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Meeting Time: 04-13-23 18:00

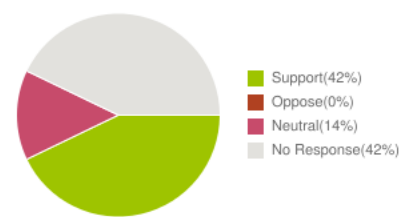
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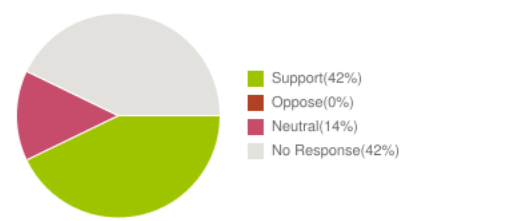
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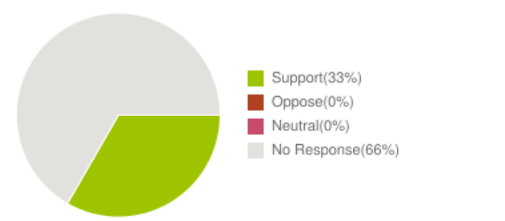
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Agenda Item: eComments for A G E N D A

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BFED Committee

Location:
Submitted At: 11:10am 04-14-23

Written testimony received at Lanai meeting 04-13-2023

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 12:08pm 04-13-23

I am Tricia Calhoon, a middle school teacher at Lanai High and Elementary School and I am testifying in support of Maui Economic Development Board_s Economic Development Grant under the Maui County Office of Economic Development.

I have benefitted from STEMworks through numerous free professional development opportunities, free materials and access to the STEMworks lending library to enhance the learning in my classroom.

STEMworks provides a valuable resource for all teachers but particularly for science teachers. I have borrowed

technology tools, taken classes on coding, and been connected to a community of other teachers in Hawaii who have a shared interest in making their instruction more rigorous and interesting for students. This is particularly important for secondary teachers here on Lana'i because we teach in silos and have a limited community of professionals.

Mahalo,
Tricia Calhoon

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 7:32pm 04-12-23

Aloha from Lana'i! My name is Jennifer Riel and I moved to Lana'i over 16 years ago. I have 3 children and 2 of them have been involved with the Lana'i Academy of Performing Arts (LAPA).

My older daughter, Elena, is now a freshman in high school. She was involved with LAPA from first through fifth grades. Elena was always a naturally shy child but was and still is very athletic and involved with sports from a young age. However, it wasn't until she started with LAPA that she found her voice and became more outgoing. She now successfully holds down a part time job, sports all year round and almost straight A's in school. I attribute quite a bit of her success to the LAPA foundation, its directors and its parent volunteers. I have seen their commitment to the children and their mentorship; school work comes first, participation in other activities is encouraged and time management becomes a focus from early on.

My younger daughter, Ava, is currently in first grade. She became involved with LAPA in kindergarten and has just thrived. She is also naturally shy but had her first role as a narrator in the Winter Program, put on for the parents. With the younger age group, there is a focus on story telling, play and reading skills. Both of my younger children have benefited tremendously from the performing arts opportunities with LAPA. LAPA is the only organization of its kind on the island and is a welcoming home for all children, offering a variety of activities over the years. There has been screen writing, theatrical makeup, singing, acting and other various workshops as well as travel to see other plays and workshops from other experts.

Lana'i is a small island with a tight knit community. Fundraisers happen from pre_school through 12th grade for all activities and sports. The community tries to support all children, but frankly, there is only so much to go around. I ask for any support that can be given to ensure that Lana'i as an island and especially our children, can continue to benefit from all that LAPA has to offer.

Sincerely,
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April 12, 2023
Yuki Lei Sugimura, Chair _
BFED Committee-Maui County Council
_200 S. High St., 7th Fl. _
Wailuku, HI 96793

RE: Lana'i Budget meeting, 4/13/23

Dear Chair Sugimura,

Aloha, my name is Matt Glickstein, and I'm the Executive Director for the Lanai Academy of Performing Arts (LAPA). I co-founded LAPA in 2013, and we became a 501(c)(3) non-profit as of September 2016.

A little about LAPA:

Since 2013, LAPA has put on 13 productions for the Lanai community, including Lion King Jr, Frozen Jr, and two original musicals. During COVID, we adapted our programming to performing arts classes (virtual and outdoor), with classes in dance, filmmaking, songwriting, improvisation, and special effects makeup. This year, for the first time since 2020, we are getting back on stage with two different live productions: The Claw, for grades K-8, and Bad Auditions by Bad Actors, for grades 6-12.

LAPA employs a staff of five people, and yearly we have from 80-100 students involved in our programming. For reference, Lanai High and Elementary School has around 550 students. For students to be in our live productions, we charge only \$100, whereas programs on Maui charge between \$800-\$1000. LAPA is heavily reliant on public and private grants and donations to keep our tuition affordable for families on Lanai. Due to the nature of the community, there is only so much fundraising we are able to do, and our main source of income has been our live shows, which have been cutoff the past few years. We are grateful for the continued support of the County, State, and other Hawaii foundations.

I'm submitting written testimony to both advocate for funding for LAPA students to travel to Maui and do an exchange with the Maui Academy of Performing Arts (MAPA), and for a future facility in the 115 acres Maui County is planning on developing.

LAPA has collaborated with the Maui Academy of Performing Arts (MAPA) between 2016-2019, holding several MAPA/LAPA days where students from Lanai would travel to Maui for a day of theatre games and sharing performances with Maui Academy of Performing Arts students. Several students from LAPA have also participated in MAPA's summer camps and performed in MAPA's productions. Because there are no other performing arts groups or opportunities to watch live theater on Lanai, one of LAPA's main objectives is to expose the Lanai students to other theater programs and performances. Most times, when Lanai kids go off island, it is for shopping, not for arts and cultural experiences. During COVID, LAPA was not able to travel to Maui. In 2023, we would like to hold a LAPA/MAPA day and also watch the summer MAPA musical performance of "Finding Nemo Jr." with LAPA students. LAPA would like to take up to 30 students and at least 10 chaperones over to Maui on the weekend of July 7-9. In addition to watching MAPA's performance, the Iao Theater (Maui OnStage) is doing a production of "Something Rotten," a recent Broadway hit, which we would love to also take students to. In past years, LAPA has seen several productions at Iao Theater, including "Guys and Dolls" and "Monty Python's Spamalot" and they have been extremely well done and professional.

Here is the estimated cost break down for two nights on Maui, which would include attending both "Finding Nemo Jr" and "Something Rotten."

Round trip ferry tickets

30 students: \$600

10 adults: \$500

7-8 rental vehicles (2 days): \$2000

2 nights hotel, 10 rooms estimated(cheapest available): \$7000

Food cost (1 meal per day provided): \$1000

Show tickets:

Something Rotten: \$40/ticket average: \$800

Finding Nemo Jr.: \$15/ticket average: \$600

Total estimated cost: \$12,500

If Maui County is able to fund at least \$10,000 towards this event, the cost per person would be only \$62.50. At

the full cost of \$305 per person, we would not be able to get enough participation, making the trip impossible. In the past, LAPA students have been able to sleep at Seabury gym, which was on the same campus as MAPA's performance venue. However, that is not the case this year. Unfortunately the high cost of Maui overnight accommodations make off island trips extremely difficult. Students on Lanai are very isolated from arts and cultural experiences such as live theater—there is no way to access the magic of live theater other than traveling off island. Having LAPA kids see and meet other kids and theater professionals can make a huge impact not only on the LAPA program, but on the development of Lanai kids as individuals. _

Over the years, LAPA has rehearsed mainly at LHES school and performed in the cafeteria. We have tried almost every other conceivable location for rehearsals and performances. While we are grateful for the space, some of our main challenges are:

—the stage is small, our cast size is completely maxed out at 35-40 kids, not much room for expanding beyond that.

—we are unable to store our sound equipment/costumes long term

—any major performances really need to be done when school is out of session, otherwise we have to do a complete set up and breakdown of sound/sets/costumes every rehearsal and performance

—all of the sound and lighting equipment has to be brought in, whereas a space designed to be a theater has all of that already there

—acoustics are not ideally suited for live performances, with the room being very “live”

—on windy/rainy days there is a lot of extra noise and complications

—backstage space is extremely small for kids to wait

It has been a dream of mine since beginning the program to have a consistent facility we could call home, and to have our students be able to perform in a high quality theater space with proper lighting and sound built in without having to go off island. In 2019, LAPA students and families traveled to the Junior Theater Festival in Sacramento, CA, which is a yearly gathering that brings over 2000 other students from around the world. LAPA presented a 15 minute adjudicated performance and won several national awards. It was gratifying to be recognized, but it just confirmed what I already knew: kids on Lanai deserve a theater facility. Ideally, anything built would be a multi-use community center and be open to any other organizations and be able to host community events, as well as off island guest performers. The proposed building area is within walking distance for students, which also makes it an ideal location for LAPA.

Recently, Pulama Lanai has opened up the Lanai Ocean Theater, which is an extremely nice venue. However, for every use, the stage has to be setup and taken down and specialists need to be flown in to run lights and sound, which makes it very expensive. The first couple of events have been great, and offered free of charge to community members. Still, there is no venue in Lanai City that is designed to be a live performance space. I feel there has been a need for one since I moved to the island in 2007. Building a facility in the 115 acres being considered for housing would be a huge benefit to the island of Lanai.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be happy to provide more information or answer any questions at the meeting.

Mahalo,

_Matt Glickstein, Executive Director, Lanai Academy of Performing Arts (LAPA)

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:08pm 04-11-23

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I know that you are all very busy, and also care deeply about the children of Lana'i. I hope that you can help Coach Coop and the community finish the project that they deserve.

Aloha,

Chad Goodfellow

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:48am 04-11-23

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April 5, 2023

Yuki Lei Sugimura, Chair
BFED Committee-Maui County Council
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RE: Lana'i Budget meeting, 4/13/23

Dear Chair Sugimura,

I am submitting written testimony as I will be on Oahu from April 12 to April 17, and will miss your hearing on the 13th.

Please accept and consider my following testimony:

1. Subdivision of the County's 115 acres

Please budget accordingly to have the County's 115 acres subdivided, something that's been long overdue and

contributed to the delay in developing the County’s Affordable Housing Project. The parcel, per Mayoral commitments, must be subdivided into a 50 acre parcel for the SOH/DOE and the remaining 65 acres for the County’s Affordable Housing Project.

2. 5th Street Infrastructure Extension

Please set aside up to \$25,000,000.00 of county and federal infrastructure funds for the 5th Street Infrastructure extension. The extension will serve the County’s Affordable Housing Project, Phase II of DHHL’s residential project and Lana’i High & Elementary’s Master Plan school expansion. It is expected that the SOH/DOE and DHHL will provide their pro-rata share of the extension costs. The 5th Street Infrastructure extension is necessary for the Affordable Housing Project to come to fruition.

3. Lanai Ave. Speed Tables

Speed tables have been approved by the Department of Public Works at 2-3 locations on Lana’i Ave. The Department has not provided me specific costs for the project but indicated it would be less than \$50,000.00. Accordingly, please include this in your budget.

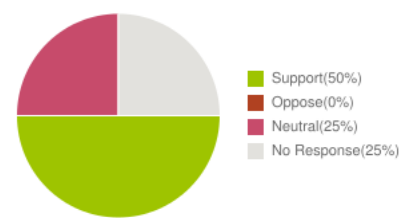
Thank you for considering my testimony. Please let me know if you need more information and/or clarification.

Sincerely,
/s/
Butch Gima
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C: Gabe Johnson, Council Member
Jordon Molina, Director
Rick Bissen, Mayor

Agenda Item: eComments for BFED-1 FY 2024 PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (BFED-1)

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Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 4:47pm 04-13-23

Aloha,

I am writing to urge our County leaders to include funding in this budget for affordable housing on L_na_i. It has been over thirty years since the County was given 115 acres of land to develop affordable housing for our community, and nothing has been done. In our island's history, there has never been a County led housing effort here on the island, and many people in our community feel forgotten by the County of Maui.

Many of the L_na_i people in my generation may never get the chance to own a home and set down roots here on the island because there are no affordable houses for sale. So many of us have grown up here and want the

opportunity to own a home--a chance that previous L_na_i generations have fought for. Affordable housing should be at the top of the L_na_i priority list, and it is extremely disappointing to see not one budget line item for this purpose for our island in this year's budget.

Our L_na_i, a group of L_na_i people who believe that the County has a responsibility to provide affordable housing for our community, recently met with representatives from the County DHHC. We had a productive discussion, and they shared some of the challenges with affordable housing on L_na_i. They said the biggest challenge is the cost and availability of land. The County already has 115 acres of land to be used for affordable housing. While we understand there are challenges to developing affordable housing here, I believe this is no excuse not to pursue the necessary steps to ensure the County is honoring its commitment to the people of L_na_i to explore affordable housing options.

The County has a responsibility to the people of L_na_i to develop affordable housing. As our representatives, please honor your commitment to serve our community and not let L_na_i people be forgotten.

Mahalo for your consideration,
Shelly Preza

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 3:40pm 04-13-23

Lisa Grove
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Dear County Leaders,

I am not writing on behalf of the worthy organizations on L_na_i that have been mentioned by others, but instead to call out two concerns. First off, I would love to understand the difference between taxes paid into the County from L_na_i relative to the money coming back to us. While I don't expect full equivalency, I worry there may be an imbalance that negatively impacts our island. Honestly, it is what my untrained eye sees when I look at the numbers.

Second, as a social science researcher who has spent decades understanding the opinions of the people of Hawai'i and the issues that affect them, I am very concerned that the most recent budget does not include enough resources for our kama'aina, from mental health to senior care to domestic violence, just to name a few. It feels like we are in need of wraparound services and other ways to deliver to our remote island.

Results released a few months ago, reveal that roughly three in 10 (30%) of people on L_na_i say either they or someone in their household is in need of mental health counseling. This is self-reported data, giving it even more credence -- people asking for help inside their own homes. Recent surveys among teens show they want coping skills to help with anger, bullying, depression, social pressure, and other problems.

While I don't like to go to dark places, I am concerned that, if left unchecked, we could be looking at tragic loss of life -- the kind that generates headlines like, "I never thought this would happen here." Our data seems to indicate that it could absolutely happen here unless we decide to focus more money and energy to this.

We've had at least two incidents at LHES recently that should be alarming, involving violence against teachers. The coconut wireless also suggests that drug use may also be on the rise, along with teen vaping and other risky behavior.

While I love the "add-on ideas" and the notion of being visionary, now is the time to focus on making our families, from keiki to k_puna, healthy and whole coming out of the pandemic. In sum, my request is two-fold: 1) Please make sure we are being adequately served for the tax dollars we pay in; and 2) Please adopt a "family first" approach and prioritize the most pressing issues -- housing, mental health, and health care more broadly including off-island travel and access -- ahead of things that naturally fall lower on the list.

Mahalo nui for your time and consideration.

With aloha,
Lisa Grove
L_na_i City, HI

BFED Committee

Location:

Submitted At: 2:32pm 04-13-23

Aloha Budget and Finance Committee,

At last night's BFED Committee meeting in Pukalani, Councilmember Paltin asked me a question about the item labelled "Firebreak" on our priorities list. I'd like to give a more complete answer.

The land where the KCA would appreciate firebreaks is owned by A+B, Mahi Pono, Haleakala Ranch and Kaonoulu Ranch. KCA has only talked previously about fire hazards with Mahi Pono. KCA would envisage requesting easements from these landowners to establish firebreaks. At this time, we would like to see some funding allocated, perhaps \$25,000, to determine where the line would be drawn. This could be put into Emergency Management or the Fire Department. Eventually, the County may want to create ordinances to protect communities. I would imagine Kihei would have similar concerns.

Thank you for allowing me to expand, and also your wonderful, encouraging manner to myself and all who testified.

-Bobbie Patnode, President
Kula Community Association

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:27pm 04-13-23

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HAWAI_I FARMERS UNION UNITED BUDGET

As a FAM apprentice on the island of L_na_i, I implore you to support the Hawaii Farmers Union and its programs, the HFUU Network and the FAM Program. I am a supporter of HFUU because it is an organization that is a solution to Hawai_i's food insecurity by directly impacting local food production by increasing the number of farmers in Hawai_i, especially Maui. This year the program was opened up to L_na_i residents. We have 5 Farmer Apprentices in the program! That is 0.2% of L_na_i population! 5 people dedicated to being a part of solving L_na_i's food insecurity. We have nowhere else to get this training as a L_na_i resident. We all know being a farmer is extremely difficult. The FAM Program is extremely comprehensive teaching me what I need to know to be a successful farmer from taxes to compost. How else can I get that training through a single program on L_na_i? I was a former teacher of Natural Resources at L_na_i High & Elementary School. I was teaching about agriculture without being properly trained as many other new high school Natural Resources teachers. The FAM Program should be a program available not only to prospective farmers but to public school teachers who lack the agriculture background because it is really about teaching our keiki about Hawai_i's inadequate agricultural system. By the way, I had 2 students out of 20 total students that wanted to be farmers! I would love one of them to take over my farm. In addition, FAM has given me clout, when I talk to restaurant owners, media, my community, P_lama (from whom I will lease farmland), and legislature representatives. My voice means something as a farmer apprentice. Please continue to fund HFUU's programs for the future of L_na_i's food security. We get too much of our agricultural products from off-island. We need to stop depending on other islands to bail us out when the barge stops coming. We need to bring back the pride in the L_na_i grown brand. Maui needs to realize that although we have a wealthy landowner, he will not take care of Lanaians as the county should. I turn to the County, not landowners, to decide what is right for food security. Don_t forget about L_na_i.

My heart becomes so heavy when I think of all the obstacles I face as a farmer on L_na_i. HFUU, a 501(c)(5) agricultural advocacy nonprofit representing a network of over 700 family farmers and their supporters organized as 14 Chapters in the four Hawai'i Counties, makes my load lighter, more manageable and promising. This is because we are taught by successful farm owners. I feel that I have a team to support me in becoming a

successful farmer. You have been chosen to make decisions for all of Maui county, that includes L_na_i. L_na_i is often forgotten but HFUU did not forget about us. Please continue to support HFFU.

Increasing the number of farmers who grow food is a key component of the long-term solution to the Hawai'i local food production deficit. Growing new farmers is also a key facet of the HFUU statewide strategic plan. Our planning goals are simultaneously aligned with the shared vision of increased food security and agricultural self-sufficiency for all counties and the State of Hawai'i.

Sincerely,
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Kimberly Masse

Location:
Submitted At: 11:04am 04-13-23

April 13, 2023

Kimberly Masse
President, Lana'i Kina'ole, Inc.
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Lanai City, HI 96763

RE: Lana'i Budget meeting, 4/13/23

Dear Chair Sugimura,

I am writing to give my support to Lana'i Kina'ole, Inc.

Lana'i Kina'ole, Inc. is the only home based care organization on the island, providing care for medical needs as well as emotional support and so much more. Our small island is extremely lucky to have this organization as well as all the people who work there.

I have seen firsthand the quality and loving care that is given to our home bound patients and their families. They all work extremely hard with compassion and sacrifice to their own families and they never complain. They have been in operation for three years now, struggling to get by and I hope that you will give your support to this wonderful organization.

My day job is being a Police Lieutenant on our island, but I give my whole support to Lana'i Kina'ole, Inc. because I believe in the work that they do and am willing to do what I can to help out and that is why I accepted the responsibility as board president.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this request.

If you have any further questions, please call me at 808-559-0289.

Respectfully,

Kimberly Masse
President, Lana'i Kina'ole, Inc.

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 7:26pm 04-12-23

Aloha,

My name is Kami Shimokawa and I am writing this to support the Lanai Academy of Performing Arts (LAPA).

I joined LAPA at a difficult time in my life, I was very shy and began to withdraw from close family and friends. I joined very hesitantly, I ended up staying and enjoying every minute; a few months later I got my younger sister to join. I quickly got really involved with all aspects of performing and theater that I could. I have been so blessed with all the opportunities that LAPA has given me, taking groups on trips interisland to see other theater groups performances, taking us to the mainland to visit a performing arts convention where we got to meet other kids like us who love musicals making life-long memories.

I have been a student, an intern, teacher for LAPA and each position has taught me something new. LAPA has taught me to speak up, be confident, express myself, voice my opinions, and has given me communication skills all that helped me in life. I remember working outside of LAPA during COVID and being asked by different parties "when is LAPA going to start putting on shows again?", "what is LAPA doing right now?", "I can't wait to see one of the shows live again". I think LAPA is a great place for kids to learn ways to express themselves and learn important life skills.

Mahalo,

Kami Shimokawa

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:40pm 04-12-23

My name is Danyel Erickson and I am testifying in support of Maui Economic Development Board's Economic Development Grant under the Maui County Office of Economic Development. The MEDB has helped me support students in Elementary and Middle school this year. I created a science club for the Elementary school and was able to use the STEMworks lending library to access many resources from iPads, drones to VR sets and beyond. The MEDB also organized for me to take 17 elementary and middle school students to the AMOS conference in Maui, where they were able to meet a real life astronaut, engage in hands on projects such as a flight simulator, and talk to experts in the astronomy and aerospace field. MEDB paid for me to participate in the CODE.org professional development course where I gained the knowledge and skills to implement computer science into my classroom of fifth grade students. Without their wonderful support, my journey to contact the International Space Station would not have been as successful. The MEDB has been an extremely helpful resource for LHES staff and students. Through their support, students at LHES have had opportunities to access STEM in ways that I could not afford to offer as a teacher.

Aloha,

Danyel Erickson
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Location:

Submitted At: 1:41pm 04-11-23

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Lāna'i Field House: Additional Construction Funding (Maui County Budget Committee Presentation)

Oral Testimony:

- **April 13, 2023**
- **Dr. (Coach) Coop DeRenne**
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Lāna'i Field House Documents

- The following facility documents have been sent to Mayor Bissen and his staff: Managing Director Keku Akana, Department of Parks and Recreation (DP&R)- Executive Director Pat McCall, Deputy Director Shane Dudoit, Councilman Gabe Johnson, and ex-councilman Riki Hokama
 1. History, Evolution, & Mistakes:
 2. Darryl Reddell Letter, Maui Division Manager, David's Fencing, INC.
 3. David's Fencing Construction Bid: **\$79,500**
 4. Additional Construction Needs & Solutions
 5. 17 Photos: existing design flaws, vertical and horizontal rain & wind problems, daily moisture problems, and Practice Sports' shell batting cage netting system.
 6. Current construction bids:
 - * David's Fencing: **\$79,500**
 - * Practice Sports shell cage netting system: **\$16,706**

Photos of Lāna'i Field House

- 1st: Old Batting cage facilities
- 2nd: Existing Lāna'i Field House
- 3rd: Horizontal Kona & Maui rain puddles
- 4th: Ceiling & side gaps
- 5th: Aggregate rock & ground-side gap

Why additional funding?

1st : Flawed Design:

- The design of the field house by Mitsunaga & Associates, INC., Honolulu, Hawaii was flawed.

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2nd: Pre-Bid Meeting:

- **Design:** It is noted that Maui County hired Mitsunaga & Associates, INC., Honolulu, Hawaii, to design the Lāna'i Field House. Thus, Mitsunaga & Associates provided their own in-house architects, civil engineers, structural engineers, and electrical engineers.
- **Pre-Bid Meeting Date:** October 2019
- **Invited Attendance:** Steve Wong, Architect, Mitsunaga & Associates, Maui Councilman Riki Hokama, Karla Peters, Executive Director, DP&R, and Kris Baptist, CIP Coordinator, DP&R Planning & Development Division.
- **Meeting Attendance Request:** Coach Coop requested and was granted that he attend the pre-bid meeting. Weeks before this meeting, DP&R sent Coop the detailed field house's specifications via PDF. Coach Coop noticed that the facility's architectural design was *not* the vision of the Lāna'i Field House's community consortium. Thus, Coop request to join the field house pre-bid meeting.
- **Open Outdoor Facility:** Maui County's DP&R officials and Mr. Wong agreed that the outdoor field house was to be a covered roof facility with an industry-standard tunnel hitting netting system for baseball and softball. Their vision of this outdoor field house was to be an open facility. Therefore, there was **no design nor plans** for (a) perimeter chain link fence around the field house which may cause possible future vandalism and increment weather problems, and (b) a roof gutter system.
- **Meeting Discussion:**
 1. **Building Codes:** In the main meeting discussion, Mr. Wong and Mrs. Peters agreed that the current Maui building codes and additional cost prevented a 20-foot chain link fence to be built underneath the roofline, which would be up against the concrete slab under the synthetic turf like the standard industry's outdoor batting cages (e.g., Kihei Little League, Maui High School). Coach Coop was told even though the Kihei and Maui High School's batting cages were built on Maui County land; and since Kihei's facility was built with private funding from the Shane Victorino Foundation, and past Maui High School's baseball coaches built their respective batting cage, these two cases are different than Lāna'i's facility. Mr. Wong and Mrs. Peter's positions were final.
 2. **Discussion Results:** As a result, the group decided that the building codes will allow for only a 12-foot perimeter chain link fence to be built 5-feet

back from the turf floor. (See photos) Coach Coop pointed out to the meeting-members, there would be an 8-foot gap between the 20-foot roofline and the 12-foot perimeter fence. Therefore, this 12-foot fence with gap will not be a vandalism deterrent nor will it help prevent the existing horizontal rains from Maui and Kona, and the vertical rain from heaven coming through the gap.¹ (See photos)

3. **Brief Ground Cover Discussion:** At the end of the meeting, the ground cover topic was briefly discussed. The ground cover would be laid around the three sides of the facility between the concrete slab/synthetic turf and the perimeter fence. Coach Coop asked if aggregate rock could be used for the ground cover for possible drainage, to which, Mrs. Peters replied, “We will deal with it when the time comes.” ... The time came when the facility was accepted by Maui County. The ground cover consisted of an inferior planted grass cover that ended up dying.²

¹**NOTE:** In November 2019, Coach Coop began searching for the best chain link fence **windscreen** to cover the 12-perimeter chain link fence. The windscreen would partially prevent some of the horizontal rain and wind blowing into the Lānaʻi Field House and be a vandalism deterrent. He purchased the best windscreen in the industry from StrokeMasters, Arlington, Texas. As to date, the DP&R has not approved of the installation of this windscreen, although the purchase of this windscreen was approved by Maui Council.

²**NOTE:** In June 2022, Coach Coop approached Kurt Matsumoto, COO, Pūlama Lānaʻi, if he would donate an aggregate rock ground cover to replace the dead county grass. In addition, Coach Coop approached Chad Goodfellow, President/CEO, Goodfellow Bros., to donate the labor cost for laying down Mr. Matsumoto’s aggregate rock. Both agreed to donate to this project. (See photos)

3rd : Flaws/Mistakes in Design & Purchases: Summary

- **Pre-Bid Meeting Design Mistakes:**
 1. No planned 20-foot perimeter chain link fence to be constructed underneath the roof line and up against the concrete slab/synthetic turf. DP&R approved the current 12-foot perimeter chain link fence creating an 8-foot ceiling gap between the fence and the 20-foot roof. Thus, the gaps result in vertical and two directional horizontal rains. (See photos)
 2. No planned gutters system which results in daily water leaking down

from the roof. (See photos)

3. The inadequate planted grass ground cover died. DP&R did not seek further assistance to solve this problem. Coach Coop with the aid of donations from Pūlama Lānaʻi and Goodfellow Bros. brought in aggregate rock to help solve the drainage problem. (See photos)
 4. The 12-foot approved perimeter chain link fence has not stopped our youth from climbing into the facility.
 5. **Results:** As of November 2022, weekly vertical and horizontal rains and daily moisture-water puddles inside the facility. (See photos)
- **Existing Netting System Purchase:** The two most important interior sporting items in the field house are the synthetic turf and the netting system. Without either, you have no field house. ... Coach Coop offered to purchase the best shell netting system from Practice Sports, Inc. DP&R volunteered to purchase a netting system. Coop sent DP&R Practice Sport's design and construction plan (Practice Sports, Inc., Omaha NE.). DP&R chose a custom netting system from West Coast Netting (WCN). Although this was a great DP&R idea, **the WCN custom shell net system is inferior in safety with less field house function.**
 1. **Best Solution:** First, Maui County purchases Practice Sports' shell cage system (\$16,706). Second, DP&R recycles WCN's net to Hana High School's baseball and softball fields. Lastly, Coach Coop will teach the Hana's coaches and personnel how to use the recycle net.
 - **Chain Link Fence Issue:** The 12-foot perimeter chain link fence design by Mitsunaga & Associates, is a possible illegal fence according to Maui County's DP&R fencing codes. In summary, the terminal and line posts were not dug deep enough into the concrete base. David's Fencing Company (DFC) built the fence and accompanying entrance gates according to the specifications received by the general contractor, Goodfellow Bros. Darryl Reddell, CEO, DFC, personally inspected the fence in October 2022 with Coach Coop. Coach Coop received Mr. Reddell's fencing documents and Mitsunaga's architect's design, to show the error in design.
Solution: Reinforce the chain link fence at a cost of \$79,500. (See bid)
 - **Windscreen Issue:** To date, the purchased windscreen which was approved by Maui County Council has not been installed on the 12-perimeter chain link fence.

3-08-2023

Memorandum

To: Kekuhaupio Akana
Managing Director
Office of Mayor Richard Bisson Jr.

Form: Dr. Coop DeRenne
Retired Professor & Assistant Baseball Coach
Departments of Kinesiology & Athletics

Subject: Lānaʻi Field House: Operations

- **Goal of facility:** The Lānaʻi Field House is a multi-use covered facility that has the potential to be used heavily by an array of sports and programs as outlined in the Department's Operational Procedures & Policies Manual.
- The current Lanai Parks & Recreation Staff consists of 7.5 E/P.
District Supervisor I
Park Caretaker I
Park Caretaker I
Park Caretaker I
Park Caretaker H/T (Summer Intern) P-30607
Building Maintenance Repairer, I P-27548
Recreation Assistant II
Recreation Aide
- The Operational Procedures & Policies Manual does contain a Facility Manager position. Even with this position, and especially if those duties are assigned to an existing position, the overall size of the Lanai DPR staff is not large.
- Recommendation: We recognize the overall potential of this facility and limited LP&R staff, it is imperative to fully complete construction of the fieldhouse. A fully completed field house will:
 1. Increase the resiliency and useful life of the fieldhouse (particularly when considering the amount of expected use), and,
 2. lessen the need for weather related maintenance.

∴ Both benefits will save on overall costs in the long run.

Annual Operation Budget:

Lāna'i Field House

Please remember, I have no knowledge of DP&R county employee salaries and county facilities' operational costs. My expertise is in facility's management and program development.

Based on my $6\frac{1}{2}$ years of observing DP&R/LP&R facilities, maintenance, and programs, which I hope has some value and merit, here are my best recommendations for our The Lāna'i Field House:

I. Personnel:

- Full Time Facility Manager\$24,000
or Parttime Facility Manager\$18,000
- **NOTE:** If the field house's construction is not completed, there will be constant daily moisture; and vertical and horizontal rains during wet emergencies. What will you do if the emergencies are off-LP&R working hours? Thus, I recommend:
 1. Parttime Facility Maintenance Employee (annual salary; works only for the field house):.....\$12,000
 2. Community Volunteers.....\$-0-

II. Maintenance

- Personnel
 1. Parttime Facility Maintenance Employee (annual salary; only for the field house).....\$15,000
 2. Community Volunteers.....\$-0-
- Initial Equipment purchase.....\$1600
- Annual Equipment purchases.....<\$1000
 1. Minimal if maintain equipment.
- Equipment repairs.....?
- Zama Maui Security cameras (2x).....?

III. Utilities

- Electrical.....<\$1200
- Lānaʻi Water (Drinking fountain, outside facility).....<\$100
- Maui County Water & Sewer.....<\$700

IV. Miscellaneous

- New Sporting equipment based on new sports programs.....?
- Replace existing sporting equipment--not for a few years if organizations follow Rules and Procedures.....?
- Existing shell cage net wear and tear; safety issue.....?

DAVID'S *FENCING, INC.*

94-079 Leokane St.
Waipahu, HI 96797
Phone (808) 677-8060
Fax (808) 671-5302

License # C-21806
(C-32 Fencing Contractor)

Bid date: November 28, 2022

To: ESTIMATING DEPARTMENT

Project: LANAI DISTRICT PARK – LANAI PARKS BATTING CAGES

Attn: Gentlemen

We are pleased to quote the following for the subject. All items furnished and installed per plans and specification unless otherwise noted.

| <u>Items #</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Quantity Units</u> | <u>Price Amounts</u> |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
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1 – Installation of 12' high chain link fence posts, in place complete.

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| A- Fence posts (PVC Black) 2 7/8" OD | 13 ea. |
|--------------------------------------|--------|

TOTAL \$ 79,500.00

Note: - Dirt to remain on site, removal by others.

- Any fence on cmu/slab, post holes, coring, sleeves by others.

- Windscreen to be supplied & installed by others.

- Existing posts to remain.

- **THIS QUOTE IS ALL AS ONE. SEPARATED ITEMS WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL 20 % PLUS TAX.**

Bid price only good for 180 days, after ADD 6% per year.

DAVID'S FENCING, INC. (NOT LIABLE FOR ANY UNDERGROUND DAMAGES TO UTILITY LINES AND PIPES.)

STANDARD EXCEPTIONS: (If required safety harness, guide wire & station all supplied by others.)

No clear & grub

No toning

No building permit fee

No engineering stamp

No concrete testing

No painting

No bond fee

No grounding

No stakeout / surveying

Road closure by others

Training fees / Drug testing

No locking devices

Should you have questions or further need of assistance feel free contact me at # 677-8060 office or # 864-1593 cell.

Sincerely,

GE-173-096-5504-01

Federal I.D. # 99-0339014

Certified MBE/DBE

Laborer's Union Local # 368

David G. Abellanida (President)

Email: david@davidsfencing.com



Please review our estimate below:

Request date: February 28, 2023

Expiration date: March 31, 2023

Hi, Please find your itemized quote below. Keep in mind we do have a LOW-PRICE GUARANTEE. If you receive a lower quote for the same items, forward it over and I will beat it! Thanks again, I greatly appreciate the opportunity to work with you. 402-592-2000

| Product | Cost | Qty | Totals |
|---|----------|-----|----------|
| TUNNEL SKU: TUNNEL | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Custom Hybrid Baseball & Golf Shell Net: 70ft L x 42ft W x 14ft H Hybrid Netting Sewn Border Rope (3) Door Locations (9) Total Riblines: 7ft, 13ft6in, 14ft, 14ft6in, 21ft, 27ft6in, 28ft, 28ft6in, 35ft (1) Lane Will Be #30 Golf Netting Black 14 x 14 x 70 (All Other Netting Material Listed Above Will Be #42 Nylon Baseball) (4) Nylon #42 Netting- 14'H x 14'W Baffles (2) Nylon #30 Golf Netting- 14'H x 14'W Baffles | | | |
| BARRIER SKU: BARRIER | \$689.60 | × 1 | \$689.60 |

| Product | Cost | Qty | Totals |
|--|------------|-----------------|------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Divider Curtain (Baseball Mesh): | | | |
| #42 Nylon Baseball Barrier 72'L x 14'H Sewn Border Rope <u>NetShield - Black, No Logo</u> <u>SKU: NET-SHIELD</u> | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NetShield Baffles: | \$1.50 | × 420 | \$630.00 |
| (4) 1ft6in H x 70ft L Panels Grommets Top & Bottom BARRIER SKU: BARRIER | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Divider Curtain (Golf Mesh): | \$1,195.28 | × 1 | \$1,195.28 |
| Nylon #30 Golf Netting- 14'H x 72'L Divider Sewn Border Rope <u>FlexPlate - 5" x 5" Steel Wall Anchor Plate</u> <u>SKU: 5-Plates</u> | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anchor Plate (Single Terminal) : | \$46.00 | × 10 | \$460.00 |
| (1) Per Cable Line End (Non-Divider Points) 2x6 Wood Headers Spanning Studs (Customer Supplies) <u>FlexPlate - 5" x 5" Adjustable Steel Wall</u> <u>Anchor Plate</u> <u>SKU: SP8A</u> | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anchor Plate (Multiple Terminal): | \$50.00 | × 4 | \$200.00 |
| (1) Per Cable Line End (Divider Points) 2x6 Wood Headers Spanning Studs (Customer Supplies) <u>Wood Lag Screw</u> <u>SKU: WLAG</u> | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wood Lags: | \$2.81 | × 56 | \$157.36 |
| (4) Per Anchor Plate | | | |

| Product | Cost | Qty | Totals |
|---|------------------|----------|---|
| <u>1/4" Galvanized Steel Cable</u> <u>SKU: 1-4-Cable</u> | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cable Lines: | \$0.52 | × 765 | \$397.80 |
| (9) Lines @ 85ft L Wall Span TBD <u>Turnbuckle: 9" x 5/8" Jaw-Jaw</u> <u>SKU: 12-5-8-JJ</u> | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cable Tensioning: | \$19.46 | × 18 | \$350.28 |
| (1) Per Cable Line End <u>1/4" Cable Clamp</u> <u>SKU: cable-clamp</u> | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clamps: | \$0.67 | × 36 | \$24.12 |
| (2) Per Cable Line End <u>Steel Carabiner Snap - 5/16 inch</u> <u>SKU: steel-snaps</u> <u>Swivel Eye Roller Wheel</u> <u>SKU: pulley-adjustable</u> | \$0.87 | × 639 | \$555.93 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options: | \$25.39 | × 142 | \$3,605.38 |
| 2" | | | |
| | Subtotal: | | \$13,807.18 |
| | Shipping: | | \$2,898.60 via Shipping - FREIGHT TO HAWAII- CUSTOMER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OFFLOADING |
| | Tax: | | \$0.00 |
| | Total: | | \$16,705.78 |

Billing details

First name *

Last name *

Company name (optional)

Country / Region *

LANA'I COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 630735
730 Lana'i Ave. #108
Lana'i City, HI 96763

April 13, 2023

Council Budget Chair and Budget Committee Members:

I am Linda Kay Okamoto. I am the President of the Lāna'i Community Association. I want to thank you for your time and your willingness to come to Lāna'i to hear our requests.

The Lāna'i Community Association, known as LCA, is the oldest non-profit organization on the island. We function much as the United Way on other islands. Our main focus is youth and the elderly in the community. However, we do sponsor 2 major activities in our community. We are the sponsor for the Christmas Tree Lighting in December and of course the annual Lāna'i Pineapple Festival. We are currently in our 28th year of the Festival. With the pandemic we did have to skip a couple of years. Last year we were back in full force with the Pineapple Festival.

Each year we do approach the County Office of Economic Development for a grant for the festival. We are asking to be a part of the annual budget, so that we are clear each year that we have the funds. I want to thank Councilman Johnson for putting us in for district funds and hope that you will back that portion of the budget.

This year we have a \$38,000 grant. We are asking for \$40,000 in the next budget cycle. Because our festival is at the very beginning of the fiscal year, it does sometimes get confusing as to where we fall in the budget cycle. We always do our grant based on a calendar year. We have already spent months planning the festival and have incurred many expenses but will incur the major part in July. Last year we had 50 booths and we have already secured 60 for this coming year. We do have a wait list, as this is a very popular event for our community. Most of our vendors are Lāna'i residents and often Lāna'i non-profits. The event is a major fund raiser for those residents.

LCA also has been the fiscal sponsor for other very successful activities in the community. One of those most successful is the Lāna'i Kinaole program. I want to thank the County for all of your support for the Lāna'i Kinaole and hope you will continue to support their program.

Linda Kay Okamoto

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County of Maui testimony 2023

Thursday, April 13, 2023

Aloha and good evening County Councilmembers,

My name is Kahau Siliga and I am the Director and Teacher at E Malama I Na Keiki O Lana'i Preschool, here on the island of Lana'i. On behalf of our program, I would like to express our gratitude to the Department of Housing and Human Concerns for including our preschool under the Maui Family Support grant. I would also like to acknowledge the Maui County Early Childhood resource team; and thank them for their continued guidance and ensuring that our Lana'i preschool families were considered for this current funding period.

I am here to share my testimony regarding the utilization of County funds and how it has helped our families, who have shown a need for financial assistance. Our maximum licensing capacity at our program is 24 participants. We have been able to serve 24 children and families this year; we also have 5 applicants currently on our waitlist. Of our 24 active participants, 22 of them are receiving financial assistance. Of the 22 receiving financial assistance, 17 families are receiving subsidies from the County of Maui. Having a waitlist, in addition to over 90% of our families receiving financial aid to assist with preschool tuition, indicates to us that there is a need for tuition subsidy funding and a need to be able to accept additional children.

Our program has been serving our community for over 40 years and we plan to be here for many years to come. At the moment, we are training staff to become qualified teachers. We are also working closely with PATCH Hawaii, UH Maui College, and Lana'i High and Elementary School to recruit candidates interested in the early learning field. Our goal is to have more qualified teachers, especially living here on island, so we can be licensed to accept more children.

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We're really excited about contributing to our community and finding ways to adapt to the growing needs of Lana'i's children and families. Part of our vision to expand includes getting the training and certifications necessary to offer our services not only to preschool aged children, but also infants and toddlers. We would want to eventually find a larger space to operate from; perhaps moving into the Lana'i Youth Center once their future facility is up and running, as a possible place to relocate.

Looking ahead, as we prepare to increase our licensing capacity, we plan to request an increase in future grant funding so that money is available to Lana'i children and families who show a need for financial assistance. We stand firm in our vision of providing essential foundations for early learning and child development. Our goal as a preschool is to positively influence our youngest citizens, who are our future leaders of this community. County funding helps to make tuition affordable for families so that children are provided an opportunity to experience the benefits of attending preschool. We greatly appreciate remaining a priority for the FY 2024 budget.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kahau Siliga', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Kahau Siliga
Director and Teacher
E Malama I Na Keiki O Lana'i Preschool

April 12, 2023

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Monique Bolo and I am a parent of a child currently enrolled at KOL preschool. I am here to voice my support for continued funding for Lana'i families in need of financial assistance to attend preschool. County funding for tuition assistance has helped our family send multiple children to preschool over the years. We believe that early learning and social development is an important part of a child's growth but, with the rise in the cost of living, early learning programs aren't always an option for some families. Thankfully, with the help of County funding, we were able to send our children to preschool and have financial support. With our children in preschool this also gave us as parents the opportunity to work and finish schooling. Thank you for your continued financial support through county funding.

Sincerely,

Monique and Lucky Bolo

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Monique Bolo', with a stylized, cursive script.

4/11/23

My name is Rozline Benanua. I am a parent of a child currently enrolled at KOL preschool. I am here to voice my support for continued funding for Lana'i families in need of financial assistance to attend preschool. County funding for tuition assistance has helped my family tremendously because the cost of living here on Lāna'i is high in almost every aspect; groceries, rent, everyday necessities. This funding made it possible for my child to attend preschool to prepare him for the big school. I hope this funding continues to be available for those families in need.

Mahalo

Rozline Benanua

Aloha,

My name is Krychel Quenga. I am a parent of a child currently enrolled at KOL preschool. I am here to voice my support for continued funding for Lana'i families in need of financial assistance to attend preschool. County funding for tuition assistance is important to my family and has helped us tremendously with our finances; we are able to afford sending our child to preschool to prepare her for Kindergarten as well as pay all our bills, provide food for our child plus her 3 other siblings, pay for rent, etc. Here on Lana'i, it is really hard to find a permanent babysitter, nonetheless, a reliable one so being able to send my child to preschool is such a blessing.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mahalo,

Krychel Quenga

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Krychel Quenga', with a long, horizontal, wavy line extending to the right.

April 12, 2023

Dear Mayor Bissen & Members of the Budget, Finance, & Economic Development Committee:

I worked as a registered nurse part time with Lana`i Kina`ole since its inception in 2018. I retired from nursing 2 years ago but remain as Vice President on the Board of Directors (BOD) for the agency. I have experienced firsthand how necessary the services provided by Lana`i Kina`ole are to the Lana`i residents, particularly the elderly population. Going into clients' homes and assisting them with toileting, bathing, dressing and other activities of daily living (ADL) keeps many people "aging in place" and prevent them from having to leave Lana`i and/or having to live in assisted long-term care facility. Services such as advanced wound care (some 7 days a week), IV administration, and setting up home medication sets are vital skilled nursing care services that only Lana`i Kina`ole is licensed to provide for the island.

Because I worked with Lana`i Kina`ole, I know the level of care is professional yet personable and encompasses the client and their family and/or caregivers. The staff truly cares about each client and are dedicated to improving the health and quality of life for everyone in ways most people cannot imagine.

I strongly and humbly request ongoing support for Lana`i Kina`ole to allow it to continue to make a huge difference to the people of Lana`i.

Sincerely,

Carol Onuma

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