

BUDGET, FINANCE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

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CONVENE: 9:04 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Gabe Johnson, Member
Councilmember Kelly Takaya King, Member
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member (out 3:45 p.m.)
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Member (in 1:56 p.m.)

EXCUSED: Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member

STAFF: Lesley Milner, Legislative Analyst
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Ana Lillis, Legislative Analyst
Shelly Espeleta, Supervising Legislative Analyst
Richard Mitchell, Legislative Attorney
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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Aloha kakahiaka kākou. ‘Ehā minuke i ka hala o kahōla ‘eiwa. Ma ‘umikūmālua o ‘Apelila I ka makahiki `elua kaukani iwakāluakūmakahi. E ‘olu‘olu mai e ho‘omalū ke Komike Mo‘ohelu Kālā a me Ho‘omohala Waiwai ‘o wai ka luna ‘o ho‘omalū o kēia Komike o Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. It’s 9:04 on April 12th, 2021. Will the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee please come to order. I’m your Chair, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. Da’anzho kākou . . .*(laughing)*. . . mai Moloka‘i nui ahina i keia lā me kou kākou, eia hope luna ho‘omalū, Tamara Paltin. Da’anzho.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Aloha mai kākou. Da’anzho. We have flat surf, mostly sunny skies, and light trades this morning here in West Maui.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Member Shane Sinenci.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Da'anzho, Chair and zāo an in kealoha nui o ka haku to the ohanas [sic] and everyone out there. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Member Mike Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aloha kakahiaka and da'anzho to you, Madam Chair, my colleagues, and everyone else viewing in. Nice and sunny up here in Makawao.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Very nice. Council Chair Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Chair, da'anzho. And to all of my colleagues and friends and everyone watching, welcome. We're going to have a very productive and short meeting today.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I love that. We will manifest that and put it into action, yeah, Members? Member Kelly King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Aloha kakahiaka. I hope our Chair didn't jinx us. But I'm hoping for a short meeting as well. And da'anzho from the Eastern Apache Nation. Thank you, Chair Lee, for that greeting. Sunny and still here today. So the wind has died down.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. And yeah, I don't think we'll be jinxed. We are the architects of our future, so we decide if we are quick about it or if we end up here until the sun goes down. Member Gabe Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Good morning, Chair. Good morning, Councilmembers. Da'anzho. Beautiful morning on Lāna'i. And I'm looking at the calendar, it's April 12th already. Where is this time flying? This, it's going super-fast. It must be these exciting meetings we're having. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Time sure flies when you're having fun. Member Yuki Lei Sugimura will be joining us at around 10:00 today, and Member...Pro Tem Tasha Kama is excused. From Corporation Counsel, we have Deputy Corporation Counsel Kristina Toshikiyo, da'anzho.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Aloha and da'anzho.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: From...and our Committee Staff, we have Committee Secretary, Yvette Bouthillier.

MS. BOUTHILLIER: Da'anzho, Committee Chair and Councilmembers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Da'anzho. Council Services Assistant Clerk Jean Pokipala, welcome and da'anzho.

MS. POKIPALA: Da'anzho, good morning.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Supervising Legislative Analyst, Shelly Espeleta.

MS. ESPELETA: Da'anzho, Chair and Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Da'anzho. Budget Committee Analyst, Lesley Milner.

MS. MILNER: Aloha, Chair. Da'anzho, Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha and da'anzho. Legislative Analyst Ana Lillis.

MS. LILLIS: Good morning, Chair. Good morning, Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. Legislative Analyst Kasie Apo Takayama.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Da'anzho, Chair and Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Da'anzho. And Legislative Attorney Richard Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: Da'anzho, and aloha, Chair and Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Da'anzho. Okay. This online meeting is being conducted in accordance with the Governor's most recent Emergency Proclamation on COVID-19. Please see the last page of the agenda for information on meeting connectivity. We have our one item on today's agenda, BFED-1, Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget for the County of Maui. We'll begin with testimony. We have 15 individuals signed up to testify. Oral testimony via phone or video conference will be accepted. Please note that if you are signed in, you are on the list to testify, even if you did not request to testify. Testifiers wanting to provide video testimony, please join by going to the link noted on today's agenda. Testifiers wanting to provide audio testimony, please call the number and enter the meeting code also noted on today's agenda. The Committee intends to keep the same meeting link and phone number for all BFED Committee meetings this term for ease and convenience of the Members and the public. Written testimony is highly encouraged. Instructions on how to submit written testimony can be found at mauicounty.us/testify. Oral testimony is limited to three minutes per item. When testifying, please state your first and last name. If you are testifying on behalf of an organization or are a paid lobbyist, please inform the Committee. Staff will post the link...or Staff has posted the link of the testifiers log in the chat so that testifiers will be able to see where they are on the list. Please be mindful of the use of chat during the meeting. Chat should not be used to provide testimony or chat with other...with Councilmembers or other testifiers. If providing testimony, please be courteous to others by muting your microphone and video while you...while waiting your turn to testify. Once you are disconnected...once you are done testifying, you will be asked to disconnect from the call. However, you are welcomed to continue to view the remainder of the meeting on *Akakū* Channel 53, Facebook Live, or on mauicounty.us/agendas. Participation in...participants who wish to view the meeting with...only without providing testimony, please also disconnect at this time and instead view the meeting on *Akakū* Channel 53, Facebook Live, or mauicounty.us. We will proceed with public

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testimony, starting with Darby Gill, followed by Lucienne de Naie.

. . .BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

MR. GILL: Camera . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mr. Gill.

MR. GILL: Thank you very much for the opportunity to speak on behalf of Ka Lima O Maui. My name is Darby Gill, and I am from Wailuku where I have lived for the last 43 years, and employed at Ka Lima over 25 of those years, and currently on my second go around at Ka Lima O Maui. I originally started in the early 1980s, I helped to build and establish the Ka Lima O Maui Plant Nursery, where we grew plants and people. The plant nursery was the most recognized horticulture program in the State at the time, and the largest retail plant nursery outlet in Central Maui. Looking backward at that time and offering a historical perspective, the way people with disabilities were viewed in...back in the day was very different from today. At that time, there were limited resources for persons with disabilities, and so many of them were homebound. In addition, there was still a lot of stigma and shame connected with...with having a disability in our community. Fast forward 40 years later until today, and things have changed radically. Transportation is now widespread, and work opportunities are more extensive. My experience over this time is that the major reason for this change was the partnership that developed between the County of Maui and nonprofit organizations like Ka Lima O Maui. Many people with disabilities have been trained and employed in the County Parks, and it is the major reason for the normalization of people with disabilities to be in the workforce on Maui. Our work is not nearly done, and I encourage the County of Maui to increase the partnership with Ka Lima O Maui to build an even greater future for persons with disabilities in Maui County. Thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Darby. Members, any questions for our testifier? Seeing none, we'll thank you for your testimony this morning. Aloha.

MR. DARBY: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Our next testifier is Lucienne de Naie, followed by Arianna Feinberg.

MS. DE NAIE: Good morning, everyone. My name is Lucienne de Naie. It's been so long since I saw you all, but great to see you again and thanks for all the hard work you're putting in during this Budget. I'm testifying on behalf of the Ha'ikū Community Association, and we're very, very grateful to see funding in the Budget for the programs that was recently passed by the County Council on first reading to establish community advisory groups for South Maui and the Pā'ia-Ha'ikū area. And I just really want to speak in support of making that reality by putting funding in the Budget and *(audio interference)* one of the goals of our Countywide Policy Plan, which is to have decision making focus on a more local level. And this is one step along that pathway. So thank you very much

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for your support, and happy to answer any questions you have. Also, I would like to support the funding that Member Molina has put forward for our Master Plan for the Hamakua Lands, and for more towing of the abandoned vehicles. And I'm hoping that can expand to some of the other County lands because as President of the Community Association, I'm receiving complaints about the road down to the lighthouse in Ha'ikū as well, and abandoned cars blocking the way. So mahalo for those items in the Budget, and happy to answer any questions you might have about what's going on on the Hamakua Lands, and what's going on in Ha'ikū, and the topic of the community advisory groups. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. de Naie. It looks like we have questions from Member Molina, followed by Member Paltin. Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Not so much questions, but more of a request, with your permission. Could we have Ms. de Naie remain as a resource when we get to the Master Plan proposal, as well as the community plan advisory proposals if she is available...with your permission, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any objections?

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. de Naie, are you available? We can have Staff call you.

MS. DE NAIE: Well, do you have any, any idea when that will be? I have a broken car, and I'm trying to get it up to my mechanic today. So if it's, you know, before noon, yes, I would be available. Any idea on timing?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It looks like probably around 3:00 or 4:00.

MS. DE NAIE: Oh, that might work out. I can certainly check back in. Perhaps I can check in with your office, Mr. Molina, and just see where we're at?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: That would be fine, yeah.

MS. DE NAIE: Because I may be at the mechanics, but I could call in. I'll take my computer, so I have the numbers. But thank you for your consideration.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Paltin?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. de Naie, for your testimony. My question is, if the AIS was done and if it was accepted for Hamakualoa?

MS. DE NAIE: The Hamakua, no. Because of COVID, everything got pushed back. All they've done on the AIS so far is the drone surveys, and they've begun the consultation process with some of the ohana who either still live on the land or live nearby. And they have not gotten into the field yet to really document the various sites. Of course, you know,

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there have been two AIS' done on the property. So it's not like they're starting at, you know, zero. One was done by Fredrickson in the early 2000s, and one was done by SCS like 2006 or something. So they are a good starting point, and this would be...I think that's why the consultation was important. It's like, what did these other guys missed basically. So yeah, that has not happened yet. But we're --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you.

MS. DE NAIE: -- told by Parks that it should happen pretty soon because things are...you know, things are starting to get safer to work in the field.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And do you know if it's...this is the one Tanya Lee-Greig is the archaeologist?

MS. DE NAIE: Yes. Yes, Tanya --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. All right.

MS. DE NAIE: -- Lee-Greig is the archaeologist.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And no idea about how much more long they have to complete it?

MS. DE NAIE: You know, probably...I saw that Karla Peters is on this call. That's probably a better question for her, you know.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Thank you.

MS. DE NAIE: Our job here on the ground is just to connect the archaeologist with community, you know, consultants and resources. And the timing part I think Parks would be more aware of on that.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Thank you so much. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Sorry, quick question for Member Molina. The Master Plan that you're asking Ms. de Naie to serve as a resource personnel for us, is that under Parks or Planning?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: That would be under Parks.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Sorry, I assumed it was under Planning. So Parks will be right after testimony, Ms. de Naie.

MS. DE NAIE: Oh good, wonderful. Thank you. All right, I'll stay tuned.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Well, if your car has to go at noon, we have 15 people currently

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signed up to testify.

MS. DE NAIE: Oh, well --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Hopefully, we can...

MS. DE NAIE: -- okay, be brief everyone. . . .*(laughing)*. . . Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Aloha. Our next testifier is Arianna Feinberg, followed by Larry Feinberg.

MS. FEINBERG: Hi, good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning.

MS. FEINBERG: Would it actually be okay if my dad, Larry, went after the next person, JD Wyatt, just so it's easier to hand off with my son.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, no problem.

MS. FEINBERG: Maybe we could do that. Okay. Cool. Hi, my name's Arianna Feinberg. I'm a Makawao resident, and I've lived Upcountry for most of my life. Firstly, I'd like to thank you all so much for your service to Maui County. I know this Budget process is insanely difficult, and I really appreciate your hard work to make the right decisions for our County. I am here to request that the Parks and Recreation Department builds a playground suitable for toddlers and kids at Eddie Tam Park in Makawao. In the 2022 proposed Budget, CBS-3232, there's \$600,000 from the Parks Assessment Fund for a CIP project called Countywide Playground Improvements. In the description, it specifies redoing Honokowai Park Playgrounds, but the way it's written sort of leaves it open to building or fixing other playgrounds as well. \$700,000 seems like a lot of money to me to redo one playground. So I encourage you to ask some questions of the Parks Department about their specific Budget with that, and also encourage them to kind of get the ball rolling to fulfill this need for a toddler playground at Eddie Tam. Eddie Tam in particular would be a relatively easy and cheap place to put a playground. There's lots of suitable areas, but in particular, I'd recommend putting a playground where there actually used to be a playground back in the day. If you're driving from Makawao Avenue down into Eddie Tam Park, on the left side, there's the tennis courts. And a little bit past that, there are two pavilions and a flat, big, grassy lawn, and beside that there's bathrooms. So in that grassy lawn I think would be the best place to put it. It is...it's grassy and flat, so it would be a lot less expensive to pour concrete and make ADA accessible. I know for like the recently completed Kula and Wailuku Heights playgrounds, that was like a huge part of the expense was doing all these leveling because it was on a hill, plus all the ADA, like it's kind of a crazy maze at all those...at those parks that I can imagine was extremely expensive. But that wouldn't be necessary here. Also, it's close to ample parking and right next to restrooms. There's this gorgeous huge Ficus tree there that could provide shade for the playground either by putting it underneath, or if you had it kind of on like the northeast side, it would at least get shade

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from the afternoon sun passively. In previous correspondence with the Parks Director, Karla Peters, through Councilmember Molina, thank you, she mentioned concerns about parking. And I'd like to note that playground users are flexible and will . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . avoid peak hours during Little League games or practice. I can also imagine younger siblings of Little League players loving the playground. And Maui County Code, a playground does not require any parking stall allocations in the permit. So they already said that parking isn't an issue that way. I specify toddler because I am the mother of a 16-month-old and also, there are no toddler playgrounds at all Upcountry and like within 15 minutes. They all signs that say five up.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Feinberg.

MS. FEINBERG: I know I'm close to done, but I...a few years back I was at the meeting at Hannibal Tavares Center, the Budget meeting, and the skateboard community all got together, and they were advocating for their skate park, and it was really inspirational to me. . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . Unfortunately, the toddlers Upcountry, they can't really intelligibly express themselves and speak out. But they also need resources. So thank you so much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So a playground does cost about \$700,000. I don't know if that changes your opinion, but yeah. Members, any questions for Ms. Feinberg? Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Aloha, Arianna. Just wondering if the...there used to be a toddler playground at Kula Park right next to Kula School. Is that still there, or did they take that down?

MS. FEINBERG: I haven't noticed that one. I've...you know, we've been to the new Kula Playground, but I haven't noticed any other kind of playground structures. I know that when they were talking about the planning for the Kula Playground, they were considering doing like a toddler area as well, kind of like how they have at Keopuolani Park where it's the two playgrounds right next to each other. And that was scrapped because there was like less interest in it because everyone who was advocating it, their kids got older when they were doing the design. They were like let's just have more . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. I just wondered if it was still there because we put one in, in the early '90s. We put the original playground there next to --

MS. FEINBERG: Awesome.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- Kula School, and that was on --

MS. FEINBERG: I will invest--...I haven't. See, we go up there quite a lot, I haven't noticed it.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

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MS. FEINBERG: Is it that same, like where you drive in?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I mean, if they can, it was in the upper...it was in the upper area kind of close to where the...that course is for the adults, you know, maybe check. But I haven't been up there lately, so I don't know. Maybe they took it down.

MS. FEINBERG: Yeah, that is where we park, and haven't noticed it. Don't believe so.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. FEINBERG: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I'll try to follow up, too. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Seeing no other questions, we'll thank you for your testimony this morning.

MS. FEINBERG: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We'll go to JD Wyatt, followed by Larry Feinberg.

MR. WYATT: Aloha, and thank you, Council Chair and Members, this morning. My name is JD Wyatt. I'm the Executive Director of Ka Lima O Maui. And I do know what a busy time it is this year for the Council, and I will keep this brief. I want to make sure that you guys get your meeting on time. But we're thankful for the opportunity to speak in support of our contracts today, and I'm thankful for all that Parks and Recs does for Ka Lima O Maui. Karla and Mary are fantastic, so we really appreciate that partnership. Ka Lima O Maui has been providing grounds and custodial services to Maui County for over 45 years. We ask that you support a small increase in our contract this year due primarily to the excessive cost of PPE that our organization had to go through in this past year. Ka Lima O Maui crews did not miss a single day of work in 2020, ensuring that the public could enjoy the beach grounds and the parks that we maintain in a safe and sanitary environment. Our agency provides meaningful opportunity for adults with disabilities, and we currently employ over 60 adults with disabilities on Maui. Our mission of enhancing lives through self-enrichment is anchored by the opportunities for self-growth and self-reliance that we offer our staff. Being the largest employer of adults with disabilities in Maui County, 75 percent of our work crews are staffed by these hard working and very reliable adults. We have over 15 grounds and custodial crews, and our workforce is out in the community 7 days a week. We're very proud of that. We...again, we don't take...we don't call in sick and we don't take days off. Our crews start as early as 3:00 in the morning. I've seen...I've been on these crews actually out at the Kihei Parks with headlamps on as we're cleaning sinks, and toilets, and floors. So the reliability and the trustworthiness of our staff and our workforce is fantastic. The cost of protection for staff in 2020 was astronomical. For example, we have an average of 13 crews that are out every weekday, and these crews comprise of typically about five employees, one supervisor and four adults with disabilities. They clean or pass through our ground's crews at least nine stops per day. And if you look at the

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amount of employees times the stops, times the crews, Ka Lima O Maui goes through over 1,100 gloves in one day and over 130 masks. So I understand, you know, the increases are there for every organization. We've all had it tough during the pandemic. But it's very real based on the numbers of us out there in the community cleaning. So unfortunately, a lot of manufacturers took advantage of the demand on PPE equipment, and our prices have escalated. So what were already thin margins with our contracts, unfortunately have become, through 2020, very thin. So I just ask that you consider that when we talk about a small increase for our contracts. This is my first time addressing the Council as Executive Director of Ka Lima O Maui. I took the position about nine months ago, and I have to tell you, it has...it has transformed my life like I thought it might. Every day, I get the...the wonderful opportunity to interact with our clients, our staff, and others who are all part of our mission to do the service to the community that we do. I just wanted to highlight a few of the employees and staff members very quickly. Brandon works in our grounds crews and in our Waiver Department. He's a past Special Olympics Athlete of the Year in Hawai'i.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, if you can conclude in one sentence.

MR. WYATT: Okay. . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . Thank you very much for your time, Councilwoman. I want to keep the meeting short. I appreciate it so much. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Wyatt. And you submitted that in writing, your testimony?

MR. WYATT: I will. Yes, I will.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Yeah, I would like to read about the highlights of each of your --

MR. WYATT: I had it timed at three minutes, and unfortunately you don't have those when speaking, so...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry about that. Member Paltin, followed by Member Johnson.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Wyatt, for your service. I just was wondering if the contract increase was reflected in the Mayor's Budget, the increase that you asked for? And if you were able to receive any CARES Act or other funding for the supplies in 2020?

MR. WYATT: Yes, thank you. It was passed on in the Mayor's Budget. So we were appreciative of that, and we did receive a PPP loan that we acquired last year in 2020. So yes, we did.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you so much. Thank you for your service. Thank you, Chair.

MR. WYATT: Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. I'm sorry, did you say PPP loan?

MR. WYATT: Yes, we did receive a PPP loan. We did not receive anything grant oriented other than outside sources that I've acquired.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that clarification. Member Johnson?

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Good morning, Mr. Wyatt. Thank you for all the work you do. Just a real quick question about your workers. What's your minimum wage you pay your workers?

MR. WYATT: We do pay the standard minimum wage. We do not engage in subminimum wage activities.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you for that clarification. Mahalo, Chair. No further questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. Member King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Just a...thank you, Chair, just a quick follow up. Hi JD, thanks for being here and congratulations on your current position. The PPP loan that you got, was that forgiven?

MR. WYATT: It has not been yet. We have submitted to the First Hawaiian Bank pay, PPP forgiveness team. We expect that. They had some follow-up questions, but our loan was very transparent. It was based 100 percent on payroll. So we don't anticipate that...any problems with that, hopefully not.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Great. And then, and hopefully you'll get some of the new, you know, American Rescue Act monies to help with your protective equipment this coming year.

MR. WYATT: Absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you.

MR. WYATT: Thank you so much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Wyatt, how many employees were you going to highlight?

MR. WYATT: We had...I just had four...four or five employees that are just my daily interactions that I enjoy, you know, talking to and speaking with, so...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: If you can make it really quick, I'd like to give you that opportunity to --

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MR. WYATT: Okay. Thank you so much. I can make it really quick. The...a couple of the employees that are going to, they're also going to testify today. Janice is...works in our custodial crews, and Janice has lunch every day in front of our lanai at the same table. And if we had a Central Intelligence Agency at Ka Lima O Maui, Janice would be the head of the CIA here at Ka Lima O Maui because she knows every crew when they've come in, if someone called out sick, if there's something going on in the community, right, she is a knowledge, and just well-loved by everyone. And she also has a word puzzle search book out every day, and she asks me every single time to find one word. And I'm always so glad when I can find that word, right, because I never want to disappoint. But also Matt is going to speaking today. Matt is one of our...a really great spokesperson. He's...Ka Lima O Maui has made a major impact in his life. He's been on radio programs with me for the Maui Nonprofit Directors Association, and he is a fantastic ambassador of Ka Lima O Maui. He's also a part-time supervisor, and works in both our grounds and custodial. And then Conrad is one of our employees who's here first thing in the morning. I usually see him log about 6:00 a.m. And he cleans our office and makes sure everything is perfect. And he is a PPE maverick. He will absolutely make sure...if you don't have your mask or anything else, he'll give long Earth ways in the alley ways and everything else. So just a few little stories to talk about what's so heartwarming to me as a Director. Thank you for that opportunity.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Wyatt.

MR. WYATT: Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Seeing no other questions, well thank you for your testimony this morning. Aloha. Our next testifier is Larry Feinberg, followed by. . .individual signed in as Ester (*phonetic*). And Mr. Feinberg is number 5 out of 18 that are currently signed up. Aloha, Mr. Feinberg. You may proceed.

MR. FEINBERG: Hi. Good morning. Thank you very much for letting me testify. I'm testifying on the child...the under-five playgrounds on Maui. I would like one that you guys can find the money to put one up by...there's space for it...all the other playgrounds are five and above, and my grandchild is 15 months now and, you know, he doesn't have a place to play, and everywhere is dangerous for him. And I'd like to see...because he's a future voter. So we would like to, you know, see some action from you guys. I know that...that money's very tight at this time. Who's busy?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Other playgrounds.

MR. FEINBERG: Oh, and all the other playgrounds are very busy with bigger kids. And, you know, kids, they like smack into the little kids, they don't care. But little kids need the playground just as much as the older kids. And you've been doing a great job having playgrounds all over the island for five and above, but there's a lot of little babies every day being born and growing up, and they need a place to play. So and we'd appreciate it if you could find it in your very, very tight budget to come up with some money for a playground Upcountry in...at Eddie Tam. We were there the other day and there's plenty of room, and I think that there's plenty of parking, and there's a lot of things up at Eddie

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Tam. And it's for the Upcountry community, and we'd like to see the whole Upcountry community being served. Thank you very much. That's it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Feinberg. Seeing no questions, well thank you for your testimony this morning. Aloha.

MR. FEINBERG: Thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The next testifier (*audio interference*) followed by Matt Wandershcheid.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Chair, we didn't...there was a part where we missed who the next person is and then we just heard, followed by Matt Wandershcheid. So we didn't hear who the --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: -- next person was.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The next testifier is Ester, followed by Matt Wandershcheid. Ester, you are muted on your end. So if you would like to testify, please unmute yourself now and you may proceed. We'll return to Ester. We'll go to Matt Wandershcheid, followed by Marcy Martin.

MR. WANDERSHCHEID: Hello, my name is Matt Wandershcheid. I...you heard a little bit about me from JD Wyatt. I work on...I work part-time supervising, and I work on other crews when they need to if they're short-handed or whatever. I'm pretty much...whatever they want me to do, I pretty much fill in that slot. I don't mind if I got to get up at 3:00 a.m. or whatever because I'm ready to go every morning when I work. I just want to say this is a great organization. I learned a lot from Ka Lima O Maui that we...before I started Ka Lima, I didn't see me this far. . .going to be far along because I got my driver's license, I'm more outgoing than I was. I didn't want to try new things, and I'm glad I did try new things, and it's from Ka Lima. They gave me a...they gave me opportunity to try new things and I just...I'm just really thankful, you know, Ka Lima is this and I think that if I were you guys, I would definitely keep our County contracts and stuff going because we do a really good job. We do 100 percent, and JD Wyatt is a great guy that I met, you know. He's cool, everybody that I worked with is cool, and I just want to say it's a blessing to work at Ka Lima and keep our contract going. Thank you for...thank you for my time and mahalo. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Wandershcheid.

MR. WANDERSHCHEID: All right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good job, good job.

MR. WANDERSHCHEID: Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your work.

MR. WANDERSHCHEID: Thank you. All right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Our next testifier is Marcy Martin, and we'll check back in with Ester after.

MS. MARTIN: Thank you, Councilmembers. I'm speaking on behalf of myself. However, I feel that I'm representing a large group of surfers and body boarders who love to ride the waves at Pā'ia Bay during the winter. Many of the users are drivers younger than 21. The area is suffering from a parking shortage right now, and I have attached pictures of examples of the parking shortage. But thankfully, Councilmember Mike Molina, community member Kai Nishiki, Hui Malama Pā'ia, and the Parks Department Director Karla Peters have come up with a solution. So I would like the Council to fund the 400,000 for the temporary Baldwin Beach Plan Parking proposal that Mike Molina has brought before you. I really, really appreciate the support, quick response, and creativity from Mike and Karla. It's just great, I think it's a great asset for the community, and thank you for your consideration. Done.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: All right. Mahalo, Ms. Martin, for your concise testimony. Seeing no questions, well thank you again. Have a great day. Okay. We'll check in with Ester and...followed by Mopsy Aarona. Okay. We'll go to Auntie Mopsy Aarona --

MS. AARONA: Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- followed by Crystal Nunes. Aloha, please proceed.

MS. AARONA: Aloha. How are you folks doing? Mahalo and aloha kākou to all of you. I...you know, I turned in a written testimony, but I just wanted to highlight my testimony with you this morning regarding a proposal that will be brought forward to Karla Peters through our Parks and our Councilmember Mika Molina, who will be doing a proposal on the parking that I just heard Marcy mention. I represent myself as far, and I'm also a facilitator for the Hui Malama Pā'ia, which is consisted of a resident and merchant-based organization in Pā'ia. And you know that we have been faced with a lot of issues as far as parking. And as Marcy has shared, when the surf is up, we have residents of all over Maui coming to enjoy the waves. But not only that, we have our visitors who come. But then unfortunately, it leaves less parking for our residents to come and enjoy the beach that they're so fond of enjoying. So instead of getting citations, a proposal for a temporary parking place will be greatly needed so that our residents and our visitors can enjoy the shoreline, especially when the surf is up. I want to...I am humbled by your dedication because I stayed up on Friday listening to you, and my husband had to come out and turn off the TV, and it was well over near 12:00. And I'm sorry I fell asleep, but this is my first time listening to your dedication in providing and working out the Budget so that all of Maui can be assisted by the funds that we provide. So I just want to leave it at that. But I fully support this proposal that comes before you. And as far as Hui Malama Pā'ia and myself, we will do everything in our power to assist Parks and

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Recreation in providing this and making this happen for Pā'ia. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Aarona. Seeing no questions, well thank you so much for your testimony this morning.

MS. AARONA: Mahalo, aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Okay. Our next testifier is Crystal Nunes, followed by Hoku Bailey. Oh, we saw your video for a moment. Oh, there we go. Okay. We see your video and then if you...there you go.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What are they talking about?

MS. NUNES: It's really nice to work for Ka Lima, I mean, it's...they really support...the County really...they really support Ka Lima real good. I've been working here more than 20 years and, I mean, getting back on track with these County Parks, it's really been a great accomplish to see how many clients come in, how many supervisors and all this. Ka Lima does...I really appreciate what the County Parks gives us with these County bathrooms and all this upcoming contracts and stuff like that. I mean, tough, but we go through a lot. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Nunes. No questions? Well thank you for your testimony this morning. Aloha.

MS. NUNES: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Our next testifier is Hoku Bailey, followed by Brian Bantilan. Please proceed. Aloha.

MR. BAILEY: Hi, I am...I'm...I've been work...my name is Hoku Bailey. I have been working here for almost 15 years. I testify because this company is a very great company. I have a disability, and they basically helped me on my disability. So I'm hoping that you and the Council, you know, just...I'm just testifying upon that, so...about my disability and then the company helps me on that and helping to get my...well, my big...my basic needs are, you know. So I just hope that this company can continue and push on to the next 20, 30 years from now, you know. That's it. Thank you. Sorry, I don't know what else to say.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You did a great job.

MR. BAILEY: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Seeing no questions, well thank you so much for your testimony this morning.

MR. BAILEY: You're welcome, Council. Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Our next testifier is Brian Bantilan, followed by Shaun Thayer.

MR. WYATT: Hello, Brian would like not to testify.

MR. BANTILAN: Excuse me, I just want to say I have a full-time job with Ka Lima. That's all I want to say and it's very nice.

MR. WYATT: Okay. Thank you, Brian. Well, Brian did want to testify. So thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Bantilan. All right. I hope you all have a great day. Aloha. Okay. Our next testifier is Shaun Thayer, followed by Theo Morrison.

MR. THAYER: Hi, I'm Shaun Thayer. I'm testifying on behalf of Ka Lima O Maui and I'm a Board Member for the organization and I'm just here to humbly ask for the Council's continued support of Ka Lima O Maui. Ka Lima O Maui and the County have had a mutually beneficial relationship for many years that has benefitted both the County and helped, you know, many of the clients you've seen today, you know, achieve self-reliance and just a better quality of life. And just as a story I wanted to share is that I've been teaching my kids to surf at Cove Park. And when we park at Kalama Park and walk through the park and the bathrooms are always immaculate. And when I see the clients working at the park, just the pride they take in their work is...I mean, it just warms my heart and, you know, I want to see that continue. And I just want to thank you for your consideration and continued support of our organization. Thank you, guys, I appreciate all your hard work.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Thayer. Okay. Seeing no questions, well thank you for your testimony this morning. Aloha.

MR. THAYER: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Our next testifier is Theo Morrison, followed by Jon Viela.

MS. MORRISON: Aloha, Councilmembers. My name is Theo Morrison, Executive Director of Lāhainā Restoration Foundation. I am here today to support the 400,000 designated in the Mayor's Budget for the planning and the implementation of that plan for Moku'ula. Bringing back the reverence to Moku'ula has been a top priority in Lāhainā for decades. Unfortunately, despite the best efforts, that goal has not been achieved. But now, the time is right. The sentiment in the community is that something must be done. We must move forward together, as we have on other Lāhainā projects, to bring back the respect and tell the story of this very important site. Lāhainā Restoration Foundation supports the \$400,000 in the Mayor's Budget for Moku'ula. We also support retaining and repairing the tennis and the basketball courts which are located there. In addition, we ask for continued County funding of the 191,000 for the maintenance of parks and open spaces in the Lāhainā Historic District. LRF has been doing this work with County funds for the past 30 years, resulting in a clean, green, and beautiful historic district. This current fiscal year, we added the maintenance of the County park on the Front

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Street side of the Lāhainā Public Library to our schedule. This park features three kalo beds, landscape of native Hawaiian plants, and is a setting for free monthly cultural classes. In 1962, the County recognized the significance of Lāhainā's important history, and created the Lāhainā Historic District. This legislation was groundbreaking at the time. And now, 59 years later, we are still...have much work to do to bring...to ensure respect and reverence for this important area. Please support the \$400,000 for Moku'ula and the continued funding with all Lāhainā Historic District groundskeeping. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Morrison. Seeing no questions, well thank you for your testimony this morning. Aloha. Our next testifier is Jon Viela, followed by Nevin Wehner.

MR. VIELA: Aloha kākou, you guys. I wanted just to come on to this call and just to provide our support. I'm an athletic director for an MIL school, but I'm also the President of the All Pono Organization. The All Pono Organization is...you know, we service approximately 200 kids prior to the pandemic. But with working with the County Parks and Recreation, yeah, we're allowed to service more kids. You know, we're in support of the County of Maui Parks and Recreation Budget because they allowed us to run a high school league for baseball kids. Being that the MIL have...well, DOE schools have not allowed their sports to proceed, so through our nonprofit, you know, with the work with Karla is doing a fantastic job, they've allowed us to use...utilize the fields, and we're able to service now approximately 350 kids on Maui. And that ranges from all districts. We've included the island of Moloka'i in our league, Hāna as well as Lāhainā and Upcountry. So, you know, we're very happy to have this partnership with the County and Parks of Recreation [sic], and we hope that, you know, they can get their Budget to, you know, upkeep and...the fields and, you know, provide more opportunity for clubs like us and, you know, for the high school kids who probably won't have a season this year. So I wanted to mahalo you guys for all you guys' work and allowing me to speak today. Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Viela. Waves, no questions. Mahalo for your testimony this morning. Aloha. Our next testifier is Nevin Wehner, followed by Marlynn Tanji.

MR. WEHNER: I am Nevin Wehner, and I am testifying in support of Maui Economic Development Board's Economic Development Grant. I am a fifth grader at Pukalani Elementary School, and I want to tell you how MEDB has benefitted me in my school. I've been in the STEMworks after school program since first grade doing coding, robotics, and movie making. For the past two years, I have been on the school robotics team. Thanks to the Maui Economic Development Board, I was able to compete in robotics this year. They paid for the game elements and covered the registration costs, giving me the opportunity to compete. Without them, the school would not have had a team this year because of COVID-19. Our team is currently ranked first in the State, and took first place in the State Championship over spring break. We are currently ranked 25th in the world out of 1,500 teams. MEDB has funded our robotics team in the past also. Last year our team consisted of 14 students. It was fun traveling around the

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island to different competitions. For the State competition, we flew to O`ahu. Our team won first place in the teamwork challenge. We would've traveled to Kentucky to compete at the World Championship, but COVID-19 happened. With MEDB's financial contribution, we had the opportunity to travel and compete. My dream is to be an engineer. With the help of MEDB, I have learned that hard work pays off. We built and rebuilt a robot to be competitive with other teams around the State, country, and even the world. I knew. . .I know that in the future, I can make anything happen with hard work and dedication. I hope that you will continue to support MEDB so that they can continue to support the community and my school's robotics team and the STEMworks after school program. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Wehner, for your testimony. We have a question from Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Wehner, for your testimony, and congratulations. I just was wondering if you were able to continue on virtually in this past year with your programs through MEDB.

MR. WEHNER: Yeah, I was...yeah, all their competitions this year have been virtual on Zoom or WebEx.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And sorry, just curious, were you planning right now to return as an engineer to Maui? Because you know we need them.

MR. WEHNER: Yeah, yeah. . .yeah.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, right on. Okay. No pressure, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

MR. WEHNER: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good job, Member Paltin. And congratulations from all of us, Mr. Wehner, and thank you so much for your testimony this morning. Aloha.

MR. WEHNER: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Our next testifier is Marlynn Tanji, followed by Janice Sarol. Ms. Tanji will be...is number 17 out of 20.

MS. TANJI: Good morning, Chair, and Councilmembers. My name is Marlynn Tanji, I'm with Hale Mahaolu's Home Ownership and Housing Counseling Program. I want to thank all of you for the funding that you've given us throughout the years. It's important funding that we are able to do our counseling work, and it's important that we continue...are able to continue our counseling work. And so I...basically, this past year has been a real learning experience since the COVID-19. You know, there was a lot of adaptation changes, and we had to learn to do different things, and we were able to move more into using technology. So we were able to offer our classes virtually, and we were...we teamed up with Howard Kihuni Jr.'s 'Āina Lani Pacific Development. And so

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we...for the past two months, we've been offering a lot of homebuyer education classes, and also doing the pre-purchase counseling. We've done this in the past, but what was different this time was that we did it before they applied for the lottery. And so what we were able to do is we saw a lot more households to come in and offer...we can offer them the education of what the homebuying process is like, and how to go through the pre-purchase counseling about sitting down and kind of looking at your budget and kind of looking at how we can help them move forward from this point. And so we've gotten a lot of good feedback. So we had...we went through about 350 households since February, and approximately we've counseled...they've completed the homebuyers' education course and the pre-purchase counseling, so about 200 households have completed. We still are counseling a lot...the remainders that have applied to the project. So it was important that...in the past, what we did was the class was actually an option after they got into the lottery. And so this time, it was required before the lottery, which made a lot more people aware of the process. So that was a good thing. The next big wave that we're anticipating would be on mortgages. Because the forbearance moratorium is going to end in June, we're anticipating a lot more households coming in to find out what options they have on how to move forward in keeping their homes. So we're looking at a lot more households. We have advertising going out trying to encourage them to come in. So they're slowly coming in, but it's...there's still a lot more households, I think, that are going to be needing help. . . .(timer sounds). . . Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Tanji. No questions from the Members. I have a quick question. So for this program, the counseling program, there's an...a proposed increase of \$20,000.

MS. TANJI: Uh-huh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Will that \$20,000 serve the purpose of foreclosure counseling only, or overall homeowner counseling?

MS. TANJI: So basically it would help with our programs because we offer not only first time homebuyer education courses, we also offer rental counseling to help potential renters to understand to clean up their credit, how to work with the landlord, the foreclosure. So we offer the pre-purchase and the post-purchase, and we also do scam prevention. So we do little mini-workshops for, let's say, some of the seniors on how to prevent from being scammed so much, so it's a whole program. And so it's continuing to expand and offering the services.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Tanji. Okay, seeing no other questions, well thank you for your testimony this morning.

MS. TANJI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Okay. Our next testifier is Janice Sarol, followed by Junya Nakoa.

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MS. SAROL: Hi, my name is Janice Sarol, and I work at . . . *(inaudible)*. . . doing the bathroom and cleaning the park. Ka Lima O Maui. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Thank you so much for your testimony this morning. Seeing no questions. Have a wonderful day. Aloha.

MS. SAROL: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Our next testifier is Junya Nakoa, followed by our last testifier, Keeaumoku Kapu.

MR. NAKOA: Howzit? Morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning.

MR. NAKOA: Yes. First thing is, yeah, I support the Ka Lima kine stuff because, oh, small kind crybaby testimonies on the Ka Lima guys. Unreal. Unfreaking real. Unreal. And then the other one, the one Theo Morrison, the one from Lāhainā, the restoration. Yeah, I going support them. You know, the kine. Especially the Moku‘ūla, the 400,000 like that. And then she was saying about the money they need for continue maintaining. I got busted ‘ah by the Police and then I had to go do community service. And that’s where I went go do ‘um. And brah, they work hard. Those buggahs, they work hard. So take care them, take care their crew, the Lāhainā Restoration Crew. Take care them because they went make Lāhainā look cherry. They make Lāhainā look cherry. And then I heard that you was talking about the Parks and Recreation. Howzit, Karla? How you guys stay? Anytime I hear Parks and Recreation, I going come on talk. But like John, brother John was saying, support the Parks and Recreation so they can keep the parks safe for our kids. Yeah. I know, Karla, you heard about the ino‘ino you know what I get about Lāhainā, you know, I mean our playground over here at the Boys and Girls Club in Lāhainā, oh, the buggah need plenty help. The buggah more worse than the Honolulu potholes they get over there. So go fix that buggah. And then also Nāpili Park. We had one batting cage up for our kids to practice their bat hitting drills in Nāpili. The buggah when they went take them down. Please, fun for have one batting cage up here that is something like the one in Kihei where the buggah get roof because here in Nāpili, the buggah rain. The buggah rain plenty. Coaching out here, we always got to cancel our games because the buggah raining. If we can get one covered batting cage, at least we can instill skills of baseball no matter what, rain or shine, you know what I mean? How to hit the ball, how to be responsible, how to be respectful of the sport and, you know, can keep them going. Like you guys know, I just had my last game last week. So I get parents right now, wishing had practice today. Tell me, Coach, you guys sure you guys no can have practice? Oh, you got to get permits for that kind stuff nowadays. No can just go on the park, you going get scoldings. So, you know what I mean. We need one batting cage, you know, I would 110 percent support that. And yeah, no forget, yeah, go open up Canoe Beach. Because one of our good uncles went pass away that went very, very instrumental in our Nāpili Canoe Club. And, you know, we would...it would’ve been good to have his, you know, celebration of life right where he went raise thousands of kids over the many of years. But now the buggah

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closed, we're going go. . .and we going have to go do 'em someplace else. And, you know what I mean, go do 'em someplace else and it's instrumental, this buggah. My daughter just went text me, Uncle Manny's stuff is the kind. So, yeah, get these things going. Lāhainā local people, all Maui local people, we all need our parks. Not only for the tourism. So go...so please take care the kind and tell the Police no come bust us because they don't bust the tourists. Okay? Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Nakoa. Okay. Seeing no questions --

MR. NAKOA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- I will thank you for your testimony. Aloha.

MR. NAKOA: Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Our last testifier signed up is Keeaumoku Kapu.

MR. KAPU: Hi, aloha mai kākou. This is Keeaumoku from Lāhainā, and right at the moment I'm in a parking lot stuck in Kahului. So I felt very important right now to give testimony to this Budget proposals. Specifically the money that came from the concession, the \$400,000 that was moved in the Parks Department. I really feel that, you know, because that concession was created to make sure that if there is an ongoing plan for the restoration of Moku'ula, then that money should be reserved only for that purpose and that purpose alone. There is an ongoing collaborated effort with other organizations that we went hui together to talk about how we would implement a plan to assure that Lāhainā basically stays within that important criteria of the National Historic Register. And in order for us to do that, despite of all the issues and pilikia that had happened in the past on how Moku'ula was going forward in the restoration project, still today I feel that because of the concession money that was set aside, that we need to really focus on what is important for that iconic area. I gave three testimonies, two in front of the County Cultural Resources Commission, on a overall plan on how we would look...how Lāhainā Town would basically look by putting in certain amenities, and I also did a presentation in front of Riki Hokama's Committee. And this was before COVID hit. Now I'm really kind of optimistical [*sic*] right now at this moment in pertaining to why would the funds move in the Parks Department on whether or not those funds will still be reserved for the restoration and revitalization of Moku'ula. As I said before, there is a collaborated effort with different organizations that we come to the table to discuss ways on how we can go forward and how we can make sure we protect the integrity of that specific area known as Moku'ula. And also adjoining properties, but we really, really got to understand that the monies was set aside in a concession to reserve those monies for the restoration and revitalization on Moku'ula. The dream is still alive, and it's alive within the people. I've been involved in the project only from a distance, but try to help with every way that we could through Maui County O Maui, and also work hand in hand tandem with the Lāhainā Restoration Foundation, and also with Hui O Wa'a Kaulua. So as I said before, I hope you take into strong consideration to ask the right question when it comes to that point when the monies was set aside in the concessions to make sure that that money still is reserved for Moku'ula. I mahalo you, for allowing me to

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testify this morning. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Kapu. We have a quick...

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh. Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Kapu. My question is to clarify. I think I understand that the Moku'ula concession money, you don't want to expand it to Pākala, Kamehameha Iki Park. That's correct?

MR. KAPU: I think...I think there's discussion that is going on right now on how those things may work. But I think the Council really, really needs to understand that when the money was allocated from that concession was specifically only for the restoration and revitalization on Moku'ula. And nowhere in there actually said that the money could be used from that concession to be used for any other project. Until we work out or find out our differences pertaining to how it's going to benefit, I think we got to draw that question pertaining to what was mandated and the requirement when the money was reserved for concession only specifically for that reason...unless somebody made a...some kind of resolution to say otherwise.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And so just trying to clarify, do you see the Master Plan of Moku'ula, Mokuhinia area to fall under the category of restoration and revitalization?

MR. KAPU: Yeah, sure. And I think that's why, when I mentioned in the beginning of my testimony that we're in collaboration with other organizations, nonprofit organizations, to see what we have and how we can go forward, and to make sure that...you know, the issue that we bring forward pertaining to how we can all benefit on this through Lāhainā Restoration, through Hui o Wa'a Kaulua, through any other organization. But it needs to...the precedence needs to be set based upon what Moku'ula...the money was provided for Moku'ula. And if we can discuss ways on how we can marry these different components together, on how we can talk about more enhancing the historic district one application, yeah? Right now, it's specific. It says that Moku'ula is separate, Kamehameha Iki is separate, Lāhainā Town is separate. So the money that was reserved from the concession only specifically said for Mokuhinia, Moku'ula restoration or revitalization.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Thank you for clarifying.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. I see a question from Member Sinenci. Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. And mahalo, Mr. Kapu. So I just...clarification on the area. So the area is going towards the Banyan Tree, and then Ms. Morrison said towards the library side near the harbor. Is this where they're proposing?

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MR. KAPU: Yeah. So is that money coming from the concession, or is that money coming from Parks? So I don't know whether or not Parks --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

MR. KAPU: - the money is reserved under Park is separate from the concession money. So she mentioned a hundred and something thousand dollars for the continued work that they've been doing down on Front Street. You know, I support that. But if we going start tapping funds that was basically only there to be utilized for one specific item, then I think...you know, I draw the question to the Council to more clarify basically why the money was provided to begin with.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Mahalo, Mr. Kapu.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Seeing no other questions, well thank you, Mr. Kapu, for your testimony.

MR. KAPU: Thank you. Have a good day, everybody.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Okay. All right. Mr. Kapu was the last person signed up to testify. I'll now invite anyone signed on wishing to testify to please unmute yourself now, and you may proceed with your testimony. Okay. Hearing no one indicating their desire to testify this morning, if there are no objections, Members, we will close oral testimony and accept written testimony into the record.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS

. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members. And it's 10:18, so I'm thinking let's take our morning recess now, and then that way we can get right into Parks and Rec right after. Any objections?

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Wonderful. So we'll take our morning break to 10:30, 12 minutes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members. All right, it's 10:18 on April 12th, and the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee is now in recess. . . *(gavel)* . . .

RECESS: 10:18 a.m.

RECONVENE: 10:36 a.m.

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**ITEM 1: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY
 OF MAUI (CC 21-30)**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee please return to order. It is 10:36 on April 12th. We have our one item on today's agenda, Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget for the County of Maui. For today, we have three Departments. We will be reviewing Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Personnel Services, and Department of Planning. We have Department of Parks and Rec first. Oh, and before I introduce Director, pursuant the request from the Members, we have the number...we have a list of priorities that we achieved consensus on, and it's on Granicus, Item 55 if you want to see that. Okay. So we have Department of Parks and Recreation, Director Karla Peters with us. Aloha. And if you'd like to introduce your team.

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Committee. So we have here today our Deputy Director Mary Kielty. It's her very first Budget session, so we're excited. And we'll be having our Chief of Planning and Development join us as well, Sam Marvel. And as a resource on BlueJeans, we do have our Planner, David Yamashita. So we're excited to start our Budget session. Thank you all for your time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. And Budget Director Michele Yoshimura. Or did you introduce yourself?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Hi . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MS. PETERS: We've missed the most important person here, yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. We will dive right into the questions.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Starting with overall questions. Number one, why do we use complaint-based enforcement? Are there obstacles to a proactive enforcement strategy?

MS. KIELTY: Not our question.

MS. PETERS: Sorry, Chair. We don't have that question. Is that...

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: That sounds like a Planning question, maybe.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That was. Sorry, my bad. That was definitely Planning. Okay. Overall question one, it's a Monday. . . . *(laughter)* . . . Mahalo, Members, for catching that. Provide additional information on filming permits for County Parks: A, what is the current film permit fee structure? Would they be considered commercial permits?

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MS. KIELTY: So currently...thank you for the question, Chair. Currently within our Department there is no fees specifically for film permits. The current process requires that all film permits are processed through the Office of Economic Development, the Maui County Film Office. Once we receive those requests, they are processed as a Government permit. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Question two, what is Department's plan to install water bottle refill stations at County parks: A, are there plans for further expansion of this program; and B, what is the cost for expansion plans and costs per refill station?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. The Department's current plan is to replace the existing drinking fountains with water bottle filling stations when they become inoperable. The estimated cost for each water bottle fill station is \$2,000. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Director. Question three, what is the status of the Department's concession program and accompanying Administrative Rules?

MS. KIELTY: Thank you, Chair. We're in the final stages of establishing the Concessions Program within the Department, and the public hearing for the Administrative Rules of Practice and Procedures for the operation of concessions in our Parks and Recreational facilities is tentatively set for June of this year, 2021.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Question four, the new Waiehu Municipal Golf Course Pro shop concession is scheduled to begin on July 1st, 2021. The current base rate rent revenue for FY'21 is \$180,000. What is the anticipated rent revenue for FY'22? And B, does the Department anticipate a fee change for rental equipment, such as golf carts and golf clubs, as a result of possible changes in rent to be charged to the concessionaire?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. The anticipated rent revenue for Fiscal Year 2022 is \$294,000. The Department did not anticipate a fee change for rental equipment as a result of the changes in rent to be charged to the concessionaire. The fee for rental equipment is defined in the invitation for bid for the golf cart, pro shop, driving range concession at the Waiehu Municipal Golf Course. The scope of concessions states that the prices charged for rental shall be reasonable and not in excess of 10 percent above average prevailing prices charged at other municipal courses in the State. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Question five, what is the status of establishing an online reservation system for Waiehu Municipal Golf Course? Please provide a breakdown of all costs, including the number of staff associated with the current phone reservation system.

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. The Department is working with the current reservation operating system provider to establish an online reservation system. We have two employees who answer the phone throughout the day, with an average hourly rate of

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\$21.53. The cost associated with the current phone reservation system is approximately \$7,105 per month, with an additional \$60 a month toward a cell phone service. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Question six, does the Department anticipate continuing to require lap swim reservations for use of County pools? Please provide a breakdown of all costs associated with the current phone reservation system for use of pools.

MS. KIELTY: Thank you, Chair. So yes, our Department does plan to continue to require lap swim reservations during the pandemic, as this is the most efficient way to meet the CDC guidelines and keep the Staff and our public safe. The breakdown of costs associated with the current phone reservation systems for use of pools is currently...we have eight employees at 22 hours per week. The employee weekly cost, it's approximately \$3,696. That funding is coming from our current A account. And the total cost to date, which is now approximately 45 weeks, it is \$166,320.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Question seven, what are the next steps for moving forward with construction of a South Maui consolidated base yard?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. The Department is currently in the process of selecting a consultant for the feasibility study for the subject project. \$30,000 has been appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for this subject. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Question eight, if the Council were to ask for an 11 percent cut in programs and activities funded by the General Fund to fully fund the recommendations proposed in the draft Comprehensive Affordable Housing Plan at \$57 million without increasing Real Property Tax revenue: A, what programs or activities would you cut; and B, what impact would the cuts have on residents?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. The Department of Parks and Recreations' proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 was submitted to meet the operational needs of the Department, while continuing to maintain a healthy and safe environment for our community and employees. At this time, the Department does not have any recommendations on reductions to the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget as proposed. A reduction in the proposed Budget would have a direct impact on the services provided by the Department. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. The next three questions are regarding Salaries and Wages. Question one, please explain the need to correct the position title and SR for Park Permit Clerk II to I. Were these employees overpaid during the previous fiscal years?

MS. KIELTY: Thank you, Chair. The subject position is recruited as an Office Operations Assistant II or Parks Permit Clerk I. Once the employee possesses the necessary skill set, a reallocation request is sent up to the Department of Personnel Services for review and approvals. Though the Budget documented noted a Park Permit Clerk II, the

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incumbents were both in the Park Permit Clerk I level. No one was overpaid. They were compensated at the appropriate Park Permit Clerk I level. The inclusion in the Budget was in anticipation of approval of the proposed reallocations. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Question two, please explain why an expansion position for Parks Security Officer I is being proposed in FY'22 despite there being two Parks Security Officer I vacancies.

MS. KIELTY: Thank you, Chair. The Department has been working on a multi-year expansion plan as additional responsibilities continue to be added to our enforcement section. The positions showing as vacancies were an oversight on our part. The positions should be reflected as position numbers P-31591 and P-31592. Both positions were filled. Recently, one of our new hires resigned due to a family emergency requiring relocation, and we are actively working to fill this position. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Deputy Director. Question three, please explain the continued increase for premium pay for the Pools Division.

MS. KIELTY: So there was...thank you, Chair. There was an actual drop in fixed premium pay in FY 2020, as pools were closed March through May of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The FY 2021 request was based on the average of the actual premium pay in FY 2019 and FY 2020. There is no expansion requests for FY 2022. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Okay. And then the next set of questions are regarding Operations and Equipment. Question one, is the private maintenance contractor one entity or multiple entities: A, are they considered County employees or contractual services?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. The private maintenance contractor index code is utilized for contracts awarded to multiple entities based on the procurement process. These contracts fund large repair and maintenance projects, as well as both projects not typically done by the Department's Staff. These are contractual or repair and maintenance services in which an invitation for bid is prepared, and required procurement process is completed. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Director. Question two, does the County participate in an AED recycling program?

MS. KIELTY: Thank you, Chair. Yes, our Department works with a selected vendor with regards to automated external defibrillator disposals. In efforts to preserve our environment, we deliver old AEDs to the vendor, who then works with a recycling program partner. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh. Mahalo. Okay, question three, have play and learn sessions, PALS, adopted COVID-safe protocols and revised group size? Please describe. And A, will PALS attendees be able to swim in County pools?

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MS. KIELTY: Thank you, Chair. So our Department is in the process of evaluating the play and learn sessions in efforts to comply with all CDC, Department of Health, and Department of Human Services guidelines. And with regards to the child attendees being able to swim in the County pools, our PALS program activities are also being evaluated, and will be determined based on the guidelines set forth by the CDC, and our Department of Health, and Department of Human Services. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Question four, the Department's water delivery charges have been increasing throughout the pandemic. Other than signage, what actions are being taken to conserve water usage in County parks?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. To conserve water usage in County parks, older plumbing fixtures were replaced with new low-flow fixtures. Changes were also made to the existing irrigation systems by replacing high-volume sprinklers with new lower volume sprinklers, and necessary adjustments to irrigation system timers were completed. In addition, district staff are inspecting their facilities daily and repairing water leaks or plumbing issues as soon as the failure is identified. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Question five, does the Department maintain a list of how much the County received whether for trade in or sale of County vehicles that are replaced?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Trade-in information is contained in the various vehicle purchase contract files within the Department. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Question six, funding in the amount of \$200,000 had allocated for a cultural assessment for the Ho'okipa Beach Park Master Plan: A, please provide status updates on the Baldwin Beach Park Master Plan and the Hāmākua archeological and cultural studies, including next steps; and B, are any additional funding required for moving either of these plans or studies forward?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. An initial concept for the Baldwin Beach Park was prepared for 2019 through 2020, and a report is being finalized. The next...the second phase will involve conducting technical studies of the site's drainage, transportation, and culture aspects. A contract is being prepared, and it is expected that these studies will commence in the summer of this year. The third and final phase, with funding to be requested in Fiscal Year 2023, will be to prepare any additional technical studies and to refine the initial concept prepared in the first phase. During this phase, additional community engagement events and activities will be held. In regards to the Honolulu [sic] Hāmākualoa Open Space Reserve, the cultural assessment for this site was initiated in June of 2020. Over the last nine months, much of the work was focused on ancestral research and detailed area reconnaissance through a series of drone flights. This task will be completed in coordination with the master mapping process currently in progress. The final step in the project is to prepare a set of management recommendations to protect the site's cultural resources. In regards to additional funding required to move any of these plans forward, as noted, the third and final phase

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to prepare a refined concept for the Baldwin Beach Park Master Plan will require additional funds, in which the Department will be requesting in the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget. Additional funding for the Hāmākualoa Open Space Preserve will be needed to complete a master plan with recommendations from the cultural assessment, as well as implementation strategies for the management of this large culturally sensitive site. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. The next set of questions is regarding capital improvement projects. One, what is the status of the Hale Pi'ilani Park playground construction? Please include a timeline for construction, status of prior funding, and list of actions needed to bring this project to completion.

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. The Fiscal Year 2020 Budget appropriation titled South Maui Parks System, CBS-2345, included \$375,000 for the following projects: Kenolio Dog Park, Waipuiani Park North Parking, Kalama Park Tennis Court Fencing, and the Hale Pi'ilani Park Playground. The Kenolio Dog Park and Waipuiani Park North Parking Projects utilized all of the budgeted funds. The Hale Pi'ilani Park Playground would need design and construction funding appropriate to move the project forward. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Director. Question two, what is the current balance of the Park Assessment Fund? What is the balance of the fund for the South Maui Community Plan area? And A, what can Park Assessment Funds be used for?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. So we have a breakdown of the various park assessment in each community plan area. And for the Kihei Makena Park, it is \$1,010,797 that's included in that Park Assessment Fund. As far as what the Park Assessment Funds can be used for, the use of park assessment fees is regulated by Maui County Code 1816320D, which states the County shall use the money received pursuant to this section for the purpose of providing parks and playgrounds for the use of purchasers or occupants of lots or units in the subdivision. The money received in connection with these subdivisions shall accrue to a Park Assessment Fund, and shall be appropriated in the County Budget for parks and playgrounds in the community plan area where the subdivision is located. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay, question three, although entitled Countywide Park Playground Improvements, the Honokōwai Park Playground is mentioned specifically in the CIP description. Can other parks in West Maui or other parks of the County received upgrades and renovations under this CIP?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. The Countywide Park Playground Improvements item is for the planning, design, and construction of replacement or new playground throughout Maui County. The amount requested for this item is intended for the Honokōwai Park Playground improvements only. Other playgrounds could be included in this item if additional funding is appropriated. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Question four, there is a \$400,000 appropriation

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proposed for FY'22 for the planning and restoration of Moku'ula: A, how will these monies be expended? What is the process for this project?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. The requested funding will be expended for a master plan management study and implementation of Moku'ula and Mokuhinia through community input and participation. The process for this project will be guided by the cultural representative of the area, along with community outreach and review by the Cultural Resources Commission. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Question five, please provide status updates and indicate whether any additional funding is required for the following CIP projects: A, Ha'ikū Restrooms; B, Kalakapua Slide, Lower Pā'ia Parking Lot Repairs...okay. Okay. So the Lower...okay, and then (i), will the status of the Pā'ia Youth Center lease have an impact on the improvements to the Lower Pā'ia parking lot? And subitem two, constituents have requested a temporary parking area in Lower Pā'ia to be used during the repairs and construction to the main lot. Materials from the Wells Street Parking Lot and volunteers would be available to help with this work. Would the Department support this effort?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. So I'll start with the status update. So A, Ha'ikū Restrooms. The rebid for the Ha'ikū Park Restroom project was protested by one of the bidders. The DCCA administrative hearing to determine if the project can be rebid was held on March 23rd. A determination is expected late this month and will decide how the project moves forward. The project currently has \$1,029,147 appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. For B, the Kalakapua Giggle Hill Slide, this project has \$15,000 appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. Our Department is currently determining the specifications and details of the replacement. Procurement and installation is expected by the end of the year. And for C, the Lower Pā'ia Park Lot Repairs, this project is currently in the permitting process, and is expected to bid in July of this year. As for question (i), will the status of the Pā'ia Youth Center lease have an impact? There will be no impact to the Lower Pā'ia Parking Lot Improvements project based on the Pā'ia Youth and Cultural Center's existing lease. In regards to the requested temporary parking lot, the Department supports the idea of creating a temporary parking area for use during the repairs to the existing Lower Pā'ia Park Parking Lot providing adequate funding is appropriated for the design, permitting, construction, maintenance, and operation of this temporary lot. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay, Members. The Director and Deputy Director did an awesome job at responding concisely, so we're done with that portion of the process. I'll now open it up to the Members with five minutes on the clock, starting with, oh, our...starting with the Committee Vice-Chair Paltin, and then we'll go to...I didn't see...who was that? Member Johnson, and then we'll work our way...okay? Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to start off with a disclaimer. We're on a time frame, and so if I did receive the answer to the question and you keep talking, I may stop you. I don't mean to be rude. Okay. My first question, on the pool

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reservation's cost to date, I just wanted to clarify that those salaries would've been paid whether...to those people whether or not we had the reservation system in place? It's not additional salaries that we went out and hired folks, right?

MS. KIELTY: Thank you. Thank you. Yes, that is correct, out of the current A funding. Yes.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. And the next question is if you're still developing your PALS protocols, are you sure that you have enough funds to cover the program in case there's additional COVID protocol needs?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Member Paltin. So in our Fiscal Year '22 request, we did ask for the restoration of those funds that were reduced in this current Fiscal Year '21 Budget. So we're confident that that will help us to navigate through this process once it's determined.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Thank you. And then for the Moku'ula Mokuhinia 400,000, do you know what entity will facilitate the process?

MS. PETERS: For right now, we're hoping that we can have the cultural representative in the area to help us guide...guide us through that process. Right now we...you know, I know Keeaumoku has mentioned, you know, some concern, and I want to make sure that it is going to be driven by the community. And, you know, with guidance from, like I said, either Cultural Resources Commission, and then if we need to get other entities involved, we would definitely need to...we will definitely do so with community driven and the cultural representatives in the area are who are we going to rely on to guide us through the process.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And I just wanted to make sure that you included also the lineal descendants. And from my recollection, the last time around, Mrs. Wendy Taomoto was heavily involved, and she did a lot to gain trust on the County side. And I know she's in a different Department, but if you could reach out to her as well because she has a lot of historical and procedural knowledge on this issue. As far as Pākala or Kamehameha Iki Park, I just was wondering if the other parking lot kind of makai of Maui Medical Group and maybe mauka of King Kamehameha III Elementary School, maybe a concession could be set for that County parking lot for Kamehameha Iki Pākala parking area.

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Member Paltin. So we would definitely include Ms. Taomoto and get, you know, a lot of her feedback so that we're not duplicating whatever process was already done and we can expedite it moving forward. As far as the other parking lot, I'll have to probably defer to Budget Director or to Public Works, if that's who manages that site.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And just on the shower water use, in the past I advocated for the push button showers, but they seem to not last long and I know a lot of people bang them. And I just was wondering if you looked into at all any kind of lever showers where, like, you know, the dowel down is off and they have to consciously push it up for the shower

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to come, and then when it's off, it'll come like that? Or some way, you know, I've driven by Wahikuli and I've turned around and parked just to turn off a shower that was just flowing as I was driving on the highway. And so, you know, just looking into some strategies that...I know it's not necessarily anybody's fault except for us, ourselves, from the public. But, you know, water costs seem to be a large portion of the Budget, and I just like to see us...you know, by water, all things find life. And just also be responsible stewards of that resource so that we can show that to the public that we're doing our best as well.

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Member Paltin. Yes, that's always a challenge that we've been having. You know, I guess with the push button, people feel that the harder you push on it, the more water is going to come out. They're absolutely right. They're actually trying to prevent a lot of water from coming out, and then have that sensor where it's timed to go off. But we will definitely look at some other forms and reach out to other municipalities to see what they currently use at their beach parks, and also just being . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . aware or mindful of the ADA component. So whatever we use, you know, the weight, there is a certain ADA code that we have to follow as far as the lever and the amount of weight and pressure that needs to be added to it from the constituents. So we will definitely look into that. And, sorry, I have a clarification for the parking lot, we will need to reach out to our Finance Department. So we'll try and get that question answered.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Miss...Director Peters. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Johnson, followed by Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Mahalo, Chair. Greetings, Department, good morning. Thanks for coming out. I just have a simple question in regards to your permits. So on page 427 in the Budget Proposal binder, on your second paragraph you talk about permits and permitting. And you...and in that paragraph, you explain all of the other Departments that are involved in...it kind of justifies the reason why you're spending...you charge, you have the Liquor Control, Public Works, Ocean Safety, all of these...Department of Planning, and they're all there to help when you guys are doing...issuing your permits, so I could understand where there's a cost involved. The question I had was in regards to your filming permits. If you could clarify that the way the permits come to you is under a Government permits, is it. . .that was your statement earlier. And on page 23 of the Revenues, Fees, Appendix B, it has a list of your Government permits, and they're all zero. So if you could clarify for that to me, is that mean that the filming industry is not paying for any types of public...any types of park permits?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Member Johnson. So you are correct, what happens is the Film Commissioner sends me permit requests to our Department when a film is being...is going to utilize park property. And at that point, the permit is issued for...as a Government permit through the Office of Economic Development. Then, I believe, you know, the film...Maui Film Office can provide you with additional information on the

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fees that are charged to the entity that applies for that permit, as well as the cost that we get in related to that as a County, you know, from the filming industry and the use that...the rent, you know, the fees that they bring back, or the revenue that they bring back by being here. And so I believe Director Inamasu provided some of that information. But as far as the Parks Department, to utilize park space, it would be a Government permit with no fees. You are correct.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. That's...that was a very clarifying answer. I really appreciate that answer, Director Peters. I have no further questions, Chair. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. Member King, followed by Council Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. So...aloha, Department. My first question is do we have a permanent South Maui Parks Director yet? Last I remember, we had a temporary one, or interim, after Mary went up to the Deputy position.

MS. PETERS: Yes. Thank you, Member King. We do. That position was permanently filled on April 1st, so we are excited that we have a...our supervisor there, Mr. Cody Tesoro is the District Supervisor.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Cody Tesoro, you said?

MS. PETERS: Yes. That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, great. Thank you for that. And then I wanted to follow up on some of the earlier questions. One is a consolidated baseline...base yard that you're working on with Public Works. Is there any funding required for this fiscal year to get that project going?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Member King. So right now we're still in the process of procuring the consultant to do our feasibility study. And once that's prepared, if there is funding that we can move forward with if it is going to be deemed that the area and location is feasible for this base yard, then we would come forth with a budget amendment when we would know better what those design and permitting costs would be.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. And then would you be able to check in with DEM, because they...they're looking for a South Maui warehouse, and I suggested to them that maybe we should...since we're consolidating Public Works and Parks, that maybe we should look at consolidating...you know, maybe bringing them into that and saving some money there. Would that be...is that something you can check into?

MS. PETERS: Yes, thank you, Member King. Absolutely. Once we get the study completed, we will definitely engage in communication with all of the Departments because we want it as one consolidated base yard where we can all share resources instead of duplicating those efforts. Thank you.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, that's excellent. Okay, and then moving on to the Hale Pi'ilani playground. I was really sad to see that nothing's happened on that because at one point, I thought it was a line item, but it looked like it fell to the bottom of a list. So is that something that could be funded through the Park Assessment Fund for South Maui?

MS. PETERS: Yes, I believe so. We would be able to utilize those --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. PETERS: -- funds depending on the scope of the project. So we will --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Well --

MS. PETERS: -- have to get that.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- I think it was a fairly...yeah, I think we had a scope when we first put it in as a line item, it was fairly...it wasn't a huge playground, but it was for the area in the neighborhood. The existing neighborhood keeps asking about it, as well as the new neighborhood of the affordable housing project that went in. So I'll talk with you offline so we could maybe get an estimate of what that would be, what that would cost. And then my last question is, so I wanted to follow up on the film industry issue with the permits. Is there any money that goes into the Park Assessment Fund for whatever area is being utilized, you know, from the user of that permit in that park?

MS. PETERS: I would have to follow up and get back to you on that to see if any of those funds are given back to the Department. I do know, though, that if the film company requires, you know, access into the park, and it's after hours, then they do pay our Staff to be there. We don't absorb any of that overtime, they provide the cost for that.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. It's just the...because it is an inconvenience for the residents of that area, so if there was some money going from whatever they have to contribute back into a park assessment fund for that area, that would be really...probably appreciated by every community that has to be inconvenienced. And then my last question is on the water refill station. I appreciate you folks moving through the system and replacing, but I'm a little worried about just waiting until the drinking fountains become dysfunctional because I think part of it is, you know, saving water with the water bottle refill stations. But it's also probably even more imperative now that we've gone through COVID and all these issues with sharing, you know, you don't want to be sharing drinking fountains with each other when there's these...the coronavirus is being spread. So can you kind of speak to that, why we're waiting for the drinking fountains to be dysfunctional before we replace?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Member King. So we had identified that as our plan pre-pandemic. And since then, we have tried to, you know, incorporate those as much as we can. I guess...*(timer sounds)*...through funding we can do something that we would need to...if we were to develop and implement it Countywide, and we can definitely look and

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do an assessment to see the areas that we should be changing out. You know, we don't want to just change out something that is pretty new. But we can do an assessment Countywide, and then come up with a comprehensive plan and cost.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, great. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Council Chair Lee, followed by Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Good morning, Karla. Good morning, Mary. I have a question on...Karla, I have a question on the Pu'uohala Park in Wailuku. Does it belong to the County, that neighborhood park?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair Lee. Yes, it is. It belongs to the County, and the neighboring property is the...belongs to the Wailuku Country Estates Homeowners Association.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, so there's two --

MS. PETERS: So there's two properties...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- different...two different parks, yeah?

MS. PETERS: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Now, can you repeat again the limitations on the Park Assessment Fund. Can it be used for maintenance?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair Lee. So as defined in the Code, it says the County shall use the money received pursuant to the section for the purpose of providing parks and playgrounds for the use of purchasers or occupants in the lots or units in the subdivision. The money received in connection with a subdivision shall accrue in a Park Assessment Fund, and shall be appropriated in the County Budget for parks and playgrounds in the community plan area where the subdivision is located.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay.

MS. PETERS: So it doesn't specifically go into maintenance or...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So could it be possibly used for repairs? Like for instance, the Pu'uohala Park, the wall is, like, breaking. You know, the fencing and the wall around the park. And then before you answer that, can you...I can look it up in the Budget on what the Park Assessment Fund has right now. So would that be fairly accurate information, whatever's in the Budget?

MS. PETERS: Yes, Chair Lee. It would be accurate information what's in the Budget. And as far as the wall repair, of that masonry wall along the perimeter of the park, that wouldn't qualify for the Park Assessment Funds, it would be for more improvements within

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that...a new or renovation of that site or park within that community plan area. But we can probably defer to Corp. Counsel to get a better idea of that.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. And one last question on the Paukukalo Park, the one by Hawaiian Homes where our kids go and practice baseball, are you familiar with that one?

MS. PETERS: Yes, Chair Lee. That's in the first phase of the Hawaiian Homes --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Right.

MS. PETERS: -- Project, right?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Right. Okay.

MS. PETERS: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So my understanding is that it still belongs to Hawaiian Homes, but they were thinking of donating it, dedicating it to the County; is that correct?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. So yes, it was being maintained by the County, it then got turned back over to DHHL, and I have not seen anything yet come through our Office or Department on the request to have it come...be donated to the County.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. All right. Thank you very much for the information. That's all I have.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair Lee. Member Molina, followed by Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. If I may ask a follow-up question of Director Peters related to the \$400,000 proviso proposal for the master plan. First of all, thank you very much, Director Peters, you've been very, very open and responsive to the community's concerns. In a correspondence we dated...that was dated March 2020, you noted that an additional 400,000 would be required to complete the master plan for the Hāmākualoa Open Space Preserve. And you further noted that this amount would be requested in the FY 2022 Budget. We were unable to locate the appropriation. Have funds been appropriated by the Mayor for the continuation or completion of this master plan? And if so, can you tell us where it's located and how much has been appropriated? But if not, are you open to considering supporting this priority from the community for the continuation of this master plan process for the FY'22 Budget? I know, kind of heavy loaded question, so go ahead and do your best. And I'll make the Member Paltin disclaimer, so if I have to cut you off because of time constraints, please don't take it as my being rude.

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Member Molina. Thank you for that loaded question. So the master planning funds were not included in our request for this upcoming Budget ,as we

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wanted to ensure that we could finish the cultural assessment and come up with those recommendations. So in efforts of not...you know, not wanting to come in for a Budget Amendment to have the money go into Fiscal Year '22, we want to make sure that in this '21 funding that we can get the cultural assessment completed, which we hope to get done soon, and we're working with 'Āina Archaeology on that. They've been a great consultant and very accommodating in trying to navigate through the pandemic, as well as we're working with the Department of Public Works on that master mapping project. So we'll coordinate with them to do the last bit of drone and aerial studies, and then they are also reaching out to the cultural descendants and lineal descendants of the area. So short answer, no, we did not request for funding as we want to make sure we can complete the cultural assessment, get the recommendations, and then roll that into the master plan with funding to be requested in '23.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you, Director. And then one more question, in the Recreation Support Services program, Members, under Budget Details, pages 12 through 65, Code 915116B, subcode 6112, there's roughly 604,176 to be exact appropriated for contractual service. Could a portion of these funds be considered for the Hāmākualoa Open Space Master Plan, Madam Director?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Member Molina. So those funds are for recreation program for them to do rec programming, you know, like a lot of the testifiers had stated our youth programming is important to our Department and the community. So we typically put the master planning funds in its own appropriation, but we can definitely look and see if we are able to absorb some of that funding.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you. So maybe the only other option might be to consider funds, or provisoing funds out of the Open Space Fund. So anyway...and if I got time for one quick question. You heard testimony from citizens regarding a toddler playground for Makawao. Would there...I know under your...I think it was...I can't recall, under Program Budget, page 708 and 709, CBS-3232 and 4581, is there any funds to do a potential study for a toddler park in Makawao? And I don't think it would be as gargantuan as, for example, the Kula Park playground that was just approved. And if my understanding was like a million dollars, whereas a toddler park would be much, I would guess, much less larger or smaller than a playground park for older kids. Any thoughts on that consideration, Madam Director?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Member Molina. So if funding were appropriated, we could definitely look into an appropriate area and design for a toddler playground. We did...I did do some quick research and did find out in East Maui, there is...we don't have one. So that would definitely be something that we should look into in providing for our two- to five-year-olds. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, yeah. Thank you for being receptive to that, Madam Director. Appreciate it. Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay. Member Sinenci.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. And mahalo, Director Peters, and Deputy Director, and Staff for answering our questions. Just a couple questions, Director. This morning we had some great testimony from Ka Lima O Maui. I was just curious how many contracts do we...does the Parks offer to Ka Lima O Maui?

MS. KIELTY: Thank you for this question. Ka Lima O Maui, currently we have within the South District, and the West District, and Central Districts. They have a maintenance contract and a custodial...janitorial services contract.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: For --

MS. KIELTY: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: -- about how many parks? Do you have a roundabout figure of parks?

MS. KIELTY: For South, we have the Kamaoles [sic], Kalama, Mai Po'ina. That's about five parks there. And...oh, and the pool, Kihei Pool, that would be six. Wailuku or Central, we have them at...and Wailuku, the District has now been split, we have them at Keopuolani, and Kanahā, and Kepaniwai, so there's about three there. And West Side, we have them on a maintenance only contract at Pāpala'ua and Ukumehame. That would be two parks on the West Side.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. Mahalo, Deputy Director. And then, Director, for the updates, the status updates for the Helene Hall Wastewater Project at Hāna Beach Park, is the Septic System project fully funded and ready to implement...the final design is complete and permitted?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Member Sinenci. So we did request for that funding in our CIP Budget for this upcoming fiscal year. Per the Department of Environmental Management, who is running the design or managing the design for that project, their update was that they're working to finalize 90 percent of the documents and anticipating that to be done, submitted for County review. They're working on the e-process and expect that to take approximately a year to complete, with bidding anticipated for early construction starting in second quarter of 2022.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. So completion after that, maybe a year after that?

MS. PETERS: Yes, that would be correct. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Mahalo. And for the Pa'anemai Park in Hāna, the master plan for the park, are we just waiting...is that subject to the acquired access easement from Hāna Biological Capital?

MS. PETERS: Yes, thank you, Member Sinenci. That's still pending. We would have to reach back out to Hāna and Biological Capital to see where they're at because there was some discussion going back and forth if that would be something that it'd be...required access

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would be something that they would be able to provide to us. So we have several options, but the ultimate plan would be to utilize the land that they have in their inventory.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Mahalo for that. And then real quick, you know, in anticipation of our Ka'ahumanu statue at Hāna Beach Park, do we need specific permitting to put the statue up at the park if we so choose?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Member Sinenci. Yes. And so the Department would facilitate the...that permitting requirement.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. Great. Mahalo, Director, Deputy Director, and Staff. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay. My turn. Mahalo, Director and Deputy Director. My first question is regarding Construction and Maintenance R&M Supplies on Budget Details, page 12-24. It's...there's an allocation for \$440,584, and it's the exact same amount in FY'21 as it is being proposed in FY'22. My question is, was that money not used because of the pandemic? And is the...what is the work? And is that the same work that was planned for FY'21?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. So that funding is utilized for Countywide...it's not specific to one district. And our Construction Maintenance Division prioritizes that based on the district's priorities. So at the beginning of each fiscal year, we ask for our various districts to submit five priority projects, projects in which are too large for them to do with their building maintenance repairs staff. And then our Construction Maintenance Division then does work to achieve those priority projects. These are deferred maintenance projects that typically are not considered CIP, but a little bit too large for, like I said, for District Staff to manage. So we do also...in the 6138 sub-object code, we sometimes do contract those out so if, you know, for say, like, in Hāna or on Moloka'i, Lāna'i, we don't have electricians there, so we would then get...go through the required procurement process to get a contract or a purchase order to have that specialized work done on our neighboring...on our County islands. So right now, we are working through the process to ensure that we can get all of the funding encumbered, and get all of those priority projects completed. Just...we had a maintenance meeting and the...you know, the districts come up with an average of...they give us our top five, but it typically runs, you know, over and maybe about ten of them. So we just try our best to make sure that we are able to get these projects completed. And then there is criteria that we use. So the first criteria is for health and safety, second criteria we use is to meet a code, so if an item is not ADA compliant or we need electrical code or building permit code that's seen as needs to be completed. And then the third would be...the criteria would be if it's costing the County money. So if we have a major line break and it's something that is continually leaking, that is the next criteria that we utilize for these maintenance...larger maintenance projects.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Were you surprised at the amount that it increased from 2019, where it was 88,000, and then 2020 it was 78,000, and then it jumped up to 440,000?

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MS. PETERS: So the amount showing in the Budget documents on 12-24 indicate the actuals that were expended. And so what we did was we actually in this sub-object code, it doesn't identify all the uses because it gets...sometimes it gets utilized in the other...the 6138 sub-object code, in which there is no funding to that. So we're working hard to make sure that we can code everything properly, and then come back with a Budget that is...directly reflects the cost associated with that proper sub-object code.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. And then I have two last questions as a follow up from the submitted questions. Question one, regarding the AED recycling, how does your Parks AED compare to Fire Department's AED, if you know? And regarding the County vehicle replacements, you responded to that question saying that it's an individual contract. So is...why is it not compiled, or is it compiled? . . .*(timer sounds)*. . .

MS. KIELTY: Thank you, Chair. With regards to the AEDs, our AEDs are currently the...we have two different models, the Phillips Heart Onsite and the Phillips FRX. I believe that's comparable to the Fire Department's, the FRX. We can, again, go back and clarify with them to be sure, but our vendor tells us that, yes, that is comparable to the Fire. With regards to the vehicles, I'll defer to the Director.

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. So we do put our vehicles out to bid as one fleet bid, so we contract them based on the index code in which they were appropriated. So typically, we get about \$100 as a trade-in cost. And if...for most of our vehicles that we just replaced, they were not even...they didn't even qualify for a trade-in, so we actually have to have them towed or driven to Hammerhead for disposal and recycling.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay, Members. Follow-up questions? Member Paltin, followed by Member Johnson.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I just was...wanted to follow up. Has the AIS by Tanya Lee-Greig been completed and accepted for Moku'ula?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Member Paltin. I believe so. I would have to follow up with Wendy Taomoto. I believe when we first started this process, that did come up, and we did get a copy of it. I have to see if it was accepted. There was some concern by Waiola Church and the neighboring properties when we started to get...go in and do some maintenance and cleaning that we referred to that document because we are not able to disturb certain areas, remove any of that fencing, because of the burials that may be there. So I'll follow up and make sure and see if that was accepted.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. And are you involved in the contract for the Moku'ula Parking Lot? I did some digging in response to constituent request, and I think since 2017, we've been on a month-to-month basis with the Diamond Parking. And Ms. Morrison said that we're not getting a very good deal, I guess, in comparison to, say, Lāhainā Restoration Foundation, where it's a flat fee versus a percentage. Would you be involved in renegotiating a contract or putting out an RFP?

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MS. PETERS: Thank you, Member Paltin. That is being managed by the Finance Department, so we can relay that request.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And then also, you guys, from all my research, has the most cost-effective, longest-lasting AEDs. Do you know if they're comparable to the Police one as well? Because I think theirs only lasts six years and you guys' one maybe ten years.

MS. KIELTY: Thank you, Councilmember. I...we are not sure if they are comparable to MPDs or not. We'd have to check with them.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And then my last question, I have received some constituent concerns, I guess, about surf meet permits. Do you have any update on if that would be allowed? I know, like, you know, baseball games are being allowed and things like that, and I guess the surf community is wondering when they can have surf meets again.

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Member Paltin. I'm going to refer to the Public Health Emergency Rules because I believe surfing unlike our outdoor organized sports and canoe paddling are included in this document. Yeah, I can probably get that information to you, but it is guided by the Public Health Emergency Rules, as well as them acquiring the required permits from the State for the water for the State.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And for Summer PALS, you don't anticipate any concerns about the five people from different households, and then having the Summer PALS? That's going to be okay, kind of like school or something? . . .*(timer sounds)*. . .

MS. PETERS: Yeah. We're really taking an active look at how best to have a modified program if we have one. And looking at the Department of Human Services...when we were looking at last year's guidelines, they had set forth some rules as far as the ratios, and also with CDC and Department of Health. So we're trying to put all that information together to best come up with the safest plan for our community and our Staff. So as far as Staff, we would also have to make sure that everything...you know, the protocols are all in place, and then consult with the union, because there would be a change in the way that we would be doing our operation.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Director. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Johnson, followed by Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. I just have one quick question for the Department, it's...a lot of the Lānaʻi constituents has been asking about the timeline of the commercial kitchen. I noticed in the Appendix B, page 25, you have the rates, and I'll spread the word on the rates, but we're just wanting to know when they can rent it. Thank you.

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MS. PETERS: Thank you, Member Johnson. So the Department just recently accepted the project from the contractor, and we'll be working on a process of that rental. So we're hoping to get that done by the...maybe in a month, by mid-May, and then be able to at least open it up for our residents there who are excited for this value-added product production area, and look forward to see how it all works out. And, you know, by the time the rates and fees kick in, we should have all the kinks worked out and the equipment then, you know, being everyone trained on how to utilize the commercial kitchen equipment.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Great news. I'll let everyone know, and I look forward to hearing more from you. Mahalo. Thank you, Chair. I have no further questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Karla, I wanted to follow up on the parking issues over at Keawakapu because now the tourists are coming back, we're getting a lot of complaints about the empty...some of their spots being empty where other people are parking all along the road and everything. So I circled back with DLNR and the adjoining lot, they're willing to look at an executive order, in fact, they suggested it in a letter to our representative for the adjoining lot, you know, the one that's half covered by kiawe trees. Is that something that the Parks Department would support? And would you be...would it be better to have a letter of interest come from the Administration instead of me?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Member King. Our only concern is that what the State is proposing is more than just those parcels. They want us to take all of those parcels that go more north. And so I think what we need to do is have a more involved meeting with the State to ensure that if we do take over those via executive order, that they will do the required cleanup and whatever is necessary, and that we don't have to absorb all of that cost. Because there are a lot of issues along the beach and the coastline that we . . . *(inaudible)*.
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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, well, let me just stop you. Yeah, let me just stop you right there because we're not talking about, you know, the letter that I got from Daniel Ornellas. We're only talking about the one adjoining lot. So we're not talking about taking over the existing lot that they have the lease with the hotel with, it's just the one adjoining lot in...you know, I'm not getting into all the other...the whole beach master planning that they...I know they want us to do that eventually, but...just...if we could just get that parking lot, I think it would solve a lot of problems in that area, and especially with another housing development going into that area. But would you...would your Department support that...just that one lot, just looking at getting that one adjoining lot as a public parking?

MS. PETERS: Yes, so we would support the idea. Thank you, Member King. In our last discussion with DLNR, they did state that they want us to do a letter of intent for all the parcels. So that's where we said, okay, we need to regroup and make sure that we don't right now have the bandwidth for that.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right. No, I understand that. So I'll talk with you offline about that because I think they...I mean, my interaction has been within the last couple of weeks, so I'm hoping that they, you know, have kind of focused on just this one lot for now. And I think that's all I have. So thank you, Chair. Appreciate the follow-up opportunity.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. I have one follow-up question, Director. In Appendix B, Rates and Fees for Green Fees, I see a lot of adjustments. I was hoping you'd be able to share some of your thoughts behind the adjustments of those rates and fees.

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. So what we did was we did a dollar increase, as you can see there, except for the Maui County Hawai'i Residents with a Hawai'i driver's license and Hawai'i State ID card, so that we are proposing a reduction. So these are for our other island residents, our outer island residents. So if we refer to the Code definition, I can...if you need me, I can get that and . . .*(inaudible)*. . . So then, Hawai'i resident means a person who possesses a current valid State of Hawai'i ID or driver's license. That would be a Maui County resident. We did show also...and if we're going down the line, we did an increase in the non-resident. For the student, no twilight...so in the Code again, we had defined the age of a student as a person who was attending school up through and including high school on a full-time basis and is no more than 19. So we need to change that to 19 years of age. And also, we do have to make one more adjustment to the nine-hole rate as we go down. So for the weekends and holidays, again, an increase of a dollar, and then a reduction for our outer island residents, increase to our non-resident, clarifying the age of a student, and adding that twilight rate, which is half of the daily rate. And then where it says the nine-hole rate and twilight rate are one-half the daily rate except for students, the State of Hawai'i age 18, that needs to be changed to be revised to be 19. And then going further down, our next change again, rates monthly for students, State of Hawai'i, age 19. And we did show a reduction for that monthly rate of \$10 as we feel that, you know, we can get our students out there. Instead of paying the \$20 a month, reduce that rate and just help in building their activity on the golf course and interest in golf, and being with their families, so promoting more of a family environment. And then, again, just a dollar increase for the Club no-show fee, and a \$2 increase for the tournament fee.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And then at...for the rationale behind that, do you think...how do you think that'll affect the revenues? The overall revenues?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. So we feel that it will help increase the revenue . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . as well as the . . .*(inaudible)*. . .in the past, when we were under the...either the PRL Committee or the...or Healthy Families Committee, it was always where we wanted to make sure that the Golf Course was able to generate some revenue, although not taxing our residents, and be able to maintain. So we looked at, you know, there's other municipalities who, they did tack on like a dollar maintenance fee, and that's going to help. We have our dunes renovation, and I'm sure Chair Lee can attest to how well utilized the course is. The cart paths could be repaired. We are working on the Master

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Plan for the clubhouse. We are doing internal in-house repairs to the existing restaurant so that we can then concession that out, probably within the next six months, and get some revenue for that. And then, you know, our overall master plan is having just a nice area for our community to enjoy, as well as maybe a permitted upstairs of our clubhouse where we can have parties similar to our community centers with that beautiful view. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay. Looks like we're finished with that portion of our process. Okay. So we'll do our priorities and...one, two...there are four priorities, starting with Chair Lee. And Members, if there are no objections, I would like to follow the same process that we used with OED. I...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: No objection.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member King. I think it helped to kind of speed up this process by a lot. Okay. Mahalo. Okay. Chair Lee, number 42, it's item number 42 on your matrix. And it is district priority, new funding, page 12-12 in your Budget Details. Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes. I'm hoping the Members will support me because I really believe that a comprehensive assessment of highly utilized County Parks and Recreational facilities and...in Wailuku should be done. You heard me talk about some of the older parks, possibly new parks that we may need, are we utilizing our facilities to the, you know, extent possible? So assessing existing conditions and frequency of use of Parks and Recreational facilities will assist in determining maintenance priorities. The assessment could also include possible revenue generation for future use. So therefore, I'm asking for \$50,000 for this comprehensive assessment to be done by the Parks Department. That's all.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair...Department, comments on the proposal?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Chair Lee. We are in support of this funding. It's something that we've been looking at throughout the pandemic on how important our parks and facilities are for our people for their health and wellness. Everyone's outdoors, everyone's recreating, and if we can get this funding and to be able to assess the maintenance needs as well as utilize if we need more of one type of either a court or a playground or that type of thing, then we can look more comprehensively at what we have and what needs to be repaired, what we need to add to it, and as well as, like, how you mentioned, Chair Lee, thank you, in looking at revenue generation. Are there areas in which we are not using that we can then put that into our concession program, and with that Revolving Fund, being able to maintain these areas and not have to come back and ask for an increase from the General Fund. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay, Members. Any questions or any additional information you would need from Chair Lee or the Department to support the

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proposal? Okay, seeing none. Okay, we'll go to the next proposal, which is number 54 from Member Molina. And it's a district priority, new funding, Program Budget, page 704. Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yes. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. This, of course, is for the creation of a temporary parking area in Lower Pā'ia. A proposal of this and a map to the Committee from community member Kai Nishiki on this request was sent, and it should be in your Granicus. Last fiscal year, the Council appropriated 600,000 for repair of a parking lot in Lower Pā'ia near the Youth Center, and as the Department has moved forward on this project, there've become concerns that parking for beach access and use of the Pā'ia Community Center...or the Pā'ia Community Youth Center, I should say, may be impacted. And during this year, the State erected no parking signs along Hāna Highway from Baldwin Beach to Pā'ia Bay. This effort was initiated because numerous vehicles along the highway were abandoned, and some were used by homeless. So as a result, numerous beach access parking available to the public were removed from use. So with the construction of the Lower Pā'ia parking lot and the parking along the highway removed, the community has raised concerns that during construction of the parking lot, there could be no beach parking for Pā'ia Youth Center, as well as members of the community. Ms. Nishiki has offered a recommendation for interim parking during the parking lot construction, and again, the location of the temporary parking is on the attached Baldwin Beach Master Plan site map from the Parks Department, highlighted in yellow and identified as the East Parking Lot Expansion. So in short, Members, the community is concerned and the use of our beaches are certainly very, very important for our residents, as well as our tourists. And our residents are feeling disenfranchised and getting frustrated when they can't have use of their beach parks during their off time when they're not working, when there's, you know, tourists parking and, you know, trailers with kayaks and all that...all of that sort. So again, I would hope that the Members consider Ms. Nishiki's proposal, 375,000 funds to be used for design, engineering, permitting, and construction. My request for 400,000 is to include a \$25,000 contingency in case it's more than that. And again, the preliminary estimate is based on the costs associated with the installation at Wells Park, and Ms. Nishiki is suggesting to implement pay to park and use funds to offset operational costs and the cost of implementation of this lot. So the thought is to potentially use material used at the Wells Park temporary parking. So again, this is something some would say thinking outside of the box, but certainly something that I believe is worth considering in this time of where our residents are concerned about management of tourism, and our residents having access to our beach parks. So this is a movement that's happening, folks, and we need to be respectful of what our residents want and need during their off time. So, Madam Chair, I also ask with your consideration if Ms. Nishiki can be used as a resource if Members have further detailed questions about this proposal. So I think my short time is up, and I'll yield the floor to the Members for questions of either the Department . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . or Ms. Nishiki. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay, I think with Ms. Nishiki, if you could explain her expertise for serving as a resource personnel, just briefly for the record.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. As you and the Members know, Ms. Nishiki has been very active with the beach, the use of our beaches and beach parks, shoreline concerns. And I think just based on that alone from her years of involvement in this critical area of our community, I feel she would serve as a good resource for consideration as a member of the community. And yes, she may not be a director or have any...I'm not sure what exactly her background, it would be best for her to explain that to you. But you and I know that she is very, very involved for many years with this concern for beach access to the public. So...which is why I make that consideration for you if you and the Members approve having her as a resource.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any objections?

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Department, Director, any comments on the proposal?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Molina. So as indicated in our responses, we are just...we're...the Parks' idea of creating this temporary parking lot, we see the need for parking once we start renovating the existing Lower Pā'ia parking lot. Our concern would just be that adequate funding is appropriated for design, permitting, construction, maintenance, and operation of the temporary lot. So I know the \$375,000 estimate was from the Wells Park lot, we would be then, I believe, in discussion with Ms. Wade of the Department of Management. That material will be available for use next summer, so the summer of 2022. We would need to get extensive permitting, you know, we are in...the area is in a flood zone, so we just want to make sure that we're not. . .*(inaudible)*. . .modular super track plastic surfacing during any type of weather or natural event is not floating out into the ocean. We have to get all of that proper permitting involved. There will be some grading. There is a grade change. We have to bring the people in through the Lower Pā'ia Park parking lot and take them west into that expansion area because we cannot get direct ingress and egress from the State without extensive traffic studies, which we're doing for the Baldwin Beach Park Master Plan. So for this temporary lot, there is a lot of permitting and design and engineering concerns and costs that are going to be coming up, and right now, we don't have that estimate. But we support the idea, providing that we can have funding. And then once the lot is open, of course, we would need to have gates, some security lighting, and then just operational maintaining it. And if you folks look on the information provided by Councilmember Molina and Ms. Nishiki at the Wells Park, or if you were to pass by, the grass is growing through that super track surfacing, so we would have to, you know, continually get that maintained. And, you know, maybe that's something that the community can help us with, so you know, we would welcome that public private partnership for the resources that we don't have so we can look at something into that as well. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay. Members, questions for Member Molina or the Department that you would need additional information in order

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to make a decision during decisions week? Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. I just have a quick question, and I think it's for the Department on the materials for the temporary lot, that you mentioned something about a plastic liner or something? I would assume that you would want to do, maybe, gravel so you wouldn't get. . .so you get more absorption into the ground rather than runoff. But what's that material you were talking about?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Member King. It is...it's a modular surfacing. So it is...you know what, I'll turn it over to Sam Marvel. He's a Planning and Development Engineer. He can better describe that material.

MR. MARVEL: Yeah, so thank you. Thank you for the question. Yeah, so the material we used at Wells Park temporary parking lot, it's a modular surfacing. It's kind of meant to be set up and take the loads needed on a temporary basis. And the idea, I think, was to use that material for the temp lot at the Pā'ia Beach Park to be able to kind of, you know, save some money by reusing the material. And then once it's pulled out, there's less of an impact. Cleaning up gravel after the fact can be kind of challenging. It migrates everywhere into the ground...with this material, it installs and kind of comes out in a more efficient manner, so save money, save time for installation and, yeah, less environmental impact.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. And it's reusable, you said?

MR. MARVEL: Yes. Yes . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So you could pull it out and put it somewhere else?

MR. MARVEL: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: That might be...

MR. MARVEL: It's supposed to be reusable.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, great. Okay, thank you. Thank you for your response.

MR. MARVEL: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, seeing no other questions. I have a couple questions, and I think...for the Department. When would the temporary parking need to be available? Like, by what...like next year, or...

MS. PETERS: I'll turn it over to Mr. Marvel again because it would relate to the Lower Pā'ia Park parking lot project.

MR. MARVEL: Thank you, Chair. So we're in the process of permitting on the Lower Pā'ia Parking Lot project. And in the best case scenario, we'd be ready to bid that project this

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summer. You know, so...you know, if the permitting process takes...you know, takes longer and we get into kind of a longer case scenario, we'd be ready by the end of the year, end of this year. So, you know, if we are going to reuse the Wells Park material, it could potentially delay the project because we're talking summer of '22 for the availability of that material. So if we're going to wait for that, it could potentially delay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo for that information. And for how long would the temporary parking need to be made available?

MR. MARVEL: I believe the construction duration for that project is six months. So if we were to keep it open just for the construction period, it'd be six months. But if you wanted to keep it for a longer period, you could look into that and see what's needed.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: If it were to be made available longer than the six months for during construction, how long would it be...could it be made available for?

MS. PETERS: Chair, I think, you know, we could make it...leave it there and set up as long as it's needed until maybe we get...I think the plan was until the Master Plan implementation is done for this permanent lot at the Baldwin Beach Park. I guess it would just depend also on the life of the material, and if it's going to hold up. And then, you know, like anything else, the Wells Park project was kind of, like, a pilot project, and it is showing to be a very well used...or, product. So if it lasts, you know, for whatever that duration is...maybe five years until we can get our studies all completed and the Master Plan for Baldwin implemented, that would be...I think that's what the community is looking towards.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And then my last two questions...well, I'll just ask the first question. Would the Department need additional fundings when dismantling or taking that temporary parking out of service at the end of its life?

MS. PETERS: Yeah. I'm not sure what's all involved in the removal of it, but we can definitely look in to see what that would cost. There is also the thought of the lighting that's going to be needed, and I believe those solar lights were going to also be available from Wells Park, so then that would need to be removed as well as the other fencing and gates. So it would be more than just the surfacing that we would have to dismantle once the project is completed.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. And then so, just my two last questions, one, so do you think the \$400,000 is enough? I know you haven't, like, done enough research to confidently answer this question, but what I'm...what I heard in your response to Member Molina is that the Wells Park cost about...temporary parking, cost about 375. And that temporary parking didn't need as many permits, and it didn't need as much grading as this area may necessitate because I'm assuming this is also SMA. So it'll also take more time for those permits to be secured with the Commission, Planning Commission. And so in recognizing the timeline of the permits that this would need, and the materials that wouldn't be available from Wells Park until next summer, what would you need this year in order to put this project into motion for this fiscal year if

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we're going to be doing it next fiscal year?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. So we haven't had the chance to really look into...and doing a really quick review of comparison to other lots and trying to see what that would cost. I could probably...we could probably...Sam and I put something together and provide that to you in writing. But...because I'd like to make sure that, you know, we don't want to just put a number...state a number that's not going to reflect what we actually need, and then we have to come back for a Budget Amendment. It's just looking at the North Waipuilani Lot, which we were just going to gravel and install some post and rail and relocate the native plants, now we are required to do an archaeological inventory survey, so that's taking up more time and funding. So we just want to be really prudent in our cost that we're giving so that we're not coming back to the body and asking for more money. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Director. Any other questions from the Members? Okay. Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. Not so much a question, but just a final clarifying point on this proposal. You know, I appreciate the Director, you know, being respectful of the community's concerns and for Ms. Nishiki for coming up with a solution-oriented approach. Now, if this certainly isn't the right approach, I would just, at the very least, wish that the Department continue to meet with the community. For example, the Hui Malama Pā'ia, which includes people like Auntie Mopsey. I've been advised that they will generate volunteers to help with clearing of the side or any other assistance as needed, so I'm hoping for a public private partnership with this because the tourists are coming back to Pā'ia. I was just in there in Pā'ia this weekend, and you wouldn't think the pandemic was happening. So people are coming back, there...there's going to be a demand for more parking. And my biggest concern, hopefully, tensions don't boil over between residents and tourists as it relates access to the beach. So whichever is the best plan, I'm certainly supportive of. And again, keep the...please keep the doors open between the community and the Department to find a solution if this one is not the right proposed solution. But again, we need to develop some level of interim parking so...as soon as possible, so at least keep the wheels of momentum rolling on this. And I appreciate the point you made, Chair, is like what the Department needs now to at least keep the ball rolling on this. So that's what the community wants, at the very least, if this solution isn't considered. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay. Seeing no other questions, we'll go to our next proposal, and then it's the second to the last one. I see that it's 12:09, we're almost there. It's an alternate proposal from Member Paltin, and it's to add funds for her district. Okay. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, Chair, I was wondering about proposal 64 and 70 as well. I guess they're in other Departments, but they...if I could briefly...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Member Paltin.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Priority number 64, if you could just let everyone know. Oh, I'll just let everyone know. It's the 1.25 million in Open Space Fund for the West Maui Park part of the Pulelehua change in zoning condition. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. And I just real briefly wanted to confirm and let everyone know that you are involved in the selecting of this site and that you support it, and that, you know, I shared with you kind of the long-term plans of the area and just briefly.

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Paltin. Yes, so we did select the site based on that change in zoning condition, and I can turn it over to Sam because we do have a quick update. We're utilizing some of that funding for...to do our due diligence. So I think it's very important when we acquire property that we do that due diligence, and we are finding out some things that maybe we don't want to acquire as part of that purchase. So I can turn it over to Sam for a quick update.

MR. MARVEL: Okay. Thank you, Member Paltin. So yes, we are in the process of getting a proposal from a consultant to perform the due diligence for that parcel. We had some initial meetings with the consultant team, and they brought up some good concerns about the drainage on that piece of land that we need to be aware of. So they're looking into that. They'll perform a full drainage study, look at all of the...you know, any potential issues with the property that we need to be made aware of, and kind of prepare a report that we'll be able to share when that's put together. So we have a really good team looking into it, and it's an exciting piece of land with lots of possibilities, so I look forward to this project. Thank you, Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Awesome, thank you so much. I got no questions.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. And then what was the other item? 70?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Number 70. Just double checking that that is okay with you guys. Oh, sorry. If I...it's about the Moku'ula Mokuhinia. I wanted to be able to pull the bill for public comment to Committee on the extension of that parking monies to Pākala and Kamehameha Iki Park, also known as Kamehameha East so that we're not doing things in a vacuum. And I think we did hear some concerns about that, as well as ensuring that, you know, it's a fair transparent and respectful process, taking extra steps to maintain decorum in the process, protect against community bullying and violence.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So the bills would be referred to Committee --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- instead of being considered for passage? Department.

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MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Paltin. Yes, that would be fine, and we support the change...you know, the wording and the language that should be associated with that to ensure...you know, a fair, happy process so that we can get this culturally significant area to where the community wants it, and where it should be. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. And I just wanted to add, I believe also the first time around with Ms. Taomoto, the Army Corps of Engineers was involved, so maybe we can also look up their comments. Not to say that they're the only ones that should be listened to in that, but just, you know, for the whole broad picture of what has already occurred and what some of the concerns were.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay for your alternate, \$15 million for Lāhainā Civic Center Rehabilitation.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Sure. My alternate was after you guys presented about, I think, War Memorial being a . . . *(inaudible)*. . . up to EHPA category three rating, it's kind of a big concern for Lāhainā as well. And I saw that there was CBS-6077 for Lāhainā Civic Center Rehabilitation, and so I just, you know, threw it out there. I think on the paper it said category four, but I might have meant to be similar to War Memorial and do category three. But, you know, higher is better and, you know, what is cost-effective and prudent according to the standards we're given. That was my alternative because...you know, but it is quite expensive so I put it on the alternative. But we already...we're facing down a category five once, and we lucked out. So just, you know, with climate change and everything, we have limited shelter space, and I think just any comments you had on that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Paltin. So we did identify that in that CBS-6077, we should add the language which would state that the upgrades to meet the EHPA category three standards, so we can add that into the current design component of the site. With the Maui Invitational Tournament license, we have construction windows that we need to work with, so we're trying to phase all of our projects, but we do support the need for sheltering in all of our districts. And also working with the Maui Emergency Management Agency, who I believe is requesting for funding to update that shelter assessment. And also, you know, in looking at, again, public private partnership because we don't always have the funding available for these, partnering with the DOE or the State to say, hey, we have a...do you have a site that we want to look at maybe doing a cost-share or, you know, where we both put in funding for a site that's already there. But we support for sure, and it was an idea of ours to utilize the Lāhainā Civic Center as a sheltering site for the West Side. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Awesome. Stoked.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Members, any need to request additional information from the Department or Member Paltin in order to make a decision? Oh, sorry. This is an alternate. So if it ends up making her top ten, it could

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make it to decision week. So if you have to make a decision on it, now's your time to ask the Department. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: I just had a clarification. I guess I wasn't clear. Do...is this going to happen already, or do I need to keep it as a priority?

MS. PETERS: Sorry, Member Paltin, we're adding in for design, but not the actual construction funding. We don't have that in our current request.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. But construction isn't going to happen this fiscal year, so we're still okay, right?

MS. PETERS: Yes. So what we were planning on with the request for the \$600,000 was to finish the design. And the first thing that we need to upgrade that's going to fail soon is the air conditioning system, so we were wanting to get that replaced first. And then we would move through the phasing of the improvements based on our construction windows that we're able to do currently.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: So based on that response, is there a need for me to move this off the alternate list to the priority list, or the design for EHPA 3 is currently covered?

MS. PETERS: I'll turn it over to Mr. Marvel.

MR. MARVEL: Thank you, Member Paltin. Yes, we've added that language. We're currently in the process of requesting a proposal consultant for this project, and we added that language for them to do the design for the EHPA.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Thanks, great.

MR. MARVEL: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. Seeing no questions, we'll go to another revisit of a priority item, number 58 on your matrix. This is for \$100,000 for the Hāmākualoa Open Space Preserve. Member Molina, you wanted to ask Parks Department for feedback on this proposal as well?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Again, this is a proviso, so not additional funding request. And based on the discussions we had with Environmental Management the other day, it was confirmed that Parks is the lead agency for this. And based on the numbers that they explained to us how much was expended, I'd like to downsize and amend this proposal from 100,000 down to 50,000. And there was some discussion as well as to whether this condition belongs...or this issue belongs in the Highway Beautification Fund or the Open Space Fund, but after review of the Highway Beautification Fund section 3.25.030, it appears this request is appropriate to stay in this fund as originally requested. And you know, out of respect for your time and the Committee's time, I know everybody getting hungry, but I've already explained in the previous discussion with DEM the benefits of this clean up and

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through all the volunteer organizations who've helped, cleaned up this much important area, the Hāmākua, Malama Hāmākua Maui, Ha'ikū Association and the Sierra Club, but there's still more work to be done. 260 acres of land that still need attention, and the...I guess, the cleanup effort has only really just scratched the surface. So after comments from the Department, I would hope the Members....respectfully ask for their consideration of this proviso being downsized from 100,000 to 50,000, to set aside these funds for the cleanup of the area. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Molina. Department, comments?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Molina. Yes, it's identified in all of the cleanups that is definitely...there's definitely a need for funding to remove the abandoned vehicles. And what we are finding out is that we actually have to do a retrieval first because the tow vendor is not able to go and drive down there on the terrain that's there and the topography. So what we're working on right now is an invitation for bid to get a company or vendor to do the retrieval, bring these vehicles that have been tagged and identified up to the roadway where the towing vendor can then tow them away. So funding is necessary for that. Thank you. . . .*(timer sounds)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. And then I have one alternate proposal, and that's for a trailer-style bathroom for Mana'e-side of Moloka'i. There aren't any County restrooms after One Ali'i Park to Hālawā. And so the...I want to call it neighborhood store...Mana'e Goods and Grindz generally allows the public to use their restroom, but I don't think it's...it should be their burden to bear. And since the County has a parcel at Pūko'o, the thought was to have a bathroom trailer there. Right now, there's a porta potty or two. Anyway. It's an alternate proposal. Department, comments?

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for that proposal. So that would either be in a...would that be in addition to or replace the portable?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Replacement.

MS. PETERS: Yeah, so that would work. It would still need...we would need to do some homework and see if we had sewer and water connection, then we wouldn't need it to be serviced as far as pumping of the grey water. And so, yeah, so we would definitely still need some funding for the servicing and...but would support that idea. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Director. Okay, Members. Any additional information needed from myself or the Department on this proposal? Okay. Member King, followed by Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, just quickly, it sounds a little bit like something like the mobile hygiene unit that we've had built for South Maui, but maybe without the showers? Just the restrooms. Is that the kind of thing you're thinking of? I'm not sure what you mean by portable or...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So at some events, like, I think at the fair they have

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like a trailer style of bathrooms and at our, you know, State championship canoe races, they have that trailer style instead of the porta potty, and it just feels a little more sanitary than a porta potty, especially if the porta potty is serving as kind of a...more of a long-term restroom facility. And it usually has, like, handwashing stations and the porta potties there don't, so...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right. No, I know what you're talking about because a lot of people have likened our mobile hygiene station units to that but, you know, without a shower. But that would just be stationary, right? It wouldn't be moved in and out, it would just stay there? That's...that was my only question. Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: No, I understand what you're talking about.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It wouldn't...yeah, it wouldn't be necessarily moved around.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: You wouldn't need a truck...like our mobile hygiene unit, we had to get a truck to haul it around and move it from place to place, but you wouldn't need that. But they are...there is a possibility of having them self-contained like the mobile hygiene units, but they carry their own water tank so they don't need to be hooked up everywhere they go, so that's an option too. But that's all. I think it's a great idea.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. My question is for you, are you envisioning a need for there to be an attendant at the station, or would it just be the same? Or would it be like a contract to clean it, it wouldn't be the Parks' worker, similar to like how the portables have the portable company to clean it, or are you envisioning park caretakers to clean it?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So when you say clean, you don't mean, like, pumping? Pumping would definitely be contracted, yeah? I don't think we have that as part of our Department.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: No, not pumping. Like just like if there's toilet paper on the floor, or whatever, or if, you know, people upper upper deck or whatever it is...the situation.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So I...that would be part of the Department's kuleana.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin.

MS. PETERS: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Department.

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MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. So another thing to think about too is vandalism. We currently have a couple of those mobile restroom trailers, so they did get vandalized and are now not in...inoperable. So there's a need to think about that, versus the porta potty vendor does take care of that type of thing. They're...it's part of their contract where they replace it should it get vandalized, and then the servicing. So if we could just take that into consideration as well. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Yes. That's actually the reason it's an alternate right now and not one of my top ten. Not super confident in it not being vandalized right now. Mahalo, Department. Okay. Seeing no other questions, we'll move on to the last part of our review, and that's any...the Grants that we received, Revolving Funds, any questions on those? Oh, Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, Madam Chair, would you consider, I think, proposal number 63? I know the other night you mentioned it as something under Planning, but it's something that I think would come under Parks, that's the proviso for the Open Space, the 400,000 --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: -- for the master plan.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Department, comments on that item? The \$400,000 for the Hāmākualoa Open Space Preserve Master Plan.

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Molina. So if we did specify earlier that we would need additional funding should we move forward with the master planning and management plan. Currently right now, we're waiting to make sure that we can complete the cultural assessment and get those recommendations on how to move forward. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. If I could just make a couple of points regarding...I guess there's some concern or slight push-back from the Mayor's Office representative, Ms. Ane, as well as Corporation Counsel, Ms. Toshikiyo, the other night about the usage of these funds out of the Open Space. Back in 2020, the Council approved 140,000 for the archaeological study, and it came out of this fund. And under the Charter, Section 9.19 says acquiring lands or property entitlements for land conservation purposes in the County, which is what, you know, we're seeking to achieve for Hāmākualoa. And this is a proviso, not adding additional funds. The Charter further states the funds can be used for public, outdoor, recreation and education, preservation of historic or culturally important land areas, protection of significant habitat or ecosystem. So therefore, the goals of the Open Space Fund are clearly in line with the direction with which the community seeks to achieve for Hāmākualoa. And in a master plan, you would include these components, so highlighting the importance of the

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historic significance of the land areas, and protection of significant habitat or ecosystems, as well as the public outdoor recreation and education aspect of it. So I just want to make that point because precedence has already been set using funds from the Open Space Fund for a study. So now, unless somebody can differentiate the difference between a study and a master plan then, you know, I haven't seen anything in there that says no to that. So I just want to make that point for the Department and the Members' consideration. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. The question is for the Department, and I just wanted to clarify. So you're not against the 400,000, but you just want to complete the AIS first? And do you envision completing the AIS within this fiscal year so that the plan would be, I guess, procured in the next fiscal year, the one that we're Budgeting for now? Just clarifying.

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Paltin. We have David Yamashita on the call. I'll have him provide that information.

MR. YAMASHITA: Hi. Thank you for the question. We're not quite sure exactly when we can finish this because as Director Peters mentioned, we're trying to coordinate this with the mapping project that Public Works is doing. So that's what drives some of the schedule. I think all we can say at this point is we'd like to move as quickly as possible, but there's some parts of this that are out of our hands.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And then just to follow up, so you're not opposed then to budgeting for this fiscal year for the master planning, this coming fiscal year that we're discussing?

MR. YAMASHITA: I don't think so. I think the one caveat we have is the purpose of doing the study we're doing now is to find out what's going on with the site. So it's not clear right now what kind of preparatory work we're going to have to do if we uncover something. I don't know what it is, but you can imagine, you know, this is old pineapple land, I believe. And so it's just hard to know what's in the ground, what's in the gulches, and how we're going to deal with all the different management issues. So that's...I just want...I think we all want people, the Council, to understand that there's a lot of unknown at this point. Thank you for that question. That's a very good question.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Yamashita. Okay. Seeing no other questions, we'll...if there are no questions for the Grant Revenue or Revolving Fund, then we're...we've completed our review of Parks and Rec. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Sorry. I just...I guess my question is for the District Park Funds. Is that the Revolving Funds?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The Revolving Funds are the Ocean Recreational Activity

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Fund, Maui Interscholastic League Fee Funds, and County Parks Special Revolving Funds.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yeah, the District Park Funds, is that what you mean by Park Special Revolving Funds?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, sorry. So the Park Assessment Funds, can we respond in writing regarding the balance of this. And I'm sorry, Councilmember Paltin, what...I didn't quite get your question. Could you repeat your question?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, is the District Park Funds Special Revolving Funds?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes. So the Park Assessment Funds are all set in separate funds by district. So we could...I didn't transmit the total that's available...that's currently available in the fund for appropriations for Fiscal Year '22. The balances might differ, depending on what's been appropriated in Fiscal Year 2021 or committed to other projects already. So we will give you an update on Friday.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay, and that's not what Chair Rawlins-Fernandez was talking about as what we cover right now? I don't want to go off of her...I don't want to stray off of her agenda, if that's not what she meant.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Do the County Parks Special Revolving Fund include all the District Park Funds?

MS. YOSHIMURA: What number are you looking at? What page? Sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry. I'm looking at my notes.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Oh, okay. So Appendix 8.2, we have all of the Revolving Funds and Special Purpose Revenue Funds. The Park Assessment Funds are not located in this area, so we could provide you a separate transmittal. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. That'd be great. Sorry, Chair, I just wanted to stick to your agenda.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I appreciate that. Mahalo. Okay. Seeing no other questions, and we're losing Members and quorum. But we're pau anyway. So we'll...I'll invite the Director to share any final thoughts or closing comments.

MS. PETERS: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Committee, for having us here today to be able to answer all your questions. We're available if you have any follow ups, just let us know. We look forward to a exciting new Budget in which we're able to meet the needs of our community. Thank you so much for your time. Have a great afternoon.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director, and congratulations to our new Deputy Director Kielty for her first Budget session.

MS. KIELTY: Mahalo. Appreciate it. And we'd also just like to express our condolences to our friend and Councilmember Tasha Kama and her family on behalf of the Department. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that. Okay, Members, it's 12:37, and would Members like to return at 1:30 or 1:45?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I vote for 1:45.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I'll go 1:45.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. That's what I thought. . . . *(laughter)* . . . Me too. All right. And when we return from lunch, we'll begin our review of the Department of Personnel Services, and we're pretty on track. Good job, Members. Okay. It's 12:30, so we'll return at 1:45, and it's 12:37 on April 12th, and the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee is now in recess. . . . *(gavel)* . . .

RECESS: 12:37 p.m.

RECONVENE: 1:50 p.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . *(gavel)* . . . Will the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee please return to order. It is 1:50 on April 12th. And the next Department we have up is Department of Personnel Services. Aloha, Director Underwood, if you would like to introduce your team for us. Oh, okay. I think I need to unmute you. One moment, one moment. Okay, Director. Aloha.

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MR. UNDERWOOD: Aloha, can you hear us now? Okay. Wonderful. Good afternoon, Chair, and Members of the Committee. My name is Dave Underwood, I'm the Director of Personnel Services. With us I have Cynthia Razo-Porter, our Deputy Director.

MS. RAZO-PORTER: Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Okay. All right. So I will dive right into our submitted questions. For overall, question one, the Principal Archaeologist salary is \$2,612 less than allocated by the County Council in FY 2021: A, would the addition of an employee and supervisory duties justify an increase to the Principal Archaeologist's position classification and salary; B, please describe the process used to establish the Principal Archaeologist's job classification and the State position it was based on; C, please provide any information on State position descriptions related to archaeology; D, how can the Principal Archaeologist position be upgraded to a higher classification and

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salary to better reflect the actual work performed and cost savings realized by the County; and E, please provide guidance on retaining uniquely qualified and difficult to replace employees.

MR. UNDERWOOD: Okay. I think there's an F also, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. If you can read that F, I don't have an F on my copy.

MR. UNDERWOOD: Ours has F, if an archaeologist support position, such as an Archaeologist II, is funded by the Council in Fiscal Year 2022, what State classifications can be used to create this new position? What guidance would you give the Council in establishing this new position?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I see.

MR. UNDERWOOD: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That was the question two on my copy.

MR. UNDERWOOD: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Director.

MR. UNDERWOOD: But they're all...you know, in the same, I don't know, subject matter. I'll just kind of dive in and answer all of them now. Ultimately, the driving factor in position classifications is the duties assigned. So it starts with the Department, they come up with the duties that are assigned for that position, they develop a position description, which is then formalized and sent to Personnel. We use that in comparison with other jobs in the County and other civil service classifications around the State to determine what classification this particular position falls into. That was the process that was followed with this one. In this case, the duties assigned to this particular position were a very good match with a class in the State of Hawai'i, which is the Principal Architect so that's what we based our classification off of. The Principal Architect is the only civil service architect class in the State. We're lucky it was similar to that. It is possible for a classification to change, and again, it starts with changing the duties. It could be assignment of a subordinate. That could drive classification changes depending on the type and level of subordinates. It could be the addition of higher level duties could also drive a reclassification. As always, you know, a recommendation to anybody who's considering a reclassification is to work very closely with the Department to make sure that the duties are very clear. If you're going to add a position or if you're going to change a position, make sure the duties are clear so the incumbent knows what they're expected to do, and the Department can manage it well, and it is efficiently meeting the Department's goals and objectives. So that's typically the advice we give Departments when they're looking at reclassifying something. If we were to add...let's just say, if we were to add a lower level archaeologist, that's not a job that currently exists in the Statewide civil service system, so we would create that one if that was appropriate. So that is possible, we can create classes if they don't exist. And as far as retaining these

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types of employees, it's always a challenge to retain highly specialized positions with highly specialized skills. The civil service rules and the union contracts do stipulate that unless we cannot hire an entry step person, people come in at the entry step. Once they're in, the compensation is mandated by the union contract, so we can't unilaterally change anyone's compensation outside of that contract. There are certain incentives built into the compensation schedule in the contract, so there are longevity steps that every so often, every, you know, either two or three years, employees get an increase, which is an incentive for them to stay. And also, the County's benefit structure is also geared toward rewarding long service. So the longer you stay, the higher your pension, the more medical coverage you qualify upon retirement. So that's typically how the County attempts to retain employees for long standing time. And like I said, it's really built into the structure, and there's not a lot of flexibility on that. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. And then before I ask the next question, I will say aloha awakea to Member Yuki Lei Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Aloha. Thank you, Chair, and nice seeing everybody. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Welcome. Okay. Question three, if the Council were to ask for an 11 percent cut in programs and activities funded by the General Fund to fully fund the recommendations proposed in the draft Comprehensive Affordable Housing Plan at \$57 million, without increasing Real Property Tax revenue: A, what programs or activities would you cut; and B, what impact would the cuts have on residents?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Chair. That would be extremely problematic for us. Most of our Budget goes to salaries, as you see. So 11 percent is almost half of our operations Budget, so it would affect pretty much everything that we do. It would definitely reduce the service we can provide to the Departments and the public. We would have to very carefully analyze it to see if we could still meet our statutory compliance obligations, so that would be our first priority. And then I'm not sure we could do that, but that would be our priority.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay. The next question is regarding Operations and Equipment. What differentiates the Employee Awards Program from the Service Awards Program? Do you anticipate any carryover savings from FY'21?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Chair. The Service Awards Program is a program that recognizes long continuous service with the County. So at certain milestones you get recognized, 10 years, 15 years, 20 years, 25 years. Same with retirement. If you retire with a milestone service, we recognize that. It's typically something small like a token, a pen, you know, or \$50, something like that. We also recognize employees who have perfect attendance, so that's strictly based on service milestones that people reach. Employee Awards Program is designed to recognize employees that have made a contribution to efficiency, or development, or the way that they work. So that's the program that you're all kind of are familiar with, you know, the employee of the year, Departmental employee of the year, Moloka'i employee of the year, team of the year.

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Those are the employee awards program. And that's based on Departments nominating somebody and a panel choosing that particular team or employee or manager of the year. The Service Awards, we don't anticipate any savings, people are still accruing service, they're still working, so that should be playing out as we would expect it to play out. The Employee Awards Program, there may be savings. We have not had a recognition event. Normally we have a recognition event, every year it's either a lunch or a dinner. So far, obviously, that really hasn't been possible with the pandemic, so it would really depend on what type of recognition we're able to do this year.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. The last question is regarding Program Goals and Objectives. One, relating to goal number one, measure four, ensure the County's recruitment efforts are attracting qualified candidates, A, the State of Measures suggested...suggests that Personnel Services is meeting the scope. What efforts is the Department taking to meet the goal of recruiting qualified candidates?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Chair. It takes quite a bit of time and effort to recruit qualified candidates, that is our goal. First we start...you know, all of our civil service jobs are advertised in the paper, on the website governmentjobs.com. So we...we keep them open for at least it's two and a half weeks at the very minimum. So we try to get the word out there and give people time to apply, so we get as broad a base as we possibly can. Once we get the application, we do have Staff that review every application to make sure and check for qualifying experience, training, education, so we go through and we pick the qualified ones. And then typically we also have a written examination, which is job specific to that particular job, and we may have additional performance examinations that candidates have to go through as well. It really is trying to get as a broad a base as we can, and then use whatever tools we have to select the most qualified. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay. Those are all the questions that we received from the Members. Okay. So we'll go to the next part of the process, which is opening the floor to the Members. For this Department, there are only...there are only Operations, so Personnel, Administration, and Management Support Services. There aren't any CIPs, Rates and Fees, Grant Revenue or Revolving Funds or Bills, and the Members didn't ask any...or have any priority proposals for this Department. So we'll do the five minutes for each Member, and then we're done reviewing this Department. So we'll go with the subject matter Committee Chair, and I think it's Member...is that Member Molina? Yes, okay. And then we'll go to Committee Vice-Chair Paltin. Okay, Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. And good afternoon, Mr. Underwood. Just a quick general question, you know, looking at your objectives...Goals and Measures, I should say, on page 456 of the Program Budget with regards to applications received. I know...I can guess that you are having a big uptick in applications with the effects of COVID-19 on the local economy. How's...how is your Department working with the other Departments to fill vacancies? Because I know that's been a concern for many, many years, about the process it takes to get people

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hired and to fill these vacancies. Can you share with us any thoughts on if, you know, any changes or improvements have been made with regards to that process?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Molina. Actually, you have the exact same thought that we did, that we were going to be inundated with applications. Oddly enough, in the pandemic where unemployment reached 35 percent, we have not. We actually...our application volume actually dropped unusually. We can't explain it, but the application volume actually dropped. So it has not gotten any particularly easier to fill positions. Another factor that came into play is the current Administration is being very...kind of cautious with regard to the economic conditions, so the Mayor has instituted a hiring freeze. So it's not a total freeze, but Departments are required to get the Mayor's approval for them to hire outside of positions that are public safety or required for the pandemic response, so that has led to some additional challenges and overhead in filling positions. The other thing that has been a challenge for us is, of course, you know, by statute we are required to give civil service exams, which is very difficult when you can't assemble people in one room and give them an exam. So we have been pivoting to online exams, that was very challenging for us. We're still in the midst of that. But hopefully that will provide us with the ability to keep test volume up and keep applications moving, even in the pandemic. And if it offers some kind of streamline...some opportunities to streamline the process going forward, but we'll keep it in our arsenal going forward even after the pandemic.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Great, great. Thank you for that response. And last question, it relates to the Civil Service Commission. Employee grievances, has there been an uptick in that, or is it pretty steady, or has there been a drop-off? I know you...that commission comes under your oversight. Your thoughts, Mr. Director.

MR. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Member Molina. There has been an uptick in grievances. Some of it related to the pandemic, you know, there were a lot of changes in operations that went into effect with the pandemic, so there were a number of grievances that came out of that. Mostly the other is just, kind of normal variations from year to year. If we got a problem with an employee, that could generate, you know, four or five grievances just from one employee if that happens. But there has been an uptick in civil service appeals and grievances, partly because the pandemic, partly because it's tight economic times, and where somebody might have let it slide previously that they didn't get a job, now they're more willing to carry it through the appeal process.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. All right. Well, thank you very much for your responses, Mr. Director. And mahalo to you, and also Director Razo-Porter. Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Director. We're on *(audio interference)* a time so that means I got my answer and I don't mean to be rude.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: My first...yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You may want to turn your video off. It's starting to glitch a little bit.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Is this better?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'll restart your timer.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: My first question...okay. My first question is, are you involved with the State's classification of the Land Management Administrator? And how far away...if you are, how far away do you think we are from specifying that class?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Member Paltin, we're not involved with the State's classifications at all, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, okay. You know, so my second question, I guess, would be...you know when, say, a position is upgraded, like say from a one to a two or a trainee to an operator, I know some of them it's just standard, like if they pass their probationary period. But like, say a position that's classified as a one gets reclassified as a four, are you involved in that process at all?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Chair, Member Paltin. Yeah. All the classifications would come through us, so typically what would happen is the Department would realize that the duties have changed. They would do new position description and submit a request through Budget and the Managing Director, and if those two sign off on it, then it would come to us to look at.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And what kind of criteria do you evaluate if a one should be reclassified to a four?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Member Paltin, that would be based on the type and level of duties and whether it's a supervisory class, not a supervisory class, the amount of supervision it receives, versus working independently, there's a number of factors that we would look at.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And then I realize that you said that you're not involved in classifying the Land Management Administrator, so you weren't involved in the classifying of the Archaeologist position either? Just when it opened up, you helped to fill it? Or how did that work out?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Member Paltin, I think I misunderstood your previous question. I thought

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you were talking about the State classifying something. We would be involved in classifying a County position. So if it's a County...I think that's the County position that is currently being worked on by the Department of Management --

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Yes.

MR. UNDERWOOD: -- and Department of Finance. Yeah, that hasn't reached our office yet, but when it does, we'll work on it. Sorry about the confusion.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Oh, no problem. Being that it hasn't reached your office yet, do you still feel that we should allocate a full year's salary to this position? We didn't allocate a full year's salary, it looks like last year, and none of the salary, I guess, has been used so far because they haven't classified that according to the civil service. So just wondering your thoughts on that. It looks like this year, it's been allocated for a full year position, but there's still no specs.

MR. UNDERWOOD: Member Paltin, I guess it would kind of depend on how they think they will be able to fill it. If we get it, you know, this month and we create it...if we have to go out and recruit open, you know, that will take probably several months by the time we recruit, test, make a list, so there's typically a delay there. If they have the ability to fill it from within or by a transfer from another jurisdiction, then the filing could happen quite rapidly. They could use the full...a full year of funding.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And then similar to like how the Archaeologist position was, when we didn't have the specs we put in a number and it turned out to be somewhat less than the number that we had put in there. Do you anticipate, like, possibly happening for that Land Management Administrator position, being that it's never been created before the full year salary is just a ballpark figure?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Member Paltin, I think it would...well, there's a couple things that would affect that. One is if they're filling it internally or by a transfer from another jurisdiction or a transfer internally, then they might...you know, the salary will be based on what that new incumbent is already making, right? So they could come in above the minimum. If we go out and recruit open, we would have to fill it at the minimum. We have to attempt to fill it at the minimum. If we are unable to fill it at the minimum, we might offer it...be able to offer a higher salary, but we won't know that until we actually have to go out and recruit.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And by the time it passes...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay, thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. Sorry, it's a soft ring. I don't know why. Okay. And then we'll go to Member Sinenci, followed by Chair Lee.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. And mahalo, Mr. Underwood and Deputy Director, for your answers to our questions. Yeah, just following up on the Archaeologist one. We understand that by creating the position as civil service, that we would be limited in our flexibility with the classification pay, but thought it was important to make the position permanent. So are you able to get information from the State Department of Human Resources Development? Can they help identify similar positions for Principal Archaeologist?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Member Sinenci, yeah, we will...we are in contact with them, so we can go research whatever they have and try and...we have to follow each other, so that's always part of the process.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. Thank you, Director. And then just a general question about the factors that affect job classification, like education and experience. Can that also affect the pay level?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Member Sinenci, as I said, it typically starts with the duties. So we'll look at the duties, and based on that, that will typically drive what kind of experience is required. So it really goes off the duties more than anything else. So that's really going to be what we'll look at.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. So not necessarily if they had required a PhD in archaeology or years of experience, it's more what kind of duties. We did hear from the Director that the Archaeologist was reviewing an average of 30 different projects in all the different Departments at a cost savings to the County. So I don't know if that could be a factor in job descriptions.

MR. UNDERWOOD: Member Sinenci, unfortunately, savings and volume of work typically is not...it's typically based on the type and level of duties.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay, okay. Thank you for that, for that clarification. And then on another note, you mentioned a hiring freeze set by the Administration. That's not County...the Departments open...but that have open job positions, yeah?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Member Sinenci, that affects all Departments and all vacancies. And the mandate is for any positions that are not public safety, police, fire, dispatchers, or are not directly related to the COVID response, Mayor has to approve the hiring. So there's a position in our office that's currently frozen. So yeah, that affects all open positions.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, so vacancies are all frozen. Okay. Thank you for that. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay, Chair Lee, followed by Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. I have no questions for the Department.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair Lee. Member King, followed by Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Aloha, Mr. Underwood. My first question is on the Archaeologist. In your opinion...I know you probably can't give a firm on this, but would the union support a pay increase for this position? You know, say if we made it a supervisory position, would there be an issue with the union?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Member King, no, probably not. You know, classification is not negotiable, so the classification part is up to us. And then what happens when that position is reclassified, there's a provision in the union contract, so what happens to the incumbents pay is already accounted for in their contract. So I don't think it will be an issue.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Great. And then looking at the...you know, the Performance Measures or the Key Activity Goals and Measures, I had a couple questions. One is, do you do anything to...does your Office do anything to actively recruit for the Departments? Or do you just, like, help them put out notices? Do you go out and find...help them find people? Because I think a lot of the issues with just sitting back and waiting for applications to come in is that generally, a lot of these high-level positions, most of the people you would want in there are already working somewhere else, and you have to go find them and attract them over to the County. So do you...does your office do any of that type of recruiting?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Member King. Yes, in the HR world they're called passive candidates, and they're the gold standard. That's who you want. We do when we can. We do attend job fairs when it makes sense. Like there's a UH Engineering...college in engineering has a job fair on O'ahu every year. Typically we go to that to try and, you know, poach engineering students to help fill our engineering vacancies. We'll do some targeted advertising, and if it's a high level position and there's a specialty, we'll help with that and we'll make recruiting brochures, you know, whatever we can do to try and do with the applicants.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. I'm glad you're able to do that. Yeah, I'm glad you're able to do that because I think that's what we need to do more of because most of the good people out there are already working, so you've got to go find them in their jobs and attract them over. And so...and then the other question I had was on your minimizing of formal grievances, and it went from seven actual 2020, we're up to...anticipating 12. But that's 12 out of how many employees...positions?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Currently we have just over 2,600.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So...and 12 is a pretty low percentage, I would assume.

MR. UNDERWOOD: Member King, it is low. It's less than Kauai has with half our population. I think Big Island typically has around 30 every year, so we're still doing well.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. The other item under there, the other goal was number three that I wanted to ask you about. We went from the three is assist Departments in filling vacancies in a timely manner. So you look like you had the average days to fill a vacancy was 169 back in 2020, then you went down to 100 for this current year, but you're anticipating going back up to 120 for next year. Is there a reason why you feel like it's going to take longer for this coming year?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Great question. I knew you were going to ask that.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: . . . *(laughter)* . . . Glad not to disappoint.

MR. UNDERWOOD: . . . *(laughter)* . . . Well, partly it's recognition that there is additional overhead due to the hiring freeze, and that does slow things down because even a position you fill has to get additional approval. The other, we're being a little cautious, we don't really know what the labor market is going to look like as we come out of this recession. It's starting to look like it's going to be a pretty quick rebound. So if that's the case, we're probably looking at a very, very tight labor market, everybody's going to be hiring a lot of people in the short period of time. So we anticipate it's going to be difficult to hire.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. But isn't this...oh, this is time to fill vacancies. I guess I was looking at the time from you...the time you hire them until you onboard them. It's a different...a different issue. Okay, well I think that's all the questions I have, Chair. Thank you very much, Mr. Underwood. I appreciate your responses. I'm glad you're doing a little bit of headhunting for us.

MR. UNDERWOOD: . . . *(laughter)* . . . We'll hunt whoever we can.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Okay. Member Johnson, followed by Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Good afternoon, Department, Mr. Underwood. I have a question from the Budget Proposal on page 456 in regards to your Goals, and that goal is just about improving the effectiveness on training programs. So when a...just kind of walk me through this. When a person retires from a County job, do you guys have the new hire come in beforehand, or is it like a stop and a start kind of thing. I'm trying to find out if there's some kind of overlap so that the person who does retire can pass on some of the institutional knowledge. Because I find it kind of a waste if they just...it's a start and stop and then there's no...you're teaching the new person how to do everything from scratch. So can you clarify that for me?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Yes, Member Johnson. Another excellent question, we understand. For the longest time there was no overlap because people are getting paid out of...it's...

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Hold on, Chivo. I'm going to just recess real fast. So let's be back at 2:27.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We're back up.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We're in recess. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

RECESS: 2:25 p.m.

RECONVENE: 2:30 p.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee meeting please return to order. It is 2:30 on April 12th. And we are on...we're reviewing the Department of Personnel Services, and next person to ask questions is Member Sugimura. Member Sugimura, do you have any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. Thank you. So nice seeing you, Director. And I just have two quick questions is...one is your unemployment rate, you stated earlier, was 35 percent, and that was when it was...I think the pandemic first hit, and we were reading that in *The Maui News*. Can you tell us what the unemployment rate is now?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Good question. Thank you, Member Sugimura. The last figure I saw was 16 percent.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm sorry, what? What did you say? 16?

MR. UNDERWOOD: 16.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: One six?

MR. UNDERWOOD: One six. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Wow. That's still high, but way better than where we were. And yes, I agree, we can feel that the economy is starting to turn. So...and the next question is, do civil service employees have raises every year?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Good question, Member Sugimura. No, not necessarily. It depends on what's negotiated by their representative unions.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: The unions don't give raises every year? Or do they? Or you're saying some do.

MR. UNDERWOOD: I think they would like to, but it depends on what they can get in negotiations with the employer group.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: On the average they're, what, every two years? Every three years? What is it?

MR. UNDERWOOD: In good times, it's usually once a year. In tight economic times, it might not be anything for a couple years. It just depends on the economic climate, the condition of the various jurisdictions, and what's happening locally.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So if the employer has funding to provide raises, is basically what you're saying, it would determine the number of raises that would be awarded or negotiated?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Member...yes, typically in each...each union will have a negotiation strategy, what they're looking to attain, and it might be...you know, some might want to have two raises, some might want to have one larger raise, some might want to give longevity steps to their employees and have a smaller across the board raise, it just depends on the negotiating strategy of that particular union.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So one last question regarding this is what is the current climate or environment in terms of economic conditions for the State and the County? Because I know we bargain collectively. So can you have a general statement about that?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Member Sugimura, I think the best word is just uncertain. Nobody really knows what's going to happen. Nobody knows what assistance is coming down from Washington. Nobody knows how fast the recovery's going to be. So everybody is cautious and uncertain right now, is probably the best word I can assign to it.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. We don't know at this point then what our economy will bear and what we can afford, right, is what you're saying? Thank you.

MR. UNDERWOOD: Correct. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. Okay. Thank you for your hard work.

MR. UNDERWOOD: Thank you for all your support.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. All right. Members, follow up? Member Paltin, you wanted to finish your line of questioning?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Can you hear me okay with my video on?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Sounds good.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. I just had a couple follow-up questions in relation to Member Sugimura's questioning. Not all unions are the same. You got your essential services, your UPW, your HGEA, and usually essential services continue on with their raises even

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during hard times, whereas like, say, unit three was left behind for many years.

MR. UNDERWOOD: Member Paltin, yes. The last major economic downturn, the public safety unions, Police and Fire, had existing contracts in place that were negotiated before the downturn, so those contracts continued and they did have increases during that time. The other unions, the blue collar workers and white collar workers, they wound up with the furloughs because the economic climate was so bad at that time.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And just clarifying, UPW and HGEA had different ways to go about it on step movements and whatnot?

MR. UNDERWOOD: Member Paltin, yes, the HGEA contracts all contain steps. There's a salary range assigned, and within the salary range, there's steps that are typically based on longevity. The unit one, the blue collar contract does not have any steps. It's a single rate for each dollar range.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: And the steps, generally not more than a dollar?

MR. UNDERWOOD: I'm sorry, I'm not tracking you. Could you explain that?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Like step A to B, B to C, C to D, all of those, they're not more than a dollar usually, huh?

MR. UNDERWOOD: In the...Member Paltin, in the HGEA contract, the steps are approximately four percent apart.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Members, any other follow-up questions? All right. Seeing no hands, and I don't have any questions for the Department, I'll invite Director Underwood to provide any final thoughts or closing comments.

MR. UNDERWOOD: I'll just extend our sincere thanks to the Members of the Committee for going through this process, and for all the support you've given us now and through the years. Thank you very, very, very much. We definitely appreciate the work you guys do and all your help. And again, our condolences go out to Member Kama and her family at this time. So, yeah, and to those that work with her. So thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Have a great day.

MR. UNDERWOOD: You too.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha, Deputy Director.

MS. RAZO-PORTER: Mahalo.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, we'll take a quick recess while we allow the Departments to switch. It's 2:38. We'll just...we'll take a five-minute break. Is that okay, Members? All right. Okay. So it's 2:38, we'll be back at 2:43, Chair? Or you want me to round up? 2:45?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, round up.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . *(laughter)* . . . All right, all right, Members. You got it. All right. We'll reconvene at 2:45. It's 2:38 on April 12th, and the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee is now in recess. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

RECESS: 2:38 p.m.

RECONVENE: 2:48 p.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee please return to order. It is 2:48 on April 12th, and we have with us the Department of Planning. Aloha, Director McLean. Would you like to introduce the team that you have with you in person and online if you have anyone that called in? Oh, okay. One moment. I will unmute you. Okay. Aloha, Director Michele McLean.

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MS. MCLEAN: Aloha, Chair. Today it's Deputy Director Jordan Hart and myself. And as always, Budget Director Michele Yoshimura is our backup.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Wonderful. Okay. So we'll dive right into the questions that were submitted and transmitted to your Department, starting with overall questions. Question one, why do we use complaint-based enforcement? Are there obstacles to a proactive enforcement strategy?

MS. MCLEAN: Thank you for the question. Complaint-based enforcement has been in existence for a really long time, and it doesn't just apply to the Planning Department. There are other Departments that follow that as well. The practical obstacle to not doing complaint based is that we don't have the Staff or capacity to do proactive enforcement, and we would guess other Departments don't either. Also, if we did more enforcement, there would probably be more appeals of those enforcement actions to the BVA and to the Planning Commission, who may not have capacity to hear them. And lastly, having administered that enforcement process for a long time now, generally people are...we think that people would object to doing blanket proactive enforcement. We do targeted proactive enforcement with illegal vacation rentals, and if there were other areas that the community...that the general public would want targeted, we could see doing that. But otherwise, just blanket, proactive enforcement would be a huge undertaking.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay. Question two, regarding advisory committees: A, if a new advisory committee had similar responsibilities to the Hāna

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Advisory Committee, how much would it cost to staff each advisory committee? How many equivalent personnel would be needed? Please include operations and equipment costs in your response. And B, how much funding is currently spent to support the Hāna Advisory Committee? C, how many equivalent personnel support the...oh, is that a duplicate? Oh, sorry. That looks like a duplicate. Oh no, that's...oh, okay. The difference is the equivalent personnel to support the Hāna Advisory Committee. D, how much of the assigned staff time is spent supporting the Hāna Advisory Committee? E, could vacant positions be used to support the new advisory committees? And F, the Cost of Government Commission is supported by a technical writer. Could new advisory committees be supported by outside consultants? Director.

MS. MCLEAN: Okay. And we do have a written response coming your way that will go into more detail than what I'm going to provide right now. We estimate that each new advisory committee will cost about \$160,000 annually, so that's \$320,000 for the two. And we would need...and I've been consistent in these comments all through the discussion of the advisory committee bill, that we would need a Supervising Planner type position, the equivalent of one new Planner, and a new Secretary to Boards and Commission. So in total for a full year would be \$320,000. But since these advisory committees are new, assuming that the bill passes, and we wouldn't have positions filled on July 1st, so for budgetary purposes for FY '22, we would only need probably 10 months' worth, which would be \$260,000. The Hāna Advisory Committee is much less intensive than these, and we estimate the annual cost for the Hāna Advisory Committee is about \$90,000. The staffing for Hāna Advisory Committee requires only about 10 percent of the time of that actually the Division Chief who is responsible for administering that now, and about a third of the time of one equivalent Planner and Secretary to Boards and Commissions. Vacant positions could not be used to staff these. We have vacant funded positions and we're in the process of filling those to serve what their needs are. We do have vacant positions that have been unfunded, so those certainly could be funded and reallocated for this purpose though the original need for those positions still exist. Lastly, regarding the Cost of Government Commission, it's my understanding that when...duties that are regularly performed by civil service employees need to be performed by civil service employees, and generally shouldn't be contracted out. That's in State Civil Service Law. There are probably consultants or contract workers who could do some of the work to support the advisory committee, but some of the work would still have to be done internally, like scheduling, coordinating with our planners, just keying up when notices are done and so forth. Those would need to be done in-house, and I would suggest that you check with legal counsel on whether that would be acceptable under Civil Service Law to have those duties contracted out.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Question three, it is noted that there are efficiencies and conveniences because of the transition to online meetings. What are the cost savings from these increased efficiencies, and are they included in the proposed FY'22 Budget?

MS. MCLEAN: We have not included any cost savings in FY'22 because it's not clear to us at this point if online meetings or video conference meetings are going to continue after

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pandemic restrictions are lifted. Ideally to us, some sort of hybrid meeting concept would be implemented so we would have the benefit of in-person interaction, but also allowing video conference for people who aren't able to come in person, or just make it easier for people to participate. The cost savings over the past year are really only for the Lānaʻi and Molokaʻi Planning Commissions and the Hāna Advisory Committee. And the cost savings are for travel, lodging, which only applies to Lānaʻi, and additional staff time for travel. So we're estimating this past year that it's probably saved about \$90,000 in staff time and travel cost and lodging. But again, we...if in-person meetings are resumed, we would still have some need for in person staffing at these meetings. Maybe not all staff, but still some would have to go in person.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Question four, if the Council were to ask for a 11 percent cut in programs and activities funded by the General Fund to fully fund recommendations proposed in the draft Comprehensive Affordable Housing Plan at \$57 million without increasing Real Property Tax revenue: A, what programs or activities would you cut; and B, what impact would the cuts have on residents?

MS. MCLEAN: For our proposed FY'22 Budget, it's \$6.7 million, so an 11 percent reduction would be almost \$740,000. And that can't be achieved without substantially reducing existing services because our FY...the proposed FY'22 Budget is essentially flat from FY'21, and FY'21 was already reduced significantly in anticipation of there being economic impacts from the pandemic. So we really don't have any recommended or suggested cuts. You'll see our Budget is largely salaries. The Operational Budget, probably half of that is rent. So there really isn't very much that we feel we would suggest cutting from our Budget.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director.

MS. MCLEAN: If there were cuts, you know, there already is some level of dissatisfaction with our level of service and our ability to process applications in a timely manner, and that would just suffer even further if cuts were made.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. The next set of questions...the last two questions are regarding Operations and Equipment. One, relating to the replacement of County vehicles, does the Department track whether the replaced vehicles are sold, traded in, donated, or disposed of? Are there reports that indicate the selling price of these vehicles, if sold?

MS. MCLEAN: In the time that I've been with the Department, which is more than ten years now, we've only disposed of one vehicle and that was one that was inoperable, couldn't be repaired, and we ended up working with the Finance Department to go through the proper procedures to sell it. And we got a few hundred dollars for it because it was really just completely shot. I don't know what other Departments do. Then the . . .*(inaudible)*. . . figures our initial request to the Budget Office was for two replacement vehicles, and then the Budget that was transmitted to the Council calls for one replacement vehicle. But the two mileages were listed because we originally requested two, so that's why two mileages are in there.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director, for answering the second question as well. Okay, so those all the questions that we have that we submitted and transmitted to the Department. I'll put five minutes on the clock, and then we'll start with our subject matter Committee Chair, Member Paltin, followed by...I'm going to go the other way, Member Sugimura, and then work our way down. Okay? Committee Vice-Chair Paltin, if you want to give your disclaimer for...on behalf of everyone, and then I'll start your timer.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. It can serve as my mic check too in case I go in and out. But since we're on a limited time for questions, if we get the answer that we need already, we may interrupt and cut you off, but we don't want to be rude, that's just the process. Everybody could hear me okay? Okay, I'll leave my video on and begin. My first question is for Deputy Director Hart, and if Director McLean was in on the conversation, I have one alternate proviso to be submitted by the 15th, I believe. And I'd like to do the Nāpili Bay Beach Foundation decking from the SMA Fund that we were in correspondence about. And I just was wondering, any comment on that?

MR. HART: You know, overall I think that the portions of the project that are directly related to public beach access are appropriate to be supported by the Fund. But I do...did have a few questions about whether or not there was obligations of the revocable permit holder with regard to any of their permit conditions, and I don't know if there was really enough time to completely vet that before now, but those have been the nature of the concerns that I had. But overall, like I said, providing access to the shoreline is definitely what the fund is intended for...in part.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Thank you. And my next question would be, I'm not sure if you have followed the problems that City and County of Honolulu is having with their Planning Department. Can you give us any assurances that that sort of thing is not happening for County of Maui?

MR. HART: Is it possible to clarify the problems being referred to?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Bribery for permits.

MR. HART: Chair, so in the context of that, yeah, you know, there is no indication that we're aware of, and nothing that we've heard that would lead us to believe that that's going on in the Planning Department. We believe everybody's conducting themselves appropriately and equitably. So, you know, that's basically the position.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay, thank you. And just wondering if we're at the early or just right stage to fund those community plan...or community advisory committees?

MS. MCLEAN: I think that...I don't know if the bill has passed second and final reading yet. If it hasn't, it's very close to it, and it would take the Council after the Budget process to appoint their...the members that they're able to appoint, and the Mayor has to appoint his. So yeah, I think now would be the time to fund it if you anticipate passing that bill

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on second and final reading. Those positions would need to be funded so we can start filling them at the beginning of the fiscal year and get those ready to go as soon as possible.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Sugimura, followed by Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. So Director and Deputy, so I just want to know about what's happening with the community facilities district work that you're working on in terms of establishing policy with Curt de Crinis.

MS. MCLEAN: Thank you. As I believe you know, Mr. de Crinis' firm is under contract with the Planning Department to facilitate the CFD process. He has drafted a policy that is undergoing internal review within the Administration, and then that will be presented to the Council for the Council to consider and amend and adopt. He's also put together a draft calendar that would go hand in hand with that, so that if that policy...or I should say, optimistically when that policy is adopted, we'll all have a calendar to follow and try to stick to it for the creation of the CFD for --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Hāna Bay.

MS. MCLEAN: -- Hāna Bay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: The Hāna Bay, so that would be for the beach situation?

MS. MCLEAN: Restoration project.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: And, yeah. So did you also establish rules, or would that be later?

MS. MCLEAN: Rules, did you say?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MS. MCLEAN: Like Administrative Rules?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Right.

MS. MCLEAN: I don't know that that would be the Planning Department's rules.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It would be Finance, yeah?

MS. MCLEAN: The CFD's dominantly administered by Finance.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

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MS. MCLEAN: But hopefully the policy will cover a number of the issues that might fall under admin rules.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Excellent. I can hardly wait to see it. Thank you very much. I look forward to seeing it. Are you anticipating for it to be presented possibly after Budget, or is that too soon?

MS. MCLEAN: That's probably...that's what we're aiming for. Just giving us a little bit of time, knowing that you folks are going to be busy for a little while longer still.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. I thank you very, very much. That's it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Member Johnson, followed by Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. Good afternoon, Department, Directors, I appreciate you coming out today. I just have a real simple question. On page 463 of the Proposed Budget three-ring binder, halfway down the page, you state that the State's...or the County's affordable housing crisis, and you recognize it's a crisis, and you say that you, you know, the things that you're doing. So what do you think the most important thing is that Planning Department can do to help tackle this affordable housing crisis?

MS. MCLEAN: That's a simple question, but it doesn't have a simple answer. That's really hard. It really is challenging because communities in general want time to review things. But then developers, particularly affording [sic] housing developers know...well, we all know, that time is money, and they want a streamlined expedited process. And so those are two inherently conflicting things. I think the best thing that we can do is try to accommodate both interests as meaningfully as we can. And that's challenging, but the 201H process, you know, allows things to go through quickly on the Administration side, Planning and other Departments try to be really proactive, so that once something gets to the Council, we've already looked at it and are ready to support it so it can go through relatively easily. So part of our comments during that process is that they need to do community outreach, otherwise the Council is just going to get nailed with testimony when something comes up, and that doesn't do anybody any good. So it's, you know, working with the applicants if we have a chance to early on to get them to engage for their community before they get too far along.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: And have you had success by doing that? Do you have any examples of where that worked out well for you?

MS. MCLEAN: Yeah. I think that the Keawe Street Apartments did a good job of outreach. There are plenty of examples where outreach was not done well and projects were appropriately defeated. There are a few in South Maui that have gone through pretty well, and that also need SMA permits, which is a public hearing with the Planning Commission. And so some of those have had struggles there because, you know, they

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thought they had done sufficient outreach, but then there's that additional step. So that's why, you know, newer applicants are learning from the prior ones, where, oh okay, just a cursory community meeting or two isn't enough. You really have to do it full out.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you. I don't mean to cut you off. So you mentioned in your first prior response that the accommodation, the Planning Department is trying to accommodate both sides...you know, both sides of the coin there. Do you think that the developers have been open to accommodations, if you will?

MS. MCLEAN: If it fits into their timeline and the numbers that they had penciled out. And often it does, and so that's good. But when it doesn't, they resist for sure.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you, Director. Thank you, Department. I have no further questions, Chair. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. Member King, followed by Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Aloha, Michele and Jordan. I think that exchange of Member Johnson and then your answers kind of gave us a good reason why we need these community advisory committees because they have been helping to move things along in South Maui. And in instances where we could be held up for a year or two just in lawsuits or protests, my question is about that. And you know, I know you answered those questions, but just to go into a little more detail, you said you need one...for each session, you need one Planner and one Secretary? Is that what I'm hearing?

MS. MCLEAN: We --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: As far as...

MS. MCLEAN: -- need a Senior Planner...a Supervising Planner, a Planner, and a Secretary. So three positions.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Why do you need three planners there?

MS. MCLEAN: Not three Planners, three positions. One is a Secretary, one is a Planner, and then the other is the Supervising Planner to do the coordination of the timing of the agendas and the public hearings, the public hearing notices, those are things that the Planner isn't responsible for.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, so if we...if we...so you're not talking about Planner in the sense that they're have a planning background, but if we were able to...because one of our proposals is to have district offices. And if we had the person running the district office that could do the work of scheduling the meeting, putting out the public notices, and informing the public, would that alleviate that one position?

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MS. MCLEAN: That's not the...I would have to think about that. Because the way that it's done now is, there's an overall coordination and a timeline for each project. Because by law, you have to file a public hearing notice within a certain amount of time before the hearing takes place, and we have to give the applicant additional time on top of that to do their neighbor notification. We have to sign off on the neighbor notification form to make sure that it's accurate, and that we don't pull the trigger on that until we have all the agency comments, so it's a sequence of actions, some of...most of which we control. So at some point, handing it off to somebody else it just could be more cumbersome. It's not that they can't do it. It's also being mindful of Staff capacity and when something that leaves the advisory committee and then have to go to the commission. We don't want there to be too much of a lag time there, so knowing what's . . . *(inaudible)*. . . on commission agendas down the road. I mean, the Division Chief right now is like an air traffic controller of, like, lining all these things up. So it's very detailed. It all needs interrelated processes. So that would be my concern with having an outside party getting involved in some of it.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, I get it. I think we might be able to help you out with the things like booking a place and scheduling, maybe, like that, but I understand you have to coordinate with the other pieces. So the...and I heard your response to actually using a contractor. I only brought that up because it was brought up to me that the Cost of Government Commission uses an outside contractor for their...as their technical writer, so I thought, well, maybe that would be a way to hire somebody that could coordinate all this stuff without encompassing a...you know, another whole desk space in your office and maybe they could work out of home. But that was just a thought might make everything easier and not take all the same time as onboarding a...you know, a civil servant position. But I know that you have your ways of doing things that you've been doing it for a long time. So that's really all the questions that I have on...for you on that. I just want to make sure that we're coordinated and that we are doing things as efficiently as possible because, you know, we haven't been as thorough as the...as I know you intend these committees to be in the South Maui one because it's all been voluntary. But my...personally I've had one staffer staffing that, organizing, setting it up, notifying the public and all that. And, you know, it takes her a few hours a week, so it's really not that much time, but then we don't have an actual planner at the meeting either. And we haven't had Corp. Counsel at the meeting and so . . . *(timer sounds)*. . . anyway. Those are kind of my thoughts on that. Thank you.

MS. MCLEAN: If I...if I may, Chair, make one important clarification. We're not suggesting three staff people for each new advisory committee. We're saying three to staff both of them. So if that wasn't clear, I apologize. So it's three total for the two advisory committees, not six.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right. No, but you just gave us a price of 160 per advisory committee. So that seems like, you know, two full-time positions per.

MS. MCLEAN: It's half of three full-time positions.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. MCLEAN: It's one and a half full-time position.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Chair.

MS. MCLEAN: Plus equipment and expenses. Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Next is Chair Lee, followed by Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair, I have no questions. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Molina, followed by Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. And good afternoon, Madam Director, and also Mr. Hart. Just following up with the Hāna Advisory Committee for example, how would you compare the staffing for that being that, you know, it's not...you're projecting...you gave us a projection of 90,000 versus 260 for both Ha'ikū Pā'ia and South Maui. And I guess I'm trying to look at the frequency of meetings. I know Hāna Advisory just meets on an as needed basis. Do you envision Ha'ikū Pā'ia and South Maui...I guess one could say they'll meet more frequently, but not as frequently as the Planning Commission. Would you say these two respective advisory committees will meet on average maybe every other month versus Hāna? I guess, depending on what's, I guess, up for discussion in the community, yeah. So is that how you, I guess, formulated your estimates for personnel and so forth?

MS. MCLEAN: Well, Hāna is now going to go onto a quarterly basis, so they'll have meetings scheduled every quarter. So those will be on the calendar. And if we need to do special meetings, and we do have a special meeting coming up, we do those. South Maui, I expect to be pretty busy, probably monthly. I would be surprised if we didn't have to have monthly meetings with South Maui. Pā'ia Ha'ikū, less so, probably every other month for Pā'ia Ha'ikū. But South Maui, I do expect to be busy. And we...the Council has relatively recently been initiating a number of Title 19 bills. And in those resolutions, typically only goes to the three planning commissions, but we're expecting that the Council will include the advisory committees in those reviews. So those would be in addition to projects in their regions, you know, those are Countywide amendments, so we're...that's just what we're anticipating.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you very much for your response. And you know, we had proposed a 250 estimate and well, we came somewhat close to yours, 260. So I definitely appreciate you looking into the cost factor for both of these proposed advisory committees. So yeah, at this time, I have no additional questions for the Department, Madam Chair. But again, I want to thank Director McLean and Director Hart for their responses with regards to these two proposals. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Sinenci.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. And mahalo, Director McLean and Deputy Director Hart. Yeah, a lot of my questions were answered, but I just had a general question. Hawai'i Community Assets talked about the County maybe paying for some of the infrastructure for affordable housing projects, should we pursue more projects...the County. Are there specific strategies to streamline this process for the infrastructure permitting process?

MS. MCLEAN: There really isn't. Only if it's...if there's infrastructure located in the SMA would there be a permitting process from Planning for the installation of infrastructure. If the County needs to install, like, a new wastewater treatment plant or something like that, there might be entitlements needed for that land, depending on what its zoning is. But if it's a matter of installing new water, or wastewater lines, or upgrading existing lines, the only permitting required would be if it's in the SMA, and there are exemptions available for some of those actions. So yeah, I don't know that there would be a significant permitting issue for that, but we'd be happy to work with the infrastructure agencies to find out if they anticipate permitting problems, and then seeing what we can do to help expedite them.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay, great. Thank you, Director. Thank you, Chair. That's all I have.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay. I just have a few questions. Okay. The first question is in the Program Budget on page 472, and it's an expansion request of \$200,000. It's professional services for Central Maui Community Plan Update. Would you please explain a bit of what you plan to do with the \$200,000, how those will be used?

MS. MCLEAN: Yeah. Actually, the \$200,000 increase is over FY'21. So our professional services line item in FY'21 was 355,000, so we're proposing that that goes up to 555,000. And our Long Range Division requested, I believe it was 450,000 for consultants to assist with the Central Maui Community Plan Update, and that would be to do the tasks that are currently being done by consultants currently for South Maui. And then additionally, some of the work that our Staff has been doing in-house that we would want to contract out. That includes some of the website update and management, some of the technical reports, even though right now the consultant is drafting the technical resource papers, there's still a handful that our Staff is working on in providing the background information for, so that would also be subbed out to the consultant.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So in FY'21, or for clarification, Long Range thought it was going to cost 355,000, but now see that it's probably going to cost us 555,000 to contract out that work?

MS. MCLEAN: No, the 355 in FY'21 and the 555 proposed for FY'22 is for all professional services. Of that, the significant amount is for the community plan update. So FY'21, I believe it was just shy of 300,000 out of 355, and for FY'22, it would be...we'd have to see how the RFPs come out, but we're estimating 450 out of the 555. The balance of

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professional services is used for a handful of things. It can be contract modifications or extensions for existing contracts, it can be smaller contracts that come up during the course of the year. Historically, the Department has had about 100,000 in professional services to just have leeway during the course of the year. So it's...what's budgeted, the majority is for the community plan update, but then there's a little bit extra in case we need it. For example, this year we hired the CFD facilitator with some SMF professional services funds that we had, so it enables us to do that if we need to.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. So after...so moving forward, now that the West Maui Community Plan CPAC portion is pau and it's with Council, Planning Department has contracted out doing South Maui next, and then Central Maui simultaneously? Will...

MS. MCLEAN: Yes. Sorry, go ahead.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then the last part to that question is will the Planning Department be doing a third one in-house? Or will there be an...yeah. Okay. I'll stop.

MS. MCLEAN: There will probably be a...there would likely be a request in FY'23 for the next plan.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So South Maui right now, and shortly...and simultaneously Central Maui . . .*(timer sounds)*. . . and then next fiscal year, your Department will request additional funding to contract out a third community plan update?

MS. MCLEAN: Correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And so just to follow up on that last question, so as far as doing the plans in-house, is there any...is the Department doing any of the community plan updates in-house?

MS. MCLEAN: West Maui, we did in-house, that still hasn't been completed yet. It's possible. I would need to verify with Long Range if they think that by the time FY'23 comes along, if we're ready to do another one in-house like we did for West Maui, if we have the capacity. Because even though they're contracted out, there's still a lot of staff time spent doing community engagement, pulling all the pieces together, keeping things on a timeline, managing the contractor. So there still is Staff involvement. I don't know what their capacity would be to do one in-house if we're also managing contracts for two others. My guess is that we would want to contract out at least some of that.

MR. HART: May I?

MS. MCLEAN: Yes.

MR. HART: I do want to add--this is Deputy Director--we do basically need to do two at a time

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with an overlap. They're not directly concurrently, they're overlapping. In order for us to be on time with our legislative obligations, it's not really possible with the amount of Staff that we have now to do two in-house at the same time. We have to do...if we're going to keep to schedule, we're going to have to be contracting them. Otherwise the Department would need to grow significantly, then we'd be able to do them in-house. But I think that it is better overall for them to be contracted and run concurrently with consultants. That's just my personal opinion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Deputy Director. Yeah, no, I understand that one was going to be contracted out, but I thought one was going to be done in-house. So the two that will be running simultaneously will be both contracted out, and the Department will be managing those contracts?

MS. MCLEAN: Correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

MR. HART: It will basically have to continue like that in perpetuity to stay...to keep them all updated every ten years.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Deputy Director. Okay. Members, follow up for the Department? Member Paltin, followed by Member King.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Chair, before I start, I had a few questions, and I just wanted to check with you if now would be an appropriate time to ask questions about Rates and Fees, or did you want us to hold off until we get to that section?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, you can ask Rates and Fees.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. All right. And you can hear me okay?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Sounds good.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. All right, I'll start. Before I get to the Rates and Fees questions, I just was wondering if you could fill us in on the process on authorizing settlement amounts, reductions, waivers for violations. And I'm not referring to the SMA ones because I know those are through the Planning Commission.

MS. MCLEAN: Under the County Code right now, the Director cannot waive initial fines, but can waive daily fines. And it is a combination of how much was the accrual of fines needed to incentivize compliance, and whether the initial...the daily fines levied in the notice of violation were appropriate to...given the amount of time that might be needed for compliance. So if fines are...if any...if daily fines are waived, it's done in consultation with the Zoning Inspector and with reviewing the case. It doesn't happen all that frequently, but it does happen when it's appropriate, generally when fines accrue to just some massive amount and compliance has been achieved, and we just try to figure out what we think is reasonable given the circumstance.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Muted.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thanks, forgot. My question...my first question on Rates and Fees, page 29, at the very top where permits of over a million dollars, do you have any objection to changing the \$13.75 to \$15 (*audio interference*)

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin, you broke up right at the end. So \$15 and how much cents?

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Just \$15, and eliminating the maximum of \$4,950.

MS. MCLEAN: We didn't propose any changes to Rates and Fees. We've sent the Council that fee study that was recently updated to have the fee structure be more of a cost recovery model, so we don't really have a basis to request changes to the fee structure. Some of this, you know, honestly, is kind of arbitrary, as far as I know. So changing 13.75 to 15, you know, it's...I don't know why 13.75 is a good number, so I wouldn't object to the 15. Taking away the cap, just be mindful that there are, you know, multi-multi-million dollar projects that would end up having humongous application fees if the cap were removed. Maybe consider increasing the cap to a much larger number, but having no cap at all could really be pretty massive. But that's your folks' call.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Okay. And then the second question I had on Rates and Fees, any feedback on aligning the Shoreline Setback Appeal with the Special Management Area Appeal of Director's Decision from 312.50 to 687.50.

MS. MCLEAN: So Shoreline Setback Appeal to SMA appeal? No, I don't have any concerns with aligning those.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay, Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Mahalo, Chair. I just wanted to follow up on the community plan review process. And I'm so glad that you are able to do that leapfrogging that we talked about when the idea of consultants came up, because it seems like it's going a lot faster. But I was kind of hoping that we were going to get to a place where we could spend the money in a few years, and then be done with it for seven years and then get going again. And so when...Director Hart, when you said...or Deputy Director, when you said it's going to be in perpetuity that we're going to need this extra money. Do you not think that it's going to be easier when we do the next review because you've gotten the format down, it'll basically be looking at the things that did and didn't get done, and what things might be changed. But this change that we're doing right now from the old community plans is a pretty big change to a different format, and a whole different format of stakeholder engagement too. So now that you've got it down, do you think that going through the next iteration of the community plans after the ten-year mark will be easier and quicker?

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MS. MCLEAN: That would be great if it happens that way. I think it will be hard for CPAC members, Planning commissioners, and Councilmembers to just let things go. We'll just have to see, you know. We're expecting...we would rather plan for that not being the case and then be happily surprised if things go through more quickly and easily. But, you know, a lot can change in ten years.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Sorry, we...*Akakū* experienced a few seconds of technical difficulties, but they're back on the air now. Okay. Did anyone else have their hand up for follow-up questions? Okay, I...it's all right. I had a follow-up question, but that's okay. I'll ask the Director later. Okay. Okay, the next...so if there aren't any other questions, we'll go to the next part in our process and that is the Members' priorities. Okay, the first priority is number 16, and I'll check on Member Sugimura if...or I'll just....okay, I'll do it? Okay, you going to do it, Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, so number 16 is Pro Tem Kama's priority. And it is...we discussed it under Housing and Human Concerns, it's the proposal for \$500,000 for a competitive grant adding funding along the transit-oriented development corridor. And so in that discussion, we thought that we should ask the Planning Department for feedback on that proposal. So it's to make available \$500,000 for grants along the TOD corridor to enhance the area.

MS. MCLEAN: I think that would be the...that it might be premature for FY'22. We're still working on the TOD Master Plan for the Ka'ahumanu Community Corridor, but we hope to complete by the end of the calendar year. And then we're also working on a West Maui TOD corridor. So it may be...it may be too soon to establish that because I'm not...we don't know what that plan's going to call for just yet. The plan will also include financing mechanisms, so until we know what those are, I can't really say how this would fit into it. I think it's great to plan ahead for that, but I...it might be too early for FY'22.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that feedback, Director. The next proposal is from Member King. And that's proposal number 43 on your matrix. It is a Countywide priority, new funding, and would be on page 471 in your Program Budget. Okay, Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, Chair. Is this the one that's under the SMA Revolving Fund? I don't have the numbers in front of me of the matrix.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: This is for funding for personal staff for the advisory committees.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay. Yeah, I'm going to withdraw that because it's the same as Councilmember Molina's, and I think his had...actually had the amounts in it. So as you predicted, Chair, we both put it into our priorities. So I...I'll withdraw mine and we can focus on...and I'll support Member Molina's.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Perfect segue into Member Molina's, which is number 44. Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yes. Thank you very much, Madam Chair and Member King. My proposal would come under Budget Details page 14-8 Code 909010A sub-code. Basically I'd like to amend the proposal to \$260,000 based on the comments from Director McLean. And again, this would be for three EPs, two Planners and one Secretary for both advisory committees, Ha'ikū Pā'ia and South Maui. And, Members, as you're aware, the Council has approved the Advisory Committee Bill on first reading, so therefore, as we hope to move the enabling legislation forward, I would hope that we can back up our efforts with funding for the operation of these advisory committees. And certainly, the Budget is tight, and asking for more EPs may be a difficult task, but I believe the funding provided for staffing and operation will pay in other areas. And if these advisory committees are implemented properly, the functions of these committees could include replacing certain duties of the Planning Commission and remove...possibly remove any duplication in the processing of permits. So this in itself could reduce staff time for the Planning Commission in addressing inquiries by the public as well. So these committees will increase Government transparency, build a healthier understanding of the entire process--sorry about the dog, okay, I know, the dog is in support--heighten public awareness and help residents manage growth within their neighborhoods. So that's my spiel, Madam Chair and Members. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay, Department, for comments?

MS. MCLEAN: Yeah, Chair, I'm just going under...going over numbers with Deputy Director. The 260,000 initial, that's not all salaries. Some of that is operational expenses. So I can, if it's all right with you, get back to the Committee in writing on what the breakdown would be. And I can get more detailed with, you know, the position numbers and salaries, and then where the operational cost would go, if that's okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. That would be okay. That'll be salary and fringe? Your estimate of 320,000 for 12 months would be salary, fringe, and operating cost. And so for ten months, it's 260,000 for salary, fringe, and operating costs?

MS. MCLEAN: That's correct. And I will give you more detail breaking that down on what the salary side is and what the operational costs are so that those can go into the A and the B sections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Department. So any questions for Member Molina or the Department? I actually have one question. So do you think ten months will be, like...so usually when we create new positions, we create them for eight months because it takes time to recruit and hire, so I was kind of surprised the

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suggestion of having ten months. We also need to do the second reading, and then go through the process of soliciting applications, and then vetting the applicants, and then selecting, and then going to Council and approving. So all of that takes time too.

MS. MCLEAN: Okay, eight months. I mean, I'm trying to coincide when the Council wants to have these up and running. So if you want to target eight months of FY'22, then we can aim for that too.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Madam Chair. You bring up a good point, I was just thinking about that. Like assuming second and final, the bill passes, then we start Committee meetings again in May. But before we do that, I think we have to send out and do a press release for applications and generally give the public two to three weeks, get the applications in, and then maybe at the earliest in Committee, we would start vetting the nominees sometime in June. And once that is done then, you know, the committees could be ready to go and be funded by say July, maybe August. So, yeah, I think maybe we should certainly look at the eight month budgeting proposal in lieu of the ten because we do need some time to vet nominees for these various advisory committees.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay, other questions, Members? Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I just wanted to clarify that if we're looking at eight months, then I mean the timeline that Member Molina just laid out would be ten months if we started in late August because the fiscal year starts July 1st, right? So you take the first two months and we're ready to go by the end of the first two months, but I think it depends on how quickly the Department can get their Staff on board. So are you saying that you would be able to get your Staff on board in order to, you know, have a ten month first year, or do you need more time to do your hiring?

MS. MCLEAN: More time is always appreciated. We were going to try to be aggressive with it, but some of that depends on DPS and how quickly they're able to do recruitment and give us lists. So maybe we can compromise at nine months.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Nine months would be good, then that would get us started somewhere around the end of September, beginning of October. And then would you be able to...Michele, would you be able to continue referring projects to the volunteer group in the meantime, or do you prefer not to do that...in South Maui?

MS. MCLEAN: We encourage applicants to do that on their own. I'd be concerned with having a formal referral process and, you know, choosing that group, but in other communities we don't formally refer to other groups --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, fair enough.

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MS. MCLEAN: -- but we encourage applicants to do so.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. I appreciate that because it has been really helpful for me and our community to know that this group has been vetting some of them, but I understand about...it's not an official group, so you can't really put out an official referral. Okay, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member King. Okay. Seeing no other questions, we'll go to the next priority proposal, and that's from Member King, and that's a conditional language. So that's number 71 on the matrix, and it's a Countywide proposal. This is the SMA Revolving Fund.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, great. Thank you, Chair. Yeah, this would be expanding the Coastal Access Study, and this was a proposal that came out of the Climate Action Advisory Committee. And it's kind of an expansion of some work that Rob Weltman had actually done in the past as far as looking at sections of the coastline for access. So the problem that we're trying to solve is that the public access to some of our shorelines as provided by State Law is currently obstructed in a number of places, and this solution would pay to identify the steps to restore public access to the shoreline where it's legally required but obstructed. It may include instructions to property owners to provide signage for shoreline access, instructions to property owners to provide shoreline access, acquiring public transit corridors, or other steps that could be defined. And the scope of work that would be undertaken would be a...to survey coastal access ability by the public in the segment or the segments of the coastline covered by the project. And they've actually identified 11 segments of coastline that they went over with Jim Buika from the Planning Department. Identify sections of private ownership where the public has physical access in accordance with State law but there is no signage indicating that this is the case or signage indicates that the public does not have access, identify sections of private ownership where the public does not have physical access in accordance with State law, and proposed actions to rectify access for each of the sections identified as either not providing access in accordance with State law or not indicating the public has access. So the amount of funding required that was suggested by Mr. Buika was 25 to 50,000 per community. And we've got...so I put in the project 150,000 too, and this'll cover at least half of this. I don't know if you want me to read all the segments, but I can if you want. It'll cover at least half of these segments, and we'll get a good idea if we're on the right track, I think, probably even before the end of this project. But this would be...this is Countywide, so it covers the entire...the island of Maui, but if we want to add on Moloka'i and Lāna'i, we can add on additional funding for that as well. I don't know if there's a shoreline access problem with Lāna'i because everybody lives at the top. If there is one on Moloka'i, then we can certainly add segments to this. I can read the segments if you want, or you can just imagine where they are.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Department, comments?

MS. MCLEAN: Thank you, Chair. I would just be...from Councilmember King's description, it sounds like you might want that funding to be used for physical improvements,

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enhancing the accesses, putting up signs and so forth. If that is the intent, then...I'm just looking at the wording on the matrix, the matrix says just for a study. So you might want to adjust that language so that it could also be allowed for physical improvements that are not the private property owner's responsibility. That would be my only comment so that it's not so restrictive that it can only be used for the study. Because if there are public access points that are, you know, encroached by vegetation or whatever, that money could be used to clear that away and open up the access point. So if that's your intent for the funds to be used for things beyond just the study to make sure that the proviso allows for that.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. My original intent and the intent of the document I'm looking at is to...is for a study and recommendations to be made. And some of it --

MS. MCLEAN: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: -- would be recommending that, you know, if it's a hotel or private property owner that they put up a sign that says public access, you know, some of it will be those recommendations. But if there are other improvements that require additional funding, then perhaps we can look at those in the next Budget session. But this was actually hoping to be able to identify problems that could be fixed pretty easily with, you know, somebody putting up the sign or taking down a sign that says no access, or moving...you know, requiring homeowners to move some of the rocks they put in, public parkways, you know, that is not their property and they've been putting big boulders to keep people from parking, stuff like that. So I think all those are actions that we would probably require that...the landowners to do. But, you know, if it was...if it turned into significant actions, then that would be additional funding. I agree.

MS. MCLEAN: Okay. Yeah. And it may be that some of these are permit requirements that we can enforce against and, you know, their obligations that are not being fulfilled or that are being neglected, so it would be good to have a comprehensive review instead of it coming to us on just a case-by-case basis.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right. Okay. This is one area we can be proactively enforcing.

MS. MCLEAN: Right. Right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Before we ask the Members for questions, I...so this is a Countywide priority, so the study would need to be Countywide.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So it would need to include Moloka'i and Lāna'i because both islands are part of the County.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So you cannot exclude Moloka'i and Lāna'i.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, there's just some sections identified here, so we would just need to know what sections to add on. You know, they're not...it doesn't say South Maui, it says South Maui Sugar Beach to Kanahena, then it says Honolua to Kā'anapali, then Kā'anapali to Olowalu, and then Sprecklesville, so there are these different sections that are identified in here that may have problems. So, you know, I would love to add any sections on Moloka'i. I didn't think of Lāna'i as having that issue because all the development is up at the top of the mountain, so, you know, I don't know if you guys have any shoreline access issues, but, you know, certainly, if there are segments of the coastline, we can add them to the study.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, so just to make myself clear again, in order for this to be Countywide, it has to include the entire County. Just like I said to Member Sugimura when she proposed the YMCA as a Countywide, it doesn't service Moloka'i and Lāna'i. So if it doesn't, then it's a non-Countywide.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: No, I'll add on mention of Moloka'i and Lāna'i whatever sections we may be identified.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, any questions for Member King or the Department? Member Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Yes, we do have issues with shoreline access on Lāna'i down at the resort along the coast over there, so that would totally be applicable. So I just want to clear that up. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Johnson. Okay, anyone else with questions for the Department or Member King on the proposal? Seeing none. That is the last priority for this Department, Members. So we'll...I'll ask if there are any questions regarding Grant Revenue or Special Purpose Revenue. There's two grants, Certified Local Government Program, Coastal Zone Management Program; and there's one Revolving Fund, that's the Special Management Area Revolving Fund. Okay, if there aren't any questions, then we've completed our review of the Planning Department. All right? Okay, good job, Members.

MS. MCLEAN: Thank you.

MR. HART: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, are we not going to do the Rates and Fees?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I thought you asked your Rates and Fees questions.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, we don't propose changes now?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, that's decisions week.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then we'll vote on it. Right now is just to get feedback from the Department on it, and the Director said she's...sounded like she was...yeah, indifferent to that...those changes. Okay. All right, any other questions, Members? Okay. All right. I will invite Director McLean to make any final comments or closing comments. Final thoughts, closing comments.

MS. MCLEAN: Thanks, Chair. As I mentioned, we will provide written responses to your questions. I believe that letter went out earlier today, so you should be getting that soon. We will follow up with the advisory committee funding for the three positions at nine months and the operational costs so that those can be...you can consider those. And for Rates and Fees, I...it would be great if the Council could consider the fee study that was done. You won't have time to do that during Budget, obviously, but those numbers are going to be stale again in another year or two, so if it is a concept that the Council supports and we can keep updating those fees, but that's just been an idea that's been out there for a while but I hope the Council will consider. And in the meantime, changing the existing fee schedule is fine, but having that cost recovery approach I think is something worth consideration. Thanks, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Are you raising your hand or are you waving bye?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: No, I was going to ask a question about the Rates and...what comment she just made.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. So, you know, that study's been out for a while and I was just wondering why those...if those rates and fees are a good idea, that the increases...why they haven't been proposed in the Mayor's Budget in the past couple of years. You know, Michele?

MS. MCLEAN: Yeah, because it's such a shift in thinking that to just put it in the Budget could occupy a lot of the time that you already spend on the overall annual budget deliberations, that it should be discussed outside of the Budget process. Shifting to that cost-recovery idea is a very big policy change. And if the County does go in that direction, then we need to be mindful to update those regularly. They were last transmitted, you know, a year or two ago, and they had been updated from the old Members, but the consultant was really clear that you need to update these, you know, targeting for every five years. So if it is something that is going to be implemented, then we just need to know to be prepared to update those regularly so that they remain valid. But it is such a shift in thinking and, you know, how aggressive are you in cost recovery? Because the idea was to increase the percentage of cost recovery each year, and so all those things need to be discussed --

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. MCLEAN: -- by the Council before that . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So is that what your current Budget reflects, a percentage of cost recovery increase and moving towards that?

MS. MCLEAN: I'm sorry?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Have you reflected that in your Budget, the Mayor's Budget, starting the cost recovery increase and working towards that? Or is it...are you waiting for us to do that, I guess is the question.

MS. MCLEAN: Yeah. Waiting for the Council to just discuss the idea of having the fees reflect cost --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. MCLEAN: -- because right now they don't at all. And even that first year when it's a low percentage of cost recovery, some of the fees are notably higher, others are notably lower.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh.

MS. MCLEAN: So it wouldn't be something that you would just throw in. Because it's a total shift on how the fees are established.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you. Thanks for that explanation.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Member Paltin, followed by Member Sugimura.

VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to follow up on that conversation. And as far as policy goes, could there be hybridization of that where non-essential types of planning and permitting would be cost a way and maybe, like, you know, dwellings for owner occupied would be percentages? Like, you know, for example, a short-term rental permit is not necessarily essential, and so that types of things could be cost recovery, whereas, you know, somebody, owner builder, owner occupant, they want a home and affordable housing is a high priority of the County and that could be a percentage, would that be an acceptable policy once we...when we're having the discussion, could that be a thing, like, where you hybrid it?

MS. MCLEAN: Theoretically, I would think so. The way that the study was shown is just a long list of all the permit types. And so some of those could be excluded or could have qualifiers on them. So yes, I think that could be done.

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VICE-CHAIR PALTIN: Thank you, Director. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So really fast, your impact fee study. I know you said you were re-looking at it. So when do you anticipate it to be done? I can schedule it.

MS. MCLEAN: The impact fee study? That has been transmitted to the Council. So it is with the Council to consider.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, I'm sorry. Okay. I'll go check. Thank you.

MS. MCLEAN: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Are you talking...Member Sugimura, are you talking about impact fees or are you talking about, like, the permitting fees?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Impact fees.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Impact fees.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So you're talking about something different --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- than what we're talking about.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MS. MCLEAN: I apologize, my mistake. The impact fee, that study is still being done. It's still being updated.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, okay.

MS. MCLEAN: We hope to get it this...let's see. Where are we, April. We should get it this calendar year. At which point it will be transmitted to the Council.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay, thank you. I'll wait. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Yeah. I think...I figured everyone kind of...we're talking about permitting fees, so...shifting gears. Okay. Seeing no other

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hands for questions, we'll thank the Planning Department again for being with us and responding to all of our questions. And we'll watch for your additional feedback for the Members to complete their priority proposals. Okay.

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Members, we are done for today. We reviewed the three Departments, Park and Rec, Personnel and Planning. Tomorrow we have Police, Prosecuting Attorneys, and Public Works. Okay. So if there aren't any final comments...are there any questions, Members, on how we're proceeding? Okay, I wanted to...before we leave, I'm sure some of you may have noticed...oh, that we didn't do our...sorry. Yeah. So...oh, shucks. Okay. Oh, look, Member Paltin's got her hat on. I wanted to play one song and dedicate it to Member Pro Tem Kama. Thank you, Members.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Song for her and I'll send it. The reception was pretty bad, but that's okay. Thank you for thinking of her.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Good try. The thought that counts.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah. That's very kind. All right. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We'll return to our stretches and exercises tomorrow. I just...I wanted to play a little bit for Member Kama and let her know that we're thinking of her and missing her. Okay. It's 4:10 on April 12th and the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee meeting is now adjourned. . . . *(gavel)* . . .

ADJOURN: 4:10 p.m.

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