

KONA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ACTION COMMITTEE

COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

MINUTES

MEETING DATE: June 24, 2009
TIME: 2:05 p.m.
PLACE: Council Conference Room
75-5706 Hanama Place, Suite 109
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740

ROLL CALL

1. Members Present: Michael Matsukawa, Maralyn Herkes, Bo Kahui, Kenneth Melrose, Robert Ward, Gretchen Lawson and Fritz Harris-Glade
2. Absent and Excused: Janice Palma-Glennie
3. County of Hawaii: Bobby Command (from 2:55 pm)
4. Planning Department: Susan Gagorik, Bennett Mark and Deanne Bugado
5. Public: Kylie Alexandra and Angie Gee

Chair Ken Melrose welcomed those in attendance and noted that there were no minutes to review and approve during this meeting but would be there next meeting.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Action Committee reviewed the proposed Operating Guidelines of the Kona Community Development Plan Action Committee and suggestions were made to make minor revisions to the proposed guidelines.

Action

It was moved by Bo Kahui, and seconded by Marni Herkes, to approve the Operating Guidelines as revised during discussion.

A roll call vote was taken and motion carried with seven ayes (Kahui, Herkes, Harris-Glade, Matsukawa, Ward, Lawson and Melrose) and one absent and excused (Palma-Glennie).

2. Susan Gagorik, Planner and Kylie Alexandra, (Community Planning Assistant) from Hilo conducted a brief presentation regarding the experiences and lessons learned during the initial implementation of the "Downtown Hilo, 2025"

The EnVision Downtown Hilo Plan adopted in 2005 and working the last 2 years on implementation. Susan and Kylie described the history, challenges and education that have been occurring with the implementation of the plan in the community. One big difference with the development of this plan is that the steering committee and further the Visionkeepers (action committee) were organized outside of government and the plan was adopted by resolution rather than by ordinance.

One of the foundations of the implementation process is the development of partnerships and community/government collaboration.

Suggestions were made that the Committee be open to the possibility of changing/adapting to differences that may happen. Such as needing to change the Operating Guidelines (it was pointed out that the Guidelines of the Visionkeepers have changed a number of times since inception). The most important aspect to keep in mind that there must be buy-in with the community to make implementation a success.

The Visionkeepers produced the first Annual Report in August 2007, then in April 2008 produce the Implementation Guide and most recently in December 2008 produce a Progress Report.

3. KCDP Implementation. The Action Committee agreed to postpone this item until the next meeting.
4. Planning Department Update.
 - a. Keohokalole Highway. Bobby Command provided the Committee with the status of highway project with a PowerPoint presentation.

The draft Environmental Assessment has been released and can be reviewed on the Office of Environmental Quality Control Website.

The design of the highway by Belt Collins is at 60% was shown to the committee. There are three milestones that the consultants are trying to meet. First, that 60% design of the project is completed by May 2009, Second that 90% of the design be completed by June 2009, and the final design be completed by of August 2009. The project has to be essentially completed, land purchased, Archeology completed by August 15, 2009. The project must be "Ready to Advertise" by October 15, 2009.

The Archeological study has been done specifically looking for burials and none have been found, although other archeological sights have been found (but are located outside of the road corridor). Similar sights that have been found have also been found in the neighboring Queen Lili'uokalani Trust lands that are better preserved and QLT will be creating a preserve for those sights. Important to note that the land that the road is located on was the personal lands of Queen Lili'uokalani and therefore there are few lineal descendants.

Action

It was moved by Fritz Harris-Glade, and seconded by Marni Herkes, to convey the unqualified support for the Environmental Assessment for this proposed project through a letter of support.

A roll call vote was taken and motion carried with seven ayes (Kahui, Herkes, Harris-Glade, Matsukawa, Ward, Lawson and Melrose) and one absent and excused (Palma-Glennie).

- b. County Road Projects: on behalf of Crysttal Atkins, Deanne Bugado provided the Committee with status of Kona Road Projects. (Please see the attached statement.)

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None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 4:25 p.m., it was moved by Marni Herkes and seconded by Bob Ward that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was unanimously carried by a voice vote of all Committee Members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanne Bugado, Planner

A T T E S T:

Ken Melrose, Chair

Kona Community Development Plan Action Committee