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Agenda Item: C. Goal 2.3 Responsible Stewardship of Resources, Culture and Character

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CPAC Meeting of 10 – 8 – 2019

LRF Comments in response to CPAC Handout

Responsible Stewardship of Resources, Culture and Character

POLICIES

4. "All new development shall implement recommendations of the Maui County Planting Plan for street and parking area trees, avoid the plants that are on the Hawaii Pacific Weed Assessment high risk list."

ADD: All new **and existing** developments.....

7. "Ensure Malu'uluolele Park is cared for in an ecologically and culturally appropriate way.

REPLACE (Malu'uluolele Park is) and **ADD:****all parks in the Lahaina Historic Districts are**.....

ACTIONS

1. "Continue working with the community to identify appropriate uses and management practices for County-controlled properties in County Historic District No. 1, including Malu'uluolele Park, Kamehameha Iki Park, and Banyan Tree Park."

ADD: Keawaiki, Apuakehau, and lawn area makai of library.

(note: Keawaiki is the newly restored harbor front area by THE cannons and flag pole. Apuakehau is area across from Baldwin Home and on Front Street side of library. These are both county-controlled properties) Ownership of lawn area makai of library is currently in dispute between state and county. We are working to get it under County control.

12. "Develop new design guidelines for Lahaina Town...'

The SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT thing the Lahaina Historic District NEEDS NOW is ENFORCEMENT of existing rules.

ADD: Hire a Historic District Officer who is an employee of the Planning or Zoning Department. This person would work out of the **existing** office in the Old Lahaina Courthouse. The Historic District Officer would be responsible for ensuring that merchants and others comply with the Historic District Ordinance and will cite offenders as needed. A big part of the officer's job would be merchant education regarding rules, permits, enforcement and the economic value of the Historic District.

ADD: The County must fund and implement a "**Safe and Clean**" program in Lahaina to address the growing problem with vagrants, drug abuse, panhandling, anti-social behavior, vandalism etc. This problem is not going away and we must actively work to protect our Historic District while providing help to those individuals who want help.

ADD: Paid Parking on County streets and lots with 100% of revenues going back to Lahaina Infrastructure Improvements including "Safe and Clean" and "Historic District Officer" programs should be explored. See attached DRAFT report.

References:

1. Lahaina Task Force Final Report

Department of Planning

Dec. 1996

Three major problems identified by the Task Force:

Parking

Signs

Enforcement of Historic District Ordinance

2. Lahaina Historic District Problems and Solution

Lahaina Restoration Foundation

Nov. 1, 2003

Solution Proposed: Historic District Officer funded by paid parking in county lot.

3. Lahaina News

April 13, 2006

"Satellite Planning Office to Open in Lahaina"

".....enhancement of the Lahaina Historic District a major responsibility. "

Note: Office closed after one month as employee was re-assigned to be Maui Planning Director. Office has remained empty for 13 years.

4. Parking Action Plan DRAFT

Wailuku Town and Lahaina Town

Dixon Resources Unlimited

February 2018

<https://www.mauicounty.gov/DocumentCenter/View/111849>

Lahaina Historic District Officer (LHDO)

The following should be part of the formal Job Description of the LHDO:

1. **Be assigned to the Maui County Planning Department.**
2. **Will be specifically trained to properly enforce the rules and regulations of the Lahaina Historic District.**
3. **Will occupy an office space within the Old Lahaina Courthouse.**
4. **Will provide information to the general public regarding questions about the Lahaina Historic District.**
5. **Can issue citations and/or warnings to violators of the Lahaina Historic District Rules and Regulations.**
6. **Can issue permits where applications meet regulations.**
7. **Can direct people on procedures to follow regarding variance requests.**
8. **Visually inspect the Lahaina Historic District a daily basis to see that the Lahaina Historic District Rules and Regulations are being observed.**
9. **Will provide a monthly report to the Cultural Resource Commission (CRC). The CRC along with its Corporation Council will advise the LHDO regarding citations and/or penalties to be issued within the Lahaina Historic District.**
10. **Must be familiar with the cultural aspects and physical surrounds of Lahaina's Historic District.**