

STATE OF HAWAII  
LAND USE COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

July 1, 1971 - 10:00 a.m.

Discovery Room, Kona Hilton Hotel  
Kona, Hawaii

APPROVED  
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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Goro Inaba, Chairman Pro Tempore  
Leslie Wung  
Stanley Sakahashi  
Tanji Yamamura  
Alexander Napier  
Shelley Mark  
Sunao Kido

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Eddie Tangen

STAFF PRESENT: Tatsuo Fujimoto, Executive Officer  
Ah Sung Leong, Planner  
Walton Hong, Deputy Attorney General  
Dora Horikawa, Stenographer

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Commissioner Yamamura, seconded by Commissioner Mark, the minutes of the March 5, 1971, April 16, 1971 and April 17, 1971 meetings were approved as circulated.

Chairman Inaba swore in persons wishing to testify during today's proceedings.

HEARINGS

PETITION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES (A71-297) TO RECLASSIFY APPROXIMATELY 15 ACRES FROM THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT INTO THE URBAN DISTRICT AT KEALAKEKUA, HAWAII

Mr. Tatsuo Fujimoto, Executive Officer, presented the staff report.

Since there was no discussion nor testimony from anyone, the hearing was closed.

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Mr. Ishida maintained that the land will be rendered useless unless construction can be permitted. He added that allowing the half acre subdivision would not be contrary to the Land Use Law and would put the lands to the best possible use.

Mr. Ishida was not able to confirm whether the Department of Education had any plans for consolidating the schools in the area, in reply to a question posed by Commissioner Sakahashi.

Mr. Renwick Tassill, citizen, wondered how the \$150 rent could be considered as servicing the low-income group. He added that the people in the area wished to retain the entire South Kona area in the Agricultural designation.

Commissioner Wung moved to approve the petition as submitted, but there was no second to the motion.

Commissioner Napier then moved that the staff's recommendation for denial be accepted, which was seconded by Commissioner Mark. The motion was passed with Commissioner Wung casting the only negative vote.

✓ PETITIONS BY MALANI & BERNARD CHUN (A69-234), IWAO JYO (A70-263),  
✓ COUNTY OF HAWAII (A71-278) TO RECLASSIFY LANDS AT KEALAKEHE,  
NORTH KONA, HAWAII

Chairman Inaba declared a conflict of interest and did not participate in the proceedings.

It was recommended by the staff that action on the above three petitions be consolidated as provided for under Section 1.16 of the Land Use Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Acting Chairman Sakahashi announced that if there were no objections, the three petitions will be considered together.

Staff recommended approval of the petitions, based on its findings as outlined in staff memo (see copy on file).

Mr. Glenn Miyao of the Hawaii Planning Department staff advised that Kealakehe is being considered for urban uses in the County General Plan.

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Mr. Robert Wenkam declared that, in his opinion, the justification for need as mandated by law was not substantiated in the staff report.

Gladys Jose, Theresa Malani and Helen Leong, landowners in the affected area, all went on record as favoring the proposed reclassification.

A short recess was called by the Acting Chairman.

The meeting was resumed shortly thereafter.

Commissioner Wung moved to accept staff recommendation for approval of the three petitions, seconded by Commissioner Napier, and the Commissioners were polled as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Napier, Mark, Kido, Wung, Yamamura,  
Acting Chairman Sakahashi

The motion was carried.

PETITION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND & NATURAL RESOURCES (A71-271)  
TO RECLASSIFY 138 ACRES FROM AGRICULTURAL TO URBAN AT  
KEALAKEHE, NORTH KONA, HAWAII

Chairman Inaba directed that the 160 acres be corrected to read 138 acres on the agenda, for the record.

Mr. Fujimoto, Executive Officer, presented the staff memo recommending approval of the petition, based on its findings and belief that the request is a major effort on the part of the State to meet the acute housing shortage for moderate income families (see copy on file).

Mr. Renwick Tassill concurred that there was a pressing need for Hawaiian Home lands for people of Hawaiian ancestry and that he was in agreement with the staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Mark moved for the approval of the petition as recommended by staff, which was seconded by Commissioner Sakahashi, and carried unanimously.