

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

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Community Plan Advisory Committee

Attending: Chair Kai Nishiki, Hans Michel, Karen J. Comcowich, Ravi Bugga, Donald Robert Gerbig, Joseph D. Pluta, Dylan Payne, Leilani Pulmano, Angela Lucero, Yvette Joyce Celiz, Dawn Hegger-Nordblom, Aina Kohler

Absent: Vice-Chair Jeri Dean

County of Maui – Planning Department

Jennifer Maydan, Long Range Planning Division

Kate Blystone, Long Range Planning Division

Tiffany Bostwick, Long Range Planning Division

Jaime Paa, Long Range Planning Division

Call to order at 5:36 p.m.

Public Testimony (00:00 to 8:00 in Meeting Video)

Michele Lincoln read from her written testimony regarding establishing a park on Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estates property. ([Link to written testimony](#))

Mark Deakos talked about regenerative growth, issues with lack of compassionate shoreline managed retreat, and the Northern Lahaina section of the bypass taking precedent over preservation of coastline from the Pali to Olowalu. He provided suggestions as well as policy language for the Thursday meeting, in which he would not be able to attend.

Review: Draft West Maui Community Plan, Implementation and Monitoring Section (8:00 to 1:06:42)

Jennifer Maydan introduced County resource people Kathleen Aoki (Plan Implementation Division), Dave Yamashita (Parks and Recreation Department) and Dave Taylor (County CIP Coordinator). She briefly went over the agenda for the evening as well as the meeting materials provided to members.

Kate Blystone went over the Action Ranking Results handout and recommended how to best approach and proceed with the document.

Members had no questions regarding the Implementation and Monitoring section, and moved onto the Action Ranking section.

Some actions in Goal 2.5 (Safe, Healthy, Livable Communities for All) were not yet ranked due to its addition at the March 3 meeting; members provided their ranking to staff.

For Action 5.12 - Majority of members ranked the priority as LOW.

For Action 5.13 - Majority of members ranked the priority as HIGH.

For Action 5.14 - Majority of members ranked the priority as MEDIUM.

Members then spent several minutes looking through the rest of the actions to determine which items should be reevaluated.

Goal 2.1: Ready and Resilient Systems (31:18 to 40:41)

Karen Comcowich proposed that the priority level for **Actions 1.48, 1.14, and 1.17** should be higher and provided her reasons.

For Action 1.48 - After clarification from staff on priority levels, Karen decided that Action 1.48 should stay at its current priority (medium) and did not pursue any changes.

For Action 1.14 - Ravi Bugga asked whether the action is in reference to existing developments, new developments, or all developments. There was not enough support to change Action 1.14 from Medium to High priority; **Action 1.14 stayed at Medium priority.**

For Action 1.17 - Donald Gerbig asked if County funds are required to protect kuleana lands. There was not enough support to change Action 1.17 from Medium to High priority; **Action 1.17 stayed at Low priority.**

Goal 2.2: A Complete, Balanced, and Connected Transportation System (40:41 to 54:30)

Joseph Pluta proposed **changing Action 2.23 from Medium to High priority; High priority adopted by consensus.**

Leilani Pulmano proposed **changing Action 2.06 from Low to Medium priority; Medium priority adopted by consensus.**

Angela Lucero proposed **changing Action 2.15 from Low to Medium priority.** Members discussed whether intersections are appropriate to have along the Lahaina Bypass, and possible alternative language. **Medium priority adopted by consensus.**

Before moving on, Dylan Payne noted the large number of actions in Goal 2.2 that are in the medium and high priority. He encouraged members to keep in mind that the Ranking Tool, as well as the County's/Departments' ability to implement the actions, becomes less effective if too many items are ranked as important (the idea that "if everything's a priority, nothing's a priority").

Goal 2.3: Responsible Stewardship of Resources, Culture, and Character (54:30 to 1:03:06)

Angela Lucero proposed **changing Action 3.10 from Low to Medium or High priority; Medium priority adopted by consensus.**

Leilani Pulmano proposed **changing Action 3.18 from Low to Medium priority; Medium priority adopted by consensus.**

Leilani Pulmano proposed **changing Action 3.21 from Low to Medium; Medium priority adopted by consensus.**

Leilani proposed **changing Action 3.23 from Low to Medium; Medium priority adopted by consensus.**

Goal 2.4: Economic Opportunity Through Innovation and Collaboration

No changes.

Goal 2.5: Safe, Healthy, Livable Communities for All

No changes.

RECESS/DINNER BREAK

Review: Draft West Maui Community Plan, Implementation and Monitoring Section (Cont.) (1:06:42 to END)

Proposals for new Action Items

Joseph Pluta proposed a new Action in Goal 2.5: Safe, Healthy, Livable Communities for All: **Fund and implement the expansion of capacity of proven dedicated shelter and housing programs, such as Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Center.** Staff suggested leaving out specific examples to allow for more flexibility; Joseph agreed. **Proposed action was set at high priority and amended language was adopted by consensus. (1:07:18 to 1:10:16)**

Leilani Pulmano proposed a new action in Goal 2.4: Economic Opportunity Through Innovation and Collaboration: **Assist the community to develop a food hub in West Maui.** Questions from CPAC included what a food hub is. **Proposed action was set at medium priority and adopted by consensus. (1:10:31 to 1:15:05)**

Ravi Bugga proposed a new action to keep affordable housing credits in West Maui. Staff noted that it sounds more like a policy and that it should be brought up at Thursday's meeting.

Dawn Hegger-Nordblom proposed a new action: Work with public agencies and the community to look for a location for a Veteran's Cemetery on the West side. Staff noted that a location for this cemetery has already been noted on the map; therefore, an action is unnecessary.

Chair Nishiki proposed a new action: **Provide funds for planning, development, acquisition and maintenance of areas designated as park/open space on the Community Plan Map with a priority on beach park expansion.** Discussion included whether there is already an action in the Plan with similar language. Chair Nishiki agreed to **incorporate her language into Action 5.01; proposal approved by consensus. (1:18:59 to 1:26:01)**

Chair Nishiki also proposed that **Action 5.01 change from Medium to High priority; proposal approved by consensus.**

Hans Michel proposed **having a Memorial Park included with a Veterans Cemetery.** Jennifer Maydan noted that there isn't a specific area on the map designated for a Veteran's Cemetery, but that there is a PQP designation which allows for that use. Modified language for an additional action: **Develop a Veterans Cemetery and a Memorial Park in West Maui; proposal set at Medium priority and approved by consensus. (1:27:03 to 1:30:49)**

Leilani Pulmano a new action: Create a management plan for areas that are or will soon become over capacity due to tourism, such as Mile Marker 14; staff noted that Action 3.22 already has similar language.

Dylan Payne proposed a new action: Encourage DLNR to complete the Honolua Bay/ Lipoa Point management plan; staff noted that the County has no control over DLNR and that a management plan is already in motion.

Karen Comcowich proposed retaining the original language for Action 1.33 that was approved by CPAC at a previous meeting ([see November 19 Meeting Minutes](#)). Staff noted that having the word “prioritize” would turn this action into a policy. Karen agreed to look at the similar policy at the March 12 meeting and decide then.

Leilani Pulmano proposed a new action: Support extension of Mill Street as an alternative road to Honoapiilani Highway. Staff suggested “Extend Mill Street” if she wants it to be an action. Leilani instead agreed to rewrite her proposal as a policy for the March 12 meeting.

Leilani Pulmano proposed a new action: Support continued airport use at the Kapalua Airport. Staff noted that Leilani’s proposal is more of a policy, and if Leilani’s intent is to keep the airport from closing, this policy would do nothing to stop it.

Chair Nishiki proposed a new action: **Encourage the development of more affordable senior care homes, including senior services; action set as medium priority and adopted by consensus.**

Joseph Pluta proposed a new action: Support the acquisition and development of a West Maui Hospital. Kate Blystone noted that “acquisition” is out of the County’s hands, and that this language is better as a policy. Joseph agreed to propose the item as a policy at the March 12 meeting.

~~NEXT MEETING IS ON MARCH 12, 2020. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:50 P.M.~~

MARCH 12 MEETING WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19. NEXT MEETING SET FOR MAY 12, 2020 VIA BLUEJEANS VIDEOCONFERENCING PLATFORM.

