

# HEALTHY FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

## MINUTES

March 14, 2019

Council Chamber, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor

**CONVENE:** 1:33 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Riki Hokama, Chair  
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Vice-Chair  
Councilmember Tasha Kama  
Councilmember Kelly T. King  
Councilmember Michael J. Molina  
Councilmember Tamara Paltin  
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez (in 1:50 p.m.)

**STAFF:** Shelly Espeleta, Legislative Analyst  
Christy Chung, Legislative Analyst Trainee  
Alison Stewart, Legislative Analyst Trainee  
Rayna Yap, Committee Secretary  
Zhantell Lindo, Council Aide, Molokai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)  
Denise Fernandez, Council Aide, Lanai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)  
Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros, Council Aide, Hana Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

**ADMIN.:** Lori Tsuhako, Deputy Director, Department of Housing and Human Concerns  
Karla Peters, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation  
John Buck, Deputy Director, Department of Parks and Recreation  
Jerrie Sheppard, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel  
*(Seated in the gallery):*  
Kaeo Ah Sau, Chief of Recreation, Department of Parks and Recreation  
David Yamashita, Planner VI, Department of Parks and Recreation  
Robert Halvorson, Chief of Planning and Development, Department of Parks and Recreation  
Chris Kinzle, Acting Park Maintenance Superintendent, Department of Parks and Recreation  
Lisa Almeida, Park Permits Officer, Department of Parks and Recreation

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CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Council's Committee on Healthy Families and Communities shall come to order. This afternoon we have Mr. Molina present.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Good afternoon, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. King, present.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Good afternoon, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Good afternoon.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Sugimura.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good afternoon.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And Ms. Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Good afternoon, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: We excuse Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez at this time. Everyone, turn off your noise-making devices before we start. This Chair enforces decorum. Do we have any requests for testimony at this time? Okay. We've also checked with the District Offices, we have no requests for testimony at either the East Maui, Molokai, or Lanai offices. So, Members, with no objections, we shall close testimony for today's meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So ordered. Let us proceed.

**ITEM HFC-13(5): PRE-BUDGET SESSION PRESENTATION (HUMAN CONCERNS PROGRAM, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS)**

CHAIR HOKAMA: The Chair has decided to take it slightly out of order. We only have two items, but we'll make number two first today and let the Department of Housing and Human Concerns regarding the human concerns side of the Department give their comments to us under 13(5). So, we have our Director, Ms. Tsuhako, here present. So, Ms. Tsuhako, will you give us your comments, please?

MS. TSUHAKO (*PowerPoint Presentation*): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and Members. Thank you for having me. I'm here to present you an overview of the budget for the Department of Housing and Human Concerns, Human Concerns Program. Go ahead. So, our Department's budget is comprised of four different program areas: the Administration; the Housing Program, which I presented to the Affordable Housing

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Committee yesterday; the Human Concerns Program, which we will review this afternoon; and the Animal Management Program. So, as you can see from the pie chart, our Housing Division and our housing program budget takes up more than 50 percent of our Department's entire budget. Human Concern's portion of our budget is more than 22 million, almost \$23 million, and it's reflected in your charts in bright green. Go ahead. So, seven divisions within the Department are funded through the Human Concerns Program. Funding allocated to this program equates to approximately 44 percent of our entire budget, and the divisions that are funded through the Human Concerns budget program include our Early Childhood Resource Management, our Grants Management Immigration Services, Senior Services also known as Kaunoa, our Office on Aging, the Volunteer Center, and the Homeless Program. So, just for our clarification purposes the Homeless Program, although it is funded through the Human Concerns budget process, it comes under auspices of Member Kama's Affordable Housing Committee. So, this next visual gives you a sense of the Department's Fiscal Year 2019 proposed budget as well as our adopted budget in both the General Fund as well as the grant revenue breakdown. So, our Department in particular in our Human Concerns budget has a lot of grant revenue, some Federal funding coming through the Office on Aging and through Kaunoa for direct services to seniors and we also get some grant funding through the State for various different initiatives like underage drinking prevention. Next. So, I was here a few weeks ago to give the Committee and the public a little bit deeper dive into the particular work that's done in each of our divisions. I'm not going to, I know you're disappointed, but I'm not going to read everything again for you. But suffice is to say that, you know, we offer services like childcare subsidies, referrals, technical assistance to childcare providers in the community, as well as other sorts of resources that are appropriate for families who have, who are expecting children, or who have children at ages before they enter kindergarten to assist with finding resources and making sure that they, these families have what they need to help take care of their kids so that we don't see them on an intervention basis later in their lives. Next please. Our Grants Management Division is really a small office. Early Childhood has one employee, our Grants Management has four. But this program doesn't provide direct service to the community. Instead what it does is it takes the funding that has been allocated by the Council specifically for line-item grants to social services as well as money that's been assigned by the Department, and enters into contractual agreements with the providers and monitors the provision of those services to ensure that the County is receiving the services that were agreed upon. It also ensures that payments are made to the providers and that this is one of the really key offices to keeping our social safety net in our community strong and resilient. So, technical assistance, information, administrative oversight, \$8 million worth of County grant revenue is administered through this Division. Next please. Our Immigrant Services Division provides a really broad spectrum of services to our immigrant community. They don't do the work of Federal Immigration Services. Let me be really clear about that. There's not a Federal Immigration Service. But what they do is they help immigrants who live here and who work here apply for citizenship, maintain lawful permanent residence, help with employment eligibility, family reunification. Next weekend, for example, the Philippine consulate is doing a outreach on Maui. Our Immigrant Services Division helped to arrange that outreach event and will help the

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Philippine consulate help to staff that event and get about 192 people with immigration issues with the Philippine consulate through that office to renew passports, to obtain dual citizenship. So, our office helps with various consulate visits from different countries as well as from the Philippines. Next please. Our Senior Services Division, which is also known as Kaunoa, and primarily located in Spreckelsville, also with offices in West Maui at the West Maui Senior Center, and programs on Molokai as well as Lanai, serves a wide spectrum of programs. So, Kaunoa functions as a sub-grantee of the Office on Aging for pass-through Federal funds for services such as congregate meals, where seniors are brought together in community centers to share a meal and activities. Those seniors benefit because they're getting a healthy meal as well as an opportunity to congregate with others and socialize which mitigates isolation, which is one of the major concerns we have about our elders. Kaunoa also receives grant funding through the Office on Aging for assisted transportation services as well as for home delivered meals, also known as Meals on Wheels. In addition to those services that Kaunoa provides, Kaunoa also offers a very robust leisure program to our seniors. So, programs including recreation and exercise, book clubs, cooking classes, a very, very wide and impressive, impressive, impressive offering of classes to our seniors who want to participate in these programs. The idea is at Kaunoa as well as for the Office on Aging, is to try to keep our seniors engaged. Help them contribute in any way they can to strengthening our community to taking good care of them and to keep them independent for as long as possible so that the seniors as well as their families can avoid early or unnecessary institutionalization and isolation. Kaunoa also hosts and receives Federal grant funding for the retired and senior volunteer program. So, they recruit, for example, volunteers who sit and help the County downstairs at the information counter as you walk into the County Building. They have RSVP volunteers stationed at all different areas of the island in different social service agencies and that's a mutual aid arrangement if you really think about it. Because we have seniors who are willing to volunteer, who are capable volunteers, and who provide a service to us at no cost. All right, let's go on. Our Office on Aging is designated as an Area Agency on Aging by the Federal government. We receive funding from the Federal government through the Older American's Act as well as from the State and the County. The County has been very generous in helping to support services that provide direct assistance to our seniors and families. Care giving has become more and more a part of people of my generation so we may be taking care of our children, our grandchildren, as well as our parents who are aging. We realize that family care giving is a really important piece of our community. We don't have enough professional caregivers to take care of everybody who needs care. And so, some of the services are geared towards supporting and assisting caregivers so that the seniors can remain at home, can remain without institutional care for as long as possible. So, the aim of the Office on Aging is to really provide a very robust and full continuum of care to seniors as well as to their families so that they can be cared for, live in community-based settings, and receive services that help them stay healthy and stay as independent as possible for as long as possible. So, some of the services provided you'll see in the, in your handout, very, very wide array of services include homemaker, friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, personal care such as helping seniors with bathing or fixing their food, having meals delivered to them when they're not able to provide those meals on their

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own, adult daycare, adult daycare respite, in-home family caregiver respite, attendant care, money management, legal assistance, as well as community programs such as enhanced fitness, which is a evidence-based program that's very close to my heart, exercise program for seniors, powerful tools for caregivers, our community living program, as well as veterans directed home and community based services. Thank you. Our...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair, can, just point of information.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, Ms. King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you. You, Ms. Tsuhako, you mentioned something about we'll see in our handout, was there supposed to be a handout besides what we we're looking at on Granicus?

MS. TSUHAKO: Oh, no, I'm sorry, Chair King. I assumed that you had a handout.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, no, we don't.

MS. TSUHAKO: Oh, you just have it on your screen.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, you just, you're talking about this?

MS. TSUHAKO: Yes, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay. I thought there was supposed to be something else, sorry.

MS. TSUHAKO: Okay. I'm sorry for the confusion.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: That's okay. It's clarified. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Continue, please.

MS. TSUHAKO (*PowerPoint Presentation*): Thank you, Mr. Chair. Our Volunteer Center is also one of our smaller divisions. It's a division of one. And it's really focused on the whole task of volunteerism. So, Wendy Stebbins is our Volunteer Coordinator and she helps to mobilize community volunteers for different community needs as well as working with the organizations who need volunteers to help them learn state-of-the-art recruitment, retention, recognition. And those are three important functions of volunteerism. She does, she provides a lot of training to agencies who utilize and who need volunteers and does recognition and helps those agencies with doing those tasks to maintain volunteers and actually have more volunteers make contributions. I know that many of you and many of the people watching are volunteers and it's always a, you know, for the most part, it's a really good experience for us to do that and to feel like we contributed to making a process or a product even better than it was. Our Homeless Program is also another small division with our Department, within our

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Department, it's a division of two. And the function of the Homeless Program has changed a little bit from how it was originally intended. But essentially what the Homeless Program does is to coordinate work with other Department personnel as well as State and Federal offices to, number one, understand how funding is obtained for homeless services and to help the community coordinate those services in a way that avoids duplication and follows nationally established best practices for dealing with ending homelessness. We recognize the evidence-based practice of housing first, which is looking at trying to house those people who've been homeless the longest amount of time and who have the highest needs and the highest vulnerability. And we know from more than 20 years of data collection and analysis that those are the people, if they remain homeless and chronically homeless for the longer time, costs our community larger amounts of money in terms of services, medical services, visits to the emergency room, transport by ambulance to the emergency room, incarceration, nuisance calls, things like that. And so, a lot of this work is actually working to help the community and other agencies deal with the homelessness we see on the streets by helping those folks get services that they need and also in coordinating a larger system of care that addresses not just individual homeless persons but also trying to move people along with the ultimate goal of housing them and giving them services that they need to remain successfully housed. Moving on, our Human Concerns fixed budget costs were estimated at about 42 percent of our program budget. So, these include items such as: salaries and fringe; utilities; office space rentals; storage and equipment; lease and replacement equipment; advertisements; contractual services; professional services; airfare and transportation for; and per diem; and registration and training fees, for example, for commission travel and for mandatory meetings or monitoring or training where certification is needed to be maintained for the purposes of job duties; mileage; printing and binding; publications and subscriptions; supplies; other costs such as the meal programs; miscellaneous expenses such as fees for special events and functions; and miscellaneous other services such as refuse, janitorial, and security. Next. Our program's discretionary costs were estimated at 58 percent of our total budget and these include airfare/transportation; per diem; and registration for items that are not specifically related to job certification; computer software; small equipment, publications and subscriptions; supplies; professional services; and County grant subsidies. So, one of the items that the Chair asked us to cover was any funding that we expected to remain unencumbered in the Fiscal Year '19 Budget. So, illustrated for you are what we can identify is funds that are unencumbered right now. These include \$25,000 for the acculturation program, \$2,600 for storage rental fees, about \$4,000 remaining balance for vehicle and equipment cost and reduction in our copier lease expenses, and County grant subsidies of \$483,000, and the balance of our Human Concerns Program funds are expected to be encumbered prior to the end of the fiscal year. Cost-saving measures include negotiating a new copier lease agreement, partnering with various statewide initiatives and participating as a convener to reduce travel costs paid by the County, and I think the last bullet point there is also important is that the Department will continue to seek opportunities for revenue generated by grant funding. Our Department does not have any capital improvement projects. Sixty-eight point five E/Ps are funded through the General Fund and 33.75 are funded through grant revenue funds. And as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of this month we have 14 vacant positions in the

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Human Concerns Program, 11 of which are in the process of being filled right now, and three positions are on hold pending sufficient grant funding. The Department's strategic goals include increasing our inventory of affordable housing units. We spoke a little bit about that yesterday. Leveraging, not just County funds, but also Federal grant funding along with other County assets such as land in order to increase the number of units created, units of affordable housing created in our County, supporting and encouraging our participation in statewide initiatives in the following areas: housing, aging, homelessness, early childhood development, and other human concerns. And this brings, the benefit to Maui County is that we stay in the forefront of best practices across the state as well as have those opportunities and access to grant revenue funding that may be available through State or Federal initiatives. I'll give you an example, SAMHSA, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration, offers grant funding to the State for various different mental health and substance abuse initiatives and our Department's participation in those statewide initiatives gives us access to some of those funds that can bring resources to our community so that we can address those problems, particularly in our community. And one of the Department's goals also is to strengthen our social service net to address basic human needs and when I describe a delineation of Federal, State, and County responsibilities, it's because we know that certain areas of Human Concerns may not be a core function of the County and so we want to be able to pursue funding to meet those needs at the level to which, where the responsibility lays primarily. So, we're committed to doing that and to be able to explain why funding in a certain area is being recommended or not being recommended based on those primary responsibilities. Thank you. So, Mr. Chair, thank you for allowing us to be here today.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Director. First round, I'll, why don't we just go for clarification of the different program areas and then the second round we can entertain your budgetary comments or questions. So, Ms. Sugimura, anything in this round you need clarification of the Human Concerns Program?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Director, clarify your grants management. I think you said there were, did you say four people? Do they administer all of your grant reviews and take care of the different...I know you have a lot of grants that you administer. And are just those four people then responsible to do follow-up with all your grants that you have?

MS. TSUHAKO: Thank you for that question.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: I wonder if you could explain that.

MS. TSUHAKO: So, yes, we have four employees, two specialists, our manager, as well as office assistant and they administer over 92 grants in our Department.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: And follow up with the individual grants --

MS. TSUHAKO: Yes, yes.

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VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: --and take care of...who's in charge of...

MS. TSUHAKO: Curtis Jamison.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Amazing the amount of work that they do. I've had, you know, previous experiences with some projects that I worked on and working with SAMHSA and the, or the Federal grants or those that come through the State is like cumbersome I remember in terms of recordkeeping and just being able to fulfill the grant needs so I know it's a big job. Kaunoa, the amount of outreach that they do to the seniors and the services provided it's a gift, really. So, how does that function? Because of there's so many, there's a lot of teachers with the many programs that you have so I'm just curious how you cover all of that.

MS. TSUHAKO: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Is it more than County funding, that's what I really want to know.

MS. TSUHAKO: Yeah, thank you. So, the different programs that I identified earlier: Meals on Wheels, Assisted Transportation, Congregate Meals are all funded through grant revenue and that money flows from the Federal government through the State, through the Office on Aging, and then to Kaunoa as a sort of like a contractor for those services. So, Kaunoa has a number of employees who are funded through grant revenue for those programs. The Leisure Program is not funded through the Office on Aging or through Federal funds. That's a County-funded process. So, they have different arrangements with different instructors based on the number of hours they spend in instructional time. So, they have some folks who are non-civil service County employees who teach classes on a regular, you know, maybe once, twice, every three months or something. So, they have that arrangement. Then they have other instructors that they work with on contract for a class here and a class there. So, the Kaunoa has to manage both of those sort of processes at the same time.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, I remember last year there were, I want to say exercise teachers that, were they County employees or were they --

MS. TSUHAKO: No, I think...

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: --how were they handled?

MS. TSUHAKO: Yeah, I think your memory might be of enhanced fitness --

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Enhanced fitness.

MS. TSUHAKO: --instructors. And those are through, actually, through the Office on Aging. And the Office on Aging had requested the creation of positions so that those instructors could be non-civil service employees much like those regular instructors at Kaunoa.



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VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: I see. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Ms. Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: ...*(inaudible)*...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon, Madame Director, from the outer reaches of the Council Chambers. I feel all alone out here. But, anyway, just Ms. Sugimura mentioned numbers and one number that caught my attention was you mentioned you have two people doing the homeless, yeah? So, I guess they're in more, I guess, more like coordinators rather than doing a lot of physical outreach with the folks out there? Am I correct?

MS. TSUHAKO: You are partially, Mr. Molina. The Homeless Program's office doesn't do direct intervention. So, we don't have homeless people lining up at our door saying, "hey, help me, David," or, "help me, Chris." But what they do is they work with the outreach providers in the community. So, for example...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Family Life Center is one?

MS. TSUHAKO: --yes, Family Life Center or Salvation Army or Mental Health Kokua. So, for example there's a, there's an intervention going on or may go on tomorrow up at Baldwin Beach Park that takes a coordinated effort between our colleagues at Parks and Recreation, folks at A&B, as well as our Homeless Program's office to coordinate a response to remove people who are trespassing on County property, clean it up. And so, our Homeless Program's office is the convener of some of those gatherings to network and to strategize and to plan and implement those interventions. So, they do that as well as have regular meetings with the homeless providers in general to maintain what we call a coordinated entry system. And that coordinated entry system is a system that looks at an objective need of a person who's homeless and it says, "we want to identify the person who's been on the streets the longest and who has the highest vulnerability." That means if they remain on the streets for much longer, the likelihood of them dying on the streets is very high. And we want to prioritize that person to try and find them housing and services as quickly as possible. So, if I have this person whose need is this high and I'm only offering this much service it doesn't make sense, yeah? So, you got to offer the service to match the need. So, that coordinated entry system is a system that's being used across the nation as a best practice to match the need of that individual with services so that we can reduce the number of chronically homeless people who are living on the streets for the longest time and costing us collectively more money.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, well thank you. That was a...more than I bargained for from an answer from you but I appreciate that. And I know, Mr. Chairman, this whole issue itself can be a separate Committee item in itself so in the interest of time, you

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know, I'll move on with another just a more clarification question. You know, Mr. Chairman, on our, on my first run on Council with you we would go to the National Association of County Conferences and I'm sure like yourself and many of my former colleagues, our colleagues on the mainland were quite impressed with the amount of resources the Council and the Mayor puts into our Senior Services Division and I know you folks have done a wonderful job with getting the most bang out of the buck. Especially with those new, when I look at those newsletters from Kaunoa Senior Services, you have a lot of these...you bring in performers and educators and so forth and you do have fees sometimes for some of these. Do the fees pretty much cover the cost of the participation or does it vary, or it's basically like a subsidy or reduced cost for the, our seniors out there?

MS. TSUHAKO: Thank you for your question, that's a very good question. We do have a leisure revolving fund so the participants, the Kaunoa participants who attend those events do pay a fee. We are so fortunate that Kaunoa's reputation is such that they can get agreements from very renowned performers, you know, who want to perform for our kupuna and who are willing to negotiate fees that might be less than what they would receive if they were to perform at the shopping center or at other venues. I don't, I cannot say with certainty that it's absolutely the same amount of money that's collected for the cost of that event. But we do have money budgeted to pay for those leisure events that account for those, that entertainment and that level of class offerings.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, well, thank you. And, just, a long-term last question. Do you feel that with the amount of demands for human services in our County, do you see a point in time where Maui County may have to have a separate housing division and a separate human concerns division? And, Mr. Chair, I don't know if from your travels and talking to your, our colleagues in the mainland and what municipalities have a separate housing division, I don't know how many of them, you know, have a separate housing division, but maybe, Ms. Tshako, do you think with the way we're going and, of course, housing being the number one hot button issue here?

MS. TSUHAKO: Thank you for that question. I've thought of that many times since I got home. I think that eventually we will get to a point where we need to have a more specialized workforce in terms of the housing. I think in the years upcoming there'll be more agreements to monitor. I think also that, you know, we, the County receives Federal funds, you heard this morning from Mr. Pontanilla. CDBG funds are often leveraged with County funds to get projects done. We also as a County receive HOME funds from HUD which goes to rehab units, for example. So, we have various Federal funds specifically for housing that we could leverage with County funds such as Affordable Housing Fund and I think that as we specialize in some of those and get more projects done that there might be a time when this body might consider bifurcating the Department and creating a housing department.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, possibly through Charter amendment, or...okay. Just food for thought.

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MS. TSUHAKO: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you. Thank you, Chairman.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. To my colleague's point about creating its own housing department, I believe the County of Kauai has their own housing agency separated from their, they have like a Office of Aging but, so they've adopted that model. My question is regarding your strategic goals and I'm sure Chair King will probably mention this too. But I wanted to focus on your first goal, Ms. Tzuhako, increasing the County's inventory of affordable housing and the measurable is number of units created. Do you know how many affordable units we need and, I guess, we kind of spoke about this. Wait, am I looking at the right one? Yeah. Okay. We talked about there being a need for the lower AMI housing units so it would be great to see, you know, the goal kind of more specified in what it means by affordable and how many units is needed and what you believe you can realistically achieve in the next year as like, you know, the measurable. Do you have any idea of what that would be?

MS. TSUHAKO: Thank you for your question. Thank you. I think as we discussed yesterday and at Chair Kama's meeting, the number of units needed in Maui County and even Statewide is kind of based on the Housing Planning Study that was done two years ago. I think it's going to be updated pretty soon. I think the number 14,000 was tossed around as what Maui County's projected need would be and we know from some of the analysis that Ms. Munsell discussed yesterday that primarily the need is for housing that's affordable to people who are below, 60 percent of area median income and below. And that's going to be housing that's going to require more subsidy for development than market-level housing for people who earn 120 percent, or even 80 to 120 percent. So, it may be 6,000 units and I will work on that projection in terms of how many we can realistically expect to create in the next year. But I appreciate that because it gives, it really gives a focus on not just how you would do that but also how, realistically, how quickly can that be done. And I think we had a very robust discussion yesterday about the time it takes to get from planning a project to actually having people move in. So, it behooves us to be realistic. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. A follow-up question, Chair. Okay. So, the 14,000 units, 9,000 of the lower AMI is what we would need by 2025? So, that's some time from now. And so you said 6,000 units and in the next year, how much you can realistically, how much you realistically believe we can achieve creating. And part of, like, these strategic goals, in presenting these strategic goals for the purpose of budget is so that we have a better understanding as a Council what it is that the departments are going to be asking for so that we know in this next year what are your guys' goals. And so, you know, like, this doesn't really help us understand in the next year what we can expect in your budget request. So, that's all I'd like to share. Mahalo, Chair.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Ms. King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Let's see, I was going to ask questions about the goals and I think the first one was covered. The goal number three, which is kind of what we're talking about today, strengthen the community's social service safety net. That doesn't really, the measurable, I'm not sure how you're going to be able to measure that with that statement there but I mean is the goal to expand the social services, or are we trying to continue at the same level, or are we trying to improve the ones that we have?

MS. TSUHAKO: Thank you for your question. It's to strengthen. It's not necessarily to expand because I don't automatically go to expansion as being better. I think efficiency is important and I think efficacy is very important. So, what I want for our Department to do is to ensure that the money that's being granted to agencies to do the social service work to keep our social service network strong is being used in a way that makes sense, that is needed, and that is doing what the County is paying for to be done.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. TSUHAKO: And so, I don't want to automatically assume that that means more money or more contracts.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right. No, I understand that, I'm just trying to figure out how you're going to measure success. How will you know if our services are stronger? Are you measuring how many people are served? How much more success the various programs have within their population of, you know, the service population? You know, if we're trying to strengthen a program or make a program stronger and more efficient and more effective, then that's what we should be measuring. So, I'm just kind of wondering what your measurements are for determining that we've gotten success there.

MS. TSUHAKO: Yeah. And that's, you know, I think a tricky wicket a little bit because we are already trying to do that. I think our Grants Management Office is doing a really good job of setting up a schedule of monitoring for the grants that we now offer. They do both tabletop as well as onsite monitoring to ensure that what was agreed upon in that contract is actually being fulfilled. And I think that that process needs to also go on and we also need to work in other measures, for example, of helping and encouraging agencies who receive County funds, especially those who don't get funding from other entities where the County is usually a sole-source funding, is to help them get funding from other agencies so the dependency on the County funding doesn't perpetuate itself. Because a need that was identified 20 years ago doesn't necessarily mean that it's still a need today. So, to me it's not a good argument to keep funding a service just because it was funded 20 years ago. "Well, we got money from the County for 20 years." But is it still a need today --

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right.

MS. TSUHAKO: --that needs to be addressed?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right.

MS. TSUHAKO: So, I think some of, you know, incorporating some of those prospective changes are important and they will help us in terms of receiving feedback from the community about what the community feels is a need and then going, using some of those metrics about responsibility for funding will help us prioritize and determine that.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, so, you're working on along with monitoring the programs and the success of the programs, you're working on, I don't know, is it some kind of a survey or something from the public to determine --

MS. TSUHAKO: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: --what the needs are?

MS. TSUHAKO: We're trying to figure out a way to do that will help us be more responsive to the community. To receive feedback to help us be more responsive in terms of the services.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, yeah. I really look forward to seeing that because I know our community is changing and so to find out...one of my concerns with the Homeless Program in trying to measure reduction is that I don't know that we have a real good, solid method of actually determining what our Homeless Program is because I looked at those point-in-time counts and they're inconsistent across the counties as to how many people participate in them. I think one year I looked at it and we had eight and one of the other counties had 30 people participating. So, I don't know how many, how you can count all the homeless people across the County with eight people but I understand they're all volunteers. So, and then I also know just from my experience, Chair, and in researching women's issues and going to the women's conferences that the women are the hardest to count in the homeless population because they don't come out, you know, they're hiding from abusive spouses sometimes. Sometimes they're hiding from Child Protective Services because they don't want their children taken away. So, you know, I'm not, I don't, I'm just kind of curious to know how as we go forward, and you don't have to answer this now, but I just think it's an issue of trying to ascertain what our problem actually is and then how we're addressing if we're...we know how many homeless people that we're housing and that's a great thing but we don't know how well we're reducing it if we don't have a good method of counting that. And so, I'm just hoping we come up with other methods rather than just the point-in-time count. And then, Chair, my last issue I want to address, and kind of all of this goes along with trying to monitor success in these various programs. And I'm just wondering the Volunteer Center, if you've been able to quantify how many people we're putting into volunteer positions and how effective that program is

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because I remember hearing about and I thought this was so wonderful the first time I heard about this program but I never hear anything more about it. I mean, I don't, I tell people all the time, "you know, there's a program out there if you want to find volunteers," and they say, "there is?" You know so not a whole lot of people know about this program.

MS. TSUHAKO: Yes, our volunteer coordinator Wendy Stebbins does collect data on the number of volunteers who are involved in training that is sponsored through the Volunteer Center and I think her partners at the actual agencies who recruit, retain, and acknowledge volunteers also have statistics and data about the numbers of people. So, we can, you know, share that.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Is that number growing?

MS. TSUHAKO: It has grown, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. TSUHAKO: I have seen recently. Also, there's a website that's run that helps to alert potential volunteers and helps match them with agencies that may need their assistance based on their interests and things like that.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Yeah, no, I've seen your website, I've seen your brochure, but I just don't know how, I mean, you have to drive people to a website because people don't automatically know it's there and then I haven't really seen where the brochures are given out so it would be good to see a little more expansion of, you know, the awareness and education about the program. Because I totally believe in volunteers and I think there's so many wonderful people on Maui who, you know, help out our community through these programs. Okay, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you.

MS. TSUHAKO: Mr. Chair, may I make one comment to Member King?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Short.

MS. TSUHAKO: So, Member King, one of the questions you asked or your comments you made was about counting homeless people. The point-in-time count is not the sole means by which we count homeless people in the community. So, all of the agencies who receive State funding participate in a program called HMIS, it's Homeless Management Information System. It's actually a Statewide database which captures information about individual clients who use services from the participating agencies. So, via that HMIS, we should, and we do, look at data from HMIS as well as from the one day of the year that the point-in-time count is conducted so that we know that the point-in-time count counts only the number of people who were counted during that one day of the year. We know that HMIS is a much more robust and much more accurate picture of what homelessness looks like in our community. So, we have

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access to that data as well.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you.

MS. TSUHAKE: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. So, I don't know if it's clarification but on the goals that we have for, like, say number one. I have feelings about creating affordable housing just to increase the inventory, like, I feel like the purpose of increasing the affordable housing inventory is to get local people into the houses. If the measurable is just the number of units created does it matter to us if it's people coming from the continent or other foreign areas to occupy those units created or do we want our local people to be prepared to enter those units? Like, some of my colleagues and I went to the Waikapu Community Association meeting and there's a lot of so-called affordable units going to be coming online in the Waikapu area in the next 4 to 20 years and I would hope that the Department of Housing and Human Concerns is preparing our local people to be the homeowners of those projects. Not just that the units are being created, but that our people that would like to own homes are prepared to be the homeowners there and I'm not sure that I feel comfortable that that's happening, and I feel like that goal and the measurable doesn't reflect that concern. It's kind of my issue and I don't know if that's a question or if you can answer it.

MS. TSUHAKE: Okay, well thank you for your question, Member Paltin. I'll do my best. So, I think I share that concern with you, or that desire, yeah, to have our local families be able to purchase homes if that's what they want. I know that we also need rental housing so people who are at 30 percent of area median income more than likely might want to buy housing, might want to buy their own home, but may not be able to do that. So, we have to have a variety of housing types available for people. Whatever fits the need. So, rental housing for some, housing for sale for others. And that's fine, that's good, right, to be able to offer both. So, I think that's one issue. Second issue is one of the ways that the Department, and it's not through Human Concerns, but one of the way the Department supports families in preparing for a desire for the homeownership piece is through a grant that we give to Hale Mahaolu that does homeowner education. So, I can't remember off the top of my head how much that grant is for but Hale Mahaolu has a certified homeownership sort of counseling program that people can go to and they will learn the basics of what they need to do in order to become a homeowner. So, for some people it may be, you know, much more complicated than others. It could be like learning how to repair your credit, right? So, you kind of got your credit all jammed up when you were really young, you need to learn how to repair it before you are ready to save money to do the down payment, to learn what it means when you sign your name on the deed. So, we do have that program available for people. Even our Section 8 Office has the family self-sufficiency program that helps people transition from rental in the Section 8 program into home ownership. So, those opportunities are there for people and I think those...you know,

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maybe our Department can do a better job of referring people who might express an interest in that to help them do their preparation. But I feel confident in telling you that the resources for that purpose are there.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, follow up? So then, for me, you know, the numbers that were thrown out like 14,000 need or 9,000 and like that, no list exists of folks that would like a rental house or would like a purchase house and so how do they come up with those numbers of, you know, I mean, like if you had a list of folks in the 80 to 140 percent AMI range that were ready to go, then you could say, "hey, this is coming online. This is coming online. This is coming online in certain years," and, "be ready." But if you don't have any kind of list or anything like that, like, I think other jurisdiction have like housing authorities where they, like, you know, try...I don't want to mention the Upcountry water meter list but, you know, something along those lines where we have like a count of folks and then, you know, we can kind of try and match them up with projects so that it's not speculators and TVRs and outside interests coming in. Because we aren't, we cannot do the continental mentality. We're an island with limited resources and so we got to take care of our residents that, you know, want to stay and live here is the way I feel. Is there any possibility of, you know, having just the list. Not with any kind of promise but to say, "hey, you know, these projects in your AMI are coming online. We have these resources here and it's no guarantee that you're going to get a house," or whatever, but to keep folks informed of things that are coming up as they go along or the resources.

MS. TSUHAKO: I think you planted a good idea. I don't, I cannot speak to the legality of using a list such as that to exclude somebody, you know, like making it for local people only and only people who are on this list would be able to purchase property in this development or something. I don't think that that would be legal. I don't think it would pass that hurdle but to have a list and inform people about housing opportunities I don't think is a bad idea. Certainly.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, and I think, you know, I spoke with Na Hale O Maui, Ms. Cassandra, and it's not like, they don't exclude people by where they live but they do make the kind of requirements like, you know, I've seen folks have to sign up in person instead of being able to sign up online or they have to have volunteered in so many community projects. Like for Na Hale she was mentioning, like, they have to be a member for so many years and it goes by like, you know, how long you've been a member or, you know, you have to have participated in so many community volunteer opportunities. And that's not a way, I mean, I guess it is a way to exclude foreign folks because you have to have been here to have contributed but, you know, there's other ways to keep it local than saying like oh if you're from the mainland or something you can't get on this list. If you're from the mainland and you come and you volunteer like five times a year here then you could be on the list, you know, or something like that if you meet all the other criteria but just selecting criteria like that, that keeps it more local. There're other organizations have done it so there's ways, you know, without discriminating where people live or they're coming from.

MS. TSUHAKO: Thank you.



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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. We can spend the whole day on this but we do have one more Department so I'm going to allow one more round. If you have a budgetary question you'd like to pose that would be the time. One question and if need be one follow-up. But before I ask Ms. Sugimura for her final turn I will let you know that we did budget last year 80,000 to Hale Mahaolu. This was for the homeowners housing counseling program so we have put monies in the past and this year as well to assist certain components of the community and I appreciate all your guys' points and of course Ms. Kama and I, we understand how we're interlocked by our committees so I'm very open to allowing the conversation to kind of cross some grey areas because we both agree we're going to work together on this area, Ms. Kama and I. One thing I just want to bring up, Director, and I think it's great you bring up about our component that is, has housing issues of various levels, do we make an effort to take care of those that want help first because I'm tired of spending money on people that don't want our help? And yet we don't fully fund the programs where people want the help.

MS. TSUHAKE: Mr. Chair, you're referring to homeless people, or...

CHAIR HOKAMA: In general just any human concerns type of requirements you provide.

MS. TSUHAKE: I...

CHAIR HOKAMA: Especially, and again you can be homeless or we know there's Catholic Charities and other agencies. But I remember some of the exact directors mentioning that we should be focusing on the areas of where people who want the help should get the help first because they're seeking it for the service.

MS. TSUHAKE: Yeah. I think I can assure you that in general the people who want help and who are eligible as a program is described are receiving help. I think in certain circumstances, very, you know, limited circumstances such as maybe somebody who's living on the street unsheltered and who has really severe mental health problems might be approached by an outreach worker who says, you know, "can I help you get into housing?" And they may say, "no." But that outreach worker is going to continue to go out and see that person because that is a proven way, a proven method of engaging that unsheltered person. It's called assertive outreach and it's done intentionally to create a relationship with that person and sometimes, you know, you can never tell when that one person that you've talked to for six months decides to say, "okay. I want help today." So, yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. No, I appreciate that response. The other thing, though, and I've learned, you know, American marketing is pretty smart at times. They go after our kids, especially fast food programs. So, you haven't really given us much comment on human concerns for our youth because I think they can, the way they have great opportunities for us to work with to help, I don't know what the word, I hate the word educate because we have a State Department of Education and I expect them to do

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their job too. But to maybe help recommend curriculum adjustments so part of civics should be put back to school, life skill classes, things that they know we can benefit from and use after they leave the school system. What do we do for our younger people so they don't become a statistic?

MS. TSUHAKE: Yeah, thank you for that question. The Department gives funding to various youth centers in the community across our County - Lanai, on Molokai, here on Maui, through agencies such as the Boys and Girls Club, through independent youth centers at Paia, Kihei. Where I think a lot of that education, it's the learning the social skills maybe that families, you know, don't have time to teach, or are just harder, learning those strategies to avoid negative peer pressure, that sort of...

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, because that's one of the...you hit the point. Because that's one of the benefits of Head Start, the Head Start preschool program. The parents are required to participate with the child and they learning how to help the child themselves. So, we kind of like helping them weaning them off the subsidized program because we helping the parents' skills as they learn with their kid in a accredited program.

MS. TSUHAKE: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And I think those things kind of work.

MS. TSUHAKE: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Because kids impact adults very well.

MS. TSUHAKE: And they do in areas such as underage drinking prevention, too.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Smoking.

MS. TSUHAKE: Smoking. Exactly. So, if your kid is learning all the bad consequences of smoking and you're at home smoking, they're going to tell you what they learned, right? And it's going to be an encouragement for you to not smoke.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, okay. I'm watching the time so we're going to do one last round. Yeah. And then we're going to bring in Parks because Parks can take the whole weekend, too. Ms. Sugimura?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, thank you. I have budgetary questions but I'm going to just wait 'til we get our 2020 Budget.

CHAIR HOKAMA: That's fine.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Because I look forward to supporting you and we're running out of time. But keep up your good work, that's all I want to say.

MS. TSUHAKE: Thank you. Thank you.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. If you do have question, Members, again, the Chair is always happy to forward and receive the response for dissemination back to Members. Ms. Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: No questions.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, ma'am. Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Chair, I'm going to respect your concern with regards to the time constraints we're under so I'll save my questions for another time for the Department. I want to thank Ms. Tsuhako for the presentation. And also, you know, on that subject you and her were talking about schools and life skills, you know. Her and I went to school together. She looks a lot younger than me and she took all the gifted and talented classes whereas I took the others but that is a good point. I think a lot more emphasis should be placed on the DOE in emphasizing these life skill classes. I remember home economics, I mean that was a good course to take but I think we should do more in our public schools and private schools. Teach our kids life skills so that way they don't, like you said, become a statistic. So, thank you.

MS. TSUHAKO: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, thank you. You're a, you know, educator per se, Mr. Molina. So, you know, you're experience we appreciate your comments through your experience. Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No more questions, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I appreciate what you were saying about the going after folks who want services because that's the low-hanging fruit and when I did a needs assessment for Hui Malama, that was one of the things that we came at as a conclusion that we weren't servicing the people who wanted to learn how to read, we were going out there looking for people who should want to read. But my question is just a request as you go forward into the budget request for this coming fiscal year is that if you can give us, you know, we talked about programs that were grant-funded programs that may be in existence for 20 years that may be not effective so I guess I want to know if we have any of those and if we do why we're still funding them. But if we can get a list, I mean I guess we're going on the assumption that if you're funding programs that they are worthwhile and they are successful and that if they aren't then you won't be bringing us a request. But, you know, that was sort of one of the budget concerns is, you know, what do we consider fixed costs in the programmatic area where we're granting programs and, you know, personally I would rather not spend hours reviewing programs, \$25,000 we're giving to programs like the, to your question, Chair, for the youth things like the school gardens and Kai Ipu Kukui and those kinds of things if, you know, if we have an understanding that those are successful. But because you made that comment I just wondered, do you have programs that you're

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funding that you're planning to cut off because you're not seeing the success?

MS. TSUHAKE: No, I don't believe that the Department has removed grant funding because of non-compliance. I think as the presentation showed there's some grant funding that is going to go unencumbered because agencies have chosen to not accept the grant or they've not been able to use it properly.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, no, I'm not talking so much about compliance, I'm just saying if they're not having the success that we would like to see with that type of funding. Are you seeing any programs that, you know, after funding them for a few years you're just realizing that maybe the money could be better used elsewhere?

MS. TSUHAKE: We've not seen that.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, so you, all the programs that you have currently funding you'll be recommending for future funding?

MS. TSUHAKE: I believe that many of the programs that are being recommended in the Department's budget will be, well, may be repeat requests. I haven't seen yet the Mayor's final budget offering. I'll be better prepared to answer that in particular at that time.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right, no, I understand. I'm just trying to get your --

MS. TSUHAKE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: --sense of, you know, if you feel like --

MS. TSUHAKE: There's...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: --if they've been successful.

MS. TSUHAKE: I think for the most part the grantees have been successful in meeting the goals that they have offered to the County in terms of services, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, okay.

MS. TSUHAKE: So, I feel confident that if the Department puts requests forward for grant funding that we can vouch by the, vouch for the final results.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you.

MS. TSUHAKE: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Before I recognize Ms. Paltin, the Committee, the Chair will note that under HFC-13(2) of this Committee, we are in receipt of a communication, from Mayor Victorino, dated February 19, 2019 coming from the

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Department as it regards to 2019 funded grants. It's broken down by agency, name, program, title, amount of the allocation, as well as its program description. So, if when you have time Members, if you wish you can review the submittal from the Administration regarding Human Concern grants. Ms. Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. My question on the budget goes to goal number two in your presentation. You were saying about address the needs within the community and I was wondering if there was any budgetary consideration for, like, drug treatment or alcohol treatment within the west side community? It's, I've been made aware it's difficult for folks with that need and sometimes there's other, like, you know, probation requirements and things like that. And they're trying to get a job and they're trying to, like, you know, do the straight and narrow but it's very difficult living in West Maui and then, you know, all the services are Central. And, you know, all the jobs are in West Maui and they might live in West Maui and we bring in a lot of revenue to the County and I just was wondering if there's any budgetary possibility of bringing those types of services out to the west side?

MS. TSUHAKO: I thank you for your question and the concern that it raises about availability of resources for West Maui. I don't know specifically if any of the Department's current grants for drug treatment actually have a specific component for geographical placement in West Maui. But that's something that's easily checked and we can, I can actually call Aloha House, which is contracted to do some of those services and see what services they have offered and get back to you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, and if there's nothing maybe we can work on it being there in West Maui too.

MS. TSUHAKO: Yes, and that's something that, you know, the Department is not going to have the resource to actually do the service so we depend on the community service providers to help with that, yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, then, just follow up. You would like, kind of, write that into the contract, like, you know, maybe one day a week provide services in West Maui or something like that? Would that work?

MS. TSUHAKO: It would necessitate a discussion because they would have to have resources to stretch out there. They would also have to, they need an infrastructure in order to expand services. So, it's a conversation that we can definitely start now to see what their capacity is. But it's certainly not too early to start discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Right on. Thank you very much.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you very much, Members. Before we leave this item, the Chair will just bring up a few things with the Department and the Director. I think maybe Ms. Kama and I can work with you, Director. Because I think one of the things that I hear from our Members is we really need to take a look at adjusting our land use ordinances, particularly our zoning ordinances with conditions. Okay? By

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ordinance and many of them with the conditions of zoning was components of employee or affordable housing units. Okay? We've learned one of our errors was we didn't place a clock when we expected those units built. So, I'm thinking if it's appropriate we consider legislation and bring those that have not complied with a program to comply because I'm not in favor of payment in lieu. They never give us enough to build a house. So, again, the County subsidizes a developer's condition of housing. That wasn't the purpose of conditional zoning. So, I think we need to do some Council legislative considerations, Chair, that I'll help develop with Chair Kama and yourself, of course. But I think we can get some, I'm hopefully thousands of units back online from those developers that got up-zoned and have reaped some of the financial profits of doing the market development. See, if they have the market I'm assuming the infrastructure is in the ground.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Correct.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Which means, what's the reason of stopping the affordables? Okay. And I think we'll use County law, our attorneys, and your Department to help. Because I'm, like, with the other Members, we want to see things constructed and we want to see our people in it. Okay? And we all have clocks that are not as generous as before. So, with no objections, Members...no, I want to file this item because this is under Rule 7(B) and in the future I'd like to bring a part of our item on our master calendar. So, I'll be open to a motion to file.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: So move, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Motion by Ms. Sugimura, seconded by Mr. Molina. Any discussion, Members? All in favor, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Opposed, say "no." Motion passes with seven "ayes."

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**VOTE:        AYES:    Chair Hokama, Vice-Chair Sugimura, and Councilmembers Kama, King, Molina, Paltin, and Rawlins-Fernandez.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:        Recommending FILING of matter.**

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you very much. We thank you, Director. We'll take a recess till 2:55 and then we'll start with Parks. Recess. . . *(gavel)* . . .

**RECESS:        2:47 p.m.**

**RECONVENE:   2:56 p.m.**

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . . *(gavel)* . . . We are back in order.

**ITEM HFC-13(4): PRE-BUDGET SESSION PRESENTATION (DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION)**

CHAIR HOKAMA: We have, this afternoon, HFC-13(4); and we'll be having the Department of Parks and Recreation give us their pre-budget comments as well as review. And again, Members, after the Director makes her presentation, we'll open it up to Members for questions and, if any, comments. So, Director, if you would please?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Good afternoon, Chair and Committee Members. We're here today to give you our overview of our budget and we'll get right into it for you. Starting off will be our Deputy Director, he'll be going through some topics, John Buck.

MR. BUCK *(PowerPoint Presentation)*: Thank you, Chair and Committee Members. Overall the Department of Parks and Recreation, we have 2,547 acres of developed land, 130 playing fields, 22 community centers, nine gymnasiums, and with one under construction that should be completed by summer, 16 playgrounds, three campsites, 24 beach parks, 31 outdoor courts, 53 tennis courts, and five skateboard parks. This is our budget for 2019. Our Administration Program is 2,979,768 and the Administration Program includes our safety, parks, permits, enforcement, grants, and

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the administrative office. We have over 6 million in parks programming, which is the maintenance division, district maintenance, planning and development, and then master planning. And, of course, the biggest chunk we have is recreation and support services which includes recreation, aquatics, and PALS for a total of over 32 million. And we have a golf fund of almost \$4 million, but, Council action last year, is now that will be going into General Fund 'cause the Golf Fund was repealed. Council adopted for CIP preparations General Fund, 11 million came out of General Fund, park assessment was almost \$3 million, and GO bonds was 2.5 million, a total of over \$16 million in CIP projects for next year. This is our vacancy report. There's 39 vacant positions right now, and that's less than 10 percent of the overall E/Ps for the Department. We have 22 in recruitment process right now either that's posted, pending a list or interviews in process. Four are in pre-employment process which required a test and some documentation. So then, the test would be the drug tests, and two pending reallocation/reorganization. And, of course, 11 seasonal which is the seasonal lifeguards that are used during the summer programs. One of our major openings for vacancies is our parks security officers and today was the big recruitment day as you can see on the slide. So, they come in, they put a application in. And so, today was the testing and interviews and hopefully we can start filling those positions and all the vacancies for the parks security officers by the end of the fiscal year.

MS. PETERS (*PowerPoint Presentation*): Thank you. So, I'm going to go over the Capital Improvement Projects that were appropriated funding in Fiscal Year current '19. I just wanted to go back first on the vacancies. We're working really hard with the Department of Personnel Services and we're doing those flyers and doing just more outreach to get all of our open positions out there rather than just someone having to go onto the website or look in *The Maui News*, and the next large recruitment, one-day recruitment, will be for our largest number of openings in the seasonal lifeguards. Okay, so, we're just going to touch and highlight one project from each district. In the Central District here we have the Kepaniwai Heritage Gardens improvements. Shown here is the proposed plan for the project which is Phase II. It's ADA pathways, accessible pathways within the remaining of the park. So, we did the lower part of the park several years ago and now we're just wanting to complete it. As part of our priorities for CIP, we're looking at health and safety, to comply with regulations and codes, continuing projects that were completed and not enough funding for, to complete through the entire 100 percent project scope of work, and then also new projects.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, before you move just so the Committee is aware, yeah, on this one. This is basically restoration after the destructive storm we had two years ago?

MS. PETERS: Chair, no, it is actually something we had on the books before then. So, the first phase was done before that big storm in September of 2016 and then this came on board. And actually what we were doing as part of that before 2016, was trying to get a master plan of the overall park.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. No, because I was just wondering if you got FEMA funds to support this project.



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MS. PETERS: Actually, we're still working with FEMA on reimbursement for '16, the '16 flood.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you.

MS. PETERS (*PowerPoint Presentation*): Okay, so, out in Hana we have our Hana Ballpark light pole replacement. This funding was part of the parks systems. So, going back to our presentation when we did our overview last month, the parks systems CIP appropriations were for deferred maintenance. So, in Hana Ballpark we're replacing the field lighting due to it being deteriorated. We even had to remove one of the fixtures due to it being unsafe. Here on Lanai this is a line item in '19, it's the Lanai Community Center permitted kitchen that we're going to be upgrading the kitchen. And the scope of work in that design; it's pretty extensive. It included renovation to the existing kitchen to a permitted kitchen, and the existing assembly to committee...to a community food prep area including the demolition of existing walls, doors, windows; partial demo of the existing concrete floor and existing ramp at the entrance; and installation of new fixtures; and stainless steel countertops. This next project is up in Kula. We had design funding in this current fiscal '19, there was extensive community outreach. The community chose this plan that is shown here. The project does not have construction funding and we are going out, current funding allows for final construction drawings and permitting. Kaunakakai Ballpark fencing, this project was included in the Molokai parks systems. Again, more deferred maintenance in removing and reconstructing fencing improvements at the Kaunakakai Ball Field. And then, South Maui Community Park Gym. There was additional funding in this fiscal year. This is a current photo that was taken at the beginning of the month of the interior of the gym and we're hoping to open this late summer. There was master planning funding incorporated in the Fiscal Year '19 Budget and one of these was the Launiupoko regional map...park master plan. And then in Paia we have our Alfred "Flako" Boteilho, Sr. Gymnasium, also known as the Paia Gym reroofing replacement. This project is slated for replacement of the existing metal roofing and pending the issuance of the building permit we will put the project out to bid. Next we want to cover our discretionary and fixed costs. Our overall budget we concluded that 94 percent of the budget was our fixed costs including our salaries, operating and maintenance costs, utilities, maintenance and security contracts, our safety, which is our PPEs for all of our employees, requirements of the collective bargaining agreements which would be uniform allowances and the contractual increase in salaries, as well as our current leased and replacement vehicles and equipment. So, we did implement leased equipment, especially out at the golf course. And then our discretionary costs was 6 percent of our total budget including expansion, office supplies, registration, training, travel, and per diem. So, for unencumbered funds in Fiscal Year '19, we anticipate to encumber all of our appropriated funding. Although this will change if our vacancies are not filled. And then some cost-saving measures that we did or we are currently in implementation is we're doing replacement of our existing parking lot light fixtures to LEDs, we're looking at our current vehicle fleet and replacing our larger trucks. We have a lot of three-quarter ton, a lot of larger trucks that are not fuel-efficient that we are doing. We also did, the Department of

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Public Works was doing the vehicle ordering and specifying for all of the entire County and we did take that over on ourselves to see if we can better take out our, do our whole fleet as one specification and bid and look to see if we would get a better cost. Also conversion of our old quick coupler systems to automatic irrigation. We have some parks that do not have automatic irrigation, our staff would have to go out and place out these quick couplers and then turn the water on so we want to convert those into the automatic irrigation system. Replacement of our existing large mowers with hybrid type. Again, in looking at fuel efficiency this is the way to go with our larger mowers. And then upgrading of our variable frequency drives at various pools to allow the motor to not have to run at 100 percent when the pool is not in use. So, our current strategies and goals, and we talked about this before. And, you know, in '19 what we're trying to do is continue to develop and strengthen our organization and operating system. One of our key goals is the facility and preventative maintenance. So, by implementing our Department-wide computerized maintenance management system, we can fix costs related to the repair and maintenance of each of our assets, which we call asset management. We can pull this up on our system and see how much it is costing us to repair an item and maybe it'd be better to come in for capital improvement to just do a total replacement. We can identify failures before they occur. Preventative maintenance procedures is something that we're actively looking at and we just need to get positioned to help us to get these procedures implemented into the software. So, what this does is each section, so, we'll take the pool pumps for now. And so, what we would do is each of our pool mechanics would have an automatic generated work order every month that would show them what these preventative maintenance procedures are. So then, what they would do is, we can get that on our phones, it's a mobile app. They'll go through a checklist and if any of the items fail it automatically generates a work order which says this work has to be done. Effective budget planning is also part of the computerized maintenance management program. By looking at things, again, in totality and seeing that we did a roof replacement and the average roof-life is 20 years, we can automatically put that into a preventative maintenance procedure, checking on that roof within seven to five years and then already start budgeting for the replacement. And, again, identifying a failure before it occurs is important. And then, just summarizing it all, it's our work order system. It allows for efficient use of our staff, their time, and their material because they can look up what they need to have done every day and account for it at the end of the day by plunking in their time and the material cost. And then just us being able to pull a report to see, you know, what it is costing us to maintain and fix our important assets in the Department. Our next current strategy and goal is safety in our parks and redevelopment of the park security officer program is where we found we could achieve this goal. And like John had mentioned, we are doing a recruitment of filling all of our seven vacant positions. By having all of those positions filled we can create a presence within our park. As Mayor mentioned in his State of the County, these would be our park ambassadors. And not only to make sure that the Code is being enforced, but educate the public in cooperation with DLNR and with MPD and our other County and State agencies. And then going back to our maintenance system is they can initiate communication within our Department. They're out there at the parks for something that our park maintenance staff does not see and it'll come to our parks security officer then they can input that into the work

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order system and we can get those health and safety risks addressed immediately. And our last goal of course is our strategic planning. And we started the process in 2017 and we will be working next month to finalize this plan. As I mentioned earlier that it's going to take us about a 12 to 18 month process because we're only in phase two of it. But it is critical to the success of our Department and we do realize that. So, some of the draft goals and priorities that were identified when we did our environmental scanning in late 2017 were actually items that we started to try and implement which is the long-range planning, streamlining of our permitting process, improving customer service, and, of course, community outreach, and what we're doing with all of our master plans as well as just in every other aspect of the Department. That concludes. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. That was pretty concise, Director, very good. We appreciate that. We know you do, your Department does quite a bit for the community's mental and physical health; so we thank you. Before we start, the Chair would just like to say, if you do have a copy of today's *Star Advertiser*, Section B, under Local and Business, the front page. They have just put out a report on a Hawaii perspective poll. And one of the things you will find is that there is a growing amount of residents in this state that wants greater and more effective enforcement regarding homeless and vagrancies in our parks and in our public spaces. It also states that about 59 percent of all of Hawaii has a concern regarding crime, violence, and drug abuse; and part of it is the area of the public spaces that are being used for such activities. This also talks about the homeless and everything else. So, Ms. Kama, you might be interested in this most current poll that was put out today; and that's why I share that with you. This first round, I'll ask you to please ask any type of budgetary questions regarding the general operational or divisions; and then the next round if you have a question about CIP, because I would like the Department to kind of focus in the subject matter. So, round one is more operational, round two will be CIP. So, Ms. Sugimura --

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --any questions?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very well done. Appreciate that. So, looking at your PowerPoint presentation Department of Parks cost-saving measures for Fiscal Year 2019, the first bullet point: replacement of existing parking lot light fixtures to LED fixtures; and I wondered if the County or you have been in communication with Walter Enomoto with Hawaii Energy Savings [*sic*]? I spoke to him recently and he was telling me that he was ready to cut Public Works a check for \$400,000 for replacement of the energy-efficient streetlights and it was stopped because of a lawsuit. But I wondered if we had also partnered with Walter Enomoto. And, Chair, the organization is set up so that what they try to do is they try to encourage energy efficiency and it gives rebates, I say, he must make a lot of people happy, but gives people rebates. And if you don't have his phone number, I have his phone number because I'm trying to pass it around to different organizations.

MS. PETERS: Chair?

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Member Sugimura, yes, so when we initially did the first round of bids for the fixtures, the LED fixtures, we did consult with him and he did help us through the process. So, and when we're done with it, I believe, is when we then go to him and say, "hey, can you cut us a check?" Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. Good.

MS. PETERS: So, once we're done with the implementation of installing the fixtures then we can go back to him and show him that it was done. And I believe that City and County also did, there was a press release showing that they did receive some funding rebate back from it.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: That's good. I wonder, your park rangers, right, your "ambassadors." During my first year I was hearing about the CORA group and enforcement and, you know, what that, what all of that...I learned a lot about the CORA group. I wondered, where does it stand now? I think we were going to put in rules was the last thing I heard during that first Budget Session that I was in and wondered where all of that is?

MS. PETERS: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, that's a good question. So, right now because we only have three filled positions there aren't, the park security officers aren't able to get out to all of the parks throughout the course of the week. So, what the goal is for when they are filled and trained is that they will be monitoring CORA on a daily basis to just make sure that the ones without permits are...that is enforced. So, right now it's, you know, there's hear-say that there are unpermitted vendors within the park and the permitted vendors are, yes, very frustrated. So, we have to get them out there and be able to enforce that part of it. As far as the rules, we're...that's still in a draft form.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. So, I'm sure you're probably getting a lot of calls because I'm getting a lot of calls and I was wondering what are the plans for the Banyan Tree? And, like, and I think it's not...it's too bad that you came in now based on how it was going along for many years. A lot of members of the community are, like, for certain events that are held in the park it's been done a certain way for many years; and now, like, vending during events and things like that I'm getting a lot of calls, like, because it seems like we're not going to be able to continue the way it's been done. And so, I just was wondering how and when would the community know

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how to proceed based on how it was and how it's going to be in the future?

MS. PETERS: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Member Paltin. Yes, we are getting an abundance of calls and visits on this item. And so what we're doing is we're trying to work through what was happening in the past and what we see as the future. So, changing the culture of what we see as these craft and art fairs is what we're trying to do. So, what we want to do is implement cultural, sustainable, made-local products. And that's what we want to, you know, we want everything to be sustaining, we want a healthy community – that's where we're at. So, you know, and nothing to go against an ABC Store, but that's not the type of products we want to sell within our parks. That's not the promotion that we want. Healthy, sustainable, cultural, and that's what, that's where we're heading towards. So, we've been having basically weekly meetings on this topic. We've met with the applicants who are wanting to have these annual cultural events and we are in support of it. There is no cooking under the Banyan Tree, so we're...and that's a law, it's because it's a exceptional tree. So, you can vend, or you can sell food. But again, it should be an accessory to your event. So...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, it's always been no open flame.

MS. PETERS: Yes. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

MS. PETERS: And then also, then the applicant is required to go to the Cultural Resources Commission as well. So, the Department doesn't go in front of them, the applicant does go in front of them. And I believe it's just a lot of miscommunication, a lot of what happened in the past, and so that's what we're trying to clear up. But again, made locally, cultural, sustainable, and healthy – that's what we're driving towards.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then in addition to the Banyan Tree, like, canoe regattas. I guess there's been some concern about the vending during those events. My understanding was, you know, generally the host team would arrange all the vending activities, whether it's, like, you know, food and, I guess, paddling gear and things like that. And there's some concern amongst my community about that moving forward.

MS. PETERS: So, again, accessory to the event. So, if it's, you know, like you said pertinent to the culture and the canoe paddling, that is what is acceptable. And just those types of cultural sustainable products is what we're trying, you know, we're not trying to chase out any commercial use by no means but that is where we have our concession and sponsorship bill. So, that's where we want to take that. For our local organizations, of course, we're not going to concession out our Central Maui Regional Park concession booth, that's where our youth make their money to go and travel and take their teams off-island whether it be to Molokai and Lanai. So, of course, that's

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not the idea. It's the larger types of concession that we will be looking at. And so, one of those positions that we do have in reallocation under the Administration Program is we're looking to re-describe it into a concessions manager which is similar to that of City and County. So, they have someone who does take care of all of this. We're working with Corp. Counsel on drafting those concession admin rules and then this person can then similar to the Blaisdell, Hanauma Bay, the zoo, take the areas that we working with the Administration and this body feel that that's where we should be revenue-generating. But not to take it from our local youth and cultural programs though.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, so, just so you know, Ms. Paltin, we have an item in this Committee, the Old Banyan Tree. So, we'll be posting once the Department has something little bit more defined regarding the concession admin rules, okay? Because this program was to help: one, protect the assets, which is the land and facilities, but also bring in revenues to maintain and enhance. Okay? We're not trying to take away anything from our communities. But, there'll be stronger regulations for enforcement purposes to ensure the safety of the participants of our facilities. So, that's where we're, I, the Director and I are heading with the overall concession discussion. But it'll be brought back to Committee. Ms. King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for that great presentation. I couldn't believe I looked up and it had been only 10 or 15 minutes. You have a lot of information in there. So, my first question is when you talk about the one-day recruitments, how many applications did you get on that park security officers positions?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Member King. We're very excited. So, we've received 26 applicants.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, wow.

MS. PETERS: So, they...yeah, I'm sorry, 26 qualified applicants. So, we're not sure how many actually applied, but DPS did tell us that there were 26. Right now, I just in our break texted our Parks Permit Officer and they're still doing interviews.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. PETERS: So, what I've heard, I didn't get the actual number of how many passed the test. But there was more that passed than did not.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. That's great. That's for seven positions?

MS. PETERS: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: That's great. If they apply after that one day, I mean, you just like take the applications on that one day and that's it?

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MS. PETERS: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: No, actually, there was a recruitment through DPS and the applications were due by March 10<sup>th</sup>.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay.

MS. PETERS: They were reviewed to make sure they met the minimum qualifications and then we had already set up today to do the testing. So, what they did is they reported at eight o'clock to our Parks conference room and then DPS administered the test and as soon as they were done, their tests were scored and if they were successful then they were passed on to the interview panel.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay. I was just looking at that, you got, you had there was one day and I didn't know what that meant. And then I wanted to talk about, I'm really excited that you actually had these cost-savings, you know, initiatives. But, I mean, some of them it appears to me are going to be expenses in order to save those because it looks like you're talking about conversion to automatic irrigation. You're talking about new vehicles, new LED fixtures, hybrid mowers. So, is there going to be, are you going to be presenting to us a proposal for that investment and then showing us how much savings it's going to incur and possibly positions?

MS. PETERS: Chair? Actually those items we had budgeted in '19 in the construction maintenance budgets.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. PETERS: So, each district has a construction maintenance budget, as well as our construction maintenance section having a budget. So, we did an energy audit of the War Memorial Complex, I want to say it was about two years ago. And it identified those LED fixtures as one of the greater cost recoveries that we could do sooner than later. So, we identified that we did and we did make sure we had money in the budget to do that. The hybrid mowers are at the golf course, those were funded in '19. So, that's why there's no actual cost that we can identify just yet but we'll be able to bring that back --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay --

MS. PETERS: --at the end of the fiscal.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: --so, you'll be able to bring back to us the cost savings that going forward and hopefully that may be even positions?

MS. PETERS: Correct.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: And, yeah, so I'm...and then the last, actually I had two things I want to talk to you about last if I can, Chair. One of them is you talked about streamlining the permit process, which permit process is that? Is that the...I mean because I, what I'd like to see streamlined is the process of getting a permit to use a facility. That's a really complicated process.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Yes, Chair, that is...I mean, thank you Chair, yes. That is what we are trying to do. Or that is what one of our strategic goals are. So, in the environmental scanning, and we had, it was made up of our executive management and the next level supervisors and we were all left in a room for about a week to...for eight hours a day to identify and to, again, scan our entire Department to see what it is. What are the goals? Where are the needs? And this came up. So, right now what we're encouraging until this strategic plan is done and we can get into the implementation phase, is we're encouraging people to reach out to our permits staff. There's a lot of grey areas and a lot of it on the website is unclear and a great example is our cultural events under the Banyan Tree, which, I just want to say, is an executive ordered property by the State for public and park use. So, that's another thing that we're taking, we're looking at. But, yeah, so in that permit process right now, that's the best we can do is just outreach to community. People that call me or that are coming to the window, you know, we're getting them with one of our special events specialists to go over the checklist which seems a lot cumbersome but when it's worked out and the process is talked through it's not as bad as it seems.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Get some bad cough medicine.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So, my last issue, Chair, is, you know, when we were talking about the concessions revenue and this is, I know Chair Hokama has been talking about this when are we going to get those. You spoke about going forward with concessions and then I'd also know I talked to you privately about revamping the CORA process. So, are we going to have a...are you going to be able to estimate revenue going forward into this next budget for the concessions and additional revenue for CORA permits?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Thank you. Thank you, Chair King. So, we right now don't have, or, aren't projecting anything in the '20 Budget. We're still working on the administrative rules for the concession bill. We'll have that, I believe, within the next couple months and then that does go out for public hearing. We'll get comments on that and then get those rules defined and implemented. So, that has not, there will be no revenue just yet. The current concessions that we do have in place, though, are the, is the food concession out at Hana Bay, the pro shop and driving range and carts at the Waiehu Golf Course, and then the restaurant at the Waiehu Golf Course, which is in need of a



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new grease interceptor right now so we have not opened it just yet.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So, I'm assuming when you talk about the, you know, wanting a, needing an employee position to handle concessions that, you know, my assumption was that the revenue from those concession is going to more than pay for that position, Chair. So --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Eventually it will.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: --I'm hoping we're, you know, yeah. I'm hoping there's a point where we can show that, you know, that that's anticipated. Because hopefully before the end of this next fiscal year we'll actually have some revenues from concessions.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I'll be working with the Director, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. PETERS: Absolutely. We hope to identify that as well as what the bill does say is we can go into a revolving fund to help us maintain the areas that are being used by these concessions so I believe that's a win-win.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Great. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Aloha, Ms. Peters.

MS. PETERS: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Thank you for a very thorough presentation. Well laid out. I particularly like your strategies, how it's laid out with the goal, strategy, and tactics. I really appreciate that. I also appreciate the Parks encouraging more event-specific healthy, local, cultural, sustainable vending on our County parks. And thank you for doing a strategic planning. I think that all departments should do that. My question is for how long have, has the computerized maintenance management system been implemented?

MS. PETERS: So, the Countywide implementation started in 2016. I'm sorry. Department-wide implementation started in 2016. So, it was in place for about eight years prior to that, it was just never fully implemented. So, when I started on board as the Park Maintenance Superintendent we identified that that was something that we could use to capture what our assets and the cost to repair them. So, everyone got retrained with the great help of our construction maintenance supervisors, our maintenance supervisors, and our district supervisors. We enforced that we were all going to be using it actively. We can go on and make sure that, you know, everyone's logging in. They're given time in the morning to check what their work orders are and then time in the afternoon to implement time and material cost. So, we are about, I

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would say, 80 percent to where we can actually dissect more of the repair and maintenance and project out how much we would be needing as far as in budget planning. We're still, again, trying to get those preventative maintenance procedures inputted into the system because it all has to be affixed to an individual employee because that would be their task for, you know, if we set the duration. Say, if you're going to be doing these monthly checks you'll get a work order automatically generated at the beginning of the month due by the end of the month.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It sounds like a really powerful tool. Has it been working as you hoped and expected?

MS. PETERS: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Yes, that's a great question and it has. So, we've been able to identify a particular park or an area that there was a question about to see, hey, when was this repair done? How long did it take us to do it? And did it last for the duration of time that we wanted it? And is it something that now we need to look at is it capital improvement or should we be a total replacement of the entire systems, you know, whether it be a pump or one of the biggest things are our irrigation pumps, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Ms. Peters. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you very much, Chair and Ms. Peters and Mr. Buck. First of all, just want to thank you for that outreach you did with the community regarding the Baldwin Park Master Plan. Had a lot of great feedback on that and, Madam Director, you know, you stayed true to your word during the nomination process about doing a lot of outreach with the community so that's much appreciated. Chairman, I just have a question just do a follow-up on the issues that was brought up by my colleagues Ms. King and Ms. Sugimura regarding the parks security officers. These, I guess, what is the entry level pay? You're talking about seven vacancies and the total proposal would run roughly how much are we looking at? I mean, that's impressive to get 26 qualified individuals. And maybe while I'm at it will they be weaponized? I know you want them to be ambassadors of aloha, but will they be also carrying guns like, you know, our DLNR officers I guess?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, they can be soldiers of aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, I guess, yeah, that's a nice way of putting it, you know.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair, and thank you, Member Molina. So, no, they will not have weapons. They can do citations and enforce our chapter, our Code 13.04A of the Maui

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County Code. When it does come to the need where we do have something that goes beyond their scope of work we do rely on our good colleagues the Maui Police Department.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, thank you.

MS. PETERS: And so, we've been working really well with MPD. You know, we all sat at the table and talked about the Compassionate Action Plan Task Force that Lori did discuss and the boots-on-the-ground discussion was, it was amazing because what it identified is there is a need for more of outreach and there is a need for maybe we need to look into some legislative changes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, thank you.

MS. PETERS: Yeah, so I'm looking up the cost for you right now.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: If you don't have --

MS. PETERS: Salary.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --the info now, that's okay but I can wait. But if you do have it, great to know.

MS. PETERS: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: We'll make sure that --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --you receive the information, Mr. Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. That's fine, Chair. And on your second go-around I have just one or two questions regarding capital improvements.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, most of the questions I wanted to ask were already asked by everybody down that side. But I wanted to ask the question about the reservation for the facility usage. I mean, when I go, when I...to rent the facility in the Wailuku District, I got to go to Wailuku. If I want to rent Kihei I got to go out to Kihei. Does that still going to continue even when you start to streamline? Because that's when I think about streamlining that's what I'm thinking about, not having to go all over just to go rent one facility.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Member Kama. You know, for the reservations you are, you can do it at any permit office. It's when you go and get the key and then we require walk-through before your event, is when you need to go to the appropriate district office.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: One other thing. The last time I rented the Kihei Community Center a couple of years ago, I had to put down the money a year before. Do you still do that?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Yes, we currently do.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Can I ask why?

MS. PETERS: It's by our Code, currently, that that's required. The deposit and rental fee is required.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: A whole year in advance?

MS. PETERS: A year in advance, yes. Just because of the demand. And, again, one of our goals in the strategic planning is to identify, we want to identify streamlining the process along with that because that can be a financial burden for a lot of our residents.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes, that was my point. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Ms. Kama. I just have a couple things. I would say, one, especially with the park rangers component, Members, we just expanded the capacity. So, again, vacancies must be taken in a different context than existing positions. One of the benefits is job description is pretty current. So, when you have a current job description you can peg it in the right classification and then pay range so compensation is equates to what they really do. My thing to the Department because it has been brought up to the Members regarding certain bargaining units is, I would hope you would start working internally on desk audits. Whether you start with Unit 3 and 4 first, it doesn't matter to me. But part of this potential discussion in the future of compensation should be based on what they really do. So, job audits for me with Personnel Department should be conducted so we know exactly what the employee's doing today. As we've heard, some things have not been updated as required, so how do you compensate fairly an employee whose job description is totally not what they do every day? So, if you, if the Department, you can do that for your Department and the other chairs will do it with their departments. I think once we bring up discussion of compensation and the new contracts, I think we can make a more better informed decision because we'll have a better understanding of what we

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paying and what we expect to get from what we paying. So, that would be my suggestion. This is not a CIP thing right now, but there's other components, and I'm glad the Members are focused on revenue because we all know somebody has to pay the bill and I see a representative but besides your operational things for monies, we allow events, whether it's for profit, whether it's a sponsorship jointly with the County. One of the big things that we take into an account is an event called like the Maui Invitational or in the past we used XTERRA. That was a big thing, right, the World XTERRA Championships on Maui. The Maui Invitational that is 30-something years old. One of the longer running basketball invitationals. That impacts your Department. I'm looking at it as a potential source of fare revenue generation. But to maintain and attract these type of world-class events, we understand we need to invest smart money to make the facility not only worthy for the event but safe for our resident users themselves as well as the benefit. So, any comments you can give us on those areas for the Committee this afternoon regarding budgetary?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. So, we are in regards to the Maui Invitational tournament working with the applicant of the agreement, KemperLesnik, in bringing that here to this body to review the revised agreement. We are looking at, yes, the Lahaina Civic Center, regardless of its use for the MIT does require some upgrades that are needed and that we will be wanting to partner with these applicants to do these required or necessary improvements which will, after the event is over, benefit our community.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. What is our capacity of the current civic center for the event, 1,200?

MS. PETERS: I believe it's about 2,400.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Twenty-four hundred at Lahaina Civic? The brand new South Maui Gymnasium that, just so Ms. King can know, I've been fighting for 20 years since I first went on the Council in '98 I supported a gym for South Maui. What are we looking at for this brand new gym?

MS. PETERS: I'm looking at our Chief of Planning and Development for the answer.

MR. KINZLE (*from the gallery*): I think it's under a thousand.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Under a thousand is what I believe Mr. Halverson mentioned. Then we must have missed the boat because that would have been a great potential new venue site for the tournament. Because South Maui has one advantage over West Maui, the number of hotel rooms for supporting alumni, yeah? And what is the ability of us expanding the new South Maui? Because what makes sense nationally is for mid-size for communities of our size and to bring events that fit us, the national norm is 5,000 seats.

MS. PETERS: I'm looking at...

CHAIR HOKAMA: So, if you're going to tell us it ain't going to happen with this project then

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that's fine. But if we have opportunities and it makes financial sense for us to invest in the future because I already know certain Division I teams will not return to Maui because of the, what is the word, the current condition of our some of our facilities. Some of the top schools, and I can say, I believe, one is Louisville in Kentucky, national champions, will not return to Maui. And they're talking to each other, which I don't like. But they're peers they talk to each other. So, I don't need Maui Invitational to lose some of our brilliance because the County did not reinvest smartly. And so, we need your comments from your Department on have we limited ourselves now?

MS. PETERS: Chair, so, right now I would have to go back and look and see but what I can recall from the initial planning stages and when we did reach out to the community was that it was going to be, they wanted a community gym so we did a practice court and then an actual game court. So there's two full-sized courts within the South Maui Community Gym and, again, it was the intention or thought at the time was for it to be more of a community-use gym. And then currently right now the only, there's only one entrance and exit into the park. Just waiting on the completion of the North South Collector.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Is that your nice way of saying we missed an opportunity?

MS. PETERS: Well, we can go in and look and see what we can do.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And again, yeah, my point is we need to talk to as many users, potential users of the facility so we can make real smart decisions. You know, because I am sure if Councilors knew that 5,000 is a doable number, feasible number we can bring in the events that make it...because most stadiums and arenas, Members, nationwide doesn't really make money on just the primary event. They rent it out for parties and all kind of activities where there's outside revenue to support the facility still yet. And that is the purpose of the concession bill as well. I'll start this round with Mr. Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Chair. You read my mind on that Lahaina Civic one. And, you know, I think it's high time we really start thinking about the consequences if we don't look at some long-term improvements for a gym like that. And that option with the Kihei gym is a wonderful option too, to maybe expand that so at least we have another option if Lahaina Civic is not, I guess, good enough to some of the basketball blue-blood teams out there then maybe we have Kihei. But, I would just hate to see it go the way of the Pro Bowl. As we know the NFL used to have the Pro Bowl for 30-plus years in Honolulu and then finally because of a lack of stadium upgrades they've left and I don't think they'll ever return. So, anyway, just food for thought. My other question that I had for CIP is although it wasn't part of your plan here, but for many years the community in Makawao have talked about public restroom. Is that still on the radar with the Parks Department? I know there was talk about for some time putting a police substation along with the public restrooms. Any thoughts to that? I mean, I don't know if maybe Mr. Buck might have some --

CHAIR HOKAMA: Department?

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --historical background on that as well.

MR. BUCK: I remember a few years, way back, that was a topic of discussion because of all the activities that's taken place. Right now that's not on the immediate radar but it's something that we can go back to the community and see if there's still a need for that. And I guess, especially with the Friday event that might be something we may want to consider.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, that was brought up in relation to that with the Friday night County co-sponsored events and it was brought up, I believe, at the most recent Makawao Community Association meeting by some members that, I believe, Member Sugimura attended as well. So, okay, I just want to make sure that it's still something in the near future hopefully we can get consideration for. Thank you. Thank you, Chairman.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Ms. Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: No questions, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Sugimura?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, I have to ask about the Kula playground, right? I see you have it as a CIP project. Design was funded already, right, with this budget. And I, if we're lucky --

MS. PETERS: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: --maybe we can have this playground for, to be installed with this new 2020 Budget. So, I know you can't talk about it. I just want to say that we have the community praying and if it is possibly going to be in the budget we have all the young mothers that will come with their young children to advocate for it. But, I hope that does happen. And I know you can't tell me, but I'll just wait 'til the 25<sup>th</sup>. The other thing that I just want to mention is I met with Mr. Bigley from the Kaiwahine project and he was talking about that there is an, he said it looks like, I think it's abandoned. Maybe you might know, Ms. King. But he was saying that there's a park above the project that has a basketball, you know, but he said it looks like it needs some help. So, I just want to say that as their project there he was kind of saying that they might be interested in helping you. I know you need more parks but that might be a conversation you may want to have with the project Kaiwahine, Mr. Bigley. I can give you his contact information later.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Any comments, Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair, yes. Thank you, Member Sugimura. So, as part of the Kamalani Project, I believe there are some improvements to the Hale Piilani Park is what you were referring to in Kihei. They would be doing some improvements to that park as

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well as there's some existing, or, excuse me, future park lands adjacent to there that they were...it's part of their park dedication agreement.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, so Kamalani --

MS. PETERS: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: --is their kuleana.

MS. PETERS: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. You can also call Mr. Bigley.

MS. PETERS: Okay, we will. We love partnerships.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes!

MS. PETERS: Want to find more friends of the park.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Friends of the park, and one last thing. Thank you very much for the Upcountry Skate Park. We had the grand opening. It was just fabulous. Yeah, the kids are all excited and music and Taiko drumming and it was just awesome.

MS. PETERS: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you very much.

MS. PETERS: I heard it was great.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. It was really, really good. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. My question is what are the status or the plans moving forward for Mokuuula?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Department?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Is there plans to, like, fund maintenance in 2020, or?

MS. PETERS: Chair, thank you. Thank you, Member Paltin. Yes, so right now what we're doing is trying to clean it up. So, there are concerns, we identified in the area that people are dumping. There's, it looks like some landscaper had dumped their trash and debris there. So, we are working with the Workline and with our staff in getting the area cleaned up. And then just, again, looking at the entire Old Lahaina Historic District and seeing how the Department is going to move forward.



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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Is Friends of Mokuula, it's not possible anymore?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: We are unaware yet of what's going to go on but we are going to be doing community outreach there once the Department and Administration identifies what the key goal and mission is out in, again, in that entire area.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I believe they still exist, though, the Friends of Mokuula. We changed the financing through Mr. Guzman's efforts on the parking lot revenue, so I know that. But I thought they would continue to participate with the County in the overall project. Is that not correct, Director?

MS. PETERS: Currently not right now, Chair. The parking is a concession under the Department of Finance.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Right. Okay. Yeah. Unfortunately we lost Mr. Akana who had very clear vision of Mokuula. Yeah. So we miss the man. We all miss the man. Ms. King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. On this Kula Park playground, is this the one that's further down towards Keokea off the highway? It's not the one right next to the school, is it? It is? So, you're fixing up the playground that's already there or are you building a new playground? Because there's a playground, I was involved in it, that's why I'm asking, because it's down on the end where the school is and then there's a toddler playground up on top. Are you guys redoing that?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair, thank you. Thank you, Member King. So, there is a swing set that is currently on the site where this is going to be in the Kula Ballpark. The playground is actually within DOE property and it's not for public use.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. That was not how it was built, that was actually built to be on County property and it was built in close proximity to the school so that they could share it. Just letting you know because I was real...Dick Mayer talked me into getting involved in that and raising money and helping to put that in. So, I'm surprised that they're saying it's on DOE property. Was there an exchange of property, do you know?

MS. PETERS: I would have to go research. I remember going out to a meeting maybe about eight to ten years ago and with liability concerns with DOE, they said, you know, it wasn't allowed to be for public use and therefore these moms, the mom groups, they've been lobbying for this funding. They were very vocal in the planning stage and beat out everyone else in the winning of what concept and design they wanted.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Well, I'm just surprised because that was not what it was

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meant to be. But that was a long time ago, back in the '90s. I had a question about the Lanai kitchen. Like, why is that, is that a park facility? Because it's like a commercial kitchen, right, Chair? So...

CHAIR HOKAMA: It's part of the current Lanai Community Center facility.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, it's part of the community center. Okay. So, the Parks Department will be overseeing that?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: That facility?

MS. PETERS: Chair, yes, we would be along with the community. So, it would be for community use and then it would probably go out through the same permit process that we're using --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh. Okay.

MS. PETERS: --for most of our facilities.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I thought it was going to be more of a commercial kitchen but it's actually a community kitchen for the community facility. Oh.

MS. PETERS: Non-profits. The community use, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay. I just, in my mind I pictured it being like ag related and being part of a commercial property.

CHAIR HOKAMA: It has a potential, Chair King. Part of the advantage is it addresses some of the Department of Health's safety issues with the kitchen. So, I appreciate it. It's a good thing for the community, the island.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, no, I'm sure. I was kind of in my mind just picturing it as being, like, you know, like the facility at UH Maui where agriculture, or farmers could go in and work on their products. And then the last thing I wanted to just mention was on the golf course, I kind of am hoping that at some point that we are working with our tourism industry to help promote that and maybe develop it into a site for high-quality golf tournaments. And we were hoping to be able to utilize it for the HSAC Conference coming up but I know you're redoing the grass so I guess we just missed the boat on that. But are you pushing in that direction as far as getting more visibility for events and folks on the mainland?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair, yes. Chair King, that's great. You know, the Waiehu Golf Course has been a project that I am very passionate about and getting it done and working with

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our golf maintenance...our golf superintendent, Todd Allen. So, they'll be redoing the front nine greens starting next month on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Once that is done, then we thought we could do then better marketing because we'd have a better product. We didn't want to go out for marketing and not have a good product. We also received one proposal for the new software system that will be able to have its own website and online reservation system which is, that's going to help us tremendously in getting more tee times booked, more of our visitors here at the golf course, and then the website is going to be managed through this software system. So, with that, you know, we wanted to do the improvements, get the course in a better, more marketable shape, then we have our new software operating system that can take online booking, we took credit cards as of last year January. It's been a cumbersome process for the starters there because they're running two separate systems - the reservation system and then a cashiering system. But with this new operating system that we're going to implement, hopefully by July, that they'll be doing one system: online booking, website marketing, and then just, you know, continuing to improve the overall condition of the course and its accessory dwellings on it. There is a master plan in place that is already funded for a new clubhouse and we're trying to look at incorporating the restaurant, pro shop, starter's booth, as well as a community center or complex area where the community is able to use for meetings, halau practices --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, that's great.

MS. PETERS: --other types of events in the area.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, that's great. That's great to hear. And just, you know, wanted to let you know that I've got MVB primed to help you with your marketing because I think that's their job and, you know, they should be promoting the golf course that's bringing us revenue. Not just the ones that are bringing the hotels revenue. So, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Ms. Peters, I was wondering if you have an update on the playground improvements. So, specifically One Alii Park playground shade structure.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Yes, that's a great question and I do remember we spoke about that. So, what at, that project is on our Countywide playgrounds list so as we get funded annually for that and we request for it annually, then we will be doing that in conjunction with how it fell on the listing. So, I'm not sure where it is right now but I can go look that up for you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Peters. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. I appreciate the Department helping to move this Lanai

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commercial kitchen project forward at the community center and I, if I read it right in your presentation, ready for permits in about a month or two, Director, which is great work. My only question is, and again, I hope we do this Countywide, especially for our rural districts. We don't always...we wait quite a while before we get new CIP projects. So, for Lanai, and one thing I learned, rural areas like to participate in their projects and I think that's great because there's a sense of ownership for me from the residents. So, for Lanai and our commercial kitchen project, we've had our people participate, especially some of our independent farmers. Did we go back and show them what we're actually going to start building? Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair, yes, we did.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Because I don't want to hear the complaints after. "Why did we build that, that's not what we told them," or, "that's not what we want." Too late. Okay, so, I rather we delay, if we didn't, to go back and touch base with the community first. Because once it's built I want to make sure they say, "yes, this is what we want," and, "we can't wait for it to be operational." Because I'm like Ms. King, I'm looking at the value-added components for products and things Lanai. Yeah? Because that's what I want to promote. And I'm sure Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez wants to promote Molokai. And we want to promote the rest of Maui but we want to be authentic about it as best we can. So, I can go home this weekend, this Saturday if Mr. Molina's meeting ends tomorrow, and tell my community, "yes, we have adjusted and designed and we're going to construct what the community has participated with." Okay.

MS. PETERS: Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: By that nod, I believe you saying, "yes."

MS. PETERS: So, I'm getting a head nod confirmation that we went out twice to the community with the plans.

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, no, thank you. Because they're excited. I got to tell you they're excited. And people, this is a CIP, okay? This Department has made this happen in three years. We can do housing faster too, okay? We just got to have the drive and energy to make it happen, Members. So, I think this project shows we can get it done sooner than later if we all in sync. So, I appreciate that from the Director. Any last questions, Members, with Parks and Rec and our Director, Ms. Peters? You know, we will have additional meetings. I will bring back Banyan Tree as a specific item, Ms. Paltin, because...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, it wasn't the Banyan Tree, it was Napili Park monkey bars.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: If that's a possibility to bring back because when it got repaired the monkey bars got left out.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: You're aware of that, Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair, so, it's the playground monkey bars, that's what you're talking...so, the playground structure and surfacing is on one of those playground, Countywide playground improvement lists for replacement.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Cool, thanks.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Anyone else would like to ask a question before I adjourn? Yes, Ms. King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Quick question, thank you, Chair. When we get those park security officers can we make sure one is in Kalama Park in Kihei? Because we've had a huge homeless issue there, and some violence, and some real big incidents.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair, yes. Chair King, we are going to be actively at all of our parks. We're also, you know, we're just trying to brainstorm to see what it would take. Or maybe we need a substation where we pull in a trailer or some type of a place where they can do their reports, you know, and just within the park be a presence within the park. And, you know, Jerrie can attest to the fact of that Kalama Park Action Team and their drive and their perseverance to get that walking path that, you know, created a sense of security for the people because they're walking around. You know, you build the path, people will use it. It's a great view along the coastline. So, with that, I believe, they go every month and they walk around and have a presence within the park and that's what we want to do with our parks security officers.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I, yeah, we've still been having some major incidents recently so thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah. Yeah, safety, safety. Top priority. Including safety equipment that you, feel free to ask us for consideration because our people need equipment, too. So, safety cameras, whatever it be. Please ensure that our staff is appropriately equipped. I'm going to ask one question, I know Mr. Sinenci is not here, but it's going to impact other components for, of this island. So, with the Helene Hall project where are we at right now? Are we half, 50 percent completed? Can you give us a update status, please?

MS. PETERS: Chair, is that the improvements within Helene Hall or the septic...

CHAIR HOKAMA: The septic project because that...the results of this project will have us, help us with other requests such as Kula Gym.

MS. PETERS: So, that pilot project is funded in the Department of Environmental Management and I believe they had a, I guess it was a scoping meeting with...and our Department did attend. I can get more information for you.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, it's your facility but we anointed DEM to be the primary Department to move this project completion. Okay. We'll, I'll send a letter to DEM. And but, is your facility going to need to be shut down for any while or stop any concession users whether it be the buses or the vans that go to East Maui?

MS. PETERS: That hasn't been determined at this time, Chair. We would have to go and look through, see what the details of the project are.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you for that. Any last questions, Members? Yes, Ms. Sugimura?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, on that septic, that project. Since it does affect the Waiakoa Gym is what you're talking about I look forward to hearing more on that so I can prepare my community. So, I guess when you ask that question of DEM can you also include the Waiakoa Gym?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Sure.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Or, the Kula Gym. Old Kula Gym.

CHAIR HOKAMA: We'll include that.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah. Because I think our sister counties are awaiting the results of this project too. Especially Big Island. How we're going to deal certain unique shoreline situations so they're looking at our project as is that one option for them to utilize themselves. Director?

MS. PETERS: Chair, so, Member Sugimura, the Waiakoa Gym improvements did get funding in this current fiscal budget of \$175,000 for, I believe it was design and assessment. So, we can definitely partner with DEM and see how their pilot's going for that project.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, thank you. Okay, Members, couple things. As your Chair I made a mistake, I should've put that we would have potentially filed this item because, again, my point would have been I would have put in an umbrella or normal subject matter request to the Chair for Council referral but if you look at the agenda it says, "no legislative action will be taken," so I take responsibility for limiting this Committee's options on disposition. So, I'm going to ask for a reconsideration of the filing of HFC-13(5) at this time, a motion.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So move.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Second.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Motion by Mr. Molina, seconded by Ms. Kama. Again, this is to reconsider the motion...the vote on filing the item, okay. So, the motion is to reconsider. All in favor, say, "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Opposed, say, no. Motion passes with seven "ayes."

**VOTE:       AYES:   Chair Hokama, Vice-Chair Sugimura, and Councilmembers Kama, King, Molina, Paltin, and Rawlins-Fernandez.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       None.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:               APPROVED reconsideration of vote to file HFC-13(5).**

CHAIR HOKAMA: And now, Members, with no objections, HFC-13(4) and (5) will be deferred with no objections.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

**COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.**

**ACTION:               DEFER HFC-13(4) and HFC-13(5) PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSION.**

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Both items are deferred. And that being the day business, we are adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

**ADJOURN:    4:08 p.m.**

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APPROVED:



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RIKI HOKAMA, Chair  
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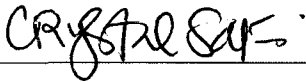
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CERTIFICATE

I, Crystal Sakai, hereby certify that the foregoing represents to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not in any way concerned with the cause.

DATED the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019, in Kahului, Hawaii

  
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Crystal Sakai