

BOARD OF APPEALS
COUNTY OF HAWAII

HEARING TRANSCRIPT
NOVEMBER 14, 2008

The following is public testimony provided by **GAYLE LEONARDI** regarding the appeal of **KOHALA PRESERVE CONSERVATION TRUST, LLC (BOA 08-000070)** was called to order at 10:29 a.m. in the West Hawai'i Mayor's Office, Conference Room, 75-5706 Kuakini Highway, Suite 103, Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i, with Chairman Joel Gimpel presiding.

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

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: David Drury

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

Joel Kam, Esq. representing Appellant
Christopher Yuen, Planning Director
Amy Self representing Planning Director

And three people from the public in attendance.

PETITIONER: KOHALA PRESERVE CONSERVATION TRUST, LLC (BOA 08-000070) - Continued hearing, including consideration on the Petition to Intervene filed by Kamakani O Kohala Ohana (KAKO`O), on the Appeal of Decision by the Planning Director dated July 3, 2008, to defer action on the application for proposed subdivision and approval of preliminary plat map. The project area consists of approximately 365.5 acres and is located in the vicinity and north of Mahukona Harbor, Kapaaunui, Kou, Kamano, and Mahukona, North Kohala, Hawai'i, TMK: (3) 5-7-2:11, 5-7-3:3 and 10.

LEONARDI: Good morning; and thank you for this opportunity to have our voices from Kohala heard. My name is Gayle Leonardi. My physical address is 55-581 Hawi Road in Hawi, and I've been a resident for over 15 years. I would like the Board to be aware that the land at Mahukona that is the subject of this subdivision controversy is listed as No. 3 for priority purchase for public use by the County of Hawaii. I am herewith submitting a copy of the County Commission report identifying Mahukona for public purchase. I urge you all. There are sufficient copies to go around. And just to echo Marty Halbritter's comments, I would like to say that I have had countless happy times at Mahukona and I'm very sadden by the deterioration and lack of care that it has suffered over the last ten or so years. Please give us back our living room.

The testimony concluded at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon M. Nomura, East Hawai'i Secretary