

STATE OF HAWAII
LAND USE COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

Conference Rooms A, B and C
State Building
Hilo, Hawaii

Approved
5/01/85

February 5, 1985 - 9:00 a. m.

HEARING OFFICER: Benjamin Matsubara

STAFF PRESENT: Gordan Furutani, Executive Officer

Teri Andreasen, Court Reporter

HEARING

A84-575 - COUNTY OF HAWAII PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Pursuant to a notice published in the Hawaii Tribune Herald and the Honolulu Advertiser and notices sent to all parties, a hearing was called by the Land Use Commission in the matter of the petition by the County of Hawaii Planning Department to re-classify approximately 1,407 acres of land currently in the Agricultural and Conservation Districts into the Urban District at Puna, Hawaii for residential and urban uses. The hearing was conducted by Hearing Officer Benjamin Matsubara.

Mr. Matsubara advised that the Commission was in receipt of correspondence from the three following individuals regarding the proposed reclassification: Lee Phipps, Annette Adrian Hanna and Kazimiera Adrian, Harry Hinson, M.D.

Background information on the pending petition by the County of Hawaii was presented by Mr. Matsubara.

Appearances

Norman Hayashi - Planner, representing the petitioner

Daniel Yasui - Planner, representing the Department of
Planning & Economic Development

Executive Officer Furutani pointed to the area being considered for reclassification on the USGS and Tax Maps, and oriented it with various surrounding landmarks.

Mr. Matsubara reported that the Commission had received a motion from the Hawaii Planning Department requesting a continuance of the hearing to a later date to enable the County to

conduct informational meetings to advise the concerned land-owners of the possible ramifications of the reclassification to their properties. However, inasmuch as the hearing had been advertised and officially opened today, and there were members of the public present who were interested in testifying, he suggested that they write their names on the sign-up sheet and he will permit them to testify.

All of the persons who appeared today, having been duly sworn in, testified and were examined as set forth in the transcript.

Public Witnesses

Fred Rosha

Oral testimony----- 7 to 9

Virginia Lee - Pahoa Resident

Oral testimony-----10 to 13

Cross examination by Mr. Hayashi-----13

Examination by Mr. Matsubara-----13 to 14

Walter Gilchrist - Pahoa Resident

Oral testimony-----15 to 19

Darlene J. Gibbons - Hawaiian Beach Resident

Oral testimony-----20 to 23

Cross examination by Mr. Hayashi-----24 to 26

Cross examination by Mr. Yasui-----26

Examination by Mr. Matsubara-----26 to 27

George Walters

Oral testimony-----28 to 31

Cross examination by Mr. Hayashi-----31 to 32

Petitioner's Motion for Continuance

Mr. Hayashi submitted that, as expressed during the testimony presented today by the residents, there were many unanswered

questions that needed clarification. It was the County's intent to meet with the property owners to provide them with more detailed information about the pending reclassification and its effect on the residents.

Mr. Matsubara observed that there was no objection from the State to continue with the hearing, and based on the testimony presented today, he felt that it would be in the best interest of all concerned to continue with the hearing to a later date.

Mr. Matsubara announced that the hearing on subject petition will be continued to June 5 and 6, 1985, at the same location, beginning at 9:00 a.m. In the interim, the County will advise the landowners of the informational meetings which they will conduct.

The hearing was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.