

MAUI PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING
SPECIAL USE PERMIT - ACT 205, S.L.H. 1963
Tuesday, July 7, 1964

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LAND USE COMMISSION

APPLICATION NO. 3
(George W. Murphy)

The public hearing on the following request for SPECIAL USE PERMIT under provisions of SECTION 98H-6, REVISED LAWS OF HAWAII 1955, 1961 SUPPLEMENT, as amended by Act 205, Session Laws of Hawaii 1963, was opened by Vice-Chairman Kazuo Kage, in the absence of the regular chairman, Joseph S. Medeiros, at 1:35 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 1964, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii:

MOLOKAI

Operation of Dude Ranch with such facilities as may be necessary, including extension of landing strip and other tourist facilities for hunting, golfing, horseback riding, etc., to be situated on and in the vicinity of the main houses at Puuohoau Ranch in the eastern end of Molokai, Tax Map Key 5-8-11, parcel 6.

Applicant: George W. Murphy

Area: 18.57 acres

A quorum of the Commission was in attendance. (See record of attendance.)

The Secretary read the "Notice of Public Hearing", a copy of which is hereto annexed and made a part hereof with "Affidavit of Publication" published in the Maui News, a newspaper published and circulated in the County of Maui, being the County in which said Commission is located, on May 30, 1964, as required by Section 98H-6 of Act 205, S.L.H. 1963.

The Secretary read the Special Use Permit Application dated May 25, 1964, attached hereto and made a part hereof, signed by G. W. Murphy.

Acting Planning Director Masao Sone reported to commissioners that he had thoroughly reviewed the plans with Mr. Gordon MacKenzie, manager of Puu-O-Hoku Ranch prior to the hearing and found the area ideal for a lodge. He said that the original request to place facilities in an area consisting of 18.57 acres was found too large and a request for a change to 100 feet by 1,000 feet was made to the Planning Commission on June 16, 1964. Subsequently the owners have decided to place the lodge facilities in an area consisting of 600 feet x 200 feet, or about 3 acres.

There were no letters of approval as of 12:45 p.m. this date.

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The Vice-Chairman then opened the public hearing for testimony.

MR. GORDON MacKENZIE, Manager, Puu-O-Hoku Ranch, stated: "The portion marked off on the sketch includes all the buildings we have now. We have set aside an area of 200 feet x 600 feet which we think will be sufficient. At present there are 2 dwellings there now which we will utilize. For future plans the next building will come in the immediate area. We feel this is enough area to take care of the necessary buildings. We feel that this would be good for Molokai. This would help the economy of the ranch, plus Molokai, plus the State.

"I would not like to have it called a dude ranch because a dude ranch means where you just do nothing else but cater to tourists. We plan to keep our present ranch operations going and this lodge will be an addition to our present facilities, so it won't be a dude ranch. We have a number of areas with good hunting, and we plan to stock pheasants where hunting can be all year round. We have beaches, horseback trails, golf course, fishing areas,

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and an air strip which we will use for the ranch and possibly small craft will come in. We have no plans for Hawaiian Airlines or Aloha Airlines to come in.

"We plan to renovate what we have now which will accommodate about 30 people to start out with. We feel that we will get into operation in late October or November, 1964. All building facilities will be in the 3 acres of land. The water supply is about 750 thousand gallons a day. We also have plans for a lake which will hold 45 million gallons of water. I feel we have plenty of water."

No one else spoke for the granting of the Special Use Permit.

No one spoke against the granting of the Special Use Permit.

The Vice-Chairman closed the public hearing at 1:46 p.m. He informed Mr. MacKenzie that action would not be taken by the Commission at its meeting following since the law provides that action on the application could not be taken earlier than 15 days after the public hearing.

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Reporter

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE:

Maui Planning & Traffic Commission

Present: Mr. Kazuo Kage, Vice-Chairman, presiding
Mr. William Hong, Member
Mr. Masao Nagasako, Member
Mr. Robert Ueoka, Member
Mr. Koichi Hamada, Member ex-Officio
Mr. Jean R. Lane, Member ex-Officio
Mr. Masao Sone, Member ex-Officio

Absent: Mr. Joseph S. Medeiros, Chairman (in Hilo)
Mr. Willard Eller, Member (prior commitment)
Mr. Yoshikazu Matsui, Member (prior commitment)
Mr. Hideo Hayashi, ex-Officio (prior commitment)

In Attendance:

Mr. Masao Sone, Acting Planning Director
Mr. Gordon MacKenzie, Molokai
Mr. Robert Johnson, Honolulu Advertiser
Mr. Bill Takiguchi, Maui News