

LAND USE COMMISSION
STATE OF HAWAII

Minutes of the Public Hearing

KGMB T.V. STUDIO

Honolulu, Hawaii

8:00 A. M. - March 7, 1964

Commissioners

Present:

C.E.S. Burns
James P. Ferry
Shelley Mark
Shiro Nishimura
Charles S. Ota
Myron B. Thompson
Robert G. Wenkam
Leslie E. L. Wung

Absent:

Goro Inaba

Staff

Present:

Raymond Yamashita, Executive Officer
Roy Takeyama, Legal Counsel
Richard Mar, Field Officer
Alberta L. Kai, Stenographer

The first televised public hearing of the nation covering ^{the proposed final} the five major islands of the State of Hawaii in general was called to order by Chairman Myron B. Thompson.

A brief background of the Land Use Law, the procedures that are followed during a public hearing, and the purpose of having this televised public hearing were given by the Chairman. Introduction of the Commissioners and staff; and the swearing in of the Executive Officer then followed.

The presentation of the district boundaries of each county was made by each Commissioner with respect to his own county (the only exception was the Big Island - Commissioner Wenkam substituted for Commissioner Inaba who was ill).

The following persons who were sworn in from the audience participated in the discussion sessions of the Commission and were satisfied by answers given from the commission members, the legal counsel, or the Executive Officer:

1. Mr. Lorin T. Gill, President of the Conservation Council
2. Miss Gertrude Humphries, Secretary of the Conservation Council
3. Mr. Harry Whitten

The following persons who were sworn in from the audience entered their testimonies on the proposed final district boundaries for the record:

1. Mr. Shige Shiroma, representing the Oahu Banana Growers Association, requested that the banana lands in Kaneohe be preserved by the Land Use Commission. (Written testimony submitted for the record and on file.)
2. Mr. Stephen Oyakawa, City Beautification Committee, Honolulu Chamber of Commerce, requested that the entire Nuuanu Pali area be designated as Conservation with the present agricultural use permitted to continue. (Written testimony submitted for the record and on file.)
3. Mr. Harry Choy, representing the Mikilua Farm Bureau, was interested in the proposed final district boundaries for the Mikilua area and was in favor of having it remain in an Agricultural classification.

Mr. Choy stated that Commissioner Burns failed to bring out the point that most of the lands in Mikilua are privately owned by small farmers, and that the biggest problem in the area was hog raising. He requested that the lines be drawn as such by this Commission to prevent any urban encroachment in the area whereby they may be forced to move to the outside islands. He stated that the Waimanalo area is now faced with encroachment, which leaves only the Waianae district open for farming.

Mr. Choy's written testimony is on file and made part of the record.

The Executive Officer announced the tentative schedule set up for the public hearings throughout the State on the proposed final district boundaries and the proposed final district regulations.

The public hearing was closed at 10:30 a.m.