

March 10, 1975

Mr. Tatsuo Fujimoto
Executive Officer
Land Use Commission
P. O. Box 2359
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Re: Special Permit Application - County of Hawaii, Department of
Parks and Recreation

In accordance with Chapter 205, Section 205-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, we are transmitting the decision and findings of the County Planning Commission on the above application.

The special permit request was to allow the expansion of the existing Alae Cemetery by 3.29 acres within the State Land Use Agricultural District. The Alae Cemetery is situated across from the Alae Point Subdivision, Alae, South Hilo, Hawaii, Tax Map Key 2-6-12:18 (portion) and 43.

The Planning Commission at a duly advertised public hearing held on January 30, 1975 in the County Councilroom, County Building, South Hilo, Hawaii, discussed the subject request. The Commission on March 6, 1975, voted to recommend the approval of the special permit to the Land Use Commission as it was found:

1. That the requested use is a reasonable one in that the special permit will allow the expansion of an existing public cemetery. The proposed expansion would be on lands which are adjacent to and within the existing cemetery. The 0.289 acre parcel is landlocked within the existing cemetery while the 3.0 acre parcel is immediately mauka of and adjacent to it. Cemetery use of the 0.289 acre parcel will have little adverse impact.
2. That the proposed use will not significantly alter the essential character of the land. The expansion of the existing cemetery will encroach into 3 acres of productive cane lands which are to be harvested in February, 1975. This encroachment, however, will not have a significant effect on the overall sugar industry on this island. The conversion of the 3

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acres of cane lands to cemetery use is a logical expansion of the existing cemetery and would not be a significant disruption of cane operations.

3. That approval of the proposed use will be implementing the General Plan document. Under Courses of Action, South Hilo district, for the Public Facilities - Health and Sanitation subelement, it is mandated that existing cemeteries shall be expanded or that the creation of new sites be undertaken. The expansion of the existing Alae Cemetery would thus be a direct and affirmative implementation of the General Plan.
4. That approval of the subject request will not unreasonably burden the provision of public facilities and services. All essential utilities are available to the areas under consideration. Some improvements will be necessary at the initial stage of expansion of the cemetery, but these will be minor ones.
5. That the proposed expansion will be meeting an essential public need. The existing cemetery is close to its maximum capacity, and without expanding, it would be difficult for the County to provide public cemetery services to the people of the region. Expansion of the existing cemetery is thus deemed to be in the best public interest.

The favorable recommendation was also subject to the following conditions:

1. That the width of the roadway pavement in the proposed expansion area shall be adequate for on-street parallel parking. The pavement width shall be approved by the Planning Director, upon conferring with the Chief Engineer, prior to construction.
2. That the 3+ acre area of TMK: 2-6-12:18 be subdivided and consolidated with TMK: 2-6-12:10, which is the existing cemetery, within one year from the date of approval of the special permit.
3. That the applicant, the County of Hawaii Department of Parks and Recreation comply with all the rules and regulations as outlined in Chapter 4, Article 1, (relating to cemeteries) of the Hawaii County Code within one year from the official date of approval.

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4. That all other applicable rules and regulations be complied with.



Arthur W. Martin
Chairman

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Enclosures

cc Dept. of Parks & Recreation
Deputy Managing Director



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
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May 5, 1975

Planning Commission
County of Hawaii
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Attention: Mr. Raymond Suefuji
Planning Director

Gentlemen:

At its meeting on May 1, 1975, the Land Use Commission voted to approve the request by the County of Hawaii, Department of Parks and Recreation (SP75-199) to allow the expansion of Alae Cemetery by 3.29 acres on lands situated within the Agricultural District at Alae, South Hilo, Hawaii, described as Tax Map Key 2-6-12: 18 (portion) and 43, subject to the 4 conditions imposed by the Hawaii County Planning Commission.

A copy of the staff memorandum is enclosed for your information.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Dept. of Parks & Recreation, Hawaii
Dept. of Taxation, Hawaii
Property Technical Office, Dept. of Tax.
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Real Property Tax Assessor, Dept. of Tax.