

Human Concerns and Parks Committee on 2021-12-02 1:30 PM

Meeting Time: 12-02-21 13:30

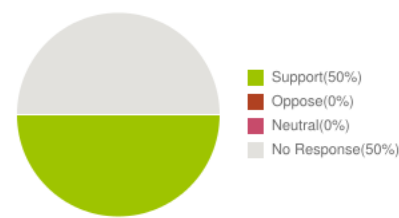
eComments Report

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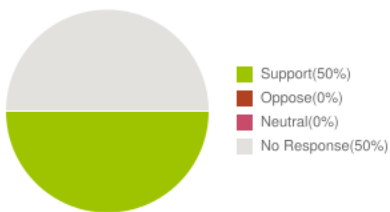
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
A G E N D A	2	1	0	0
HCP-20 CC 20-559 AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF A LEASE OF COUNTY RECREATIONAL SPACE TO PAIA YOUTH COUNCIL, INC. (HCP-20)	2	1	0	0

Sentiments for All Agenda Items

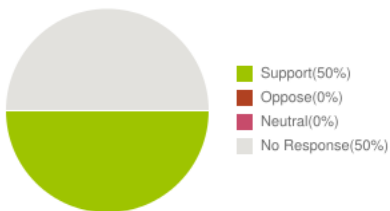
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Agenda Item: eComments for A G E N D A

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Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:52pm 11-29-21

There is no better place on Maui, possibly the whole country or even the WORLD than the PYCC for youth and their families. For MULTIPLE GENERATIONS the staff of the PYCC have not only instilled life skills, confidence, prevention based programing, and simply offered a safe place to be for their thousands and thousands of youth members, but the STAFF and YOUTH have fully taken care of the PUBLIC LAND that surrounds their facility. The dunes that protect the public park, public restrooms and public parking lots from high surf and rising sea levels are all planted and maintained by the PYCC staff and the YOUTH. The high levels of drug addicts, mentally ill, and houseless people in the area are kept a close watch on and reported to police by PYCC STAFF. The tons of RUBBISH left behind by surfers, bodyboarders, beach goers and the people previously mentioned is all mostly picked up by PYCC STAFF and youth on a daily basis.

The MAUI COUNTY PUBLIC PARKING LOT in front of the PYCC that is such an absolute NIGHTMARE filled

with trash, potholes, criminal activity and houseless residents for DECADES has been MOSTLY monitored and maintained by the youth center staff not the COUNTY! A new PYCC facility will open up plenty of more spots for the PUBLIC COUNTY PARKING LOT as the new facility will BE REQUIRED TO HAVE it's own parking for staff and families. The lack of parking spots is ONLY AN ISSUE maybe 10% of the ENTIRE YEAR when the surf is up. The PYCC's request to secure an area next to their skatepark and existing facility to eventually strategically retreat operations from sea level rise and costal erosion should not be held up because SOME PEOPLE think the area should be an expansion of an neglected PARKING LOT or left alone!! The area that the PYCC is asking for does NOT reduce shoreline access nor does the current facility, in fact the PYCC maintains and makes access better by keeping sidewalks clean and any over growth from dune plants trimmed. The area the PYCC is asking for is currently nothing but invasive plants and rubbish...why not hand it over to an organization that has proved themselves as AMAZING volunteered stewards of the land and community?!

The people that pour their hearts into taking care of the youth, families, and natural beauty of the north shore of Maui should be offered the opportunity to expand their presence and carry out their mission way into the future as their current site is threatened by costal erosion and climate change. I 1000% support this!

marcy martin

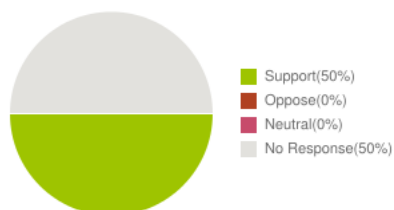
Location:

Submitted At: 5:53pm 11-27-21

The county should wait to grant the lease to the PYCC until all issues in the area have been addressed. The beach parking is over capacity due to losing street parking. Beach parking is going to be further reduced when the parking lot is paved. The Baldwin Beach plan has not been initiated. The county should not be developing open space land when there are infrastructure issues limiting ocean access in the area. This is one of the last open space, oceanfront urban parcels on Maui, it should not be developed with a large costly building. The Youth Center already has an oceanfront parcel. The traffic is terrible so adding another venue will surely make it worse. There are other parcels to consider such as the parcel adjacent to the Paia Community Center or Baldwin Gym. Valuable oceanfront land should not be given away. PYCC's sign says they are "private property" attached. I would like our shore line to remain public property. Thank you for your consideration.

Agenda Item: eComments for HCP-20 CC 20-559 AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF A LEASE OF COUNTY RECREATIONAL SPACE TO PAIA YOUTH COUNCIL, INC. (HCP-20)

Overall Sentiment



Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:12am 12-02-21

I am writing in SUPPORT of granting the Lease of county space to Paia Youth Council aka Paia Youth & Cultural Center (PYCC). My family and I are longtime Paia residents and have great respect and admiration for PYCC and their service to our community. Their work with the youth is invaluable and the care for the property and surrounding beach area has greatly benefited the Paia Bay beach area. During these uncertain times, our youth are in desperate need of a place that they can go to and be with their peers to play, and to learn new skills outside of school and their homes. PYCC has been able to provide this and so much more. Much of our prime shoreline has been overrun by hotels and tourists. It is time we commit and give our local young people a special

place that they can come to and feel safe and have easy access to the shoreline to take part in the water activities that they all enjoy. I am confident that PYCC will continue to be good stewards of their leased land and the surrounding beach area. I humbly ask that you vote in favor of the lease, so that PYCC can continue to serve our youth and our island community in a positive and meaningful way for many years to come.

Sincerely and Mahalo,

Cindy Hanscam, Nagata Family

HCP Committee

Location:

Submitted At: 3:23pm 11-30-21

Testimony received from HCP Committee.



pā'ia
youth & cultural center

E KOMO MAI PĀ'IA YOUTH & CULTURAL CENTER

**YOU ARE NOW ENTERING
PRIVATE PROPERTY**

**PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF OUR YOUTH,
OUR PROPERTY AND THE BEACH**

NO TOBACCO • NO ALCOHOL • NO DRUGS

Pā'ia Youth & Cultural Center is not responsible for damage and theft.

HCP Committee

From: Susun White <admin@pyccmaui.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 11:43 AM
To: AH Committee
Cc: Tasha A. Kama; Alice L. Lee; Yukilei Sugimura; HCP Committee; Tamara A. Paltin; Shane M. Sinenci
Subject: Susun White comments for HPC Hearing on Dec 2 2021

Aloha all,
Please read attached in preparation for the hearing on Dec 2, 2021 at 1:30 pm.
Thank you for your consideration.
Susun

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Susun White
Executive Director
Pa`ia Youth & Cultural Center
Building Community Through Our Youth
www.pyccmaui.org

Aloha to you all and thank you for your time and consideration.

The Pa`ia Youth Council, Inc. DBA the Pa`ia Youth & Cultural Center (PYCC) is hoping to expand and extend our current leased grounds area in order to ensure that the PYCC will be able to continued serving our youth and our community into the future. This discussion began in 2016 when Alan Arakawa was Mayor. He fully supported this lease extension and expansion.

November 30, 2020- A hearing was scheduled under the Health Families and Communities Committee chaired by Councilman Riki Hokama.

It was deferred pending further discussion.

Dec 17, 2020- Another hearing was scheduled under the Health Families and Communities Committee chaired by Councilman Riki Hokama. The meeting was held in Councilman's Hokama's words for

"more just to get any additional information from the Departments that we requested, they could assist finalizing the lease, and then allowing the Council to make a final meeting to the community of what is being requested, and what is being asked for approval. "

It was deferred pending further discussion.

March 18, 2021- Another hearing was held on March 18, 2021 under the Human Concerns and Parks Committee chaired by Yuki Lei Sugimura (As Tasha Kama was ill.) It was deferred pending further discussion and to allow more time for community review.

The concerns voiced were,

1. The real need for the proposed additional acreage of 2.47 acres.
2. The extension to the current lease of 30 years to a 50-year lease
3. What was the Pa`ia Youth Council, Inc.'s plan for the current building once it was decided it was no longer habitable?

These concerns, we believe have been addressed and we now have the support of the community.

1. We revised the proposed lease to reduce the expanded portion to 0.53 versus the original 2.47 acres. Our current lease ends in April 2051 and includes approximately 0.918 acres. This area includes the grounds for the PYCC home and the skatepark. It does not include the parking lot in front of the PYCC building. The proposed lease area will be 1.45 acres (an increase of .53 acres) and will expire in 2071. It includes approx. 17 parking spaces for the PYCC. The proposed use of space includes defined public access points to the beach both

Pa'ia side and Kahului side of the property as well as unrestricted use through the PYCC grounds.

2. The additional 20 years is necessary for a successful capital campaign to raise funds for the new PYCC facility. Over a year and a half ago before Covid-19, Lisa Starr, PYC Board President and myself visited 8 out of 9 County councilmembers. It was recommended during those meetings that we have a 50-year lease. Former Mayor Alan Arakawa also recommended requesting for a 50 year lease. Senator Kalani English, was supporting us in a Grants in Aid (GIA) application for design funding for the new facility also recommended a 50 year lease as he said the State would prefer a 50 year lease. Due to Covid-19 no GIA applications were accepted and the State is still not accepting applications. There are numerous leases with Maui County that have 50-55 year terms including the Maui Arts and Cultural Center, Maui Family YMCA and the Maui Aikido-ki Society.
3. Initially we planned on renovating and expanding the existing PYCC facility. However, due to the age of the beloved PYCC home close to 100 years old, coastal erosion and the projections for 50-100 year sea level rising, and construction restrictions within the shoreline setback, it was determined that it would not be possible to expand the existing PYCC building and that only basic repairs would be allowed. After meeting with the Maui County Planning Department, it was decided, even with the 100-year sea level rising projections and zoning regulations that the PYCC could build a new home outside of the coastal restricted areas as shown on our proposed plan. We will continue to use and upkeep our existing facility for as long as possible for water sports and Cultural Programs, goals that are included in our 2017 to 2027 strategic plan. When the time comes for the demolishing of the current building and skatepark we will follow all the laws as this are stipulated in the lease.

The summary and responses to our Community Outreach and Engagement over the past nine and half months are:

Beginning November 2020 Sent to all PYCC current and past membership, and donors via a weekly newsletter and to our PYCC FB page and to selected community members and community groups. Total number: Aprox. 3000

March 16, 2021: Conducted a community talk story Zoom meeting:

- 25 participants
- Summary of participants: 5 Maui County employees from County Council and Department of Parks and Rec, 1 Maui councilmember, 5 PYCC staff or board member 14 community members

Summary of concerns and answers:

65 in support written testimonials. 2 opposed in written testimonials

The concerns were:

- Parking. Solution: There are other solutions to the parking challenge than using the potential PYCC future building space as parking- In the Baldwin Beach Master Plan Parking is already projected on the other side of the PYCC future site and when the renovation of the current parking lot is scheduled the County could convert Pa'ia Bay Baby Park between the restrooms and the basketball court into partial parking.
- Covert changes in the Baldwin Beach Master Plan: Nothing intentionally (dictated by the PYCC) changed in the Baldwin Beach Master Plan to confuse the members of the committee or the public as to the PYCC's intentions.
- Privatization: The PYCC 27-year track record of being a steward of the Pa'ia Northshore youth and surrounding region including dune restoration. We believe that this demonstrates substantial evidence of sincere and reliable public service. We serve the community and pay particular focus to the needs of our youth. Those needs change with each generation. This is the genius of the PYCC programs- ALL of them have come from the direction of youth. Even the radio station was an idea presented by a youth member.
- Length of Lease: As noted earlier this was recommended by numerous people.

April 28, 2021 – an invite in-person meeting, intentionally targeting the people who had concerns in the Hearings and professionals who could address them. 15 people attended, including Director of Planning Department Michelle McClean, Representatives from Parks and Recreations, Tara Owens from Planning Department expert on projected sea level rising, Council Member Mike Molina, Evan Dust, Council member Tasha Kama's executive assistant, Francine Aarona, (Aunty Mopsy), Brian McCafferty, Kai Nishiki, PYCC Board members and staff. The meeting was highly productive and positive.

August 12, 2021- Originally scheduled as an in-person talk story meeting (held outside) requested by Aunty Mopsy, targeting Pa'ia residents so they could be informed of the lease changes and address their concerns. It was canceled on the recommendation of government officials due to the rise in Covid numbers and the highly transmittal nature of the Delta variant. Susun White met with Francine Aarona (Aunty Mopsy) and Susun emailed Aunty Mopsy the information that to was be discussed so Aunty Mopsy could pass it on to the Hui Malama Pa`ia email database. The number of individuals in this data base has not been verified; however, they must be a resident of Pa`ia 96779 zipcode.

Oct 18, 2021 PYCC answers to the community questions with the assistance of Parks and Recreation and revised leases were widely submitted online.

Nov 22, 2021- an in person Talk story session 11 persons attended: Susun White, Billy Jalbert, Cindy Hanscam, Jack Dugan, Pete Jalbert, Benjamin Rachunas (all PYCC staff or Board members. Francine Aarona (Aunty Mopsy), Kai Nishiki, Evan Dust, Council member Tasha Kama's executive assistant, Brian McCafferty, Nicole Ho`kona.

April 2021-Nov 2021: Continued to send to all PYCC current and past membership, and donors via a weekly newsletter and to our PYCC FB page and to selected community members and community groups talk story and hearing announcements. Total number: Aprox. 3000

Nov 24, 2021: The Department of Parks and Recreation released a revised lease based on the Talk Story session on Nov 22, 2021.

We are asking for your support for this lease. Once the lease is approved there will be many opportunities for the community to make comments and suggestions about the actual building project and for the PYCC to establish formal partnerships. We want this to be a place that all of our community will be proud of and a place that guarantees that our youth have a place on the Northshore that is safe for years to come and we can continue to ***Build Community Through Our Youth***