

HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

November 3, 2003

Site Inspection

CONVENE: 5:04 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Joseph Pontanilla, Chair
Councilmember Robert Carroll, Member
Councilmember Jo Anne Johnson, Member (ar. 5:15 p.m.)
Councilmember Danny A. Mateo, Member

Councilmember Dain P. Kane, Non-member
Councilmember Wayne K. Nishiki, Non-member

ABSENT: None

EXCUSED: Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Vice-Chair

STAFF: Shannon S. Alueta, Legislative Analyst
Carla M. Nakata, Legislative Attorney
Clarita L. Balala, Committee Secretary
Kelly B. McGinnis, Executive Assistant to Councilmember
Joseph Pontanilla
Kathy Kaohu, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Jo
Anne Johnson

ADMIN.: Carl Kaupalolo, Fire Chief, Department of Fire and Public
Safety
Neal Bal, Deputy Fire Chief, Department of Fire and Public
Safety
Michael Foley, Director, Department of Planning
Gilbert Coloma-Agaran, Director, Department of Public
Works and Environmental Management
Jeffrey Pearson, Deputy Director, Department of Water
Supply
Edward S. Kushi, Jr., Deputy Corporation Counsel,
Department of the Corporation Counsel

OTHERS: Kent Smith, Smith Development
Michele McLean, Smith Development

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David Goode, Vice-President of Development Operations,
Smith Development
Mark Walker, Finance Officer, Smith Development
Jim Riley, West Maui Land Company
Sean Lester
Ke`eaumoku Kapu, Kuleana Ku`ikahi
Nelson Armitage
Hans Michel
Ku`uleialoha Palakiko, Kuleana Ku`ikahi
Steve McClintock
Albert Dizon
Vicki McCarty
Radd Swink
Calvin Mobbs
Dave Taylor
Richard McCarty
Jeff Alexander
Additional attendees (40)

PRESS: Val Monson, The Maui News

**ITEM NO. 4(1): COUNCIL APPROVAL OF AFFORDABLE-HOUSING
PROJECTS PROPOSED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER
201G, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES (PU`UNOA)**

The Committee assembled at the proposed project site, located on Hokiokio Place (approximately 0.3 miles mauka of the intersection of Honoapiilani Highway and Hokiokio Place), above Puamana Beach Park in Lahaina, Maui.

Chair Pontanilla called the inspection to order at 5:04 p.m. and noted that the Committee would be provided with a brief overview of the proposed project and its boundaries. He also noted that public testimony would also be accepted.

Chair Pontanilla recessed the inspection at 5:04 p.m. so that the Committee could travel to a better vantage point for the inspection.

Chair Pontanilla reconvened the inspection at 5:09 p.m., at a location that was a 5-minute walk South of the original assembly point. Chair Pontanilla introduced Kent Smith, the developer of the proposed project.

Mr. Smith provided a brief overview of the project and pointed out the project's boundaries.

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Sean Lester, Ke`eaumoku Kapu, Nelson Armitage, Hans Michel, Kuulei Palakiko, Vicky McCarty, Richard McCarty, and Dave Taylor provided testimony in opposition to the proposed project, noting concerns about: (1) the lack of clear title to the property; (2) the inappropriateness of the Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii Board's actions; (3) traffic congestion in the area; (4) the proposed project's deviations from the West Maui Community Plan; (5) various water issues; (6) flooding issues; and (7) the project's inappropriate location relative to the historic and cultural significance of the area.

Steve McClintock, Calvin Mobbs, Radd Swink and Jeff Alexander provided testimony in support of the proposed project, stating that there is a great need for affordable housing in the area and that a number of young families are unable to secure financing for homes at the current rates.

Chair Pontanilla noted that members of the public were welcome to attend the Committee's meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Lahaina Intermediate School Cafeteria directly after the inspection.

There being no further questions or discussion, Chair Pontanilla adjourned the inspection at 5:48 p.m.

APPROVED:


JOSEPH PONTANILLA, Chair
Housing and Human Services
Committee

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