

**MAUI REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2024**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Maui Redevelopment Agency (Agency) was called to order by Ms. Jo-Ann Ridao, Chair, at approximately 1:02 p.m., Friday, January 26, 2024, online via BlueJeans Meeting ID No.: **496 706 932**, and at the Current Division Planning Conference Room, One Main Plaza, 2200 Main Street, Suite 619, Wailuku, Hawaii 96793.

A quorum of the Agency was present. (See Record of Attendance)

Ms. Jo-Ann Ridao: I'm going to start. I'm going to start a new business so we can get right into the agenda.

Ms. Kristin Tarnstrom: Hi. I'm sorry. I just --

Ms. Ridao: I'm assuming everybody read Section A about the process for the meeting.

Ms. Tarnstrom: Okay, I'm sorry to interrupt. I just wanted to ask, I mean, do we have quorum? It doesn't appear that we do. It looks like we only have two of the five members that could be seated. So I don't think we can proceed unless, unless we have quorum.

Ms. Erin Wade: Sorry, Kristin, and it shows John Viela, but that's actually Jo-Ann Ridao.

Ms. Ridao: Yeah, I'm on his, I'm on his computer.

Ms. Tarnstrom: Okay. All right, great. Then we just need you to put your video on because the video has to be on also to achieve quorum.

Ms. Ridao: Okay. Let me see how I do that.

Ms. Tarnstrom: I'm sorry, Jo-Ann, I'm new to this Board, so I didn't, I didn't know that you, you were Chair.

Ms. Ridao: Okay, am I on now? There we go.

Ms. Wade: Yes.

Ms. Tarnstrom: Good to go. Okay. I'll leave you alone then. Thanks.

B. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Discuss promotion of Wailuku Live web site via QR codes around Wailuku town and at shops and businesses in the community.**

Ms. Ridao: Thank you. Well, we want to be legal, so thanks. So let's start new business. The first item under new business is to discuss promotion of Wailuku Live website via QR codes around Wailuku Town and at shops and businesses in the community.

Mr. Wakon Childers: Yeah. And you –

Ms. Ridao: So you want to lead us in that, Erin?

Mr. Childers: I mean, yeah, I think I might have mentioned to Erin. Didn't I bring that up?

Ms. Wade: You did.

Mr. Childers: But, yeah, if you guys have got, if you've started developing something, . . . (inaudible) . . . it would be a great idea. I didn't even know we had all these websites, and I have lived in the community for a long time. And you know, I have been up and down the streets in town and I just noticed in other cities and other places that those little QR codes, you know, everybody scans them. It does bring up a lot of information, you know, if utilize them correctly, then we might be able to get more interest into what's happening there in Wailuku town.

Mr. Patrick Ihu: I think they were in the packets, right, when we went to the garage thing, they the QR codes in the packets. Were that the same QR codes?

Mr. Childers: You know, I don't know.

Ms. Wade: The QR codes in the garage are related to the public art. So if you scan it talks about public art. So that's specific to small town big art projects. But I've seen what you've seen Wakon where it like, even if you're coming out of the garage and there's like a directional sign and then you can do the QR code, and it would give you like top places to eat or, you know, it gives you a lot more information about . . . (inaudible) . . . to experience different parts of . . . (inaudible) . . .

Mr. Childers: . . . (inaudible) . . . the agenda, you know, what's happening this month. That, you know, if we can get to that Wailuku Live website, it might draw more interest. I just thought of it as an idea. I'd seen one, you know, and you get in those artsy places. I think I was in Massachusetts when I saw, you know, it's a large QR code and it was on like one of those, you know, we have those boards up everywhere starting the new construction. It's a great big QR code and, you know, it makes you want to scan it. Then it, you know, it brings up, you know, like a site like Wailuku Live. And it basically says, hey, this is what's happening around here this week, you know, or, what's happening around here this month. And I know, I know we have that, just that, you know, how can we draw people to take a look at those? That's what kind of came from the idea I thought about.

Ms. Ridao: And I think once the, the structure is open and you get more tourists parking in there or, you know, you'll have it there and maybe throughout Wailuku Town, my question would be, Erin, how do we approach this? Because we probably going need funding to work on something like that.

Ms. Wade: You know, the funding that we currently have is related to everything associated with Wailuku Live, which is public messaging about events, communications about County facilities specifically. So that relates to the parking structure, the Lao Theater is actually a County facility, the public restrooms and public spaces. All of that. It doesn't do what a lot of communities do, which is promote specific businesses, et cetera because that's a private sector function. So typically there would be like a merchant's association that would take on that kind of website and messaging. And the redevelopment agency hasn't really engaged in that kind of a role. There is a building group of merchants in Wailuku. You know, it has been through lots of evolution originally with lots of owner occupied mom and pop shops. And then there was sort of this little period where there were, it was in transition, and now it's starting to be a lot again, owner occupied, but different types of shops. You know, it's moved away from the general store and jeweler in that kind of a thing to, different types of boutiques and art stores and all kinds of stuff. But similarly, usually they want to drive their marketing and the ways that they engage with the community.

So I know office of --. I think, what the best thing to do and we do need to open it up to our public testimony because we do have Julie Dixon is here to talk about parking in a minute, and Michele McLean from Chair Lee's office is on the line now. So we'll need to open it up to public testimony. But I think it might be good to engage the Office of Economic Development and bring back our vendor who manages the Wailuku Live site and expand the conversation. And maybe even do a specific outreach to include some of the merchants in the neighborhood to talk about what their ideas would be. Up until now the, I would say the Wailuku Community Association has been the one that's sort of been more of the coalescence of both property owners and business owners. So, including all of those groups in the discussion, I think, would be beneficial.

Ms. Ridao: Definitely.

Mr. Childers: Yeah. And, I think if they had on all of their little merchant sites, if they had a QR code that would direct them to like, Wailuku Live, you know. And then, I mean, we could just post stuff in Wailuku Live. And you start to generate a lot of draw to this site. And whatever you put on Wailuku Live is up to the merchants or whoever. But if you had those little stickers, you know, at the doors of the merchants, I mean, or even just at the counter where they, where they purchase.

Ms. Ridao: Good one.

Ms. Wade: That's a great and that's something we could do now Wakon. So this is just the

example of like our Maui Recovers post card that goes out and then we have QR codes to attach to it. So that doesn't -- there is no cost to creating a QR code that's going to link back. So we could do like postcards and stickers. I actually thought I had Wailuku Live.

Mr. Childers: Yeah, I mean, we could, if we could get those at the merchants in town there you might --

Ms. Wade: Here it is.

Mr. Childers: Yeah, yeah. Like that, exactly. Just like that.

Ms. Wade: Okay. So I could --. I mean, this is already designed so we can --

Mr. Childers: Perfect.

Ms. Wade: We can run some more of these and get these distributed to the merchants and then build off of this if you want to go from there.

Mr. Childers: And there at, at the dining halls and you know, get that stuff out and people will, it will start to generate traffic. I mean, it's like you see that QR code and people scan it and they know what it is now. You know, it's like the restaurant menu. At first nobody knew how to use it, but now it's like, you can't help yourself but scan it.

Ms. Wade: Even my parents, like I've been noticing, it's like, it's not, it's not limited to any particular age group. Everybody has figured it out, so it's good.

Mr. Childers: I think it would draw more reader, more viewership into for what you're trying to promote if you get it out there more. That's all I want to --. I just kind of thought about it.

2. Review and discussion of FY25 proposed rates and fees related to Wailuku Town public parking assets.

Ms. Ridao: Great. Thanks! I mean this this great idea, Wakon. Okay, should I ask for testimony if there's anyone that's going to justify on new business, number one which is discussing the QR code idea? Anybody testifying? Okay, I guess we can move on to new business, number two, which is to review and discuss the fiscal year 2025 proposed rates and fees related to the Wailuku town public parking as assets. So we're going to talk about the first, the first handout we have, I guess, is the, the parking rates. So you want to go over those Erin?

Ms. Wade: I'll do a little bit of a lead in. And then we have Julie Dixon from Dixon Resources here to share some more detailed information. Julie's been assisting with parking and developing our facilities and schedules for several years now and has done lots of the

community outreach with us. But just to share with you, folks, so why this is in front of you now. The Wailuku Redevelopment Plan identifies goals and objectives for vehicular and pedestrian circulation, item VPC-9 says develop a fee structure at the Wailuku municipal parking lot to discourage long term parking. It is assigned in terms of implementation and coordination to MRA, Department of Finance and Economic Development.

Clearly, though, the MRA does not have the exclusive power to adopt rates and fees. That lies with the County Council. But because it is within the Wailuku Redevelopment Plan, we wanted to bring it before you folks for your review and any recommendations that you had. And I can let Julie share a little bit more about the outreach we did and the conclusions that were reached.

Ms. Julie Dixon: Absolutely. Thank you so much for having me here today, and thank you for including me, Erin. So the opening of the garage has been a long time coming, and I just want everyone to know that all the resources to try to get the garage open has really been a big focus. And right now, as we open the garage, we did open the garage with a slightly different plan than originally intended. You all might recall or have been an involvement of the Park Maui Program, and the real focus of the Park Maui program was to ensure that we had benefits for residents as it related to parking. And right now, as we focus on Wailuku and we talk about some of the background and some of the community outreach, it's actually one of those things where I think everyone has heard of Park Maui at this point because the reality of all of the community meetings, whether it be setting up, you know, in front of the coffee shops to make sure that we're talking to folks as they're walking in to get their morning treat or their morning coffee or going to different community meetings. Even walking door to door over the many years. This has been something that even with the plan with Da Bee, as Da Bee was launched to make sure that we have the alternatives for where people were going to park. And also preparing the residents so that -- sorry about that -- so that we were prepared for any spillover effects for parking. My hope is, is that everyone can appreciate all of the proactive stances that the County has taken as it related to not only the building of the garage, but also the preparation and planning as it relates to as the garage was built.

And that's the part that I think I can really share as it relates to programs that I've supported all across the United States is that the level of community engagement and the continuity of that engagement has continued. And I think so much so that even when I do come into Wailuku, the fact that I recognize so many residents and so many of the business owners because we have been so proactively engaged. And it's one of the things too that in that last round of engagement that we had was many of you might recall that when we talk about parking management, the importance is to recognize the value and significance of the on-street parking being the premium parking. And so when we do start to talk about the rate modeling, that was something that we heard a lot of feedback from the community because at the time, with the garage not being open yet, they really weren't comfortable with the launching of paid parking on-street. And so as we do talk about making data driven

decisions as we move forward, that's going to be something that you'll see. We want to have an adaptable solution when we do talk about the rate and fee structure. And most importantly, also again, recognizing the significance of Wailuku, especially to our locals, to make sure that they have access to the curb and also to the garage.

And so a couple of things when you start to look through the rate and fee structure that you'll notice is that the two hour on street rate right now being free for the time limit and the intention is that you're supposed to move your car after those two hours. And that's something that's really important. When we talked about the sustainability and success of our businesses is that you want to make sure that there's always a couple of those parking spaces available on the block base so that those customers who do just want to run in and pop into a shop or pop in to basically, you know, get, you know, a treat or go in for a quick, you know, pick up your lunch.

But what we really want people to do as we open the garage, which will be fully open on February 1st, we're really excited about that, is to ensure that that person that's going in to maybe get their haircut, which might take a little bit more than two hours. I know when I go in and get my hair cut, it definitely takes more than two hours. We want those customers that are coming for the long term to park in the garage because that's really what the garage is for, it's for that long terms stay when you're looking to come in and hang out and Wailuku and be able to go shop to shop, go sit in the coffee shop, get your hair done. That's the folks that we want to make sure really take advantage of the garage. And one of the neat benefits is that right now, the first floor and will continue to be is basically two hour parking on the first floor, and I'll talk about employee parking permits in a moment. But the intention is that for our customers who want to stay for longer to be able to have that resident benefit, to park in the first floor of the garage. And then based on when rates and fee schedules are approved, they'll be able to stay for the longer term, at just simply a dollar an hour after that first two hours. Now what's really important here is our employees and business owners.

And the one thing some of you might have received some of the feedback that we did basically a soft opening of the first floor very intentionally. And if I could tell you if we could have had that garage open before the holidays, I can't even tell you everything that we tried to do to make sure that it was open. And the reality is we had some improvements that we had to make to the elevator. And so we simply couldn't open up the upper floors because we couldn't ensure equitable access, and we didn't want somebody that basically maybe had some ADA needs that would get onto those upper floors and not be able to navigate through the garage. But I'll tell you what, we pulled every stop out to try to get it open. But that was also one of the reasons why opening this first floor right now is just as we're putting the finishing touches to be able to launch on February 1st, that's when our parking permit program kicks into gear.

And if you look at the fee schedule, we've actually developed a fee schedule that provides a low income option, as well as a monthly permit standard, so that through proof of wages, through proof of employment, you actually can qualify for a very low cost monthly parking permit. And here's the benefit is that you'll be able to park second floor and above for the entire day. And that's something that we're really excited about, because right now, folks that are maybe juggling the posted time limits on street or maybe parking over at Wells Park and some of those opportunities. And that's really where we're excited about the benefit.

Some of the things that will also come into the future and again, the garage modification on some of the schedule, just because of everything that's happened in Maui, is also the opportunity for our residents to have a parking opportunity. And we're not quite ready to go for the 24-hour facility where people will be able to park their cars overnight, especially for the residents that have those qualified permits. But that's something that as we get into the new fiscal year and we've identified with those proposed rates will be as well so that our residents also will have that opportunity to park.

So it's something that's still a bit of a work in progress. Obviously, there's a lot of things happening in Maui right now. But we also understand that the community has been anxiously waiting for this garage facility to open, and that's something that we're really proud to be able to tell you about today. And as we continue to open up the facility as we launch the parking permit program on February 1st, one of the other things that we will continue to do with our parking operator is monitor the data. And that's something that's going to be really important because we want to leverage the impacts on street versus off street. And that's something that we'll be excited to report back to you on. And the great thing is we have the data from before the garage was even like before we put a shovel in the ground. So the reality is we have the before data as well, so we'll be able to come in and have those constant measures and discussions. And I will share this if we're coming back to you telling you that the demand is so significant on street, that's a real good problem to have when you talk about a community with the commercial and the restaurants and such because it means that we're just so popular that everybody wants to visit there. But we're really excited to be able to get the long term vehicle storage off the street during the daytime so that we can make sure that we have accessible parking on street for our locals and our visitors to be able to come and enjoy Wailuku Town as well.

And so hopefully that covered everything Erin. And I'm absolutely here to take questions and are always happy to talk about parking.

Mr. Childers: Okay. And then, Erin, you said that our role in this is to look at that long term parking and to discourage long term parking. Is that correct? I agree with that.

Ms. Wade: You don't have to personally discourage long term parking.

Mr. Childers: Okay. What was the law that you . . . (inaudible) . . .

Ms. Wade: Yes. So I can screen share.

Mr. Childers: And maybe I misunderstood what the –

Ms. Wade: Is that okay, Leilani, for me to screen share? Okay move it to a different screen so that --. So this is, this is the Wailuku Redevelopment Plan. This is just the online version. This page, page-30, and the topic is -- sorry, I'll stop scrolling -- action chart, vehicular and pedestrian circulation. I'm going to scroll down and then I'll be done. VPC-9, develop a fee structure at the Wailuku Municipal Parking Lot, which is the site of the Wailuku garage to discourage long term parking. And the goal is essentially as, as Julie is describing, that were not -- because the reality is MPD cannot enforce everyone who overstays the parking time, right? So, and as we've heard, even just anecdotally from some of the business owners that now that the two-hour parking time is being enforced, they would really like the opportunity to stay like just an additional hour, right, in order to get their business done or to stay longer with a friend and eat or whatever it is, and are more than happy to pay the dollar to be able to stay and just not have to worry about the parking enforcement. So, but you're not going to stay all day or you're not going to park and leave your vehicle for days on end, if you're getting charged.

Mr. Childers: . . . (inaudible) . . .

Ms. Wade: Yeah. And that's one of the other things, you know, that we used to see in the Wailuku municipal parking lot is we'd see abandoned vehicles and we'd see people would come and leave because they didn't want to pay to park at the airport. They would park their vehicle at the Wailuku lot and then they'd get a ride to the airport and the car would be there all day long, detracting from available parking in the neighborhood.

Mr. Childers: Okay. And I didn't want to hold anything up. I was just trying to clarify that that's, that that's what it is.

Ms. Wade: Yeah.

Mr. Childers: Um, and I think that that's going to happen no matter what. Because I mean, even at Kahului Airport, you still have abandoned vehicles there. It's going to happen regardless.

Ms. Wade: Right.

Mr. Childers: I think that any pay scale is better than nothing.

Ms. Ridao: So can I just want for clarification how the parking on street is going to work for those two hours? Who's going to monitor that? Or are we going to have what do you call

them, you know that you're going to pay for those? Well, for the after the two hours, right? So how is that going to work?

Ms. Wade: I think Kristin's got a point.

Ms. Tarnstrom: Yes. I'm jumping in and bothering everybody. I just wanted to remind you guys just before our deliberations get too intense to open and closed public testimony when you get the chance to do that. So now that that applicants are, or the presentation has been made might be a good time to do that. Just a reminder. Thank you.

Ms. Ridao: Okay. Sure. Thanks. Do we have anyone waiting to testify, Leilani?

Ms. Leilani Ramoran-Quemado: Thank you, Chair. I do not have anyone in the conference room and no one has signed up on the chat. Thank you.

Ms. Ridao: Thank you. Thank you, Kristin. Okay, so are you going to answer? Oh –

Mr. Ridao: We have Michele McLean.

Ms. Ridao: Oh, Michele, you going testify?

Ms. Michele McLean: If I, if I could Chair.

Ms. Ridao: Sure.

Ms. McLean: Oh, I did direct chat to Management, so maybe I didn't do that right. But anyway, Aloha chair and members of the MRA. I just had a couple of comments that the members might want to ask to staff and a couple of comments. I'm Michele McLean. I work for a Council Chair, Alice Lee. And some of these I had been emailing with Erin, but I wanted to still get them out there in front of the members. It would be good to know clearly and for the public to know what the estimated annual operating cost is to manage and operate the garage. That would include county staff that oversees contracts as well as what's being paid to contractors, maintenance, utilities, et cetera, as well as the projected revenue from the paid parking.

Our office has heard anecdotally from community residents that they don't understand how the neighborhood parking pass works. So hopefully you can put up some updated clear FAQs or do more outreach. For example, it's not clear to them if they need a permit, if they registered. Is just registering, is that it, they're done? Or whether there's a fee? It's not clear if there will be handicapped spaces on the street or in the garage. They should be close to kiosks. And similar questions related to the Halau O Iwi Arts in terms of the cost to manage and oversee it and what any projected revenue might be.

So those are just some comments and questions for the members to consider. Thank you for giving me the chance to testify.

Ms. Ridao: Thank you, Michele. Thanks for testifying. Erin, I guess you would be the person to kind of address. I'm thinking here that there's probably going to be or has to be an operating budget that the MRA members are going to review. So what is that process, Erin?

Ms. Wade: Thank you, Chair. So the Department of Transportation is overseeing the Park Maui program, which is what this falls under. So they are the one who holds the contract. I do have the projection, so I'll share screen again. In terms of what costs are expected to be operating budget wise, so we do have as has been discussed, we do have security systems both for security cameras and fire alarm systems. There's elevator maintenance that gets budgeted in. We do have landscaping and then the operators cost and this is the on-staff operators costs. There's office space within the neighborhood for the operator. And then the intercom service where each of the pay stations which are in now, even though we're not charging yet, you can use the intercom system.

And then the same thing with this. Now when you pull in, you do press the button and you take a ticket because the gate goes up and down and then that will continue into the future. So those are just usable costs, cleaning supplies, trash liners. All these types of things feed in.

We currently have Pono Security. Because the garage was under construction and basically vacant and unoccupied and became an exciting place for people to hang out that had nothing else to do. And until we really open and get fully operational, we are not certain how much that's going to be needed or not needed moving forward. So that could be a cost that diminishes over time as we are at full occupancy and it's an active garage. But we built it in just in case over the coming years. So it's about \$17,600 a month to operate or \$211,000. Oh, sorry, \$878,000 a year.

Mr. Childers: And how many stalls are there?

Ms. Wade: Three hundred and ninety-three stalls. Oh, sorry, \$17,000 was the Pono Security, \$73,169 a month.

Mr. Childers: That's total for a month. And then you know, I think I, Diamond Parking services. What are they doing monthly? What is their, what is that parking services doing for the lot?

Ms. Wade: So they manage the permit system and then they're on site as ambassadors. They have two to three people there now during the original, you know, during the current opening where they're educating and then they're also providing they don't actually do the citations, but they do scan and monitor the timing. They'll put warnings on cars if they

overstay the time limit. And then if it exceeds a certain amount of time, they partner with MPD to come through and do the actual citations.

Mr. Childers: So they're almost like security in itself.

Ms. Wade: They're security when they're there. So right now, the garage is only open from -
-. And Pono Security isn't there while Diamond is there. But Pono, but --

Mr. Childers: Yeah, . . . (inaudible) . . .

Ms. Wade: They're only open from five to . . . (inaudible) . . .

Mr. Childers: . . . (inaudible) . . . huge part of, they're a huge part of that budget there, 40 percent. I mean, that's, that's well over, that's well over 50 percent of the budget is Diamond Park Services.

Ms. Wade: The security?

Mr. Childers: No Diamond, Diamond Parking Services is well over 50 percent of the operating costs.

Ms. Wade: Right. Well, everything on this sheet they manage just so you know. So the County of Maui actually doesn't manage the, the alarm service contract or the trash collection or the cleaning. None of that. Diamond parking handles the entire operation of the structure.

Mr. Childers: So they're --. I mean, that's what I'm just trying to clarify. They're the managing director of that facility for the County?

Ms. Wade: That's right. Yeah.

Mr. Childers: Because they're going to be receiving about 50 percent of the funds that go into that parking structure is what this --.

Ms. Wade: So this doesn't address revenue. This is just -- all this is is what are our expenditures, of the total expenditures. That's right.

Mr. Childers: Oh, I'm sorry.

Ms. Wade: Yeah.

Mr. Childers: This is total projected costs. This is all expense. So we don't have a projected revenue per year, per month . . . (inaudible) . . .

Ms. Wade: Well and that, that can vary, and Julie, you might want to jump in just because it will, it can change based on the percent of the garage that's provided for permits and hourly parking. And I don't know if you wanted to share anything about that, Julie.

Ms. Dixon: Sure. I'll just jump in here. And that's where with the slight change in policy in the regards to the opening, just based on the dollar per hour after the first two hours free, I'm assuming that we maintained about average daily occupancy rate of about 70 percent between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and six p.m. We're forecasting about \$400,000 in paid parking revenue based on the dollar. And then I'll do some quick calculations here on the parking permit numbers and knowing the numbers of for what we sold. But the one thing that we don't have right now is the number of the low income parking permits versus the number of the employee parking permits versus the residential parking passes. But just taking that number on average, let me just do a quick little calculation here. That number basically --. I'm sorry. Go ahead.

Ms. Wade: I just wanted to welcome George to the meeting and let the record show that George Kaho'ohanohano joined.

Ms. Dixon: So that permit number is approximately \$60,000 to up to \$100,000 in additional revenue per year. And again, a lot of it will depend on the types of parking permits that are purchased because there are basically three different pricing models. And as we expand the garage into a 24/7 operation, that will have a different, an impact too because those overnight parking passes and the expense associated with those. But I would say that I'd probably look for about a, on average about a \$75,000 to \$80,000 revenue bump on the permits. So we're roughly at about \$480,000 forecasted following the posted policies and the posted permit recommended. Sorry. So the --. Sorry, it's Friday. The proposed rate structures that are in the attachments that were part of the agenda.

Mr. Childers: So that's \$480,000 annually was what you're guesstimate it.

Ms. Dixon: Annually. Yes, sir.

Mr. Childers: That's a guesstimate. That's a guesstimate.

Ms. Dixon: Guesstimate based on the forecasted utilization of the garage and based on the folks, again permit, the permits are definitely the one where the number is, is definitely an estimate based on the number of permit requests that we've had to date. And then I would anticipate that once the garage is opened, we'll actually see a bump. And in fact, through the Park Maui website, we actually received notices of inquiry for folks that are waiting for the permit registration to go live. And every time that there's something in the news about the garage, I always can tell you because we have a surge of submissions. So once the garage officially February one, ta-da, here we are, I would anticipate that that number will

expand substantially, especially given the number of community members who have made past inquiries as well.

Mr. Childers: Okay, but I mean, just, so we're talking apples to apples. And I mean, I. I'm the business guy, right? I mean, I, I run a business.

Ms. Dixon: Sure.

Mr. Childers: We're talking about \$840,000 worth of expense, and we're looking at covering about half of that in year one? Is that correct?

Ms. Dixon: From a conservative standpoint, this was something that we talked about the opportunity to provide this parking solution in Wailuku. It was also something that was important too that we didn't create cost prohibitive rates. And Erin, I don't know if you want to speak about that in terms of the goal is always a sustainable program, but that was one of the things that when we talked about building the program in comparison to maybe some of the other areas of Maui that we've talked about launching paid parking, this was truly about ensuring access and basically getting those long term stay folks, you know, off of the curbside. And that's something that we're really optimistic for too is that by promoting that availability on-street that we should be able to attract maybe community members that don't come to Wailuku because of that. And it's important that you don't want to start out too high. And that's one of the things, too, when we talked about the data, why the data is so important. And it's one of the reasons why also, one of the services that Diamond also provides is the data monitoring on-street. And for those that maybe we haven't talked about the parking objectives when you hit 85 percent occupancy, it basically means you're near or at capacity. And one of the things that we heard loud and clear from the community was don't measure occupancy again until the garage opens. And so because we understand the implications of the construction. And so basically, we know right now what the capacity numbers are. But we want to open the garage kind of let the dust settle and then we're going to come out and monitor the occupancy on-street. So then that way we can measure what that occupancy number is so that we can then come forward. Because the whole baseline of the program has always been to be able to manage on and off street parking based on the premium, versus the long term. And so I would anticipate that based on what those occupancy numbers are, is when we'll come forward to you with the requests and recommendations of the next step in the Park Maui program. But I will share that the lower rate was very intentional in Wailuku because it's also a different, I'll just say, a different draw when we talk about the parking and the needs, and it's really was intended to support the needs and wants of our local community as well so.

Mr. Childers: Understood. Okay, I just wanted, yeah, thank you.

Ms. Wade: If you don't mind if I could just follow up and make sure it's understood that this, this facility is one in a series of facilities being considered for the Park Maui program. So

Wailuku was never expected to be the moneymaker of the program, knowing that its services government and a lot of social service providers, as well as business district. But that people need access to Wailuku for a lot more reasons than just commercial activities.

Mr. Childers: No, absolutely.

Ms. Wade: Whereas the --

Mr. Childers: We need, we need the facility, you know, regardless of --.

Ms. Wade: Yeah, but the Beach Park program that's intended to charge the visitor for parking at beach parks, as well as some, some of the additional neighborhood -- Lahaina had been on the list, but Paia is on the list next to start looking for a paid parking in the municipal lots over there as well. So those will don't have the kind of oversight costs that are needed for a parking structure, but can generate just as much or more revenue. And it will balance out.

Ms. Rida: Okay, Julie, if we can get back to how we're going to monitor the on-street parking and, and how we're, what the plan is to make that more like you say, stop, get your stuff, do your little shopping and leave. How that, how is that going to work?

Ms. Dixon: So right now, what Erin was mentioning was we have a comprehensive warning campaign, and that's one of the roles that Diamond also plays, knowing that MPD only has so many resources and obviously, you know, are in demand in many other locations. And so we have been working really closely with MPD so that there's a relatable connection between the two. The one challenge that we have today is that Diamond cannot issue a parking citation. We are working on that. I just want everybody to know, nothing anything official or anything to report on just yet. But that's where they'll also be leveraging the technology so that we can identify when those vehicles have overstayed or have re-parked in that Wailuku zone. And so I would anticipate that over these next several weeks and months that there is going to be a really heavy campaign when it comes to not only the noticing on the cars. And then we've already actually seen it in the garage, even with just the first floor open, we've already had MPD in the garage as well. To really have that partnership with Diamond. And one of the terms that I always use when we talk about Diamond, they are the agent of the County. And so they basically work at the direction of the County. And I think that's super important when we talk about the path and the plan that we're on. But they really are about extension and that resource, and they kind of become a tool in our toolbox as it comes to relating to parking management. And so this is, you know, we always like to say this, you know, the garage took a long time to get it built and now we kind of get everybody on a similar page. It's not going to happen overnight. And I can assure you of the campaign on slots. We wanted to be sure and come and check in with you all first. And then that's really where and we heard the message, especially about the FAQs and those steps.

The challenge that you had was how to kind of open the doors without giving too much information because we didn't want people to be disappointed when they couldn't use the service yet. But anybody that signed up on the Park Maui Web site will actually receive an alert and information on what to do next. And that was an important next step in this process, as well as I know between with Erin is getting the information out there, not only on the website, but also the press releases and the community engagement components of it as well. So that, and I got to tell you, people are chomping at the bit, there's no doubt about it. But getting that messaging out there, but really working closely with MPD is the key. And you'll actually see the, I call it the parking ambassador mobile, will be riding the streets and it will become very apparent change of pace, maybe from what everybody's accustomed to. So I also think we have to really rely on that word of mouth will kick into gear without a doubt. But that opportunity to really get out there in front of everybody over these next couple of weeks is something we're really excited about too.

And if you haven't been in the garage yet, I have to tell you, it is beautiful and I can't wait for everybody to get to go up to the upper floors and see the artwork. It really is spectacular. And I know this is probably too preliminary, but I would anticipate that the County is going to be recognized by several awards just because of the design and aesthetic of the facility. It's really pretty amazing. So we're excited to have the community begin to utilize there's no doubt.

Ms. Ridao: Well, definitely it's way nicer than what we had.

Ms. Dixon: Right?

Ms. Ridao: It's beautiful. I mean, you know, and it's, it's clean and I'm hoping that it will stay that way, you know, and that the community will be proud of it and take care of it so --

Ms. Dixon: I hope so. You'll notice in Diamond, they actually included there's two full cleanings of the elevator a week, like the full steam cleaning of the, of the elevator. So I think that investment to, you know, when you get that new car, you like it to stay shiny and new. We want to keep that new car smell.

Ms. Ridao: Yeah.

Ms. Dixon: So that's definitely something. And I've actually already warned Erin, and she's already seen some of it too, like the first time that garage is vandalized, I, it, it will be, it's a tough moment because I know this is like a newborn for Erin after everything that she's done to help get that garage built and designed. But I do, I have to say, I think once people get into it, I think that once they have the experience and really see the aesthetic and how beautiful it is, I just hope that everyone has as much pride in it as I know that I do, and the facilities just really a complement to the community. So I hope everybody takes care of it

because it really is something that I go all around the country and to have a garage like that, there's a lot of places that would give all of their appendages, I think, to have facility like that. So it's pretty amazing and I look forward to everybody being able to experience it.

Ms. Ridao: Yeah, it is. It is. I mean, I haven't been up on the upper floors, but I've kind of noticed the lower floor and I think I tend to --I go to First Hawaiian Bank, so I tend to park in the back. And, but my experience in town has been, you know, there is, there is a kind of excitement about all of this. I think the merchants, the people who go to the coffee shop, they're all kind of excited about this whole thing because some of those guys do stay at the coffee shop for four hours. So I mean, this is going to be a real bonus to them not having to worry about their car or where the car is parked. So thank you very much and thanks, Erin, for all your hard work.

Ms. Wade: Oh my pleasure. I do want to make sure I'm directing it back to the conversation about the rates and fees at hand so that you folks can weigh in on any thoughts or concerns about what is being proposed. So just to be clear, these rates and fees have not gone to the County Council yet. This is what the Department of Transportation is recommending that Mayor put in his FY25 budget proposal. And so that won't come out until end of February, early March, but wanted you to know that that's what it is. And if you had any discussion about those specific permit fees and the hourly fees being recommended.

Ms. Ridao: So the presentation --.

Mr. Patrick Ihu: The permit fees.

Ms. Ridao: I'm sorry Wakon.

Mr. Ihu: Oh, that was me, Patrick.

Ms. Ridao: It's going to be made by the State to the County?

Ms. Wade: No. The Mayor's Office and -- as you know, Jo-Ann, annually the Mayor develops a proposed budget that gets sent to the County Council for Review and Adoption. This is.

Ms. Ridao: But I'm misunderstanding you then. So the rates and fees are going to have to be approved by the County Council or not?

Ms. Wade: Correct.

Ms. Ridao: They are?

Ms. Wade: Yes. Yes.

Ms. Ridaio: Okay. So that portion of it, the State will be presenting to the Council or they're going to send this stuff over?

Ms. Wade: No, there's no role for the State in this. It's just Mayor as Executive Branch sending a recommendation to County Council as Legislative branch.

Ms. Ridaio: Okay, I go it.

Mr. Ihu: Was there a cap on the amount of permits available or is it just open?

Ms. Wade: That's a great question.

Ms. Dixon: So right now it is open. And the reality of most parking garage is they have an oversell. That's kind of a standard. But right now with the number of spaces that we have, we're trying to maintain the first floor for the two-hour time limit. So as we get closer to the three hundred number, we will be sitting down with Erin to talk about the forecast and basically where we are. And I mean, we will tell you the number is creeping up there. But the reality is is not everybody uses the garage for the Monday through Friday type of standard schedule. So that's the reason why when you're talking about parking management, there's typically an oversell. And that oversell is usually about 25 percent over the capacity of the number of parking permits. So we're creeping and we're getting closer. But I think that would be something that Erin, I don't know if you have any thoughts about the oversell or if you have any initial reactions to that. I mean, it's a good problem to have, there's no doubt about it.

Mr. Childers: Well, it sounds like . . . (inaudible) . . .

Ms. Wade: I think I'd like to know where Patrick's line of questioning is going.

Mr. Childers: I mean, it sounds like, it sounds like the demand is high for the permit, for the neighborhood parking permits. Is that correct?

Ms. Wade: And the employee parking employee.

Ms. Dixon: The employee parking permit. So that's the benefit that we have too with the two different types of permits is that you have the ones that are really for kind of like the post nine to five type of work so that I have a place to put my car, you know, while I'm at home with my family and overnight versus the daytime, you know, hours and support of Wailuku. So that's the nice part about where that blend kind of comes into play. And that's as we basically, when we basically turn the registration process on, we have a lot of folks that have pre-registered. And then when we start with the residents, we'll have a true number of where that is. So when I talk about the oversell of the employee parking permits, that's

really going to be the one that will really dictate what that overall population number should be.

Mr. Ihu: And the low income neighborhood parking permits is that for like residents that live in the immediate neighborhood or is that just Wailuku in general?

Ms. Dixon: No, there's --. Erin, do you want to talk about the map in the area that is included in that?

Ms. Wade: Yeah, I was actually, I think, going to pull it up. For the neighborhood parking permit, it's essentially and in the Wailuku Zoning and Development Code, it talks about within 400 feet you're allowed to utilize the parking structure as your primary parking. So we wanted and because we can oversell if we differentiate between employees and residents, we wanted to make sure we're creating two different type. But, I'm going to click on this here. So on the Park Maui website, the Wailuku Neighborhood Parking Permit, this essentially shows the radius of residences that would be eligible to utilize the parking garage as their overnight, for overnight parking.

Mr. Ihu: Okay.

Ms. Wade: I'll put this in the chat in case anybody wants to go back to this as well.

Ms. Ridao: Okay.

Mr. Ihu: So basically you guys put the determination on 85 percent of the State median income for the low income qualification. Was that done just so that everybody would qualify like, from 55,000 to 100,000 depends on, depending on their familia size.

Mr. Wade: The reason for that category is because it's a, it's a number that we use both for housing in Section 8. And we also use it for daycare assistance. So if, so because it's a standard sort of across the board utilized for multiple different departments in the County to determine low income status, we just continued that for this program.

Ms. Ridao: Okay. Does anybody have any comments on the actual rates that are being proposed?

Mr. Childers: I mean, I assume that these numbers weren't just thrown in there. I mean, you did some research on putting these numbers together.

Ms. Dixon: Absolutely. In fact, they compared -- there was a comparable analysis as well, analysis as well. And as Erin mentioned, when we talked about kind of a holistic Park Maui concept, too, that was part of that tie in as well.

Mr. Childers: And then, you know, I know the Kahului Airport, you know, are below that comparable rates. You know, the Kahului Airport hasn't --. You know, February 1st, they increase all these numbers fee. Just so you know. I mean, I know that . . . (inaudible) . . . I think 24, I think, is the max for the day for them. I don't know if you wanted to stay in line with that, you know, or continue to move forward with this.

Ms. Dixon: That's actually a really valid point in terms of when it was developed in terms of the pricing. And I think that, Erin, I'll defer to you on that. But that opportunity, that overnight rate was intended to ensure that we weren't encouraging airport parking in the garage. So Erin, I'll defer to you on how you wanted to tackle that with the pending rate increase at the airport.

Ms. Wade: Yeah, I mean, I think that's good feedback. If the objective is to be priced at more than what the airport is charging, so we don't have that. That could be a really good recommendation, if you folks wanted to spend that.

Mr. Childers: Or at least at the same time.

Ms. Wade: Yeah.

Ms. Ridao: Okay. So Wakon, you want to make that motion?

Mr. Childers: Yeah, I would. I mean, based on seeing the fundamentals and seeing the numbers, I think it would be prudent to say that, you know, we should, our, my recommendation would to stay, would be with parking rates equivalent to what's happening at the Kahului Airport with the change in February 1st, 2024.

Ms. Ridao: Okay. Pat or George, you want to second?

Mr. Ihu: Second.

Ms. Ridao: Okay. So we've got the motion and it's been second by Patrick. Everybody in -- all in favor?

Mr. Ihu: Aye.

Mr. Childers: Aye.

Ms. Ridao: George, you in favor?

Mr. Kaho'ohanohano: Yes.

Ms. Ridao: Okay.

It was moved by Mr. Wakon Childers, seconded by Mr. Patrick Ihu, then unanimously

VOTED: To recommend the parking structure rates be equivalent with the Kahului Airport parking rates as discussed.

(Assenting: W. Childers, P. Ihu, G. Kahooahano)

Ms. Wade: Could I ask a clarifying question real quick? Is that for the not to exceed daily rate or was that for the hourly rate?

Mr. Childers: So I think it should stay in line with everything because I'm looking at the Kahului, I'd say, for all rates. So park at the -- the parking rates for February 1st, 2024 at Kahului, it changes to two dollars. So I mean, it's increasing a dollar. So it's two dollars, five dollars, eight dollars, \$11, 15, 19 and 24. That's their change over. But I mean, it's just a recommendation. You know, we don't get to decide this. If they want to knock it down 25 cents or 50 cents or whatever that -- I think that would be, I think that would be good too, because it is, you know, Wailuku resident. I mean, we're not going to see a lot of tourists coming there. I think it would be logical for them to maybe step it down a tier or anything, or like you know, 50 cents or something per hour or something. Or, you know, twenty five cents or something. But my recommendation would be to increase this number since it was developed in the past, you know?

Ms. Ridao: Right. And to discourage the airport parking at the Wailuku parking structure.

Mr. Childers: It was our goal here, right?

Ms. Ridao: Yes.

Mr. Childers: We want to discourage long term parking.

Ms. Ridao: Right.

Ms. Wade: Got it. Thank you.

Ms. Ridao: Okay. So we have covered the parking rates. I think we're done with number two. Are we okay with number two, Erin? I'm sorry, agenda item number, under new business.

Ms. Wade: I have your feedback. If your recommendation is to make the pricing more closely in line and that's for the hourly and then not to exceed timeframe, correct? Or in line with the Kahului Airport parking pricing. The permit pricing, we don't have a similar equivalent at the airport, correct? So we'll stick with what has been proposed unless you had any changes.

Ms. Ridao: No. I don't. Anybody have changes for the permit part?

Mr. Childers: I'm not going to propose one, but I think, it should . . . (inaudible) . . .

Ms. Ridao: Yeah.

Mr. Childers: Hopefully the powers that be above us will see -- if I see and . . . (inaudible) . . . I think it should be adjusted a little bit.

Ms. Wade: It's very affordable.

Ms. Ridao: Yeah.

Mr. Ihu: Yes.

Ms. Wade: Yeah.

Mr. Childers: And if you have a high demand for those permitting, I mean, it would be logical to increase those permitting a little bit.

Ms. Ridao: Then we have to do tandem parking.

Mr. Childers: Yeah. You won't have parking. You want people coming and going.

Ms. Ridao: Right.

Mr. Childers: Yeah, that would generate more revenue to pay for that facility, pay for itself. You want them coming in, going out. But now they're all sold and there's nowhere to park.

Ms. Wade: Right.

Ms. Ridao: Yeah.

Ms. Wade: And I think that's something too, you know, Julie saying, this does need to be very data driven to determine if the two hour stalls are starting to be more than 85 percent occupied that means we cannot sell more permits. We got to keep it accessible because the two hour parking, as described in the plan, is the priority to continue to get that turnover. And once the rates and fees are allowed to be charged, let people stay another hour or so and pay the fee if that's what they want to do, but not the all-day parking. We don't want that all-day parking on those bottom levels. Okay, I have what I need unless you folks want to discuss further.

Ms. Ridao: No. Anybody? Okay, so we can move on to the department updates, Erin.

Ms. Wade: Thank you, Julie, for your help. You're welcome to stay.

Ms. Ridao: Thank you, Julie.

C. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

1. Church and Vineyard Street Improvement Project Status

Ms. Wade: We appreciate you. So Church and Vineyard Street improvements, we're in the process of turning over those roadway improvements to the Public Works Department. But I will tell you the light fixtures that were selected which match the light fixtures on Market Street, which is why they were installed, they've been getting banged by trucks, unfortunately. So they have the little . . . (inaudible) . . . So we had turned on kind of a 45 degree to avoid this, and they're not totally getting avoided. So you'll see in the next month or so they're all getting turned like a full 90 degrees so that essentially they're off of any right-of-way, the roadway, and exclusively over the sidewalk.

The function of those lights is not street lights. It is supposed to be for the pedestrians, so it's real well-lit now. If you've been down there at night when you're walking around, it's like, wow, this, this used to be the gloomiest, creepiest part of Maui, and now it's like, it's really nice and bright.

Mr. Childers: That's great.

Ms. Wade: So, but it is primarily over the -- they're going to shift, so they're almost entirely over the sidewalks now. And then Public Works has told us we're not accepting this until that happens because otherwise they're liable for all of those fixtures that get broken. So that will happen here in the next month and then we'll have a turnover.

Other than that, the, the light at Church and Main, which I was dubious, you know, the traffic projections showed it was going to be super effective and I kept thinking, this is going to be such a pain to have so many lights in a row on Main Street. But the reality is traffic has actually flowed much better, and the Church Street thru way has become much more usable for people. So I don't know if you folks have any thoughts or experience on that, but it's -- we've gotten, when it initially started, there were concerns and now we've gotten a lot of positive feedback.

Mr. Kaho'ohanohano: Yeah, Erin, I have one question, if I may.

Ms. Ridao: Go to George.

Mr. Mr. Kaho'ohanohano: So those traffic lights, you know, from a police officer, are those synchronized?

Ms. Wade: Yes.

Mr. Kaho'ohanohano: Because, I, I'm frustrated of going down to Kaahamanu Avenue and every intersection you hit a red light. And I know for a fact that they can synchronize the lights.

Ms. Wade: Yeah, yeah. They're synchronized in segments according to Hawaii Department of Transportation. So they're synchronized not in their entirety, from Hookele to High Street, you know. But they'll have different segments throughout the corridor that are synchronized.

Mr. Kaho'ohanohano: And the other question I had is, are those lights equipped for emergency vehicles?

Ms. Wade: You mean, like, is there a remote sensor where it changes when the emergency vehicles coming through?

Mr. Kaho'ohanohano: Yes.

Ms. Wade: No, they are not.

Ms. Ridao: Although I must say I feel a lot safer now at that intersection. You know, trying to cross Main Street on Church Street, it's so much easier now with street lights, with the traffic light.

Ms. Wade: From a pedestrian standpoint, it absolutely is safer and attest to that.

Ms. Ridao: Okay, good.

Ms. Wade: Did -- Chair, did you want to take public testimony after each item --

Ms. Ridao: Yeah.

Ms. Wade: -- or did you want to do it in a group?

Ms. Ridao: Yeah, let's do testimony after each item. Anybody, Leilani?

Ms. Ramoran-Quemado: Thank you, Chair. There is no one in the conference room and no one signed up, but double check, Erin, if anybody signed up under Management.

Ms. Wade: Thank you. Yeah. I'm so sorry, Michele, that I missed that before. I was just happily participating in the meeting. No, I don't see anything.

2. Wailuku Garage Update

Ms. Ridao: Okay. So we can move on to the garage updates.

Ms. Wade: The garage. So Julie gave you folks a real pretty comprehensive update. The -- as you know, the blessing took place in November. And then the other piece, you know, we had described having events within the parking structure. So the process to develop a permit by which you can utilize the garage for events on nights and weekends is going forward. And we expect to be able to bring that First Friday, which will be able to be partially hosted within the same section of the garage where we had the blessing ceremony.

And then we are getting inquiries from a handful of different events. The Maui Film Festival is interested in having something on the roof of the structure. I think that kind of thing is going to continue. The Office of Economic Development has been tasked with overseeing that permit process. So during peak demand times, when the parking we know is going to be fully utilized, which is the, you know, 9:00 to 5:00 on weekdays, it's off the table. There won't be an opportunity for events. But during slower times, I think that's going to move forward in the coming months. So and that is another opportunity, potentially for revenue for the garage.

Ms. Ridao: Mm-Hmm.

Mr. Childers: And then, you know, when they, when you if you do sit on those meetings for the events, can you maybe mention at the ending of events that they do kind of maybe facilitate exiting out, of the 300 vehicles that are parked there, and that to be kind of easier. You know, maybe shutting down a light with some police presence and say, hey, everybody go-go . . . (inaudible) . . . so that it can empty out much easily and not cause a big backup and complain about I was stuck in the garage for half an hour. Because, you know, that could really help.

Ms. Wade: That's a great point Wakon and actually and one of the design features is having those two --. There are two entry points for coming in, but during the time that a garage is managed for a specific event, they can be two exits.

Mr. Childers: It can be turned the other way. Just yeah -- I've been to a lot of baseball games in a lot of different large cities and they just basically shut everything down until everybody can get out.

Ms. Wade: Exactly. Yeah.

Mr. Childers: And it's good. I mean, it's, it makes, it makes people want to attend those events again because it's organized well.

Ms. Wade: It's efficient. Yeah. Okay. Are there any other questions about the garage or public testimony?

Ms. Ridao: Any public testimony for item two?

Ms. Ramoran-Quemado: Nobody in the conference room. Thank you.

Ms. Wade: . . . (inaudible) . . . by chat. Okay.

3. Status of MRA member vacancy

Ms. Ridao: Okay. Item three.

Ms. Wade: Status of MRA vacancy, so I just wanted to encourage you, folks if you have, if you know of someone who might be interested, I think we have two people who have applied for the Maui Redevelopment Agency position. I think it would be valuable to continue to solicit if you know of somebody that might be interested and willing to participate. I haven't seen the Mayor's list yet, but that's coming up quickly. So if there's anyone you would like to recommend, the process, the boards and -- application for boards and commissions is available on the County of Maui's website, and then you apply through the Mayor's Office.

Ms. Ridao: Okay, any testimony on that?

Ms. Ramoran-Quemado: Thank you. No one in the conference room.

4. Mayor's Office memo regarding the replacement of BlueJeans with the video conference tool, Webex

Ms. Ridao: Okay. Okay, and number four?

Ms. Wade: The memo about moving from BlueJeans to Webex. So just wanted to make sure folks were aware. BlueJeans, I can't actually believe that it still worked today. It was supposed to have sunset. But yeah, this is the last meeting that we'll be using BlueJeans, so please, in advance of the next meeting, make sure you've downloaded the, the Webex App if you intend on participating remotely. If you don't mind just going through the exercise of testing your camera and your audio in advance. It's helpful. Speaking from experience. The first time I jumped on a meeting, I had a re-calibrate my entire settings, so just a heads up and the memos attached describing that.

Ms. Ridao: Well, I'm going to have to have my grandson help me with that. Oh shoots. But yeah, I'll get it done before our next meeting.

Ms. Wade: All right.

Ms. Ridao: Any testimony is on the switch of the on the conference call video from BlueJeans to Webex?

Ms. Ramoran-Quemado: Thank you, Chair. Still no one in the conference room.

5. **The 2024 e-filing of Annual Financial Disclosure Statement (FDS) form begins January 1, 2024 and are due February 15, 2024. Electronic FDS form, click on link: <https://mauicounty-maui-county-hi.app.transform.civicplus.com/forms/26219>**

Ms. Ridao: Okay, thank you. Okay, yeah, I never do this yet. So just a reminder, I guess, to all of us currently sitting that we have to file an annual financial disclosure statement annually and that is due on February 15th. So it gives the instructions here on where you go to do that. Any questions? Okay.

Mr. Childers: . . . (inaudible) . . . I had such hard time filling that thing out.

6. Upcoming agenda items

Ms. Ridao: Okay. Anybody have any upcoming agenda items or Erin anything you want us . . . (inaudible) . . . to?

Ms. Wade: We'll do a follow up with Wakon's request about the QR code and a discussion with the business community about how they could be better supported with communications and the platforms we've already developed.

Ms. Ridao: I think that's a great idea, and I mean, you know, I've, I've done some Christmas shopping this year in Wailuku Town and there are a lot of young entrepreneurs. That's why I'm surprised they didn't come up with it, you know? But yeah, there's quite a few shops now that are owned and operated by young people. So yeah, great idea Wakon.

Mr. Childers: Yeah. Hi Leilani.

Ms. Ramoran-Quemado: Could I just add in and sorry to go back on the e-filing of your annual disclosure statements. Just want to emphasize the importance of actually filing it because any time after February 16, if it's not received or acknowledged by the Board of Ethics, you folks won't be able to participate or vote on any business. So that means your next meeting in February, if it's not acknowledged by then, you can't participate. So encourage you folks to e-file as soon as possible. Maybe after this meeting if you haven't.

Mr. Ihu: I did mines already.

Ms. Ramoran-Quemado: But I just wanted to add that. Thank you. And yeah, if you did submit it, thank you so much.

Mr. Ihu: You're welcome.

Ms. Wade: Good note. Thanks Leilani.

Mr. Childers: Erin, could I come by and grab some of those documents? You had those post cards. I would like to look at those, the documents and stuff that you have. Yeah, where can I get that? Where, where does that available at?

Ms. Wade: We have been utilizing these for events and we might be, this might be a legacy one actually. I'll have to check my stockpile and see what we have, but they are very low cost to have more printed. So I think --

Mr. Childers: . . . (inaudible) . . . at the, you know, the pickup. I mean, I, I think I saw those once I mean now that Patrick said that they were at the garage. They were at the garage and that they had.

Ms. Wade: They were.

Mr. Childers: I think the only time I ever saw it was there.

Ms. Ridao: Erin?

Ms. Wade: Yes, JoAnn.

Ms. Ridao: I don't know what happened. My screen just went totally black.

Ms. Wade: Well, you're on speaker now for the group.

Ms. Ridao: Okay.

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Ms. Wade: But -- and we still actually have quorum even if we can't see your face, so that's good. And we just have to do the last agenda item.

Ms. Ridao: Yeah.

Ms. Wade: Right. No problem. We can, we can roll with it. So we'll finish up asking if there's any other agenda items for folks. Okay, wonderful. So the next scheduled meeting is February 23rd, 2024, and we will see you folks then.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kaho'ohanohano: One thing from me; I apologize for being late, but I can take it up with a case I'm working on.

Ms. Wade: Understood. No problem.

Mr. Childers: Good to see you, George.

Mr. Kaho'ohanohano: Good to see you guys.

Ms. Wade: Okay. Oh, she keeps dropping. I'll give her a call back. Thanks, you guys. Take care. Bye.

There being no further discussion brought before the Agency, the meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

LEILANI A. RAMORAN-QUEMADO
Secretary to Boards and Commissions II

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

Wakon Childers (via BlueJeans)

Patrick Ihu (via BlueJeans)

George Kaho'ohanohano, Vice-Chair (present at 1:32 p.m.) (via BlueJeans)

Jo-Ann Ridao, Chair (via BlueJeans)

OTHERS:

Erin Wade, Chief of Planning and Development, Department of Management (via BlueJeans)

Selina Pannell, Deputy Corporation Counsel (via BlueJeans)

Leilani Ramoran-Quemado, Secretary to Boards and Commissions II, Department of Planning (via BlueJeans)