

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

PARKS AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

February 7, 2003

Committee
Report No.

03-4

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Parks and Agriculture Committee, having met on January 23, 2003, makes reference to a Miscellaneous Communication dated May 15, 2002, from the County Clerk, referring the matter of designating a park in the Waiolani area to the Parks and Recreation Committee (referred by the Planning Committee through Committee Report No. 02-56).

Your Committee notes that the Miscellaneous Communication was referred to the former Council's Parks and Recreation Committee at the Council meeting of May 3, 2002.

Your Committee further notes that the Parks and Recreation Committee previously reported on this matter through Committee Report No. 02-200. In that report, the Parks and Recreation Committee recommended that various matters be referred to the Council Chair for the term beginning January 2, 2003, including the following: (1) the matter of pursuing the acquisition of the land for a new park near the Waiolani subdivision and the expansion of the existing Waikapu Park for consideration in the Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Session; and (2) a Miscellaneous Communication dated May 15, 2002, from the County Clerk relating to the designation of a park in the Waiolani area. (An erroneous date was referenced in Committee Report No. 02-200). At its meeting of December 17, 2002, the Council adopted Committee Report No. 02-200.

At its meeting of January 10, 2003, the Council referred the Miscellaneous Communication to your Parks and Agriculture Committee (County Communication No. 03-11).

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Director and Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation; a Deputy Corporation Counsel; and Avery Chumbley of Wailuku Agribusiness Inc.

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Mr. Chumbley provided your Committee with a copy of a map showing a potential park site in the Waikapu area bordering East Waiko Road. He summarized discussions that had previously occurred between himself and the former Administration regarding the potential site for a park in the Waikapu/Waiolani area. He stated that the proposed site, Lot C, is comprised of 12.827 acres. This parcel is a portion of a larger parcel of approximately 240 acres, identified as TMK No: 3-5-02:01. The Lot C parcel includes Brewer Ball Park (consisting of 2 ball fields totalling approximately 8 acres), and a cemetery (consisting of 4 acres).

Furthermore, Mr. Chumbley stated that an additional site of approximately 25 acres is available, which is bound by Kuikahi Drive, Honoapiilani Highway and a planned utility and access road. This parcel is identified as a portion of TMK No: 3-5-02:03, which consists of 154.7 acres. He stated that although this parcel is further north than what the Waikapu community may want, the parcel would make a good regional park. He further stated that this parcel could be accessed from the Waikapu area by re-opening the old Waikapu Road.

There being no further public testimony, your Committee proceeded with a brief discussion.

Your Committee notes that the Park Assessment Fund for the Wailuku District has a balance of approximately \$50,000. Park assessments from the Waiolani Pikake Subdivision and the Waiolani Elua Subdivision will add approximately \$400,000 to this fund at final subdivision approval. In addition, your Committee notes that the Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 budget has \$1,000,000 set aside for Countywide land acquisition.

Your Committee notes that the matter of acquiring land for a new park in the Waiolani/Waikapu area has been referred to the Budget and Finance Committee for consideration during the FY 2004 Budget Session. However, your Committee expressed concern that it is important to act expeditiously to acquire land when it is available. Delays may result in fewer options for the County to meet the needs of the public.

Therefore, your Committee authorized the Committee Chair to send a letter to the Mayor expressing support for, and urging the Administration to take timely action in acquiring park land in the Waiolani/Waikapu area.

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Your Parks and Agriculture Committee RECOMMENDS that the
Miscellaneous Communication be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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