

BOARD OF APPEALS
COUNTY OF HAWAII

HEARING TRANSCRIPT
OCTOBER 12, 2007

The following is a public statement provided by PAM ELSNER regarding the appeal of **DERRICK AND SONIA LIU (BOA 07-000046)** at 10:06 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: Okay, the second one I have here is Pam Elsner. And if you could come up, give us your name, address and the case that you are speaking in relation to, we'd appreciate it.

ELSNER: My name is -.

COOK: I'm sorry. Would you come and sit and get one of those microphones, so we can hear you, okay? Go ahead.

ELSNER: My name is Pamela Elsner. I live in Ahualoa, and I am here with Mr. George. And it's a case regarding the dirt biking in Ahualoa.

COOK: Okay. Do you have any comments you wanted to make or references?

ELSNER: Not right now at this time, but perhaps I would later on, if -.

COOK: Okay, okay. Just -.

COOK: Is Mr. George an intervenor?

BRILHANTE: The one that talked before?

DRURY: No.

COOK: Mr. George -.

GENTRY: This is the only time they have to talk -.

COOK: I don't think so. We don't have an intervenor in this case do we?

GENTRY: Yeah.

ELSNER: This is the only time? Oh.

GIMPEL: Unless you're going to testify.

ELSNER: Oh, no. Oh, no. Okay, well, then I'll just say that I really do fully support Mr. George's case on the dirt biking situation in Ahualoa and the noise pollution that it causes, and it is very disrupting to the lives of people that are in the surrounding areas and people that have animals. It's disrupting, the noise factor is disrupting to the neighbors and to people with animals, people who work with horses, and it gets very dangerous with the horses. And we would like to keep, I'm in support of keeping Ahualoa the very serene safe place that it is. And all the places in this island, I would just like to say that there are so many places that I feel are more conducive to have a dirt bike track rather than in our neighborhood where it's safe for the people that are participating in that sport. And that's all I have to say at this time.

COOK: Okay, thank you, Ms. Elsner. We appreciate your appearing here today.

The statement ended at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Noriko Sauer
West Hawai'i Secretary