

**LĀNA‘I PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2025**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Lanai Planning Commission (Commission) was called to order by Mr. Reynold Gima, Chair, at approximately 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 15, 2025, online via Webex videoconferencing platform, Meeting No. 2662 875 0432 and Password: 011525; and at the Current Planning Conference Room, One Main Plaza, 2200 Main Street, Wailuku, Hawaii, 96793; and at the Maui County Council, Lanai District Office, 814 Fraser Avenue (entrance on Gay Street), Lanai City, Hawaii 96763.

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

Mr. Reynold Gima: Okay. Good afternoon, everyone. I want to welcome all of you to the January 15, 2025 meeting of the Lanai Planning Commission. Let the record show that we do have quorum. So Commissioner Alboro, are you alone or anyone else in the room with you?

Ms. Nikki Alboro: No, I'm alone.

Mr. Gima: Okay, thank you. Commissioner Kaye, anyone else in the room with you?

Ms. Sally Kaye: No, I'm alone.

Mr. Gima: Okay, thank you. Erin, anyone in the room with you?

Ms. Erin Atacador: No, I'm alone.

Mr. Gima: Okay. Sandi?

Ms. Sandi Rabaca: Yeah, I have my son.

Mr. Gima: Negus? I need you on camera. Okay, while we're waiting, while we're waiting, Lisa, anyone in the room with you? Lisa, anyone in the room with you? Commissioner Grove, is anyone in the room with you? Negus, are you on camera?

Mr. Negus Manna: Not yet. I'll be there in a second, Chair.

Mr. Gima: Okay. Negus, is anyone in the room with you?

Mr. Manna: No, Chair, I'm by myself.

Mr. Gima: Okay, thank you. Lisa, can you, can you hear us? Leilani, could you send something in the chat for Lisa.

Ms. Leilani Ramoran-Quemado: Hi Chair, I just --. Yes, yes, I just sent her chat, or a message in the chat. Thank you.

Mr. Gima: Thank you. So I think we have five members on camera so we can proceed with the meeting. And so while we're waiting for Lisa, just some public testimony protocols. If anyone attending the meeting who wants to testify this afternoon, please note your request in the chat to Leilani, and cite which agenda item you wish to testify on. Until such time that you do testify, please mute your audio and video. Testimony be, testimony will be limited to three minutes. And we will also see if there are any testifiers in Council Member Johnson's Office and in the Planning Department's Conference Room. Alright, let's see if I can get back to Lisa. Lisa, can you hear us?

Ms. Lisa Grove: Yes, Chair, sorry. I was having audio problems. So I can now and I'm here alone.

B. COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Mr. Richard Dennis Stewart and Mrs. Martha Anne Stewart requesting a five-year time extension of a three-bedroom short-term rental home permit for the Jasmine House located at 1215 Jasmine Drive, Lāna'i City, Island of Lāna'i, Hawai'i, TMK: (2) 4-9-004:084 (STLA20170004) (B. Gonsalves)**

Mr. Gima: Okay, thank you. All right, moving right along to our agenda item for tonight under communications, Mr. Richard Dennis Stewart and Ms. Martha Ann Stewart requesting a five-year time extension of a three-bedroom short term rental home permit for the Jasmine House located at 1215 Jasmine Drive, Lanai City, Island of Lanai, Hawaii, TMK 2-4-9-004:084. And I'll, at this time, I'll turn this over to Planner Gonsalves. Brailey?

Ms. Brailey Gonsalves: Good evening Chair Gima and members of the Lanai Planning Commission. My name is Brailey Gonsalves, and I am the staff planner assigned to this permit with the Planning Department Current Division.

Ms. Ana Lillis: And Chair if I may? May I speak Chair? This is Deputy Lillis for Planning. Oh, Chair, you are not unmuted. You are muted.

Mr. Gima: Okay, go ahead.

Ms. Lillis: Thank you. I just wanted to give Brailey a brief introduction. She, this is her first time appearing before you today for this type of permit and we're very excited to have her on board. Thank you Chair.

Mr. Gima: Thank you Ana. Okay, welcome aboard, Brailey.

Ms. Gonsalves: Thank you Chair, and thank you Ana, for the nice introduction. The Department is transmitting to the Lanai Planning Commission a short-term rental permit

renewal application for the Jasmine House short term rental home, permit number STLA 2017-0004, an approved three-bedroom short term rental located at 1215 Jasmine Drive, Lanai City, the island of Lanai, Hawaii. The home is in the R-1 Residential County zoning district, and the single-family residential community plan. And this item is under your review today because all short-term rental homes home renewal applications for the island of Lanai must be reviewed by the Lanai Planning Commission. Ordinance 5300 modified the STRH renewal process from a Director approval to the Lanai Planning Commission review or for approval, updating the Maui County Code Section 19.65.070 to read the Lanai Planning Commission must review all permit renewal applications on Lanai and may grant approval for up to five years. With that, the permit holders, Mr. Richard Dennis Stewart and Ms. Martha Stewart are available online. And the on-island manager Mr. Bart Baldwin should be in-person at the Lanai District Office should you need them to provide additional details about the application. And of course the Department is available for questions.

Before we move on lastly, we'd like to point out that there was a small typo in the condition 18 of the staff report that references the Maui County Code. This will be corrected to reference the correct Maui County Code which should state 19.65.030, upload your decision today. Mahalo and I'll turn it back to the Chair.

Mr. Gima: All right. Thank you Brailey. At this time I will open it up for public testimony. Leilani, do we have anyone in the chat or in the conference room?

Mr. Geno Quemado: Chair, this is Geno. I'm substituting for Leilani. She went to check on the other conference room. Right now, no testifiers.

Mr. Gima: Alright, thank you very much. Roxanne, anyone in the Lanai Office.

Ms. Roxanne Morita: Yes, we do have Bart Baldwin here at our District Office to testify.

Mr. Gima: Okay, go ahead Bart. Roxanne, did you say Bart will be testifying or will be just responding to any questions?

Ms. Morita: Yes, we were having issues with hearing him. Can you not hear him?

Mr. Gima: No.

Ms. Morita: Alright, one second, and I will let him testify under my name.

Mr. Bart Baldwin: Can you hear me now? Can you hear me now?

Mr. Gima: Yes, with a lot of echo and any chance you can come on camera?

Mr. Baldwin: Can you see me?

Mr. Gima: Yes, we can.

Mr. Baldwin: Okay. So hopefully no more echo. I just, now that I've learned that this is Brailey's first meeting, I just would like to let, I think it's Ana know how great Brailey has been to work with. And as far as a good communicator, she's been quick and very kind as we have gone through this process. Both her dealings with Dennis as well as her dealings with my, with me.

On a lighter note, real quick, this month is my 20th anniversary being on this island and I have worked with Dennis and Martha Stewart since around August of 2010. So a little over 14 years have I helped them while they've stayed at the house as well as them renting it as a long-term rental, and then renting it as a short-term rental home. And it's been a pleasure to work with them. They've owned the house for over 24 years and do a really nice job of maintaining it. And if you guys should have any questions for the Stewarts or myself, we are here to help you as you consider renewing this permit for them. Thank you, and I'll mute now.

Mr. Gima: Okay, thank you, Bart. Commissioners, any, any questions comments for Bart? Alright, hearing none. Roxanne, any other individuals wishing to testify at the Lanai Office?

Ms. Morita: Nope, there's nobody else here.

Mr. Gima: All right, so getting back to you Leilani, anyone else in the chat or at the County office wishing to testify?

Mr. Quemado: This is Geno here. Right now she went to go check in the other office and looks like there's no testifiers there, and in the chat no one has requested to be a testifier at this time.

Mr. Gima: Okay, thank you Geno. So at this time I will close a public testimony and on to the Commissioners for any comments or questions either for the applicants or for Bart. For some reason, I cannot see everybody all at once, so I'll just, I'll just go down the line. So Nikki, any, any questions Nikki?

Ms. Alboro: None for me, sorry.

Mr. Gima: Ah, Lisa?

Ms. Grove: None from me either. Thank you.

Mr. Gima: Okay, Sandi?

Ms. Rabaca: None. Thank you.

Mr. Gima: Erin?

Ms. Atacador: No questions. I just wanted to thank Bart and the Stewarts for their organized and the diligence they've shown making sure that they're up to all codes and in a timely manner regarding their short-term rental. So we appreciate these sorts of applications for review. So thank you all.

Mr. Gima: Okay, thanks Erin. Negus?

Mr. Manna: No questions. Thank you Chair.

Mr. Gima: Alright. Sally?

Ms. Kaye: No, thank you Chair.

Mr. Gima: Okay, I just got a few. Let's see. This can go to Brailey or the Stewarts. Can you guys comment on the parking? And the parking on the floor, on the site plan is, is a bit confusing. So, so can, yeah, Stewarts, Bart, or Brailey comment on the parking for this property?

Mr. Baldwin: There, there's two parking stalls. Can you hear me?

Mr. Gima: Yes.

Mr. Baldwin: Okay, so this is Bart speaking and there's two parking stalls off of Jasmine Drive for the people at, staying at the Jasmine House.

Mr. Gima: And those are, those are uncovered parking stalls?

Mr. Baldwin: Correct.

Mr. Gima: Okay. So it's not, it's not on the, it's not on Jasmine Street. Is that correct?

Mr. Baldwin: It is off of Jasmine Drive. So you, you --. Near Hale Kupuna, when you're on Jasmine, there's that natural left turn if you, if you were headed towards Dole Park. And you make another left turn. I'm trying to show my video. You make another left turn off of Jasmine Drive into the two parking stalls.

Mr. Gima: Okay, just wanted to be clear that it's not on, on-street parking because that that has been a --. I mean, you're not allowed to have on street parking and I just, I just wanted to double check.

Ms. Gonsalves: Hi Chair.

Mr. Gima: Go ahead Brailey.

Ms. Gonsalves: Hi. Thank you Chair for the question. I just want to clarify that the parking stalls that the Jasmine house provides are, is indeed on site. It's on like a gravel, what would you say uncovered area in front of their house, but it is on site and off street.

Mr. Gima: Okay, thank you. Yeah, it was, it wasn't clear. There wasn't a, I don't think there was a picture. It was just the site plan. Okay, the sec, the other question is, you have a picture of the, the sign and below that you have a picture of the house. It, just wanted to make sure it's hard to tell how far that is from the street because there are some, some short term rentals where they have the sign on the house, but it's, it's, um, I think it's beyond 20 feet, so sometimes you have to look for the sign. So could you comment about that?

Ms. Gonsalves: Sure, thank you for the question. I have in exhibit four a photo of the short-term rental sign. You should see two photos there, one up close to see the details of the sign, and then one from the street. I asked Mr. Baldwin to take picture from the street view to make sure that the public could view the sign.

Mr. Gima: Okay, thank you. I think that's about all I have. Do the Stewart, does Stewarts wish to make any comments? Alright, hearing none, let's see, I will then entertain a motion to approve the short-term rental home application for a five-year time-extension for the Jasmine House short term rental on Lanai subject to the conditions noted in the Planning Department's packet.

Ms. Kaye: So moved.

Mr. Gima: Is there a second?

Ms. Grove: I second.

Mr. Gima: Okay, it's been moved by Commissioner Kaye, seconded by Commissioner Grove that the application for the, the renewal application for the Jasmine House for three bedrooms short term rental located on 1215 Jasmine Drive be approved. Any further discussion? Okay hearing none, all in favor, please raise your hand. Let's see, one, two, three, four, five, six. All right, all those opposed, please raise your hand. Okay motion is carried unanimously. Thank you very much.

It was moved by Ms. Sally Kaye, seconded by Ms. E. Grove, then unanimously

VOTED: To approve the short-term rental home permit for a five-year time extension for the Jasmine House.

*(Assenting: N.Alboro, E. Atacador, E. Grove, S. Kaye, N. Manna, S. Rabaca)
(Excused: M. Fujie-Kaauamo,)*

C. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Completed Lāna'i Applications Report (Permits issued from the period of 12/09/24 to 01/03/25)

Mr. Gima: Alright, this will be a short meeting tonight. Moving on to the Director's Report. Do I turn this over to you Ana?

Ms. Lillis: Thank you Chair. Thank you Commissioners. Great work on that last permit, and thank you Brailey for that. So for our Director's Report today, attached to your agenda are the permits issued for the period of December 9th, 2024 to January 1st, or sorry, January 3rd 2025. Pardon me. And do you have any questions about that Chair or Commissioners?

Mr. Gima: I think this is, I think this is the first time it's coming up on the project list, right?

Ms. Lillis: Just that these were completed.

Mr. Gima: I was wondering maybe if Keiki-Pua could elaborate on this, on this project.

Ms. Lillis: Yep, Dr. Dancil, are you available?

Mr. Gima: Or anyone, anyone from Pulama Lanai.

Dr. Keiki-Pua Dancil: Sorry, sorry Chair. Aloha Chair, Commissioners, good evening. This is an application that we applied for, and I just also want to comment that Brailey was also the planner on this project, and she did a great job in effectively communicating what we needed to do to make it a complete application. And then during her review, she had additional questions, she was great at responding, so I just want to recognize her efforts.

Basically, we are cleaning up a bunch of camp sites, abandoned vehicles, abandoned boats, rubbish, a bunch of different things along the windward coast. There was a fire back in September right after the August fires on Maui and that was another incident that we don't want to have happen again, and it was at in a camp site with some abandoned vehicles and rubbish, things like that. So we took it upon ourselves to identify other sites to clean up. And so that's what this application is about.

Mr. Gima: Thanks Keiki-Pua. Any questions, comments from Commissioners for Keiki-Pua? Sally?

Ms. Kaye: Yeah, I just, I wish, if you don't mind Keiki-Pua if you could explain to some of our newer members why if all you're doing is cleaning up sites, you need to go for all of these permits.

Dr. Dancil: That's a great question. I believe most of you have gotten the training, so any activity within the shoreline management area, any activity, cleaning up rubbish, cutting down trees, all of that needs to apply for a SMA or a Special Management Area Assessment, and that's it what we did. We applied for a Special Management Area assessment, and the

Department of Planning determines whether it's an exemption, whether it's a minor, or whether it's a major. And they determined that this activity would fall under a minor permit because it's cleaning up.

The SSAD or Shoreline Setback Application Determination Approval -- I might get some of those letters mixed up -- within a 150-feet of the shoreline, any activity we have to apply for that permit. So that's an additional permit on top of the SMA permit. And so if the camp site, abandoned vehicle, trash rubbish, anything that we're cleaning up was within that 150-foot boundary and it's not always a 150 feet. There's a calculation that you have to do depending on what the size of the lot is, is the shoreline set back if there's not a certified shoreline in that area. This area does not have a shore, a certified shoreline, so it's based on the calculation. And because this all falls on our TMK which is 69,000 acres, it's the 150 which is the maximum. So we had to identify not all the sites were within that 150 feet, so we had to apply for that permit.

The EA exemption is kind of nestled in the Special Management Area permit. Because it's shoreline activity, that's one of the triggers for an EA. And we have an exemption because we are doing, we fall into the category of operations, repairs, or maintenance of existing structures, facilities equipment or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion or changes of use beyond that previously existed. So that's why we got an EA exemption. It fell in that category.

So those are all the things before you and that was listed on your Director's Report. I hope I answered your question Commissioner Kaye.

Ms. Kaye: Yes, so now we have a record. So if anybody wants to go back, thank you very much for that, they can go down the line and see what each of these meant. So thank you very much.

Dr. Dancil: You're welcome.

2. Status of the LPC SMA permit rule change proposals.

Mr. Gima: Thanks Keiki-Pua. Okay, anything else on the projects report? Okay moving on, a good segue to this next Director's Report item. Ana?

Ms. Lillis: Yes, thank you Chair. So, with the SMA permit rule changes, we are working on drafting that and our thought on strategy would be to have a discussion with you folks once we have that draft looked at by our internal team, Corp Counsel, and post it for discussion. And then if we get an affirmative poll from you folks, we can then officially post it on your agenda which takes 30 days-notice. And then you guys could take action on it and pass it and then we would have to go to the Mayor to have him sign it, the OC, the Office of the County Clerk to file it, and then it would become effective. So it's a bit of a process to do any

sort of rule change, but we at least want to get a draft in front of you folks for you to consider before starting that 30-day public notice.

Mr. Gima: Just to refresh everybody's mind, including mine, we're looking at potential changes in SMA minor and SMA exemption. Is that, is that accurate?

Ms. Lillis: Yes, that is correct Chair.

Mr. Gima: Okay.

Ms. Lillis: My understanding of the changes as we come to you folks for after a confirmation that when we issue exemptions that you have no problem with them. And that the SMA minors don't quite receive that same scrutiny or review from you folks, and so that, and the SMA minor is typically a more impactful development and so that feels a bit backwards and we're trying to find a way to make it a little bit more logical.

Mr. Gima: Okay. So, currently, it's Lanai Planning Commission's kuleana, we have the final, final authority on SMA major and SMA exemption. And the possible changes include changing our rules so that we, the Lanai Planning Commission will have final authority on the minor, SMA minor. Is that accurate?

Ms. Lillis: So even with what we just went over, in terms of the approved project, approved projects for Lanai, you know, there was a SMA exemption that was issued and we what we'd like is to make it clean up the rules to ensure that we can just continue to report those to you and not have any there's a bit of confusion in the rules, so essentially giving you folks approval authority for minors and allowing exemptions to continue on. Oh, can and hopefully, oh yes, we have a question from Commissioner Kaye, Chair.

Ms. Kaye: Yeah, that's exactly the opposite of what we decided. I'm pretty sure there's minutes that we reiterate our decision to keep it exactly like it was. I don't know where this is coming from, and the only change was going to be for we're going to now have exemptions as well as the other two.

Ms. Lillis: Oh, okay. Apologizes for understanding, that's a helpful clarification. I must, I was briefed on what my understanding was, but I, I must have gotten it wrong, and I'll be sure to review the minutes. I apologies, Commissioner Kaye.

Ms. Kaye: Yeah, I'd like to make sure that's clarified.

Mr. Gima: Yeah, it was confusing now, it was confusing back then. I, I remember when we had discussions last year, Candace was part of that, that discussion.

Ms. Lillis: Thank you Chair. I'll be sure to get a better understanding before bringing this item to you, so, hence also the need to have the draft and then start the, the 30-days of public notice so thank you folks for your patience.

Mr. Gima: Okay, Commissioners, after this recent discussion on the status of the LPC SMA Permit rule changes proposals, have you guys, do you guys have any other comments or questions? Nikki?

Ms. Alboro: I have a question. So I'm a bit confused. So right now the Lanai Planning Commission only sees Major, SMA Majors, and Exemptions and Minors were left to the Planning Department. Is that correct?

Ms. Lillis: So that is my understanding.

Ms. Alboro: So we're, we're proposing to see all three and my question would be for the timeframe for the decision I'm assuming like for an exemption, I mean, so they have to apply for it and wait for our next meeting? If we don't have quorum or something comes up, then it just gets pushed back, and pushed back, and pushed back? I mean, I, I, I just want to know what the timeframe is. If there's a difference between a minor, major and an exemption.

Ms. Lillis: Yeah, so I would say Commission review typically can extend the permit processing time in terms of getting to the final approval and so if someone can't move forward without your folks's vote then their permit application kind of is just kind of held in abeyance because we can't approve it. So it would extend the time. But yeah in terms of exact timing, it depends on the complexity of the projects so I have difficulty commenting on that exact number days or anything like that.

Ms. Alboro: And then one more question. May I ask how many exemptions average you'd see for Lanai within the year?

Ms. Lillis: Gosh, we do have our supervising planner, Kurt Wollenhaupt, on the call. I don't know if he's available to speak to that, but --

Mr. Kurt Wollenhaupt: I'm, I'm here. Relatively few I would say with, with results to the, the exemptions. Obviously this report that comes out every month, some months we have nothing, we're only talking about the SMA area here. I think that most, since most of the activity on Lanai is up in Lanai City, the Hotel Koele, none of that comes under this. So this is only the small margin around. Many times it would be one of such as the cleaning that was going on the north shore. Or if there was something happening down in Manele Bay, that would then trigger a review. So there's relatively few exemptions or SM minors that come through the process. So, one a month I would say, one, most at two a month. And I think we'd be hard pressed even sometimes to have that.

Mr. Gima: Okay, thanks Kurt. Nikki, any other questions or comments about this item? How about the rest of the Commissioners? Alright, hearing none, Ana, I guess at our pre-meeting next month we can also go over this.

Ms. Lillis: Thank you Chair. Looking forward to it.

Mr. Wollenhaupt: There is the only complicating factor that say the hotel really needed to do a painting job, that would be an exemption. And if we ran into the problem where something needed to be fixed, it hardly rises to probably an emergency. We really don't want to go down the emergency route issuing an emergency because that's a complicated process. So if there's something that clearly is exemptible, that really needs to be done, it doesn't rise to the level of terrible public safety, if the Commission, if the Commission were not to get a quorum at the next meeting after we got this application ready to go, now we could run into some timing issues. So I think you do need to speak to this issue about exemptions especially at Manele Bay and the timing that may offer a problem. So as you discuss this, do consider that.

Mr. Gima: Thanks Kurt, and I think that's what Candace Thackerson was putting on the table for the planning commission to consider back in 2023.

Ms. Alboro: Yeah, I'm sorry Chair. This is Nikki again, but I, I want to say my, I, I'm recalling that the exemption, this, this whole, this whole rule change or whatever, I think if I'm not mistaken, we wanted to be notified of the extension like in the report. I, I don't know, I don't think that we were to make the, we wanted to make the decision. But I could be wrong, but I'm yeah, I'm just, that thought came to my mind about the time frame of getting it approved and if there's no quorum or, you know, meeting or whatnot. So I, I, I really think that that was the that was in the minutes, but I could be wrong too, but I, I think that what it was.

Mr. Gima: Okay, thanks Nikki.

Ms. Grove: Chair, I'd like to add that that was my recollection as well. I also remember, and may have may misremember that there were like, when we were talking to Candace about it, there were two or three a year that were coming, that may have come before us, but it was informational as opposed to making a decision. But again I could be wrong.

Mr. Wollenhaupt: So theoretically, this is Kurt again. You have a house in Manele, if you break a window, it's an action, it's an action in the SMA you really do need to get that SMA assessment. And it certainly wouldn't rise to a SMA emergency. That, that, that it would be helpful to have that discussion about is there some types of exemptions which do not have conditions that the exemptions don't have conditions that could just be approved by the Department with notification for certain types of actions. I mean, we tried to go down the no needs route and that was, that didn't go very well on Maui Island about certain activities that could just be done. But anything, really anything replacing your post box theoretically needs an SMA assessment and then an action. So I think that's important for the members and the

team that's discussing this to think about, is there a way that some activities could flow through more quickly for residents over there and property owners? Thank you.

Ms. Lillis: The good part --. Chair, if may?

Mr. Gima: Go ahead.

Ms. Lillis: So the good part about having a discussion item first is that you folks can vote on changing the language that is presented in front of you at February's meeting, and so this can be part of that discussion of, okay, we want to see exemptions, not see exemptions, just be notified of about exemptions and so it doesn't stop a permit from moving through if, you know, we don't have quorum. So we can talk about this more in depth and then, then we can start the, the public notice on the 30-day requirement to actually pass it.

Mr. Gima: And the Department was to be working on proposed rule changes.

Ms. Lillis: Yes, so we --

3. Status of the proposed Talk Story LPC meeting.

Mr. Gima: That would be, that --. Okay. Alright, moving on to status of proposed talk story planning commission meeting.

Ms. Lillis: Yes, so, we have not yet had a chance, just with the new year starting and everything kind of being a rush at the end of last year to sit down with Director Blystone. But Danny and I are scheduled to meet with her actually tomorrow and so we're going to talk with through a game plan with her to ensure that the talk story sessions are linked to the community plan or some other sort of actionable item within the scope of Lanai Planning Commission authority to move that forward.

Mr. Gima: And will be, and Corp Counsel will be part of that meeting?

Ms. Lillis: Let's see. They are, yes, we have them invited as well.

Mr. Gima: Okay, and will you ensure in that meeting that the information that Commissioner Kaye provided when she did her homework on when we did this back ten, 15 years ago, you know, basically we set the precedence that if anything changed in the sunshine law from back then to now, make sure that's part of the discussion in the meeting.

Ms. Lillis: Absolutely.

Mr. Gima: Okay. Thank you.

Ms. Lillis: Great. Perfect. Okay, thank you for that Chair.

4. Status of the LPC vacancy.

Mr. Gima: Commissioners, any comments about this item? Okay, hearing none, status of the planning commission vacancy.

Ms. Lillis: Yes, so you may have seen that there was a press release, I believe it was this week or last week, from the Mayor's Office essentially asking and urging for Lanai names to be submitted. There are several boards in which the County staffs that require a Lanai resident seat including the Lanai Planning Commission. And I do still understand that the Lanai Planning Commission is moving forward with a name that is up for consideration with the Mayor and then once the Mayor gives his approval to that name, which we are hopeful for, it would go on to the Independent Nomination Board (INB) for consideration. And once it goes to the Independent Nomination Board, if they give it a favorable consideration, it would then move on to the County Council and they would consider that person. And if that received an affirmative vote, vote from the Maui County Council, then they would be staffed and go through, so the process and be seated on the Lanai Planning Commission seated here with all you folks. So, that is the status. It is still with the Mayor.

Mr. Gima: I'm a, I'm a bit confused for two reasons. One, it's been over a month now that they've identified a person who has submitted an application that's been just dragging on and seems like it's dragging on the Mayor's Office. Number two, I didn't realize that it goes to the Mayor's Office to the Independent Nominations Board and then Council. I thought it was the Independent Nominations Board submits it to the Mayor's Office and then the Mayor's Office submits it to the County Council.

Ms. Lillis: I could be confused on the process Chair. The INB is certainly a new board, but I can certainly confirm my understanding of the process and see where this name is stuck. But the last I was told was that it is still on the Mayor's desk for consideration. And probably the delay especially with this one-month delay is that I don't believe there's anyone as the liaison anymore. I believe that the person that was the INB liaison in the Mayor's Office coordinating everything has moved to a different position in the County and so that was Cory Vicens and she did a fantastic job so we definitely really miss her. So I'll, I'll try to follow up with the Mayor's Office and see who might be covering, for that, for that very important, very busy position to staff all the boards and commissions in the County and see where the status is. But last time I checked it, it just is, is pending.

Mr. Gima: So the, the application is technically on the desk of, well, I mean Cory had it, she, she's no longer is there, but it's not on the Mayor's desk.

Ms. Lillis: I can check on the status. So Corey is very generous in -- although that's no longer her role, that's what the last update she had for me and so I, I just haven't had a chance to get with the Mayor's Office staff and see who is taking it on from her.

Ms. Gima: Okay, thank you. Commissioners, any comments, questions about the vacancy? Sally?

Ms. Kaye: Yeah, are we talking about Zane's vacancy?

Mr. Gima: Yeah.

Ms. Kaye: That expires in two months. So I'm, I'm, I'm very confused now.

Ms. Lillis: We can definitely clarify, once the name go, yeah at least receives County Council approval that where their term would be. We're pretty far off from that, but that's a great point and I can look into that as well.

Mr. Gima: So come March, Sally, it would have been Zane and then your term is up in March. Is that accurate?

Ms. Kaye: Right. The two of us were going off. And so when he, when he resigned early, there was the question of replacing him. But it would only have been for two months and then that person would have to, I would assume the way it used to work, they'd have to reapply for the full five years. So you are looking at two full, five years starting in March, so I'm not sure what the value is of having somebody. Well, I, I don't know. That's something that Ana should clarify.

Ms. Lillis: Definitely. Thank you. I appreciate. No truly, we understand that this is very, you know, you guys have important work. We want you to be fully staffed and you know we have a vacancy on this board, we have a vacancy in the Mayor's Office, so, you know, your continued patience with us. I, we don't want to exhaust it. We do take this seriously, so thank you.

5. Agenda items for the February 19, 2025 meeting.

Mr. Gima: Alright, any other comments, questions about the vacancy? Okay, hearing none, what agenda items do we have for next month?

Ms. Lillis: We hope to bring to you the SMA Rule item for your consideration and more in-depth discussion. And I am not aware of any complete applications that will be before you. Kurt, do you know of any?

Mr. Wollenhaupt: No, I don't know of any short-term rental renewals. There's a couple of projects in process, but no. On a complete unrelated, no, just anyone know if Mokulele has started flying again or are they --? They, they've suspended operations today it appears, so I didn't know if you know if they started up for tomorrow. Just curious.

Ms. Ramoran-Quemado: Chair, this is Leilani I can add to that since Danny is not here.

Mr. Gima: Yeah, go ahead.

Ms. Ramoran-Quemado: So there's going to be a couple legislations, so Greg Pfof will be gracing his presence and going over a couple of bills for ordinances. And then there's going to the quarterly reports from Pulama Lanai.

Oh, and then could also add this. It's not on the agenda, but for the FDSs, deadline is February 15th, so it's going to be prior to your February 19th meeting. So I want to encourage all of you folks if you have not done so to please submit your FDS because otherwise if the Board of Ethics does not receive or acknowledge your FDS, you won't be able to participate or vote for that meeting on February 19th. Thank you.

D. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: February 19, 2025

E. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gima: Thanks Leilani. Oh Ana will, can we also have an update on the status of the in person or hybrid meetings?

Ms. Lillis: That is not on the agenda today, Chair, but the Department of Planning is going over to Lanai, or we plan to if the air, if Mokulele is flying on Friday. And so we should have an update for you on the next meeting.

Mr. Gima: Okay. Commissioners, anybody have any requests for agenda items for February? Alright, hearing none looks like we might have a busy February meeting. Will everyone be able to make it? Okay, we'll see all of you there, February 19th. And if there are, if there are no objections, I will adjourn the meeting. Thank you everybody. See you next month.

There being no further discussion brought forward to the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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