

LU Committee

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Subject: 355 Haiku Road

Aloha Committee Chair Bob Carroll.

On Wednesday we left the Land Use committee with a mandate to “work it out”. As I was leaving, my neighbor John Phelps and I were able to spend a few minutes with the applicant Barry Helle. We appreciated his willingness to listen to concerns and compromise.

Emails flew back and forth between the neighbors yesterday, and several of them have emailed you directly. Neighbor opinions vary from “oppose entirely” to “oppose events”, to “remove the amplified sound”. After much discussion, the most major concerns are:

1. Amplified sound – with the sound from two event sites (Haiku Community Center and the Old Mill) already impacting the neighborhood a third is seen as just too much. We accepted that these would be scattered around the island and therefore didn’t voice concern at the first application (Old Mill). But we didn’t feel that there should be two so close together, as to impact one neighborhood. Downsizing the events from 200 to 100 was proposed, but reflecting on this, we realized that this doesn’t change the sound impact. The impact of amplified music would still be the same.
2. Safety – there is no doubt that Haiku Road would suffer with the impact of additional vehicles. The traffic from the Old Mill can be already be challenging on event evenings. I believe that Mr. Helle offered a proposal to eliminate many of the vehicles, allowing only 30 individual vehicles, with all other guests arriving/departing via shuttle. This would be a step in the right direction.

Other notes:

- The short term rental was not a concern if it’s operated with the same restrictions placed on STR properties (no amplified sound, no additional guests to the property).
- We appreciate Mr. Helle’s offer to meet twice annually with the neighborhood to review concerns.
- 355 Haiku Road confirmed that if events are allowed, they would be coordinated so that the Old Mill and 355 Haiku Road would not have an event on the same evening.

We appreciate your time to review this project, and hope that our concerns can be addressed.

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