

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

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Community Plan Advisory Committee

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

Absent: Cody Nemet, Jennifer Sullivan

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

Jacky Takakura, Program Administrator
Karen Comcowich, Planner
Brendan Conboy, Planner
Kawika Farm, Cultural Resources Planner

County of Maui – Planning Department, Current Division

Jim Buika, Coastal Zone Management Planner

County of Maui – Department of Fire and Public Safety

Brad Ventura, Fire Chief
Rylen Yatsushiro, Fire Service Chief

University of Hawaii Sea Grant Program

Tara Owens, Coastal Geologist

Call to order at 5:30 p.m.

Opening, Introduction and Housekeeping (00:24 to 18:12 in meeting video)

Following member roll call and Chair Weltman's opening in Hawaiian, Randol Leach spoke about his involvement with the 'Āao Theater and various boards and commissions. Other housekeeping items included status updates on remote testimony and the order of agenda items.

Mike Moran made a motion to switch agenda items C and D so that members can complete unfinished business (Goal 2.1 Actions) first. Vice Chair Kanahale seconded the motion, then requested a friendly amendment to have the evening's presentations first before moving to unfinished business; Mike accepted the friendly amendment. Members voted, but there were not enough in favor. MOTION FAILED.

Presentations for Goal 2.3 | Ready and Resilient Systems (18:17 to 50:15 in meeting video)

Coastal Geologist Tara Owens and Coastal Zone Management Planner Jim Buika gave a presentation on coastal resilience and disaster preparedness, highlighting information from the presentation they gave at the [Climate Change Virtual Town Hall](#) on June 3, 2021. ([19:03 to 44:00](#), [Link to presentation](#))

Fire Chief Brad Ventura spoke about the fire and public safety facilities and services in South Maui. ([44:38 to 50:15](#))

General Public Testimony (50:17 to 1:30:28 in meeting video)

Lucienne DeNaie testified on both Goal 2.1 and 2.3 and answered clarifying questions from members. ([50:51 to 1:01:12](#))

Claire Apana testified on both Goal 2.1 and 2.3 and answered clarifying questions from members. ([1:01:22 to 1:10:14](#))

Peter Cannon testified on Goal 2.3 and answered clarifying questions from members. ([1:10:22 to 1:21:06](#))

Larry Stevens testified on Goal 2.3. ([1:21:17 to 1:23:40](#))

Kai Nishiki testified on Goal 2.3 and answered clarifying questions from members. ([1:23:52 to 1:30:09](#))

10-MINUTE BREAK

Q&A for Goal 2.3 | Ready and Resilient Systems (1:31:21 to 2:14:32 in meeting video)

Tara Owens, Jim Buika, and Fire Chief Brad Ventura answered members' questions on various topics related to Goal 2.3.

Review and Recommendations for Goal 2.3 | Ready and Resilient Systems (2:15:21 to END in meeting video)

Members reviewed and discussed Goal 2.3 policies.

2.3.1 | To minimize impacts from future coastal erosion to development, new permanent structures must be located landward of the State-recognized sea level rise exposure area (SLR-XA) with coastal erosion, except a minimum buildable area must be provided. This restriction does not apply to structures needed as part of an approved beach restoration project or cultural project such as loko i'a. and which must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

- **Everett Dowling made a motion to adopt Policy 2.3.1; Brian Ward seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (2:15:21 to 2:18:27)**

2.3.2 | For redevelopment and new developments within the SLR-XA, developers must:

- a. Proactively coordinate with the Maui County Planning Department and adjacent or nearby property owners to understand possible collective relocation options for at-risk structures;
 - b. Incorporate results of coordination into development plans by siting any new planned structures out of harm's way;
 - c. Not hold the County of Maui and State of Hawai'i liable for any and all future costs associated with maintaining or protecting the property developed within the SLR-XA, including costs associated with retreat, hazard mitigation, and cleanup costs to maintain the health of the nearshore marine environment from material debris originating from the ocean or from the structures' own deterioration or failure; and
 - d. Recognize that permit approvals from the County of Maui will be conditioned to prohibit future shoreline hardening for their property or project.
- Members, presenters and Planning staff discussed the legality of point D. **Vice Chair Kanahale made a motion to defer any action on Policy 2.3.2 to allow the Planning Department to consult with Corporation Counsel regarding policy language; Mike Moran seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (2:18:27 to 2:38:54)**

2.3.3 | Protect the access to and ecological function of wetlands, shorelines, beaches, and dunes by preserving waterfront land within the SLR-XA as undeveloped space, greenways, stormwater management facilities, or parks wherever possible.

- **Keoki Pfaeltzer made a motion to adopt Policy 2.3.3. Tova Callender seconded the motion, then requested a friendly amendment to add "active restoration areas" after "stormwater management facilities;" Keoki accepted the friendly amendment. Vice Chair Kanahale requested a friendly amendment to change "Protect the access" to "Protect the public access;" Keoki and Tova accepted the friendly amendment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (2:38:56 to 2:42:20)**

2.3.4 | Support amendments to the Maui Island Plan and Community Plan, and changes in Zoning for new development in Mā‘alaea on land mauka of Hauoli Street and the SLR-XA for existing makai development retreating inland because of impacts from sea level rise or other coastal hazards.

- **Everett Dowling made a motion to approve Policy 2.3.4 with the deletion of “existing makai;” Brian Ward seconded the motion. Keoki Pfaeltzer requested a friendly amendment – instead of deleting “existing makai,” he proposed changing it to “affected makai.” Everett and Brian accepted the friendly amendment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([2:42:22 to END](#))**

**NEXT MEETING IS ON JANUARY 18, 2023 (JANUARY 11 MEETING CANCELLED).
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:40 PM.**

