

BOARD OF APPEALS
COUNTY OF HAWAII

HEARING TRANSCRIPT
OCTOBER 10, 2008

The following is public testimony provided by BEVERLY KALANI regarding the appeal of WILLIAM L. GEORGE AND GAY P. GEORGE (BOA 08-000067) at 10:13 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.

KALANI: My name is Beverly Kalani. My address is 44-2017 Paauiilo, and I'm a friend of Mr. and Mrs. George. And I was there about three Wednesdays ago about 11 o'clock in the morning and I heard this incredible noise that actually scared me. I was inside their house and I was told that those were the dirt bikes. It was deafening. It was so loud. And I can totally relate because our neighbors in Paauiilo Mauka also have a dirt bike track. And they are on those bikes every day, on weekends, and even at 11 o'clock at night one time, and the adults didn't even know that they were on their bikes and ATVs at that time. There are two families; and not only are they racing on their property but they're also racing up and down the hills on an off-island neighbor's property. And they also take their bikes and ATVs out on the county roads and abuse them, too. There's a little 4-year old boy on the ATV out on the County road; and it's just a real bad safety issue. And we have horses and dogs and these bikes scare the horses, they go running around. And somebody, or someone, or an animal is going to get hurt one of these days. And it's, and then now they have a race car to add to the whole thing, and they skid and squeal their race car out the driveway on the road. So it's just like they're so abusive and they, one thing just leads to another. They have no respect for the land, the animals, the

neighbors; and it's just a very, very bad situation. I'm afraid that if this is approved these people will get away with it, it's just going to be contagious as it already seems to be. Thank you.

GIMPEL: Are there any questions? Thank you.

The discussion ended at 10:14a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon M. Nomura, East Hawaii Secretary