

BOARD OF APPEALS
COUNTY OF HAWAII

HEARING TRANSCRIPT
OCTOBER 12, 2007

The following is a public statement provided by STACY DISNEY regarding the appeal of **DERRICK AND SONIA LIU (BOA 07-000046)** at 10:12 a.m. in the County of Hawaii, Aupuni Center Conference Room, 101 Pauahi Street, Hilo, Hawai'i, with Chairman Valta A. Cook presiding.

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

ABSENT & EXCUSED: Kelly Ann Soo

Brooks Bancroft, Counsel to the Board
Alice Kawaha, Staff to the Board

And 25 people from the public in attendance

PETITIONER: DERRICK AND SONIA LIU (BOA 07-000046) - Appeal of Decision by the Planning Director dated March 19, 2007 First Recurring Violation (ZCV 06-019E) relating to 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.

COOK: Well, I believe the next speaker is Stacy Disney. Would you please come forward and introduce yourself, and give us your address and the case you're appearing for? And then give us your comments.

DISNEY: Good morning. I'm Stacy Disney. I'm living and working in Ahualoa. I sell real estate for Lava Rock Realty in Kamuela. I moved to Ahualoa approximately 2 years ago mainly for the main fact that my neighbors are 5 acres away. It's nice; you don't hear blenders, you don't hear sneezing. Race track next door, I would hear. My clients would hear, my children would hear, my animals would hear. And this is something that I feel is threatening to future values of real estate in the Ahualoa area. My clients move there for the peace and quiet. And for any reason a race track would go in, it would set precedent for any other Ag property on the Big Island. If I had done a listing presentation for any properties bordering this particular property a year ago – or let me take that back – two years ago before the dirt track, I believe, had occurred, that property value would be substantially higher than today. Precedent is set. If we allow this dirt track, it could be in your backyard. Please take this into consideration. I am in great fear for future values of Ahualoa, its entire mountain side. I can hear it, my neighbors can hear it. And that's just with 1 or 2 dirt bikes right now. Thank you.

COOK: Okay, thank you, Ms. Disney.

The statement ended at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Noriko Sauer
West Hawai'i Secretary