



CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-3077

**COMMITTEE ON PARKS,
COMMUNITY & CUSTOMER
SERVICES**

Voting Members:

Ann H. Kobayashi, Chair
Ikaika Anderson, Vice Chair
Ron Menor
Trevor Ozawa
Kymberly Marcos Pine

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM
2ND FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

Note: A copy of the video of the full proceedings of this meeting may be requested by calling the City Clerk's Office at 768-5822.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Committee on Parks, Community and Customer Services was called to order by Committee Chair Ann H. Kobayashi at 9:05 a.m. Voting Members Anderson, and Pine were present at the meeting. Voting Members Menor and Ozawa were excused from the meeting.

STAFF PRESENT

Steve Uyeno, Senior Advisor to Committee Chair Kobayashi
Alden Lum, Attorney, Office of Council Services
Todd Swisher, Analyst, Office of Council Services
Dawn Spurlin, Deputy, Department of the Corporation Counsel, assigned to the Committee
Vicki Chung, Council Committee Aide, Office of the City Clerk

ORDER OF BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee on Parks, Community and Customer Services meeting held on March 20, 2018 were approved as circulated.

AYES: ANDERSON, PINE, KOBAYASHI – 3.
NOES: None.
EXCUSED: MENOR, OZAWA – 2.

FOR ACTION

1. RESOLUTION 18-67 – COMMITTEE REPORT 130

WORLD-CLASS BEACH/SAND VOLLEYBALL FACILITY. Urging the City Administration to construct a new public beach/sand volleyball facility with indoor and outdoor beach/sand volleyball courts within the Ala Wai Golf Course property, near the Golf Course entrance.

Administration/Others

Guy Kaulukukui, Director, Department of Enterprise Services (DES)
Michele Nekota, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

Director Kaulukukui stated that the Administration supports the Resolution.

In response to Committee Chair Kobayashi, Director Kaulukukui stated that the DPR shares part of the golf maintenance facility along Date Street. The Administration will explore other properties in the general area.

Director Nekota explained that the Date Street area is being utilized by the Parks Maintenance and Recreation Services Division as a baseyard. The DPR will evaluate alternative options.

The following individuals testified:

1. Kevin Wong (M-204) (support)

In response to Committee Chair Kobayashi, Mr. Wong stated that the Ala Moana courts are not a commercial venture. The courts are open to the public. There are no permitting requirements and no charge for use of the courts.

2. Winston Welch, Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 (D-209) (comment)

In response to Committee Chair Kobayashi, Mr. Welch stated that the community should be included in the decision making process for any proposed changes in the neighborhood.

Director Kaulukukui noted that after completion of the proposal process, a presentation would be made to the neighborhood board. He explained the process

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the DES would follow to develop a volleyball facility at the Ala Wai Golf Course site. The Administration will verify that a volleyball facility is consistent with the golf or park purpose identified in the Executive Order.

Committee Chair Kobayashi recommended that the Resolution be amended to CD1.

Committee Member Anderson spoke in support of the Resolution. He commended Mr. Wong and other athletes who have returned to Hawaii and given their time and talent to pave the way for others to follow in their footsteps.

Resolution 18-67 amended to CD1 and reported out for adoption.

AYES: ANDERSON, PINE, KOBAYASHI – 3.

NOES: None.

EXCUSED: MENOR, OZAWA – 2.

CD1 to Resolution 18-67 (Submitted by Councilmember Kobayashi) – The CD1 (OCS2018-0395/4/17/2018 3:52 PM) makes the following amendments:

- A. Amends the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause by adding "area neighborhood boards" to the parties from whom the City Administration is urged to seek input.
- B. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Related communications:

D-209 Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5

M-204 Early testimony on Resolution 18-67

M-209 Additional testimony on Resolution 18-67

2. RESOLUTION 18-73 – COMMITTEE REPORT 131

MOTOR VEHICLE RACETRACK OR RACEWAY PARK. Urging the City Administration to facilitate the development of a racetrack or raceway park on Oahu.

Administration/Others

Michele Nekota, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

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Director Nekota stated that the Administration supports the intent of the Resolution. A raceway park is not a function of the DPR, but rather is classified as an amusement park, similar to a mini golf course.

The following individuals testified:

1. Li Cobian, Drag Racers Against Gangs and Graffiti (DRAGG) Team Hawaii Branch (M-205) (support)

In response to Committee members, Mr. Cobian stated that:

- A drag strip needs a length of 4,000 linear feet.
- A racetrack would need a minimum of 200 acres.
- He has no interest in Parcel 9.
- He has been in contact with Representative Tulsi Gabbard's office.
- He has contacted Brad Hayes of the Naval Air Museum Barbers Point.
- The Ewa Airfield would be the only feasible site for a racetrack.
- Prior groups have looked into other sites with no success.
- DRAGG supports high school and college auto shop programs.

Committee Member Pine explained that Mayor Peter Carlisle did not accept the Kalaeloa property because of possible contamination of the land. The City's attorneys are currently analyzing the situation. The Federal government has stipulated that the land cannot be used by any for profit entity. To use the land, a non-profit providing free services to the public would need to obtain funding through a for profit entity. The City would not provide any funds.

Deputy Corporation Counsel Dawn Spurlin provided background information on the Kalaeloa site:

- The City has constructive possession, but does not have title of the property. The transaction was delayed because of issues concerning historic sites. The State Historic Preservation Division reviewed the proposed conveyance document.
- The Defense Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) Commission turned over the property to the National Park Service. The City is receiving the property from the National Park Service subject to many restrictions and conditions as set forth in the City's application to the National Park Service. The City is waiting for the Federal government to complete its due diligence requirements.

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- She does not know whether a racetrack would be permissible on the property.
2. Christopher Young (M-205) (support)

In response to Committee members, Mr. Young stated that:

- The College of Engineering is willing to work with the City on establishing a racetrack or raceway park.
- The College of Engineering students participate in national racing competitions. Graduating seniors have the option of choosing various capstone projects.

3. Ed Kemper (M-205) (support)

In response to Committee members, Mr. Kemper stated that he is on the Board of the Hawaii Region Sports Car Club of America, a non-profit organization.

4. Dwight Matsuo (M-210) (support)
5. Scott Shimamura (M-210)

In response to Committee Chair Kobayashi, Mr. Cobian stated that:

- He does not know if the Ewa Battlefield is part of the Ewa Airfield.
- His first priority is to restore the Ewa Airfield and then establish the racetrack. DRAGG would not desecrate any landmarks.

Committee Member Pine spoke in support of establishing a racetrack on Oahu. The racetrack should be privately funded. The Resolution does not specify a location, but rather urges the City to determine possible sites for a racetrack. Kalaeloa is a good opportunity, but locating it too close to a residential area could be problematic. Development of a racetrack in the area could result in improvement of roadways for better access to the freeway.

Committee Member Anderson spoke in support of the Resolution. There is a need for a racetrack on Oahu in order to service the needs of the racing community. He urged the racing community to partner with the private sector to form solid public-private partnerships to move the project forward. While the City does subsidize other sports (i.e., golf), it would be difficult to provide public funds because of the

many core services the City provides—police, fire, ambulance, and lifeguards. The racetrack is a worthy endeavor and he commended the community for continuing to work on establishing a racetrack.

Committee Chair Kobayashi noted that the Resolution was introduced to address concerns about racing along Round Top Drive and the freeway, and to assist the University of Hawaii College of Engineering.

Resolution 18-73 reported out for adoption.

AYES: ANDERSON, PINE, KOBAYASHI – 3.
NOES: None.
EXCUSED: MENOR, OZAWA – 2.

Related communications:

M-205 Early testimony on Resolution 18-73
M-210 Additional testimony on Resolution 18-73

3. RESOLUTION 18-79 – COMMITTEE REPORT 132

MOBILE HYGIENE TRAILER. Requesting the City Administration to work with Project Vision Hawaii to provide resources, such as water and sewer hookups, to support Project Vision Hawaii’s mobile hygiene center.

Administration/Others

Marc Alexander, Executive Director, Mayor’s Office of Housing

Executive Director Alexander stated that the Administration supports the concept of the Resolution. It is a good community service that contributes to addressing the needs of those who are the most vulnerable in the community, as well as improving the general community setting. The Administration appreciates the work of Project Vision and their collaboration with the City.

In response to Committee Chair Kobayashi, Executive Director Alexander stated that the City’s original proposal involved the conversion of two buses into hygiene facilities; however, the City determined that the process was too expensive and ineffective. The City awarded a contract to a non-profit for a trailer model which has been ordered and should arrive in a few months. The trailer will not compete with existing resources.

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The following individuals testified:

1. Annie Valentin, Project Vision Hawaii – Hie (M-211) (support)
2. Li Cobian (support)

Resolution 18-79 reported out for adoption.

AYES: ANDERSON, PINE, KOBAYASHI – 3.
NOES: None.
EXCUSED: MENOR, OZAWA – 2.

Related communications:

M-207 Early testimony on Resolution 18-79
M-211 Additional testimony on Resolution 18-79

4. BILL 2 (2018)

RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKS. Addressing commercial activities at certain City beach parks.

The following amendment was circulated at the meeting:

PROPOSED CD1 to BILL 2 (2018) (Submitted by Councilmember Martin) – The CD1 (OCS2018-0390/4/16/2018 3:21 PM) makes the following amendments:

- A. In Bill Sections 2, 3, and 5: adds Haleiwa Beach Park to the list of North Shore beach parks impacted by this ordinance.
- B. In Bill Section 3, underscores language in Subdivision (11) that reads: city owned or operated beach rights-of-way and easements from Lanikai to Kapoho Point (Castle Point). This language was inadvertently NOT underscored in Bill 2 (2018) as introduced.
- C. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Administration/Others

Michele Nekota, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

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Director Nekota stated that the DPR stands by its March 19, 2018 written testimony (D-158) in support of the intent of the Bill with some concerns. Staff is working on the DPR rules governing commercial activities.

The following individual testified:

Winston Welch, The Outdoor Circle (comment)

In response to Committee members, Director Nekota stated that:

- Staff is updating the DPR rules.
- The rules should be completed within four to six months, at which time the DPR will seek public input on the rules.
- The DPR would like the rules to be consistent and fair throughout the entire island for all parks.

Committee Chair Kobayashi recommended that the Bill be amended to CD1 and action on the measure be postponed.

Bill 2 (2018) amended to CD1 (OCS2018-0390/4/16/2018 3:21 PM) and action on the measure postponed until the May 1, 2018 Committee meeting.

AYES: ANDERSON, PINE, KOBAYASHI – 3.

NOES: None.

EXCUSED: MENOR, OZAWA – 2.

Related communications:

M-206 Early testimony on Bill 2 (2018)

M-212 Additional testimony on Bill 2 (2018)

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

GLEN I. TAKAHASHI
City Clerk

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DATE APPROVED

May 15, 2018