STATE OF HAWAII
LAND USE COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

June 1, 1973 - 10:00 a.m.

Conference Room, State Building
75 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Goro Inaba, Chairman
Eddie Tangen, Vice Chairman
Leslie Wung
Sunao Kido
Alexander Napier
Stanley Sakahashi
Tanji Yamamura

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Shelley M. Mark

STAFF PRESENT: Tatsuo Fujimoto, Executive Officer
Ah Sung Leong, Planner
Benjamin Matsubara, Deputy Attorney General
Loretta Ishii, Stenographer

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the September 20, 1972 and the October 20, 1972 meetings were approved as circulated.

Chairman Inaba swore in persons wishing to testify at today's meeting.

HEARING

PETITION BY LAWRENCE AND AGNES DENIS (A73-360) TO RECLASSIFY 1.17 ACRES FROM AGRICULTURAL TO URBAN AT KAUMANA, SOUTH HILO, HAWAII

The Executive Officer, Mr. Tatsuo Fujimoto, presented the staff report and designated the area in question by the use of maps. (See copy of report on file).

The petitioner, Mr. Lawrence Denis, stated that he had no other comments to add to the staff report.
In view of the above discussion, Ms. Hirowatari interrupted by elaborating on the housing shortage in the North Hilo area and how, if housing were available, would save a lot of people inconvenience in commuting to work. She cited that in some families, husbands are plantation workers and their wives work in Hilo; it is a 20 minute drive to Hilo from Ninole.

On inquiry by Commissioner Yamamura on the present value of an acre of agricultural land, Ms. Hirowatari stated that cane land varies from $2,500 per acre in relatively isolated areas to between $5,000 to $6,000 per acre near the highway. Mr. Toledo added that the value per acre depends much on location.

With no further testimony, Chairman Inaba closed the subject hearing and stated that additional testimony will be accepted within 15 days from this date.

ACTION

PETITION BY THE LAND USE COMMISSION (KEAHILOU) (A72-351) TO RECLASSIFY 62 ACRES FROM URBAN TO AGRICULTURAL AT KEAHILOU, NORTH KONA, HAWAII

The staff memorandum, recommending approval based on the staff's findings, was presented by the Executive Officer, Mr. Tatsuo Fujimoto. (See copy of memo on file).

Commissioner Sakahashi moved to approve this request, which was seconded by Commissioner Yamamura and carried.

PETITION BY MABEL M. DAVIS (A72-353) TO RECLASSIFY 1.53 ACRES FROM AGRICULTURAL TO URBAN AT PUUKAPU HOMESTEADS, SOUTH KOHALA, HAWAII

The staff planner presented the staff's memorandum recommending approval of the above request. (Staff memo on file).

Commissioner Napier moved to approve the petition based on the staff's recommendation. It was seconded by Commissioner Sakahashi and unanimously carried.

PETITION BY W. H. SHIPMAN, LTD. (A73-357) TO RECLASSIFY 14,172 SQUARE FEET FROM AGRICULTURAL TO URBAN AT KEAAU, PUNA, HAWAII

The staff's findings and recommendation for approval of this petition were presented by the staff planner. (Copy of memo on file).

It was moved by Commissioner Wung and seconded by Commissioner Sakahashi to approve the request as recommended by the staff. The motion was unanimously carried.
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VOTE RECORD  

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Comments: I move that this petition be approved as recommended by the staff.