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CONVENE: 9:04 a.m.

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Councilmember Kelly Takaya King

Councilmember Alice L. Lee

Councilmember Michael J. Molina Councilmember Tamara Paltin

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: ...(gavel)... Good morning, everybody. Welcome to the Infrastructure Transportation Committee. Today is September 27th, and the time is 9:04 a.m. Welcome to today's meeting. And as you know, today's meeting...by the way, today's meeting online will be on channel 54 on TV, I'm sorry, on channel 54. There's...channel 53 is not working. So anybody who's watching, please turn to channel 54. We will still be online if you're going to be watching on channel 53 and on Facebook Live. This 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 the meeting connectivity. In addition, when your name is called, Members, please identify yourself and if there's anyone in the room with you or in the vehicle you're in...I like that...or the workspace with you today. And so at this time I'd like to welcome Committee Vice-Chair Tasha Kama. Tasha Kama, did you log in yet? I don't see her. Okay. We'll come back to her.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I don't see her.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I must go to Alice Lee. Okay, Chair Lee, give us our greeting.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, Madam Chair, getting ready for our trip to Scotland with Member King, the morning greeting is in Scotland, madainn mhath, [mateen va] madainn mhath, madainn mhath.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Madainn mhath.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: This is a very difficult language, I must...this is the phonetic version of good morning. Because the other one you'd never get that, you'd never get madainn mhath from the actual spelling. But madainn mhath to all my colleagues.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Madainn mhath.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And I'm here in my room by myself.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, very good. Next we have Kelly King with your bright sunflowers. Thank you very much for that.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Mahalo, and mahalo to Chair Lee for starting on the Scottish words, madainn mhath, everyone. It's also part of England, so I'm kind of grateful for that too. Everybody will be speaking English. But this is great to be able to get some of these greetings in. And I am also in my room by myself, so nobody else is hanging around.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, very good. Good morning. Mike Molina, from under your Makawao virtual bridge.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aloha and madainn mhath to you, my colleagues and everyone else on this beautiful, beautiful Monday morning. For the record, I am...and yes, I'm broadcasting with the virtual bridge in the background, but in Makawao in my residence, I am in the living room by myself, and in the other room is my wife and the

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pets. Aloha.

- CHAIR SUGIMURA: Aloha. And we also have Tamara Paltin with your bright rainbow, sunshiny...from the West side.
- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha kakahiaka and madainn mhath. Actually, one of my sisters married a Scottish guy and she lives in Scotland, Newton Mearns, but she just says good morning.
- CHAIR SUGIMURA: Funny how she learned that language too, huh?
- COUNCILMEMBER KING: Is it anywhere near Glasgow?
- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Maybe. I think where she lives is called Newton Mearns. M-E-A-R-N-S.
- CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, look Tasha Kama, there she is. I'm sorry, Tasha, I didn't see you. So Tasha Kama, welcome to the meeting.
- VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Good morning, Chair. I'm having some issues. Can you see my camera? Because I have a note over here that says my camera is in use by another program, so I was trying to fix that.
- CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, wow. We can hear you only.
- VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay, I know, but I just thought I'd want to come in and let you know that. But good morning, everyone, and madainn mhath to each and every one of you. Thank you, Chair.
- CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good morning, my Vice-Chair. Thank you very much, Tasha. Keani Rawlins-Fernandez asked to be excused, and Shane Sinenci, Gabe Johnson, are always welcome to attend the meetings. From Corp. Counsel, Jen Oana, thank you for being here. From Department of Public Works for the two...three items actually, or two items and three namings is Rowena Dagdag-Andaya, Director, Jordan Molina, from the Department of Public Works. And Department of Parks and Recreation we have Deputy Director Marci Sato with us today. Other representatives who basically are the applicants and connected to the applications for the renaming, I'd like to welcome and ask for your...to allow me to have as resource Mark Makimoto, applicant for the Glenn Otani naming of the new Kula Ball Park; Ernest Delima, applicant for the Glenn Otani naming of the Scorebooth at the Ichiro "Iron" Maehara Baseball Stadium; Alexa von Tempsky Dudoit, applicant for renaming of the Kula Community Center; Heather Mueller, Kula Community Association President; Brandis Sarich, Maui County Cultural Resources Commission; and Annalise Kehler, Maui County Resource Commission [sic], also from the CRC. Committee Staff, I'd like to really thank Laks Abraham, who worked hard on this to put it all together. Thank you, Laks Abraham; Lesley Milner; Clarita Balala, Secretary, I always love working with her; Richard Mitchell; and Lei Dineen, Assistant Clerk. Thank you, Members, for today's meeting. And we have one item on

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our agenda, which is IT-73, Public Works Commission Naming and Renaming. Laks, are there any testifiers?

MS. ABRAHAM: Chair Sugimura, we do have currently two testifiers listed.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. Thank you. So we're going to begin with public testimony. So oral testimony via phone or videoconference will be accepted. Testifiers wanting to provide video testimony should join the online meeting via the BlueJeans meeting link, bluejeans.com\886005668, as noted on today's agenda. wanting to provide audio testimony should dial 408-915-6290 and enter meeting code 86...oh, yeah, sorry...886005668, also noted on today's agenda. Written testimony is highly encouraged through eComment link listed on today's mauicounty.us\agendas. Individuals are free to provide testimony via eComment as many agenda items as they would like. Instructions on how to submit it is also present. So now we're going to move on to oral testimony. Oral testimony is limited to three minutes per item, and if you still need more time, you'll be able to complete your thoughts to complete your testimony. When testifying, please state your name. If you are testifying on behalf of an organization or are a paid lobbyist, please inform the Committee. Please be mindful that the use of chat during the meeting, chat should not be used to provide testimony or chat with other testifiers. If you are here to provide testimony, please be courteous to others by turning off your video and muting your microphone while waiting for your turn to testify. Once you're done testifying, you'll be asked to disconnect from the call, otherwise you'd be welcome to continue to view the remainder of the meeting on Akakū Channel 54, Facebook Live, or mauicounty.us. Participants who wish to view the meeting only without providing testimony, please also disconnect at this time and view on Akakū Channel 54. Only Councilmembers, Staff and designated resource personnel will be connected to the videoconference meeting once testimony concludes. I remind Committee Members, Administration, and the public to please be patient if we run into technical issues. At this time I would like to proceed with oral testimony. Laks?

MS. ABRAHAM: Chair Sugimura, our first testifier is Mary Ann Pahukoa, followed by Dawn. Mary Ann, please unmute yourself and proceed with your testimony.

... BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY ...

MS. PAHUKOA: Good morning, Councilmembers. I'm Mary Ann Pahukoa testifying from Hāna this morning. Can you hear me?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, we can hear you.

MS. PAHUKOA: Thank you. Just jumping right into some of the names that I would highly recommend we change back or go back to, the first being H.A. Baldwin Park. Its original name is Kapukaulua, holding great cultural significance, and this is in the moku of Hamakuapoko that are known as Pā'ia. Now, Pā'ia Bay was recently renamed to Lower Pā'ia Park, advising the Council of its original name, Pā'ia Bay. Tavares Bay is known

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as Kalahau, so its original name is Kalahau better known in the Kūʻau area. Hāna Bay is known as Kapueokahi. Now, Hāna Bay is currently one of the biggest visitor attracted County Parks in Hāna than the State Park Wai'ānapanapa, so Kapueokahi, Hāna Bay's original name. Now, the Fourth Marine Division Park better known as Giggle Hill in Ha'ikū, I'm not sure of its original name, although I do know that it is a Pu'u built up since the...back in...I want to say it was the '20s. Now, its original moku name in 'ili is Kauhikoa. La Perouse is Keone'o'io, and I do know that D.T. Fleming is not its original name. I'm pretty sure it's Honokahua Bay, and I'm sure we can get some Lāhainā kūpuna to clarify that. I'm not sure if we are talking about highways, but I know that the Veterans Highway, there's a lot of community input wanting it to go back to Mokulele. Mahalo for allowing me to join in this process. It's important to correctly and accurately and appropriately perpetuate our wahi pana, as the names hold great cultural significance, and it's important for us to understand our identity as people of these lands. Tend to kind of end that settler colonial process of renaming our places. So mahalo, and I hope you get great input from, of course, fishermen when we're dealing with coastal regions, and hunters and gatherers when we're dealing with the mauka areas. And that's all I have for today. Mahalo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. So Mary Ann, do you have your testimony written that you could send it to us?

MS. PAHUKOA: I don't, but I can write it out and send it to you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, and I will let you know that today we're taking up the renaming of the Glenn H. Otani for the Kula field, as well as the Iron Maehara Baseball scoring booth, and then the Kula Community Center, von Tempsky Community Center, is being discussed. But the reason why I let you share all your knowledge is because of the naming of the agenda is Public Works Commission Naming and Renaming, IT-73, which then opens up this discussion and it becomes relevant. So thank you very much. And I wonder if you could submit those to us when you have time?

MS. PAHUKOA: Will do. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MS. PAHUKOA: And in regards to the Kula renaming locations, our database online is Papakilo, and that's Papakilo Database. We also have Kipuka Database and Wehewehe, which are all somewhat affiliated with OHA when it comes to searching up our original names on the maps. So mahalo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. I see Kelly King had a question for you, Mary Ann, if you could...are you still there? Mary Ann?

MS. PAHUKOA: I'm here.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Kelly King had a question.

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- COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Mary Ann, so all the places that you were talking about are not on the agenda today, but I wondered if you have testimony on the three items on the agenda for the naming and renaming?
- MS. PAHUKOA: You know, I'm going to have to go back and double check and look on the maps. When it comes to the upper regions, you know, Kula, I'm more familiar with A'apueo, which is in the Kulamalu area where the Longs is. And so that moku is...or that Ahupua'a is A'apueo. And then I'm more familiar with Waiakoa, which is close to Kula Community Center to Keokea.
- COUNCILMEMBER KING: The item on the agenda is to name the upper field at the Kula Ball Park, that's Glenn H. Otani Baseball Field. So are you in favor or are you supporting or opposed to that? Or do you have an opinion?
- MS. PAHUKOA: So I would support a name that is correctly and accurately and appropriate for that area, which I'm pretty sure is Waiakoa, but again, I would need to double check before I just confirm. But I'm in support of renaming the area to an appropriate Hawaiian name descripting the moku and the 'ili and the ahupua'a.
- COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, but it's not the whole area, it's just this upper field. So I just want to make that clear and that that's...the proposal that you're talking about is not on the agenda, it's just whether or not to name it Glenn H. Otani Baseball Field.
- MS. PAHUKOA: I would not be in support of naming it Otani Baseball Field.

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

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Tamara Paltin. Do you have a question?

- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Pahukoa, for your testimony. I just wanted to clarify, you know, I kind of remember a similar issue coming up for...I think it was the Caldito Ball Field around 2013 or 2014. And I believe...I want to say it was in like Waiehu Valley, but I'm not 100 percent sure. And at that time I was...it was kind of in the news and kind of a big deal. And I just was wondering like, you know, you mentioned D.T. Flemings, and you're correct, that bay is called Honokahua Bay. And I was just wondering if, you know, things like maybe...because when it's called D.T. Flemings Beach Park, that's kind of referring to the County improvements, not that I'm attached to the D.T. Flemings name, but I just was wondering your thoughts about D.T. Flemings Beach Park at Honokahua Bay, or Glenn Otani Ball Park in Waiakoa, or something like that. Would the description of the person that's trying to be honored being the name of the County improvements, but the location itself being emphasized as the correct location?
- MS. PAHUKOA: I understand what you mean. I guess my only comments would be to simplify when it comes to the naming process. And because this name will stick around for hundreds of years, I believe it's a little more appropriate to name it something that will accurately describe the place itself other than representing one single person, as we've

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had so many more people and families involved with that place itself. It becomes a little bit...not singled out, but I would assume that the County could put a little more effort into renaming the entire space reflecting the significant area, or let's say mauka, which may have birds in the area, our native birds that flourish up there, or the honeydew on the leaves, you know. I'm not necessarily supportive of singling out and naming our parks after one single person, if that makes sense.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. Thank you for your response.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thank you very much, and we can go further into that.

Mr. Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Good morning, Ms. Pahukoa. With regards to your written testimony, if you could submit that also...or Madam Chair, maybe we can just forward it to the Public Works Commission because it starts there with them. So I think if they can be given some history about all the places that are being...that could be considered to be renamed, I think it will help them in formulating a recommendation to the Council. So I think what you provide is very important with a historical background of all of these various places, but it starts first with the Public Works Commission. So if we could get that information to them as well, I think it will help them to make a more fully informed recommendation to the Council. So just a thought. So thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thank you very much. Ms. Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Ms. Pahukoa, thank you for your testimony. I was just wondering if the information that you shared with us was passed down from your family, or is this something that you teach in school? Can you let me know?

MS. PAHUKOA: Yeah. Some are family names, some I've learned (audio interference).

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We can't hear you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, so you got your background information from both reading and...

MS. PAHUKOA: I'm a map geek, so I love reading the old maps. So it comes with a little bit of research and 'ike kūpuna and family stories, of course.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So you're from Maui then, right?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Hāna.

MS. PAHUKOA: Yes, from Koʻolau moku.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Thank you.

MS. PAHUKOA: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mary Ann. We look forward to...if you could submit your written testimony, and to put in your resource sources that you also mentioned to Alice Lee, as well as in your first testimony. So Members, if no other questions...thank you very much, Mary Ann. Can we have our second testifier?

MS. PAHUKOA: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MS. ABRAHAM: Next testifier is Dawn, followed by Ernest Delima. Dawn, please unmute yourself and proceed with your testimony.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Dawn? Is it Dawn Lono from Mr. Sinenci's office, or is it someone else?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, that could be.

MS. ABRAHAM: It could be, we can only see that it says Dawn. So we at least wanted to offer the opportunity.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, Dawn. If you would like to testify, please do so. Okay, Dawn, I'm going to assume that you're not interested in testifying. Thank you very much for participating, and you can listen in on channel 54 on TV. So at this time, Members, is there anybody else to testify? You said we had two testifiers.

MS. ABRAHAM: Our last testifier is Ernest Delima.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh. So Ernest Delima is one of the applicants for the naming of the Glenn Otani...the Iron Maehara Baseball scorebooth. So Ernie, if you don't mind, I'm going to ask you to testify...or to participate in my meeting once we get going on each application. Is that all right, or did you want to testify now?

MR. DELIMA: Whatever works best for the Committee is fine with me.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So I'm going to take you in line with the application so we can keep it going forward. So thank you very much, it's going to take a little bit more of your time. And I see Mark Makimoto just joined the meeting too, so perfect. So at this time, Members, I'm going to close public testimony with your approval, as well as receive written testimony.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you, Members.

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... END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY ...

IT-73: PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION NAMING AND RENAMING (CC 21-456)

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So I'm going to go to the one item we have on our agenda, which is the Public Works Commission Naming and Renaming, IT-73. And as you know, this Committee has the Department of Public Works Commission as one of our responsibilities, and we're taking up County Communication 21-456 from me relating to the Public Works Commission Naming and Renaming. Correspondence dating [sic] September 17th, 2021, from the Director of Public Works transmitting the following: A proposed bill entitled, "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO NAMES OF PUBLIC FACILITIES DESIGNATED." And the purpose of the proposed bills are to do, number one, as Glenn H. Otani Baseball Field, the baseball diamond on the upper field of the New Kula Park, also known as the New Kula Field; and number two, Glenn H. Otani Scorebooth, the scorebooth at Ichiro "Iron" Maehara Baseball Stadium in Wailuku. And another bill, "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE NAMES OF PUBLIC FACILITIES." And the purpose of this bill is to rename the Kula Community Center as the von Tempsky Community Center Complex. The Committee may consider whether to recommend passage of either or both of the proposed bills on first reading, with or without revisions. The Committee may also consider whether to recommend the filing of the County Communication 12.456 [sic] and other related actions. So Members, at this time, those are the bills that we'll be reviewing and discussing. And we have with us the resource personnel from Department of Public Works, Rowena Dagdag-Andaya, Jordan Molina...it might be Jordan Molina because I think he actually takes care of these Commissions. I don't see...is Jordan on? As well as we have Marci Sato from the Department of Parks and Recreation. Jordan Molina or Rowena Dagdag-Andaya. Oh, there you are, Jordan. Thank you, Jordan, for being here. Would you like to say a few words about the applications?

MR. MOLINA: Hi, good morning Infrastructure and Transportation Committee, Chair Sugimura and Members. My name is Jordan Molina, Deputy Director with the Department of Public Works. Today for your consideration we have three proposed renamings submitted by community members pursuant to the Public Works Commission procedures, the first facility being the Upper Baseball Field at the New Kula Ball Park in honor of Glenn H. Otani; the second one is to rename the scorebooth at the Iron Maehara Baseball Stadium in Wailuku, additionally after Glenn H. Otani; and the last item is to rename the Kula Community Center Complex on behalf of the von Tempsky family. All three applications went through the Public Works Commission, as well as the Cultural Resources Commission, to which both Commissions recommended approval of the names that (audio interference). I guess that's all I have to open up at this time, and willing to take any questions. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. So next we have Marci Sato from the Department of

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- Public Works...I'm sorry, Parks and Recreation. She's the Deputy Director, Marci Sato. Hi Marci. Thanks for being here.
- MS. SATO: Hello. Good morning, Chair. Good morning, Councilmembers. I'm Marci Sato, the Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation. Good morning.
- CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good morning.
- MS. SATO: I'm just here to answer any additional questions that you may have. Thank you.
- CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. And from the Cultural Resources Commission, we have Annalise here? Who's here from Cultural Resources Commission? Laks, did anybody come...is anybody here from the CRC?
- MS. ABRAHAM: Chair Sugimura, I don't believe so. They were invited, but we haven't heard back from them yet.
- CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, so they may log in. Also here to testify and to support their applications, we have Mark Makimoto, which is for the renaming of the Kula Park Upper Field. And then we also have Ernest Delima, which is the Iron Maehara Scorebooth for renaming that after Glenn Otani. And then we also have Alexa von Tempsky for the von Tempsky family. So at this time, can I take Mark Makimoto...and yes, Tamara.
- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I just was wondering...I refreshed my browser, I was wondering if the Public Works Commission or the Cultural Resource Commission minutes were uploaded, or that I just can't find it?
- CHAIR SUGIMURA: I have it. Laks, can you check? I have the minutes after...it's a pretty long document because it's the application plus...well, testimony...application, testimony, and then the Public Works Commission minutes is there. So you want to take a recess so you can look at it.
- MS. ABRAHAM: My apologies. My apologies, Chair Sugimura. Were you looking for the von Tempsky application?
- CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, ask Tamara Paltin. Tamara Paltin, are you looking for a specific Public Works minutes?
- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, I think it refreshed now. Is it...it's a 113-page document?
- CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, the von Tempsky one is really long. The von Temspky one is volumes of work that they put together if that's what you're looking for.
- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. I think I see something that says Public Works Commission naming and renaming. Is there minutes from the Cultural Resource Commission as well?

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: You know what, I have...

MR. MOLINA: Chair, this is Jordan.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, Mr. Molina.

MR. MOLINA: The Department's transmittal did not include minutes from the Cultural Resources Commission because they had provided their comments, and I don't think they've held their subsequent meeting yet to approve the minutes of their September 2nd meeting.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay.

MR. MOLINA: But they did provide written comments from the Commission's actions at that meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Which basically, the Commission action was...approved all three. And then just on the Kula Community Center Complex, what was reported that they had no comments regarding the recommendations from the Public Works Commission for a commemorative plaque to be also included, but they approved the renaming. Just the plaque, they didn't have any comment on. Correct, Mr. Molina?

MR. MOLINA: That's correct.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you. Thank you for the clarification.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, Ms. King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. As a follow up...yeah, as a follow up, I don't know if I missed something, but...I see a lot of recommendations, but I don't see any meat to this of why they chose those names.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, we'll have the applicants discuss it.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: There's a lot of reasons why, and that's what the application is about. So let's go through this process, and then you can make your judgment after. How about that?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So the process is that the applicants applied for those names?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: They don't come from Public Works or somebody in the Administration?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ask your question again? What is...

- COUNCILMEMBER KING: Well, the process. So the recommendation doesn't originate from the Administration, it originates from someone in the public asking to have something named after them?
- CHAIR SUGIMURA: I guess it could, but this process is that it comes from the community, and the applications were filled out, and they got...if you look at all that was submitted, it has recommendations from other members of the community as to why. And they basically filled out, you know, the application based upon the requirements. Mr. Molina, you want to make a comment regarding that?
- MR. MOLINA: Yeah, so if we look at Maui County Code, Chapter 2.98 as the criteria for the Public Works Commission, which include facility naming and renaming. Subsection 040 lays out all the criteria established by County Code for renaming, of which can be submitted by a member of the public or the Mayor. We reviewed the application. We've tried our best to identify all the various criterias [sic] that are called out in the County Code that qualify or that justify proposed renaming.
- COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. I was just trying to figure out the process because it sounds like the person that we had testify could probably go through that same process if she wanted...some of the names that she was talking about. Okay. All right. Thank you, Chair.
- CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So the Departments now spoke, and I'm going to ask Mark Makimoto. Mark Makimoto is recommending the renaming of the Upper Kula Baseball Field. Mark. Mark Makimoto is King Kekaulike High School. He is the Head Baseball Coach and has worked with baseball for a lifetime, and he submitted the application for the New Kula Park area. Thank you. Mr. Makimoto?

MR. MAKIMOTO: Good morning. Can you guys hear me?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MR. MAKIMOTO: Okay. Good morning, Councilmembers. Yes, we originally...or we are asking for the naming of just the upper baseball diamond of the New Kula Ball Park, just to be clear. It's just the baseball diamond that is cut out for Little League right now with a backstop, and that's the only portion of the field that we are asking to be named in honor of Glenn H. Otani. Mr. Otani is a...was one of the originators of Little League baseball in Kula from, you know, back 30 years ago when his son started out with Kula Twins. They used to practice in Kula at Keokea Park. And then finding out later on that as the New Kula Ball Park came out into discussion because they wanted to find a more central area or location to have their practices, he was involved in that also...on

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that process. And also, after that...after his son finished playing, he went on and volunteered, you know, pretty much like his whole life too, to Little League baseball on Maui. And it wasn't just Upcountry where he started, it was...he took over more of the district. He was district tournament director, and he just...you know, he just helped...he helped with the MIL. So his things went beyond just organizations. He was just a guy that just would help out baseball players . . .(inaudible). . . So that is where the thought came from, was just to honor him back in Kula where I guess it kind of like it all started.

- CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you, Mark. Thank you for working on this. I know that you've been doing it for actually months. I appreciate it. Anybody have questions for Mr. Makimoto regarding...this is the Kula...okay. Yes, Kelly King, then Tamara Paltin, and Mike Molina. Thank you.
- COUNCILMEMBER KING: So Mr. Makimoto, thank you for being here. I can't see you, I don't know if you can turn on your video, but that's okay. I don't...I'm not familiar with Mr. Otani, so I just wanted to ask you if...was anybody else considered, or was this...were these just unnamed...because it says to name the baseball diamond, to name the scoreboard, doesn't say renaming. Like is they're just not named at this point?
- MR. MAKIMOTO: Yeah. Up at the field it's still the New Kula Ball Park that has the two soccer fields and two baseball diamonds on it. There's a lower diamond with a backstop which actually isn't used too much for baseball. They only use the upper diamond for baseball with the backstop, and that's the only field we are interested in naming, just that . . . (inaudible). . .
- COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So...but the scorebooth at the...what was the former War Memorial, I guess...is he...is Mr. Otani pretty well known? I mean...forgive me for asking this question, but I'm not...I don't have like young kids anymore so I don't follow sports like I used to when my kids were little. But is Mr. Otani pretty well known throughout the island? Because this is like...this second one is not just Kula, right? It's...
- MR. MAKIMOTO: Yeah, yeah. Yeah, well, I think Mr. Delima will speak to that when the scorebooth comes up, but for...like I said, yeah, he was a Little League administrator, so he took care of the whole District 3, which was...is Maui, Lāna'i, and actually Moloka'i too. So he was a district administrator, and he would travel to...every year every age group has a district tournament and a State tournament. So on Maui, when we host our district tournaments with all the teams, he is...like he was always there either scorekeeping, running the tournaments, or making sure that the teams started on time, and just doing all of the little things.
- COUNCILMEMBER KING: It sounds like . . . (inaudible). . . did all this work volunteer?
- MR. MAKIMOTO: Yeah, all volunteer. Little League is all volunteer, yeah. So that's why I think when he moved, you know, more into the district administrative things that the Little League did, he took care of more of the whole Maui, and that's where everybody kind of got in contact with him. And then like I said too, he also took care of the MIL, the high school sports. He did all our pre-season tournaments, Baldwin, Maui High,

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and King Kekaulike. He did the whole regular season. They would have his crew there every weekend...scorekeeping the games, running the scoreboard, and that was just something that the MIL wouldn't have to worry about because Glenn took care of everything. He took care of the schedules, he took care of the crews, and I think that's where I think the scoreboard...scorebox came from too, also.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MR. MAKIMOTO: Every weekend he was there.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you. Thank you for your response. I appreciate it.

MR. MAKIMOTO: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Tamara Paltin, then Mr. Molina. Questions for Mr. Makimoto.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Makimoto, for all your work. I just was getting to the point in the Public Works Commission minutes, but I see that only one son provided testimony in support, but most all of his children were there. And I just was wondering, does his entire family support this baseball diamond being named for him, his children, his...you know, whoever he had left behind, is it pretty much unanimous support from his entire family?

MR. MAKIMOTO: Yes. We got permission from the eldest daughter, Dawn. And I don't know if she was the one in here earlier, but yeah, we did get permission from her first. And then when they went to the Public Works, I think they all decided that just one son was going to speak just to...as a spokesperson, but they were all three there. And then when...he had a service this past summer because he passed away right when COVID hit, the first...the very first part of March, and that's...on June actually of that year. So he just had a small family service this past summer, and all three children were really kind of happy and they were just thanking, you know, appreciative of it. But yeah, they...all three are in favor.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, and his wife is not alive yet?

MR. MAKIMOTO: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. So it's mainly just his kids, and they're all supportive.

MR. MAKIMOTO: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you. Thank you for doing this work on their behalf, and on behalf of the County.

MR. MAKIMOTO: Thank you. Thank you very much.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you, Tamara. Mr. Molina.

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- COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you very much, Madam Chair, and good morning, Mr. Makimoto. Let me just first say thank you for taking time out of your schedule, I know you're a very hard-working educator, so it's must appreciated that you went through this application process to rename the baseball field for Mr. Otani. Just very briefly, there's been a lot of wonderful written testimony submitted about, you know, Mr. Otani's achievements with youth sports. I mean, that in itself was more than a full-time job. And Mr. Otani...and I'm sure that's...Otani is a very prominent name in the area for agriculture and of course, youth sports. What did Mr. Otani do, was he active with the farming agricultural side of the family, or did he have another occupation?
- MR. MAKIMOTO: No, his dad was a long-time farmer, and then he took over. But I think as...I think as in recent years they sold part of the land, but he still had his house in Kula, in Omapio, but they didn't farm as much. He was taking care of his dad at home.
- COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I see. Okay, okay. Well, I guess that just goes to show you the type of person he is, very giving and of his time and...yeah, so...
- MR. MAKIMOTO: Oh, yeah. And one of his mottos was always for the kids. That was his thing. For the kids, always.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MR. MAKIMOTO: I mean, anything he did was for the kids, so that was a big thing.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Great, great. Thank you. Well, yeah. I guess Madam Chair, you know, I'm certainly in full support of renaming our facilities after, you know, people who truly, truly give back to the community like Mr. Otani. So I stand in full support of renaming the baseball field, as well as the scorebooth for Mr. Otani. And I want to thank his family for sharing him with the community and of course, condolences as well to his untimely passing. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Mr. Makimoto.

MR. MAKIMOTO: Thank you, Mr. Molina.

- CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. I just wanted to add to Mr. Makimoto's testimony, and then we'll take Ernest Delima on the next item regarding Glenn Otani. But I went to the service, and the family were just overwhelmed with the community support with this effort, so I was glad to hear that. And he has such a nice family. His children are wonderful, and you might even know some of their relatives, which are embedded in the community and very active also. So Mark Makimoto, we're going now go over to Ernest Delima. And Ernest did the application for the renaming of the Ernest...I'm sorry...Iron Maehara Stadium for the scorebooth after Glenn Otani. So hello, Mr. Delima.
- MR. DELIMA: Hi, good morning, Committee Chair Sugimura and the rest of the Committee. Thank you for taking the time to hear our testimony today. My name is Ernest Delima, I'm the...my other volunteerism is I'm the District 3...District Administrator for Little

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League baseball here in Maui County. So I've known Glenn for quite some time. I can tell you that Glenn's been involved with youth sports for over 30 years. He served in various capacities as coach, manager, board member, tournament director for Little League all through those years. He coached his son, many youth up at the Maui, Upcountry area, and has had a lifelong dedication to volunteerism. You know, Glenn demonstrated the kind of traits that we all aspire to be; reliable, consistent, fair, giving. And the biggest thing, he's always prepared others to take on the next role. I think that was something significant that he did. So he was always thinking ahead as well, yeah. He not only gave his time to Little League here in Maui County, but he also gave his time to the MIL, Maui Interscholastic League. I believe he took on the official scorekeeping duties in 2000 at Iron Maehara. So, you know, we used to joke around a lot that Glenn's second home was basically the scorebox at the stadium. Whenever there was a game, you would find Glenn there. If he wasn't there, it had to have been some unusual circumstance that he wasn't there, yeah. But anyway, he handled all the official scorekeeping, like Mark noted, from pre-season to regular season to post-tournament play, Glenn was always there. And the MIL was very fortunate because he handled all of those duties for them. He had a crew of volunteers, which I'm sure will continue to do the work even though Glenn's no longer with us, but they ensured that all of our youth who participate in high school baseball could participate in an effective way. You know, he's missed greatly and, you know, I know all of his family is in full support of renaming the scorebox, as well as the field up in Kula. We miss him greatly. And I think for everything that Glenn's done for our community, this would be a way to honor him and ensure that everybody remembers the work and commitment that he gave to the community by renaming these facilities after him. You know, he's just an unbelievable person, and I think we owe it to him to remember him that way. So if you have questions, we submitted our testimony, and just...I'm here to answer anything that you might want to ask.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you very much, Mr. Delima. And before I turn it over to Alice Lee, I just wanted to share the depth of his giving. In the *Maui News* article, when I was reviewing all the documents, Eddie Esperitu said--from Moloka'i--that when he was...when Glenn was coming over to do Moloka'i tournament coordination, he brought boxes and boxes of clothes and different things to share with the Moloka'i community. That was just him, right.

MR. DELIMA: Right.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I mean, he just thought about so many people on all different ways. And it wasn't...he didn't have to do that, but he wanted to be sure that they had uniforms and whatever else they needed. And he brought from, you know, home to Moloka'i, and like you said, he did help Lāna'i, Moloka'i and Maui.

MR. DELIMA: Right.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So there must be plenty stories like that. But thank you.

MR. DELIMA: Correct.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Alice Lee. Yeah, Alice Lee has a question.

MR. DELIMA: Hey, Alice.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: You're muted, Alice.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We cannot hear you, Alice.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Ernest, good morning. I don't think I've seen you for about 15, 20

years.

MR. DELIMA: It's been a while.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Ernest, I didn't realize that you were so involved with the baseball, or Little League, and all the various leagues. I'm really pleased that you provided the testimony today. I just want to let the Members know that Ernest and I were on the original Drug Court Committee, and that's how far back we go. And I didn't know that at that time he was involved with baseball as well. So I'm very happy to support your nomination and your proposal. And I'm hoping that...it seems that this Glenn Otani, who I believe I never met, is well respected and regarded and loved by the baseball community, and I'm hoping that we can support this renaming...or naming today. Thank you, and good to see you, Ernest.

MR. DELIMA: Thank you, Alice. I appreciate your support.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Wow, Drug Court. That's impressive too, Ernest Delima, that is. Mr. Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair, and good morning, Mr. Delima. And thank you as well for going through the time-consuming process of the application, and of course, going before the Public Works Commission and all of that. Just if you could help me clarify something, the donation of a plaque to honor Mr. Otani. I don't know if maybe it's you or Mr. Makimoto could answer this, but my understanding is the District 3 Little League would be willing to pay for and donate a plaque, and you would be getting assistance from...would that be Parks Department or Public Works to have that plaque installed? And for the scoreboard part, that would just be a sign, right, or would that also include a plaque? Can you help clarify that for me?

MR. DELIMA: Yeah, I think our original thoughts, Mr. Molina, was that we'd do a plaque and...you know, and we'd probably fundraise it through Little League, and then that plaque could then be mounted or placed into the scorebox at Iron Maehara, yeah. That's where Glenn spent the majority of his time when he was facilitating --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you. Yeah, I just wanted to know the location of the plaque.

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MR. DELIMA: -- baseball at that location. Yeah, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay, perfect. Thanks for clarifying that for me, Mr. Delima. Thank you, Madam Chair.

MR. DELIMA: No problem.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you very much, Mr. Molina. Then we can have Parks comment about that also. Tasha Kama, question?

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for being here, Mr. Delima. And so I'm pretty excited about what I just heard from Member Molina. You know, when I read the...I only got to 102 pages of the 113-page document, but when I read about Mr. Otani and all the different articles about him from the newspaper to personal testimonies and letters of support--I didn't know Mr. Otani, but just from reading those things, I kind of got a great impression of this man who just loved being here in Hawai'i and in Maui, and that he loved this place with such a passion that his thought was, how can I give back to this community? And he did it through the kids because it was all for the kids.

MR. DELIMA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So it gives me the impression that this man loved this place. And so my question is, is there a way to capture the essence of this place that I believe he loved so well in being able to capture the history of these places, as well as the renaming? I'm trying to figure out a way how to keep the rich history that we have, and at the same time in the renaming of these facilities.

MR. DELIMA: Yeah. I mean, I think that's a great question. Obviously, you know, Mr. Otani's breadth of his volunteerism goes back 30 years, right, you know, so we're talking a long time here. If there's a way to reflect that in any memorial that we put up for him, I think that would be a service to showing just what he did and what he meant to our community, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. Delima. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Chair, you're muted.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yuki, you're muted.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, thank you. So I'm going to go to Tamara next, but Marci Sato from Parks, if you could make a comment regarding the plaque that we're talking about for the scorebooth?

MS. SATO: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Would the community have to fundraise for it, or will Parks put it up, and what kind of coordination would happen, do you know? Or we could send that question

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to...

MS. SATO: We would work with Mr. Delima to work with the installation of the plaque.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, okay. And does the community have to fundraise to pay for the plaque or is this something that the Parks Department could coordinate?

MS. SATO: It would be whatever the community prefers. There has been instances where the Parks Department has, as according to the Code, funded the plaque, but whatever the community prefers, we can work with Mr. Delima and the family.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, okay. So I think for both parks would be similar then.

MS. SATO: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you for answering that question.

MS. SATO: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. I think my question would be probably for Mr. Molina or Ms. Sato. Just wondering the precedence of naming two separate facilities after one person, if that's been done before.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Mr. Molina, Jordan Molina.

MR. MOLINA: Madam Chair and Member Paltin, we'd have to go research to see if there are previous examples. I can't think of any offhand.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, but it's not prohibited that you know of.

- MR. MOLINA: No. I mean, there's two separate applications, you know, we feel they've met the requirements of the Code and have presented a good argument for why these renamings are justified. And so I guess...yeah, no there's no prohibition on it, but yeah, we'd defer to the Council on that matter. Thank you.
- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you. And I just had a question for Mr. Delima. You mentioned that Mr. Otani was training his successor. Is that one person, or do a lot of folks have to fill that role for scorekeeper and whatnot?
- MR. DELIMA: So actually, yeah, he passed his knowledge on to several people. Being a part of our District 3 tournament staff, we're fortunate to have the residual effect of that, where we have now about three or four people who can commit their time. And it's all volunteers, right, we all take off of work in order to facilitate tournaments and game play, but yeah, no, he was akamai that way. He didn't...you know, he didn't want to have the knowledge stop at one place, right, you know, so he made sure a lot of people

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were able to carry on the task, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So it's lesser of a load for the folks behind him because they can share the weight of the responsibility?

MR. DELIMA: Correct, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

MR. DELIMA: And it provides reliability too, right, for the program, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

MR. DELIMA: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. Delima. And I think between you and Mr. Makimoto, you probably bring in the breadth of...and depth of his commitment. And like the *Maui News* article said, he did everything for the kids. And before we go on to the next applicant, which is the von Tempsky family, I wanted to just share with you a little story that my son was fortunate enough to be a baseball...or under the Kula Twins, and he was the coach. And I have this ball, I don't know if you can see this, but my son, who was...he's not an athlete quite in the same way that a lot of people like Kurt Suzuki or people like that, but he played all the sports. And my story about this ball is that in the many things that he learned from Glenn Otani as a coach, I always like to say that he caught people doing things right, Mr. Otani. And my son, who is not the super athlete or whatever, helped out in this game, he wrote on it April 21st, 2001, Kula Twins versus Ha'ikū, and the score was 9-9. And Glenn Otani must have caught my son doing something great, and he actually gave the ball to my son...the game ball to my son. And when I think about the amazing thing about this in itself is that of all the things that a child can treasure in their lifetime, right--you can buy all the fancy things--what he has on his desk is this ball. And I think it helped...he helped many, many kids develop character and build strength and understanding, teamwork and hard work. And so with me, I've always adored him. I've known him, you know, greater than baseball, his family greater than baseball or longer than baseball, but he is a fine person. And I stand...I'm really grateful that we are honoring him. I wish he was here to see that we're appreciating him for his years and years of service that he gave the community. But this is my Glenn Otani story that my son actually treasures, he's now 29 years old, and he was given this ball 20 years ago, and he still has it. So thank you, Glenn Otani. So next I'm going to...oh, yes, Mr. Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, Madam Chair, I know we have two bills under the item. And for me, I could vote on this bill before we get to the von Tempsky matter, then that way we don't have to keep --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, you want to do that?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: -- Mr. Delima and Mr. Makimoto here.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, then they don't have to...okay. That's good.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: If possible, Madam Chair, I'm ready to vote.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Is that okay? Okay, I'm going to...I'll do that. So Members, I'm going to ask...I'm going to do something which--we have been asked by Corp. Counsel and OCS attorneys--I'm going to ask for first reading of the bill as stated, and then ask for your amendment to specifically state Glenn Otani's name and what we're actually doing for clarity. So at this time Members, I'm going to entertain a motion to recommend passage on first reading of the proposed bills entitled, "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO NAMES OF PUBLIC FACILITIES DESIGNATED," "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO NAMES OF PUBLIC FACILITIES DESIGNATED," including any nonsubstantive revisions if necessary, and filing for County Communication 21-456. I'm going to ask for the motion, second, we'll vote, and then I'm going to ask for the amendment to be more clear on the Glenn Otani Bill. So thank you, Mr. Molina, for bringing this up.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So moved.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So I need a motion and a second. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Second. Okay. So Tasha Kama moved, and seconded by Alice Lee. Any discussions, Members? All in favor, say "aye." Aye.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED AYE.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All approved, except Keani Rawlins-Fernandez is excused, so motion passes.

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VOTE: AYES: Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and

Councilmembers King, Lee, Molina, and Paltin.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending FIRST READING of revised bills and

FILING of communication.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So the second part of this is I'm going to ask to entertain a motion to amend the bill...the bills to reflect the intent and purpose of the name of each County facility. The amendment would change the title of the first bill to, "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO NAME THE GLENN H. OTANI BASEBALL FIELD (KULA) AND THE GLENN H. OTANI SCOREBOOTH (WAILUKU)," and...oh, okay. And then we'll take up the second one later. But...so at this time, this is the amendment for the Glenn H. Otani.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So moved.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So I need a motion and a second. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So moved by Tasha Kama, second by Mr. Molina. Any discussion? Yes, Ms. Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Can you repeat? I didn't get the motion. Can you repeat it?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, this is the amendment. The amendment is to actually reflect the intent and the purpose of the name of each County facility. So the amendment would change the title of the first bill, or the bill, to be, "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO NAME THE GLENN H. OTANI BASEBALL FIELD (KULA) AND THE GLENN H. OTANI SCOREBOOTH (WAILUKU)."

MS. MILNER: Chair, apologies. This is Lesley on Staff. Could we just ask for a very brief recess to go over something quickly?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Sure. Recess at the call of the Chair, so three minutes. . . . (gavel). . .

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RECESS: 10:06 a.m.

RECONVENE: 10:11 a.m.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: ... (gavel). . . Okay, Members, thanks for the recess. We're going to fix what we just did. So Kelly King, we need a motion to reconsider.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I move for reconsideration.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thank you. So moved by Kelly King and second by Tasha Kama. Members, so what we're going to do is we're going to remove what we did earlier and correct it, and go back to the beginning and make the main motion and the amendments so that we can take up only the Glenn H. Otani. So Members, at this time I'd like to take a vote on the motion to reconsider. All in favor, say "aye." Aye.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED AYE.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, unanimous. Keani Rawlins-Fernandez is excused. Motion carries.

VOTE: AYES: Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and

Councilmembers King, Lee, Molina, and Paltin.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVED RECONSIDERATION.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So at this time let me start all over again. And this is a very good reason why we should name the motions or name the item to be the intent. So it certainly reflects why Corp. Counsel and OCS said we need to do this. So I'm going to recommend...to entertain a motion to recommend passage on first reading of the bill entitled, "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO NAMES OF PUBLIC FACILITIES DESIGNATED."

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So moved.

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VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you, Kelly King and Tasha Kama. Thank you. So motion by Kelly King, second by Tasha Kama, all in favor say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER KING: No, you have to...

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, do your amendment.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, got to do the amendment. Okay. Sorry, sorry. Okay. Next I'd like to entertain a motion to amend the title of the bill to reflect the intent and purpose of the name of each County facility. The amendment would change the title of the first bill...of the "BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO NAME THE GLENN H. OTANI BASEBALL FIELD (KULA) AND THE GLENN H. OTANI SCOREBOOTH (WAILUKU)." That's the amendment.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. But Chair, just for the amendment, the Upper Baseball Field, that's how it's mentioned in the agenda.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Upper Baseball Field. Okay, correct.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So moved.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, Kelly King and Tasha Kama. Okay. Any discussion. Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, I was going to speak to the motion.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was wondering if you guys would have a friendly amendment to say Upper Baseball Field in Kula and Scorebooth in Wailuku. Because the way you read it, it almost sounded like we're naming it Kula and we're naming it Wailuku, but if you put "in" in there, it makes a little bit more sense to me; the Upper Baseball Field in Kula, and the score thing in Wailuku.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Is that a friendly amendment, okay?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Friendly amendment.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, I move for a friendly.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, here's Remi...Richard Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: Aloha, Chair Sugimura. The proposed amendment refers to the area in parenthesis, so it's parenthesis Kula close parenthesis, and then parenthesis Wailuku close parenthesis. So it's clear it's referring to a location, so there's no need to say in the...okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, thanks. I didn't see the parenthesis.

MR. MITCHELL: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sorry, I withdraw the friendly amendment.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, withdrawn. Kelly King, speak to the motion.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Yeah, I just wanted to speak to the motion, and I'm really glad to see this kind of naming happening. I don't know if you remember, Chair, in our first term on this Council, there was a bill that passed that was allowing...it was part of the concessions bill, and it was allowing for people from outside our community to come in and pay for...to rename our facilities after themselves or after whoever they wanted to, which was a real concern for me because I think these naming...the naming of our facilities needs to be about people that we value, not...you know, and I remember making a comment that, you know, if someone like Donald Trump wanted to come and give us \$2 million, are we going to rename the War Memorial after him? You know, that was a big fear from just...I don't think it should be about money. So I fully support this proposal, and I'm really glad to hear all the wonderful things we've heard about Mr. Otani. And I think people need to be honored this way. I think it's great for people to be honored this way. I like this one because it's about specifically relating to the actions of volunteer activities of Mr. Otani and about a specific facility. So it's not an area. I think...you know, the earlier testifier, we can go back and look at those concerns about naming areas with place names and with original Hawaiian place names, but this is about a specific facility directly related to, you know, a member of our community's volunteer activities, and we all heard wonderful things about him. So I wanted to make that statement. And I also, when we get to the second one, I remember in that discussion asking about renaming because we have an ordinance that said once a facility is named, it can't be renamed. And so when we get to the next one, we're actually talking about renaming...maybe I can ask Public Works about that. But this one I think is pretty clear naming, it's not a renaming, and we've heard wonderful things from the community. So I just wanted to give those comments about I think we should...I think this should be the reason we name things after people, not because they give us money.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you, Ms. King. Anybody else want to say anything? Seeing none. Okay, so at this time then, we need to vote on the amendment. And all in favor, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED AYE.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Motion passes, and Keani Rawlins-Fernandez is excused.

VOTE: AYES: Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and

Councilmembers King, Lee, Molina, and Paltin.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: APPROVED AMENDMENT.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So at this time then, I'm going to take the main motion and...as amended. So Members, anybody else want to say anything about Mr. Otani or about the main motion? Ms. Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Do you have any more amendments to this main motion?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So at this time, all in favor of the main motion as you heard it...all

in favor, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: As amended.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: As amended, say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED AYE.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Motion carries. Tamara...I'm sorry, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez is excused and motion passes.

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VOTE: AYES: Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and

Councilmembers King, Lee, Molina, and Paltin.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending FIRST READING of revised bill for

Glenn H. Otani.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So Mr. DeLima and Mark Makimoto, thank you very much for being here and making the nominations. It now passes. So you can leave the meeting or you can stay with us. So I'm going to take on the next one. So this is...Mr. Molina, thank you for asking us to split this apart because this next one is going to be also a long discussion. And we have with us Alexa Dudoit, and of course, she's a von Tempsky, and she's making this application on behalf of her family. So Alexa, you want to introduce yourself, your family, your application, and the reason for the naming? Alexa?

MS. DUDOIT: Hello, can you hear me?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, yeah, now I can hear you.

MS. DUDOIT: I was trying to share my screen with you, and I clicked on something and it went blank. And I said oh, no, where did that go? Anyway, I'm going to try that again, but yes. My name is Alexa von Tempsky Dudoit. I'm here with my mother, Helen von Tempsky, who was married to Raymond von Tempsky, one of the sons of my grandparents, Memea [sic] and Robert Gordon Boy von Tempsky. I submitted the application on behalf of my family. Majority of our family...actually, all of our family members are very in support of the renaming of the community center. Right now, it stands as the Randall...Kula Community Center and the Randall and Dora Memorial Park, which kind of sounds like a cemetery, so we were trying to see if we could make some adjustments there. Our family has leased this land...I don't know if you had a chance to review the packet that I already...shucks, I wish I could put my screen up there and...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You need help with that?

MS. DUDOIT: Yeah, that would be good. Yes.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Laks, can you help her with that? Did you submit it?

MS. ABRAHAM: Yes, I can.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. Member Sugimura, just one moment.

MS. DUDOIT: It says share screen. Do I just click on that?

MS. ABRAHAM: Chair Sugimura, what part of the application would you like us to show?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Alexa, what would you like to share?

MS. DUDOIT: Oh, no, no, no, I was trying to share my video screen...my face on the video screen.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, oh, you're trying to get yourself...your...

MS. DUDOIT: Yeah, yeah. I was trying to...so you could see me as I was...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, so we could see you talking. Oh, okay.

MS. DUDOIT: Anyway, we'll just go forward. So yes, we were all in agreement to try to see if we could submit this application. My grandfather had the land, and the land was split when my father and my uncle passed away. And so the land then became my cousin's property, Kimball von Tempsky, and...which he owns the land that's right where the community center is at this point in time. But we are all in agreement to work towards trying to rename the community center. The County had a lease for it for, I believe, 99 years. The lease is coming up soon. I believe the Kula Community Association was going to try and ask the County to buy...purchase the property there. Is there any specific things you would like me to say? I don't want to go on and on, I would like to know what questions you'd like. Hi, Tamara.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I guess if you could introduce the reason why you asked for the facility to be named after your family?

MS. DUDOIT: Okay. So the reason why is because our family has, I believe, contributed a lot to our community in Kula and for many, many years...at least 125 years, since we acquired the property originally, they have done numerous things in the community to help establish the farmers, the farmer's associations. My grandfather worked as a cattle manager of this ranch when he was very young. Because my great grandfather passed away, so my grandmother had to take care of the farm herself. And so my grandfather was trained and versed to manage the property himself. There was a lot of things that our family contributed, especially towards the military in World War II, where they housed and treated the military with R&R services. And so there was many, many different things that our family contributed to the lifestyle of agriculture, promoting agriculture in the community with ranching, farming, support of the military, lots of reasons why they were...I don't know if you want specific.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So you know, Alexa, maybe what we'll do is this; if the Members have questions for you, then maybe you can answer specific questions.

MS. DUDOIT: Yeah, that'll be fine.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So coming from Kula, I understand the many things that the von Temspky family has given to the community in...to help it expand and be the community that we are, so I understand that. For the...specifically though, for the Kula Community Center, which is a facility, the von Tempskys then had the property which you...which was then where we have the tennis courts and the Kula Community Center facility, and the...I think gateball is still there. But that's a specific property that we're talking about today in the application. So maybe the Members can ask you questions. Because I agree with you, your family has done so much, and to kind of narrow it down will maybe help that by going through the questions. Tamara Paltin.

MS. DUDOIT: Hi, Tamara.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Dudoit. I just wanted to clarify...I had a couple of questions, but first I wanted to clarify that Randall and Dora is von Tempskys, right? It's not that we're renaming it away from von Tempskys, we're kind of clarifying it?

MS. DUDOIT: Well, Randall and Dora were my great grandparents. And yes, the reason why I submitted it as von Tempsky Community Center Complex was because I was using my whole family, and all the different members of our family, and what they contributed to the community, instead of just...see, my great...my grandfather, he...at the time that he donated the land area for the community center, it was to honor his parents. So that's why they said Randall and Dora von Tempsky, and that's how that came about.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, I had two other main questions.

MS. DUDOIT: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The first other one was, is the Kula Community Association aware of it and in support? And then the second question would be, do you have any objection to calling it like the von Tempsky Community Center in Kula, just for folks that may not be familiar where it would be?

MS. DUDOIT: So I did meet with the Board of Kula Community Association early this year or late last year, I can't recall the exact date and time. Things got in the way, so I got a slow process to get it started. But yes, they were all in favor of naming...renaming it to the von Tempsky Community Center, and I am not opposed of it being named that it's in Kula or in Waiakoa or in the Ahupua'a of Kealahou.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, yeah. Either of...any of those three just for folks, you know, that may move here or are looking for an event that's at the von Tempsky Community

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Center, they have a better idea of where they're looking to go, you know, just to eliminate any kind of confusion.

MS. DUDOIT: Yes, absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: But, yeah either of those three sound great. I'll leave it to folks more smart than me. But thank you so much. I'll yield to my colleagues.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So before I call on Mr. Molina, just so the Members know, I did get an email...or I did send this application to the Kula Community Association, so they are aware of this. Heather Mueller, who is the acting president now until they do their formal election, was notified, and there is a Board meeting that is happening tomorrow, so I guess this may be on the agenda, I'm not sure. But I did...I also got an email from the Board saying that in April of 2019, I think, they made a distinction--and I can give that information to the Committee so that we have it in verbatim--but they basically said that the Kula Community Center would be like reserved for, or to be for the von Tempsky family. And I guess it was not to try to name it to somebody else or something else. So they made a clarifying...they sent a clarifying email to me, and they had it in discussion for one of their meetings. So I can send that forward. Alexa, was that recollection? Was that the meeting you were at?

MS. DUDOIT: I believe so.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So they had that very clearly distinguished. And too bad one of them are not here to speak to it, but I can give you what they did share in an email to me. Anybody else have a question regarding this? Kelly King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I think Member Molina was next.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, sorry. Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Madam Chair. Just a question for Ms. Dudoit. First, thank you, Ms. Dudoit for being here and thank you again, like the others, going through a very long and, you know, painstaking application process. I know there's a lot involved. And all of those wonderful news articles from your family, very, very interesting reading. And I'm a lover of local history, so thank you for that, it was very interesting. Just in general right now, so if you could help me clarify, so is there currently a lease agreement with the County, or is the land...was the land just donated outright to the County. And if there is a lease agreement, how many more years are left on the lease agreement?

MS. DUDOIT: I actually am not real clear on that. I think the lease is about to come to a close, and that's why the Kula community was asking that the County purchase the land outright. I know Kula Ridge had something to do with the land at one point in time, but they...I'm not sure where my cousin is with that property...with the Kula community...with the Kula Ridge, excuse me. So yeah, I'm pretty sure the lease is coming to a close.

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- COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Well, thank you for that. Madam Chair, if maybe at some point we can get...I guess would it be Parks or Public Works to comment on the status of the lease agreement and everything else that goes with it?
- CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, that's a very good question, Mr. Molina, and point because it's...I think the Kula Ridge project is no longer being built. So we should find out what the status of everything else and those agreements. I'm not too...yeah. Okay.
- COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And one more quick question. One more quick question, with regard to the...I guess there's a discussion of a commemorative plaque. So now who would be sponsoring that plaque, or paying for that plaque? Is this something the family or another outside entity or the County would be funding, the plaque?
- CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, so I think I'm going to ask Marci Martin [sic] to comment. Just for the Members' information --
- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Marci Sato, right?
- CHAIR SUGIMURA: -- the Department of Public Works Commission made a recommendation to do a commemorative plaque in addition to the approval of the renaming, as well as to call it the...add the word complex on it. So it's not only the center, but it would be like the tennis courts and, you know, this area that is part of the Kula Community Center, to add the word complex to it, as well as doing a commemorative plaque. So Marcy Martin [sic], from Department of Parks, would you...
- COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: You mean Marci Sato, right?
- CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, I'm sorry. Marci Sato. Marcy Martin is RPT. Sorry, wrong one. Marci Sato.
- MS. SATO: Thank you, Chair. So the Department would work with the family on the plaque, and it is contingent upon funding. So if we did not have enough funding in this year's budget, we would request it in the Fiscal Year '23 budget.
- CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. Thank you for that response. Alexa?

MS. DUDOIT: Yes.

- CHAIR SUGIMURA: So you heard that? The commemorative plaque.
- MS. DUDOIT: I did, thank you. And yes the Kula Ridge property on the 48 acres behind the Kula Community Center is no longer in existence. It is not going to be developed at all.
- CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. I guess the thing that we can bring up from what Mr. Molina is asking is to see how it's all tied together, if at all, and what the current status is. So thank you. Any other questions for Alexa? Yes, Kelly King.

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- COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. Thanks for being here, Alexa. I appreciate your presence. Yeah, I had the same question about, you know, what was going on with the lease, and it sounds like you're going to be asking the County to purchase the land. And are you planning to give us a good deal, I guess, is my question first. It just seems odd to me that it's your family would have to pay a bunch of money to buy the property, but I'm assuming...
- CHAIR SUGIMURA: I think she mentioned that her cousin has the property, so it's not her specific bloodline again.
- COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, it seems like a family project or something. So yeah, we'll get some details on what the lease has been and when it's up.
- CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.
- COUNCILMEMBER KING: And then the other question I had for you, Chair, was just what kind of input did we get from the Kula Community Association? Because you mentioned you got a letter, but we didn't...are they supportive?
- CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, you know what we'll do? They support it from...and I can bring up the email and I'm going to take a short recess so it's past...it's right around 10:30, so I'll do that. So...
- COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. And I just wanted to say, you know, I agree that the von Tempsky name is very well known in Kula, because my husband and I moved there...when our kids were little we moved up to Kula for about four years and rented a place up there because the school was...I think Kula School at the time had 500 students and Kīhei School had 2,000. And it was so crowded, they were actually having classrooms in the bathrooms at Kīhei School. So we lived up there. That was one of the first names we heard, you know, one of the first families we met, I think, were von Tempskys up there. But yeah, I'm just really curious about what was going on with the lease and what kind of proposal to purchase the land.
- CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So Members, that's not quite on the agenda although related, so we can...I'm going to take a short recess, so ten minutes. It is now 10:36, so 10:50 we'll come back, and then we'll continue on with this discussion. So thank you very much.
- COUNCILMEMBER KING: Did Ms. Dudoit want to respond to anything I just said? I just wanted to give her the opportunity, because...
- CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay, if she wants to respond, and then we'll go into our recess.
- COUNCILMEMBER KING: Sorry, it was more of a question for the Chair, so no pressure.
- MS. DUDOIT: Yes. So I just wanted to say that yes, the land is my cousin's land at this point in time because we did separate our land's divisions between my uncle and my dad.

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And so my only living cousin that is handling the land is the one that's going to be making the sale or making that decision. So I wouldn't have any input on that, I'm sorry.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. We'll take it up at another time. Thank you. So at this time, Members, I'm going to do a ten-minute recess, so we'll be back at 10:50. Meeting in recess. . . . (qavel). . .

RECESS: 10:37 a.m.

RECONVENE: 10:52 a.m.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: ...(gavel)... Okay. The meeting of Infrastructure and Transportation is now called back to order. We are looking at...or discussing the von Tempsky Community Center. So any more questions for Alexa? Alexa, are you still there? I don't see her. Tasha Kama.

MS. DUDOIT: Yes, I'm here.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, Alexa, I see you now. Okay. Hi, Tasha.

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: I just have one question. You know, in the documents that you submitted regarding your family, Alexa, it says that your grandfather or your great grandfather was originally from New Zealand, but it doesn't say anything prior to that. Do you know anything about them prior to them coming here, and their life in New Zealand? I didn't hear anything about that, and I was just curious to ask if they were indigenous to New Zealand.

MS. DUDOIT: No, they're not indigenous to New Zealand, and they originally came...my great grandfather originally came from . . . (inaudible). . .

VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MS. DUDOIT: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Any other questions? Mr. Molina, or Alice Lee, or Tamara Paltin? Okay, Mr. Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Madam Chair. I have no more questions for Ms. Dudoit, but just for your consideration, there seems to be a lot of things that have opened up in discussing this. Because now, with the potential of a land sale from the von Tempskys to the County, I think we need to get some details on that and how it ties in to renaming the facility, if it's something the County will negotiate or agree to. And also, I'd like to get more terms about the lease agreement itself...more details on that, and hear directly from the landowners, I believe Ms. Dudoit mentioned it's her cousins

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that are the actual owners of the land. So as it is right now, I'm not ready to vote on this. I'd like to get some more information about the lease agreement and what this Administration's intent is. Is the Administration going...or seriously considering the offer from the von Tempsky family, if I heard that correct, for purchasing? So...because this is quite a complex issue compared to the previous issue of renaming a ballfield after...and a scoreboard after Mr. Otani. Because now you're mixing in the prospective of a land sale, and there may be people that may say, okay, if the County is going to purchase this, then will the renaming of the facilities be a condition of that? So...you know, so that's why it's a little complex for me right now, so I'd like to just get more information, more details, before we even act on this today. So that's kind of where I stand, Madam Chair. Thank you.

- CHAIR SUGIMURA: I understand. Yeah, so I hear what you're saying, Mr. Molina, yeah. Since we started talking about that and the previous agreements and even the designation of what's happening with, you know, the greater purchase. So anybody else have any concerns on that? So Ms. King.
- COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, just the same as Councilmember Molina, I think it just would kind of be good to explore this better so, you know, it doesn't feel like we're boxed in to having to purchase it when we do this renaming. That's it.
- CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So Members, I hear what you're saying. And I will tell you that because this is really my next-door neighbor on both sides of my house, that I'm somewhat familiar...and of course, with the Kula Community Association, their interest in the County purchasing the land has come up, and we need to maybe look at these agreements and see the status, especially with Kula Ridge not happening anymore and (audio interference) back to this. So Members, at this time, I hear what you're saying. If Members do not have any objections, I'm going to defer it, Alexa, so we can talk about it just in total, and then talk about the naming of the Kula Community Center at that time once we are clear with what's happening with the property. Alexa, do you have any questions for us?
- MS. DUDOIT: No, I don't have any questions at this time. I would have to contact my cousin who owns the property about the land sale. I don't know if he's even been approached by the Kula community or the County, so...yeah, that's all I have to say for...and I cannot comment on his behalf.
- CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, okay. That's correct. So I'll contact you after, Alexa, to get more information. And Members, I will submit a letter to the Department just to get more information and status. Member Molina, thank you for bringing that up. I think you're right, it kind of lays a cloud over maybe our decision to do this right now, and once we're clear, then we can do that at that time. So Members...yes, Tasha Kama?
- VICE-CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So I think at that same time we have that discussion with the various departments, and I believe we should have the landowner at that time, so maybe whatever questions we might have, that he'd be able to answer it to its fullness. Thank you.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah, very good. Anything else? Okay, so at this time...oh, yes, Tamara?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I just wasn't clear. Like if we rename it the von Tempsky Center in Kula or what have you, does...are you saying that commits us to purchasing it? I'm not super clear.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: You know what? I'm getting a comment that this is not on the agenda, so we shouldn't be discussing it further. But just on this one item, I'm going to defer this item. Members have questions about the, you know, property in general and the impacts, so I'm going to take that and defer the item and adjourn the meeting. And then I will explore more as far as...you know, I hear what you're saying. So it does impact the greater decision for renaming it at this time is what I'm hearing.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh...and the landowner wasn't made aware that we were renaming it today?

MS. DUDOIT: Can I say something?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Who's speaking? Alexa.

MS. DUDOIT: The landowner was aware of it, and I talked to all his nieces and nephews, and they all were in agreement. And for the renaming application to go in, I was just the designated person that combined and did all the research for the Council.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: All right. So for like next steps it would come up in Member Kama's Committee because it's purchasing for Parks, or just indefinite deferral?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I'm not sure how we're going to refer it, but I'm going to look at it and bring it forward to address these questions.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We can look at it in Parks, we can look at it, I guess, in Budget...I don't know if we've gone that far to take it in Budget, but just in terms of the status of what's happening with the...really, this whole area--the Kula Community Center, the tennis courts, the gateball field, which is, I think, what we're talking over here, in terms of the complex, and then what's happening with the impact...because of the agreement with Clayton Nishikawa and the Kula Ridge, which has brought his agreement or his association, I guess, to this property. I'm not too sure what the relationship is anymore. So Members, at this time I'm going to defer it, and we will advise you as to how to move this forward. So we are deferring this item on the von Tempsky Complex, and then adjourning this meeting. Anybody have any questions? No. Okay.

ACTION: DEFER PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSION.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Meeting is now adjourned. Thank you, Members. . . . (gavel). . .

ADJOURN: 11:01 a.m.

APPROVED:

YUKI LEI K. SUGIMŲRA, Chair

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DATED the 21st day of October 2021, in Wailuku, Hawai'i.

Terianne Arreola