

PC Committee

From: Tina Wildberger <tw@tinawildberger.com>
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To: PC Committee
Subject: Keawakapu Beach Access

Aloha Chair King and Council Members on the Planning Committee,

I use the beach park virtually everyday. The parking has degraded without improvement over the last several years. A dear Canadian visitor was car jacked late arriving one night a year or so ago. Our community deserves a safe and accessible area to use Keawakapu beach, one of our finest marine resource assets.

I have previously provided councilmember King's office with day and timestamped screen shots of Mana Kai's sequestered, reserved, no-locals allowed parking lot cavernous and empty all day long. But no access for parking by beach users. While at the same time, service providers are parked in the beach parking providing service to empty units at Mana Kai.

In the same manner that the Azeka's two parking lots are not segregated with reserved parking for each individual business, the lot at Keawakapu Beach should in the same manner be improved, with pervious paving that would allow water to be absorbed, like the new Bank of Hawaii parking lot in Kahului. More spots should be added and ideally, a loading zone for beach gear, and composting bathrooms would be a dream.

Let's not screw this up. The businesses deserve to operate legally with appropriate permits and zoning. But don't segregate the parking. It's a big mistake. Mana Kai data shows that the spots will sit empty while beach goers won't have anywhere to park.

It would be best to do a comprehensive plan including the new KIRK proposed facility next door. Kihei Surfside's public parcel is completely inaccessible by the public and they want to keep it that way. South Maui residents deserve accessible beach and state park access. Right now, the gravel lot is a trip hazard at a minimum. And the north parcel is inaccessible. This is just wrong.

The is no reason hotel, restaurant and beach uses can't exist copasetically.

Mahalo,
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