

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

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Community Plan Advisory Committee

Attending: Chair Rob Weltman, Vice Chair Daniel Kanahale, Tova Callender, Everett Dowling, Vernon Kalanikau, Randol Leach, Mike Moran, Cody Nemet, Wayne Nishiki, Keoki Pfaeltzer, Jennifer Sullivan, Brian Ward

Absent: Lehuanani Huddleston-Hafoka

County of Maui – Planning Department, Long Range Division (LRD)

Jacky Takakura, Program Administrator

Karen Comcowich, Planner

Scott Curran, Planner

County of Maui – Department of Water Supply

Eva Blumenstein, Planning Program Manager

County of Maui – Department of Corporation Counsel

Michael Hopper, Deputy Corporation Counsel

Call to order at 5:31 p.m.

Roll Call and Opening (00:18 to 2:50 in meeting video)

Following member roll call, Chair Weltman's gave an opening in Hawaiian, noted that public testimony will take place after the evening's presentation, and welcomed Eva Blumenstein from the Department of Water Supply.

Presentation for Goal 2.3 | Ready and Resilient Systems (3:15 to 35:30 in meeting video)

Eva Blumenstein gave a brief presentation on integrating land use and water planning (3:15 to 10:03) and answered questions from members (10:15 to 35:30). ([Link to presentation](#))

Public Testimony for Goal 2.3 | Ready and Resilient Systems (35:31 to 1:13:23 in meeting video)

Testifiers included Lucienne DeNaie (35:49 to 41:17), Peter Cannon (41:29 to 49:50), Larry Stevens (50:00 to 56:04), Doug Ballard (56:25 to 1:04:48), and Kelly King (1:05:01 to 1:13:14).

Other Committee Business - Executive Session (1:13:24 to 1:18:43 in meeting video)

Deputy Corporation Counsel Hopper explained the process and purpose of going into executive session. **Jennifer Sullivan made a motion to go into executive session; Wayne Nishiki seconded the motion.** Before voting on the motion, members allowed Eva Blumenstein to briefly answer a question that was asked by one of the testifiers ([1:16:46 to 1:17:17](#)). **Members then voted UNANIMOUSLY in favor of going into executive session,** and members of the public were asked to step out.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Meeting resumed at 7:28 p.m.

Review and Recommendations for Goal 2.3 | Ready and Resilient Systems (1:18:51 to END in meeting video)

Members continued where they left off from the previous meeting: reviewing policies from Goal 2.3's Climate Change and Sea Level Rise section.

POLICIES

Climate Change and Sea Level Rise

2.3.5 | Support coastal retreat of South Maui structures currently located in the shoreline setback area and the SLR-XA.

- **Vice Chair Kanahale made a motion to adopt Policy 2.3.5; Wayne Nishiki seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([1:19:18 to 1:20:15](#))**

2.3.6 | Encourage redevelopment and new development related to strategic relocation and increased resilience in preparation for and in response to climate change or natural disasters.

- **Wayne Nishiki made a motion to adopt Policy 2.3.6; Brian Ward seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([1:20:17 to 1:21:06](#))**

2.3.7 | Avoid development or redevelopment within Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA).

- **Everett Dowling made a motion to adopt Policy 2.3.7; Jennifer Sullivan seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([1:21:07 to 1:28:50](#))**

2.3.8 | Support expansion of community-supported renewable energy deployment, including small-scale community options, all of which include plans for maintenance and disposal that do not burden County landfills and decommissioning at the end of the project's intended use.

- **Vice Chair Kanahale made a motion to adopt Policy 2.3.8 with the addition of “and decentralized energy systems” after “small-scale community options.” Everett Dowling seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (1:28:51 to 1:30:40)**
- **Cody Nemet made a motion to amend the adopted policy to include “as well as safeguard our endangered flora and fauna” at the end; Tova Callender seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (1:30:45 to 1:36:02)**

Before moving onto the next policy section, Chair Weltman noted that Vernon Kalanikau sent in member input that included a proposed new policy in the Climate Change and Sea Level Rise section ([link to member input](#)). **Cody Nemet made a motion to add and adopt Vernon's proposed policy: “Sand should not be moved between moku without consulting the community.” Keoki Pfaeltzer seconded the motion.** Vice Chair Kanahale and members Tova Callender, Vernon Kalanikau, Randol Leach, Mike Moran, Cody Nemet, Keoki Pfaeltzer, Jennifer Sullivan and Brian Ward voted in favor of the motion, with Wayne Nishiki opposed and Everett Dowling abstaining (which counts as a Yes vote). **10-1, MOTION PASSED. (1:36:06 to 1:56:20)**

Fire and Emergency Management

2.3.9 | Require all development to incorporate defensible space around its perimeter and provide ongoing maintenance as per recommendations of the Maui Fire Department.

- **Everett Dowling made a motion to adopt Policy 2.3.9; Jennifer Sullivan seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (1:56:27 to 1:56:55)**

Before moving onto the next policy, **Vice Chair Kanahale made a motion to add a new policy: Require or encourage land owners whose undeveloped lands abut development to incorporate defensible space around its perimeter and provide ongoing maintenance as per recommendations of the Fire Department.** After some discussion, **Vice Chair Kanahale withdrew his motion. (1:56:59 to 2:02:54)**

2.3.10 | Improve the resilience of the transportation system to natural hazard events and climate change-related hazards such as sea level rise, flooding, and wildfires, including the development of additional roadways in and out of South Maui to improve safe evacuation during hazard events.

- **Everett Dowling made a motion to adopt Policy 2.3.10; Brian Ward seconded the motion. Vice Chair Kanahale requested a friendly amendment to add thunderstorms and tsunamis to the list of hazards; Everett and Brian accepted the friendly amendment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([2:02:58 to 2:05:33](#))**

2.3.11 | Consult and apply as appropriate the goals, objectives, and actions of the South Maui Community Wildfire Protection Plan and the Maui County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

- **Everett Dowling made a motion to adopt Policy 2.3.11; Jennifer Sullivan seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([2:05:33 to 2:07:44](#))**

2.3.12 | Encourage the development of fire breaks and bioswales that can be used for recreational paths and greenways around existing communities, and between new and existing communities.

- After some discussion, **Tova Callendar made a motion to adopt Policy 2.3.12 as written; Jennifer Sullivan seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([2:07:45 to 2:11:57](#))**

2.3.13 | Require new buildings that serve as emergency shelters to be built to hurricane standards and support existing buildings that currently serve as emergency shelters to be retrofitted to Enhanced Hurricane Protection Area standards.

- **Everett Dowling made a motion to adopt Policy 2.3.13; Brian Ward seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([2:11:58 to 2:13:53](#))**

Water

2.3.14 | Require new developments to install landscaping that reduces water use, with drought-resistant and micro-climate appropriate design and plants emphasizing native species. Use water catchment systems to support irrigation, and gray water where allowed by the State Department of Health.

- **Tova Callendar made a motion to adopt Policy 2.3.14 with the addition of “adding overstory trees to reduce evapo-transpiration” after “micro-climate appropriate design.” Jennifer Sullivan seconded the motion. Everett Dowling requested a friendly amendment to change the second sentence to the following: “Use gray water where available and allowed by the State Department of Health;” Tova and Jennifer accepted the friendly amendment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([2:13:58 to 2:20:26](#))**

Before moving onto the next policy, **Brian Ward noted the new policy that was added by the Planning Department under the Fire and Emergency Management section, and made a motion to adopt it: “Support the development of a fire station in South Maui, north of the existing Kihei Fire Station, that meets the needs of Maui Fire Department and the community.” Everett Dowling seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (2:20:26 to 2:21:36)**

2.3.15 | Support the protection, preservation, and management of South Maui’s water sources including aquifers, recharge areas, and watersheds.

- **Everett Dowling made a motion to adopt Policy 2.3.15; Jennifer Sullivan seconded the motion. Tova Callender requested a friendly amendment to change the language to the following: “Prioritize above all else the protection, preservation, and management of South Maui’s freshwater sources including aquifers, recharge areas, and springs.” Everett and Jennifer accepted the friendly amendment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (2:22:30 to 2:31:43)**

Before adjourning, members and Planning staff discussed the speakers for the following week and the progression of the CPAC process so far, including asking for a time extension and how to be more efficient during meetings.

NEXT MEETING IS ON JANUARY 25, 2023. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:44 PM.

