

PARKS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

August 17, 2006

Site Inspection

CONVENE: 1:32 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Jo Anne Johnson, Chair
Councilmember Charmaine Tavares, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Michelle Anderson, Member

EXCUSED: Councilmember Robert Carroll, Member
Councilmember Danny A. Mateo, Member

STAFF: Shelly Espeleta, Legislative Analyst
Pauline Martins, Committee Secretary

ADMIN.: John Buck, Deputy Director, Department of Parks and Recreation
Mary Kielty, South Maui District Supervisor, Department of Parks and Recreation
Donald Couch, Deputy Director, Department of Planning
Kathleen Aoki, Planner, Department of Planning
Michael Miyamoto, Deputy Director, Department of Public Works and
Environmental Management
Dave DeLeon, Senior Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Jesse Souki, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation
Counsel

OTHERS: **Item 34:** Joe Bertram III, Kihei Community Association
David Frazier, Kihei Community Association
Peter Medwick, Kihei Shores Condominiums
Joe Bertram
Bob Richardson
Lis Richardson
Christine Muschietti
Others (9)

PED-34 **SOUTH MAUI REGION PARKS & OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN**
(C.C. No. 06-155)

The Committee assembled at Keonekai Park, located near the intersection of Keonekai Road and Kauhale Street in Kihei.

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Chair Johnson convened the site inspection and explained that the purpose of the inspection is to view a portion of the proposed North-South Collector Open Space Corridor adjacent to Kauhale Street and the Kihei Shores Condominiums.

The Committee received public testimony from three individuals in support of the South Maui Region Parks & Open Space Master Plan. David Frazier, President of the Kihei Community Association, stated that the plan has been a vision for many years and would be a major enhancement to the Kihei-Makena community. Joe Bertram said that he would like to see prohibitions for automobiles factored into the overall plan. Christine Muschietti, a Kauhale Street resident, expressed support for the proposed greenways.

The Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation provided a brief overview of the South Maui Region Parks & Open Space Master Plan.

Joe Bertram III identified the proposed locations of the North-South Collector Open Space Corridor, specifically the proposed open space corridor adjacent to Kauhale Street and the Kihei Shores Condominiums. He stated that approximately \$612 million in funds from the Safe Routes to School Program (a Federal-Aid program of the United States Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration) are available to help establish safe walking and biking routes for children to travel to school. He further stated that the contiguous corridors would also provide access to the proposed Kihei high school.

The Senior Executive Assistant to the Mayor identified the location of a parcel along Ponana Street, Kihei, which is necessary to complete a segment of the proposed North-South Collector Open Space Corridor from Ke Alii Alanui Drive to Wailea.

Joe Bertram III stated that the additional \$15,000 allocated during the FY 2007 Budget will be used to establish specific open space guidelines within the conceptualized South Maui Region Parks & Open Space Master Plan. He further stated that portions of the North-South Collector Open Space Corridor consist of a 10-foot waterline easement, thereby, enabling the corridor to be at least 10-feet wide. Mr. Bertram stated that the ideal width of the corridor would be between 60 and 80 feet.

The Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation briefly discussed the overall maintenance of the open space corridors, including the maintenance of trees adjacent to the corridors. He further discussed how involvement from community members and community groups must be sought to adequately maintain these areas.

The Committee viewed the proposed open space corridor adjacent to Kauhale Street and the Kihei Shores Condominiums.

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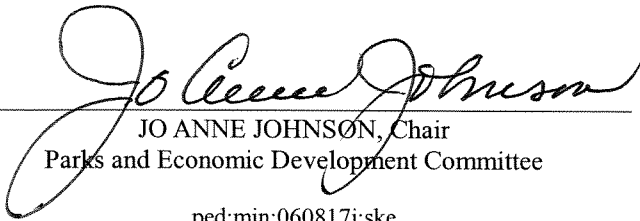
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Peter Medwick identified the approximate site of the future Paradise Ridge Condominiums, scheduled for construction in October 2006. He stated that the natural egress to the property would be via the Hale Kamaole Condominium on South Kihei Road; however, the open space corridor adjacent to Kauhale Street and the Kihei Shores Condominiums may be used as an alternative access route during the construction phase.

Joe Bertram III stated that the majority of Kauhale Street residents support the proposed greenway running adjacent to their backyards.

There being no further questions or discussion, Chair Johnson adjourned the inspection at 2:08 p.m.

APPROVED:



JO ANNE JOHNSON, Chair
Parks and Economic Development Committee

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