



Koolina Boat Ramp

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Dear Land Use Commissioners,

I wish to submit testimony for item VI. of your agenda as that is summarized below.

LAND USE COMMISSION

NOTIFICATION OF LAND USE COMMISSION MEETING

A G E N D A

October 16, 2015 – 1:00 p.m.

Hawai`i Convention Center

Room #315

1801 Kalakaua Ave, Honolulu, HI 96815

VI. PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR DR08-36 KO OLINA DEVELOPMENT LLC

It has come to my attention that Ko Olina Development is going petition for the closure of the boat ramp due to lack of applicants. I am one of the former permits holders of Ko Olina Boat Ramp, decal #1380, I am a life long resident of Hawaii (64 years old), and have fished on/or owned a boat for 59 of those years. My further understanding is that requirements for use of the boat ramp are too restrictive for a "private citizen" boat owner like myself. I am the primary caregiver for my parents (ages 96 & 93) so I have not been able to fish for a couple years and I just found out via a news report and a few phone calls. However, I still pay my ramp fees, boat registration, insurance on boat and cars, and safety checks as I intend to fish when I am able. I am against closure of the boat as it will completely deny access that was promised at during the initial permits of the development. I was also opposed to allowing Phoenicians ramp as an option when Ko Olina demolished their ramp as it is unsafe and unusable to those of us who value our boats and I continue to believe that that the State of Hawaii denied us private citizen boat owners access to a safe boat ramp. Below are some of my objections and solutions:

- Fees to launch our boats and park our trailers should not be charged as that the what we pay our State Boat Ramp Fees
- Insurance should be that is required for us to travel on State and City and County of Honolulu roads and highways. I believe that insurance should be required for boats while in the water, as on the roads your no fault auto insurance covers your boat. The limits of liability should be like that of basic no fault auto insurance. Insurance beyond that as for things like environmental clean up is too restrictive if you can even obtain a policy. I am not sure if a even a personal liability umbrella would cover that.

- Maybe the Boat Ramp and Parking area should be gifted to the State of Hawaii so boaters could follow the same regulations as existing public ramps
- In the past, Ko Olina dictated the hours of use which was also an inconvenience, however, It was not restrictive to use as the current proposed requirements.
- I am fishing with this one, but here goes; I think some of the testimony to the use of Phoenicians and the closure of Ko Olina was the idea that Haseko was going to build the Marina so there would be additional access. (although access and requirements of access were never discussed) BUT we now know that Haseko will not be building the Marina. In my judgment as I grew up in Ewa Beach, Haseko never intended to build it, as all of us long time Ewa Beach residents knew that the safety issues of the movement of sand and reefs would virtually close the Marina entrance due to environment conditions. I feel for those who purchased home to have access to a Marina. Kind of like us who thought that Ko Olina Development was going to give us lifetime access to the ramp.
- Like the recent glass issue on the Symphony Condo of paying to keep the installed glass; maybe Ko Olina should have to pay a yearly fee designated to keep the maintenance and improvement of Waianae Boat Harbor and Keehi Boat Ramp as we will have to continue to use those facilities should you decide in their favor.
- I understand private property and the liability conditions of today's environment. I can understand that Ko Olina is trying to protect itself from liability as we all try to do the same, however, agreements are agreements and should be honored. Part of the cost and liability of developing Ko Olina is the commitment to the boating community to provide reasonable boat launching access. Please make your decision one that keeps promises.

Thank you for reading and as steward of the land and sea, you must represent all of us!

Mahalo,

Rick Nosaka

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Ko Olina Boat Ramp open to public is a media hoax!!

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Aloha, State Land use Commission board,

The controversial and long-planned Ko Olina Boat Ramp in West Oahu has been completed and is now open to the public, an attorney for the developer said in a letter to the state Land Use Commission.

We have been fighting this Developer and Crook Stone for over 10 years, since 2005! Thus he still had not delivered what the State of Hawaii has asked for, and continues to shut out the majority of Hawaiians, locals or whatever groups you wish to put us in.

After reading rules and speaking with Amber at the office, a user must first call and schedule to get in. Secondly they must pay a daily launch fee of \$15. Thirdly must pay a parking fee of \$10, which concludes that a public user must pay \$25 a day with permission to use a Public promised boat ramp.

In conclusion we cannot allow and must stop the more fortunate people with money, who may not have even earned it to control and push out the rest of the population! Please kokua for your local boaters and stop these crooks!

"Boaters want answers why Ko Olina developers closed off the public boat ramp they promised the community."

"We've been fighting this case for three years now and we feel Koolina has broken the law and we want them to re-open the boat ramp and put it back how it was based on what we found in documents to land use commission," said Chang.

Sincerely,

A concerned boater Christopher Lawton

October 13, 2015

To: KoOlina Community Association


re: KoOlina Boat Ramp & Parking

On behalf of Ross Y. Kurihara & family, we would want to truly thank you for building a boat ramp in KoOlina and letting non-residents of KoOlina able to use your boat ramp. We was sad, back in 2005 when KoOlina closed the boat ramp by lagoon 4, from 2005 to June 2015, we used Mariseo boat ramp. With the cheap yearly fee, we delt with alot of problems at Mariseo ramp.

- 1) Mariseo didnt enforce boat ramp rules.
- 2) Smelly fish guts dump at ramp area.
- 3) People fishing and swimming within ramp area.
- 4) Boat wash area being used by other people with boats
- 5) Bathrooms unable to use.
- 6) The area unsafe due to drinking, campers at ~~beach~~ area fights.
- 7) Sometimes unable to park cause alot of vehicles parked in area (Long weekends mostly).
- 8) Worry about your truck & trailer being safe.

The list goes long about problems at Mariseo boat ramp. That's why our family don't mind the fees of \$2500 to use everytime and the insurance liability of 500,000.00. Our insurance yearly payment is only \$7500 for liability, which we are so thankful we deal with Mark. Middleton, from statefarm.

Again thank you so much for letting use be able to use your boat ramp, and knowing KoOlina enforce the rules and our truck & trailer is safe.

Sincerely 

Ross Y. Kurihara