

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

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Community Plan Advisory Committee

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

Absent: None

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

Jacky Takakura, Program Administrator

Karen Comcowich, Planner

Scott Curran, Planner

County of Maui – Planning Department

Garrett Smith, Deputy Director

County of Maui – Department of Public Works

Jordan Molina, Director

Call to order at 5:30 p.m.

Opening, Introduction and Housekeeping (00:24 to 13:38 in meeting video)

Following member roll call and Chair Weltman’s opening in Hawaiian, Everett Dowling spoke about past and current projects his company has developed over the years. Other housekeeping items included introducing the Planning Department’s new Deputy Director, Garrett Smith; livestreaming meetings; and how to better streamline the CPAC process moving forward.

Chair Weltman welcomed Public Works Director Jordan Molina, who noted that he is available as a resource as members worked through the evening’s policies and actions.

Public Testimony for Goal 2.4 | Mauka to Makai Watershed Management (13:41 to 1:14:24 in meeting video)

Testifiers included Robin Knox ([13:59 to 20:40](#)), Doug Ballard ([20:45 to 22:24](#)), Michael Reyes ([22:37 to 29:13](#)), Rory Frampton ([29:20 to 30:44](#)), Kelly King ([30:51 to 36:43](#)), Zandra Amaral Krause ([36:56 to 41:32](#)), David Goode ([41:47 to 57:20](#)), Larry Stevens ([57:30 to 59:48](#)), Lucienne DeNaie ([59:52 to 1:05:20](#)), and Claire Apana ([1:05:37 to 1:14:24](#)).

Before moving on, Members discussed development on wetlands and the negative impacts on South Maui ([1:14:52 to 1:22:35](#)).

10-MINUTE BREAK

Q&A with Department of Public Works Director ([1:22:57 to 1:46:57](#) in meeting video)

Members asked Director Molina questions related to Goal 2.4.

Review and Recommendations for Goal 2.4 | Mauka to Makai Watershed Mangement ([1:47:00 to END](#) in meeting video)

Members reviewed policies for Goal 2.4.

POLICIES

2.4.1 | Protect ocean and stream water quality by requiring that wetlands, as defined by traditional historic knowledge or Section 404 of the Clean Water Act except for the requirement of a "federal nexus", be preserved with environmentally protective vegetated buffers. The buffers shall be adequate to mitigate pollutants and, support ecosystem functions, allow for migration, and incorporate future sea level rise scenarios.

- Following recommendations by Director Molina, **Everett Dowling made a motion to adopt Policy 2.4.1 with amended language: "Preserve wetlands with buffers adequate to mitigate pollutants, support ecosystem functions, allow for migration, and incorporate future sea level rise scenarios."** Vice Chair Kanahale requested a friendly amendment to change "sea level rise" to "sea level rise exposure area (SLR-XA);" however, Everett preferred Director Molina's original language and rejected Vice Chair Kanahale's friendly amendment. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ([1:47:21 to 2:04:28](#))

2.4.2 | Prioritize "nature-based solutions", low-impact design, and green infrastructure strategies rather than "gray" infrastructure to manage flooding and prevent surface water pollutants from flowing into streams and reaching the ocean.

- **Everett Dowling made a motion to adopt Policy 2.4.2 as written; Jennifer Sullivan seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ([2:04:31 to 2:11:10](#))

2.4.3 | Support restoration and conservation efforts to improve and restore degraded wetlands and hydrologically connected systems and their buffers to enable wetland systems to migrate and shift as environmental conditions change.

- **Jennifer Sullivan made a motion to adopt Policy 2.4.3 as written; Everett Dowling seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ([2:11:18 to 2:19:59](#))

2.4.4 | Protect coastal water quality and nearshore marine environment by requiring redevelopment and new developments to include low-impact development techniques such as adequate bioswales and other green infrastructure and nature-based solutions to minimize stormwater runoff and coastal nonpoint source pollution.

- After some discussion, **Everett Dowling made a motion to accept Policy 2.4.4 as written; Tova Callender seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ([2:20:14 to 2:25:30](#))

2.4.5 | Gulches as identified in the map in Figure 3.17 (pg. 106) of this Plan, must remain in open space and no new permanent structures may be developed in or within 100 feet of the top of the bank of identified gulches unless low-impact development strategies are implemented to prevent stormwater runoff.

- After some discussion, members agreed to table discussion on Policy 2.4.5 for a future meeting. ([2:25:35 to 2:41:45](#))

Before adjourning, members discussed the possibility of adding on extra meetings or extending their Wednesdays meeting to catch up on their review, and also continued to discussed Policy 2.4.5.

NEXT MEETING IS ON FEBRUARY 1, 2023. MEETING RECESSED AT 8:31 PM.

