

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Department
County of Hawaii
Hilo, Hawaii

Application for)
SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA USE PERMIT)
by)
COUNTY OF HAWAII) SMA USE PERMIT NO. 3
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION)
for)
PUNALU'U BEACH PARK IMPROVEMENTS)
at)
Punalu'u, Ka'u, Hawaii)

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA USE PERMIT

The County Planning Commission, at a duly held public hearing on April 2, 1976, considered the application of the County of Hawaii, Department of Parks and Recreation for a Special Management Area Use Permit in accordance with Rule No. 9, to allow certain improvements to Punalu'u Beach Park in Punalu'u, Ka'u, Hawaii, TMK: 9-6-01:6, 11 and 12.

The Commission has found that:

The proposed improvements will enhance the recreational utility of the existing park and thereby fulfill one of the objectives of the Environmental Shoreline Protection Act. One of the purposes of the Act is to provide for public recreational uses along the shoreline. Punalu'u Beach Park is the major beach park of the Ka'u District and is heavily used by residents and visitors for active and passive recreation. Improvements, alterations and repairs contribute to the recreational function and use of the park. It is thus determined that the request does not conflict with the spirit and intent of the Environmental Shoreline Protection Act and Rule No. 9 of the Planning Commission. In addition, approval of

the subject request will not curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment nor foreclose management options.

Further, the proposed development is consistent with the standards and level of development articulated in the goals and policies of the County General Plan and the County Recreation Plan. The General Plan Recreation element encourages the establishment of the Punalu'u-Ninole Springs region as a recreation area. Both plans emphasize the need for recreational facilities for residents and visitors and the use of shoreline areas to satisfy public recreational needs. This is consistent with the intent of Rule No. 9 to maintain such areas for recreational and scenic uses which are of maximum benefit to the general public.

The proposed improvements are not expected to have any significant adverse environmental or ecological effects. The improvements basically consist of improvements, repairs, replacement of structures destroyed by the tsunami of November 29, 1975, landscaping and the provision of a defined, lighted parking area. These will enhance the existing park environment. The environmental assessment prepared for the proposed improvements concluded that there will be no adverse effects which cannot be mitigated.

Therefore, the Commission hereby grants to the petitioner a Special Management Area Use Permit to allow the modification and repair of the existing pavilion, replacement of two (2) picnic shelters, landscaping, and the development of a lighted park area within the Punalu'u Beach Park area, Punalu'u, Ka'u, Hawaii, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Rule No. 9, Rules and Regulations Relating to Environmental Shoreline Protection, subject to

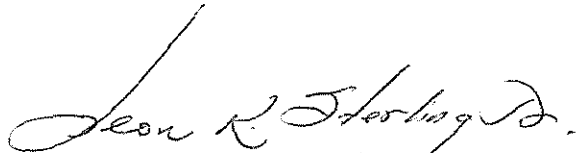
the following conditions that:

1. The improvements authorized by this permit shall consist of a) modification and repair of the existing pavilion, b) replacement of the two (2) picnic shelters destroyed by the November 29, 1975 tsunami, c) landscaping, and d) the development of a lighted parking area. These improvements shall conform substantially to the plans submitted for this permit;
2. Construction shall commence within one (1) year from the effective date of approval of the permit and be completed within two (2) years thereafter; and
3. All other applicable rules and regulations, including the plan approval process, be complied with.

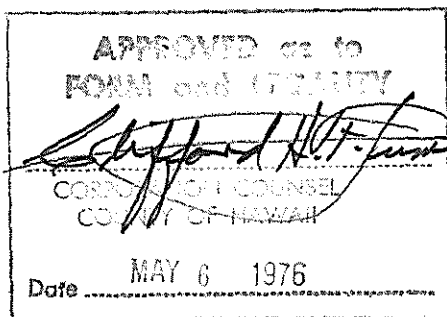
Should the foregoing conditions not be met, the Special Management Area Use Permit shall be deemed null and void.

The effective date of this permit shall be from April 2, 1976.

Dated at Hilo, Hawaii, this 22nd day of April, 1976.



Leon K. Sterling, Jr., Chairman



April 8, 1976

Mr. Milton Hakoda, Director
Department of Parks & Recreation
County of Hawaii
Hilo, HI 96720

Re: SMA Use Permit Application
TMK: 9-6-01:06, 11 and 12

At its duly advertised public hearing held on April 2, 1976 considered your application for a Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit for improvements to the Punaluu Beach Park to include the modification and repair of the existing pavilion, replacement of two (2) picnic shelters, landscaping, and lighted parking area. Involved is the existing Punaluu Beach Park site between the old Punaluu Harbor and Ninole Cove, Punaluu, Ka'u, Hawaii.

The Commission voted to approve your application effective April 2, 1976, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the improvements authorized by this Permit shall consist of (a) modification and repair of the existing pavilion; (b) replacement of the two (2) picnic shelters destroyed by the November 29, 1975 tsunami; (c) landscaping; and (d) the development of a lighted parking area. These improvements shall conform substantially to the plans submitted for this Permit.
2. That construction shall commence within one (1) year from the effective date of approval of the Permit and be completed within two (2) years thereafter.
3. That all other applicable rules and regulations, including the Plan Approval process, be complied with.

Should any of the above conditions not be met, the SMA Use Permit shall be deemed null and void.

We shall be forwarding the official SMA Use Permit as soon as the document is prepared. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Norman Hayashi or Ilima Piianaia of the Planning Department, at 961-8288.

for *Leon K. Sterling, Jr.*
LEON K. STERLING, Jr.
Chairman, Planning Commission

cc: Chief Engineer

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