

LAND USE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
September 23, 2016
1:00 p.m.
Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort and Spa
Grand Ballroom
1571 Poipu Rd, Koloa, HI 96756

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Edmund Aczon
Gary Okuda
Kent Hiranaga
Aaron Mahi
Jonathan Scheuer
Linda Estes
Nancy Cabral
Dawn Chang

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Arnold Wong

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

COURT REPORTER: Jean McManus

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Aczon called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Aczon stated that the approval of the minutes for the previous meeting would be deferred till the next meeting.

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 October 12-13, 2016 meeting is scheduled for Docket No. A81-525 Y-O Limited's Motion for Satisfaction of Condition for Affordable Housing.
- November 9-10, 2016 will involve the remand hearings on A89-649 Lanai Resort Partners.
- November 15-16, 2016 are reserved for A89-649 Lanai Resort Partners remand hearings.
- The remaining meeting dates are awaiting scheduling.
- Any questions or conflicts, please contact LUC staff.

ADOPTION OF ORDER – DR16-56 Robinson Family Partners, (Kaua`i)

Petition for Declaratory Order to Designate Important Agricultural Lands for approximately 20,888 acres at Makaweli, Kaua`i, Hawai`i; TMK (4) 1-7-001-001 (por.), (4) 1-7-001-009, (4) 1-7-005-002 (por.), (4) 1-7-005- 009 (por.), (4) 1-7-006:004 (por.), (4) 1-7-006: 005, (4) 1-7-006:006 (por.), (4) 1-8-001: 001 (por.)

Chair Aczon stated that this was a meeting on Docket No. DR 16-56 Robinson Family Partners Petition for Declaratory Order to Designate Important Agricultural Lands for approximately 20,888 acres at Makaweli, Kaua`i.

APPEARANCES

Benjamin Matsubara, Esq. and Curtis Tabata, Esq., for Petitioner Robinson Family Partners (“RFP”)

Jodi Higuchi, Esq., for Kaua`i County Planning Department (“County”)

Michael Dahilig, Planning Director, County

Leanora Kaiaokamalie, Planner, County

Dawn Takeuchi Apuna, Esq. for State Office of Planning (“OP”)

Rodney Funakoshi, Land Use Administrator, OP

Chair Aczon updated the record and noted that Commissioners Cabral and Mahi did not attend the September 20, 2016 continuation of the September 7th meeting, but had received the meeting materials and transcript. Chair Aczon asked both Commissioners if they had reviewed the materials and transcripts and were prepared to participate in the proceedings. Both Commissioners Cabral and Mahi responded that they had and were prepared to participate.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

There was no Public Testimony.

ACTION

Commissioner Estes moved to adopt the form of the order. Commissioner Chang seconded the motion. Chair Aczon asked Mr. Orodener to poll the Commission.

The Commission unanimously voted to approve the form of the order (8-0-1 excused).

BLUE ZONE PRESENTATION

Chair Aczon asked Mr. Orodenker to introduce the Presenters Daniel Burden and Samantha Thomas. Mr. Orodenker described the mission of the BLUE ZONE organization and discussed why he thought the presentation would be beneficial for the Commission when deliberating on future dockets. Mr. Burden and Ms. Thomas proceeded with their presentation and fielded questions and comments from the Commission at the conclusion of their talk.

Chair Aczon thanked the speakers and asked if there was any further business.

There being no further business, Chair Aczon adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.