

LAND USE COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

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October 15, 2008

Council Chamber

CONVENE: 1:34 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Chair
Councilmember Joseph Pontanilla, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Michelle Anderson, Member
Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa, Member
Councilmember G. Riki Hokama, Member (Arrive 1:38 p.m.)
Councilmember Jo Anne Johnson, Member
Councilmember Bill Kauakea Medeiros, Member
Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, Member

EXCUSED: Councilmember Danny A. Mateo, Member

STAFF: Tammy M. Frias, Committee Secretary
Carla M. Nakata, Legislative Attorney
Lei Kihm, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Bill Kauakea Medeiros

ADMIN.: Jeffrey Hunt, Director, Department of Planning
Clayton Yoshida, Planning Program Administrator, Current Planning Division,
Department of Planning
Tamara Horcajo, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation
Karla Peters, Project Manager, Planning and Development Division, Department of Parks
and Recreation
James A. Giroux, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

OTHERS: Mich Hirano, Project Manager, Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.
Erin Mukai, Planner, Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.
Calvin Higuchi, Hiyakumoto + Higuchi Architects, Inc.
Additional attendees (4)

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ITEM NO. 33: PA`ANI MAI PARK (HANA) (C.C. No. 08-60)

CHAIR MOLINA: . . .(*gavel*). . . Land Use Committee meeting for October 15, 2008 is now in session.
For the record, we have in attendance, Members Michelle Anderson, Gladys Baisa, Jo Anne Johnson, Bill Medeiros, Mike Victorino, and Committee Vice-Chair Joseph Pontanilla, and

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Committee Chair Mike Molina. Excused are Committee Members Danny Mateo and Riki Hokama. From Staff, we have our Legislative Analyst *[sic]*, Carla Nakata; and our Committee Secretary, Tammy Frias. From the Corporation Counsel's Office, we have James Giroux, and sitting next to Mr. Giroux is the Planning Director, Mr. Jeff Hunt; and the Planning Program Administrator, Clayton Yoshida. Good afternoon, Members.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Good afternoon.

CHAIR MOLINA: We have one item on our agenda today, that is, LU-33, Pa`ani Mai Park in Hana. At this point, the Chair will be taking public testimony. Committee Secretary, have we had any sign ups for public testimony?

MS. FRIAS: No, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Taking a look in the gallery and seeing no one approaching to speak on this particular item, Members, if there are no objections, the Chair will close public testimony for Land Use Item 33.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR MOLINA: Very good. All right, Members, at this time the item that we're speaking of, Pa`ani Mai Park, the Committee is in receipt of the following: County Communication No. 08-60, from Councilmember Bill Kauakea Medeiros, transmitting a draft resolution to refer to the Maui Planning Commission the following: a draft bill to amend the State Land Use District classification from Ag to Urban for approximately 2.946 acres located at Hana, Maui; (2) a draft bill to amend the Hana Community Plan from Multi-Family to Park for approximately 1.907 acres located at Hana, Maui; and (3) a draft bill to Change the Zoning from Interim District to PK-2 Community Park District for approximately 2.946 acres located at Hana, Maui to facilitate the proposed expansion of, and improvements, to Pa`ani Mai Park.

And next, we also have a correspondence dated October 9, 2008, from the Chair of the Committee, transmitting the following: a revised draft bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE STATE LAND USE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION FROM AG TO URBAN FOR PROPERTY SITUATED AT HANA, MAUI, HAWAII FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, PA`ANI MAI PARK". The intent of the revised draft bill is to amend the State Land Use District classification for approximately 2.946 acres located at Hana, Maui.

And next, we have a revised draft bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE HANA COMMUNITY PLAN AND LAND USE MAP FROM MULTI-FAMILY TO PARK FOR PROPERTY SITUATED AT HANA, MAUI, HAWAII FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, PA`ANI MAI PARK". The purpose of the revised draft bill is to amend the Hana Community Plan for approximately 1.907 acres located at Hana, Maui, to facilitate the proposed expansion of, and improvements to, Pa`ani Mai Park.

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Next, we have a revised draft bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH PK-2 COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT ZONING FOR PROPERTY SITUATED AT HANA, MAUI, HAWAII FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF, AND IMPROVEMENTS, TO PA`ANI MAI PARK". The purpose of the revised draft bill is to establish PK-2 Community Park District zoning for approximately 2.946 acres located at Hana, Maui, Hawaii, to facilitate the proposed expansion of, and improvements to, Pa`ani Mai Park.

Finally, Members, we're here to the end of this a revised draft resolution entitled "REFERRING TO THE MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION DRAFT BILLS TO, RESPECTIVELY, ENACT A STATE LAND USE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION AMENDMENT, ENACT A COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT, AND ESTABLISH ZONING FOR PROPERTY SITUATED AT HANA, MAUI, HAWAII FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF, AND IMPROVMENTS TO, PA`ANI MAI PARK". And the purpose of the revised draft resolution is to refer the above-referenced revised draft bills to the Maui Planning Commission.

And, Members, for your information, we will work off the October 9, attached to an October 9, 2008 letter in your binder near the end, a revised resolution that was submitted to us by the Corporation Counsel's Office, just for your information. So with that said, we do have a PowerPoint scheduled by the applicant but before we do that, I would like to ask the Planning Department if there are any initial comments before we have the PowerPoint presentation? Mr. Hunt or Mr. Yoshida?

MR. YOSHIDA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council's Land Use Committee. The applicant has filed a Special Management Area Use Permit application in April, and should the Council pass the resolution for the other land use entitlements, we will process it concurrently with the Special Management Area Use Permit application with the Hana Advisory Committee and the Maui Planning Commission before coming back to the Council for action on the land use entitlements.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay, thank you, Mr. Yoshida. And the Chair would like to recognize Chairman Hokama to our proceedings this afternoon. And before we deal with the applicant's representative for our presentation, Mr. Medeiros, as the area representative, any opening comments before we go into our presentation?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman, for this opportunity. The plans for Pa`ani Mai Park and the wishes of the community have been for many years to expand the park. The existing park has been a passive park, a very nice addition to the community when it was constructed. It's used very much by the community, especially the area residents in the subdivision adjacent to that park. But the community has grown, and also the activities that the community wishes to be able to conduct within that park system has also changed and we're looking at now providing some area of that park for skateboard park and other . . . a parking where there's no parking right now. They park along the road shoulder which has come quite dangerous for children to get out of vehicles and get into the park. So, in short, the community

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has been wishing on their top of their wish list to have this park improved and expanded and these are the plans that we're trying to move forward in order to accomplish that. So I would ask my colleagues to review this and I ask for their support as we try to move this project and parking improvements and expansion forward. Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you for your opening comments, Mr. Medeiros. Today's action will just be for the Member's information is to refer the draft bills over to the Maui Planning Commission. And once they're done with their recommendation, the comments will come back to this Committee where we can expound on it further and, hopefully, make a decision on it. So with that said, Members, we're going to take a short break to set the Chambers up for a presentation from Munekiyo & Hiraga. It is 1:40, and this meeting is in recess subject to the call of the Chair. . . . (*gavel*) . . .

RECESS: 1:40 p.m.

RECONVENE: 1:41 p.m.

CHAIR MOLINA: . . . (*gavel*) . . . The October 15, 2008 Land Use Committee meeting is now back in session. Members, we are about to review a presentation from Munekiyo & Hiraga related to Land Use Item No. 33. I'd like to yield the floor to Mr. Mich Hirano to do the presentation. Mr. Hirano.

Note: Computer-generated presentation.

MR. HIRANO: Thank you, Chair Molina, and good afternoon, Council members and Land Use Committee members. My name is Mich Hirano with Munekiyo & Hiraga and we're acting on behalf of the Department of Parks and Recreation on the proposed 1.9 acre expansion and improvements at Pa`ani Mai Park. The park is located on Hana Road just as you enter into Hana. The current park is approximately one-acre and is just on the north side of Hana Road. And the expansion is a 1.9-acre parcel that wraps around the park along two sides of the park on the west and north side of the park, of the existing park. Surrounding land uses to the Pa`ani Mai Park – to the east is the Hana Ranch Subdivision; it's a single-family residential subdivision. There is a drainage channel between the subdivision lands and the eastern boundary of the park and expansion area. The area to the north of the park is undeveloped lands that are designated multi-family in the Hana Community Plan, and as well to the west of the park are . . . multi-family designated lands in the community plan but currently undeveloped. Beyond that area at the intersection, Uakea Road and Hana Highway, is the Hana County Baseyard – the Police station and Fire station. To the south of the property or southwest of the property undeveloped lands that are community plan designated single family.

This is the park, this is Hana Highway, as you enter into Hana, and on the makai side the existing park, Parcel No. 25. And to the northeast and west of the park is Parcel No. 1, which would be the expansion area. The property . . . the existing park is designated Park in the Hana Community Plan and Interim zoned and is located within the State Land Use District

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Agricultural land. The expansion area, the shaded area, on the left-hand side of the park is designated in the Hana Community Plan for multi-family use. It is in the State Land Use Agricultural District and is County zoned Interim.

Existing park approximately 1.03 acres is rectangular, generally rectangular in shape. This is the existing comfort station. There's a driveway apron leading off of Hana Highway into the pathway that leads to the comfort station. The comfort station was built in approximately 2000. There's also some park benches. This area is grassed. There is some landscaping and a tots swing set in the, uh, sort of the northern portion of the park. So the expansion area would expand the park boundaries in sort of the westerly direction and the northeasterly direction.

This is the proposed sort of project area and the proposed improvements put to the park. As you can see, here's Hana Highway. This is the drainage channel that crosses across Hana Highway and into sort of into a drainage area and leads to the ocean, Hana Bay. And then just on the bottom part of that is the Hana Ranch Subdivision and it's accessed by a roadway – Noenoe Place Road off of Hana Highway. The existing park is in this particular area. There's a comfort station and an open play area. The proposal is to expand the park boundaries in this configuration. Extend the driveway into the park off of Noenoe Place through the subdivision road and enter the park in the eastern sort of portion of the park into a driveway and parking area. There's a proposal for a washroom and an open pavilion in this particular portion of the park, pathways around the park and into the existing park, a pathway trail system. This is the proposed skateboard arena and this has been identified as a high priority for the neighborhood and for the residents of Hana to have a skateboard park and arena in the park, and this would be a tots play area that would be expanded from the existing area.

Other features would be an underground retention system to capture the drainage onsite. There will be a culvert under the drainageway and driveway that leads into the park, and as well as some expansion of Hana Highway just along the shoulder. This section of highway is fairly dangerous and that there is very limited site distance along this area, you kind of come around the corner and into this stretch. It's a narrow roadway so the idea would be to expand the shoulder of the roadway and provide limited parking in this area. And this driveway would be basically used as a service driveway. There is a gate across the fence and that will be closed for vehicular access, and then to do some widening improvements along this portion of the highway. There is a archaeological feature – the old Hana Belt Road retaining wall is just along this feature, this area, so that would probably be retained, and that, in fact, would limit the amount of widening that can be carried out in this portion of the park. This is just some building elevations and sections through the site, and so we're looking at the pavilion, washroom, and open pavilion, the parking area is in this area, and then as you can see the land slopes upward towards the highway in this area. And so this is kind of the expansion area where there will be the open play area and the skateboard park.

Here's some pictures just around the existing property to give you an idea of the existing conditions on the site. This is the comfort station that was built around 2000. As you can see, there is an ADA improvements that were carried out with this pathway, concrete pathway to the

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comfort station. This area is grassed and the children's swing area in the corner of the park. The park is used by the local residents and the neighborhood residents. They come in and use the swing set and they walk their dogs, their pet dogs, in and around the park.

Again, this is the picnic area. You can see the Hana Highway. Along here is a chain link fence along the highway and then there's the road surface. And there's a bit of elevation difference in a drop to the park, and in fact, it's more exaggerated in this particular area and this is the expansion area of the park. So there will be some guardrails that will be built along the roadway. As you can see how narrow the roadway is right now. There is just parallel parking along this area off the shoulder and then this gate that goes down into the comfort station. The idea would be to just expand this approximately eight more feet, five to eight feet to provide a little wider area. And that was one of the comments that came up during community meetings was to increase the safety of this particular area by making the roadway a little wider but as well to provide alternative and an alternate route into the park from the subdivision so that the children will not have to go along the highway to get to the park.

This is the driveway expansion area and it's the old government road that is shown on the plans, and this is the condition of the roadway. The park is just off to the left. In fact, the roadway follows the electrical lines so the roadway right-of-way is up through here and then the park area is just up in that area. I think what we're looking at there are some private single-family residents in this particular portion to the left and then that open drainage area in sort of the mid-ground, and then beyond would be the park expansion area. And again, looking across this is Noenoe Place Road. It's a roadway that intersects Hana Highway to the left of the screen and as you can see the electrical lines, the park driveway, and the roadway will be going parallel to the electrical lines. There is a bit of encroachment from these neighbors onto that roadway and that would have to be rectified during the development process. And the neighbors were at the meetings for that and they're aware of what the plans would be. And I think the idea would be to provide some fencing along here to provide privacy for this upland property only.

In terms of the existing land use entitlements, as I mentioned, the present park – Parcel 25, is approximately 1.03 acres. It's in the State Land Use Agricultural District. The community plan designation is Park, and the zoning is Interim. The expansion area is a portion of Parcel 1. It's owned by Hana Ranch, and it's in the Agricultural State Land Use District. Its community land use designation is multi-family, and the zoning is Interim. So, the proposed land use entitlements would be to change the State Land Use District Boundary from the Agricultural District to the Urban District for both Parcel 25 and Parcel 1. For the community plan, Parcel 25 is already Park, so the community plan amendment is to change the community plan land use designation for Parcel 1 from Multi-family to Park designation. And both parcels are interim-zoned so the change in zoning action would be to change the zoning from the Interim District to the PK-2 Park District for both Parcel 25 and for Parcel 1.

In terms of the project status and action . . . items, the draft Environmental Assessment was published in the Environmental Bulletin on May 8, 2008. We anticipate to finalize the Final Environmental Assessment and publish it approximately November 23, 2008. The District

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Boundary Amendment, Change in Zoning, and Community Plan Amendment, of course, requires Council approval. And both parcels are located within the Special Management Area so there will be a requirement to have a Special Management Use Permit approved by the Maui Planning Commission. The final subdivision would need to be carried out for the parcel and that will be done after the entitlements are completed so that the zoning and the, um . . . there's compliance, there's conformity, and consistency with both the community plan and the zoning for the parcel, the final subdivision would be granted after the entitlements are approved and then the land will be transferred from Hana Ranch to the County when the final subdivision approval is granted.

So, thank you for your attention to our presentation and briefing on the project. The Director of Parks and Recreation, and Planning . . . Planner from the Parks and Recreation, and Erin Mukai from our office and myself are available as well as Calvin Higuchi, who is the project architect and will be available for any questions that committee members may have, so mahalo.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Hirano. Members, we're going to call for a short break again to put the screen back up and then we'll resume discussions on Land Use Item 33. Meeting in recess subject to the call of the Chair. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 1:57 p.m.

RECONVENE: 1:59 p.m.

CHAIR MOLINA: . . .(gavel). . . Land Use Committee meeting for October 15, 2008 is now back in session. I'd like to thank Munekiyo & Hiraga for that excellent presentation on Land Use Item 33, Pa'ani Mai Park. We have also in our presence today, the Director of Parks and Recreation, Tamara Horcajo. Ms. Horcajo, would you care to give us some brief comments on this proposal before I turn matters over to the Committee for further questions?

MS. HORCAJO: Thank you, Chairman Molina. Parks Department wants to support this project. I believe that Councilmember Medeiros was pretty thorough in his presentation. This is very much a community-generated proposal for this park expansion. And perhaps I could just review briefly the support that has been given to this project since 2005 with . . . beginning with \$40,000 in 2005 for master planning; \$100,000 in FY 2006 for the SMA, EA, subdivision process and preliminary designs; \$70,000 again in FY 2009 for the land entitlement, drainage, and topographical maps. So just to let you know that the Administration and Council has been very supportive of this community project and we did hold a meeting in the community. There were over 30 members who were in attendance in support of this project. I'm here to answer any questions that you might have.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you very much, Madam Director. Members, you've been presented also with a hard copy of today's presentation as well. The Chair would like to let you know that several members will have to leave today due to some prior commitments. So, initially, we . . . um, of course this matter will come back eventually. The action today, as I mentioned earlier, is to send this to the planning commission for their comments and review. So we have some time

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to ask some general questions and we'll go from there. So at this point, Members, questions for either the Planning Department, Parks Department or even the applicant? We have Member Medeiros, followed by Member Anderson.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah, my initial question so that other Members have time to ask question is, approximately when will we lose quorum?

CHAIR MOLINA: Uh . . . I've been told 3 o'clock.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Three o'clock. Okay, that gives us an idea.

CHAIR MOLINA: Rest assured, when the matter does come back to the Committee and it's brought up, at that point we can go into more extensive questioning as well.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah, because I've been involved in the community meetings with Parks, I want to yield to the other Members to ask questions. Mahalo, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MOLINA: And thank you, Mr. Medeiros. And I'm sure the Hana community is very grateful for your efforts to bringing this matter to light as well. Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Chairman. Thank you, Ms. Horcajo, for being here and for moving on this. Everyone has waited quite some time. I think it's a fabulous plan and will be a real addition to the Hana community. And I am really happy to see that the Environmental Assessment is almost finished, and so that I'm assuming by the time this gets to the planning commission for their review, they'll have that document in hand and there won't be anything holding up. They're getting it back to us for decision making. But my question is, in looking at this plan, you know, I heard you give us the cost factor up to this point, so can you tell us what you anticipate the cost for construction of this might be, and if it will be in the next budget? And if, I noticed that cause I won't be here for the next budget, so I'm putting my plug in now, I noticed that there is quite a nice expansion area for a tots play area, and I don't see it in here so I'm going to ask now that you include in the budget money for playground equipment because I think they need more than just a swing set. So, can you kindly give us maybe a little preview of what the Council will be looking at in the way of funding to get this actually built?

CHAIR MOLINA: Ms. Horcajo?

MS. HORCAJO: Thank you for the plug ahead of time. Our Department has estimated approximately \$2 million or a little over \$2.5 depending on the amount of amenities that are included as well as the way the economy goes. We're hoping to get better and better bids all the time. So we're feeling that the cost so far have been well used and that the construction funds will come in, hopefully, will be coming in with about a \$2 million to \$2.5.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Does that include playground equipment?

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MS. HORCAJO: I'd like to say that at this point I'm not sure of the amenities that will be included in this first phase for like the 2010 budget because we'll be looking at probably a phase-in plan just based on the permitting process and the land excavation and drainage work that will . . .
(inaudible) . . .

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: But you do intend to put playground equipment in for the tots, right?

MS. HORCAJO: We do intend to put playground equipment. But I must say that the high priority for the community right now is the skate park. And so we're hoping that when we phase this in, the skate park folks have been calling quite often, but the playground equipment will also be included.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Well, of course, the kids that skate can speak for themselves. The little tots don't even know that there's a possibility of this park, so I'm speaking for them. I hope you will add a playground facility for them.

MS. HORCAJO: Thank you. Well noted.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay, thank you, Member Anderson. Well, Madam Director, you've been put on record now with regard to playground equipment.

MS. HORCAJO: Very good.

CHAIR MOLINA: Committee members, questions for Ms. Horcajo or the Planning Department or the applicant's representative? None so far. Very good. Well, I assume that when this does come back, assuming this passes out of Committee and the Council to go to the planning commission when it comes back we'll have questions.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIR MOLINA: Mr. Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Thank you. I just wanted to ask the Planning Department the zoning recommendation is to, I'm trying to find the page that the presentation was on . . . I believe, um, Urban. And I guess the State Land Use recommendation, I mean, by the Planning Department was to change to Urban, is that correct, Planning Department?

MR. HUNT: I'll refer to Mr. Yoshida.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

MR. YOSHIDA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Councilmember Medeiros, Committee members, the recommendation was to change the State Land Use to Urban and the zoning to PK-2.

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And my question is, um, because on a previous project in Hana, that same recommendation was made and the community was a little uncomfortable with Urban because it might urbanize the area. Tell me, if the request was for Rural, would the advantages be the same, and could we do basically the same things regarding park activities and facilities?

MR. YOSHIDA: Councilmember Medeiros, Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee, yes, I believe if it were changed to Rural you could still do the PK-2 zoning, basically. And the PK-2 zoning in the preface it says that the land should be either Rural or Urban. So they would have to change it from Ag.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And could you tell me, um . . . *(change tape to side 1B – 2:08 p.m.)* . . . the Planning Department used in order to recommend Urban over Rural?

MR. YOSHIDA: I believe looking at the land use pattern, Mr. Chairman, Councilmember Medeiros, Members of the Committee, looking at the land use pattern, it seems like it was sort of surrounded by Urban uses on the makai side of Hana Highway.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, so that was the rationale to recommend a continuation of the surrounding zoning to Urban?

MR. YOSHIDA: Uh, yes, sort of bounded by Hana Highway.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you for that information, Mr. Chairman, unless Mr. Hunt has something to add?

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Director, you have additional comments?

MR. HUNT: I think Councilmember Medeiros brings up a good point. We'd certainly be willing to examine whether we could get a Rural designation in there and whether it would be appropriate.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

MR. HUNT: So I don't want the Department's position to be like we're sticking in our heels and we're only going to recommend Urban.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Unless the other Members have other concerns about the zoning, yeah, I would like to see you look into that and see what your recommendation would be on Urban or Rural for that area and for the use that we intend it to be. Okay, thank you, Director.

MR. HUNT: So noted.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Thank you.

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CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you, Member Medeiros.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you. Committee members, any other questions at this time for the Planning Department, Parks Department or the applicant's representative? Very good. I guess the presentation done by Mr. Hirano was very informative and answered all of our questions at this point. With that being said, Members, the Chair will offer a recommendation with regards to Land Use Item 33.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Recommendation.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you very much, Members, so noted. The Chair will entertain a motion to support a resolution which is attached by the way, Members, to the October 9, 2008 letter in your binder – resolution REFERRING TO THE MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION DRAFT BILLS TO, RESPECTIVELY, ENACT A STATE LAND USE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION AMENDMENT, ENACT A COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT, AND ESTABLISH ZONING FOR PROPERTY SITUATED AT HANA, MAUI, HAWAII FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, PA'ANI MAI PARK”.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So moved.

VICE-CHAIR PONTANILLA: Second.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. It's been moved by Member Medeiros and seconded by Member Pontanilla. Mr. Medeiros, you have the floor as the maker of the motion.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman, and I appreciate the support of the colleagues in moving this. And I want to thank the consultants, Munekiyo & Hiraga, who has taken this project to the community and Hana has a community that is very particular about hearing and discussing things having to do with Hana. So I appreciate the Department of Parks and Recreation and the consultant been able to make accommodations to hold the meeting in Hana so that people could attend and give their input. So the community is happy with what's going on and I look forward to moving that further. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. The Chair would like to ask for comments from Corporation Counsel and possibly the Planning Department with regards to any possible revisions or non-substantive changes to the resolution. I believe, Mr. Giroux, you drafted the resolution, any comments? Anything we need to be aware?

MR. GIROUX: Um . . . not at this point. I did discuss the issue with the Planning Director about the possible State designation if there is conversation during planning commission regarding suggesting that it go to Rural instead of Urban. We can make those changes as we go, as long as

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the discussions occur in the community. We wouldn't see it needing to go through the whole process again. We would probably take it up as an amendment at that time.

CHAIR MOLINA: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Giroux. Additional comments? Seeing none, all right, Members, we're going to go ahead and take action on the resolution. All those in favor signify by saying "aye"?

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR MOLINA: All those opposed?

VOTE: AYES: Councilmembers Anderson, Baisa, Hokama, Johnson, Medeiros, Victorino, Vice-Chair Pontanilla, and Chair Molina.

NOES: None.

EXC.: Councilmember Mateo.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION: Recommending ADOPTION of proposed resolution.

CHAIR MOLINA: The Chair will mark it as 8-0 with one excusal, Member Mateo. All right, Members, that concludes our Land Use Meeting for today, less than 45 minutes, very rate. Before we close, the Chair would just like to welcome back Mr. Victorino. And all of our hearts go out to Mr. Victorino and his family with his recent loss and at the same token and a lighter note the excitement for Shane's efforts with the Philadelphia Phillies. So I know it's a very difficult time, difficult yet exciting time for our colleague from Wailuku. So, I just would like to mention that to all of you. Any other announcements, Members? Mr. Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Just a comment, Mr. Chair. I want to thank you for putting this on the agenda. The community was looking forward very much to having it discussed in Land Use and I thank you for doing that.

CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you. And mahalo for your efforts as well, Mr. Medeiros, in bringing this to light. So if there are no other announcements, Members, it is 2:15. This Land Use Committee meeting for October 15, 2008 is now adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

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