

LAND USE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 26, 2015- 9:30 a.m.
Leiopapa A Kamehameha Bldg. Room#405
Honolulu, HI 96813

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chad McDonald
Arnold Wong
Kent Hiranaga
Aaron Mahi
Jonathan Scheuer
Linda Estes

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Edmund Aczon
(There are currently 7 seated Commissioners out of 9 positions)

LUC STAFF PRESENT: Daniel Orodener, Executive Officer
Diane Erickson, Deputy Attorney General
Bert Saruwatari, Staff Planner
Riley Hakoda, Staff Planner/Chief Clerk

COURT REPORTER: Holly Hackett

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McDonald called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair McDonald asked if there were any corrections or additions to the June 9, 2015 minutes. There were no corrections or comments. Commissioner Wong moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Mahi seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote (6-0).

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE

Executive Officer Orodener provided the following:

- The regular tentative meeting schedule has been distributed in the handout material for the Commissioners.
- The A89-643 McClean Honokohau Properties hearing that was to be heard in Kona on the Big Island is awaiting rescheduling.
- HCPO Conference is scheduled for October 14-16 and there is tentatively a meeting set for October 16, 2015.
- No meetings are currently scheduled for July or August.
- Any questions or conflicts, please contact LUC staff.

There were no further questions and comments regarding the tentative meeting schedule.

ACTION- ADOPTION OF ORDER -SP15-406 KAWAIILOA SOLAR LLC, (O`ahu)

Chair McDonald stated that this was a meeting on Docket No. **SP15-406 KAWAIILOA SOLAR LLC, (O`ahu)** to adopt the form of the order for a new Special Permit Application to construct a 50-megawatt photovoltaic (PV) energy generation facility and accessory uses and structures on lands rated Class A, B, C by the Land Study Bureau. TMK 6-1-005: Portion of 1 and 6-1-006: Portion of 1 and updated the record.

APPEARANCES

Randall Sakumoto, Esq., and Marguerite Nozaki, Esq., for Petitioner Kawaiiloa Solar, LLC (“LLC”)

Wren Wescoatt, LLC Representative

Richard Lewallen, Esq., for City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting (“DPP”)

Bryan Yee, Esq. for State Office of Planning (“OP”)

Rodney Funakoshi, Land Use Administrator, OP

PUBLIC TESTIMONY- DOCKET NO. SP15-405

Chair McDonald asked if there were any Public Witnesses who wished to testify.

PUBLIC WITNESSES

None

Chair McDonald asked if the Parties had any final comments. Mr. Sakumoto, DPP and OP had none.

Commission Wong moved to approve the form of the order for Docket No. SP15-406. Commissioner Estes seconded the motion. There was no discussion.

The Commissioners voted as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Wong, Estes, Mahi, Scheuer, Hiranaga, and Chair McDonald.

Nays: None

Excused: Commissioners Aczon

By a vote of 6-0-1 excused (7 Commissioners are currently seated) the motion was approved.

Chair McDonald declared a recess at 9:42 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

Commissioner Wong requested that, if possible, OP provide a status report on its Land Use Study efforts at the next LUC meeting. Chair McDonald acknowledged the request and Mr. Funakoshi responded that OP would comply.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair McDonald stated that the next agenda item was an Executive Session to discuss LUC personnel matters (pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes § 92-5(3), to consider the hire, evaluation, dismissal, or discipline of an officer or employee where consideration of matters affecting privacy will be involved). Commissioner Wong moved and Commissioner Scheuer seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session.

The Commission entered Executive Session at 9:51 a.m. and reconvened at 10:14 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair McDonald at 10:15 a.m.