

## PSLU Committee

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Aloha PSLU Committee members -

We had (what I think was) a very good meeting today at Council/Committee member King's Town Hall meeting.

I want to thank Mr. Kihune, his brother Jeff, and Ms. Duvauchelle... not only for their participation today, but also their open-ness to listening to our neighborhood concerns.

In case some of the PSLU committee members were not listening in today, I wanted to share with you a copy of the comments I made today (see below).

At this point, I believe I have no further comments to add to your July 9th meeting (in the form of any testimony), although I will be phoning in to that meeting to listen to your discussion.

Although I had four (4) priority wish list items expressed today, there are a couple other things I would mention as a P.S. ...

It is unclear if the April '19 traffic study took into account that the KIRC Operations Center plans include a parking lot exit directly opposite Ala Koa Street. I have attached three website links providing documentation of that. That plan will only increase the traffic load at the intersection of Ala Koa and South Kihei Road.

Secondly, there has been neighborhood testimony expressing a request for a public beach access through this new subdivision near the current dirt path that so many of us have used. I agree that would be nice, but we have been spoiled for several years being able to cross over the Ferreira property to access the walkway across to South Kihei Road to reach the beach. For me personally, that is not a high priority, because I have walked a comparison measurement... and in contrast to the "quarter mile away" comment that some of my neighbors have made... it is just an extra 47 yards (that is, 140 feet or just 70 steps extra) that I will have to walk to get to the beach if the current dirt path is not formally made available to us (that's walking from Ponana to Ala Koa, then south on the sidewalk to the Kihei Surfside crosswalk). I'm just not that lazy... or entitled... to complain about not having a public beach path at Ahekolo Street through this new subdivision.

Thanks for your time in considering this matter.

Bruce Purvis, M.D.

at today's meeting...

My name is Dr. Bruce Purvis, and I live on Ponana Street.

I have expressed my objections to the density of this project in writing and verbally at prior meetings, but I need to clarify something.

Although many of my neighbors agree with my particular concerns regarding this project, I am not speaking on their behalf. I speak only for myself.

Likewise, some opponents of this project expressed opinions at the November Planning Commission meeting that clearly demonstrated that they were not speaking on my behalf, nor the behalf of several neighbors

that I know. I don't condone or agree with some of those opposition comments made, and I believe you, Ms. King, as well as the developers, know exactly what comments I'm referring to.

My primary objection since last November has been an issue of traffic and safety. Those concerns are a direct result of density, specifically the number of homes in this relatively small area. If there are 27-28 homes, that's probably at least 56 cars added to a small, already often congested area. If ohanas are allowed for each of these homes, that will double the number of cars to 112 cars exiting out on to Wela Street. The traffic study that was done in April 2019, in my opinion, could not possibly have reflected the traffic we neighbors typically experience in December-January-February-March. Had the traffic study been done during peak tourist season, I'm confident it would have proven patently false the remark recently made: "there are no issues getting out on to South Kihei Road". We already have the cars from Keawakapu Apartments, Maui Hill Condos, our four private streets mauka of this project, Kihei Surfside/Mana Kai Maui/Days Inn Oceanfront resorts, the 5 Palms and Sarento's restaurants, and the public parking makai of South Kihei Road all coming out on to Kihei Road in the subdivision's area. And, please don't forget, the future Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission Operations Center plans to have their parking lot exiting directly opposite Ala Koa Street.

To summarize my primary wish list:

- 1) I would request the PSLU committee to condition any approval of this project with a provision for no ohanas. I know that Maui County ordinance allows for ohanas, but I don't believe the local infra-structure of streets and intersections is adequate to withstand adding 112 cars to Wela Street.

- 2) I think it is crucial that an egress be established from Wela Street directly out to Kilohana Drive.
- 3) I acknowledge we're in no position to make demands, but the current plan shows a northern end egress intersecting directly with Ponana Street. I'd request that that egress be moved to between Ponana and Ahekolo Streets. Such a move would lead to at least some reduction in traffic going directly up Ponana Street. And...
- 4) I would like to see more graphic details, as soon as available, detailing what the subdivision's surrounding 2-3 foot wall with galvanized fencing would look like.

Thank you for giving me a platform to express my opinion.

<http://www.kahoolawe.hawaii.gov/plans/FY19YIR.pdf> (see page 14)  
<https://gokihei.org/environment/what-kirc-plans-to-do-on-their-land-near-boat-ramp-in-south-kihei>  
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