

**MOLOKAI "TALK STORY" COMMUNITY MEETING**

**MOLOKAI COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE – DRAFT**

**MARCH 14, 2017**

**NOTES**

**Councilmember Kelly King** – Described the planning process, the planning department, the Molokai community plan commission...explained about the planning committee's vote for an extension last year through April 2017...new extension now will only be through December 2017...matters of concern to Molokai: Subsistence, climate change, rural character, traditional Hawaiian farming...county community plans are not regulatory...Chapter 11 concerns Molokai's East End...there are lots of comments about the boat ramp in the harbor, about 3 pages, these can be removed or consolidated, same with a few other items, but mainly everything will stay as is.

**Councilmember Stacy Crivello** – No need to sign up, just take turns and speak, share your mana'o.

**Bridget Mowat** – (Just FYI, I can't open the 579-page CPU report on the county website) Just retired, couldn't attend before because of work...I'm committed and ready to start working...worried about watching council, votes always seem to be 5 – 4, 5 – 4... a Hawaiian practitioner is a great idea, but some council members didn't vote in committee, why not? What's going to happen in the main council? (Councilmember Crivello asked any comments on the community plan?) It's really frustrating that I can't view the document on the county web site, and I'm worried about this 5 – 4 vote.

**Linda "Chantal"** – I'm former Molokai Planning Commissioner, urged planning department to allow this to be a "living, breathing" document...wanted to move forward, didn't remember voting for any statement about CP being "not regulatory"...I vote for that to be out...also, Chapter 11 didn't have one author, it was the voice of all...even were some who agreed there needed to be a future study for the boat ramp.

**Uncle Leimana Naki** – I didn't know about the meeting last Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. I live on Kahina Pohaku (ancient fishpond), I have no running water, I walk the way of our kanaka...values, culture, spiritual, we want to speak our language, there should be an interpreter...every meeting on Mana'e is in Mana'e...there was a vote to make B&Bs OK, even though majority here is opposed...EIS important...no land, no house...wages too low, need to be \$25-\$30/hr...we are 5<sup>th</sup> largest island...we depend on our resources...highest fuel/gas prices! Do the talk and do the walk...how's your island? How's your community? Always those who want to move here and change things.

**Colette Machado** - I watched carefully to see who would become the chair of this important committee (planning)...May 4 was when community plan was passed on to council, now we must wait until December 2017? That would be over 3 years (from beginning)...Before we had to go to Maui, to the Maui Planning Commission, there was no local group...we were an island without any coverage...we brought a Molokai Planning Committee into existence...today we have a planning commission...we need to move forward on this, MOVE IT, MOVE IT, MOVE IT!!!

**Chantal** – Can we add something we forgot?...we have no cap on B&Bs in the document.

**CM Crivello** – We are working on an ordinance to limit them

**CM King** – Also, it does mention "the need for a cap" so that means we can do it...

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**Walter Ritte** – from Hoolehua...glad we're meeting...very negative comments from the planning department...right on from of documents... (**CM King** reads...) "Disclaimer – added March 24, 2016 by Planning Department...basically, Chapter 11 was added without overview or vetting, so Planning Department says it should be dropped" ...(**WR**) we should be proud of what we did...we waited for so long to put our mana'o into the document, then it was a rush to put in our wants and needs. We've been through this too many times, we've had to start over too many times, this has been a real frustration for us!!...then we argued with the planning director, he says zoning is higher priority than community plan. NO! we want our plan to be the guiding policy.

**Liko Wallace** – Thank you to the two council members for being here today...I testified about the community plan...it went on for a long time...seemed like it was always too early (for those who worked) ...I couldn't find any handouts...didn't know where we were in the presentation...felt treated like an outsider instead of welcomed...so now, what is the current status of this plan?

**CM King** – We want this, we will change out changed parts...

**Liko** – We need more meetings, the people at the east end won't spend gas to come into town...need meetings at each district...afternoon into evening so people can attend...also, concerning making next revisions in 2035, that's good for me as long as it's a good plan.

**Mahea Davis** – Near the end of the CPAC process, a few members volunteered to hold meetings at the East End to review chapter 11..."Edit it for clarity and accuracy" said Planning Department...some wanted to add lines about sovereignty, B&Bs, etc....but we followed Planning Department's directions to just review for "clarity and accuracy"...but, when I saw the new Chapter 11, I was shocked, it had MANY changes...many of us didn't know there were meetings about changing Chapter 11, even though Walter says he put up flyers...I don't know if this will hold the weight of law...how about the appendices, will they hold the weight of law? Also, did the planning department staff know about this new Chapter 11 vs. the old one? ...(**Chantal** – It was voted down, then the new Chapter 11 was put in)...When I looked at some of this new document, I felt it could have been better, cultural information is lacking but out there if we would just look for it...Then the energy could be spent on something better...this was done at last minute, and I'm not comfortable with how it was done.

**Karen** – East end disclaimer is shocking! I got sucked into East End policy process 20 years ago. Aunties Clara, Rose, other kupuna took part...it was crazy...East end policy statement needed polishing, but just got stuck in there when the CP was last worked on in very early 2000s...this is a very grass roots process, and we need to respect it and honor what went into it...then plan used to supersede zoning (?) ...glad to know that at least 6 members on the council support cultural practitioners...there's a disconnect between planners and local residents...this community fights for itself.

**Pam Nasaki** – Grandfather worked on the plan many years ago...you live Molokai, then LIVE Molokai, don't live Maui...don't agree with everything in Chapter 11, but it is so important

**Camalla P.** – June 2015, community was very concerned about process of community plan...couldn't make all meetings, couldn't keep up with process...in September 2015, East End Policy Statement was approved, then it disappeared...why is it such a scary thing to some? The community wants it! Moku (?) planning meetings in each of 4 communities...we took it apart to show people what it was...paper all over on walls, so people could write...on March 24, the Mana'e people, the largest group of people, came together to approve the East End Policy Statement...It is CLEARLY important to this island...we can work together as a community to resolve our differences...it is community at its finest...we'll work this out one way or another...EEPS needs to stay in plan, not get killed all over.

**Peter Pale** – I wasn't a big part of this process, but last week I saw something that disgusted me...about B&Bs, most people were against, but the Molokai Planning Commission still voted to approve! That really got me

angry, the Planning Commission changed the rules right in front of us! There was no emotion in any of those people...so I'm going to get involved, get younger people involved.

**Faye Pacheco** – I want to say thank you for having this meeting!

**Sybil Lopez** – Lots of questions! I have the current plan downloaded on my phone...is it 26 pages or 350 pages? Lot of redundancy...How does the Planning Department implement 278 pages?...Chapter 11 disclaimer came about because they didn't have any time to review...on March 24 Molokai Planning Commission put in a placeholder, Chapter 11, so the Council can have time to make a decision.

**Councilmember Crivello** – Policy was integrated with the action plan...intent is to digitize the appendices, but policy will be part of the plan, along with Maunaloa section.

**Harmonee Williams** – Planning is about listening to the community, then translate into policy and action...leading up to this, there was GIS mapping for Lanai...Traditional Cultural Practices Report...got a call from Malia, how do we protect the East End Policy Statement, make it a living breathing document...put it into action...looked at the EEPS, pulled out items that were action items to develop an action process...not intended to be a sneaky or shady process.

**Councilmember King** – Some recommendations are on page 16 and page 25.

**Laurie Buchanan** – Thanks to Councilmember Crivello and Councilmember King for being here...I attended every meeting of the CPAC...been involved in planning for over 20 years...was a little disappointed in long range planning process..."cultural" is such an important word...always hard to explain significance of Hawaiian culture...current planning or long-range planning...2 economies here, Western vs. subsistence...for example, why be against B&Bs?...how to know my neighbors?...this is the plan, 25 pages is the plan, the rest are appendices...I'd like verbatim minutes so we can hear who said what...Kalaupapa has no plan!...Fail to plan equals plan to fail...the first day of CPAC, we were given a Molokai Community Plan bound copy...told that the EEPS was combined into the document, but I couldn't find it...indigenous people of this island need to speak up, the land needs to speak up, who speaks for the land?... Councilmember King, we need you to save us, we need to protect our community...thank you for being here!

**Councilmember Crivello** – The Planning Department came back with lots of comments on redundancy and other such items, etc...but responses from Molokai were passionate and clear...when we, the council, will do our deliberations, we will have your responses to show us the way...we must encourage our young people to serve...the 5-4 vote happens sometimes, but we've also voted 9-0.

**Councilmember King** – Your testimony is really making a difference.

**Uncle Leimana** – (holds up a photo) This photo shows how the Mana 'e movement started...the subject is the people!

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