

BOARD OF APPEALS
COUNTY OF HAWAII

HEARING TRANSCRIPT
SEPTEMBER 14, 2007

The following is a public statement provided by RANDY BOTTI regarding the appeal of **JAN R. HERRON-WHITEHEAD AND LAVERNE TILL (BOA 07-000048)** at 10:09 a.m. in the West Hawai'i Mayor's Office, Conference Room, 75-5706 Kuakini Highway, Suite 103, Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i, with Chairman Valta A. Cook presiding.

PRESENT: Valta A. Cook
Peter Hendricks
Joel Gimpel
Diane Gentry
Kim Tavares

ABSENT & EXCUSED: David Drury
Kelly Ann Soo

Ivan Torigoe, Counsel to the Board
Alice Kawaha, Staff to the Board

And 10 people from the public in attendance

PETITIONERS: JAN R. HERRON-WHITEHEAD AND LAVERNE TILL (BOA 07-000048) - Appeal of Final Subdivision Approval (SUB 04-000221) granted by the Planning Director dated May 8, 2007, for Luala'i at Parker Ranch Phase 3. The subject project area is located to the southwest of the Waimea Shopping Center, Waikoloa and Pu'ukapu, South Kohala, Hawai'i, TMK: (3) 6-7-2:57, 58 & 60.

COOK: Mr. Botti, would you want to lead off here today?

BOTTI: Yes, most definitely. It's special I get to go first.

COOK: Okay, come up and take a seat.

BOTTI: I know quite a few of you. And I realize this thing why people much smarter than myself have settled this thing, so let's all those people deal with that. I'm more of a people person, so I work -. My name is Randy Botti. I'm the president of the Luala'i Community Association. I reside at 67-1263 La'ikealoha in the Luala'i community. I represent the over 100 homeowners of the Luala'i at Parker Ranch Community. It was represented to us when we purchased our homes that the reference connector road mauka of our community would be built as part of the initial phase of construction of Phase III of Luala'i at Parker Ranch.

This connector road would provide residents a second way out of Luala'i in an emergency. Presently, Mamalahoa Highway is frequently a traffic bottleneck though Waimea town. The connector road would give residents a quick way to access North Hawaii Community Hospital. Additionally, this new access would be a safer way for a keiki to walk to Parker Ranch Center and to Waimea YMCA for out of school activities as well as offer other residents an option to walk to town without having to walk on the highway.

Finally, one of the immediate primary reasons why the homeowners and residents would like to see the connector road completed now is that it could be used as an access road for construction vehicles for Phases III and IV of Luala'i at Parker Ranch. Currently, all construction vehicles drive through our neighborhood on the same streets our kids go to and from school, on the same streets that our residents walk, and on the same streets that kids play, skateboard, bike, everything else; and we have construction vehicles zigzagging through the community. The Luala'i Community Association Board of Directors spends a considerable amount of time dealing with complaints about speeding and safety concerns regarding construction and contractor employee vehicles. Currently, there is only one contractor work on the site; very soon when they start going vertical and actually building homes, there will be dozens of construction trucks and worker vehicles driving through the center of our neighborhoods daily.

Therefore, it is the position of the Luala'i Community that this connector road be completed, and quickly. Mahalo for the opportunity to share the concerns of the people most affected by this connector road being built.

COOK: Thank you, Mr. Botti.

BOTTI: Mahalo.

COOK: I appreciate your coming and giving us your -.

BOTTI: My pleasure.

The statement ended at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Noriko Sauer
West Hawai'i Secretary