

BOARD OF APPEALS
COUNTY OF HAWAII

HEARING TRANSCRIPT
OCTOBER 10, 2008

The following is public testimony provided by DICK THRELFALL regarding the appeal of WILLIAM L. GEORGE AND GAY P. GEORGE (BOA 08-000067) at 10:11 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.

THRELFALL: My name is Dick Threlfall. I live at 46-3529 Kawela Place, Honokaa. My wife and I are the owners of the Hawaii Island Goat Dairy, which is a cheese producing farmstead goat cheese facility. I am a friend of Bill George. I do not hear the noise of the dirt track from my property, not from the ATVs, on his property. But being a friend of his I've been to his house many, many times and the noise is incredible. I mean it's deafening. In fact, my son and his wife were going to come and stay at the George's, they live on the mainland, but because of the noise they decided not to come and not to stay there anyway because it would disrupt their quiet time that they wanted here. What I'm worried about is that if this is passed in such a way that anybody can have a dirt track in their back yard, it will severely impact my position because my neighbors have ATVs. They do not have a track, they're very good so far. But if it's possible for them to put a track in and start making this kind of noise, it would severely impact our business. Thank you.

GIMPEL: Are there any questions? All right, thank you.

The discussion ended at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon M. Nomura, East Hawaii Secretary