

BOARD OF APPEALS
COUNTY OF HAWAII

HEARING TRANSCRIPT
NOVEMBER 14, 2008

The following is public testimony provided by HAP TALLMAN regarding the appeal of **KOHALA PRESERVE CONSERVATION TRUST, LLC (BOA 08-000070)** was called to order at 10:31 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, Kapaunui, Kou, Kamano, and Mahukona, North Kohala, Hawai'i, TMK: (3) 5-7-2:11, 5-7-3:3 and 10.

TALLMAN: My name is Hap Tallman. My address is 53-350 Old Halaula Mill Road in Kapaau area, Halaula. And I'm just representing myself. But I would like to offer to the Board a number of, these are all the same, reports on going back to 1990 of activities, actually back to 1988 according to this one petition, the efforts and projects and petitions that have gone, working backwards from this year all the way back to 1990. And to reiterate what I think Lucy said there has been but one opportunity in 1993 when there was a bit of like a town meeting where the public was invited to put their input into.

I've lived in Kohala for 20 years. I'm a cabinet maker and woodworker; and I had leased a house at Maukona on the wharf for a few years back in the mid 1990's. And like Marty said, the whole park had been much, much nicer at the time; and it's probably an issue with the Parks and Recreation. That's probably their problem more than your problem. But I've seen it gone from a very nice place for people to go down to and have parties and family reunions and meetings

and musical venue at the pavilion to this place that's just about fallen over. We've had to go down a few times and kind of sneaked in and shore up the pavilion, just so we'd have a place to be able to have our parties and our gettogethers.

And Mahukona has been a very dear place in my heart. It was one of the first places I came to. I put my boat in the water there, we swim there. The years I had the house there, thanks to Chalon who had leased me the place, I saw many, many families come down on weekends. And it's a good family place for everybody across the board, locals, visitors, tourists, campers. I would just hate to see it evolve to a place where you'd have to go through a guard shack and be told that there's no parking spots to be able to go down, like Mauna Kea, Kukio, Four Seasons. And like Lucy I think had said once it changes it's forever, it becomes locked up and it becomes one less place to go and have a good time. And very much I want to thank you folks for your efforts to listen to us and to listen to our request. Thank you.

And this is a video of the coastline, this is a whole bunch of petitions; but mostly it's offered up in this article here. Thank you.

The testimony concluded at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon M. Nomura, East Hawai'i Secretary