

HFC Committee

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Aloha Chair Hokama, VChair Sugimura and council Members,

Mahalo for your dedication in keeping our community safe during these times of uncertainty. We have experienced many changes in how we do business in our Pā'ia community. Some good, some not so good and that brings me to item HFC-79, Authorizing a grant of a lease for 50 years of county recreational space to Pā'ia Youth Council.

As Kupuna we do everything for our mo'opuna. We help provide for them and teach them to malama the 'āina. I have no issues in caring and providing a place for Our children and young adults but unfortunately I have an issue with this request.

My first issue is what happen to the Baldwin Beach Project. The suggested new lease area covers a lot of shoreline access for our fishermen, and beach goers.

My second issue is the existing parking lot that fronts the Youth center that money has been allocated already to do renovations. If I'm reading the new lease correctly it covers that area. So who will have authorization to improve that public parking site?

My Third issue, which is the biggest of all is that our Pā'ia Community has no information of this request. In the planning of the Baldwin Beach Project, the Youth Center was part of that discussion and there were issues brought up by board members at that time and not addressed.

I believe the resolution mentions construction of buildings, programs that are suggested, but there are no designs or information to support this. The new lease is located in the set back shoreline area. There should be more discussion on this new lease area before granting this request.

This parcel was purchased to provide access to the shoreline for the community, who consist of fisherman, surfers, boogie boarders, and a family picnic area. The parks and recreation department has cleared much of the land. Let's clear the whole parcel so that there is visibility to the shoreline. It will create a safe environment for beach goers and enforcement will be able to locate the problem faster.

I ask that this committee deny this request until the county present more information to the community and the parking lot be renovated with the funds already appropriated. If a lease is to be granted it should only be for the existing area of the Youth center and skate ring.

Mahalo for your kind attention,
Aunty Mopsy/Hui Malama Pā'ia