

BOARD OF APPEALS  
COUNTY OF HAWAII

HEARING TRANSCRIPT  
OCTOBER 10, 2008

The following is public testimony provided by ALICE GUILD regarding the appeal of WILLIAM L. GEORGE AND GAY P. GEORGE (BOA 08-000067) at 10:09 a.m., with Chairman Joel Gimpel presiding.

PRESENT: Joel Gimpel  
Charlene Hart  
Peter Hendricks  
Karen Maedo  
Kim Tavares

ABSENT & EXCUSED: David Drury

Renee Schoen, Counsel to the Board  
Alice Kawaha, Staff to the Board

And approximately 14 people from the public in attendance.

**PETITIONER: WILLIAM L. GEORGE AND GAY P. GEORGE (BOA 08-000067)**  
- Appeal of the Planning Director's Decision to Sign the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release dated April 10, 2008 with Derrick Liu and Sonia Liu. The matter relates to a previous appeal BOA 07-000046 relating to an operation of an "Amusement and Recreation Facility, Major Outdoor" (motorcycle and dirt bike race track) in an Agricultural District. The property consists of approximately 19.5 acres and is located on the south side of Kapuna Road, Ahualoa Homesteads, Hamakua, Hawai'i, TMK: (3) 4-6-8:24.

**GUILD:** Alice Guild, 46-3990 Puaono Road, Honokaa. We purchased a property about 17 years ago for our quiet retirement from Honolulu. And we have enjoyed our location in Ahualoa all of these years until recently when our quiet has been, as Gay said, shattered by the noise of a dirt bike track. Actually about a half a mile from us it sounds as if it's right next door because of the prevailing trade winds. Our weekends when we have our children and family over are usually disrupted by this noise. Our grandchildren are awoken from their naps, our horses become skittish, and I have been riding up on Kahana Road which is at least three miles from the site and my horse has reared when a backfire of one of these motorcycles has gone on.

Dirt bike racing is unbelievable in noise, with a constant revving and whining and backfiring. And Ahualoa is a residential neighborhood; and it just does not seem appropriate that one family's noisy recreation could be allowed to disturb so many families who would like to live in peace and quiet. Thank you.

**GIMPEL:** Are there any questions? None.

The discussion ended at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon M. Nomura, East Hawaii Secretary