

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Department
County of Hawaii
Hilo, Hawaii

Application for)
SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA)
USE PERMIT)
by)
COUNTY OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF)
PARKS AND RECREATION)
for)
IMPROVEMENTS TO LAUPAHOEHOE)
POINT PARK)
in)
Laupahoehoe, North Hilo, Hawaii)

SMA USE PERMIT NO. 33

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA USE PERMIT

The County Planning Commission at a duly held public hearing on July 21, 1977, 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, Rules and Regulations Relating to Environmental Shoreline Protection, to allow certain improvements and further development to Laupahoehoe Point Park, Laupahoehoe, North Hilo, TMK: 3-6-02:24 and 26.

The Commission has found:

1. That the approval of the proposed use is in keeping with the spirit and intent of Act 176, SLH 1975 and Rule 9 of the Planning Commission. The purpose of Act 176 and Rule 9 is to avoid the permanent loss of valuable resources and the foreclosure of management options, and to insure that adequate public access is provided to publicly owned or used beaches, recreation areas, and natural resources.

Laupahoehoe Point Park is a major regional park for the North Hilo District as well as other districts along the Hamakua Coast. It is one of two public parks along this coast which can provide beach related recreational opportunities. The cliff coastline of this area greatly limits beach recreational opportunities. The purpose of the proposed improvements is to expand park facilities within the existing park area. Inasmuch as the proposed improvements is intended to meet public recreational needs, it is determined that the proposed project complies with one of the main purposes of Act 176 which is the provision of public recreational areas within the coastal area.

2. Further, the proposed improvements will not have any substantial, adverse environmental or ecological effects. All of the improvements under consideration with this

Special Management Area Use Permit application occur within areas of the park which are substantially altered by previous and continued park use. These improvements will not involve any substantial adverse alteration to existing landforms or vegetation. Major changes in both topography and landscaping area for the purpose of public safety and added protection from tsunami damages. The proposed improvements will not remove or destroy endangered plant or animal species; nor will any historic sites be affected.

3. Short term adverse impacts which may occur during the construction stage and some of the concerns expressed by the Police Department may be minimized by existing controls or through conditions of approval.

Based on the above, it is determined that the proposed project is in keeping with the purpose of the Environmental Shoreline Protection Act and Rule 9 of the Planning Commission.

Therefore, the Commission hereby grants to the petitioner a Special Management Area Use Permit to allow the following pursuant to the authority vested in it by Rule No. 9, Rules and Regulations Relating to Environmental Shoreline Protection:

1. Renovations to the existing pavilion and restrooms.
2. Expansion of boat ramp.
3. Additional parking.
4. Two (2) new restroom facilities.
5. New pavilion.
6. Four (4) new picnic shelters.
7. Ten (10) camp sites.
8. Other related improvements such as landscaping.

Approval of the request is subject to the following conditions:

1. That the improvements shall conform substantially to the plans submitted with this application and the representations made by the applicant.
2. That the petitioner shall obtain the approval from the Board of Land and Natural Resources to allow the proposed improvements within the State Land Use Conservation District.
3. That all necessary precautionary measures be taken during construction periods to minimize hazards along access roads.
4. That the requirements of the State Department of Health shall be complied with.
5. That all other applicable rules and regulations, including Plan Approval shall be complied with.

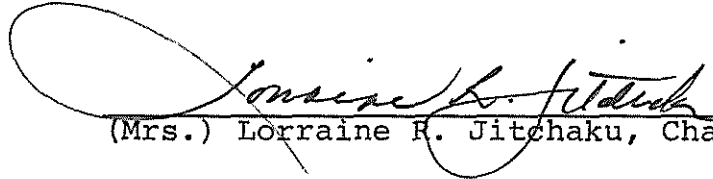
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Should these conditions not be met, the Special Management Area Use Permit may be deemed null and void by the Planning Commission.

The effective date of this permit shall be July 21, 1977.

Dated at Hilo, Hawaii, this 11th day of August, 1977.


(Mrs.) Lorraine R. Jitchaku, Chairman

