

STATE OF HAWAII  
LAND USE COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

Humanities Room  
Laupahoehoe Library  
Laupahoehoe, Hawaii

*approved*  
*7/27/95*

July 21, 1995

HEARING OFFICER: Benjamin Matsubara, Esq.

STAFF PRESENT: Esther Ueda, Executive Officer  
Kathy Yonamine, Staff Planner  
Darlene Kinoshita, Chief Clerk  
Evelyn Miyata, Court Reporter

Benjamin Matsubara, Hearing Officer, called the meeting to order.

REOPENED HEARING

BR94-707 - OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING, STATE OF HAWAII

A reopened hearing was called by Benjamin Matsubara, Hearing Officer, in the matter of the petition by the Office of State Planning to reclassify approximately 171.61 acres of land currently in the Agricultural and Urban Districts into the Conservation District at North Hilo District, Laupahoehoe, Hawaii for protection and preservation of Manowaiopae, Kuwaikahi, Kihalani Streams and associated gulches.

The hearing was reopened for the purpose of receiving additional information to address issues raised with regard to the existing management and preservation of Conservation Districts and its impact upon agricultural activities within adjoining areas to the Conservation District.

Appearances

Ann Ogata-Deal, Esq., Deputy Attorney General, Office of State Planning

Mary Lou Kobayashi, Office of State Planning

Richard Wurdeman, Esq., Corporation Counsel, County of Hawaii

Virginia Goldstein, Director, Planning Department,  
County of Hawaii

Thomas Young, Intervenor

EXHIBITS

1. The following public witness letters were admitted into evidence by the hearing officer:

- a. March 31, 1995 from Donna Fay Kiyosaki, Chief Engineer, Department of Public Works, County of Hawaii
- b. May 4, 1995 from Jesse Dawn, World Changing Books
- c. May 4, 1995 from Patricia Engelhard, County Clerk, County Council, County of Hawaii
- e. May 24, 1995 from Ronald Englund
- f. May 31, 1995 from Dieter Muller-Dombois
- g. June 19, 1995 from Dan Polhemus
- h. July 2, 1995 from Bonnie Goodell
- i. July 12, 1995 from Nancy Gatewood
- j. July 14, 1995 from David A. Caccia
- k. July 17, 1995 from Art McCornack
- l. July 17, 1995 from Robert A. Kinzie
- m. July 17, 1995 from Don E. Hemmes
- n. July 18, 1995 from Ed Johnston
- o. July 19, 1995 from Lola N. Mench, Sierra Club
- p. July 19, 1995 from Martha Black
- q. July 19, 1995 from Edward Clark
- r. July 20, 1995 from Lorin T. Gill
- s. July 20, 1995 from Andrew Charles Yanoviak
- t. July 21, 1995 from Edith S. Worsencroft
- u. July 21, 1995 from Sally Wang, Moku Loa Group

2. Mr. Young, Intervenor's, List of Witnesses and Exhibit Nos. TY-1 through TY-16 were admitted into evidence by the hearing officer.

3. County's List of Witnesses, as amended, was admitted into evidence by the Land Use Commission.

4. OSP's List of Witnesses, as amended, and Exhibit Nos. 19 through 22 were admitted into evidence by the Land Use Commission.

Kathy Yonamine, staff planner, oriented the Hearing Officer to area requesting reclassification on the Land Use District Boundaries and tax maps.

PUBLIC WITNESSES

1. Mayor Stephen Yamashiro
2. Nelson Ho
3. Lucille Chung
4. Paul Bryant
5. Art McCornack
6. Patricia Tummons
7. Thomas Crabb
8. Carol Wilcox
9. Laura Figueira
10. Lisa Barton
11. Bob Akamine
12. Kamaka Draeger
13. Jesse Wolf Dawn
14. Adam Morrow
15. Colleen Kiernan
16. Debra Salboro
17. Colleen Ziroli
18. William Choy Hee

A lunch recess was taken at 1:05 p.m. to reconvene at 2:00 p.m.

- 2:00 p.m. -

INTERVENOR'S WITNESSES

1. Michael Tulang

2. Michael Barton
3. Dean Jones
4. Thomas Young

COUNTY'S WITNESSES

1. Margarita Hopkins
2. Virginia Goldstein

STATE'S WITNESSES

1. Earl Yamamoto
2. Mary Lou Kobayashi

Benjamin Matsubara, Hearing Officer, instructed all parties of the post-hearing procedures. Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision and Order are due by August 25, 1995.

The hearing was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.