

LEEWARD PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

HEARING TRANSCRIPT
JUNE 30, 2009

A regularly advertised hearing on **COUNTY COUNCIL'S BILL NO. 64 ON WINDWARD AND LEEWARD PLANNING COMMISSIONS** was called to order at 9:53 a.m. in the Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort and Spa, Keauhou Ballroom, 78-128 'Ehukai Street, Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i with Chairman Rodney Watanabe presiding.

PRESENT: Rodney Watanabe
Brandi Beaudet
Lani Bowman
Geraldine Giffin
Frederic Housel
Wayne Iokepa
Warren Lee, Public Works Director – Ex Officio Member

Bill Brillhante, Deputy Corporation Counsel
BJ Leithead Todd, Planning Director
Jeff Darrow, Staff Planner
Maija Cottle, Staff Planner
Bennett Mark, Planning Program Manager, Kona Office
Deanne Bugado, Planner, Kona Office
Merrick Nishimoto, Engineering Division, Department of Public Works

And approximately 30 people from the public in attendance

INITIATOR: COUNTY COUNCIL (BILL NO. 64)

Amendment to Chapters 23 (Subdivision Code) and 25 (Zoning Code) and other chapters of the Hawaii County Code to conform to the recent Charter Amendment creating the Leeward and Windward Planning Commissions.

WATANABE: The first agenda item, the initiator is the County Council and it's Bill No. 64. So with that, I'll turn it over to you, Maija.

COTTLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good morning, everyone.

COMMISSIONERS: Good morning.

COTTLE: I just want to welcome Commissioner Iokepa and Commissioner Beaudet to the Planning Commission. The first item is basically a housekeeping amendment that was initiated by County Council to revise the County Code, specifically the Subdivision Code and the Zoning Code, to replace any reference to one Planning Commission to now the Leeward Planning Commission and the Windward Planning Commission. And the Planning Department

is recommending that a favorable recommendation be sent to County Council for this amendment.

WATANABE: Thank you, Maija. Fellow Commissioners, do we have any questions of staff? Doesn't look like it. Just to be sure, we didn't have anyone signed up to testify for this, right?

COTTLE: No.

WATANABE: Thank you. Okay. Then if we have no question of staff, I believe a motion will be in order unless we need some discussion. Would anyone care to make a motion? Mr. Housel.

HOUSEL: Yes, I'd like to -. Can you hear this? I'd like to make a motion that we accept Bill No. 64, amendment to Chapters 23, the Subdivision Code, and 25, the Zoning Code, and other chapters of the Hawai'i County Code to conform to the recent Charter Amendment creating the Leeward and Windward Planning Commissions.

WATANABE: Is there a second to that motion?

GIFFIN: Sure, I'll second.

WATANABE: Thank you, Ms. Giffin. Okay, so it's been moved and seconded that we approve this bill. Maija?

COTTLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll take the roll. Commissioner Housel?

HOUSEL: Aye.

COTTLE: Commissioner Giffin?

GIFFIN: Aye.

COTTLE: Commissioner Beaudet?

BEAUDET: Aye.

COTTLE: Commissioner Bowman?

BOWMAN: Aye.

COTTLE: Commissioner Iokepa?

IOKEPA: Aye.

COTTLE: And Mr. Chairman?

WATANABE: Aye.

COTTLE: The motion passes, six-zero.

WATANABE: Okay, thank you.

The discussion ended at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Noriko Sauer, Secretary
Leeward Planning Commission