

PLANNING COMMISSION
County of Hawaii

HEARING TRANSCRIPT
October 28, 1986

A regularly advertised public hearing on the application of Kamehameha Schools/Bishop Estate was called to order at 1:25 p.m. in the Waimea Community Center, Waimea, South Kohala, Hawaii, with Chairperson Barbara Koi presiding.

PRESENT: Barbara Koi
Marion Bush
Thomas Krieger
Arthur Martin
Clarence Mills
Tom Poy
Donald Thompson

ABSENT: Pearl Batalona
Gary Mizuno

Ex-officio Member
H. William Sewake

Albert Lono Lyman, Planning Director
Norman Hayashi, Staff Planner
Royden Yamasato, Staff Planner

Corporation Counsel Ronald Ibarra
Robert Yanabu representing Department of Public Works

And approximately 15 people from the public were in attendance

CHAIRPERSON: Next we have an application of Kamehameha Schools/Bishop Estate for a Special Management Area Use Permit to allow the construction of a multi-purpose educational facility to supplement the existing alternate learning center known as Hale O Ho'oponopono. The subject property overlooks Kapuwai Cove and is situated approximately 100 feet southeast of the boat ramp at Honaunau, South Kona, Hawaii, TMK: 8-4-13:18. Staff?

HAYASHI: Madam Chairman and Commissioners, again, to the presentation map, the SMA line is indicated in orange. The subject property is situated at Honaunau Bay, adjacent to the Pu'uho'oua O Honaunau National Historic Park. The petitioner proposes to construct a multi-purpose building on the subject property. All of you received the staff's background report and recommendation for approval with conditions on this application. Are there any questions?

MARTIN: Madam Chairman?

CHAIRPERSON: Commissioner Martin.

MARTIN: I had a little hard time trying to figure out where this was. Is this right along the road that goes into the parking lot for the Pu'uho'oua O Honaunau?

HAYASHI: Yes, there's a road that comes on the side, that would be where the facility is situated. We're circulating photographs that shows the location.

CHAIRPERSON: Any other questions? If not, is the applicant present?

BELL: Yes, it is.

CHAIRPERSON: Let me swear you in. Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth on this application now before the Hawaii County Planning Commission?

BELL: I do.

CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. State your name into the mike.

BELL: I'm Jim Bell of Belt, Collins and Associates. I'm representing Kamehameha School/Bishop Estate today. I have here with me several members of the staff in case we get into some questions beyond my understanding of the project. We have Fred Cachola, Wally Lau, Ninia Richardson, and Diana Aki, all members of the staff of Kamehameha Schools and of the Hale O Ho'oponopono program. We have reviewed the staff report and the conditions and feel that staff has done a good job of analyzing our project. And we have nothing more to add, but we'd be happy to answer any questions. We would ask for your favorable consideration of our request today.

CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. Commissioners, do you have any questions?

THOMPSON: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON: Commissioner Thompson.

THOMPSON: Mr. Bell?

BELL: Yes.

THOMPSON: I understand you people have asked the National Park people to use, one, their parking area and, two, the use of their sewer system?

BELL: Yes.

THOMPSON: On the sewer system, how do you intend to get the stuff over to their line and back up the hill?

BELL: Okay, let me go to the drawing over here and take one moment. This is the proposed new building here; and the boys' and girls' restrooms will be here. Generally, down in a location about like this, in this location, the park, the National Park is

over in here. There are a couple of residences between us and the National Park. What we'll be doing is constructing a sewer line over to their pump station; and then their pump station will take it from there.

MARTIN: Madam Chairman?

CHAIRPERSON: Commissioner Martin.

MARTIN: Thank you. Mr. Bell, now I think I'm getting a different picture. I think now as you just described where the couple homes are, then the road into the parking lot for the National Park for the Pu'uhonua must be to the top of that map.

BELL: It's mauka. That road is up in here. The road is here, and the parking lot is right about in there.

MARTIN: Now I got it.

BELL: I have another drawing.

MARTIN: There's one coming. This Hale O Ho'oponopono has been operating for a while. I think I remember seeing it when I've been down there at the park. Is this for students who are of Hawaiian ancestry or is it for any student?

BELL: I could answer that; but I think maybe I'd rather turn it over to Fred or to Wally to say something about it. Before I do, let met show you this map here so you can have a better picture of where the facility is.

KRIEGER: Madam Chairman?

CHAIRPERSON: Commissioner Krieger.

KRIEGER: I got one question of Mr. Bell. Since they're going to charge for entrance now to the National Park, is this going to impact your parking lot usage?

BELL: It shouldn't.

KRIEGER: They won't charge to get into the parking lot?

BELL: Not to our knowledge. We have an agreement with the National Park Service to park the employees cars and the two vans on the parking lot. Does that map help you, Commissioner? You can see where the parking lot there is and where the visitor center is and so on.

MARTIN: Yes, this helps very much. Now I remember.

BELL: Okay. Wally?

CHAIRPERSON: I need to swear you in. Is there anyone else in the group that will be testifying on the project? If so, I'll swear you in all at once. Okay. Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth on this application now before the Hawaii County Planning Commission?

CACHOLA: I do.

CHAIRPERSON: Thank you. State your name into the mike.

CACHOLA: I'm Fred Cachola. I direct the extension program of the Kamehameha School. If I may, Madam Chairman, to address Commissioner Martin's question. The question was is this program meant only for Hawaiian students? The answer is no. When we work with the public schools, we cannot discriminate, as we may do with our private school in Honolulu. Does that answer your question, Commissioner?

MARTIN: Yeah. Are there other programs like this one any where outside the island?

CACHOLA: Yes, there is. We have one working with Molokai High students on the East end of Molokai called Ka Papa Honua O Keawanui; and it works with similar students on Molokai. And on Oahu, we have a similar program located at Mokulaea on the north shore that works with potential dropouts and dropouts from the entire central district of Oahu.

MARTIN: I asked it because this is something I've always felt like Kamehameha School ought to do more, this especially helping our young people know more about their Hawaiian heritage. I'm glad if they know more about it.

CACHOLA: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON: Any other questions? Thank you, sir.

CACHOLA: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON: This is a public hearing. Is there anyone who wishes to testify on this application? Let the record show there is none.

MILLS: Madam Chairman?

CHAIRPERSON: Commissioner Mills.

MILLS: I move that the public hearing be closed.

KRIEGER: Second.

CHAIRPERSON: It has been moved and seconded that we close the public hearing. All those in favor say aye?

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON: Oppose? Public hearing is closed.

MILLS: Madam Chairman?

CHAIRPERSON: Commissioner Mills.

MILLS: I move that the application be approved for the reasons and with the conditions outlined by the staff.

KRIEGER: Second.

CHAIRPERSON: It has been moved and seconded that we approve the application with the reasons and conditions outlined by our staff. Any questions? Roll call.

MILLS: I'd like to make just one comment.

CHAIRPERSON: Yes.

MILLS: I'd like to thank the Kamehameha Schools for your continued energies in helping the public schools at Konawaena. When I was a vice-principal there you really helped by taking care of the alienated cases when that was their last hope. And some of them were mainstreamed back into the system, but you just do not know how much the public schools appreciate that. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON: Roll call.

HAYASHI: Commissioner Mills?

MILLS: Aye.

HAYASHI: Commissioner Krieger?

KRIEGER: Aye.

HAYASHI: Commissioner Bush?

BUSH: Aye.

HAYASHI: Commissioner Martin?

MARTIN: Aye.

HAYASHI: Commissioner Poy?

POY: Aye.

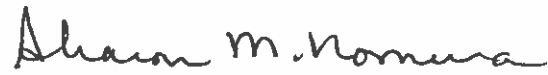
HAYASHI: Commissioner Thompson?

THOMPSON: Aye.

HAYASHI: Chairperson Koi?
CHAIRPERSON: Aye.
HAYASHI: Motion carried.
CHAIRPERSON: You'll be notified by official letter.
BELL: Thank you very much.

The public hearing adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon M. Nomura, Secretary

A T T E S T:



Barbara A. Koi, Chairperson
Planning Commission

RECORD OF VOTING
 PLANNING COMMISSION
 County of Hawaii

Date October 28, 1986

Petitioner Kamehameha Schools/Bishop Estate - SMA Use Permit

Public hearing Action
 ACTION: Approve
 Deny
 Defer
 Continue

Other: 1/0

Commissioners	Aye	No	Excused	Abstain
BATALONA, PEARL				
BUSH, MARION	✓			
KRIEGER, THOMAS S	✓			
MARTIN, ARTHUR	✓			
MILLS, CLARENCE M	✓			
MIZUNO, GARY				
POY, TOM	✓			
THOMPSON, DONALD	✓			
KOI, BARBARA ANN	✓			