

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

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Community Plan Advisory Committee

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

Absent: Chair Rob Weltman

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

Jacky Takakura, Program Administrator

Karen Comcowich, Planner

Kawika Farm, Cultural Resources Planner

County of Maui – Planning Department

Garrett Smith, Deputy Director

County of Maui – Department of the Corporation Counsel

Keola Whittaker, Deputy Corporation Counsel

Call to order

Roll Call, Introduction and Housekeeping (00:38 to 14:33 in meeting video)

Following member roll call, Jacky Takakura spoke about requesting an extension. Deputy Corporation Counsel Keola Whittaker introduced himself and noted his availability to answer members' questions. Vice Chair Kanahale covered a couple of housekeeping items. Wayne Nishiki briefly spoke about firefighter Trey Evans-Dumaran, then spoke about his background, as well as his thoughts about Goal 2.5.

Before moving onto public testimony, Vice Chair Kanahale read aloud the vision for the South Maui Community Plan and asked members to envision the potential for South Maui's future.

Public Testimony for Goal 2.5 | Responsible Stewardship of Wahi Kūpuna and Historic Properties (14:34 to 59:28 in meeting video)

Testifiers included Mike Elerding (testimony was not related to agenda; [15:21 to 19:36](#)), Kelly King ([20:14 to 26:32](#)), Claire Apana ([29:12 to 39:10](#)), Cheryl Hotta ([39:28 to 47:36](#)) and Lucienne DeNaie ([47:53 to 56:18](#)).

Before moving on, Vice Chair Kanahale requested that written testimony be sent to the Planning Department as soon as possible, so that members can review it prior to the meeting.

15-MINUTE BREAK

Review and Recommendations for Goal 2.5 | Responsible Stewardship of Wahi Kūpuna and Historic Properties (1:00:38 to END in meeting video)

Members discussed where the term “wahi kūpuna” originated from (for use in the Plan), and what it meant to them (1:01:03 to 1:08:04). Members then began their review of Goal 2.5 ([link to document](#)).

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Cody Nemet made a motion to add the following to the first sentence: “[...] where kupuna lived and worked for generations and where kanaka continue to work and live [...]” Everett Dowling seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (1:09:46 to 1:12:03)

Everett Dowling made a motion to add the following to the second sentence of the second paragraph: “[...] because they create a physical link to our past, a bridge to the future, and can contribute [...]” Mike Moran seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (1:13:33 to 1:15:11)

POLICIES (with Department recommended changes)

2.5.1 | Ensure new development projects provide continued access to kuleana lands protected under Section 7-1, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, as well as continued access for cultural practices including fishing, hunting and gathering, protected under Section 7-1, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to areas both mauka and makai.

- Everett Dowling made a motion to adopt Policy 2.5.1 as revised by the Planning Department; Randol Leach seconded the motion. Brian Ward requested a friendly amendment to adopt the recommended language for Policy 2.5.1 from [Maui Tomorrow's testimony](#) instead; Everett and Randol accepted the friendly amendment. **At Planning staff's request, Everett withdrew his motion and made a new motion to have the Planning Department present revised language for Policy 2.5.1 based on CPAC's recommendations. Brian Ward seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (1:15:25 to 1:31:43)**

2.5.2 | New development projects shall engage in consultation with Native Hawaiian Organizations, ~~and~~ those who have genealogical (and those with generational ties) to the area associated with the project area and provide evidence of this engagement to the Planning Department.

- **Everett Dowling made a motion to adopt Policy 2.5.2 as revised by the Planning Department; Cody Nemet seconded the motion.** Lehanani Huddleston-Hafoka requested a friendly amendment to delete “New;” however, after input from Planning staff, Lehanani withdrew her request. **Tova Callender requested a friendly amendment to add “as well as other knowledgeable individuals connected or associated with the project area;”** Everett and Cody accepted the friendly amendment. Based on member input, **Karen Comcowich reworded the policy to read the following: “Development projects shall engage in consultation with Native Hawaiian Organizations, those who have genealogical ties, those with generational ties, cultural practitioners and knowledgeable individuals connected or associated with the project area and provide evidence of this engagement to the appropriate reviewing agency.”** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([1:31:50 to 1:46:12](#))

2.5.3 | Identify, preserve, protect, and restore significant wahi kūpuna and historic properties in South Maui.

- **Everett Dowling made a motion to adopt Policy 2.5.3 as written; Brian Ward seconded the motion.** Lehanani Huddleston-Hafoka requested a friendly amendment to place the word “significant” in front of “historic properties” instead of “wahi kupuna;” Everett and Brian accepted the friendly amendment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([1:46:13 to 1:49:59](#))

2.5.4 | Protect public view corridors and scenic vistas, including traditionally significant views and views to and from the shoreline.

- **Everett Dowling made a motion to adopt Policy 2.5.4 as written; Lehanani Huddleston-Hafoka seconded the motion.** Brian Ward made a friendly amendment to add “dark skies” after “Protect;” Everett and Lehanani accepted the friendly amendment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([1:49:59 to 1:51:35](#))

2.5.5 | Promote awareness and elevate the importance of wahi kūpuna and historic sites in South Maui by installing signs and markers that include information about the sites and a code of conduct to prevent damage or desecration.

- **Lehanani Huddleston-Hafoka made a motion to adopt Policy 2.5.5 with the addition of “or overuse of the area” at the end; Jennifer Sullivan seconded the motion.** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([1:51:36 to 1:57:53](#))

2.5.6 | Ensure existing government trails are preserved during the discretionary review and entitlement process, including changes in zoning, community plan amendments, state land use district boundary amendments, the review of environmental assessments and impact statements, development in the Special Management Area and Shoreline Area, and the review of subdivisions, by consulting with the Department of Land and Natural Resources Na Ala Hele program, and other government agencies as appropriate.

- **Everett Dowling made a motion to adopt Policy 2.5.6 as revised by the Planning Department; Jennifer Sullivan seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (1:57:53 to 2:01:51)**

2.5.7 | Healthy mature trees, particularly native trees, must be preserved and incorporated into the landscape plans of subdivisions, roads, and any other construction or development. If they must be removed for safety, then agreements ~~should~~ shall be made to ~~provide~~ offer wood or other useful elements to Hawaiian cultural practitioners or organizations from the particular area.

- **Lehuanani Huddleston-Hafoka made a motion to adopt Policy 2.5.7 as revised by the Planning Department, with the following language edits to the end: “[...] to Hawaiian cultural practitioners, non-profit organizations and or artisans from the particular area first for sustainable cultural use.” Brian Ward seconded the motion.** Following discussion, several friendly amendments and input from Planning staff and Corporation Counsel, **members came up with the following: “Healthy native trees shall be preserved and incorporated into the landscape plans of subdivisions, roads, and any other construction or development. If they must be removed, first consult with Native Hawaiian Organizations prior to possible removal then agreements shall be made to offer wood or other useful elements to Hawaiian cultural practitioners, or non-profit organizations or artisans from the particular area first for sustainable cultural use.”** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (2:01:52 to 2:27:14)

2.5.8 | Use traditional ecological knowledge, in coordination with cultural practitioners and in consultation with those who have generational knowledge (‘ike kūpuna) in the design of new development and redevelopment projects, and environmental restoration efforts.

- **Everett Dowling made a motion to adopt Policy 2.5.8 as written; Brian Ward seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (2:27:34 to 2:28:55)**

2.5.9 | Encourage volunteer activities, including voluntourism, that increases awareness of wahi kūpuna and South Maui's history.

- **Lehuanani Huddleson-Hafoka made a motion to adopt Policy 2.5.9 with the following changes: "Encourage trained volunteers to help increase cultural awareness, cultural appreciation and cultural respect of wahi kūpuna and South Maui's history at the discretion of area cultural practitioners and 'ike kūpuna." Jennifer Sullivan seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (2:28:55 to 2:32:56)**

2.5.10 | When wahi kūpuna or other historic properties are located within ~~or adjacent to~~ a project area, require restoration or preservation of the site(s) and require mitigation of potential adverse impacts on cultural resources during construction, ~~as directed by State Historic Preservation Division or other applicable laws and regulations,~~ including site avoidance, adequate buffer areas and interpretation. Particular attention should be directed toward the southern areas and shoreline of the planning region.

- **Everett Dowling made a motion to adopt Policy 2.5.10 as revised by the Planning Department, with "as directed by State Historic Preservation Division or other applicable laws and regulations" added back in; Tova Callender seconded the motion.** Following discussion, several friendly amendments and input from Planning staff and Corporation Counsel, **members came up with the following: "When wahi kūpuna or other historic properties are located within a project area, require restoration or preservation of the site(s) and require mitigation of potential adverse impacts on cultural resources during construction, in consultation with State Historic Preservation Division, Maui County Archeologist, Cultural practitioners, and Native Hawaiian Organization, including site avoidance, adequate buffer areas and interpretation. Particular attention should be directed toward the southern areas and shoreline of the planning region."** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (2:33:01 to 2:48:12)

2.5.?? | When wahi kūpuna or other historic properties are located adjacent to a project area, require mitigation of potential adverse impacts on cultural resources during construction, including site avoidance, and adequate buffer areas. Particular attention should be directed toward the southern areas and shoreline of the planning region.

- **Everett Dowling made a motion to adopt the Planning Department’s recommended additional policy in the same manner that Policy 2.5.10 was amended: “When wahi kūpuna or other historic properties are located adjacent to a project area, require mitigation of potential adverse impacts on cultural resources during construction in consultation with State Historic Preservation Division, Maui County Archeologist, Cultural practitioners, and Native Hawaiian Organization including site avoidance, and adequate buffer areas. Particular attention should be directed toward the southern areas and shoreline of the planning region.” Brian Ward seconded the motion. Following input from Planning staff, Everett amended his motion to add “within the same parcel” after “adjacent to a project area.” MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([2:48:41 to 2:51:11](#))**

2.5.11 | Protect and enhance wahi kūpuna during the implementation of transportation projects through early consultation and engagement with those who have genealogical or generational ties to the project area, resource management agencies, and the community.

- **Lehuanani Huddleston-Hafoka made a motion to adopt Policy 2.5.11; Mike Moran seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([2:51:20 to 2:55:59](#))**

NEXT MEETING IS ON FEBRUARY 15, 2023. MEETING ADJOURNED.

