

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

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Community Plan Advisory Committee

Attending: Tom Blackburn-Rodriguez, Tova Callender, Everett R. Dowling, Lehua Huddleston-Hafoka, Vernon Kalanikau, Daniel Kanahale, Mike Moran, Cody Nemet, Wayne Nishiki, Keoki Pfaeltzer, Jennifer Sullivan, Brian Ward, Rob Weltman

Absent: None

County of Maui – Planning Department, Long Range Division

Pam Eaton, Program Administrator

Karen Comcowich, Planner

Brendan Conboy, Planner

Caroline Pembroke, Planner

Kawika Farm, Cultural Resources Planner

Johann Lall, Geographic Information Systems Analyst

Mike Napier, Geographic Information Systems Analyst

Richele Lesa, Secretary

County of Maui – Corporation Counsel

Keola Whittaker, Deputy Corporation Counsel

Call to order at 5:44 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions (00:00 to 39:10 in meeting video)

Long Range Division's Pam Eaton welcomed CPAC members and the audience, then introduced CPAC member Vernon Kalanikau to do the official welcome. Vernon spoke briefly about the evening's meeting location, Lokelani Intermediate School, then asked everyone to stand and participate in a *pule* (prayer). Mayor Victorino's representative Bill Snipes, Council Chair Alice Lee, South Maui Councilmember Kelly King, and Maui County Planning Department Director Michele McLean gave opening remarks. Long Range Division staff introduced themselves, followed by CPAC members.

Public Testimony for Election of Chair and Vice Chair (39:26 to 40:48 in meeting video)

Pam Eaton asked if anyone was interested in testifying regarding the election of Chair and Vice Chair; seeing none, she moved onto the next agenda item.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair (40:49 to 51:21 in meeting video)

Deputy Corporation Counsel Keola Whittaker briefly explained the process of electing a Chair and Vice Chair. Mike Moran nominated Rob Weltman for Chair, and Wayne Nishiki seconded the nomination. Tom Blackburn-Rodriguez nominated Mike Moran for Chair, and Daniel Kanahale seconded the nomination. Mike Moran declined to accept the nomination, and explained why he felt Rob Weltman was the right person for the job; Tom Blackburn-Rodriguez subsequently withdrew his nomination.

Further discussion included the possibility of, issues with, and alternative options to delaying the election; the option of self-nominating; and members' thoughts on Rob Weltman's nomination. **Members then voted unanimously in favor of electing Rob Weltman as Chair for South Maui CPAC.**

Deputy Counsel Whittaker briefly explained the Chair's responsibilities in conducting the remainder of the meeting, then turned it over to Chair Weltman to lead the election of Vice Chair.

Wayne Nishiki nominated Daniel Kanahale for Vice Chair, and Mike Moran seconded the nomination. Chair Weltman noted his support for Daniel, then held the vote: **members voted unanimously in favor of electing Daniel Kanahale as Vice Chair.**

Public Testimony for Training Presentations (51:22 to 51:55 in meeting video)

Chair Weltman suggested having public testimony for Deputy Counsel Whittaker's presentation after the presentation is complete, so that testifiers can decide whether or not their testimony is relevant to the presentation; Deputy Counsel Whittaker agreed.

Training Presentations (52:08 to 1:35:18 in meeting video)

Deputy Counsel Whittaker gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Sunshine Law (52:08 to 1:09:58) and answered a question from Chair Weltman regarding accommodations for members of the public who are unable to attend or testify in-person (1:09:58 to 1:11:36). He then gave a presentation on Robert's Rules of Order and answered a question from Tom Blackburn-Rodriguez about the process for a motion to reconsider (1:11:53 to 1:21:45). Finally, Deputy Counsel Whittaker gave a presentation on Ethics and answered a question from Tom Blackburn-Rodriguez about potential ethical concerns regarding discussions with a non-members about CPAC agenda items (1:21:51 to 1:31:58). At the conclusion of the presentations, Deputy Counsel Whittaker congratulated members on their appointment and the task ahead of them, and noted his availability for legal support throughout the process.

Members had a few more questions about remote testimony, then Mike Moran asked to have a brief recess. Chair Weltman called for a 20-minute recess.

RECESS/DINNER BREAK

Public Testimony on for Training Presentations (1:35:22 to 1:36:03 in meeting video)

There were no testifiers for the training presentations given by Deputy Counsel Whittaker.

Reporting on CPAC Member Attendance at Previous Community Engagement Meetings and Events (1:36:04 to 1:39:56 in meeting video)

Maui County Planner Karen Comcowich reported two Community Engagement meetings and events that had CPAC members in attendance, and briefly spoke about each of the events. The members who had attended had no comment on the events.

One member of the public stood up to testify about the Draft Plan Release Open House. She spoke positively about the community engagement event, particularly about the pictures and plans available for viewing and the ability to speak to CPAC members and Planning Department staff. She thanked the Planning Department for the opportunity given to the public with that event.

Final Remarks (1:40:00 to END in meeting video)

Before closing the meeting, Chair Weltman acknowledged Tova Callender, who asked about the possibility of sticking with a venue for future meetings with good airflow in respect of those in the community who are uncomfortable with enclosed settings (rather than moving to the Kihei Community Center, which is the venue set for the October 26 meeting). Members discussed the possibility of keeping meetings at Lokelani Intermediate School, and the feasibility of having hybrid meetings with testifiers being able to testify remotely.

Karen Comcowich explained the significant logistical and technical challenges staff encountered in attempting to set up a hybrid format for CPAC meetings. Pam Eaton suggested the possibility of a telephone testimony option, but that any such testimony would need to take place somewhere that has been publicly advertised. She noted that Councilmember King has offered her (South Maui) district office as a location for remote testimony, and encouraged CPAC members to discuss this possibility with Deputy Corporation Counsel Michael Hopper at the following meeting.

Chair Weltman acknowledged members' desire for hybrid meetings, as well as the obstacles they face regarding them. He thanked the audience and closed the meeting.

NEXT MEETING IS ON OCTOBER 26, 2022. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:01 P.M.

