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Subject: Re: Foti Subdivision at Alae
Attachments: Foti SUB 06-435 FPM rev 29Apr2011_TRAILSHIGHLIGHTED.pdf

Aloha Larry,

Thanks for the heads up. I spent a bit of time with Theresa Donham last week looking over this new version of the subdivision map. Theresa is in the process of providing comments on the subdivision map to the archaeologist. There are several revisions that need to be addressed. Wes Thomas and who ever is making decisions (McCabe?) are obviously not taking into account our previous comments regarding archaeology, public access easements and existing trails.

Regarding the Easement PA-1, there is an old trail, an extension of easement ASP- 6,7, that goes to the shoreline from the end of PA-1. This section of the trail is not shown on the map and should also be included in PA-1. You are correct, this is one of the few access points to the shoreline along this stretch of the coast.

The comments we provided on 7/01/11 regarding another, very similar, version of the subdivision map are still relevant. Please see comments below

Please let your subdivision folks know that the map that they have for review is incomplete.

Email below originally sent 07/01/2011:

Aloha Larry,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. I have had the opportunity, twice, to participate in site visits in the proposed subdivision with emphasis on locating and GPSing ancient and historic trails to be incorporated in the Na Ala Hele and Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail (NHT) systems. Both site visits have included Irving Kawashima, NAH, and once with the landowner, John Foti, and the project archaeologist. The historic trails that appear on the latest subdivision map are data obtained during these site visits using sub-meter GPS equipment. All GPS data was provided to the archaeological consultant for the project and utilized by Wes Thomas. All trail gps lines created during these site visits reflect intact trail segments. Gaps in the trail gps lines that appear on the map do not indicate an absence of trail. These gaps represent a lack of clear trail fabric due to heavy vegetation or trail disturbance and could be restored to match existing adjacent fabric.

Regarding the current subdivision map:

The map, which includes archaeological sites, some with buffers, should

reflect an approved Archaeological Preservation Plan. If this is not incorporated now, it may result in historic sites affected later. Please require that the Archaeological Preservation Plan be completed and preservation sites, including approved buffers, be incorporated into the Final Subdivision map

PA-2: This is the historic Alanui Aupuni. Ala Kahakai NHT and Na Ala Hele are actively preserving segments of this same trail in other parts of South Kona. The current easement is described as a 20 ft wide easement. It is my understanding from our site visit and subsequent conversations that the trail was to have a 20 ft buffer on either side. The trail itself in some sections, primarily causeways, is nearly 10 ft wide. With the existing pedestrian easement, the wider sections of trail would have only a 5 ft buffer on either side. Incorporating an approved Archaeological Preservation Plan would avoid these discrepancies.

PA-7 & PA-8: It is recommended that PA-7 and PA-8 be eliminated and replaced by designating ASP-4, ASP-8, and ASP-9, as a single public pedestrian access route. Currently the mauka-makai shoreline access from PA-5 is delineated by PA-7 and PA-8. PA-7 is located along the southern boundary of Lot 9, in an area that will not accommodate pedestrian access. The route can be characterized as an inaccessible cliff. During the site visit a major prehistoric/historic mauka-makai trail, ASP-4, ASP-8, and ASP-9, was relocated. This trail begins at the shoreline in Lot 12 near the northern terminus of PA-1, the "King's Trail", and extends east into Lot 1, Lot 10 and into Lot 9 near the boundary of Lot 8 and 9, and PA-5. This trail is the most viable route for mauka-makai public access in the subdivision project area. This trail should be designated with a "PA" easement. The gaps in the trail data should be connected to the existing data and given an easement width that corresponds to the Archaeological Preservation Plan and Public Access Plan.

Coastal Ala Loa: Along ASP-4, mid way between the "King's Trail", or PA-1, and the makai boundary of Lot 1, within Lot 12, is the coastal ala loa. The trail begins at ASP-4 and travels north through Lots 5, 6, and 12. The trail is identified on the map as "Preservation Site (Trail)". The trail does not show up in the inset and has no ASP number. This trail should be considered the coastal public access trail and designated with a "PA" easement. The gaps in the trail data should be connected to the existing data and given an easement width that corresponds to the Archaeological Preservation Plan and Public Access Plan. A minimum 10 ft easement is recommended however this may vary depending on other archaeological sites preserved within Lot 12. This trail is a critical part of the Ala Kahakai NHT and should be included in the Na Ala Hele and Ala Kahakai NHT Trail systems.

I have attached a pdf of the subdivision map highlighting the prehistoric/historic trails discussed above.

Please ensure that a Public Access Plan and Archaeological Preservation Plan are completed prior to the approval of the Final Subdivision map ((SUB 06-435) TMK 8-7-05:001, 002, 010 through 019)

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Rick

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Subject

Foti Subdivision at Alae

Aloha Rick and Irving,

I've just received a revised FPM for the Foti subdivision and notice that we still only have lateral access (Esmnt. PA-1) somewhat along the shoreline/pali over the portion of the King's Trail that terminates at P.P.

S-8674, L.C. Aw. 8673 Ap. 2 to Kaoo. I share the concern Irving previously shared with me that none of the SPA easements provides connection with the shoreline, particularly in the few areas where the ocean is accessible. As I understand the terrain, the lateral trail should also traverse laterally along the shoreline/pali to the north property line even though the high pali is along the shoreline in that area.

Since you guys have been on the ground here, can you confirm this isn't really a problem since the shoreline/coastal pali is further mauka than depicted on the FPM?

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