

SUMMARY - PUBLIC HEARING

HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
State of Hawaii
March 7, 2007 – 9:48 a.m.

Hawaii Community Development Authority
677 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 1000, Conference Room
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Amanda Chang; Michael Goshi; Paul Kimura; Jonathan Lai; Kay Mukaigawa; Glenn Okimoto (for Barry Fukunaga, DOT); Robert Piper (for Georgina Kawamura, B&F) and Russ Saito (DAGS)

Members Absent: C. Scott Bradley; Grady Chun; and Theodore Liu (DBEDT).

Others Present: Daniel Dinell; Melvin Nishimoto (Deputy Attorney General); Matthew Akamu; Gloria Chong; Loretta Ho; Neal Imada; Alex Kagawa; Annette Kawasaki; Richard Kuitunen; Cal Machida; and Jill Sugihara (also, see Meeting Attendance Record).

Chairperson Goshi called the public hearing to order at 9:48 a.m.

Chairperson Goshi explained that the public hearing was being held pursuant to Chapters 91 and 206E, of the Hawaii Revised Statutes and HCDA authorized the convening of the public hearing to receive testimony and public comment on the subject matter. Notice of the public hearing was published on February 5, 2007, in the newspapers Statewide. In addition, the owners and lessees of the property, the owners and/or lessees of the adjacent properties, state and county agencies and various interested community groups were notified of this hearing by mail and e-mail. The notice was also posted on the HCDA website and pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes 206E-5.5b, notice was provided to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House.

Proposed Adoption of New Chapters 211, 212, 213 and 214, Title 15, Hawaii Administrative Rules, Relating to Rules for Kewalo Basin

Richard Kuitunen summarized the Information Item report distributed to the Authority concerning this matter.

Questions and discussion ensued. (These will be summarized in a Staff Report that will be distributed at a later time.)

Chairperson Goshi asked whether there was anyone from the public who wished to testify on the matter.

The following individuals presented oral testimonies.

1. Frank Mento, Kahala Catamarans, Inc., opposed*
2. Tom Hattermer, runs Charter Boat, opposed*
3. Reg White, Paradise Cruise, Ltd., opposed*
4. Marc Rubenstein, Royal Star Hawaii, opposed*
5. Bob McCowan, Blue Nun Sportfishing, opposed*
6. Mike DeRego, Kewalo Boat Owners Association, opposed*
7. Mike DeRego, Inter Island Sport Fishing, opposed*
8. Danny Brennan, Makani Catamaran, opposed*
9. Robert Romain, opposed
10. Amanda Strauser, Waikiki Marine Sales, opposed
11. Bill Foster, Waikiki Yacht Club, supported
12. Shantel Keuma for Mark Neumann, Hawaiian Parasail, Inc., opposed*
13. Roger Chang, Morning Star Cruises, KBOS, Glass Bottom Boats Hawaii, Kamome Sport Fishing and Wind and Sea, opposed*
14. David Soto, Commercial Fisherman, opposed
15. Dr. Solomon Naluai, Ohana, Seariders, LLC, opposed*
16. Greg Longnecker, Honolulu Screamer, LLC and Hawaii Charters Skippers Association, LLC, opposed*
17. Bryan Ho, Attorney for Greg Longnecker, opposed*
18. John Erickson, Sudden Rush Fishing Adventures, opposed*
19. Dennis Niles, Ocean Tourism Coalition, opposed

*Also provided a written statement that is part of the official meeting record.

The following individuals presented written testimony only, which is attached.

20. Timm & Edward Timoney, Commercial Fisherman, opposed
21. Thomas Hahn, Hawaii Longline Association, opposed (petition of 58 names opposing an increase in fees).

22. William Anonsen, Maritime Consultants of the Pacific, LLC, opposed

Staff received the following testimony via e-mail, which is attached.

23. Rex Johnson, Hawaii Tourism Authority, comments

24. Michael Bishop, Diamond Head Divers, opposed

Member Kimura left the meeting at 11:10 AM.

Member Saito left the meeting at 11:30 AM.

Proposed Amendments to Chapter 15-210 Rules, Regulations, Charges, and Fees for Public Parks

Gloria Chong summarized the Information Item report distributed to the Authority concerning this matter.

Chairperson Goshi asked whether there was anyone from the public who wished to testify on the matter.

The following individual presented oral testimony.

1. Ron Iwami, Friends of Kewalo Basin Park Association, supported

Questions and discussion ensued. (These will be summarized as part of a future Action Item that will be distributed at a later time).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the public hearing was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.