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March 20, 2015

Mr. Kaala Buenconsejo, Director  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Buenconsejo:

SUBJECT: **KANAHA BEACH PARK RENOVATIONS (KAHULUI)**  
(EAR-19)

On June 20, 2014, the Council referred the matter relating to Kanaha Beach Park renovations to the Economic Development, Energy, Agriculture, and Recreation Committee. The public had expressed concerns about asphaltting over dune areas and whether proper permitting had been obtained for renovations in the park.

Since that date, the Committee has met twice for the purpose of learning the status of park renovations and work needed to complete them. At its meeting of August 12, 2014, the Committee received a presentation from Tara Owens, Coastal Processes and Hazards Specialist, University of Hawaii Sea Grant Program. Ms. Owens stated that the Department of Parks and Recreation had initiated, but never completed, a Master Plan ("Plan") for park renovations, which included proposals for paved parking areas and other plans.

The Chief of Planning and Development for the Department confirmed the Department's intent to resurrect the 2004 Master Plan, updating and completing it with the \$250,000 appropriated to the Department this fiscal year for that purpose. The Committee stressed the need to focus on getting the Plan done.

By letter dated August 21, 2014, I requested that the Interim Director provide a copy of all Master Plans for Kanaha Beach Park and information concerning the status of the work needed to complete the Plan, the names of

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those performing Plan revisions, and the anticipated timetable for completion of work set out by the Plan.

While the Department subsequently advised the Committee that it would obtain a design consultant to assist with the completion of the Plan and determine a completion timeline by February 2015, the Department could not provide that information at the Committee's meeting of March 17, 2015.

Therefore, may I please ask that you provide:

1. A detailed history and background of the current draft Plan, including reasons why it has not been completed;
2. A bullet point list of the work needed to complete the Plan;
3. Identification of all consultants retained by the Department; and
4. An accounting of how the appropriated funds were spent.

I would appreciate receiving a written response by **April 10, 2015**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Sharon Brooks at ext. 7137, or Pauline Martins at ext. 8039).

Sincerely,



DON S. GUZMAN, Chair  
Economic Development, Energy,  
Agriculture, and Recreation  
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cc: Mayor Alan Arakawa