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LAND USE COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
Conference Room 405
State Office Tower, Leiopapa A Kamehameha
235 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii

October 31, 2002

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: P. Roy Catalani
Bruce Coppa
Pravin Desai
Isaac Fiesta, Jr.
Lawrence N. C. Ing
Steven Montgomery (present from 10:45 a.m.)
Randall Sakumoto
Peter Yukimura

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Stanley Roehrig

STAFF PRESENT: Diane Erickson, Esq., Deputy Attorney General
Anthony J.H. Ching, Executive Officer
Bert Saruwatari, Staff Planner
Arlene Shimokawa, Chief Clerk
Holly Hackett, Court Reporter

Chair Ing called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

I. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Yukimura moved to approve the minutes for the meeting of October 17, 2002. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fiesta and said motion was unanimously approved by voice votes.

II. ACTION

a. SP02-397 HAWAII UNITED METHODIST UNION (Hawaii)

Chair Ing announced that the matter before the Commission was to consider the establishment of an educational retreat center on approximately 36.5 acres of land situated in the State Land Use Agricultural District in Kaapahu Homesteads, Hamakua, Hawaii.

APPEARANCES

Sidney Fuke, Planning Consultant for Hawaii United Methodist Union

Dr. Theodore Lesnett, Manager of the Committee, Hawaii United Methodist Union

Norman Hayashi, County of Hawaii, Planning Department

Patricia O'Toole, Esq., County of Hawaii, Planning Department

The presence of Barbara Ripple, superintendent of the Methodist Church, and Richard Matsushita, camping coordinator for the Methodist Church, were acknowledged.

Bert Saruwatari, LUC planner, provided the Commission with a map orientation and a staff report.

John Chang, Esq., Land Use Division, Office of Planning
and

Abe Mitsuda, Land Use Division, Office of Planning testified as public witnesses on the application.

Arguments were heard from Mr. Fuke and Dr. Lesnett.

Questions were asked by the Commissioners. There was much discussion with respect to the conditions outlined in the application.

Commissioner Fiesta moved to approve the application (seconded by Commissioner Yukimura) subject to the conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission with amendments to read as follows:

Condition No. 2

- (a) limit the operation of the project to nonprofit organizations;
- (b) construct no more than four 1,200-square foot, single-story dormitories and no more than six 600-square foot, single-story cottages; and
- (c) limit the maximum number of beds to 40 exclusive of staff quarters.

Condition No. 4

- (a) to require that all construction for the proposed expanded retreat shall be completed in ten years.

Condition No. 9

- (a) to require that annual status reports be submitted to the Planning Director and the Land Use Commission.

Condition No. 10

- (a) to require that an initial extension of time for the performance of conditions within the permit may be granted by the Planning Director and the Land Use Commission.

The motion was approved by voice votes and carried with 7 ayes and 2 absent.

A 10-minute recess was taken at 10:40 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:48 a.m.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

(Commissioner Montgomery appeared at this time).

Commissioner Fiesta moved that the Land Use Commission enter into executive session to receive advice from counsel regarding declaratory orders. Commissioner Catalani seconded the motion and said motion was approved by voice votes.

The Commission entered into executive session at 10:50 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.