

STATE OF HAWAII
LAND USE COMMISSION

Minutes of Public Hearing

Hilo Electric Light Company

Hilo, Hawaii

2:30 P. M. - April 3, 1964

Commissioners

Present:

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

Absent:

Shelley Mark

Staff

Present:

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

The public hearing was called to order by Chairman Thompson who said a short opening prayer. He introduced the commission and staff members, and explained the purpose for holding this public hearing. The agenda was outlined and the procedures to be followed during the public hearing on the petition of Bob Yanazaki were given. The staff members were sworn in by the Chairman and the public hearing on the petition of Bob Yanazaki (A(T)63-55) proceeded.

PETITION OF BOB YANAZAKI (A(T)63-55), FOR AMENDMENT OF THE TEMPORARY DISTRICT BOUNDARY FROM AN AGRICULTURE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION TO AN URBAN DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION TO SUBDIVIDE LAND INTO SIX (6) HOUSELOTS IN WAIAKEA, S. HILO:
Described as TMK 2-2-46: 6

The Field Officer presented the background on the petition and located the area on a map. There being no one present, the petitioner or a representative of the petitioner, the Field Officer continued with the staff's analysis and recommendation. The staff's recommendation was for approval of the petition on the following bases: (1) there is reasonable evidence that satisfies the "test" required in the law; and (2) there is no current evidence that the major tenets of the land use legislation, in respect to preservation of prime agricultural areas or the prevention of scatteration will be violated. The staff further

recommended that the extension of the urban district boundary lines be made for the area to comply with the adopted county zoning maps when the final district boundary maps are prepared.

There were no questions raised from the floor, Commission or County agency.

The Chairman announced that this Commission will receive comments and protests on this petition within 15 days from this public hearing and will take action on this petition 45 to 90 days from this public hearing.

The public hearing was closed in the matter of Bob Yanazaki.

THE LAND USE COMMISSION'S PROPOSED FINAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AS THEY APPLY TO THE COUNTY OF HAWAII

The procedures to be followed during this phase of the public hearing were outlined by the Chairman, who performed a mass swearing in of everyone entering testimonies and comments during this hearing. Commissioner Wung of Hilo presented the Land Use Commission's rough draft of the proposed final district boundaries as they applied to the County of Hawaii.

The following persons presented their testimonies:

Mr. Claude Moore of C. Brewer & Company, Hilo Branch, representing Pepeekeo Sugar Company, requested an urban classification for plantation lands in the Pepeekeo area. (Letter on file.)

Mr. Shigeru Nakano of ILWU supported Mr. Moore's request. (Letter on file.)

Mr. Claude Moore representing Hilo Sugar Company requested an urban classification in the vicinity of the Wainaku-Punahele Street area in Hilo. (Letter on file.)

Mr. Hiroshi Kasamoto requested a rural classification for the Kawiki Homestead area in Hilo, Hawaii. (Letter on file.)

Mr. Masanori Kushi representing Mr. Mineo Inaba requested an urban classification for the Kaumana district, Ponahawai, S. Hilo.

Mr. Norman Inaba supported this request and asked that the urban extension cover the Kaumana area to the Country Club Road to include increment 1A & 1B of the Kaumana City Subdivision. (Letter on file.)

Mr. Claude Moore requested that Halai hill in Ponahawai to west of cane lands be classified as urban. Area is contiguous to the City of Hilo.

Mr. Fred Ziegner requested that a strip of land on the outskirts of Hilo, in the Waiakea area be zoned urban.

Mr. Allen Nevels supported Mr. Ziegner's request.

Mr. Kaoru Sunoda requested that the Komohana Road area consisting of 40 acres, which commission has proposed 16.5 acres for urban and 23.5 acres for agriculture, be entirely in urban. (Letter to Mr. Kaoru Sunoda, dated 2/20/64, covering this request on file.)

Mr. Lawrence Valesco requested that the Waiakea-Panaewa area be classified as urban. (Cannot determine.)

Mr. Allan Nevels, Jr. representing W. H. Shipman, Ltd., requested that the area in S. Hilo and Puna which is being proposed by the W. H. Shipman, Ltd. for an industrial park and botanical garden combination be classified as urban. The area covers approximately 500 acres.

Mr. Tom Monger of Hawaii Chamber of Commerce supported Mr. Nevels request.

Mr. Harold Tanouye also supported Mr. Nevels request.

Mr. Charles Murray requested that the Kamaili beach coastline be classified as urban. (Letter on file.)

Mr. Allan Nevels (speaking on his own behalf) requested that portions of the Kapoho area to Queen's bath be considered for urban. (Letter on file.)

Mr. Ernest Kai requested that the Volcano area, in the Kau district, covering approximately 280 acres along Volcano Golf Course and adjacent to the Kilauea Camp be classified urban. (Letter on file.)

Mr. Bob Yamada requested that 1-2-9 Kahena area be zoned urban. (Letter on file covering area from Dr. Henry Yuen.)

Mr. Eldredge Johnson requested that the Ninole area adjacent to Punaluu be changed from Conservation to Rural. (Land Use Commission said that the shoreline from Punaluu to Honuapo should be in conservation. Land Use Commission denied C. Carmichael request for urban classification at Punaluu.)

Mr. Maxiandra Landgraf requested that the Kapapala Forest Reserve be included in the conservation district.

Mr. George Ewart of C. Brewer and Company, representing Hawaiian Ranch Company, requested that lands now being used by Hawaiian Ranch for grazing be classified as Agriculture. (Letter on file.)

Mr. Charles Murray representing Dr. Wade requested that 4 acres of land in the Holualoa area above Kuakini Highway and part of the Holualoa Estates Subdivision be classified as urban. (Letter on file.)

Mr. Allan Nevels, Jr. requested that lands known as Alika, some 485 acres, be classified other than conservation at present. He also requested that the Awakee area, consisting of some 401 acres be classified other than conservation. Mr. Nevels stated that he would have no objections to the presently proposed classifications of these districts if it were known what the Board of Land & Natural Resources regulations were. He stated that if the conservation regulations were not too restrictive, he would have no objections, but if they were he would request that these areas be taken out. (Letter on file.)

Mr. Norman Brand representing Richard Smart submitted maps correcting minor changes on land use proposed district maps. (Letter and maps on file.)

Mr. Raymond Suefuji representing the Hawaii Planning & Traffic Commission requested that the Waiakea Camp 6 area be designated urban and also the Kawailani-Haihai Road area.

There were no further comments or protests from the public, county or commission. The Chairman announced that the Commission will receive additional comments and protests within the next 15 days from this hearing date and will take action 45 to 90 days from this hearing date.

The public hearing on the Land Use Commission's proposed final district boundaries for the County of Hawaii was closed.

THE LAND USE COMMISSION'S PROPOSED FINAL DISTRICT REGULATIONS AS THEY APPLY TO THE STATE OF HAWAII

There were no comments from the floor on the above subject.

The Chairman announced that the Commission will receive additional comments and protests on the proposed land use district regulations and will take action sometime in the latter part of June 1964.

The public hearing was closed at 5:30 p.m.