

GET Committee

From: Tiffany Bostwick <tbostwick@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 11:35 PM
To: GET Committee
Subject: GET-1(8)

Aloha,

I am writing in support of the appointment of Ms. Michele McLean as Planning Director. I am a planner in the Planning Department Long Range Division and have been with the Department for close to two years. My career also includes 14 years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a biologist, environmental planner, and supervisory biologist.

I have been encouraged with the support that Ms. McLean has shown to the Department and specifically to the Long Range Division in our efforts to update the community plans. She has supported and given us the latitude to complete significant community outreach for the update of the West Maui Community Plan. Ms. McLean has also been supportive of improvements to the Department and has been open to staff's suggestions. Overall, she has been supportive of good planning.

Ms. McLean is very accessible and responsive. Within the first few months of starting with the Department, Ms. McLean invited me to meet with her, and talk about my experience with the Department so far and whether I had any concerns and suggestions on ways to improve things. She also maintains an open door policy and makes herself available to staff both in-person and through email and by phone.

Ms. McLean is professional, knowledgeable, and a good communicator. I am confident Ms. McLean will continue to lead the Department in the right direction that will be good for the County as a whole.

Mahalo for your time,

Tiffany Bostwick

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From: Paul Critchlow <beej8000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 8:06 AM
To: GET Committee
Subject: Fwd: Appointment of Planning Director, GET-1"

I understand the email below for some reason was not forwarded to the GET committee. Please include the following letter of support for Michelle.

Mahalo,
Paul

Begin forwarded message:

From: Paul Critchlow <beej8000@yahoo.com>
Date: January 22, 2019 at 2:45:23 PM HST
To: Kelly.King@mauicounty.us, Mike.Molina@mauicounty.us, Keani.Rawlins@mauicounty.us
Subject: Appointment of Planning Director, GET-1"

Dear Council Chair Kelly King, GET Chair Mike Molina, GET Vice-Chair Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, and Counsel members:

It is with a strong sense of pride that I request for your approval of Michele McLean as Planning Director. I have been a Staff Planner in the Zoning Division of Department of Planning for the past 10 years; over those years I believe Michele has proven to be the best Planning Director I have worked with.

Her management style is extremely accessible, she's a very hands-on administrator, and has proven to be available for staff whenever needed. She is intelligent, she takes the time to read and understand the zoning code, and she makes fair sound decisions. She does not ignore the zoning code, but helps staff and the public to work within the code toward a satisfactory solution. She has also proven herself to be willing to go through the long process of amending the zoning code to make needed changes.

She is sharp witted (she has an ability to see through all the "fluff", right to the heart of a matter)... and with all the politics and with developers always trying to sneak things through, I believe this helps her make the tough decisions that she must often make in the role of a Planning Director.

If you approve Michele as the Planning Director; I believe she will make you proud, she will successfully implement the policies you want to see implemented, and she will be and continue to be the Planning Director for ALL the people of Maui County.

Sincerely,
Paul B Critchlow