### SPECIAL PERMIT

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## LIST OF EXHIBITS: NULLIFY SMA USE PERMIT NO. 38 AND TO DELETE CONDITION NOS. 2, 3 & 5 OF SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 77-276 (LUC 371)

- A. Letter to petitioner from department, 2/20/80
- B. Letter to department from petitioner, 2/28/80
- C. Letter to petitioner from department, 3/7/80
- D. Letter to petitioner from department, 3/28/80
- D-1. Public Hearing Notice
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PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Department County of Hawaii

HEARING TRANSCRIPT April 10, 1980

A regularly advertised public hearing on the requests by Kona Farmers Cooperative was called to order at 11:00 a.m. in the First Hawaiian Bank Meeting Room, Kailua, North Kona, Hawaii, with Chairman William J. Paris, Jr. presiding.

PRESENT: William J. Paris, Jr. ABSE

Glenn Frias Clyde Imada Roy Kagawa Bert Nakano

Fred Orita Charles H. Sakamoto

Norman Hayashi, Planner Brian Nishimura, Planner

ABSENT & George Ponte EXCUSED: Tina Whitmarsh

Ex-officio Member
Edward Harada
Ex-officio Member
H. William Sewake
Deputy Corporation
Ben Tsukazaki

and approximately 10 people in attendance

CHAIRMAN: We'd like to begin now with the public hearings scheduled for ll:00 a.m. The first item is a public hearing on the requests by Kona Farmers Cooperative to nullify Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit No. 38 and to delete condition nos. 2, 3 and 5 of Special Permit No. 77-276 which allowed the establishment of the existing non-conforming coffee processing plant within the State Land Use Agricultural District. The property involved is located along the north side of Napoopoo Road, Kahauloa, South Kona, TMK: 8-2-08:46. Staff?

HAYASHI: (Presented recommendation to nullify SMA Use Permit No. 38 and to retain condition no. 2 and delete condition nos. 3 and 5 of Special Permit No. 77-276, on file.)

CHAIRMAN: Norman, we don't have a map of this particular area, do we? I'm just interested in the SMA line, whereabouts in that particular area? I don't have my General Plan book with me today.

HAYASHI: From my recollection, I think the SMA line extends slightly beyond the coffee mill property.

CHAIRMAN: Was that because of the Kealakekua Bay archaeological and historical district? Are you using the boundary of that?

HAYASHI: That is correct, yes.

CHAIRMAN: But that was just removed from the register recently by the Board of Land and Natural Resources. I'm just wondering if we're going to readjust our line in the future.

HAYASHI: Well, that matter would have to be taken up at a separate time since it would also require Commission's action.

CHAIRMAN: Okay, thank you. You've heard the Farmers Cooperative's requests, and Norman has indicated that the Department would like to retain condition number two. Have you any discussion or any questions you'd like to ask of the staff?

KAGAWA: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Kagawa.

KAGAWA: Norman, this condition number two, in the event they would like to construct any other improvements in the future, would they have to come back to this Commission?

HAYASHI: For an SMA, that is correct, yes; but not under the Special Permit. The Special Permit covers the entire property. So, if, in the future, they wanted to construct say, again, another coffee storage facility, then they would not have to go through the Special Permit process; but, they would have to obtain a Special Management Area Use Permit from the Planning Commission.

KAGAWA: And at that time condition number two can be imposed, no?

HAYASHI: Well, technically, even if we didn't impose that condition, they still would have to come in for an SMA. But just to keep the record straight, we felt that it should be kept in there.

CHAIRMAN: Okay, any other questions, Commissioners, before we call the applicant forward? If not, is the applicant or his representative present? Will you raise your right hand please. Do you swear to tell the truth in the testimony you're about to give on this application now before the Hawaii County Planning Commission?

CITRON: I do.

CHAIRMAN: Will you state your name into the microphone for the record please.

CITRON: My name is Jeff Citron, and I'm the acting general manager of the Kona Farmers Cooperative.

CHAIRMAN: Jeff Citron?

CITRON: Yes.

CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Do you have anything that you would like to add or any questions you may have of the staff? You've heard their report and recommendation to maintain condition number two?

CITRON: I'm fairly new in my position and I'm not completely brought up-to-date on this and our attorney isn't here at this time; but my major concern is if we do make improvements to the plan, like additional buildings or anything like that, then we have to come before the Board again as far as, if he can explain what SMA means?

HAYASHI: Okay, the SMA is the Special Management Area established by this Planning Commission; and for any future improvements, you would have to, yes, you would have to come before this Planning Commission for approval. However, the, actually, one is an SMA Use Permit, the other is a Special Permit. The Special Permit is also granted by the Planning Commission.

And in this particular case, under the old procedure, the Land Use Commission ratified the original Special Permit. But what this Special Permit does is establish the entire property as a coffee processing facility; so, in that case, you don't have to come in for a Special Permit application. But as far as any improvements, future improvements, you would have to come before the Planning Commission for an SMA Use Permit.

CITRON: Well, is that on existing buildings themselves or new buildings?

HAYASHI: No, any new buildings.

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CHAIRMAN: Does that answer your question and are you agreeable to same?

CITRON: Yes, I am.

CHAIRMAN: Okay, Commissioners. If not, thank you very much. In other words, Norman, what you are recommending today, our action on condition number five, we'd have to send a favorable recommendation to the Land Use Commission?

HAYASHI: Yes, that is correct. In fact, we'll just send conditions three and five to the Land Use Commission for their ratification.

CHAIRMAN: Commissioners, you've heard staff's recommendation. They recommend that we retain condition number two and that we approve of the deletion, I mean, send a favorable recommendation to the State Land Use Commission for the deletion of conditions three and five. What is your pleasure?

ORITA: I so move, Mr. Chairman. You want me to state the motion?

CHAIRMAN: Yes.

ORITA: Mr. Chairman -.

CHAIRMAN: Oh, and we'd be nullifying SMA Use Permit No. 38?

HAYASHI: Yes. I think that would be the first thing to do.

CHAIRMAN: First action then will be to nullify SMA, oh, excuse me. Is there anybody here from the public that would

like to give testimony on this matter now before us? If not, a motion in order would be to close the public hearing.

IMADA:

So move, Mr. Chairman.

ORITA:

Second the motion.

CHAIRMAN:

Moved by Commissioner Imada, seconded by Commis-

sioner Orita. All those in favor signify by saying aye?

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN:

Oppose, same sign? Public hearing is closed.

On SMA Use Permit No. 38, it was moved by Commissioner Orita and seconded by Commissioner Imada that it be nullified. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried with seven ayes.

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Also on Special Permit No. 77-276, it was moved by Commissioner Imada and seconded by Commissioner Frias to retain condition no. 2. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried with seven ayes.

The public hearing adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon M. Nomura Secretary

Irma Sumera Secretary Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Chairman / Planning Commission

William J. Paris, Jr.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Department County of Hawaii

MINUTES April 10, 1980

The Planning Commission met in regular session at 10:10 a.m. in the First Hawaiian Bank Meeting Room, Kailua, North Kona, Hawaii, with Chairman William J. Paris, Jr. presiding.

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Sidney M. Fuke, Director (Left at 10:50 a.m. and returned at 11:43 a.m.) Norman Hayashi, Planner Brian Nishimura, Planner

ABSENT & George Ponte EXCUSED: Tina Whitmarsh

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Deputy Corporation
Ben Tsukazaki

and approximately 21 people at 10:10 a.m. and 10 people at 11:00 a.m. were in attendance

MINUTES: It was moved by Commissioner Sakamoto and seconded by Commissioner Orita that the minutes of March 27, 1980, be approved as circulated, with the correction on page 15, line 6, to read 1978 instead of 1979. Motion was carried.

All those testifying were duly sworn in.

PDP
HASEGAWA KOMUTEN
(USA), INC.
PUAPUAA,
NORTH KONA

Action on the application of Hasegawa Komuten (USA), Inc. for a Planned Development Permit (PDP) to allow the development of an 87-unit condominium project. The area involved is located along the makai side of Alii Drive, adjacent and to the

north or Kailua side of the Kona Riviera Villa, Puapuaa, North Kona, TMK: 7-5-20:16 and 59.

As the background report and recommendation were presented at the Commission's March 13th meeting, it was moved by Commissioner Imada and seconded by Commissioner Sakamoto that the Commission waive the reading of the background report and recommendation. Motion was carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Sakamoto and seconded by Commissioner Imada that the application be approved for the reasons and with the conditions as recommended by the staff. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried with five ayes (Commissioners Frias, Imada, Kagawa, Nakano and Sakamoto) and two noes (Commissioner Orita and Chairman Paris).

SMA USE PERMIT
NO. 38 AND SPECIAL
PERMIT NO. 77-276
KONA FARMERS
COOPERATIVE
KAHAULOA,
SOUTH KONA

Public hearing on the requests by Kona Farmers Cooperative to nullify Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit No. 38 and to delete condition nos. 2, 3 and 5 of Special Permit No. 77-276 which allowed the establishment of the existing nonconforming coffee processing plant within the State Land Use Agricultural District. The property involved is located along the north

side of Napoopoo Road, Kahauloa, South Kona, TMK: 8-2-08:46.

Staff presented recommendation to nullify SMA Use Permit No. 38 and retain condition no. 2 and delete condition nos. 3 and 5 of Special Permit No. 77-276, on file.

After the staff's explanation that in order to construct any other improvements in the future an SMA Use Permit would be required and not a Special Permit, which already covers the entire property as a coffee processing facility, the petitioner's representative, Jeff Citron, stated they were agreeable with the staff's recommendation.

There was no one testifying on the application.

It was moved by Commissioner Imada and seconded by Commissioner Orita that the public hearing be closed. Motion was carried.

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SPECIAL PERMIT
KONA BAPTIST
CHURCH
KEAUHOU 1ST,
NORTH KONA

Public hearing on the application of Kona Baptist Church for a Special Permit to allow the construction of a church educational building on 2.4 acres of land situated within the State Land Use Agricultural District. The property involved is the

District. The property involved is the site of the existing Kona Baptist Church at the corner of the Kuakini Highway-Puuloa Subdivision Road, Keauhou lst, North Kona, TMK: 7-8-07:60.

Staff presented background, comments from the State Department of Transportation and Department of Water Supply, and recommendation for approval with conditions, as amended, on file.

For the Commission's information, staff pointed out that the building will be used for Sunday school classes and also as a day care center for which its use has already been approved;

# RECORD OF VOTING PLANNING COMMISSION County of Hawaii

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Kona Farmers Cooperative has submitted requests to nullify Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit No. 38 and to delete Condition Nos. 2, 3 and 5 of Special Permit No. 77-276. The property involved is the site of Kona Farmers Cooperative existing complex located along the north side of Napoopoo Road, Kahauloa, South Kona, TMK: 8-2-08:46.

SMA Use Permit No. 38 granted by the Planning Commission on August 25, 1977, allowed the petitioner to construct a new coffee storage building and related improvements. The petitioner stated that they will not construct the new coffee storage building due to economic considerations, as such, is requesting the nullification of the SMA Use Permit.

Special Permit No. 77-276 was granted to the petitioner by the State Land Use Commission &n October 25, 1977, to legitimize the non-conforming coffee processing plant on its 4.4 acres of land situated within the State Land Use Agricultural District. The Planning Commission recommended the approval of this Special Permit request. This application was processed simultaneously with the previously mentioned SMA Use Permit. As such, the following conditions, among others, relative to the construction of the new coffee storage building were imposed as part of the Special Permit approval:

Condition No. 2: That all existing requirements, such as the Special Management Area Use Permit, shall be complied with.

Condition No. 3: That through the Special Permit procedures, certain County Zoning requirements may be waived. In this case, the petitioner intends to construct a new coffee storage building with a fifteen (15) foot front yard setback in lieu of the required thirty (30) feet. This setback variance is hereby granted provided that the building setback at a minimum of 15 feet from the front property line.

Condition No. 5: That construction of the new coffee storage building commence within one (1) year from the effective date of approval of the Special Permit.

Since the petitioner does not intend to construct the new coffee storage building, they are requesting that the above-mentioned conditions be deleted.

It should be pointed out that although the Special Permit covers an area less than 15 acres (4.4 acres), since Condition No. 5 originated with the State Land Use Commission, should the request be favorably considered by the Planning Commission, it would have to be forwarded to the LUC for its ratification and final approval.

In regards to the request to nullify SMA Use Permit No. 38, staff has no objections.

Since the petilitioner does not intend to construct the new coffee storage building, and since Condition Nos. 3 and 5 of SP 77-276 relate to the construction of that building, we also have no objections. We therefore recommend the approval for the deletion of Condition Nos. 3 and 5.

As far as Condition No. 2 is concerned, since the property is situated within the SMA, we feel that this condition should be retained. Since the Special Permit established the entire 4.4-acre property under the Special Permit, any future improvements must comply with existing regulations. As such, should the petitioner intend to construct any other improvements in the future, the requirements of the SMA Rules and Regulations must be complied with. We therefore feel that Condition No. 2 is still appropriate.

March 28, 1980

Mr. Sotero Bailado Kona Farmers Cooperative P. O. Box 303 Capt, Cook, HI 96704

Dear Mr. Bailado:

Notice of a Public Hearing
Requests to Nullify SMA Use Permit No. 38
and Delete Condition Nos. 2, 3 and 5 of SP No. 77-276

Tax Map Key 8-2-08:46

This is to inform you that your requests have been scheduled for a public hearing. Said hearing among others will be held beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, 1980, in the First Hawaiian Bank Meeting Room, Kailua, North Kona, Hawaii.

The presence of a representative will be appreciated in order that all questions relative to the request may be clarified.

A copy of the hearing notice is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,

Sidney M. Fuke

Director

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cc: State Land Use Commission

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#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### PLANNING COMMISSION COUNTY OF HAWAII

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of public hearings to be held by the Planning Commission of the County of Hawaii in accordance with the provisions of Section 5-4.3 of the Charter of the County of Hawaii.

PLACE: First Hawaiian Bank Meeting Room, Kailua, North

Kona, Hawaii

DATE: Thursday, April 10, 1980

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

The purpose of the public hearings is to afford all interested persons a reasonable opportunity to be heard on the following requests:

1. PETITIONER: KONA FARMERS COOPERATIVE

LOCATION: Site of existing Kona Farmers Cooperative complex along the north side of Napoopoo Road, Kahauloa, South Kona.

TMK: 8-2-08:46

PURPOSE:

a) Nullify Special Management Area (SMA)

Use Permit No. 38 which allowed the

construction of a new coffee storage

building and related improvements.

b) Deletion of Condition Nos. 2, 3 and 5
of Special Permit No. 77-276 which
allowed the establishment of the
existing non-conforming coffee
processing plant within the State
Land Use Agricultural District.

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PLANNING COMMISSION, WILLIAM J. PARIS, JR., Chairman By SIDNEY M. FUKE Planning Director

(Hawaii Tribune-Herald: March 31, and April 8, 1980)

March 7, 1980

Mr. Sotero Bailado Kona Farmers Cooperative P. O. Box 303 Captain Cook, Hawaii 96704

Dear Mr. Bailado:

Amendment to SP77-276/ Nullification of SMA Use Permit No. 38 TMK: 8-2-8:46

This is to acknowledge receipt of your requests to amend Conditions 2, 3 and 5 of Special Permit No. 77-276 and to nullify Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit No. 38.

Your requests will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for its appropriate action. As soon as the meeting date and place are determined, you will be so informed.

Should you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact Norman Hayashi or Brian Nishimura of this office at 961-8288.

Sincerely,

SIDNEY FUKE

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cc State Land Use Commission

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Processors of World Famous Kona Coffee & Macadamia Nuts

P.O. Box 309 Capt. Cook, Hawaii 96704 Tel. (808) 328-2411

February 28, 1980

Mr. Sidney Fuke, Director Planning Department County of Hawaii 25 Aupuni Street Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Dear Mr. Fuke:

SMA Use Permit No. 38 and Special Permit 77-276 (LUC No. 371)

Receipt of your Certified Mail relating to the above is acknowledged. Due to economic considerations, the request submitted by us, and granted in SMA Use Permit (August 25, 1977) will not be pursued. We request, therefore, that this permit be nullified.

We would also like to request that the Planning Commission, through your office, be notified and grant us permission to delete Conditions No. 2, 3, and 5, of Special Permit No. 77-276 (October 25, 1977).

Enclosed is our filing fee (\$100.00) to insure the retention of the remaining provisions of Special Permit No. 77-276.

Your attention and the timely advise of your staff on this matter is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Sotero Bailado

General Manager

Enclosure

Receipt \$ 521.8 \$100 filing for

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25 AUPUNI STREET

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#### CERTIFIED MAIL

February 20, 1930

Kona Farmers Cooperative P. O. Box 308 Captain Cook, Hawaii 96704

Gentlemen:

SMA Use Permit No. 38 and Special Permit 77-276 (LUC. No. 371) TMK: 8-2-08:46

Upon review of our files, we found that the construction of the new coffee storage building had not commenced within one (1) year of the effective dates of SMA Use Permit No. 38 (August 25, 1977) and Special Permit No. 77-276 (October 25, 1977).

In a conversation with Mr. Sotero Bailado, we were informed that the Cooperative no longer has any intention to construct the proposed coffee storage building now or in the near future because of cost.

Therefore, this letter is to confirm said conversation and to notify you of the following:

- 1) We will be requesting that the Planning Commission nullify SMA Use Permit No. 38.
- 2) You are required to request from the Planning Commission the deletion of Conditions No. 2, 3, and 5, of Special Permit No. 77-276. A filing fee of \$100.00 is required. This request must be received within thirty (30) calendar days upon receipt of this letter or we will have no alternative but to does the entire Special Permit No. 77-276 null and void for failure to comply with the above-mentioned conditions.
- 3) We will also refer a portion of your request relating to the deletion of Condition No. 5 of Special Permit No. 77-276 to the State Land Use Commission, because it was that Commission, and not the County Planning Commission's condition.

Kona Farmers Cooperative Page 2 February 20, 1980

Should you have any questions on these matters, please feel free to contact Norman Hayashi or Francis Saiki of this office at 961-8233.

Sincerely,

SIDNEY FUKE Director

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cc Planning Commission
State Land Use Commission
Vbcc Norman

April 28, 1980

Mr. Sidney Fuke, Planning Director Planning Department County of Hawaii 25 Aupuni Street Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Dear Mr. Fuke:

Subject: SP77-276 - Kona Farmers Cooperative (Deletion of Conditions)

This is to advise you that action by the Land Use Commission is not required to delete the original conditions of the subject Special Permit. Pursuant to Act 221, SLH, 1979, Land Use Commission approval is not required to amend existing Special Permits where the land area involved is less than 15 acres in size. The action of the Hawaii Planning Commission may therefore be considered final regarding this matter.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

GORDAN Y. FURUTANT Executive Officer

GYF:jy cc: William J. Paris, Jr. Hawaii Planning Commission

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COUNTY OF HAWAII

### PLANNING DEPARTMENT

25 AUPUNI STREET · HILO, HAWAII 96720

HERBERT T. MATAYOSHI

Mayor

SIDNEY M. FUKE Director

DUANE KANUHA Deputy Director

April 24, 1980

Mr. Gordan Furutani Executive Officer Land Use Commission 190 South King Street Suite 1795 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Furutani:

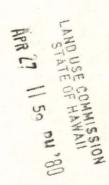
Nullify SMA Use Permit No. 38 and Delete Condition Nos. 2, 3 and 5 of Special Permit No. 77-276 (LUC 371)

Tax Map Key 8-2-08:46

The Planning Commission at its duly held public hearing on April 10, 1980, considered the above requests to nullify Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit No. 38 and to delete condition nos. 2, 3 and 5 of Special Permit No. 77-276 which allowed the establishment of the existing non-conforming coffee processing plant within the State Land Use Agricultural District at Kahauloa, South Kona, Hawaii.

The Commission voted to approve the above request to nullify SMA Use Permit No. 38 since Kona Farmers Cooperative no longer has plans to construct the new coffee storage building due to economic considerations.

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Mr. Gordan Furutani Land Use Commission Page 2

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Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Planning Department at 961-8288.

Enclosed are copies of the Exhibits from the subject docket.

Sincerely,

William J. Paris, Jr.

Chairman, Planning Commission

NH/lgv

cc: Mr. Jeff Citron
Building Division, Public Works
Kona Services Office

25 AUPUNI STREET

HILO, HAWAII 96720

March 28, 1980

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By SIDNEY M. FUKE
Planning Director

(Hawaii Tribune-Herald: March 31, and April 8, 1980)

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting of April 10, 1980

First Hawaiian Bank Meeting Room, Kailua, North Kona, Hawaii

ADDENDUM (Made on March 27, 1980)

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS - 10:00 a.m.

- 5. Proposed amendments to the Zoning and Subdivision Control Codes initiated by the Planning Director pursuant to the recent changes to the County Charter relating to variance and change of zone procedures and related matters.
- 6. Action on proposed conditions on the petition for appeal filed by Dr. Joseph Scazzola on the Planning Director's denial action on a change of zone application for 46,770 square feet of land from a Single Family Residential 7,500 square foot (RS-7.5) to a Neighborhood Commercial 10,000 square foot (CN-10) zoned district. The property involved is located along the south or Puna side of Waianuenue Avenue, approximately 300 feet mauka of the Waianuenue Avenue-Komohana Street intersection, Piihonua House Lots Subdivision, Piihonua, South Hilo, TMK: 2-3-24:11.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

#### Planning Department County of Hawaii

Agenda for the Meeting on Thursday, April 10, 1980 First Hawaiian Bank Meeting Room, Kailua, North Kona, Hawaii - 10:00 a.m.

REPORTS

MINUTES

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS - 10:00 a.m.

- 1. Action on the application of Hasegawa Komuten (USA), Inc. for a Planned Development Permit (PDP) to allow the development of an 87-unit condominium project. The area involved is located along the makai side of Alii Drive, adjacent and to the north or Kailua side of the Kona Riviera Villa, Puapuaa, North Kona, TMK: 7-5-20:16 and 59.
- 2. Action on the application of Holua Associates for a Planned Development Permit (PDP) to allow the development of a 406-unit condominium project. The property involved is along the south side of Kaleopapa Street (Road leading to Kona Surf Hotel) and includes the existing Holua Tennis Stadium which is bordered by the golf course, Keauhou, North Kona, TMK: 7-8-10:34 (Portion) and 58.
- 3. Action on the application of Don Harland for a Planned Development Permit (PDP) to allow the construction of a 22-unit condominium project. The property involved is located along the makai side of Alahou Street, approximately 280 feet south of the Alahou Street-Kalani Street intersection within the Lono-Kona Subdivision, Honuaula, North Kona, TMK: 7-5-22:65, 66 and 67.
- 4. Action on the application of Kona Development Associate for a Planned Development Permit (PDP) to allow the construction of a 75-unit condominium project. The property involved is located at the southern end of Lamaokaola Street, adjacent to the Lono Kona Subdivision, Hienaloli, North Kona, TMK: 7-5-04:Portion of 2.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS - 11:00 a.m.

1. Public hearing on the requests by Kona Farmers Cooperative to nullify Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit No. 38 and to delete condition nos. 2, 3 and 5 of Special Permit No. 77-276 which allowed the establishment of the existing non-conforming coffee processing plant within the State Land Use Agricultural District. The property involved is located along the north side of Napoopoo Road, Kahauloa, South Kona, TMK: 8-2-08:46.

Public hearing on the application of Kona Baptist Church for a Special Permit to allow the construction of a church educational building on 2.4 acres of land situated within the State Land Use Agricultural District. The property involved is the site of the existing Kona Baptist Church at the corner of the Kuakini Highway-Puuloa Subdivision Road, Keauhou lst, North Kona, TMK: 7-8-07:60.
 Public hearing on the amendment initiated by the Planning Director to delineate the proposed Alii Drive Realignment

Director to delineate the proposed Alii Drive Realignment on the North Kona Zone Map and the Kailua-Honalo Urban Zone Map. The proposed alignment will begin at the vicinity of the Kuakini Highway-Walua Road intersection and extend to the south towards the existing Alii Highway at Keauhou.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Department County of Hawaii

MINUTES April 10, 1980

The Planning Commission met in regular session at 10:10 a.m. in the First Hawaiian Bank Meeting Room, Kailua, North Kona, Hawaii, with Chairman William J. Paris, Jr. presiding.

PRESENT: William J. Paris, Jr.

Glenn Frias Clyde Imada Roy Kagawa Bert Nakano Fred Orita

Charles H. Sakamoto

Sidney M. Fuke, Director (Left at 10:50 a.m. and returned at 11:43 a.m.) Norman Hayashi, Planner Brian Nishimura, Planner

ABSENT & George Ponte EXCUSED: Tina Whitmarsh

Ex-officio Member
Edward Harada
Ex-officio Member
H. William Sewake
Deputy Corporation
Ben Tsukazaki

and approximately 21 people at 10:10 a.m. and 10 people at 11:00 a.m. were in attendance

MINUTES: It was moved by Commissioner Sakamoto and seconded by Commissioner Orita that the minutes of March 27, 1980, be approved as circulated, with the correction on page 15, line 6, to read 1978 instead of 1979. Motion was carried.

All those testifying were duly sworn in.

PDP
HASEGAWA KOMUTEN
(USA), INC.
PUAPUAA,
NORTH KONA

Action on the application of Hasegawa Komuten (USA), Inc. for a Planned Development Permit (PDP) to allow the development of an 87-unit condominium project. The area involved is located along the makai side of Alii Drive, adjacent and to the

north or Kailua side of the Kona Riviera Villa, Puapuaa, North Kona, TMK: 7-5-20:16 and 59.

As the background report and recommendation were presented at the Commission's March 13th meeting, it was moved by Commissioner Imada and seconded by Commissioner Sakamoto that the Commission waive the reading of the background report and recommendation. Motion was carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Sakamoto and seconded by Commissioner Imada that the application be approved for the reasons and with the conditions as recommended by the staff. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried with five ayes (Commissioners Frias, Imada, Kagawa, Nakano and Sakamoto) and two noes (Commissioner Orita and Chairman Paris).

Kona Farmers Cooperative has submitted requests to nullify Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit No. 38 and to delete Condition Nos. 2, 3 and 5 of Special Permit No. 77-276. The property involved is the site of Kona Farmers Cooperative existing complex located along the north side of Napoopoo Road, Kahauloa, South Kona, TMK: 8-2-08:46.

SMA Use Permit No. 38 granted by the Planning Commission on August 25, 1977, allowed the petitioner to construct a new coffee storage building and related improvements. The petitioner stated that they will not construct the new coffee storage building due to economic considerations, as such, is requesting the nullification of the SMA Use Permit.

Special Permit No. 77-276 was granted to the petitioner by the State Land Use Commission in October 25, 1977, to legitimize the non-conforming coffee processing plant on its 4.4 acres of land situated within the State Land Use Agricultural District. The Planning Commission recommended the approval of this Special Permit request. This application was processed simultaneously with the previously mentioned SMA Use Permit. As such, the following conditions, among others, relative to the construction of the new coffee storage building were imposed as part of the Special Permit approval:

Condition No. 2: That all existing requirements, such as the Special Management Area Use Permit, shall be complied with.

Condition No. 3: That through the Special Permit procedures, certain County Zoning requirements may be waived. In this case, the petitioner intends to construct a new coffee storage building with a fifteen (15) foot front yard setback in lieu of the required thirty (30) feet. This setback variance is hereby granted provided that the building setback at a minimum of 15 feet from the front property line.

Condition No. 5: That construction of the new coffee storage building commence within one (1) year from the effective date of approval of the Special Permit.

Since the petitioner does not intend to construct the new coffee storage building, they are requesting that the above-mentioned conditions be deleted.

It should be pointed out that although the Special Permit covers an area less than 15 acres (4.4 acres), since Condition No. 5 originated with the State Land Use Commission, should the request be favorably considered by the Planning Commission, it would have to be forwarded to the LUC for its rafification and final approval.

In regards to the request to nullify SMA Use Permit No. 38, staff has no objections.

Since the petilitioner does not intend to construct the new coffee storage building, and since Condition Nos. 3 and 5 of SP 77-276 relate to the construction of that building, we also have no objections. We therefore recommend the approval for the deletion of Condition Nos. 3 and 5.

As far as Condition No. 2 is concerned, since the property is situated within the SMA, we feel that this condition should be retained. Since the Special Permit established the entire 4.4-acre property under the Special Permit, any future improvements must comply with existing regulations. As such, should the petitioner intend to construct any other improvements in the future, the requirements of the SMA Rules and Regulations must be complied with. We therefore feel that Condition No. 2 is still appropriate.

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LAND USE COMMISSION STATE OF HAWAII

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March 7, 1980

Mr. Sotero Bailado Kona Farmers Cooperative P. O. Box 303 Captain Cook, Hawaii 96704

Dear Mr. Bailado:

Amendment to SP77-276/ Nullification of SMA Use Permit No. 38 TMK: 8-2-8:46

This is to acknowledge receipt of your requests to amend Conditions 2, 3 and 5 of Special Permit No. 77-276 and to nullify Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit No. 38.

Your requests will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for its appropriate action. As soon as the meeting date and place are determined, you will be so informed.

Should you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact Norman Hayashi or Brian Nishimura of this office at 961-8288.

Sincerely,

SIDNEY FUKE

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cc State Land Use Commission

HILO, HAWAII 96720

CERTIFIED MAIL

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Kona Farmers Cooperative P. O. Box 308 Captain Cook, Hawaii 96704

Gentlemen:

SMA Use Permit No. 38 and Special Permit 77-276 (LUC. No. 371) TMK: 8-2-08:46

Upon review of our files, we found that the construction of the new coffee storage building had not commenced within one (1) year of the effective dates of SMA Use Permit No. 38 (August 25, 1977) and Special Permit No. 77-276 (October 25, 1977).

In a conversation with Mr. Sotero Bailado, we were informed that the Cooperative no longer has any intention to construct the proposed coffee storage building now or in the near future because of cost.

Therefore, this letter is to confirm said conversation and to notify you of the following:

- 1) We will be requesting that the Planning Commission nullify SMA Use Permit No. 38.
- 2) You are required to request from the Planning Commission the deletion of Conditions No. 2, 3, and 5, of Special Permit No. 77-276. A filing fee of \$100.00 is required. This request must be received within thirty (30) calendar days upon receipt of this letter or we will have no alternative but to deem the entire Special Permit No. 77-276 null and void for failure to comply with the above-mentioned conditions.
- 3) We will also refer a portion of your request relating to the deletion of Condition No. 5 of Special Permit No. 77-276 to the State Land Use Commission, because it was that Commission, and not the County Planning Commission's condition.

Kona Farmers Cooperative Page 2 February 20, 1980

Should you have any questions on these matters, please feel free to contact Norman Hayashi or Francis Saiki of this office at 951-8288.

Sincerely,

SIDNEY FUKE

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cc Planning Commission
State Land Use Commission

October 28, 1977 Mr. Sotero Bailado, Manager Kona Farmers Cooperative P. O. Box 308 Captain Cook, Kona, Hawaii 96704 Dear Mr. Bailado: The original of the attached letter is on file in the office of the Hawaii Planning Department, 25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawaii. Sincerely, GORDAN Y. FURUTANI Executive Officer GYF: jy Encls.

October 28, 1977 HAWAII PLANNING COMMISSION 25 Aupuni Street Hilo, Hawaii 96720 Attention: Mr. Sidney Fuke, Planning Director Gentlemen: At its meeting on October 25, 1977, the Land Use Commission voted to approve a Special Permit request by Kona Farmers Cooperative, Hawaii (SP77-276) to allow the establishment of its existing coffee processing plant on approximately 4.4 acres of land situated within the State Land Use Agricultural District at Kahauloa, South Kona, Hawaii, Tax Map Key 8-2-8: 46. Approval of this Special Permit is subject to the conditions imposed by the Hawaii County Planning Commission; and subject further to the following additional conditions: That construction of the new coffee storage building commence within one year from the effective date of approval of the Special Permit. That petitioner be permitted to replace, repair, and/or modernize the existing buildings and, within reason, physically expand the coffee processing facility to a size not to exceed twice the existing operation without obtaining a Special Permit. A copy of the staff memorandum is enclosed for your information. Sincerely, GORDAN Y. FURUTANI Executive Officer GYF: jy Encl. cc: Kona Farmers Cooperative Department of Taxation, Hawaii Tax Maps Recorder, Dept. of Taxation Property Technical Office, Dept. of Taxation Real Property Tax Assessor, Dept. of Taxation Dept. of Planning & Economic Development Office of Environmental Quality Control Division of Land Management, DLNR

STATE OF HAWAII LAND USE COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

Conference Room 322 (B & C)
New State Building
Honolulu, Hawaii

Approved 2/14/78

October 25, 1977 - 9:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Stanley Sakahashi, Chairman

Charles Duke, Vice Chairman

James Carras Colette Machado Shinsei Miyasato Shinichi Nakagawa

Mitsuo Oura Carol Whitesell

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Edward Yanai

STAFF PRESENT: Gordan Furutani, Executive Officer

Daniel Yasui, Planner

Allan Kawada, Deputy Attorney General

Dora Horikawa, Clerk Reporter

Ray Russell, Court Reporter

#### ACTION

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A74-421 - WEST BEACH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Motion for Reconsideration and for Hearing by the Ewa Beach
Aliis Athletic Club

Miss Karen Radius, representing the Ewa Beach Aliis Athletic Club, submitted that the motion for reconsideration and hearing had been filed in view of the newly discovered evidence regarding the water situation. It was her feeling that, based on this additional information, the Commission would be better equipped to make a "fully-informed" decision. She requested that a full hearing be held, at which time the Board of Water Supply could be subpoenaed. Miss Radius cited the pertinent sections of the Commission's Rules dealing with authority to waive its rules for "good cause shown" and requested that Rule 4-5 be waived and a new hearing set up to consider the important water question.

Mr. Harry Kim, representing the West Beach Development Corporation, called the Commission's attention to the fact that there was an appeal before the Circuit Court which had been SP77-276 - KONA FARMERS COOPERATIVE
Special Permit Application to allow the establishment of a coffee processing plant at Kahauloa, South Kona, Hawaii

Commissioner Oura asked to be excused from the deliberation on this request due to a conflict of interest.

Mr. Daniel Yasui, staff planner, presented the County's recommendations and conditions and located the subject parcel on the maps.

In response to a request for clarification from the Executive Officer, Mr. Norman Hayashi of the Hawaii Planning Department verified that the County was recommending approval of the Special Permit based only on the use of the property without any indication of future expansion. Mr. Hayashi pointed out that under Chapter 205, the establishment of a Special Permit is for the use of a particular property without reference to specific improvements.

It was Mr. Furutani's concern that without some indication of the scale of a use, such as the number of people who will be using the facility, it would be very difficult to determine the impact of that use on the surrounding properties, as required in the tests to be applied, as well as the requirements for determining the burden on the public facilities and services. However, the indication of the physical facility proposed on the property could become a strong measure of the scale of the use. Mr. Furutani expressed his concern about the precedent that would be setopy the Commission in approving a Special Permit based only the use without specific information relative to the intensity of the use. Mr. Kawada agreed that the Commission should avoid granting a wholesale type of permit without addressing the scale of the use.

Commissioner Carras felt that undue concern was being expressed about setting a precedent. He stated each case should be determined on its own merits.

In response to Commissioner Whitesell's question, Mr. Hayashi replied that there were means of controlling the intensity of a use on a property at the county level at the time of reviewing the building permit application in terms of assessing the availability of water, the adequacy of the sewage outfall requirement by the Department of Health, etc.

Mr. Furutani wondered whether approval of a Special Permit automatically allows the applicant to expand or intensify the use in that particular area, and would that expansion be within the jurisdiction of the county? He felt that this was the crux of the issue.

Mr. Kawada advised that in approving a Special Permit, at least some controlling conditions or indication of the intensification of the scale of the contemplated use of that property

should be established. It was also suggested that in order to avoid piece-meal type of consideration for every improvement or expansion on the subject property, the Commission could approve the Special Permit with a proviso that future expansion, if needed, must have some tentative approval at least by the county and the county, at that point, could decide whether another Special Permit was necessary for the expansion.

Mr. Hayashi reiterated that the scale of the operation on the property could be controlled at the county level at the time of issuance of building permits, special management permits, etc.

The Executive Officer pointed out the inappropriate nature of some of the requests that come under the Special Permit procedure, e.g. addition of bathrooms to an existing structure, etc.

From Mr. Kawada's assessment of the foregoing discussion, he concluded that the replacement or repair of an existing facility permitted under a Special Permit would not require another Special Permit. However, it was not clear whether an expansion of an existing facility would fall under the same category.

Vice Chairman Duke recommended that the petitioner be allowed to repair, replace his facilities without the necessity of appearing before the Land Use Commission, so long as he was not changing the nature of his operation. He therefore moved that the Special Permit be approved, subject to the conditions imposed by the Hawaii County Planning Commission, which was seconded by Commissioner Carras.

Vice Chairman Duke reworded his motion as follows: "That the Special Permit be approved, subject to the conditions imposed by the Hawaii County Planning Commission and subject further to the following additional conditions:

- "5. That construction of the new coffee storage building commence within one year from the effective date of approval of the Special Permit.
- "6. That petitioner be permitted to replace, repair, or modernize the existing buildings and, within reason, to expand without coming before the Land Use Commission if the expansion does not exceed twice the size of the existing operation."

The Commissioners were polled as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Nakagawa, Miyasato, Carras, Whitesell, Machado, Duke, Chairman Sakahashi

The meeting was in recess from 11:45 a.m. until 1:15 p.m.

# STATE OF HAWAII LAND USE COMMISSION

## VOTE RECORD

ITEM	SP77-276 -	KONA FARMERS	COOPERA-	DATE	October 25, 1977	
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PLACE	Conf. Rm.	322 - New St	ate Bldg.	TIME	9:00 a.m.	
	Honolulu,	Hawaii				

	NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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	MIYASATO, SHINSEI	Х			
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	DUKE, CHARLES	Х			
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	WHITESELL, CAROL	X			
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I move that we approve this Special Permit, subject to the conditions imposed by the Hawaii County Planning Commission; and subject further to the following additional conditions:

5. That construction of the new coffee storage building commence within one year from the effective date of approval of the Special Permit.

6. That petitioner be permitted to replace, repair, or modernize the existing buildings and, within reason, to expand without coming before the Land Use Commission if the expansion does not exceed twice the size of the existing operation.

## STATE OF HAWAII LAND USE COMMISSION

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Land Use Commission

October 25, 1977

9:00 a.m.

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: SP77-276 - Kona Farmers Cooperative

The petitioner, Kona Farmers Cooperative, is requesting a Special Permit to allow the establishment of its existing coffee processing plant on approximately 4.4 acres of land situated within the State Land Use Agricultural District at Kahauloa, South Kona, Hawaii, Tax Map Key 8-2-8: 46. The subject property is located along the north side of Napoopoo Road about one mile southeast (mauka) of Kealakekua Bay (see attached County Exhibit M-2).

The subject coffee processing plant is a non-conforming use in the Agricultural District in that it has been in existence prior to the adoption of the State Land Use Law. Under current procedures a Special Permit must be obtained for any expansion or intensification of a non-conforming use. However, since the existing coffee plant structures are old and in need of either improvement or replacement, it was recommended by the Hawaii County Planning Department that the entire plant area be established under one (1) Special Permit. It was felt that this would allow improvements to the plant without the need for a separate Special Permit for each and every improvement. The requested Special Permit is thus intended to establish the use on the subject property rather than individual improvements.

A new coffee storage building is being proposed as part of the Special Permit request. The petitioner intends to demolish the existing wooden storage building (3,420 square feet) and replace it with a 4,500 square foot (60' x 75') steel building. The new coffee storage building will be a prefabricated steel structure with metal siding.

In addition to processing coffee, the subject property is also used for processing and packing macadamia nuts. A Special Permit to process the nuts was granted to Sunset Coffee Cooperative in November 1968 (SP68-58 Sunset Coffee Cooperative of Kona).

In support of the request, the petitioner has in part stated the following:

The present factory is an existing facility which has been in existence for many years. However, under present 'Land Use Regulations', the presence of the factory in an agricultural district constitutes a non-conforming use. Accordingly, this Special Permit is now being filed to have this status changed from non-conforming to a conforming "2. Because the factory already exists, conversion to a conforming use will not unreasonably burden public agencies: there is no requirement for new roads; there is no increase in sewer discharges: water requirements generally remain the same; drainage patterns are not altered; there is no requirement for school improvements; and there is no increase in police and fire protection. Had the processed coffee been cultivated on the same premises, establishment of the factory would have been a permitted use. The factory offers the farmers an economical, efficient, and centralized location for processing their harvested crops. In this manner, the continued operation of the factory would leave more land open to agriculture in county-zoned agricultural lands, and state land use agricultural districts. The Coffee Storage Building is old and needs to be replaced. The replacement structure will have to be built on the same site as the existing. However, the existing building does not satisfy present setback requirements; therefore construction of a replacement building will require a variance. As additional information, the macadamia nut processing facilities on this site have been constructed under a Special Permit which was filed earlier, under a separate application." The General Plan Land Use Pattern Allocation Guide Map designates the subject area as Orchard. The County's zoning designation is (U) Unplanned. Surrounding land uses include scattered single family dwellings, coffee farms, and other agricultural uses. The proposed Hawaiian Host, Inc., macadamia nut processing plant which had recently been granted a Land Use Commission Special Permit (SP77-269 Inter-Island Engineering, Inc.), will be situated about 400 yards mauka of the subject property along the Napoopoo Road. The Land Study Bureau's overall master productivity soil rating for agricultural use is Class "E" or Very Poor for the property under consideration. -2-

The Napoopoo Road which fronts the property has a pavement width of 20 feet. All essential utilities including a 6-inch water line are available to the area. Pertinent comments from governmental agencies: State Department of Health The State Department of Health made the following comment in reference to the subject request: "The requirements of Public Health Regulations, Chapter 1-A, Food and Food Service Establishment Sanitation Code are applicable to the coffee processing plant," 2. Department of Water Supply The Department of Water Supply had no objections to the subject request, it did note, however, that there is a 6-inch waterline along the Napoopoo Road. State Department of Land and Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Office Since the property under consideration is situated within the Kealakekua Bay Archaeological and Historical District, all proposed improvements must be reviewed by this office. The following are the comments of that office: "The proposed undertaking will have no effect upon any known historic or archaeological site on or likely to be eligible for inclusion on the Hawaii Register and/or National Register of Historic Places. This office has no reservations for the project to proceed. In the event that any unanticipated sites or remains are encountered, please inform the applicant to contact this office immediately." All other cooperating agencies, including the Department of Public Works, U. S. Soil Conservation Service, Fire Department, Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc., Police Department, and State Department of Agriculture had no comments on or objections to the subject request. At the public hearing held by the Hawaii County Planning Commission on July 28, 1977, three representatives of the petitioner testified in support of the request. No other persons testified with regard to subject permit request. For the Commission's information, the hearing transcript of the July 28, 1977, meeting has been attached (County Exhibit Q). On August 25, 1977, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the Special Permit to the Land Use Commission based upon the following findings: -3"1. That the proposed use will not be contrary to the objectives sought to be accomplished by the State Land Use Law and Regulations. The Land Use Law and Regulations are intended to preserve, protect and encourage the development of lands in the State for those uses to which they are best suited in the interest of health and welfare of the people.

The basic purpose of the subject request is to legitimize the existing nonconforming use. present coffee processing operation at the area under consideration has been in existence prior to the adoption of the State Land Use Law and Regula-However, in order for improvement or expansion to be made to the existing processing plant, a Special Permit must be secured. Since some of the existing structures are quite old, rather than obtaining a Special Permit each time improvements are contemplated, it was suggested by the County of Hawaii Planning Department to establish the entire area under one (1) Special In doing so, improvements to the plant Permit. can be made without applying for a Special Permit for each and every improvement. By granting a Special Permit, we are basically establishing the use on a particular property rather than the individual improvements or structure to go on the property. This coffee processing plant is presently servicing some of the coffee farmers in the Kona The processing operation has proved to be a positive benefit and support to agriculture for the Kona area. With the establishment of this facility, definite benefits have accrued to the farmers in terms of proximity to production areas, cost of production, and an alternative market. The processing facility has indeed furthered the objectives of the Land Use Law and Regulations by encouraging and strengthening existing and future agricultural activities in the area. Further, the granting of this particular request would also compliment the Economic goal of the County of Hawaii General Plan which states that 'The County of Hawaii shall strive for diversification of its economy by strengthening existing industries and attracting new endeavors.'

"2. That the proposed use will not adversely affect the surrounding properties and land uses. The surrounding properties are either vacant or in some form of agricultural use. Although there are some single family dwellings in the immediate vicinity, no objections have been raised by the residents on the present use. In addition, the State Land Use Commission recently allowed a macadamia nut husking plant to be established in close proximity to the subject

area. It is therefore determined that the proposed use at its particular location will complement the surrounding land uses; thus, would not have an adverse impact on the overall agricultural activity for the area. Further, since the use is one that has already been established on the subject property, it is determined that the granting of this particular request will not substantially alter or change the essential character of the land. "3. The proposed use is directly related to agricultural activity. Within the State Land Use Agricultural District and the County's Agricultural zoned district, processing of agricultural products is a permitted use provided that the products are grown on the premise. If the coffee to be processed were solely grown on the subject property, then a Special Permit would not have been required. In this particular case, however, a Special Permit is necessitated since the products will be obtained from other properties in the area. That all essential utilities and facilities are available to the area for the requested use. As such, the granting of this request for the purpose of establishing a coffee processing plant at this particular location will not unreasonably burden public agencies to provide additional infrastructures. "In light of the above stated reasons, the Planning Commission felt that the proposed use will be consistent with the guidelines for granting a Special Permit. A major policy of the State and County is the encouragement and support of agricultural activities throughout the State. The proposed use is directly supportive of farming activities. It is therefore concluded that the granting of this particular request would be beneficial to the people in the State of Hawaii relative to adopted agricultural policies." The favorable recommendation was subject to the following conditions: "1. That prior to construction of any facilities on the subject property, the petitioner or its authorized representative shall submit such plans to the County Planning Department for review and approval. That all existing requirements, such as the Special Management Area Use Permit, shall be complied with. "3. That through the Special Permit procedures, certain County Zoning requirements may be waived. In this case, the petitioner intends to construct a new coffee -5storage building with a fifteen (15) foot front yard setback in lieu of the required thirty (30) feet. This setback variance is hereby granted provided that the building is setback at a minimum of 15 feet from the front property line.

"4. That in the event that unanticipated sites or remains are encountered during the course of grading and/or construction the State Historic Preservation Officer shall be notified since the land is situated within the Kealakekua Archaeological and Historical District."

It was further stated by the Planning Commission that: "Should any of the foregoing conditions not be met, the Special Permit may be deemed null and void."

In accordance with Section 9-3, Subsection (2) of the Land Use Commission's Rules and Regulations which in part states that: "The County Planning Commission shall establish, among other conditions, a reasonable time limit suited to establishing the particular use, which time limit, among other conditions shall be a condition of the Special Use Permit", staff recommends that if the Commission is to approve the subject request, an additional condition be imposed as follows:

"That construction of the new coffee storage building commence within one year from the effective date of approval of the Special Permit."

Land Use Commission Staff Comments:

Staff notes that this Special Permit request contain some concerns that may require legal advice.

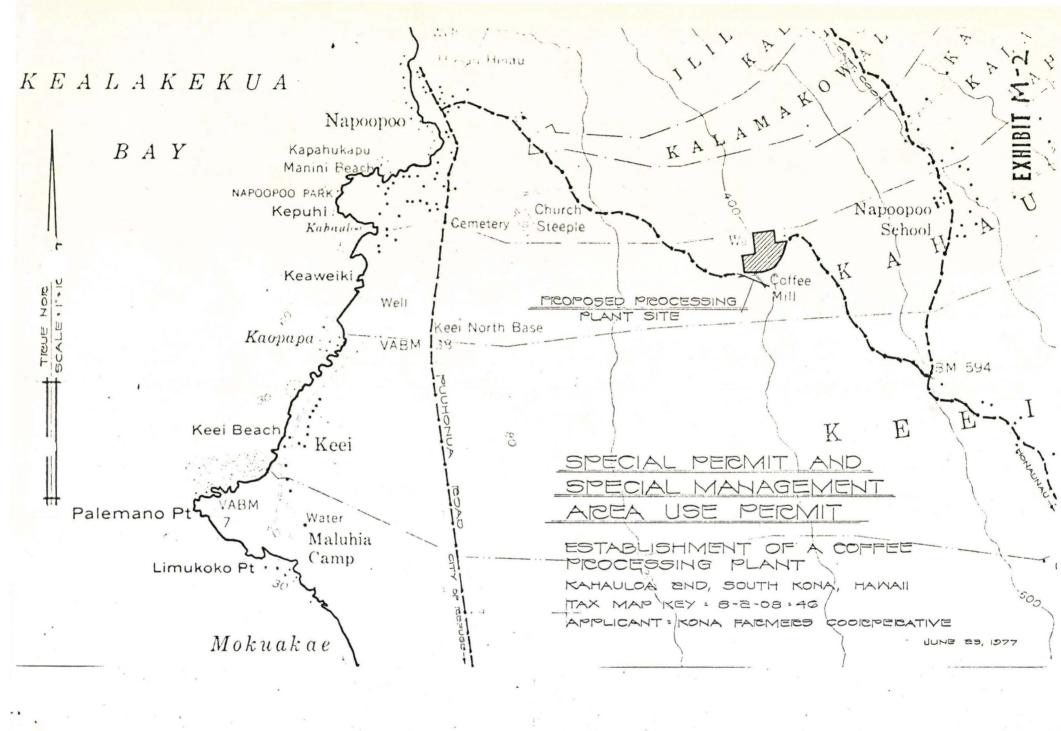
Initially, staff is unclear as to the intent of this Special Permit. The County states that the Special Permit is to allow the establishment of an existing coffee processing plant. However, under the non-conforming use section of the Land Use Law (Chapter 205-8, HRS), the subject coffee processing plant is After a discussion with a Hawaii County Planning Departallowed. ment staff member, it is our understanding that the applicant had initially sought to obtain a Special Permit to replace the old coffee storage facility with a new storage facility. Through the ensuing review and evaluation of the applicant's request, the County Planning staff found that much of the existing coffee processing facilities are old and in need of future improvements. Although at this time the applicant was only seeking the construction of a new storage facility to replace the old one, the County Planning Department recommended that the entire area be included under the Special Permit, thereby, eliminating the need for obtaining a Special Permit every time a new improvement or addition is required. More specific information regarding this matter is contained in a portion of finding No. 1 from a letter of September 12, 1977 from Mrs. Jitchaku, Planning Commission Chairman, which states:

"Since some of the existing structures are quite old, rather than obtaining a Special Permit each time improvements are contemplated, it was suggested by the County of Hawaii Planning Department to establish the entire area under one (1) Special Permit. In doing so, improvements to the plant can be made without applying for a Special Permit for each and every improvement. By granting a Special Permit, we are basically establishing the use on a particular property rather than the individual improvements on structures to go on the property."

In issuing Special Permits, the Land Use Commission has followed a policy of specifying the particular use and physical improvements for which each permit is granted. In this instance, a Special Permit is being requested wherein all the particular physical improvements are not specified, except for the coffee storage facility. While staff does not oppose the intent of the Hawaii County Planning Department to consolidate anticipated improvements under one Special Permit, it feels tests (2) and (3) described in Section 5-2 Tests to be Applied are difficult to evaluate without being provided a sense of scale to any proposed use and that the identification of the physical improvements, while not the only means of identifying scale, is a commonly used and effective measure or indication of scale.

Based on this background, staff is requesting legal advice on the following questions:

- 1. Does establishing or placing the entire parcel under this Special Permit, without an identification or description of future physical plant expansion allow improvements to be made on this parcel without applying for another Special Permit so long as the improvements are related to the Special Use granted?
- 2. If the response to the above is negative, does this mean that final approval of this Special Permit will only allow the construction of the coffee storage facility and nothing else?
- 3. Would the handling of the County's desire to eliminate the need for obtaining Special Permits for
  any future improvements more properly be done
  through the imposition of a condition?



PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Department County of Hawaii

HEARING TRANSCRIPT July 28, 1977

A regularly advertised public hearing, on the application of the Kona Farmers Cooperative, was called to order at 7:15 p.m., in the Cafetorium of the Kealakehe Elementary School, Kealakehe, North Kona, by Chairman Jitchaku.

PRESENT: Lorraine Jitchaku

Scott Asai

Charles H. Sakamoto

Haruo Murakami William F. Mielcke Shigeru Fujimoto Arthur W. Martin

Sidney M. Fuke, Planning Director Virginia Goldstein, Planner Gerald Hay, Planner

Earl Nakasato, Deputy Corporation Counsel
David Murakami, representing Ex-officio Member, Edward Harada
Quirino Antonio, " " Akira Fujimoto
Craig Shimabukuro, Department of Water Supply

ABSENT:

J. Walsh Hanley

William J. Paris, Jr.

and about 15 people in attendance.

CHAIRMAN: We will go on with the second public hearing of the evening. Public hearing on the application of the Kona Farmers Cooperative for the following requests within the present site of the Cooperative's coffee processing plant, Kahauloa, South Kona, TMK: 8-2-08:46: (a) Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit request to allow the construction of a new coffee storage building. (b) Special Permit request to allow the establishment of the existing coffee processing plant within the State Land Use Agricultural District. The present facility exists as a nonconforming use. Staff.

GOLDSTEIN: Presented background information on file.

CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Virginia. Are there any questions of the staff's report? We have two areas to consider, one is the SMA Permit and the other is the Special Permit to allow the existing coffee plant to become a conforming use. If there is no questions of the staff's report, at this time the Chair would like to call the applicant or representative of the applicant. Forward please. State your name into the microphone.

BAILADO: Madam Chairman, my name is Sotero Bailado, I am the manager of the Kona Farmers Cooperative. (Sworn in)

CHAIRMAN: You have heard the staff's report in regards to the two permits. Are there anything else that should be added or any corrections that should be made or if you have further information for the Commissioners.

BAILADO: No, all I like to reiterate is that this facility is presently in existence and what my Cooperative wants to do really is to bring it up to better standard. My people believe in the coffee industry and it behooves us to improve our facilities.

CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Commissioners, do you have any questions that you would like to ask Mr. Bailado?

MARTIN: Do I understand it right that the processing storage building be located where there is an existing building right now?

BAILADO: Yes sir.

MARTIN: I noticed that the proposed building is 14 feet from the boundary, how close is the present building?

BAILADO: I am going to ask our engineer here.

CHAIRMAN: Why don't you come up forward; there may be more questions so the two of you--

BAILADO: I have all my bodyquards here just in case I need help.

CHAIRMAN: State your name please. (Sworn in)

YOKOTA: My name is Melvin Yokota. I am an engineer with W. Hirai and Associates.

MARTIN: Melvin, I'm not asking this of you as a school teacher. That Melvin is a student, does that put me in conflict of interest?

CHAIRMAN: No conflict at all.

MARTIN: Is this building closer or the same or farther away from the boundary than the existing building?

YOKOTA: I don't have the exact dimensions that we took on the old building with me but I believe it is somewhere between 11 and 14 feet.

MARTIN: So, probably the new building is farther away from the boundary than the old building.

YOKOTA: It will be either the same or slightly further in.

MARTIN: So this would be an improvement.

YOKOTA: Yes.

MARTIN: Will this building, the proposed building, be used for the same thing as the old building is now being used?

YOKOTA: Yes.

CHAIRMAN: Staff, I would like to direct this question to you. According to the staff's report, it does mention that the new building will be set back only 15 feet and the map there shows 14.

GOLDSTEIN: Plus or minus, roughly.

CHAIRMAN: Any other questions of Mel or Mr. Bailado?

ASAI: Madam Chairman, may be Mr. Sotero can answer my question. I see in the staff's report that your new building will have a raised concrete floor to protect the coffee. Right now, the old building, is it above ground level?

BAILADO: Right now, sir, the floor is of T&G material, wooden material, but through the years, after rain and flooding, inundation, it is just about level with the ground.

CHAIRMAN: Any other questions; nothing further to add, Mel? May be you have something new that probably this staff had missed.

YOKOTA: I don't think so.

CHAIRMAN: Thank you, we may be calling you later if we have any more questions. Thank you, Sotero. Is there anyone else here; this is a public hearing; who wishes to testify.

MOTOKI: My name is Tojiro Motoki. I am on the Board of Directors of Kona Farmers Cooperative. (Sworn in)

I noticed in your staff's report that they do say that we'll be replacing an already existing building but it does not indicate the real necessity for the replacement of this building. This building, as you staff's report mentions, is a very, very ancient structure, probably 60-70 years old. If you were to drive down the Napoopoo roadway and pass that building, you would notice that the sides of the building are propped up with 2 x 4 pieces of lumber. It is that old.

Now, the further reason for raising the level of the floor one foot was that about two or three years ago there was a flooding situation there and the water did come into that existing building and as Mr. Bailado mentioned, the water level did rise above the level of the floor and all of the coffee, the first layer of coffee sacks, all got wet. The coffee had already been dried and processed and was stored in there and awaiting shipment. When that thing became wet, it necessitated removing all of that, getting the bottom layer of coffee sacks, redrying it and doing it in a hurry before that thing would deteriorate and cost the Superior Coffee Company, but fortunately for us that time the coffee had already been sold to Superior; it was their property and so they really had to hustle getting that coffee removed and redried and one of the reasons why we feel that is is necessary to rebuild and raise the level of the floor is to avoid any such future happenings. Next time, unfortunately, we may still be the owners of that coffee. Eventually that building has to come down, it is so termite eaten that in my opinion it constitutes a hazard.

CHAIRMAN: You did mention that the building is about 60 years old. We are happy that the business is still in existence. Are there any questions of Mr. Motoki? We thank you for your information. Is there anyone else who wishes to testify on the application? If not, Virginia, can you give us a recommendation?

GOLDSTEIN: We won't be giving you the recommendations for the SMA until you are ready to consider the Special Permit.

CHAIRMAN: So we will consolidate at the next meeting?

GOLDSTEIN: Yes.

MIELCKE: If there is no further public testimony--

MARTIN: I think this is a question that probably should be addressed to Mr. Yokota. I wanted to know what will be the height of the proposed building, how it compares with the height of the present building?

YOKOTA: I think the overall height of the building will be the same, the existing building has a steeper roof but since that will be changing to a steel building, it will be flatter so they will have a higher eave height.

MARTIN: So, even though the floor is raised a little, the bit height will still be the same because the roof will be flat.

YOKOTA: I believe so.

CHAIRMAN: Any other questions? If not, the Chair would like to entertain a motion. We will be taking action on both permits at the next hearing. Do you want to continue the hearing or close the public hearing at this time; what is your pleasure?

MIELCKE: If there is no further public testimony to come before the Commission, I would like to move that we close the public hearing on the application of Kona Farmers Cooperative's items A and B on the SMA and Special Permit.

SAKAMOTO: I second the motion.

CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Commissioner Mielcke and seconded by Commissioner Sakamoto that the public hearing be closed. All those in favor say aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN: Opposed? Both permits will be taken up at our next Kona meeting.

Public hearing adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mieko M. Kawasaki, Secretary Pro tem

ATTEST

(Mrg. V Borragne R. Titenaku, Chairman

Planning Commission

STATE OF HAWAII
LAND USE COMMISSION
Suite 1795
Pacific Trade Center
190 S. King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

October 7, 1977

Mr. Sidney Fuke
Planning Director
Hawaii Planning Department
County of Hawaii
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Dear Mr. Fuke:

Enclosed is a Notice of Land Use Commission meeting and the Agenda for the Meeting.

Please note that petition

SP77-276 - KONA FARMERS COOPERATIVE

- will be <u>acted on</u> at that time.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact this office.

Very truly-yours,

GORDAN /FURUTANI Executive Officer

Enclosure - Agenda

STATE OF HAWAII
LAND USE COMMISSION
Suite 1795
Pacific Trade Center
190 S. King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

October 7, 1977

Mr. Sotero Bailado, Manager Kona Farmers Cooperative P. O. Box 308 Captain Cook, Kona, Hawaii 96704

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GORDAN FURUTANI Executive Officer

Enclosure - Agenda

# STATE OF HAWAII LAND USE COMMISSION

#### NOTIFICATION OF LAND USE COMMISSION MEETING

#### DATE, TIME, & PLACE

October 25, 1977 - 9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 322 (B & C)
New State Building
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii

#### AGENDA

## I. ACTION

1. A76-421 - West Beach Development Corporation

Motion for Reconsideration and for Hearing by the Ewa Beach Aliis Athletic Club.

# 2. SP77-276 - Kona Farmers Cooperative

To allow the establishment of a coffee processing plant on approximately 4.4 acres of land situated within the State Land Use Agricultural District at Kahauloa, South Kona, Hawaii, Tax Map Key 8-2-8: 46.

# 3. A76-424 - Foster Petroleum Corporation

To reclassify approximately 7 acres of land presently in the Agricultural District into the Urban District at Maili, Lualualei, Waianae, Oahu, for residential purposes.

# II. MISCELLANEOUS

- 1. Adoption of Minutes JUN 28 1977
- 2. Meeting Schedule
- 10/11/77 A COPY OF THIS AGENDA WAS MAILED TO ALL PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS ON THE ATTACHED MAILING LISTS:
  - 1. ALL ISLANDS 2. OAHU 3. HAWAII



HAWAII

# PLANNING DEPARTMENT

25 AUPUNI STREET • HILO, HAWAII 96720

HERBERT T. MATAYOSHI

SIDNEY M. FUKE

DUANE KANUHA

SP77-276

Deputy Director

September 12,497

Mr. Gordan Furutani Executive Officer Land Use Commission 190 South King Street Suite 1795 Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mr. Furutani:

Special Permit Application
Applicant: Kona Farmers Cooperative

In accordance with Chapter 205, Section 205-6, Hawaii Revised Statutues, we are transmitting the decision and findings of the County Planning Commission on the above application.

The special permit request was to allow the establishment of the existing coffee processing plant within the State Land Use Agricultural District at Kahauloa, South Kona, Hawaii, Tax Map Key 8-2-8:46.

The Planning Commission at a duly advertised public hearing on July 28, 1977 in the Kealakehe School Cafetorium, Kealakehe, North Kona, Hawaii, discussed the subject request. The Commission on August 25, 1977, voted to recommend the approval of the special permit to the Land Use Commission based on the following findings:

1. That the proposed use will not be contrary to the objectives sought to be accomplished by the State Land Use Law and Regulations. The Land Use Law and Regulations are intended to preserve, protect and encourage the development of lands in the State for those uses to which they are best suited in the interest of health and welfare of the people.

The basic purpose of the subject request is to legitimize the existing nonconforming use. The present coffee processing operation at the area under consideration has been in existence prior to the adoption of the State Land Use Law and Regulations. However, in order for improvement or expansion to be made to the existing processing plant, a Special Permit must be secured. Since some of the existing structures are quite old, rather than obtaining a Special Permit each time improvements are contemplated, it was suggested by the County of Hawaii Planning Department to establish the entire area under one (1) Special Permit. In doing so, improvements to the plant can be made without applying for a Special Permit for each and every improvement. By granting a Special Permit, we are basically establishing the use on a particular property rather than the individual improvements or structure to go on the property. This coffee processing plant is presently servicing some of the coffee farmers in the Kona area. The processing operation has proved to be a positive benefit and support to agriculture for the Kona area. With the establishment of this facility, definite benefits have accrued to the farmers in terms of proximity to production areas, cost of production, and an alternative market. The processing facility has indeed further the objectives of the Land Use Law and Regulations by encouraging and strengthening existing and future agricultural activities in the area. Further, the granting of this particular request would also compliment the Economic goal of the County of Hawaii General Plan which states that "The County of Hawaii shall strive for diversification of its economy by strengthening existing industries and attracting new endeavors."

2. That the proposed use will not adversely affect the surrounding properties and land uses. The surrounding properties are either vacant or in some form of agricultural use. Although there are some single family dwellings in the immediate vicinity, no objections have been raised by the residents on the present use. In addition, the State Land Use Commission recently allowed a macadamia nut husking plant to be established in close proximity to the subject area. It is therefore determined that the proposed use at its particular location will complement the surrounding land uses; thus, would not have an adverse impact on the overall agricultural activity for the area.

Further, since the use is one that has already been established on the subject property, it is determined

Mr. Gordan Furutani Page 3

> that the granting of this particular request will not substantially alter or change the essential character of the land.

- 3. The proposed use is directly related to agricultural activity. Within the State Land Use Agricultural District and the County's Agricultural zoned district, processing of agricultural products is a permitted use provided that the products are grown on the premise. If the coffee to be processed were solely grown on the subject property, then a Special Permit would not have been required. In this particular case, however, a Special Permit is necessitated since the products will be obtained from other properties in the area.
- 4. That all essential utilities and facilities are available to the area for the requested use. As such, the granting of this request for the purpose of establishing a coffee processing plant at this particular location will not unreasonably burden public agencies to provide additional infrastructures.

In light of the above stated reasons, the Planning Commission felt that the proposed use will be consistent with the guidelines for granting a Special Permit. A major policy of the State and County is the encouragement and support of agricultural activities throughout the State. The proposed use is directly supportive of farming activities. It is therefore concluded that the granting of this particular request would be beneficial to the people in the State of Hawaii relative to adopted agricultural policies.

It is further recommended that the subject request be given favorable consideration subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That prior to construction of any facilities on the subject property, the petitioner or its authorized representative shall submit such plans to the County Planning Department for review and approval.
- That all existing requirements, such as the Special Management Area Use Permit, shall be complied with.
- 3. That through the Special Permit procedures, certain County Zoning requirements may be waived. In this case, the petitioner intends to construct a new coffee storage building with a fifteen (15) foot front yard setback in lieu of the required thirty (30) feet. This setback variance is hereby granted provided that the building is setback at a minimum of 15 feet from the front property line.

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4. That in the event that unanticipated sites or remains are encountered during the course of grading and/or construction the State Historic Preservation Officer shall be notified since the land is situated within the Kealakekua Archaeological and Historical District.

Should any of the foregoing conditions not be met, the Special Permit may be deemed null and void.

Enclosed are copies of the Exhibits from the subject docket.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Lorraine R. Jitchaku Chairman, Planning Commission

NH: 1gv

cc Kona Farmers Cooperative Mr. Ted Matsuo Land Use Division, DPED

# LIST OF EXHIBITS - KONA FARMERS COOPERATIVE

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- A. Petitioner's transmittal memorandum (6/9/77)
- A-1. Application form
- A-2. Petitioner's fact sheet
- B. Departmental acknowledgement letter (6/13/77)
- C. Memo to agencies (6/13/77)
- D. -----
- E. DPW (6/15/77)
- F. SCS (6/17/77)
- G. Fire (6/17/77)
- H. DOH (6/21/77)
- I. HELCO (6/22/77)
- J. Police (6/22/77)
- K. DWS (6/23/77)
- L. DOA (6/23/77)
- M. Letter to adjacent property owners
- M-l. List of " " "
- M-2. Map for " "
- N. Public Hearing notice
- O. Letter to petitioner (6/28/77)
- P. Minutes (7/28/77)
- Q. Public hearing transcript (7/28/77)
- R. L Letter to petitioner (8/3/77)
- S. Letter to petitioner (8/11/77)
- T. Location Map
- U. Site map

- V. Staff background
- W. Staff recommendation
- X. Voting sheet (approved)
- X-1. "
- X-2.
- X-3.
- X-4.
- Y. Minutes (8/25/77)
- Z. Letter to petitioner (8/30/77)

# TRANSMITTAL MEMORALDUM

# A. HIRAI & ASSOCIATES, INC.

P. O. Box 485 Hilo, Hawaii 96720 Phone: 935-1102

Ted K. Matsuo

Letter No. 6494

то	Planning	Departm	ent	Date6/9/77
Address	Attn: Norman Hayashi			Job No. 538 Order No
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# APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT

## COUNTY OF HAWAII

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT - PLANNING COMMISSION

EXHIBIT A-1

#### FACT SHEET

- The present factory is an existing facility which has been in existence for many years. However, under present "Land Use Regulations," the presence of the factory in an agricultural district constitutes a non-conforming use. Accordingly, this SP is now being filed to have this status changed from non-conforming to a conforming use.
- 2. Because the factory already exists, conversion to a conforming use will not unreasonably burden public agencies: there is no requirement for new roads; there is no increase in sewer discharges; water requirements generally remain the same; drainage patterns are not altered; there is no requirement for school improvements; and there is no increase in police and fire protection.
- 3. Had the processed coffee been cultivated on the same premises, establishment of the factory would have been a permitted use.
- 4. The factory offers the farmers an economical, efficient, and centralized location for processing their harvested crops. In this manner, the continued operation of the factory would leave more land open to agriculture in county-zoned agricultural lands, and state land use agricultural districts.
- The Coffee Storage Building is old and needs to be replaced. The replacement structure will have to be built on the same site as the existing.

  However, the existing building does not satisfy present setback requirements; therefore construction of a replacement building will require a variance.
- 6. As additional information, the macadamia nut processing facilities on this site have been constructed under a SP which was filed earlier, under a separate application.

EXHIBIT A-2

June 13, 1977

Kona Farmers Cooperative P. O. Box 308 Captain Cook, HI 96704

Gentlemen:

Application for a Special Permit Establishment of Coffee Processing Plant TMK: 8-2-08:46

This is to acknowledge receipt of the abovementioned special permit application on June 9, 1977.

The County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on this request within a period of not less than thirty (30) nor more than one hundred twenty (120) days from the receipt of the application. The Planning Commission will then act on the application not earlier than fifteen (15) days after the public hearing but within a reasonable time thereafter. Should the Planning Commission recommend favorably on the request, it will be forwarded to the State Land Use Commission for final action.

The Planning Commission may deny the request if it deems that the proposed use does not meet with the special permit guidelines. In such a circumstance, its decision will be considered final. However, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 205-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, a Planning Commission denial may be appealed to the circuit court of the circuit in which the land is situated, in this case, the Third Circuit Court.

Notice of the time and place of the public hearing will be forwarded to you as soon as your application is placed on the agenda for Commission action. Should any questions arise in the meantime, please contact Norman Hayashi of this Department, at 961-8288.

Sincerely,

Sidney White

Director

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# MEMORANDUM:

PLANNING DEPARTMENT - County of Hawaii, Hilo, Hawaii 96720

To: DPW, DWS, Highways, Health, R&D, Police, Date: June 13, 1977 Fire, Kona Soil Conserv., Agriculture, HELCo, & DLNR Historic Preserv. Ofcr.

From: Director

Subject: Special Permit Application for Coffee Processing Plant Kona Farmers Cooperative

TMK: 8-2-08:46

Attached application is forwarded for your review and comments. You will please note that this is the same firm that applied earlier this month for a Special Management Area Use Permit (see our memo of June 8, 1977).

Your written comments within two weeks would be appreciated very much so that we may process this application within the legal time requirement. Thank you.

rfd Enclosures

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS COUNTY OF HAWAII HILO, HAWAII

Date June 16, 1977

# MEMORANDUM

TO:

Planning Department

FROM:

Chief Engineer

SUBJECT: Application for Special Permit

Applicant: Kona Farmers Cooperative

Location: South Kona, HI

TMK: 8-2-08:46

We have reviewed the subject application and we have no comments to offer.

EDWARD HARADA, Chief Engineer

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# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

June 17, 1977

Sidney M. Fuke Planning Department County of Hawaii Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Dear Mr. Fuke,

Subject: Special Permit Application for Coffee Processing Plant

Kona Farmers Cooperative

TMK: 8-2-08: 46

We have reviewed the above mentioned application for a special permit and have no comments to offer at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this document.

O. M. Mabry
District onservationist

## HAWAII COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

To: Planning

DATE: June 17, 1977

FROM: Fire

SUBJECT:

Special Permit Application for Coffee Processing Plant Kona

Farmers Cooperative

TMK: 8-2-08:46

Ditto, Kona Farmers Cooperative SMA Use Permit-Coffee Storage

Building Date: June 17, 1977.

Fire Inspector

HFD-30 11/29/74 - 1M

### MEMORANUUM:

PLANNING DEPARTMENT - County of Hawaii, Hilo, Hawaii 96720

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rfd Enclosures

June 21, 1977 Department of Health, Hilo

The requirements of Public Health Regulations, Chapter 1-A, Food and Food Service Establishment Sanitation Code are applicable to the coffee processing plant.

HAROLD MATSUURA

Chief Sanitarian, Hawaii

### P. D. BOX 1027 HILD, HAWAII-96720



June 22, 1977

County of Hawaii Planning Department 25 Aupuni Street Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Attention: Mr. Sidney M. Fuke

Director

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: Special Permit Application

for Coffee Processing Plant Kona Farmers Cooperative

TMK: 8-2-08:46

Very truly yours,

Jitsuo Niwao, Manager Engineering Department

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### POLICE DEPARTMENT

COUNTY OF HAWAII 349 KAPIOLANI STREET HILO, HAWAII 96720



**OUR REFERENCE** 

YOUR REFERENCE

GUY A. PAUL

CHIEF OF POLICE

June 22, 1977

TO

: SIDNEY FUKE, PLANNING DIRECTOR

FROM

: MARTIN K. L. KAAUA, ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE

SUBJECT:

SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION FOR COFFEE PROCESSING PLANT

KONA FARMERS COOPERATIVE

TMK: 8-2-08:46

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The special permit application submitted by the Kona Farmers Cooperative has been reviewed and from the police standpoint, we can foresee no adverse effects from the requested land use.

MARTIN K. L. KAAUA

ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE

RG/RLP/k



#### DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY . COUNTY OF HAWAII

P. O. BOX 1820

HILO, HAWAII 96720

25 AUPUNI STREET

June 23, 1977

T0:

Planning Department

FROM:

Department of Water Supply

SUBJECT:

SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION

SMA USE PERMIT

COFFEE PROCESSING PLANT KONA FARMERS COOPERATIVE

SOUTH KONA, HAWAII TMK: 8-2-08:48

Inasmuch as these applications are for the construction of replacement facilities and that the applicant has indicated that there will be no increase in water usage requirements, we have no objections to offer.

For your information, there is a 6-inch waterline along the portion of the Napoopoo Government Road fronting the subject parcel.

Akira Fujimoto Manager

QA



### STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 1428 SO. KING STREET

HONOLULU, HAWAII 96814

June 23, 1977

JOHN FARIAS, JR.
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

YUKIO KITAGAWA DEPUTY TO THE CHAIRMAN

BOARD MEMBERS:

IRWIN M. HIGASHI MEMBER - AT - LARGE

ERNEST F. MORGADO MEMBER - AT - LARGE

KALFRED K. YEE MEMBER - AT - LARGE

> SHIZUTO KADOTA HAWAII MEMBER

STEPHEN Q. L. AU KAUAI MEMBER

FRED M. OGASAWARA MAUI MEMBER

#### MEMORANDUM

To:

Mr. Sidney M. Fuke, Director

Hawaii County Planning Department

Subject:

Special Permit Application for

Coffee Processing Plant Kona Farmers Cooperative

TMK: 8-2-08:46

The Department of Agriculture has reviewed the subject application and recommends its approval.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

JOHN FARIAS, JR.

Chairman, Board of Agriculture



COUNTY OF HAWAII

### PLANNING DEPARTMENT

25 AUPUNI STREET · HILO, HAWAII 96720

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DUANE KANUHA Deputy Director

June 27, 1977

Dear Property Owner: (TMK:

SMA Use Permit Application and Special Permit Application Kahauloa, South Kona, Hawaii TMK: 8-2-08:46

You are hereby notified that a request for a Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit and Special Permit have been applied for by the petitioner, Kona Farmers Cooperative. The property involved is at the site of the present Kona Farmers Cooperative coffee and macadamia nut processing plant, Kahauloa, South Kona, Hawaii.

The SMA Use Permit request is to allow the construction of a new coffee storage building and the Special Permit request is to allow the establishment of the existing coffee processing plant within the State Land Use Agricultural District. The present facility exists as a nonconforming use.

A public hearing on the subject among others will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 28, 1977 at Kealakehe School Cafetorium, Kealakehe, North Kona, Hawaii.

You are invited to comment on the application at the hearing or submit written comments prior to the hearing date.

Sincerely,

Sichey Fuke Director

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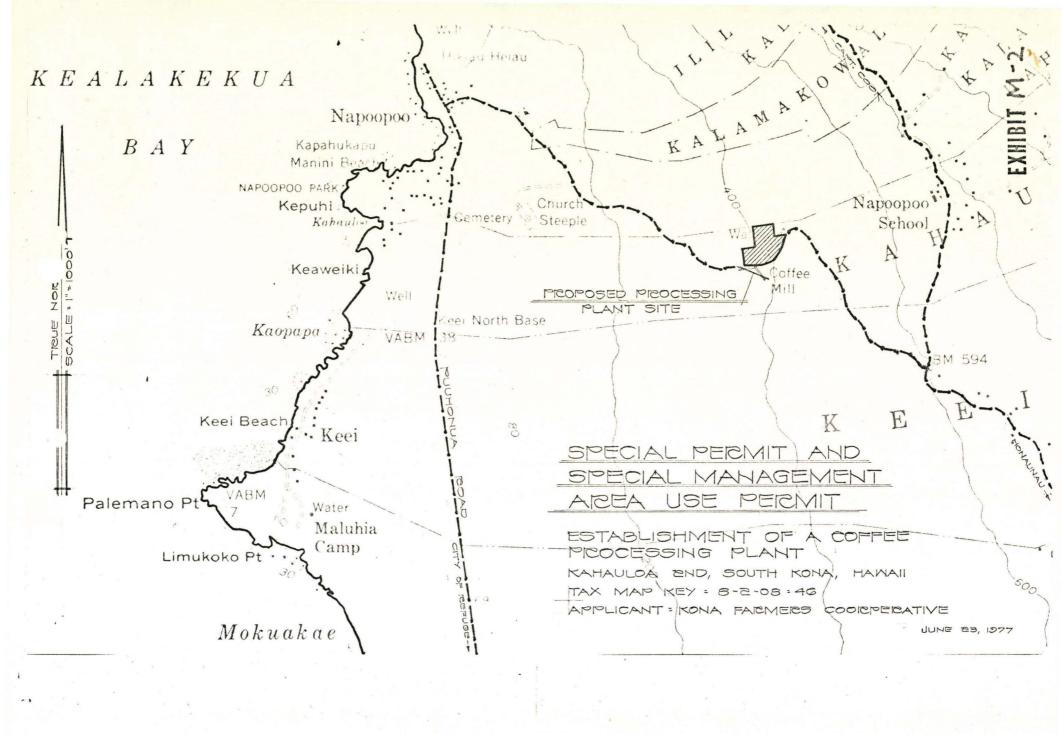
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#### PUBLIC HEARING

#### PLANNING COMMISSION COUNTY OF HAWAII

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of public hearings to be held by the Planning Commission of the County of Hawaii in accordance with the provisions of Section 5-4.3 of the Charter of the County of Hawaii.

PLACE: Kealakehe School Cafetorium, Kealakehe, North Kona, Hawaii

DATE: Thursday, July 28, 1977

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the public hearings is to afford all interested persons a reasonable opportunity to be heard on the following requests:

1. PETITIONER: KONA FARMERS COOPERATIVE

LOCATION: Site of the present Kona Farmers Cooperative coffee and macadamia nut processing plant, Kahauloa, South Kona.

TMK: 8-2-08:46

PURPOSE: a) Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit request to allow the construction of a new coffee storage building.

b) Special Permit request to allow the establishment of the existing coffee processing plant within the State Land Use Agricultural District. The present facility exists as a nonconforming use.

2. PETITIONER: STATE OF HAWAII, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,

HARBORS DIVISION

LOCATION: Site of the present Honokohau Boat Harbor,

Kealakehe, North Kona.

TMK: 7-4-08:Portion of 3

PURPOSE: Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit to

allow the further development of the Honokohau

Boat Harbor. The project will consist of excavation

to expand the harbor water area; construction of

two double-lane launching ramps, three loading

docks, temporary moorings, and ten washdown areas;

clearing and grubbing for car/trailer parking and

boat repair yard; grading for access road; instal-

lation of waterline, floodlighting, and sewer

cavitette; landscaping; and other related improve-

ments. .

Maps showing the general locations and boundaries of the areas under consideration and/or plans of the proposed developments are on file in the office of the Planning Department in the County Building at 25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawaii, and are open to inspection during office hours. All comments should be filed with the Planning Commission before that date, or in persons at the public hearing.

PLANNING COMMISSION
(MRS.) LORRAINE R. JITCHAKU, Chairman
By SIDNEY FUKE
Planning Director

(Hawaii Tribune-Herald: July 8 and 26, 1977)

(Honolulu Advertiser: July 8, 1977)

June 28, 1977

Kona Farmers Cooperative P. O. Box 308 Captain Cook, HI 96704

Dear Gentlemen:

Notice of a Public Hearing SMA Use Permit Application Special Permit Application Tax Map Key 8-2-08:46

This is to inform you that your requests have been scheduled for a public hearing. Said hearing among others will be held beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 28, 1977 at Kealakehe School Cafetorium, Kealakehe, North Kona, Hawaii.

The presence of a representative will be appreciated in order that all questions relative to the request may be clarified.

A copy of the hearing notice is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,

Sidney Fuke
Director

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Enclosure

cc Mr. Ted Matsuo State Land Use Commission Land Use Division, DPED

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J. Walsh Hanley

William J. Paris, Jr.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Department County of Hawaii

July 28, 1977

The Planning Commission met in regular sessions at 3:30 p.m., in the Kealakehe School Cafetorium, Kealakehe, North Kona, Hawaii, with Chairman Lorraine Jitchaku presiding:

PRESENT:

Lorraine Jitchaku Scott H. Asai Shigeru Fujimoto Arthur W. Martin William F. Mielcke Haruo Murakami Charles H. Sakamoto

Sidney M. Fuke, Planning Director Virginia Goldstein, Planner Gerald Hay, Planner

Earl Nakasato, Deputy Corporation Counsel
David Murakami, representing Exofficio Member, Edward Harada
Quirino Antonio " " Akira Fujimoto
Craig Shimabukuro, Department of Water Supply

ABSENT:

and approximately 7 people in attendance at 3:30 p.m.; about 15 people at 7:00 p.m. and ended with about 18 people.

The public hearing will be continued in Hilo to give the public in that area an opportunity to testify on the proposed bill.

SMA USE PERMIT
SPECIAL PERMIT
KONA FARMERS COOPERATIVE
KAHAULOA, SOUTH KONA

A duly advertised public hearing was held for the following requests within the present site of the Cooperative's coffee processing plant, Kahauloa, South Kona, TMK: 8-2-08:46:

a. Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit request to allow the construction of a new coffee storage building.

b. Special permit request to allow the establishment of the existing coffee processing plant within the State Land Use Agricultural District. The present facility exists as a nonconforming use.

Staff presented background information on file.

All public testimonies were in favor of both requests as the old building is 60-70 years old; the floor is of T&G and the coffee gets wet when it rains and floods, and could be very costly to the farmers.

The petitioner stated that there will be very little change in the location nor the roof height of the new building as compared to the old.

It was moved by Mr. Mielcke and seconded by Mr. Sakamoto that the public hearing be closed. No action was taken; it will be taken at the next Kona meeting.

SMA USE PERMIT
STATE DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION
HARBORS DIVISION
KEALAKEHE, NORTH KONA

A duly advertised public hearing was held for a Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit to allow the further development of the Honokohau Boat Harbor. The project will consist of excavation to

expand the harbor water area; construction of two double-lane launching ramps, three loading docks, temporary moorings, and ten washdown areas; clearing and grubbing for car/trailer parking and boat repair yard; grading for access road; installation of waterline, floodlighting, and sewer cavitette; landscaping; and other related improvements. The property involved is the site of the present Honokohau Boat Harbor, Kealakehe, North Kona, TMK: 7-4-08:Portion of 3.

Mr. Murakami refrained from participating in the discussion because of his employment with Department of Transportation, Highways Division. Staff presented background information and recommendation on file. On the question of the effect of the moratorim in the area, it was stated that the Department of Interior's approval must be granted before any other approvals can be given.

Mr. Nahm, the engineer on this project, explained in detail the procedure that is required in order to get the approvals from the various governmental agencies involved, such as the Corps of Engineers cannot issue a permit for excavation and dredging until the Department of Interior clears it and the Department of Interior cannot issue the permit until they get clearance from the Congressional Committee.

Mr. Nahm's request for a change in Condition 2 to state that the effective date of the starting deadline should be "upon the issurance of the Corps of Engineers permit" was approved by the Commission.

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PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Department County of Hawaii

HEARING TRANSCRIPT July 28, 1977

A regularly advertised public hearing, on the application of the Kona Farmers Cooperative, was called to order at 7:15 p.m., in the Cafetorium of the Kealakehe Elementary School, Kealakehe, North Kona, by Chairman Jitchaku.

PRESENT: Lorraine Jitchaku

Scott Asai

Charles H. Sakamoto

Haruo Murakami William F. Mielcke Shigeru Fujimoto Arthur W. Martin

Sidney M. Fuke, Planning Director

Virginia Goldstein, Planner

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David Murakami, representing Ex-officio Member, Edward Harada Quirino Antonio, " " Akira Fujimoto

ABSENT: J. Walsh Hanley

William J. Paris, Jr.

Craig Shimabukuro, Department of Water Supply

and about 15 people in attendance.

CHAIRMAN: We will go on with the second public hearing of the evening. Public hearing on the application of the Kona Farmers Cooperative for the following requests within the present site of the Cooperative's coffee processing plant, Kahauloa, South Kona, TMK: 8-2-08:46: (a) Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit request to allow the construction of a new coffee storage building. (b) Special Permit request to allow the establishment of the existing coffee processing plant within the State Land Use Agricultural District. The present facility exists as a nonconforming use. Staff.

GOLDSTEIN: Presented background information on file.

CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Virginia. Are there any questions of the staff's report? We have two areas to consider, one is the SMA Permit and the other is the Special Permit to allow the existing coffee plant to become a conforming use. If there is no questions of the staff's report, at this time the Chair would like to call the applicant or representative of the applicant. Forward please. State your name into the microphone.

BAILADO: Madam Chairman, my name is Sotero Bailado, I am the manager of the Kona Farmers Cooperative. (Sworn in)

CHAIRMAN: You have heard the staff's report in regards to the two permits. Are there anything else that should be added or any corrections that should be made or if you have further information for the Commissioners.

BAILADO: No, all I like to reiterate is that this facility is presently in existence and what my Cooperative wants to do really is to bring it up to better standard. My people believe in the coffee industry and it behooves us to improve our facilities.

CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Commissioners, do you have any questions that you would like to ask Mr. Bailado?

MARTIN: Do I understand it right that the processing storage building be located where there is an existing building right now?

BAILADO: Yes sir.

MARTIN: I noticed that the proposed building is 14 feet from the boundary, how close is the present building?

BAILADO: I am going to ask our engineer here.

CHAIRMAN: Why don't you come up forward; there may be more questions so the two of you--

BAILADO: I have all my bodyguards here just in case I need help.

CHAIRMAN: State your name please. (Sworn in)

YOKOTA: My name is Melvin Yokota. I am an engineer with W. Hirai and Associates.

MARTIN: Melvin, I'm not asking this of you as a school teacher. That Melvin is a student, does that put me in conflict of interest?

CHAIRMAN: No conflict at all.

MARTIN: Is this building closer or the same or farther away from the boundary than the existing building?

YOKOTA: I don't have the exact dimensions that we took on the old building with me but I believe it is somewhere between 11 and 14 feet.

MARTIN: So, probably the new building is farther away from the boundary than the old building.

YOKOTA: It will be either the same or slightly further in.

MARTIN: So this would be an improvement.

YOKOTA: Yes.

MARTIN: Will this building, the proposed building, be used for the same thing as the old building is now being used?

YOKOTA: Yes.

CHAIRMAN: Staff, I would like to direct this question to you. According to the staff's report, it does mention that the new building will be set back only 15 feet and the map there shows 14.

GOLDSTEIN: Plus or minus, roughly.

CHAIRMAN: Any other questions of Mel or Mr. Bailado?

ASAI: Madam Chairman, may be Mr. Sotero can answer my question. I see in the staff's report that your new building will have a raised concrete floor to protect the coffee. Right now, the old building, is it above ground level?

BAILADO: Right now, sir, the floor is of T&G material, wooden material, but through the years, after rain and flooding, inundation, it is just about level with the ground.

CHAIRMAN: Any other questions; nothing further to add, Mel? May be you have something new that probably this staff had missed.

YOKOTA: I don't think so.

CHAIRMAN: Thank you, we may be calling you later if we have any more questions. Thank you, Sotero. Is there anyone else here; this is a public hearing; who wishes to testify.

MOTOKI: My name is Tojiro Motoki. I am on the Board of Directors of Kona Farmers Cooperative. (Sworn in)

I noticed in your staff's report that they do say that we'll be replacing an already existing building but it does not indicate the real necessity for the replacement of this building. This building, as you staff's report mentions, is a very, very ancient structure, probably 60-70 years old. If you were to drive down the Napoopoo roadway and pass that building, you would notice that the sides of the building are propped up with 2 x 4 pieces of lumber. It is that old.

Now, the further reason for raising the level of the floor one foot was that about two or three years ago there was a flooding situation there and the water did come into that existing building and as Mr. Bailado mentioned, the water level did rise above the level of the floor and all of the coffee, the first layer of coffee sacks, all got wet. The coffee had already been dried and processed and was stored in there and awaiting shipment. When that thing became wet, it necessitated removing all of that, getting the bottom layer of coffee sacks, redrying it and doing it in a hurry before that thing would deteriorate and cost the Superior Coffee Company, but fortunately for us that time the coffee had already been sold to Superior; it was their property and so they really had to hustle getting that coffee removed and redried and one of the reasons why we feel that is is necessary to rebuild and raise the level of the floor is to avoid any such future happenings. Next time, unfortunately, we may still be the owners of that coffee. Eventually that building has to come down, it is so termite eaten that in my opinion it constitutes a hazard.

CHAIRMAN: You did mention that the building is about 60 years old. We are happy that the business is still in existence. Are there any questions of Mr. Motoki? We thank you for your information. Is there anyone else who wishes to testify on the application? If not, Virginia, can you give us a recommendation?

GOLDSTEIN: We won't be giving you the recommendations for the SMA until you are ready to consider the Special Permit.

CHAIRMAN: So we will consolidate at the next meeting?

GOLDSTEIN: Yes.

MIELCKE: If there is no further public testimony--

MARTIN: I think this is a question that probably should be addressed to Mr. Yokota. I wanted to know what will be the height of the proposed building, how it compares with the height of the present building?

YOKOTA: I think the overall height of the building will be the same, the existing building has a steeper roof but since that will be changing to a steel building, it will be flatter so they will have a higher eave height.

MARTIN: So, even though the floor is raised a little, the bit height will still be the same because the roof will be flat.

YOKOTA: I believe so.

CHAIRMAN: Any other questions? If not, the Chair would like to entertain a motion. We will be taking action on both permits at the next hearing. Do you want to continue the hearing or close the public hearing at this time; what is your pleasure?

MIELCKE: If there is no further public testimony to come before the Commission, I would like to move that we close the public hearing on the application of Kona Farmers Cooperative's items A and B on the SMA and Special Permit.

SAKAMOTO: I second the motion.

CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Commissioner Mielcke and seconded by Commissioner Sakamoto that the public hearing be closed. All those in favor say aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN: Opposed? Both permits will be taken up at our next Kona meeting.

Public hearing adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mieko M. Kawasaki, Secretary Pro tem

ATTEST

(Mrs.) Borraine R. Jitchaku, Chairman

Planning Commission

August 3, 1977

Kona Farmers Cooperative P. O. Box 308 Captain Cook, HI 96704

Dear Sirs:

Special Permit Application SMA Use Permit Application Tax Map Key 8-2-8:46

The Planning Commission at its meeting of July 28, 1977, held a duly advertised public hearing on your application for the following requests: a) Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit request to allow the construction of a new coffee storage building; and b) Special Permit request to allow the establishment of the existing coffee processing plant within the State Land Use Agricultural District. The present facility exists as a nonconforming use at Kahauloa, South Kona, Hawaii.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 205-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Commission shall act on the special permit not earlier than fifteen (15) days after the said public hearing. Therefore, the SMA Use Permit action will also be taken at that time.

We shall notify you when the Commission is ready to take action on your requests.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Lorraine R. Jitchaku Chairman, Planning Commission

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cc Mr. Ted Matsuo State Land Use Commission Land Use Division, DPED

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August 11, 1977

Kona Farmers Cooperative P. O. Box 308 Captain Cook, HI 96704

Dear Sirs:

Special Permit Application SMA Use Permit Application Tax Map Key 8-2-8:46

Your applications will again be discussed on August 25, 1977 by the Planning Commission. The meeting will be held at Kealakehe School Cafetorium, Kealakehe, North Kona, Hawaii and is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m..

You will be notified of the Commission's decision.

A copy of the agenda is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,

Sidney Fuke
Director

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cc Mr. Ted Matsuo State Land Use Commission Land Use Division, DPED

#### SPECIAL PERMIT/SMA USE PERMIT: KONA FARMERS COOPERATIVE

The Kona Farmers Cooperative is requesting a Special Permit to allow the establishment of the existing coffee processing plant on 4.4 acres of land situated within the State Land Use Agricultural District. The present facility exists as a non-conforming use. Also requested is a Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit to allow the construction of a new coffee storage building. The property involved is located along the north side of Napo'opo'o Road at the present site of the Cooperative's coffee processing plant, Kahauloa, South Kona (TMK: 8-2-08:46).

For the Commissioners' information, a separate Special
Permit was granted in November of 1968, for the establishment
of the macadamia nut processing facility at the subject site.

In support of the Special Permit request, the petitioner has stated the following:

#### (READ APPLICANT'S REASONS)

As stated by the petitioner, the proposed building will not meet the minimum front yard setback of thirty (30) feet as stipulated within the Agricultural zoned district. Like the existing building, the new building will be setback only fifteen (15) feet from the property line. Through the Special Permit procedure, a variance from the setback requirment may be granted.

In regards to the SMA Use Permit request, the petitioner intends to demolish an existing storage building and replace it with a 4,500 square feet (60' x 75') steel building. The

approximate construction cost of the new building is \$61,000.

The existing building to be removed is 3,420 square feet in size.

In the petitioner's Environmental Assessment for this project, the following was stated:

"The Co-op is presently pursuing a program for upgrading the existing facilities by constructing new buildings to replace the older structures.

"The existing storage building is outdated and needs to be removed; it will be replaced with a new steel building. The proposed construction also includes a new electrical system, and raised concrete floor (which protects the coffee beans from damage due to flooding in the area).

"Site preparation will be limited to minor local grading for the building, and will therefore not alter any drainage patterns in the area. The coffee storage building will be a prefabricated steel structure, with metal siding. The building will blend in with the existing structures, and is not expected to alter the visual appearance significantly; if anything, the appearance should improve because of the newness of the building. There is no sewage discharged from within either building and the environment will therefore not be altered in this respect."

For the Commissioners' added information, a SMA Minor

Permit was issued for the construction of a new macadamia nut
husking building.

The General Plan Land Use Pattern Allocation Guide Map designates the area as Orchard. This designation applies to those agricultural lands which though rocky in character and content can support productive macadamia nuts, papaya, citrus and other similar agricultural products. The County's zoning designation for this property is Unplanned (U).

The subject property is also situated within the Kealakekua Bay Archaeological and Historical District; therefore, all proposed improvements must be reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Officer prior to construction. The request was sent to the HPO and the following are her comments:

"The proposed undertaking will have no effect upon any known historic or archaeological site on or likely to be eligible for inclusion on the Hawaii Register and/or National Register of Historic Places. This office has no reservations for the project to be proceed. In the event that any unanticipated sites or remains are encountered, please inform the applicant to contact this office immediately."

According to the USDA Soil Conservation Service Soil Survey
Report (Dec. 1973), the land is of the Waiaha series which consists of shallow, well-drained silt loams that formed in volcanic ash. Permeability is rapid, runoff is slow, and the erosion hazard is slight. The land has been improved; thus, is relatively level.

The Land Study Bureau's overall master productivity rating for agricultural use is Class E or Very Poor.

Surrounding land uses include scattered single family dwellings, coffee farms, and other agricultural uses. The proposed macadamia nut processing plant by Hawaiian Host, Inc. will be located approximately 1,200 feet mauka of the area under consideration.

The 50-foot wide Napo'opo'o Road which fronts the subject property has a pavement width of twenty (20) feet. All essential utilities including a 6-inch water line, are available to the area.

Upon review of the request, the Department of Water Supply stated that "Inasmuch as these applications are for the construction of replacement facilities and that the applicant has indicated that there will be no increase in water usage requirements, we have no objections to offer."

The Department of Health informs that "The requirements of Public Health Regulations, Chapter 1-A, Food and Food Service Establishment Sanitation Code are applicable to the coffee processing plant."

The Department of Agricultural recommended approval of the requests.

All other cooperating agencies had no comments on or objections to the subject requests.

#### RECOMMENDATION: KONA FARMERS COOPERATIVE

Upon careful review of the subject request against the guidelines for considering a Special Permit, staff is recommending that it be given favorable consideration based on the following findings:

1. That the proposed use will not be contrary to the objectives sought to be accomplished by the State Land Use Law and Regulations. The Land Use Law and Regulations are intended to preserve, protect and encourage the development of lands in the State for those uses to which they are best suited in the interest of health and welfare of the people.

The basic purpose of the subject request is to legitimize the existing non-conforming use. The present coffee processing operation at the area under consideration has been in existence prior to the adoption of the State Land Use Law and Regulations. However, in order for improvement or expansion to be made to the existing processing plant, a Special Permit must be secured. Since some of the existing structures are quite old, rather than obtaining a Special Permit each time improvements are contemplated, it was suggested by the County of Hawaii Planning Department to establish the entire area under one (1) Special Permit. In doing so, improvements to the plant can be made without applying for a Special Permit for each and every improvement. By granting a Special Permit, we are basically establishing the use on a particular property rather than the individual improvements or structures to go on the property.



This coffee processing plant is presently servicing some of the coffee farmers in the Kona area. The processing operation has proven to be a positive benefit and support to agriculture for the Kona area. With the establishment of this facility, definite benefits have accrued to the farmers in terms of proximity to production areas, cost of production, and an alternative market. The processing facility has indeed further the objectives of the Land Use Law and Regulations by encouraging and strengthening existing and future agricultural activities in the area. Further, the granting of this particular request would also compliment the Economic goal of the County of Hawaii General Plan which states that "The County of Hawaii shall strive for diversification of its economy by strenthening existing industries and attracting new endeavors."

2. That the proposed use will not adversely affect the surrounding properties and land uses. The surrounding properties are either vacant or in some form of agricultural use. Although there are some single family dwellings in the immediate vicinity, no objections have been raised by the residents on the present use. In addition, the State Land Use Commission recently allowed a macadamia nut husking plant to be established in close proximity to the subject area. It is therefore determined that the proposed use at its particular location will complement the surrounding land uses; thus, would not have an adverse impact on the overall agricultural activity for the area.

Further, since the use is one that has already been established on the subject property, it is determined that the granting of this particular request will not substantially alter or change the essential character of the land.

- 3. The proposed use is directly related to agricultural activity.

  Within the State Land Use Agricultural District and the County's Agricultural zoned district, processing of agricultural products is a permitted use provided that the products are grown on the premise. If the coffee to be processed were solely grown on the subject property, then a Special Permit would not have been required. In this particular case, however, a Special Permit is necessitated since the products will be obtained from other properties in the area.
- 4. That all essential utilities and facilities are available to the area for the requested use. As such, the granting of this request for the purpose of establishing a coffee processing plant at this particular location will not unreasonably burden public agencies to provide additional infrastructures.

In light of the above stated reasons, staff feels that the proposed use will be consistent with the guidelines for granting a Special Permit. A major policy of the State and County is the encouragement and support of agricultural activities throughout the State. The proposed use is directly supportive of farming activities. It is therefore concluded that the granting of this

particular request would be beneficial to the people in the State of Hawaii relative to adopted agricultural policies.

It is further recommended that the subject request be given favorable consideration subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That prior to construction of any facilities on the subject property, the petitioner or its authorized representative shall submit such plans to the County Planning Department for review and approval.
- 2. That all existing requirements, such as the Special Management Area Use Permit, shall be complied with.
- Zoning requirements may be waived. In this case, the petitioner intends to construct a new coffee storage building with a fifteen (15) foot front yard setback in lieu of the required thirty (30) feet. This variance is hereby granted provided that the building is setback at a minimum of 15 feet from the front property line.

Archaeological and Historical District, prior to construction of any structure, approval must first be obtained from the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Should any of the foregoing conditions not be met, the Special Permit may be deemed null and void.

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PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Department County of Hawaii

MINUTES August 25, 1977 EXHIBIT



The Planning Commission met in regular sessions at 2:00 p.m. in the Waimea School Cafetorium, Waimea, South Kohala, and at 3:30 p.m. at the Kealakehe School Cafetorium, Kealakehe, N. Kona with Vice Chairman William F. Mielcke presiding.

PRESENT: William F. Mielcke
Arthur W. Martin
Haruo Murakami
William J. Paris, Jr.

Charles H. Sakamoto, Jr.

ABSENT: Scott Asai Shigeru Fujimoto J. Walsh Hanley Lorraine Jitchaku

Akira Fujimoto, Ex-officio Member

Sidney M. Fuke, Planning Director
Duane Kanuha, Deputy Director (From 3:30 p.m.)
Norman Hayashi, Planner (From 3:30 p.m.)
Virginia Goldstein, Planner
Keith Kato, Planner

David Murakami, representing Ex-officio Member, Edward Harada Lionel Meyers, Deputy Corporation Counsel

and about three people at 2:00 p.m., about 12 people at 3:30 p.m. and about 8 people at 7:00 p.m.

The applicant stated that this area will be used by Parker Ranch employees and their families only; not the public.

When asked if the water was drinkable, applicant stated that they will tap on to Boise Cascade's line which now services the restroom facilities for Boise and Anaeho'omalu and is considered to be drinkable.

Applicant stated that the parking will be between the existing gravel road and the proposed pavilion and will be widen by 25-30 feet.

Mr. Richard Smart told the Commissioners that they have water rights from Boise, part of the deal made some years ago.

It was moved by Commissioner Paris and seconded by Commissioner Murakami that the SMA Use Permit be granted with the conditions outlined by the staff; motion carried.

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The meeting recessed at 2:25 p.m., until the next scheduled meeting at 3:30 p.m.

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RECONVENED

Meeting was reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

SMA USE PERMIT
SPECIAL PERMIT
KONA FARMERS COOPERATIVE
KAHAULOA, SOUTH KONA

Application for the following requests within the present site of the Cooperative's coffee processing plant at Kahauloa, South Kona, Hawaii, TMK: 8-2-08:46:

- (a) SMA Use Permit request to allow the construction of a new coffee storage building.
- (b) Special Permit request to allow the establishment of the existing coffee processing plant within the State Land Use Agricultural District. The present facility exists as a non-conforming use.

Staff presented recommendations on both requests, on file.

Staff stated that conditions under Item 2 of the SMA Use Permit and Item 4 of the Special Permit should read as follows: "That in the event that anticipated sites or remains are encountered in the course of grading and/or construction, the State Historic Preservation Officer shall be notified since..."

Director stated that this change was made after reviewing the files and noting that the Historic Preservation Officer had responded to the application and rather than have the applicant be subjected again to another review, they thought it would be better to impose this particular condition.

#### Special Permit:

Commissioner Paris requested that they impose a condition of painting the building with colors that will blend with the surrounding topography as this building will be located on the approach road to the historical areas that are visited by thousands of people. Tajiro Motoki, treasurer of the Cooperative, requested clarification on the parking stalls and paving of the area with dust-proof material. Staff replied that the parking requirements in the Zoning Ordinance require that all new structures have their parking areas paved. Staff also stated that the parking stalls should be on the subject site. Represented stated that the employees now park in the back of the existing open space and after conferring with the Manager of Kona Farmers Cooperative, Sotero Bailado, stated that this paving will not impose unnecessary or undue financial burden.

On the condition imposed by Commissioner Paris, applicant replied that painting is in the plan so there will be no problem.

Commissioner Martin asked if there are any regulations in the County or State regarding painting. Director replied that there are no special rules on painting but it is within the jurisdiction of the Commission to impose such a condition.

This was an action meeting; the public hearing was closed on July 28. It was moved by Comm. Paris and seconded by Comm. Murakami that the Commission send a favorable recommendation to the State Land Use Commission on the Special Permit with the conditions outlined by the staff and with the addition of the painting condition.

The motion did not carry with four ayes and one no by Commissioner Martin, who felt that the painting condition was not necessary as the applicant has stated that they will abide.

A motion was made by Commissioner Paris and seconded by Commissioner Murakami to defer the Special Permit application until more members were present to vote on it.

Motion carried with a majority vote.

It was then moved by Commissioner Murakami and seconded by Commissioner Paris to reconsider the motion to defer; motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Paris to reconsider the first motion; motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Paris to withdraw his condition on painting with reluctance and to send a favorable recommendation to the State Land Use Commission with the conditions as outlined by the staff. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Murakami and carried.

SMA Use Permit:

On the matter of the SMA Use Permit, it was moved by Commissioner Murakami and seconded by Commissioner Paris that it be approved with the conditions outlined by the staff; motion carried.

VARIANCE
ELBRIDGE DURANT
KOHANAIKI, NORTH KONA

Request to allow the creation of a proposed subdivision with a 30-foot right-of-way and 14-foot pavement in lieu of the minimum requirements of fifty (50) feet and twenty

(20) feet respectively. The property involved is located approximately 2,300 feet mauka of the Hawaii Belt Highway, adjacent and to the north of the Kaloko Mauka Subdivision, Konanaiki Homesteads, Kohanaiki, North Kona, TMK: 7-3-06:1.

Staff presented background information on file.

August 30, 1977

Kona Farmers Cooperative P. O. Box 308 Captain Cook, HI 96704

Dear Gentlemen:

Special Permit Application Tax Map Key 8-2-8:46

The Planning Commission at its regular meeting of August 25, 1977 considered your application for a special permit to allow the establishment of the existing coffee processing plant within the State Land Use Agricultural District at Kahauloa, South Kona, Hawaii.

The Commission voted to forward a favorable recommendation to the Land Use Commission subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That prior to construction of any facilities on the subject property, the petitioner or its authorized representative shall submit such plans to the County Planning Department for review and approval.
- 2. That all existing requirements, such as the Special Management Area Use Permit, shall be complied with.
- 3. That through the Special Permit procedures, certain County zoning requirements maybe waived. In this case, the petitioner intends to construct a new coffee storage building with a fifteen (15) foot front yard setback in lieu of the required thirty (30) feet. This setback variance is hereby granted provided that the building is setback at a minimum of 15 feet from the front property line.

4. That in the event that unanticipated sites or remains are encountered during the course of grading and/or construction the State Historic Preservation Officer shall be notified since the land is situated within the Kealakekua Archaeological and Historical District.

Should any of the foregoing conditions not be met, the Special Permit may be deemed null and void.

In the meantime, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Planning Department at 961-8288.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Lorraine R. Lichaku Chairman, Planning Commission

NH: lqv

CC Mr. Ted Matsuo State Land Use Commission Land Use Division, DPED



