

LU Committee

From: Adrienne Gaedeke <adriennegaedeke@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 8:32 PM
To: LU Committee
Subject: 355 Haiku Rd Hearing

Dear Committee,

I am writing to you to urge you not to approve permits sought by 355 Haiku Road LLC, a subsidiary of Wailea Golf LLC. I live at 350 Waiama Way, which is in the Haiku Hill neighborhood, right across from what has been proposed to become the event site for the 355 Haiku Rd property. Not far from my house, another special event site, Haiku Mill, has already been permitted.

I am shocked that this has even come this far. When I testified in front of the planning commission, two of the commissioners agreed that having a quasi hotel, and one that would be permitted to hold events with amplified music six days a week, would be an indefensible intrusion into rural Haiku life. Unfortunately, the majority of commissioners did not share that view.

The thought that our quiet Haiku evenings are going to be pierced not just by coqui frogs but also parties with up to 80 guests five times a week and a party with up to 200 guests once per week is very disturbing.

Arguments brought up by the applicant are that the parties are supposed to end at 10:00 pm and that I can complain if the noise continues. When this was brought up at the planning commission meeting, I felt mocked. Who would like to live with party noises next door until 10:00 p.m. six days out of the week? A representative for the company, who actually came to my door, answered to this question that this would not happen. Then why apply for such a permit? The applicants certainly would not say no if they got this kind of bookings. Why allow it on principle? And what guarantee is there that people who paid about \$10,000 a night will be quiet after 10:00 p.m.? The ongoing battle between the owners of the Paia Inn and the neighbors show how obviously futile such complaints are and how easily even large fines are dealt with. How community minded are you if you even apply for such a permit? And with such force?

I feel quite helpless in this situation but it is with hope that I turn to you and ask you to not give in to the pressure money but preserve the rural life and tranquility of Haiku.

Sincerely,
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