

Waimea Trails and Greenways

MEETING NOTES

August 20, 2007

PRESENT: Mayor Harry Kim, Pat Englehard, Pam Mizuno, James Komata, Clem Lam, Tommy Sing, Leningrad Elarionoff, Keith Wallis

1. The County is rethinking their approach to transportation and being less vehicle oriented:
 - the Kawaihae Road repaving will be made to address school kid's letter's requesting places to walk and bike along side the road. Kim said they will make the shoulders less sloped.
 - new developments will be required to think in terms of complete streets with provisions for biking and peds.
 - new roads should blend with the community rather than be standards imposed on communities
 - a focus on improved lifestyle rather than vehicle focus needs to be made with emphasis on quality of life, health, preservation of natural environment.
2. Waimea Trails and Greenways problems
 - Problem of management
 - James felt Kaz is in over his head and lacks the expertise to fulfill the obligations of the job - he is good at landscape architecture, not necessarily at project management (he has proved this)
 - James suggested we have Kaz do the land acquisition as well as the landscape design
 - Bruce Kawamura, the present civil engineer has shown that he is not interested in working on the project - we Need a new civil engineer
 - Project management has to come from somewhere whether it is from within the County or a hired outside consultant whose job it would be to evaluate the present status of the project and plan and schedule and coordinate the work of the various subconsultants to get this project done.
 - Pam Mizuno said that we may run into problems with Federal money so maybe Kaz has to keep being the prime consultant and the project manager and civil engineer is under him.
3. Mayor Kim's proposal
 - Waimea Trails and Greenways along with Parks and Rec staff come up with a plan for how to get this project moving forward
 - The Mayor is willing to find the money to hire a part time position to aid in the project management and other requirements that we come up with.
4. Parker Ranch document finalization
 - March 14, 2007 Parker Ranch sent the County notice that they are in agreement with all conditions and appraisal for the land easement for WT&G.
 - The County has been reviewing it through Alan Okamoto and Corp Counsel since that time and it is still incomplete.
 - The Mayor has committed to following up on this and seeing that it gets done.
 - Time is of the essence - Riley Smit is leaving the Ranch as is John Ray.
5. Friends of the Park - Pam Mizuno is in charge of this program
 - A long term agreement can be made between the County and any organization such as WOC to maintain the trail segment.

- She said if the WOC wants something more, a Memorandum of Understanding can be made to stipulate what the WOC would be willing to do and what the County would be responsible for. For example:
 - WOC may want to do planting and maintenance
 - County would be responsible for improvements and maintaining improvements such as installing trail surface and repairing if trail surface becomes damaged.