

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

August 14, 2006

**Committee  
Report No.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 06-94

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 June 22, 2006 and July 20, 2006, makes reference to County Communication No. 06-154, from Councilmember Jo Anne Johnson, transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO NAMES OF PUBLIC FACILITIES DESIGNATED".

The purpose of the proposed bill is to add references to specific geographic locations, such as a facility's address, and to consistently identify names of public facilities throughout the chapter.

At its meeting of June 22, 2006, your Committee met with the Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation; the Chief of Planning and Development, Department of Parks and Recreation; and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

There was no public testimony.

The Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation provided a brief overview of the bill. He suggested that Section 12.40.220 of the Maui County Code (MCC) be amended to change the "Justin Costa Field" to the "Justin Costa Sr. Baseball Field" to be consistent with the field's signage.

Your Committee discussed an inconsistency in Section 12.40.080, MCC, pertaining to the name of Keopuolani Park. The section heading refers to "Queen Keopuolani Park"; however, the referenced text and current park signage refers to "Keopuolani Park".

Your Committee received a copy of the Commission on Naming Streets, Parks, and Facilities' (Commission) meeting minutes dated November 21, 1996 when the name "Keopuolani Park" was approved.

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Your Committee notes that Ordinance No. 2577, effective on July 9, 1997, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.40 OF THE MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO NAMES OF PUBLIC FACILITIES" designated Keopuolani Park as Queen Keopuolani Park.

Your Committee further notes that Hokulani Holt-Padilla, a Hawaiian language and cultural specialist and former Chairperson of the Commission during the time Ordinance No. 2577 was enacted, was not present at the Commission's meeting when the park's name was approved. Your Committee suggested that Ms. Holt-Padilla be requested to clarify the intent of the Commission when the park was renamed.

Your Committee acknowledged that failing to insert the word "Queen" in the park's name may appear to be dishonorable to the respective alii and the Hawaiian culture.

The Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation stated that the Department would amend the present park signage, including the concrete signs at both of the park's main entrances, to read "Queen Keopuolani Park", if it was determined that the intended name was "Queen Keopuolani Park".

Your Committee voted to recommend that the proposed bill be amended to: 1) include the word "Queen" in the referenced text of Section 12.40.080, MCC, pertaining to "Keopuolani Park", to be consistent with the section heading; and 2) include the words "Sr." and "Baseball" in the section heading and fifth line of Section 12.40.220, MCC, pertaining to the "Justin Costa Field", to be consistent with the park's signage.

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

By correspondence dated June 27, 2006, the Chair of your Committee advised that issuance of the committee report would be deferred, pending receipt of additional information and a subsequent Committee meeting.

By correspondence dated June 27, 2006, the Chair of your Committee requested that Ms. Holt-Padilla confirm the intended name of Keopuolani Park, as approved by the Commission, when Ordinance No. 2577 was enacted.

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By correspondence dated June 30, 2006, the Chair of your Committee requested that the Department of the Corporation Counsel amend the proposed bill by: 1) revising Section 12.40.080, MCC, to delete the word "Queen" in the section heading; and 2) revising Section 12.40.220, MCC, to insert the words "Sr." and "Baseball" within the name of the Justin Costa Field.

By correspondence dated July 12, 2006, the Department of the Corporation Counsel transmitted a revised proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO NAMES OF PUBLIC FACILITIES DESIGNATED". The purpose of the revised proposed bill is to add references to specific geographic locations for public facilities, such as a facility's address, and to consistently identify names of public facilities throughout the chapter.

By correspondence dated July 12, 2006, Ms. Holt-Padilla confirmed that "Keopuolani Park" was the intended name that was approved by the Commission when Ordinance No. 2577 was enacted. In addition to deleting the word "Queen" from the section heading, she recommended deleting the second reference to the word "Queen" in the fifth line of Section 12.40.080, MCC, for clarity and consistency.

At its meeting of July 20, 2006, your Committee met with the Acting Deputy Director, Department of Parks and Recreation; the South Maui District Supervisor, Department of Parks and Recreation; the Acting Chief of Recreation, Department of Parks and Recreation; and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

Your Committee received public testimony from one individual in support of the revised proposed bill. He suggested further amending the bill to include references to traditional Hawaiian land divisions such as ahupua'a and moku to more specifically clarify the geographic locations of the County's public facilities.

Your Committee referred to Ms. Holt-Padilla's correspondence dated July 12, 2006, which states that the use of the word "Queen" is "unnecessary and is a western honorific title designation that does not need to be used in a Hawaiian chiefly name".

Your Committee discussed the matter of including references to traditional Hawaiian land divisions, as suggested by the testifier, and determined that such a recommendation needs to be considered by the Commission and transmitted to the Council for approval, pursuant to Section 2.38.040, MCC.

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Based on the information provided by Ms. Holt-Padilla, your Committee voted to further revise the proposed bill by deleting the second reference to the word "Queen" in the fifth line of Section 12.40.080, MCC.

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

Your Committee is in receipt of a revised proposed bill incorporating your Committee's 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, RELATING TO NAMES OF PUBLIC FACILITIES DESIGNATED" be PASSED ON FIRST READING and be ORDERED TO PRINT; and
2. That County Communication No. 06-154 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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