

# HUMAN CONCERNS AND PARKS COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

## MINUTES

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February 18, 2021

**CONVENE:** 1:31 p.m.

**PRESENT:** VOTING MEMBERS:

Councilmember Tasha Kama, Chair  
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Vice-Chair  
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member  
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Member  
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member

NON-VOTING MEMBER:

Councilmember Gabe Johnson

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Wilton Leauanae, Legislative Analyst  
Laksmi Abraham, Legislative Analyst  
David Raatz, Supervising Legislative Attorney  
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Kate Griffiths, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Johnson

**ADMIN.:**

Mimi DesJardins, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the  
Corporation Counsel  
Karla Peters, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation  
Mary Kielty, Deputy Director, Department of Parks and Recreation

**OTHERS:**

Faith Chase  
Junya Nakoa

**PRESS:**

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CHAIR KAMA: . . . *(gavel)* . . . Good afternoon, Members. The Human Concerns and Parks Committee of February 18, 2021. It is now 1:30 p.m., and I'd like to introduce myself. I am Tasha Kama, I'm the Chair of this Committee that is meeting at 1:31 p.m. today. I would like to welcome to the Committee meeting today our voting members. Aloha 'auinala first of all to the Vice-Chair, Yuki Lei Sugimura.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Aloha, everybody. Nice to see you again. Oops, sorry about that.

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CHAIR KAMA: That's okay. Aloha 'auinala to Councilmember Tamara Paltin. Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha 'auinala kākou from historic Lāhainā town.

CHAIR KAMA: Aloha 'auinala to Council Chair Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Hola, my amigos, and Madam Chair.

CHAIR KAMA: Hola, amiga. Okay. Aloha 'auinala to Councilmember Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha 'auinala, Chair and hola kākou.

CHAIR KAMA: Also we have with us this afternoon our Non-Voting Committee Member, Councilmember Gabe Johnson from Lāna'i. Welcome, welcome, welcome.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Aloha, Committee Members. I'm on zǎo ān still. So I'm going to say zǎo ān to everyone.

CHAIR KAMA: Zǎo ān. Also we have Non-Committee Voting Members Kelly King, Mike Molina and Vice-Chair Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, who are always welcome to join us if they so choose to. We also want to say aloha 'auinala to Department of Corporation Counsel Mimi DesJardins. Aloha.

MS. DESJARDINS: Aloha. Good afternoon, everybody. Nice to see you.

CHAIR KAMA: We also want to say aloha 'auinala to the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Director, Karla Peters. Aloha.

MS. PETERS: Aloha, everyone. Thank you, Chair, and thank you Committee.

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. I also want to say aloha 'auinala to our staff, our Legislative Analyst Wilton Leauanae.

MR. LEAUANAE: Aloha, Chair. Aloha, Members.

CHAIR KAMA: And also to our Legislative Analyst Laksmi Abraham.

MS. ABRAHAM: Aloha, Chair. Aloha, Members.

CHAIR KAMA: To our Committee Secretary Pauline Martins.

MS. MARTINS: Aloha, Chair. Aloha, Members.

CHAIR KAMA: And our supervising Legislative Attorney David Raatz.

MR. RAATZ: Aloha, everyone.

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CHAIR KAMA: So thank you Members for attending today's HCP Committee meeting, and we have only one item on the agenda today. And it is HCP-29, it's the Operational and Budgetary Review of the Department of Parks and Recreation. So do we have any testifiers today?

MR. LEAUANAE: Yes, Chair.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay. Well, then let me read all the testimony protocols then. So long, the protocols. Okay. So let's begin with public testimony. Oral testimony via phone or video conference will be accepted. Testifiers wanting to provide video testimony should join the online meeting via the BlueJeans meeting link, [bluejeans.com/221418021](https://bluejeans.com/221418021) as noted on today's agenda. Testifiers wanting to provide audio testimony should dial 408-915-0290 and enter meeting code 221418021, also noted on today's agenda. Written testimony is highly encouraged to the eComment link listed for today's agenda on [mauicounty.us/agendas](https://mauicounty.us/agendas). Individuals are free to provide testimony via eComment on as many agenda items as they would like. Instructions on how to submit testimony via eComment can also be found at [mauicounty.us/ecomment](https://mauicounty.us/ecomment). Moving on to...oral testimony is limited to three minutes per item, at which time a timer will sound. If you are still testifying beyond that time, I will kindly ask you to complete your testimony. And when testifying, please state your name. If you are testifying on behalf of an organization or are a paid lobbyist, please inform the Committee. Please be mindful of the use of chat during the meeting. Chat should not be used to provide testimony or chat with other testifiers. Once you are done testifying, you will be asked to disconnect from the call. However, you are welcome to continue to view the remainder of the meeting on *Akakū* Channel 53, Facebook Live, or on [mauicounty.us](https://mauicounty.us). Participants who wish to view the meeting only without providing testimony, please also disconnect at this time and instead view the meeting on *Akakū* Channel 53, Facebook Live, or [mauicounty.us](https://mauicounty.us). Only Councilmembers, Staff, and designated resource personnel will be connected to the video conference meeting once testimony concludes. I remind Committee members, Administration, and the public to please be patient if we run into technological issues. Members, I'd like to proceed with oral testimony. So Staff will be monitoring people joining today's meeting by phone and by video, and we'll do our best to take each person up in an orderly fashion. Staff will post a link to the testifiers log in chat so that testifiers will be able to see where they are on the list. Staff will monitor individuals joining the meeting and will provide the person's name if participating by video, or number if participating by audio, and provide a real time testimony log, which is shared in the chat. Staff will call the testifiers in order as they appear on that list. If joining the meeting by phone, staff will call out the last four digits of the individual's phone number. Audio only participants should unmute themselves by pressing star four. So individuals will have three minutes to testify on each item, and they will be notified when their three minutes are up at the sound of the alarm. So...so if the individual called upon wants to listen in on the meeting only and not testify, they should state so, and Staff will move on to the next person until all participants as noted in the chat are called upon. So Staff, could you please call the first testifier?

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MR. LEAUANAE: The first testifier is Faith Chase, and there is no other testimony...testifiers after that. Thank you.

CHAIR KAMA: Go ahead, Faith.

## **. . . BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY . . .**

MS. CHASE: Aloha, Chair Kama. Aloha, Committee.

CHAIR KAMA: Aloha.

MS. CHASE: I'm testifying...I'm testifying...aloha. I'm testifying on this item to strongly suggest that during budget considerations, the Parks and Recreation Department consider creating a liaison position to the organizations that help the homeless, houseless, those living in their cars, and those struggling with secure housing. This population of Maui residents rely tremendously on the basic park utilities of water, showers, and bathrooms. During the pandemic, I witnessed extreme disregard by the Parks and Recreation Department. I believe the start of the problem was when I exclaimed on a field trip that the disregard was actually unlawful. At that point, the Parks and Rec Director made reply that because a lawsuit was threatened, they essentially decided to not get involved. This was a travesty because I was speaking as a fellow unsheltered Maui resident, not as any organization. How this was internally translated within the Department is unknown to me, but what could have...what could have been a working relationship immediately turned the Department inactively despondent. I hate to say it, but it made the matter worse. I apologize if my comment truly interrupted any progress. I was merely stating a fact. This respected County body should be aware that there are talks of lawsuits and in this time now, almost a year later, with still no clear attention to the issues and cooperation by the Department--the Parks and Rec Department, that is--I would plead that you budget a liaison position within the Department of Parks and Recreation to be an intermediary to the organizations and agencies who can answer the call to the petrifying condition of some County Parks wherein during storms, the unsheltered are in six inches of sewer water. In closing, I'm going to say this. Karla Peters was onsite that very day the Parks and Rec turned their backs on this issue. While she was not the Director she is today, perhaps the power she now wields as Director, she might see the need and agree that the issue is more than her Department can handle, and perhaps this liaison position might lift the burden and work towards a support arm. In this suggestion, you might also realize that this position, which would bridge the needs of both the vulnerable and the Department, would ideally not be a forever expenditure line item. I am confident with the growing empowerment within Hawai'i...within the Hawaiian community, and perhaps with some help of the new Commission on Healing Solutions for Homelessness, this position will not be needed in the future, as needs and services are aligned properly. Thank you for listening to my thoughts today.

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. Members, any clarifying questions for the testifier? Seeing none. Thank you, Faith.

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MS. CHASE: A hui hou.

CHAIR KAMA: A hui hou. Do we have another testifier, Wilton?

MR. LEAUANAE: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, next testifier is Junya Nakoa.

MR. NAKOA: Howzit.

CHAIR KAMA: Hey, Junya.

MR. NAKOA: Yessah. Yeah, I know I made a complaint about our Parks here on the West Maui that really needs to be fixed. But I'm not joking, I'm not just, I'm serious. I coached for over 20-plus years, and our Parks is, you know, all run down. A couple years back, the Mayor came over here for our opening...opening day, and he did walked around. He seen all the problems that we had over here. He was saying that the thing is all unsafe and, you know what, not too much progress has been happening since. Our Nāpili Park still get some safety issues on the fences, you know, to have that protection on top the fence, you know, so when the kids jump over the fence, they don't get bust up. We had...we had one batting cage up there that the community when put because, you know, over here in Nāpili, the buggah rain every time, and we when put 'um up there for help our kids to progress in the...for the baseball. But the thing got taken down, and they said they was going to put 'um back up. The still thing still never going back up, and so we kind of need one batting cage up here because like today, the buggah raining, so we had to cancel practice today. And to having a covered batting cage like they have in...in Kihei, you know, where we had to hold our All Star...West Maui All Star stuff, they get a nice covered one over there. And so like today would be perfect to have our kids still be able to learn the fundamentals of baseball and life, you know, responsibility, and still have practice out there in the covered spot, so you know. Like today and yesterday, we cancel because of this rain, and we no more the opportunity for keep our kids going, yeah. So I'm sorry, I going keep on putting pressure for this parks here in West Maui because I'm sorry, y'all guys' Mayor, he sucks at supporting Lāhainā. And I sorry, I'm gonna keep saying 'um because we get the short end of the stick. And I was going to complain about because I live here all my life, I coach 20-some years and we get nothing, but Central and Kihei get everything. And plus, Canoe Beach still get that black covering thing still up for how many months, so what's going on with that buggah too, you know what I mean. So get plenty community members coming and telling what is that? Why we need that for repaving? And I when explain to them because they would talk about that, for like the drainage or construction for need for be up. But try hurry up and try do 'um so we can have our beach back. That's all.

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Junya. Members, any clarifying questions? Go ahead, Mr. Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Well, thank you Chair. Hey, aloha, Mr. Nakoa. I was just wondering what specific park were you talking about?

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MR. NAKOA: Which one the Nāpili one? The baseball one?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah.

MR. NAKOA: Yeah, we get one park up here in Nāpili and I...we practice Monday through Friday because my brother's program, we get five teams that we coach, five. I don't know what crazy idea was that for take on five teams, but we get five teams, so we're up there every day and that's...that's a park that we should make cherry, you know what I mean, and make 'um because far, you know, Lāhainā nowadays, and then so if we can take care of our kids over here in Nāpili and out here, it would be awesome because we need one batting cage up here. Because Lāhainā get batting cages, but what you call, the buggah still needs to be updated, really updated, because the thing is run down and pretty much unsafe for any kids for go inside there and practice. And so...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Is it just called, is it just called the Nāpili Park?

MR. NAKOA: I don't know, that's what I call 'um.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. All right. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

MR. NAKOA: Mahalo. Mahalo.

CHAIR KAMA: Ms. Sugimura, you have questions?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you, Junya. So you're saying that even during this pandemic...oh, sorry. Even during this pandemic, you and your brother have been going strong with sports then for kids. What age group is it?

MR. NAKOA: Well, I think the...the league just started, yeah. We actually just got back to practice, aw shit...oh, sorry...maybe about three or four weeks now. And the age group that we coach is because they kind of when open 'um up is four, four to fourteen. So, you know, out of the five teams, we get those ages, four to fourteen.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Four. Wow. The parents must be so grateful. Thank you, Junya.

MR. NAKOA: You're welcome.

CHAIR KAMA: Any other Members have questions for our testifier? Seeing none. Thank you very much for your testimony, Junya.

MR. NAKOA: Well, thank you guys for all you guys do. You guys...like I said, you guys bad ass. Shoots. Mahalo.

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. Mr. *(audio interference)*

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**. . . END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY . . .**

MR. LEAUANAE: Thank you, Chair. There are no other testifiers at this time.

CHAIR KAMA: *(audio interference)* Seeing as how there are no other individuals wishing to testify, without objections, I would like to close oral testimony.

**COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.**

CHAIR KAMA: Members, are there any objections to receiving written testimony into the record?

**COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.**

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. So Members, with no objections, I will now close public testimony. Thank you. So thank you to those testifiers, and the observers who logged in or called in may now view the remainder of today's meeting on *Akakū* Channel 53, Facebook Live, or at [mauicounty.us/agendas](http://mauicounty.us/agendas). At this time, the Staff is going to insure that only the required personnel, such as Councilmembers, Staff, Administration, and resource personnel, if any, remain on this call. Everyone else will be disconnected from the call at this time.

### **HCP-29      OPERATIONAL AND BUDGETARY REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION (CC 21-62)**

CHAIR KAMA: HCP-29, Operational and Budgetary Review of the Department of Parks and Recreation. The Committee is in receipt of County Communication 21-62 from Council Vice-Chair Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez relating to an Operational and Budgetary Review of the Department of Parks and Recreation. So Members, Department Director Karla Peters is here and will be providing us with a presentation on the Operational and Budgetary Review of the Department's fiscal year 2021. And so at this time, I'd like to invite Ms. Peters to proceed.

MS. PETERS: Aloha, Chair. Thank you, Committee, for having us. Today we will be providing an overview of the Department of Parks and Recreation's Operational and Budgetary, and Wilton is going to assist us with the presentation by showing it on the screen there. The Department of Parks and Recreation's mission is to provide safe, satisfying and cost effective recreational opportunities for the residents and visitors to Maui County. Next slide. Our Department overview for fiscal year 2021, listed here are all of the park lands that we cover; developed park lands, playing fields, community centers, gymnasiums, State grounds, campsites, beach parks, outdoor parks, tennis courts, skateparks, golf parks, and our pools. Next slide please. We included in our budget presentation to give you a better view of the parks within each of our eight districts. This map here is showing eight parks located in the Central and Wailuku Park districts. In Central we have a total of 32 parks, and in Wailuku there

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are six parks, and those include our larger complexes and gymnasiums here in Wailuku. Overall we have a total of 159 parks, which includes the golf course. Acquisition of these parks have been by either executive order, a deed, and we do have some of them listed, as you will see on future slides, parks in which are privately owned and maintained, but open to the public. These were part of the park dedication agreements as to compliance of the Maui County Code 18.16.320. This slide here shows our East Maui parks. We have a coastal and an Upcountry section. As you can see, very large geographical regions that we cover here, a total of 27 parks in East Maui. Here is showing our Hāna district parks, we have 12 parks in Hāna, including Keanae. And then the next slide is showing the...our parks on Lānaʻi. Some of them are privately owned, and then we do lease out the community center and gymnasium. Our next slide is showing our Molokaʻi district parks, there are 13 parks and complexes within the Molokaʻi district. And the following slide is showing you our South district parks, in which we have 33 parks. There are...I'd like to mention also that the maintenance and operation of some of these parks are done by...if they were privately owned and maintained open to the public, or we do have some parks in which we did get park dedication. And in efforts to assist the Department in acquiring the necessary operational maintenance costs, the Homeowners Association, as part of the Park Dedication Agreement, maintained...maintains the park for ten years. And our last mapage district park slide is here for West Maui. In West Maui, we do have 30 parks, and we do lease out some of those in which the Lāhainā Restoration Foundation is the lessor of these properties. We also have a lot of executive order parks within the West Maui district. This slide here represents a general overview of our budget summary for fiscal year 2021, we have approximately \$35 million in our operating budget, and this is consisting of three programs. We have our Administration Program, our Parks Program, which includes the Waiehu Golf Course, and the Recreation and Support Services Program, which is one of our largest program within our Department. So in the first program is our Administrative Program, our total Department employee or AP count is 431 employees. The Administration Program includes the Director's Office, our Administrative Staff, Safety and Training Section, Grants Management and Parks and Permit Enforcement Section, and we'll be going over all of these in the next slides. I just wanted to highlight that our Administrative Office does provide support to...to our office here, along with Deputy Mary Kielty, who is alongside with me and will be helping with this presentation today. Our Administrative Office does provide all of the necessary human resources support, budget, vehicle compliance, our health insurance, and all of the necessary main...there are main arteries for our Department. And with that, we're going to do an overview of the Administration Programs expansion that we were so grateful to receive in the fiscal year 2021 budget. And we're going to turn it over now to Deputy Director Kielty.

MS. KIELTY: Aloha, Chair. Aloha, Committee. As Karla mentioned, yes, we were fortunate to receive two expansion positions of Park Security Officers. These are both currently in the hiring process, and should be onboard within the next 60 days. This PSO program, our Park Security Officers, is proven to be very beneficial, especially during this pandemic times. We are looking to build out the program over the course of the oncoming years. Based on the coverage throughout the districts, we're looking to at



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least get to 22 employees for specifically as Parks Security Officers. They are activated throughout all our districts here on Maui, and we have one officer on Moloka'i. Our equipment that we purchased, or that we have leased for that Department is...we have a lease on a copier, this copier is the backbone to that division. It is used numerous times throughout the day regarding...with the permits and used for our Park Security Officers for their reports. We also have ten Automated External Defibrillators. These AEDs were purchased and distributed according to our annual replacement plan. So we have actually a total of 66...or sorry, 65 AEDs, and we have a replacement plan...plan each year that we hope to build upon as well, and continue to keep everything updated for our community members. Next slide please. Our operations within the permit enforcement, currently we are looking to advance with some new software for the permits offices. This would be a great advancement for us. We would be able to use credit cards, and be able to get graphing and numbers right away, whatever the case might be. It'll be much more consumer friendly to our clients, and of course, it will help in the overall productivity of this division. We've also been working...of course fervently, during this COVID pandemic, with regards to leagues and return to play plans. That being said, with the...with the reduced numbers of the COVID, we're now able to bring back participants to play. Basically geared towards the youth, and getting them back on the fields and outdoor activities. These...these plans have been worked on everyday pretty much as we go throughout...throughout the course of the time. We work with the community to make sure the return to play COVID protocols are in place, and that they are in, you know coordination with their own National Guidelines, and of course, with our Public Health Emergency Rules. We also continue to manage the permit processes as we go, having to reschedule due to cancellation...having to cancel because of the pandemic and permitted users of the facilities. of course. we have been very, very close contact with them in letting them know what's going on due to the Public Health Restrictions resulting from the COVID. We also, of course, work with MPD, Corporation Counsel, and our Prosecutor's Office with the Park Security Officers, and working with them on, of course violations, unauthorized activities, and complaints. Our Park Security Officers, we're proud to say, were the Co-Team of the Year for our Department. It's a proud accomplishment for them and for that division. They were co-team with our . . .(inaudible). . . management team as well within our Department, so that was pretty exciting for them and our . . .(inaudible). . . management, Construction Maintenance Division. Again, we are...as I mentioned earlier, we're continuously recruiting and trying to fill our security enforcement positions, which we are doing right now at the moment, it's an ongoing process. And at this point, we have 25 employees positions within that division, which is the highest number we've had, which is huge to our...to our division and to the Department. Again, as I stated earlier, they have been very instrumental, our Park Security Officers, in helping to monitor our facilities and our parks, and they work, of course, with our district staff and with the community members. And if it's ever been evident before, now is certainly the time, it is huge that these Park Security Officers are in play, and assisting us and the community in, you know, educating them with the rules and helping to assist where needed. Next slide please. We're moving on to our Safety and Training section, and this section has been...has and does work closely with the Risk Management Division. They...we have one gentlemen that's in charge of our safety, he's our safety officer, and he is involved with the

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Steering Committee, which is Risk Management Steering Committee, and we review...and he reviews incidents and discusses measures that can be taken. We want to, of course, be proactive rather than reactive in addressing issues at our work sites and at our base yards. The training this past year has been, you know, it's been challenging, to say the least, of course, due to the COVID pandemic. So a great deal of our training is now online. We've gone through our evacuations. We were able to conduct our Evacuation Safety Programs outside, utilizing our COVID protocols, so that we are fortunate to be able to do that. It's an annual OSHA required event. We have Electrical Safety Programs that we do online. And not only do the employees review the handouts and the literature, but they review movies, and then they will take a quiz at the end of each of these trainings. Another one that we...that we do is our housekeeping one, just talking about safety issues within the offices, within the base yards, and then of course, our fire prevention, where again we are taking quizzes and observing movies. And then we had our heavy equipment operator refresher training, and we were thankful to the Department of Public Works for assisting with that. We were able to get that done outside on the actual machines. Our annual training review of our mowing training was conducted, and again, as I mentioned earlier, our evacuation drills. Some of our current ongoing projects would be our...the acquisition of our emergency radios, which we are very glad to be taking that up. It's been on our wish list for a number of years, a lot of years, so finally it's come to fruition. We will be receiving those within, hopefully, the next 30 days. And then we are installing a fire system...fire alarm system for the War Memorial Gym and offices, which is long overdue as well. So again, we're fortunate for that. And then, of course, the...probably the number one thing amongst our Safety Division right now is the ongoing monitoring of all our PPEs in regard to and in accordance with the COVID-19. We want to insure that our employees are protected, and have everything they need to have to feel comfortable and be efficient within the worksites. Next slide please.

MS. PETERS: I'll be jumping back in and giving an overview of our next program, State Parks Program. The Parks Program includes our Maintenance Division, which is our Construction Maintenance Section, Beautification Section, and the Waiehu Municipal Golf Course, and then our Parks Planning and Development Division. So a total program has 72.4 employees. The Maintenance Division has 65.4...because we have a part-time, we get that .4 from the part-time janitor, a half-time groundskeeper, and a half-time operations clerk at the golf course. And our Planning and Development Division consists of seven employees. In fiscal year '21, we were granted with...gratefully we got equipment in the Maintenance Division, and all of that budgeted equipment has been prepared, and we are awaiting delivery by our contracted vendors. Next slide please. Our Maintenance Division, their operational update, they've been very busy during this pandemic, and we've continued to do all of our maintenance projects. Preventative maintenance is a very important part of the program. By utilizing our computerized maintenance management software help maintenance connection, we're able to identify failures before they occur. Our Maintenance Division was also instrumental in assisting with the procurement of all of the many vehicles that we did get as part of the fiscal year 2021 budget. By putting them all out into one bid and proposal, we were able to maximize the funding and procure everything within budget, and actually saw some savings. So very grateful

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that we were able to find ways in which...in these times to save...find savings within our budget. Our Maintenance Division did...since the installation projects, they did work at the Upcountry pool, we're trying to upgrade it and repair a lot of our parking lots. The Mayor Hannibal Tavares Community Center restroom was improved, as well as that parking lot. Our Lāna'i Community Center got the exterior painting that was very badly needed. An exciting project that our Beautification Division or section did is they planted Vetiver plantings to reduce the erosion at Kehalani Park. There was a slope in which it was eroding at the base of the abutting fence, and so we were able to use that type of planting instead of building a wall. We were then very economically and environmentally sustainable in doing that projects. The Nāpili Park irrigation pump was replaced, and it included installation of a BFD, which allows the reduction in electrical costs and wear on the pump. Our Beautification Staff also did the field renovations at the Lāhainā Civic Center and Kalama Little League Field, and then we also had our Construction Maintenance Staff help out with the repair and conduct that at the Waiehu Municipal Golf Course. And so the next slide shows some pictures of these projects. The lower left slide is that planting of the grass along the abutting fence, so instead of constructing a concrete masonry unit wall, we were able to utilize these plants to stop the erosion. They're also used at the golf course along, I believe the shoreline, I think it's hole six.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Six and seven.

MS. PETERS: Seven. Oh, thank you, Chair Lee. You're good at finding and correcting me. Our next slide brings up what our Waiehu Municipal Golf Course, only municipal golf course within the County. The greens renovation has been completed. Here you see a picture of it. We have seen an increase in golfers at the golf course, not only because of the awesome renovation that was done, but everyone is wanting to get out in this time. It's very healthy to be in the sun, Vitamin D, we offer walking at the course. Just a little update, as the revenue...rounds and revenue as of December 31st, 2020, we had...we saw 37,784 rounds and revenue was \$476,138. So the golf course is doing very well. We have our...another exciting project is the installation of our new grease interceptor, which should be completed at the end of this month. This would allow us to now reopen the restaurants and get that out as a concession. And then we're also working on a master plan, I'll be showing a slide on that in the next...coming up in our master plan section, but a master plan for the new clubhouse is in progress. We're working with a consultant team on two design options, in which we want to include a second level to maximize the awesome view at the golf course, and provide that for community use and rental. Part of our Parks Program is our Planning and Development Division, and we have our Division Chief, as well as a Secretary, Capital Improvement Project Coordinators, and a Civil Engineer, and they are managing almost \$12 million worth of capital improvement appropriation that we were grateful to receive in fiscal year 2021. And I'll be going over just highlighting a couple projects in each district. The next slide shows one of our projects that we're in design for, it's the War Memorial Gym improvements. We're looking at extensive...the structural and functional...functional improvements, one of the more exciting parts of it is the EHP hurricane shelter ready. The EHP stands for Enhanced Hurricane Protection areas in which this design would take this building structure into a

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Category 3 Hurricane rating shelter. The next slide shows another project here within the War Memorial Complex, it's the Iron Maehara Baseball Stadium improvements. Our design is completed, and the project is ready for the bid process, to include the repair and replacement of structure elements, our dugouts and bleacher safety improvements. Next slide takes us to West Maui with the Lāhainā Civic Center Rehabilitation Projects. We're looking at rehabilitating the gymnasium, to include repair and renovation of our locker rooms to make them ADA accessible and functional, roof replacement, and air conditioning replacements. That project is currently in design. The next slide will take us to Hāna. We're right now in doing in construction Phase I of the old Hāna School improvements, which includes hazardous material remediation and repainting. This began in January 2021, and this old Hāna School does house a lot of our essential programs in Hāna. And we were grateful that everyone was able to find an alternate place because it was needed, but to vacate the sites, so our district staff is working out of the temporary container on the Hāna ballfields. Phase II of this project includes structural repairs and renovations to this very needed building in the community in Hāna. Next project, next slide will show us another project in Hāna that we're working on, it's the Hāna Park tennis and basketball courts. Our outdoor courts and tennis courts, pools, or golf courses have all been very well utilized during the pandemic. We've seen a lot of use, people want to get out. And so we like the fact that we're able to provide improvements to these courts. And the Hāna tennis and basketball court Phase I is replacement of the lighting, which the project will begin in June, and then Phase II would be the replacement of the courts, which is in design. The next slide will take us to South Maui. South Maui, like I mentioned before, for all of our parking lots, we're doing improvements. A lot of them are in dire need of repaving, there are safety issues, and then ADA requirements, drainage. We include low impact design in all of these projects to ensure that we are capturing a runoff and incorporating any components that allow for it. Our current projects we're looking at right now is we're in permitting for Polo Beach Park, and then Wailea Beach Park, Haycraft, and Waipuilani would follow with this funding. The next slide is another project in South Maui, it's the Kalama Park Skate Park improvements. We did a concrete...a new concrete skate park that abutted to this existing vertical wooden skate ramp. When we were doing the first concrete projects, I realized that there were structural concerns, and that this wooden skate ramp would need to be replaced. So right now the project is in design and permitting, and we expect to bid it out in 2021. Once construction is done, then we would be able to open up both skate parks and have them both safely...be safe for our users, and everyone is very excited to get this project going. Our next slide is taking us Upcountry, Waiakoa Gym in Kula, we're in design and we got funding for additional design in fiscal year '21. Design of the roofing replacement and structure improvements, along with a lot of ADA requirements of this facility. And then our next slide shows us the Lower Paia parking lot project. Again, this is mauka of the Paia Youth Center and adjacent right...adjacent to our Lower Paia Park. The design and construction of this parking lot includes ADA accessibility improvements, sidewalks, and drainage. We're currently in permitting, and hope to get that out to construction soon. It will designate stalls. Right now the lot is undeveloped and it's hardened surface. So with this parking lot we'll be able to designate the stalls, and provide the necessary access into the park from the ADA stalls. Our next slide shows us the

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Lānaʻi gym reroofing project. So we are currently in design and permitting for the replacement of the roof and structural improvements, and we expect to get this bid out within the next few weeks. So that's going to be a great upgrade to our Lānaʻi gym. And our last capital improvement project slide we're going to show is our Kaunakakai gym rehabilitation. There was a completed structure assessment report in which identified the needed improvements at the Kaunakakai gym, and right now we're in design of those recommended facility improvements. The next slide is going to take us into our master plan. Our master planning process, we have one planner at our Department who is assisting with approximately ten master plans, and I'm going to highlight four of them today. This is our Waiehu Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse Master Plan. Right here is an overview shot of the existing clubhouse, and what we're working on are two concepts in which we want to add the starters into the pro shop area to make it...to make that flow, as you check in, more efficient and smooth. Again, I mentioned we are going to include an area, a second level proposed so that we can have sort of a community use, sort of like our community center concept, and get that into our permit system to be able to have hula halau practices, the community...our, you know, Waihee Community Association meetings if they so need to rent it out for that, and capture some of the revenues for our concession, adding on another concession as well. The next slide shows us our Baldwin Beach Park master plan, so we're currently in the master planning process of the master plan. The first master plan report is almost finalized, summarizing the results of the project's initial planning. What we're doing right now is the technical studies that will be used to refine initial concept, and this phase we'll be starting in early summer. The next slide is our beach park vulnerability study analysis. The initial analysis of all of our County beach parks and coastal areas has been completed, and a computer base application has also been prepared. With this application, Staff will be able to use these studies' information when looking at CIP projects and long term planning. It will identify adaptation strategies in which we're already experiencing this environmental and coastal threats, these slides here are showing Baldwin Beach Park, so we lost part of the pavilion. We are also experiencing our...I'm looking at Puamana Park and that coastal area that we have exposed iwi kupuna, and part of the parking lot has been eroded away. So this analysis is going to be very instrumental in our Department's planning and budgeting and projects moving forward. And we hope to, once that is done, be able to share that with all of you so you can see what the proposed adaptation strategies are, as well as this computerized program that would be available to Staff and the community to be able to see what the coastal threats and, over the course of the years, our sea level rise impact will be. The last master plan that I'd like to highlight is the Hamakualoa open space cultural assessments. An aerial photo inventory of the project area is almost complete. Once this is done, our archaeological team can begin its on the ground fieldwork. Interviews and research will also be conducted to provide a more complete cultural history of the area, and the project is planned for completion by the end of the year. Also...we are also working with the Department of Public Works on some master mapping so we're able to identify our boundaries within these five lots that comprise the Hamakualoa open space preserve, and then also working with the Malama Hamakua Maui Organization. They have a right of entry in which they go in and identify any type of debris, they've been putting up some signage, and we hope to get permanent signage with our code

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for enforcement on their gates and barriers to protect the conservation easements at cultural sites that are once identified when this cultural assessment is completed. And working alongside with all of the aha moku consultants, that our archaeologist is working on getting more of that lineal information, descendant information, and helping us to best plan and manage how to preserve this area. And with that, I'm going to turn it back over to Deputy Director Kielty, who will be going over our largest program, our Recreational and Support Services Program.

MS. KIELTY: Mahalo. So our Recreational and Support Services Program, again, as Karla mentioned, is our largest division. It includes, of course, our admin Staff, we have eight districts, eight pools, and our PALS sections. Now, our districts range all across the island of Maui, Moloka'i and Lāna'i. So we have our Central District, which at this point in time we have 33.5 employees within the district. Wailuku district...and that, if you remember before was Central, was all one district, and it had been broken up so now it is Central and Wailuku. So Wailuku has 28.5 employees. Our Hāna district has eight and a half employees, 8.5. Our South district is combined with 28 employees. Our West district we have 27.5 employees there. Our East district, 37 employees. Lāna'i, we have 8 employees, and on the island of Moloka'i, 25.5 employees. Our PALS division, right now of course we...the program has been...it's in suspension, it's been suspended due to the COVID and they...when they are in full operation would have 70.4 employees, and that's including our seasonal employees. We were fortunate to gain two expansion positions, and that was one Building Maintenance Repairer II, and a Building Maintenance Repairer I. Both of those positions went to the Central district, so it was very much needed for that district to have their own BMRs to help maintain and repair facilities and different safety issues throughout our parks. All the whilst they had been having to utilize the Wailuku district BMRs, so that meant those two employees were covering quite a bit of ground. And it's much better, much more efficient for the Central district having those positions filled now. We were again fortunate to acquire quite a bit of our budgeted equipment. Just to give you a brief rundown, the Wailuku district obtained a field paint machine, and they are waiting on the vehicle, which is a four-door pickup, I believe Karla mentioned earlier about our vehicles. The Central district acquired a field paint machine, which...these machines are used to make lines for the games for the different fields and parks. Our South district obtained a two-wheel cart, and they're also waiting on a four-door pickup. The East district obtained two 4,000D mowers, one robotic mower which we are very much excited about, it's a brand new mower which will work on the slopes and hills of our parks, a Nevco scoreboard, a rubber track skid loader which we're waiting on, a GD...14,000 GDW trailer, which we're also waiting on for delivery, and a four-door pickup. Hāna has acquired a Nevco scoreboard. West district acquired a field paint machine, and they are also waiting on the two scoreboards with a message center, which will go into the Lāhainā Civic Center. Lāna'i has received their Propress tool kit with fittings. Moloka'i also acquired a Nevco scoreboard, and they're waiting on a skid steer loader and backhoe attachment. So again, thank you, we were able to obtain those. Moving on to our next slide please. Our operations throughout our districts have been very much increased with regards to cleanliness and disinfecting and sanitizing of our facilities due to the pandemic. So our...we have multiple cleanings throughout our restrooms

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throughout the days now. Our recreation staff has stepped up, and they are assisting with our pool reservations. Being that again we are in this pandemic, we have made modifications to the pools where you need to call in to make a reservation, and you are given a lap swim time, and it's lap swimming only at this point in time. We've also been assisting with all the COVID-19 test sites, the food drives, and monitoring of facilities during these times. Our rec staff also got creative and began a virtual recreation videos, and these have all been added to the Department's webpage on the County of Maui website, and they're kind of very creative and interesting if you get a chance to take a look. Our inclusive recreation programming, generally on a typical year, we would be running some inclusive tennis, archery, kayaking programs, but during this pandemic, we're kind of on hold for those at the moment. And again, we're always thankful and grateful to be partnering with community volunteers, which helps out our divisions and our Department with many numerous projects. We will move onto our next slide please. Our pool section, so again, we have eight pools, and as I've mentioned, we are now utilizing a pool reservation system. We have hourly cleanings that we have to conduct throughout the day due to the COVID pandemic, and we are very much enforcing our rules and regulations throughout the pools, just to ensure the safety of our community and of our employees. Our PALS program, the play and learn session generally...typically on a good year would provide summer and winter session programming for approximately 1,800 keiki throughout the County. And again, as we've mentioned, it is in suspension at this point in time for the safety of the community. And our community class programs, these are the programs which provide instructors to utilize our parks facilities and promote activities for...these are things that perhaps our Department itself cannot promote or take on, so we work with them to get those going throughout the divisions. Those are currently being assessed for hopefully a return to play soon. And if you move to the next slide, it's just showing here a few photos of our...of course, our Parks Maintenance crews working on fields. And we have these volleyball programs, which we're hoping to get back to at some point. And again, that includes the archery program there, and that was Upcountry. If we go to the next slide please. Here is some partnership with the South Maui community volunteers at the top over at Kama'ole I. And of course, our pool section, which was...which was in the pothole (*phonetic*) magazine, and we're very proud of that article. And then our PALS program, which is always a great program for the keiki and for, of course, the parents and the community.

MS. PETERS: So that concludes our presentation. I just wanted to share this slide with you, it was the National Park and Recreation month's statement and I cannot say enough about our Staff. These statements truly reflect our Parks Department employees, since they came to work every day. We had only five employees who teleworked for a couple of months. Everyone else, the other 400 employees, were working throughout the entire pandemic, have been and have proven to be selfless, confident, strong, passionate, driven. And we did find out that, yes, we are essential in being able to provide recreational opportunities and spaces for our community, and I just thank you all for your support, and look forward to a better year. Thank you.

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CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Director, for that presentation. That was eye opening. I didn't know we did so much. So at this time, I'd like to ask Members if they have any questions for Director Peters. And why don't we start with Vice-Chair Sugimura first, and then allow each of you in alpha order, with Vice...with Chair Lee, and then Member Paltin, Sinenci, and then Member Johnson, in that order, for questions. So Vice-Chair, go ahead. Any questions?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Yeah, it's always impressive to see what the Parks Department does, and you're such...I always say a very important Department as you are really frontline for a lot of the families, and that you provide a lot of happiness for birthday parties, and swim things and, you know, sports and...thank you very much. I want to take this time to congratulate Mary Kielty for your...to be the Deputy Parks Director. I never got to congratulate you, so congratulations for that. And...

MS. KIELTY: Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: I wonder if...and I think that, Director, you are familiar, but I wonder if you could discuss this. I was getting emails from...a therapist, I think, who was trying to utilize our parks system, Upcountry park, to do therapy work. and was a little frustrated because we were not able to accommodate that. Can you...can you shed light on that in case it comes up?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Sugimura. Yes, we were contacted...you know, there was a lot of people who found that with the changes in guidelines and policies that we had to implement during the pandemic, it was challenging for them to be able to continue what they were doing. So with the changes in the pool operation where we had to...where we resorted to the lap swimming, you had to make a reservation, and it's for one person, you can swim for 45 minutes, there are guidelines that we do have everyone follow. And this person who was utilizing the pool for therapy sessions with clients was not able to. We also identified that the pools are for public use, and that type of permitting that we would have to give out would be a...for revenue generation, so it would...it's a bit costly within the rates and fees program. But we do see that there is that need, and maybe that there could be some other avenues in which they could look at other pools to use for that type of therapy. Right now, you know, our pool reservations . . . *(inaudible)*. . . we had to implement where you call in, not the greatest program, it's kind of frustrating for those who are trying to get a lane, and I can see Councilmember Paltin nodding her head. And so, you know, it was...we had to do it at that time. That was the only thing, we couldn't get our reservation software fast enough to get everybody back in the water, but it's evident...and we take, like, 8,000 calls, it bombards the system, our ShoreTel system so much that IT, we're working with them on trying to identify some solution where you can go online and book these. But right now, with the lap swimming reservations, it's hard to accommodate any other type of use within our pools.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, and that...let's see, in that case then, it was a business operation, I guess, that was able to utilize our pool system?



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MS. PETERS: So yes, I believe from what I gathered from the various emails coming through is it was a business was utilizing the pools pre-pandemic for that business opportunity. And while we see the need for everyone to have therapeutic use of the pool, it's for public use, and not for profit.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: So the option would be to go to the Y or get another membership, or someplace else, but the limited amount of a public pool is not like a CORA, those organizations where it's like a business...it's like a business enterprise using our public system, right?

MS. PETERS: Yeah. So what we are working on right now doing, we're working closely with our Corporation Counsel, Mimi DesJardins, who has been very helpful in allowing us advice on our concessions admin roles. So we do have that concessions and sponsorship ordinance that allows that type of revenue to be put into a special revolving fund, which would then assist with the maintenance of these sites in which the concessions are allowed. So once we get that out in public hearing, we may look at that may be something that we can concession out. And what happens with that concession process, typically we would put out...we would put out a request for proposals, and everyone would bid based on the number of concession opportunities and types of opportunities that we can offer to the community.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you very much for that clarification because there was quite a lot of email exchange. And I sympathize with the person who, I guess, has been helping people in the past, so thank you for clarifying that. And one last question, since you mentioned online, did the Waiehu Golf Course ever get their online reservation system and payment system? I think we had a very long conversation, many meetings regarding that, and I'm wondering what the status of it is.

MS. PETERS: Sure. Thank you, Member Sugimura. Yeah, so we did put out a request for proposals for a new operating software system for the golf course that would allow for online reservations, credit card processing. Right now we are taking credit cards, but we're running with a credit card processing system and also, the operations clerks have to do a double entry into the reservation system. So it's not efficient at all what we're doing right now. Unfortunately, the vendor that was...the sole vendor that we tried to start and execute a contract with was unable to provide the necessary reporting files for the financial transactions. So we had to terminate that contract, and now we are looking to...looking into another RFP posting and another requests for proposals out, but also ITS division, they've been very helpful with all of this, and we may be able to utilize the existing reservation software and upgrade it, they are offering some upgrades. So we're exploring two options, and we really, really need to move on it, and we're trying out best to get that rolling because the work and double entries and people get charged more than once on their credit card, it is very time consuming for our Staff, as well as the Finance Department.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, good. So you're working on it then, enhancing it. Thank you very much. I have lots more questions, but...thank you, Chair. Thank you, Karla. Thank you, Mary.

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MS. PETERS: Thank you.

MS. KIELTY: Thank you.

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Member Sugimura, for being considerate of other people's time because I think we all have lots of questions. Okay. Chair Lee, questions.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Hello, Karla. Hello, Mary.

MS. KIELTY: Aloha.

MS. PETERS: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, you know, I think it was you, Karla, that talked about the Waiehu Golf Course, did you say 37,000 rounds?

MS. PETERS: Yes. Let me grab my...yeah. So as from July 1 through December 31st...so for the first half of fiscal 2021, we had 37,784 rounds, and that collected \$476,138 in revenue.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. And are you contemplating any rate increases in the next budget?

MS. PETERS: We're looking at it, and trying to look at our past presentations that we did provide to the previous...before it was HFC it was a PRL Committee. And we did, at that one time, present an incremental increase. So instead of being increasing at a large amount at one time, we had proposed at that time that we go over the course of five years and do it incrementally, and that way everyone would be aware of what would happen the following year, and would help assist us with the needed maintenance that we have there at the golf course. So we're assessing that right now.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Thank you. The rates, by the way, are very reasonable, especially for the seniors. And of that 37,784 rounds, I did 1,642.

MS. PETERS: I'm going to mark this down in my notes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So...and then, my last question, you said you have eight dog parks, was it eight?

MS. PETERS: We have four...eight pools, four dog parks. So we just recently opened one in South Maui and one in West Maui, we have one Upcountry at Eddie Tam, and we have one at the Keopuolani Park.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So the dog parks...I mean, actually, dogs are allowed in all the parks, right?

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MS. PETERS: Yes, provided they are on a leash.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

MS. PETERS: These are off leashed areas. They have a unique design to the dog parks, we go by the National Park and Recreation standard in which you have a fenced area where you enter, it's called a bullpen. You unleash your dog in that area, and then there's two sides. There's a side for small dogs up to a certain weight, and then a side for the big dogs. And so you would then release them from that unleashed bullpen area into these areas where they can freely be within the park in this closed area not on a leash. And then you would bring them back into the bullpen, leash them and then take them home. And you know, the dog parks, we always pass by all of our dog parks and check them out, and they're kind of like the playgrounds, you know, where all of the dog owners are able to become friends, they have their own little groups, they know all of the dog's names. And of course, they're physically distanced and wearing a mask, and they can have their dogs play in a safe environment.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. I'm going to try that one of these days, but right now, my dog doesn't have too many social skills because he's kept at home so much, so...but this sounds very exciting for the dogs, and thank you very much for all your hard work.

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR KAMA: Member Paltin. Question?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Director Peters. I was interested in learning about the War Memorial Gym building improvements, and how you came to decide on the EHPA hurricane shelter ready category three?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Paltin. So in looking at the criteria additional recommendations on the shelter classification, we went according to that EHPA category based on the windspeed capacity. So that would allow us to be able to utilize this area as a shelter. Right now, the shelters are mainly within the DOE systems, and so one of our goals is to...when we do renovations to these larger areas, especially now within the pandemic we did, you know, we are seeing that we need more space, and everyone has to be distanced. So therefore, our larger sites, which are our gymnasiums, serve as great shelters. So in looking at when we do renovations, we would then incorporate as much as we can, so this is a rating that we found through our consultants that we could get, and they gave us some design properties. Also, it's exciting...with this War Memorial Gym project is we're working with our County Energy Commissioner in using a lot of energy efficient equipment and taking...possibly we're looking at doing air conditioning within the gymnasium, and then utilizing the waste from that to heat the pool. So it's kind of an interesting concept, we just had a meeting with the design team this morning. And so again, trying to be resilient, have these shelters, have these hubs, and be able to be efficient with the energy that we're using.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, that's awesome. So it wasn't any part of the code that gave you that EHPA rating, it was from the consultants that said that we needed category three to be designated as a shelter?

MS. PETERS: Actually that was part of the code, but the consultant and design team was able to identify that we could reach that necessary infrastructure and structural improvements to create the building to withstand that type of wind rating.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And we were not able to do that for Lāhainā Civic, Waiakoa Gym, Lānaʻi Gym, or Kaunakakai?

MS. PETERS: So we are going to start with the War Memorial. And in looking at those, we are going to move forward, and working again with the Energy Commissioner and the resiliency hubs in identifying those sites. So we will be looking towards those and those improvements. Right now, we're going to start with War Memorial and see how that goes. And also, we're also looking at a generator...instead of having an onsite backup generator, looking into more of a generator trailer and providing that type of hookup. So definitely at the Civic Center, we are also going to look at making sure we can get that hookup done there and we have this generated...trailer generator that can move from site to site.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So since all of these gyms are in the design stage, would this not be the time to try and get them up to that EHPA category three shelter-ready status since you're in the design process now, or were you thinking of not designing that in and just seeing how the category three War Memorial works out first?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. So yes, Member Paltin, we will be looking at that. We'd like to designate one site per district, so Waiakoa wouldn't really be the appropriate site for that area. We're looking more at the Eddie Tam complex, which would provide that...the social hall down below similar to the Civic Center, and you have that area with the gymnasium on top. So having those resiliency hubs in each district, the old Hāna School is something that we're looking at too, working again with the Energy Commissioner. So it is in our plan. We will...you know, we will be assessing and ensuring that we can provide one in each district, along with those that the DOE specifies that are currently the shelters that when we do get activated and need to provide, we have those available.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Awesome. For this round, I just have one more question or request. Some folks up at DT's were wondering if it would cost a lot more to get a dogs must be leashed sign at eye level?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Member Paltin, we'll go look into that. I don't believe it costs...we have a lot of our prohibition signs, and those incorporate all of the code prohibitions, so we could probably get those installed really quickly. We'll have the district Staff assess it and get that up.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That would be awesome. I know it's on that one sign that's way high up with the little words, but I guess daily, it's become an issue in the morning.

MS. PETERS: So we put them up high because they get vandalized a lot. And also, there is an ADA requirement too, so we worked with...in incorporating all of our signage, we worked with risk management on identifying the locations in which they were to be installed, as well as their mounting heights. But we can put them down and make sure that they are...lower the sign, and make sure it's still within those guidelines and requirements.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. Yeah, I guess too, with all those rules tiny, I think they were requesting like one big with red dogs must be leashed, maybe off the tower or the buildings or something. But, thank you, Chair. I'll yield for my next round.

MS. PETERS: We have those too, we can put those up.

CHAIR KAMA: Member Sinenci, questions for the Department?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yes. Mahalo, Chair and mahalo, Director Peters and Deputy Director Kielty, for the updates and presentation. I guess my first question, Director Peters is the Hāna Community Parks and Rec, I believe we're still included under the Ha'ikū District Parks. And so I'm not sure if we're...because we're included with them, does that affect our budget or do we still need to report to Ha'ikū or any of oversights that involves our Hāna Parks?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Sinenci. So in our Department's organization structure, the Hāna district is under the supervisory of the East District Supervisor. So we have an East District Supervisor who is a District Supervisor III, and then we have our Hāna District Supervisor who is a District Supervisor I, similar to our District Supervisor in Lāna'i. Lāna'i District Supervisor is a I who falls under the supervisory of the West District Supervisor III. So it's our current organization structure, I know we've always talked about taking them out and putting them on the org chart in their own areas, and we can look at that as well. But they do function very differently, and they do pretty much function on their own. Their budget, they have their own budget, so Hāna and Lāna'i are both...have their own line item budgets in which they have their salaries, operations, they have a maintenance account, and then whatever equipment account that they do get appropriated in each fiscal year. So we can look at that, it would be an organizational change, but right now, it's...we consider them their own district, and they operate with their own budgetary programs.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you, Director, for that. And then for Deputy Director Kielty, you mentioned that...was there 60-some defibrillators, I guess, at all the different County parks. And I was wondering if Keanae and Kipahulu Parks are receiving some of these defibrillators. I know that because of their rural designation for location and for ambulance service to get to some of these areas, a defibrillator at these rural sites would greatly help with, you know, saving...saving lives in rural areas.

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MS. KIELTY: Mahalo, Chair. Mahalo. With regards to the AEDs, at this point in time, in Hāna we have three out there in that area, and we can, of course, work with the safety officer and see what we can come up with to help to build that program up out there.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay, great. Thank you. And then the question for...did the Parks Department receive any CARES Act funding as far as disinfecting...regularly disinfecting the parks throughout the day?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Sinenci. So the CARES Act funding that we did receive assisted with overtime costs and being able to do our enhanced cleanings. We did clean the restrooms three to five times a day. So we did incur a lot more manpower hours, and so that CARES Act funding did help assist us with that overtime, and it was then accredited back to our budget so that we didn't take much of that impact on our State account salaries.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Because I was wondering if we could get some kind of updated disinfected equipment kind of like some of how the other agencies have where the workers can just kind of go in and spray down the area. I believe...I don't know if they're still using little squirt guns and chlorine water, and I was wondering if we could kind of update...you know, because of the numerous parks, if we could somehow update the equipment. Thank you, Chair.

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Member Sinenci. So we did...as a countywide, there was a procurement with CARES Act funding for the electrostatic sprayers that you're talking about.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: That's the one. Yes.

MS. PETERS: We're working with Risk Management, and there were a lot of safety protocols and PPEs that would have to be added for our staff to be able to utilize those types of equipment. So what we did was look through...look towards what we're currently using as far as disinfectant, our disinfectant meets the CDC requirements of being able to effectively kill the SARS or COVID-19 virus if properly applying it just through our basic pump sprayers. So we've opted to go with these pump...just your basic pump sprayer to protect our employees, and not have to have them have...they would have to have the respirator type N-95 mask in order to operate them. Sometimes the disinfectant that would go into those electrostatic sprayers, some people's skin is sensitive to them, and there is long-term health issues that we were not able to identify, and we didn't want to keep the risk of putting our Staff in that predicament. So we've opted to continue with our disinfecting. It's proven. It is not, you know, the most sophisticated type, but it's working, and it's not affecting our Staff.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you. Thank you for that, Director Peters. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR KAMA: You're welcome, Mr. Sinenci. Mr. Johnson, questions for the Department?

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COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Sure. Thank you, Chair. Greetings, Director Karla, Deputy Director Mary, I have a few questions for you. So first things first, I used to work in Conservation, so I love your Vetiver program, that's a really important...I just want to learn a little more about it. Do you have plans to expand the Vetiver program?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Johnson. It's going to be a great year, thank you for working with us on all of your initiatives. Yes, so we are looking at expanding where the need arises. And so we take it case by case. And if it, the Vetiver grass will provide the solutions that we need, then we would definitely incorporate it. It was something that we were excited to utilize and...and we will definitely continue that use where needed.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay, it just sounds like Puamana Beach Park is a perfect candidate for that. So thank you. I get a lot of emails about this topic for Lānaʻi, so I figured I would ask. What's the update on the skatepark, you got any new news for me?

MS. PETERS: So the skate park is still...we're working with the design consultants in preparing some conceptual drawings, and then we would take that out to the community and do some virtual meetings, in which we would get community input on the design. And then with that, we would be able to get a construction estimate and better be able to request for the appropriate funding for the construction.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. So timeline-wise, when do you think you will be hearing back from your designers?

MS. PETERS: I would say probably within the next four to six months, we could probably get something out and be able to get to the community for community input. We can kind of push it up, you know, there are some challenges with the permitting and design, so we are working our best to make sure we can expedite that process.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. I love to hear that. Okay. So I have a question about your security officers that you are looking to hire. It is my understanding you are talking about 60 positions?

MS. KIELTY: Mahalo, Chair. Mahalo, Member Johnson. We are looking to expand that program to be up to 22 at this point in time. Yeah, that was 22.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: All right. Okay, 22. So, you know, I have some concerns about their training. Can you...can you talk to me a little bit about...do they have training and like de-escalation, or training in, like, by coming to homeless with a compassionate approach, or are you working...or are you just trying to get the funding for the position and then go on from there, or you know, you have positions already, are they getting trained in those types of issues?

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MS. PETERS: Thank you, Member Johnson, I'll answer that question. So our Park Security Officers do go through training. We have them trained with MPD, with prosecutors. They are first in our parks to educate, so we don't just go out and start citing everyone. We do educate everyone on the rules. They've been instrumental in the public in educating everyone in our parks on the public health emergency rules. So we get a lot of people expressing concerns that people are not wearing masks within the park, there's too many people in one area. So they go out, and their first thing that they do is they assess the situation and provide education. And then enforcement if...only if needed, then they will provide that type of enforcement. But, you know, we do...we are...they're our ambassadors right now in our parks and they...you know, they are our front line, and they are able to educate, like I said, our park users, and they do provide a lot of the information that the park users have. You know, a lot of them don't know where to find the restrooms, they are not familiar with the site, and some of them are visitors. So, you know, they do provide that educational experience as well.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. If I can just follow up on that. So in regards to homelessness, are they being trained to deal with homelessness with a compassionate approach. I get the understanding...I mean, I understand training and education and all of that, but how about, you know, a compassionate approach in dealing with homelessness on their level. I mean, are they...is there any training in that regard?

MS. PETERS: Yes, they are. We work closely with the Department of Housing and Human Concerns and the Homeless Division, so they are in communication with the Homeless Division on any type of unsheltered within the parks. So they provide the housing...the Department of Housing and Humans Concerns, Homeless Division...Homeless Division provides that necessary outreach, and/or reaches out to the other organizations for that.

MS. KIELTY: ...compassion part.

MS. PETERS: And then we also hand out, the resource cards. So when we come across an unsheltered, our Park Security Officers do share with them that there are resources that they can get some help and shelter for, and they provide them with those cards. So we get thousands of cards from the Homeless Division, and are able to provide that as a resource.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Director. Thank you, Deputy Director. I have no further questions, Chair.

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Mr. Johnson. So why don't we go back for round two, you can pass if you don't have any more questions, but let's start with...again, let's start with the Vice-Chair maybe and go back in alpha order with Chair Lee, Member Paltin, Member Sinenci and Member Johnson.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: So I look forward to your presentation during budget. And I was just kind of wondering, I know that in our current budget you got \$200,000 for the



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PALS program, and you did say that it was not happening because of COVID. So what happens to those funds and can you use it in other ways because of COVID? Does it help you? I know you couldn't do the program, so just curious.

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Vice-Chair Sugimura. So we actually...our operation, or the salaries part of the PALS program was cut during the '21 budget because we did foresee that that program, the summer session, wasn't going to happen. As far as the funding that was the operational funds that were left in there, they're just going to go back into the general fund as carryover savings because we were not able to utilize those. Our PALS...our permanent PALS Staff, we have a lot of seasonal Staff, but we do have a permanent PALS Staff office, and they've been very instrumental in helping along with our pool reservations, helping...you know, we have a lot of signage within the parks, they've been helping us with that. So they have been working hard everyday in meeting all of the community events where we assisted with testing, pool distributions, and those types of things. So we're very grateful for our PALS Staff. They were...you know, of course, that is their passion, to have the program and assist our families with care of our keiki during these times when school's not in session, so we hope to be able to ramp up that program.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, we look for better days with COVID, you know, gradually day by day, I just hope that everybody who will do get vaccinated, and to see parks able to service...or help with MIL or some of the other sports that are waiting. But it was good to hear Junya Nakoa, when he testified earlier, talking about their program that they continue to do in West Maui. So I guess there are youth programs like that that are still happening, and we can be grateful. But thanks for all that you do, your Department is simply amazing. Appreciate it. Please extend my aloha to everybody.

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Vice-Chair Sugimura. We're very grateful for all of our leagues and coaches because they have been instrumental in getting all of our kids out back on the fields and courts, you know, they utilize all of our spaces, and we're very grateful for their time and volunteer.

CHAIR KAMA: Chair Lee, you're on.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Karla, with regard to the compassionate homeless group that you are part of with other County agencies, I've heard that often the individual agencies really don't have a budget to cover expenses that they incur trying to do various activities with the homeless. Is that kind of the case for your Department as well?

MS. PETERS: Yes. Thank you, Chair Lee. So we do not have a budget for that compassionate response program, that it consists of all the departments. And so we typically take that out of our operating funds. And of course, salaries for the times that our employees do go out and assist with these programs are just...we absorb those costs.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Well, I really don't believe that you should be because that's not part of the operations, that's a separate activity. How often do you have to spend from your operating funds to cover expenses with homeless activities?

MS. PETERS: We haven't had a compassionate response since the pandemic. We've been more trying to...our help the homeless with resources, and not doing one of those, like our major programming. So I think each Department is utilizing their resources within their Department and reaching out to the Homeless Division and trying to make sure that we are able to be compassionate in our responses, but individually in each Department. I believe that's how it's being functioned right now, and we can look towards to having more of these types of countywide response plans. I think everybody is...everyone is focusing within their own Departments right now.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So Karla, besides funding, additional funding, is there anything else that you see that's needed? Like for instance, I know there's a homeless coordinator, but do you need someone that is, like, on this every single day as opposed to as things arise?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. That's a very good question. You know, I think as a countywide program, we will have to meet and collaborate with the Homeless Division. We don't have, like you said, someone with that skillset in our Department. So we rely a lot on...and we're so grateful that we can rely a lot on the two employees in the Homeless Division to provide that outreach and support and information to us that we need. So at this time, yeah, it's something that we definitely...or countywide, will need to look at how to expand that, and I would want to request the collaboration with Director Tsuhako in best identifying how we can move forward and assist the unsheltered in getting housing. Because that...you know, that's the goal, right, is to have them...they utilize our parks. You know, we don't discriminate anyone within our parks. Our parks are open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and we don't require you to have a house to be in the park. So we...everyone is free to use our parks, but I believe that when the unsheltered are there, then we would definitely want to get more assistance and collaborate again with Director Tsuhako and how best to identify and house it in one area. Because, you know, again, we don't have that skillset, it's not necessary something that the Parks Department is...has in our wheelhouse right now, or bandwidth to do it as well.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Karla. Thank you, Chair.

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Member Lee. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Director Peters. I just was wondering, you know, in terms of the two security officers that you were hiring, or you think it's a possibility to add some of that skillset to the criteria, or probably no?

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MS. PETERS: Chair. Thank you, Member Paltin. So we...we would need to then redescribe their position description, which doesn't necessarily incorporate homeless or unsheltered outreach. I...you know, we were thinking more like we're the Parks Department, and we would definitely want to assist and get resources to assist us in what we do. Or we can look at that and possibly do a pilot program to see how that would work. Right now, with those two employees, they already are in the hiring process with the current position descriptions that are within...within our organizational system.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then in terms of their routes and stuff, is there a methodology used? The other day, as I was returning home to Nāpili Park, I noticed, you know, every single parking stall all the way out to the highway was being utilized, and I think there were three...I don't know, softball or baseball games going on. And as I drove by it seemed like everybody on the baseball side was doing a pretty good job of social distancing, and I think that's probably because that's the requirements to have the games going on. But then on the left-hand side of the park, you know, where the playground is and the basketball and like that, the social distancing was not at the same level as it was on the right-hand side of the park. So I just was wondering, like, in terms of, you know, there's going to be heavy attendance on this day because you must have gave permits to give...to have the three games going on, do they have a strategy in what areas they're going to go to and to hit the most people and not, like, you know, go someplace real early in the morning and sit in the back of the parking lot or something?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Paltin. So the Park Security Officer Program, they try their best to get out to all of the parks with their current staffing. We do have challenges with...you know, people take vacations, sick leave, we were challenged with the emergency family leave program which allowed the parents now to stay home with their children during distant learning. So, you know, I guess if we can ramp up the program, like Deputy Director Kielty mentioned, and get more staffing, we're able to be more visible, and be at these parks at the same time. So if you can imagine all of our 150-plus parks, they're all permitted with these little league activities, with soccer at the same time. So they all are within that three to six window, and everybody's practicing, so they try their best to get out to all of these other areas. Also, as part of the...the program was initially developed for the review and assessment and enforcement of our Commercial Ocean Recreation Activity Program. So they are also out there. You know, there's not much going on right now because they're mostly visitor driven, but we do have them out there doing that as well. So our CORA program is something that they monitor and assess, and then provide whatever type of enforcement necessary in that commercial activity.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then please correct me if this is not the right time to inquire about the Lāhainā clean and safe, or if it's not under your jurisdiction?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Paltin. So that program is not under our jurisdiction. It is a grant, they did add onto the grant that we currently have with the Lāhainā Historic...Lāhainā Restoration Foundation, yeah, and...but it's not

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managed by the Parks Department. So the Department of Management would be the ones to contact for information. But I know they are ramping up and, you know, they have...they're looking at the process and ideas on how best to get that program facilitated in the Lāhainā Historic District.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. And last question, for Puamana Park, do you have an idea of what the future looks like?

MS. PETERS: Oh, boy, that's a very hard question. So many, many moving pieces within that park. Right now we're trying to address the inadvertent discovery of the iwi kupuna and working with Keeaumoku kapu and that hui on the re-internment, and then we have to get a burial treatment plan completed and approved by the Burial Council, and then our vulnerability study. And with the help of Tara Owens and the Coastal Sea Grant Program and the Planning Department, they did have a meeting out on site with Deputy Director Kielty to see how we can mitigate. You know, are we doing a proper revetment, that's going to cost a lot of money, not really something that we want to do there. And, you know, maybe it is the Vetiver grass, maybe it's, you know, it's an overall...it's no longer a park, maybe it's a cultural preserve that we have to look into. So there's many different options that we are having to assess and ensure that we take into consideration. And the community plan, the Maui ag plans, our cultural resources, and our community stakeholders. So a lot of moving pieces there, as well as, you know, all of the people who surf there, our community who want fishing access. So we are working on it though, it's not something that we are just putting to, you know, the back burner. It is on the forefront, and I think it'll be a model for how we move forward on all of these coastal properties and experiencing all of these environmental threats.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And my last question. I'm not sure, are you guys in discussion with the Fire Department on Hamakualoa, or is that just a rumor?

MS. PETERS: That's just a rumor. Yeah. We haven't been in discussion about that. We are more ramping up on our...finishing up our cultural assessment, and then possibly working with a longer term agreement with the Malama Hamakua Maui Organization on being able to be our partnership out there.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And I just was wondering if in the future maybe at some time you could let me know the part of the Maui County Code that talks about the Category 3 Hurricane Shelter Ready portion?

MS. PETERS: Yeah. I can provide that information to you. I'll get it from our design team.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Awesome. Thank you very much. Thank you, Chair.

MS. PETERS: Thank you.

CHAIR KAMA: You're welcome. Mr. Sinenci.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh. Mahalo, Chair for the second round. I just had a couple more questions. Director, would you just so happen to have extra batting cages lying around for Coach Nakoa out in Nāpili ?

MS. PETERS: So we are looking at that. We did have a project in which we were underfunded, so we were able to replace those batting cages. But I am having...our Staff is assessing to see what that cost is going to be to construct a new batting cage. When we were looking at the preliminary cost...because we need to provide ADA access to anything that we build new within the park, that's going to bump up that cost. So we do have ADA transition plans for all of our parks, and any time we do any improvements, we want to be sure that we adhere to those plans and incorporate any of the required ADA access. So we are definitely...that is our on radar so we are looking at providing a cost to see if we can fund that type of project.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, thank you. Thank you for that. And then my last question was, you know, at the last budget meeting we talked about some of your job related accidents and your Workers' Compensation claim. So I was just wondering, has...has there been an increase as part of your Workers' Compensation claims?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Sinenci. I would have to go look at what those numbers look like now, but we did implement a department-wide safety committee. So we're able to look at our incident reports, and not so much the workers' comp claims, but the incident reports, and identify those areas where we need to improve, and things that we need to fix or areas that we need to provide more training. And with that Committee, it's been beneficial in helping our employees to stay safe. And on top of that, you know, it's just keeping them safe as well during these times in which we're trying to increase sanitizing of all of our restrooms, our high touch areas, and our facilities that are now open. But I can provide that information if you would like.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yes, okay. Thank you, Director. And yes, mahalo for keeping our employee safety a priority. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR KAMA: You're welcome, Mr. Sinenci. Member Johnson. You have any follow-up questions, Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes. Yes, I'm sorry. A little technical difficulty there. Thank you, Chair. Thank you Director, Vice [sic] Director. I have a quick question about the map that you...you know, everybody loves maps, right, in these presentations. So you got a picture of Lānaʻi, and you got the little...end of Fraser Street, there is a County park. I know that area, and I have no clue what we're doing with it. It's just an open square lot with nothing in it. Is there any plans for that park?

MS. PETERS: So that park is just...we had some discussion with the community on doing some improvements, and we, at that time, were told that that park...they like the way it remains, just an open space park. So we left it at that. And there was some signage on there with the name of the park which was in error, so we had those signs removed

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as well. So at this time, we're just trying to make sure that we do more outreach before we do any types of improvement. So, you know, we have our master plans, and then we have our little mini plans within each park that the districts come up with. And then, you know, community outreach is very important to us, that we are able to provide those amenities and resources at the parks within our budget.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Now, I just want to follow up and be clear, we're talking about the park at the end of Fraser, not at the front of...not the one next to the Fire Station, but the one at the very end of Fraser Avenue. Because I remember...I recall that signage, and how for some reason people were upset about the signage, and the next thing you know, it was like a thing, you know, a drama thing. So now I'm just curious about the park. So at the very end of Fraser Avenue, you know which one I'm talking about?

MS. PETERS: Yes. Sorry, my apologies, I was talking about what we call the Lānaʻi Entry Park. My apologies.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay.

MS. PETERS: So, you know, I'll have to get back with Staff to see what they had thought of incorporating into that park, and I can get back to you on those plans.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. And then my last question real quick is, you mentioned we have eight Staff on Lānaʻi, right...eight Staff?

MS. PETERS: I'll defer to Deputy Director Kielty, she has that info.

MS. KIELTY: Yes. Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Johnson. Yes, we currently have eight employees at each of the...

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Any plans to expand or make...just keep them at eight?

MS. KIELTY: At this point in time, we were remaining with the eight.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. All right. Thank you. I have no further questions, Chair.

MS. KIELTY: Thank you.

CHAIR KAMA: So Members, it's 3:30, and so the Chair just wants to take a temperature. Do you want to take a break, or should we just plow through and get over at 3:45, or something like that? Unless somebody else has questions, more questions that they'd like to ask?

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: I'm fine. I'm fine.

CHAIR KAMA: You're fine. Okay. Vice-Chair is fine. Chair Lee, are you fine?

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'm fine.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay, you're fine. I already see your hand, Tamara, so I'm going to go with Member Johnson, and then Member Sinenci. Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I have no further questions. No, thank you so much.

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: No more questions, Chair.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Just couple more. Going off...dovetailing off Member Johnson's question. When you had how many parks each district had and the manpower that each district had, I just was wondering, did you have a target number of manpower per park per district?

MS. PETERS: We use a National Park and Recreation Standards on the amount of acres per staffing and equipment and operations. We're not quite yet there with some of our areas, but we definitely try our best to look forward to expansion opportunities when available. You know, we know that this budget is going to be a little bit lean this upcoming year, and you know, our Staff...again, I cannot express my appreciation for all that our Staff does, going above and beyond their duties. So where we see the need, we definitely will be filling those positions, and are requesting if we so see fit. But again, we are trying to utilize those standards, and making sure that we have adequate maintenance staff in each district is important.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And I just was wondering, you know how they have, like, the Adopt A Highway Program, have you ever considered like maybe an Adopt A Park or County Beach Park Program? Sometimes in between when they come and open or close the restrooms, there seems to be litter on the ground, and maybe we could team up with some folks similar to how they have the Adopt A Highway Program?

MS. PETERS: Yeah. So our goal is to get a...you know, A Friends of the Park program going. What's a little bit challenging is that we cannot take away work from our Union workers and their collective bargaining agreement, so we have to be very careful on how we provide these programs, and not take away that type of work. So it would have to be work that our current employees don't typically do. And that's kind of similar to what the South Maui volunteers do, is they help with the dune restoration and that types of things, those are things that our employees don't typically do on a day-to-day basis that are in their position descriptions and part of the collective bargaining agreement.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And I just noticed the other day like there was a lot of rubbish around the basketball courts at Nāpili. And as we were walking through, the

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rubbish can that's usually by that gate there was missing. And I was wondering if there could have been a correlation between the two, that now that there's no rubbish can, people are just throwing their rubbish on the ground or something.

MS. KIELTY: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MS. PETERS: Chair...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: ...have like a rubbish can per park kind of ratio. I think...like Kahana Nui Park doesn't even have a rubbish can most times. Like, is there a ratio of rubbish cans per park acreage?

MS. PETERS: We don't have that type, but what we try to utilize is the heavier used areas and incorporating the trash receptacles, whether it be trash and recycle or just trash. Typically there...a lot of times people steal our trash cans or, you know, we experience a lot of vandalism, so...but we can follow up though. If we go...send us...if the Committee wants to go through the See Click Fix Program, or the RFS, you know, that type of reporting, then we...we can address it right away, or we have our general parks email, which is [parks.dept@mauicounty.gov](mailto:parks.dept@mauicounty.gov), and we can then address that. We check that every day, and we respond within 48 hours.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And then I think my last question would be, is there a methodology to determine when you should use park assessment fees, or when you should use other revenue sources?

MS. PETERS: Oh, that I would have to defer to the Budget Office on making that types of decision but, you know, our park dedication that Maui County Code 18.16.320 does allow for that park dedication, either cash in lieu, land or combination of both, and it has to be utilized within that community plan where that park is...or that development is located. So yeah, you know, sometimes, like I mentioned when we're going over the maps, a lot of our parks were acquired through that process. And of course, we can make those balances available for you if you would like.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. Sorry I lied, one more question. The concessionaire program, is that up and running yet or not yet?

MS. PETERS: Yeah, it kind of...we had a little hiccup in it when the pandemic hit, and we had to focus all of our energy into all of these new programs and guidelines. And so...but we're ramping back up, and we hope to put it...finalize, get our final revisions done and get that up to public hearing in June. So we'll elect the budget session and the deliberations, and we want it right after that target to get our concession. We have an admin rule for concessions that we will be having a public hearing on. And then we're also doing an admin rule, some revisions to our Ukumehame Firing Range, so that'll be another public hearing that'll be coming up in June.



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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And would the concessions be broad beyond just food, like if you had an area that you wanted to like maybe concession out camping or other...whatever the case may be in terms of concessions?

MS. PETERS: Yes. Absolutely. We are looking at those areas in which we feel that we need that extra resources to assist with providing the maintenance and operation of these areas, and then in turn, we can then get that revenue to help us to maintain other parks within that district.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And...and you guys are having specialized for...say if it's in the historic district, or if it needs like cultural resource commission review.

MS. PETERS: Yes. So it has to adhere to all of the State, Federal and County Guidelines and Regulations and Laws. And so what the admin roles is, is that over arching umbrella over the program. And then when we put out these requests for proposals, they'll be more site specific in which then if it's within the Lāhainā Historic District, we will call that out in the bid process. And then that'll be incorporated into the concession agreement so the concessionaire is well aware of what they need to adhere to, and then we have that to back us up in case there is...you know, they are not adhering to the terms of the agreement because we know of how important and culturally significant these areas are.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Sounds good. Thank you so much. Thank you, Chair, and Committee Members, for indulging my extra couple few questions.

MS. PETERS: You're welcome.

VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA: So Director Peters, I just have a couple of questions regarding the Waiehu Golf Course. So my first question is, you know, the RFP that went out, it's...it asked, or it would...requires the concessionaire to provide carts and GPS; why is that?

MS. PETERS: So thank you, Chair. That's a good question. So right now that's what our Superintendent has identified as the industry standard, and it allows the course to know and...where the carts are. We try and make sure that everyone stays within the cart paths and takes cares of the greens. And so we're trying to come up to some sort of industry standards, and this is what they identified as a need for the concession program.

CHAIR KAMA: So...

MS. PETERS: Maybe Chair Lee can better give her thoughts on it too.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay. Chair Lee, you want to weigh in?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: We don't need that.

CHAIR KAMA: Oh.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, we don't need that.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay. I was just curious. I don't know if anybody else...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Does that...

CHAIR KAMA: I didn't think we needed a GPS on a golf course, but you've got to know where you're going. Unless...unless it was so that you don't lose your cart, the way some of the stores are losing their wagons, you know, their grocery carts. So...but I didn't think anybody was going to walk off with it because you need a key. But anyway, that was my question. But thank you. So my other question is, you mentioned earlier in your presentation that you are designing a second story for the Waiehu Golf Course; why is that?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. So it's for the master plan for the new clubhouse. So it would be the existing footprint where that clubhouse is currently located, and we wanted to capture the view and an area for people to have functions, parties. It would provide that additional revenue for the course. And also, you know, when they have tournaments, they can have banquets, kind of similar to other golf courses where they have a nice clubhouse where you can have your banquet after your tournament. Again, we talked to the Community Association, if they need a place to have their meetings, a hula halau can have their practices, so they function the same as our community centers in which we would be able to permit them out and provide an additional space for our community to when we can do larger indoor gatherings.

CHAIR KAMA: So how many parking stalls are there?

MS. PETERS: Chair, I'm going have to get back to you on that. I'm not sure the parking stall count right now at the golf course.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay.

MS. PETERS: But we are looking and taking into consideration, when sizing this area, that we don't oversize it, that it's appropriate. And we are also taking into consideration that if there is only one access to the golf course, which is through a residential area, so we are being cognizant of that as well. So right now, we're in the conceptual stages, we look forward to bringing the plans forward to the community. We had one outreach, it was maybe a year and a half or maybe two years ago. We were at a First Friday event on Market Street, and we had some design drawings or, you know, just preliminary concepts that we had the community give comments on. So we'll be doing more of that type, of course, you know, more virtually platforms that we will use now to get more input and community support.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay. Well, that was all the questions I had for you, Director. And I'm sure that the Members don't have any more. Correct? So Members, I made an

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assumption, so I would like to be able to defer this item. And so if there's no objections, I'd like to do that.

## **COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.**

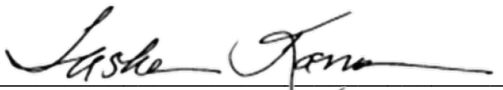
CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. So ordered.

**ACTION: DEFER.**

CHAIR KAMA: And so thank you, everyone, for attending today's meeting. I thought that was very exciting, all your questions and answers. Thank you to the Department, to Director Peters and Deputy Director Kielty. And we look forward...I'm looking forward to another discussion on the master plan for the four different areas that we talked about earlier. So the time is now 3:39 p.m., and today's Human Concerns and Parks Committee meeting is now adjourned. . . . *(gavel)* . . .

**ADJOURN: 3:40 p.m.**

APPROVED BY:



TASHA KAMA, Chair  
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I, Terianne Arreola, hereby certify that pages 1 through 35 of the foregoing represents, to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not in any way concerned with the cause.

DATED the 10th day of March 2021, in Wailuku, Hawai'i.

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