

STATE OF HAWAII
LAND USE COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

Resolution Room
Royal Kona Resort (fka Kona Hilton)
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

March 15, 1994

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HEARING OFFICER: Karen S. Ahn

STAFF PRESENT: Esther Ueda, Executive Officer
Winfred K.T. Pong, Deputy Attorney
General
Bert Saruwatari, Staff Planner
Darlene Kinoshita, Chief Clerk

Evelyn Miyata, Court Reporter

Karen S. Ahn, Hearing Officer, called the meeting to order.

HEARING

BR93-693 - OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING (Oahu)

Pursuant to a notice published in the Honolulu Star Bulletin on January 14, 1994 and notices sent to all parties, a hearing was called by the Hearing Officer in the matter of the petition by the Office of State Planning to reclassify approximately 4,470.22 acres of land currently in the Agricultural District into the Conservation District at Moaula and Kaalaiki to Ninole, Kau, Hawaii for watershed protection, protection and enhancement of native forest, bird and plant habitats, provision of areas for public hunting and recreation, and commercial forestry management.

Appearances

Jim Nagle, Esq., Deputy Attorney General, Office of State Planning

Marylou Kobayashi, Office of State Planning

Judith Henry, Office of State Planning

The Planning Department, County of Hawaii, was not present to the proceeding.

EXHIBITS

1. The following public witness letters were admitted into evidence by the Hearing Officer:

- a. January 25, 1994 from Lunakanawai Hauanio
- b. February 13, 1994 from Shanti Devi
- c. March 1, 1994 and March 10, 1994 from Keith Ahue,
DLNR
- d. March 4, 1994 from Hugh Montgomery, Na Ala Hele

2. OSP's Exhibit Nos. A, B, 3 through 9 were admitted into evidence by the Hearing Officer. OSP's List of Witnesses and First Amended List of Exhibits were received.

3. The County's Exhibit No. 1 was admitted into evidence by the Hearing Officer.

The letter dated March 10, 1994 from Keith Ahue was objected to by Mr. Nagle citing that the letter was untimely and vague. Karen S. Ahn, Hearing Officer, informed Mr. Nagle that she would give DLNR one week to supplement the record as to whether this letter was a withdrawal of authorization by DLNR to reclassify a 68 acre portion of the petition. OSP will have one week to respond and if needed, may request a reopening of the hearing.

Bert Saruwatari, staff planner, oriented the hearing officer to the petition on the Land Use District Boundaries and tax maps.

PUBLIC WITNESSES

1. Douglas Blake
2. Lunakanawai Hauanio

PETITIONER'S WITNESSES

1. Marylou Kobayashi
2. Judith Henry

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Karen S. Ahn, Hearing Officer, instructed all parties of the post-hearing procedures and declared the hearing closed. The proposed findings from the parties are due on April 5, 1994 and the parties have 10 days after receipt of the proposed findings in which to respond.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.