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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 February 16, 2006, makes reference to County Communication No. 06-11, from Councilmember Jo Anne Johnson, relating to the Keopuolani Playgrounds (Horseshoe Pitching Courts).

By correspondence dated January 24, 2006, the Chair of your Committee requested that Jean Tessmer provide a list of the alleged Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) concerns relating to the Keopuolani Playgrounds that she referenced in her testimony at the Council meeting of December 20, 2005.

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

There was no public testimony.

The Deputy Director provided an overview of the project. He noted that a Special Management Area permit and other necessary approvals have been obtained for the construction of the playgrounds, and that the project is underway. With respect to the ADA concerns, he noted that the playgrounds are intended to be accessible to all children, and that the construction plans have been approved by the State Disability and Communication Access Board.

The Deputy Director stated that the project involves the work of many facets of the community, including labor unions, the Maui Community Correctional Center's Workline program, church and various community groups.

The Deputy Director stated that the project is expected to take approximately three months to complete. He further stated that the funds appropriated for the project will be used for playground equipment, surfacing, and materials. He informed your Committee that any additional amenities for the playground such as artwork will likely be obtained through donations and fundraisers.

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Your Committee notes that it did not receive a response to its January 24, 2006 correspondence.

Your Committee commended the Department of Parks and Recreation for facilitating the project.

Your Committee voted to recommend filing of the communication.

Your Parks and Economic Development Committee **RECOMMENDS** that Communication No. 06-11 be **FILED**.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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