

**MAUI REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 18, 2011**

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Maui Redevelopment Agency (Agency) was called to order by Mr. Robert Horcajo, Chair, at 1:03 p.m. Friday, March 18, 2011, in the Planning Conference Room, First Floor, Kalana Pakui Building, 250 South High Street, Island of Maui.

A quorum of the Agency was present (see Record of Attendance.)

Mr. Robert Horcajo: I'd like to call the March 18, 2011 meeting of the Maui Redevelopment Agency to order. We do have a quorum today. Present is our Vice-Chair Katharine Popenuk, Alexa Betts Basinger, Warren Suzuki and myself, Chair Robert Horcajo. Also Michael Hopper is here as Counsel, Erin Wade as Small Town Planner, and Leilani Ramoran as our clerical staff.

Alright, Chair would like to open the floor for public testimony. You have three minutes to testify. At two minutes and thirty seconds Leilani will mention that it's two minutes and thirty seconds. I will ask you conclude your testimony at three minutes. You can testify on any agenda item at this point in time or when the item comes up. Is there any members from the public who would want to testify at this point in time? Please step forward and say your name; and if you represent a group, who you represent please.

B. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Mr. Lloyd Poelman: My name is Lloyd Poelman, and I'm representing myself. It's like old home for me to be back in this room. It looks a little different. The furniture is a little newer, the blinds are newer, and faces are slightly different other than Alexa. And I was once a member of the Maui Redevelopment Agency. And I thought when I was on it that I would like to periodically at least come back once in a while and give any insight that I might have having had the experience that I had five years as a member.

I spoke with Alexa the other week and she mentioned how there's now movement again maybe on the parking structure. And as I reminisce back what I felt like the things we did of significance when I was on the Maui Redevelopment Agency, I have to say that I think the most important function that the Maui Redevelopment Agency preforms is on the oversight of the design review, when new construction is being built or proposed to be built in Wailuku that needs to come before this committee for aesthetic review basically. And when I was on the committee there was a lot of discussion about possibly amending the design guidelines to make it even more specific and make them kind of plantation style. At that point in time we resisted that idea. We felt that some of the uniqueness of Wailuku, it's character, was the variety and hodge podge nature of the different construction. Those were our thoughts we had then. Whether they're still relevant to you today, I'm just offering

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to you what our experience was at that time.

The things that I felt like we did that were important would be things such as when the Lokahi Pacific Building was being constructed. We gave a waiver to their need to have any archeological report because we felt that would be an unnecessary expense given the fact that that area of Wailuku was . . . (inaudible) . . . that there wouldn't be anything productive by having an archeological dig necessary because that was new land there any way. And so it just seemed like an expense that we wanted that construction to be able to avoid.

Every time I go by some areas where maybe a new building where there's a little more parking lot and I actually see some free parking, I remember how diligent we were and aggressive we were in trying to make certain that we gave fewer waivers that had been done in the past as far as parking. Because that was a big issue that had been created because there had been too much liberal granting of parking variances in the past.

Back to the final thing I want to talk about today is on the parking structure. When I testified as a possible applicant to the Maui Redevelopment Agency about eight minutes ago – I mean eight years ago, I talked about the parking structure, and how I felt like that was an important thing, and I felt as though we have some control and impact in regard to that. I think the most important thing the Maui Redevelopment Agency can do in regard to that is if you're in support of it, let that be known. But also be careful not to make it seem as though you can spear head the creation of that happening because you're really limited. And I felt at times that people looked to us to augment things to make things happen, and we were really limited and sometimes I felt like we were a part of the problem and that people were expecting us to do when we had very little ability to accomplish a lot.

Mr. Horcajo: Lloyd, can you conclude your testimony please?

Mr. Poelman: That's the end of my testimony. Thank you.

Mr. Horcajo: Well, thank you very much. Any questions members of Lloyd Poelman?

Ms. Alexa Betts Basinger: You know Lloyd, I want to thank you for coming and saying those things about the MRA, and could you come back next month and say the exact same thing because we're having orientation for two new members? Thank you.

Mr. Poelman: Thank you.

Mr. Horcajo: Thank you.

Mr. Poelman: Thank you.

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Mr. Horcajo: Any other members of the public who would want to testify at this point in time? Okay, next agenda item C, resolutions thanking outgoing members myself and Raymond Phillips. Raymond is not here. He resigned for his health reason, I guess, about two meetings ago. I'm going to say personally I don't feel like you need to read something on me because I just did this last year, but you can read it on Raymond. Go ahead if you want to.

C. RESOLUTIONS THANKING OUTGOING MEMBERS – CHAIR ROBERT HORCAJO AND RAYMOND PHILLIPS

Ms. Erin Wade: Okay.

“Resolution of the Maui Redevelopment Agency
Whereas, the Maui Redevelopment Agency was established in 1964; and
Whereas, Mr. Robert Horcajo has served the County of Maui since July 2008 as a member of the Maui Redevelopment Agency; and
Whereas, Mr. Horcajo has served as Vice-Chair of the Maui Redevelopment Agency from April 2009 through March 2010; and Chair of the Maui Redevelopment Agency from March 2010 through March 2011; and
Whereas, Mr. Horcajo has served the Maui Redevelopment Agency with dedication and provided valuable guidance in serving the needs of the people of the County of Maui; therefore
Be it resolved that the Maui Redevelopment Agency hereby expresses its deepest gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Horcajo for his service for the past three years and does hereby extend its best wishes in his future endeavors; and
Be it further resolved that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Alan Arakawa, Mayor of the County of Maui; and the Honorable Danny Mateo, Council Chair of the Maui County Council.”

And we need signatures from you folk for this one.

“Resolution of the Maui Redevelopment Agency.
Whereas, The Maui Redevelopment Agency was established in 1964; and
Whereas, Mr. Raymond Phillips has served the County of Maui since July 2007 as a member of the Maui Redevelopment Agency; and
Whereas, Mr. Phillips has served the Maui Redevelopment Agency with dedication and provided valuable guidance in serving the needs of the people of the County of Maui; and

Whereas, Mr. Phillips's term of office expires on March 31, 2011; now therefore

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Be it resolved that the Maui Redevelopment Agency hereby expresses its deepest gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Phillips for his service during the past three and a half years and does hereby extend its best wishes in his future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Alan Arakawa, Mayor of the County of Maui; and the Honorable Danny Mateo, Council Chair of the Maui County Council.”

Mr. Horcajo: Alright. Thank you very much. I guess the Chair will open it up to any public testimony on this agenda item if there is any. Okay, we're onto design review, agenda item (E). Erin, if you can get started I guess. I see Tina is here, I believe.

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS (none)

E. DESIGN REVIEW

- 1. MS. TINA LIA, DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR FOR COMMUNITY WORK DAY PROGRAM requesting for an extension of the pilot project to place cigarette ash receptacles as a streetscape element, on Market Street, Wailuku, Island of Maui, HI 96793 TMK (2) 3-4-013:999 (por) (MRA 2010/0006). (E. Wade)**

Ms. Wade: Yes. The first agenda item we have today is for the Community Work Day project, the cigarette litter collection program. As you folks know back about six months ago you approved a design review application for the placement of cigarette receptacles along Market Street. And the approval was a six month pilot project. They're here today to request an extension of that, of the project, so I'll have Tina explain more for you.

Ms. Tina Lia: Aloha. So, yes, we're here today because our –

Mr. Horcajo: So, Tina, I'm sorry, just for the record, if you can just say your name and –

Ms. Lia: I'm Tina Lia with Community Work Day Program, and we're here today again to request an extension of our six month pilot project on Market Street. We've installed the receptacles on September 28, 2010, so the project is due to be six months towards the end of this month, on the 28th. And we would be looking to request permanent placement if that was a consideration, but at this time, if we could request at least an extension of the program, and consideration of permanent placement as we move forward.

We've had really good figures from our cigarette litter counts that we've done. Initially in June of 2010, prior to installing the receptacles, we had counted 627 cigarette butts on the

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street and in the gutters along Market Street, just between Main Street and Vineyard. And our follow up scan in November 2010, we were down to 449 butts on the streets and in the gutters, so that was a 28% decrease in the cigarette litter in Wailuku in that target area. And we did another scan the end of December 2010, and we picked up 255 cigarette butts, so 59% decrease. And I will let you know that I actually was the person on all three of those scan, so I can tell you the numbers were accurate. I physically was there picking up the cigarette butts. We did remove them as we were picking them up. And we've had a lot of support from our task force. We've got community leaders, government, media, business. Of course, we have Jocelyn Perreira from Wailuku Main Street Association has been a very strong supporter of our program for many years, and specifically of this program, and we do really appreciate that. And we also have former Mayor Tavares on our task force, and Council Member Victorino among other people, government officials, and media and business, and the community.

We've been doing out reach at Wailuku First Friday where we distribute these pocket ash trays which are for people to dispose of their cigarette litter when a receptacle is not available, and we've gotten a lot of good feed back from people. They're really excited about it when they find out what it is. You know, we have them on the table, and they'll say, what's that, and a lot of people who aren't smokers but they'll pick one up for somebody that they know or in their family that is a smoker, so we're hoping that we're also helping, you know, throughout the community with the cigarette litter and we want to try to expand that as well. And we've been doing some public service announcements, and, you know, moving forward, that's something that we really want to focus on is making sure that people know where the receptacles are, what the program is about, and how harmful cigarette litter is to the environment, specifically the marine environment because that's where it often ends up because of the rain and wind, and it goes into the storm drains, and that's where it does end up. And a lot of marine animals will eat it. It thinks it's food. And there's a lot of chemicals in there, and so that's a big focus of our program is to protect the marine environment, and the environment in general. So this is tied into that, not just with picking up the litter off the streets itself, but where it finally does end up.

I also had began a Market Street survey of the merchants in the area because I wanted to get feedback directly from the people that see the receptacles everyday and know exactly how people are using them, and any concerns that they might have. So, we came up with a survey, and recently went down to Market Street and talked to as many of the merchants as were available. I'll say, everyone but one person gave us mostly positive feedback. They were very supportive of the program. They felt like it was a really positive step towards keeping Wailuku area clean, and they said they had seen a lot of people using the receptacles. They felt like the placement of them next to the benches was very effective, and that it's a great start and it's a really important program worth continuing. So, most of the merchants said that they would support continuing the program. In fact, there was just one specific merchant and I have his name in here, if you require that, but if anyone had

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question about that, who was not supportive of it. And we actually are considering his concerns, you know, because we don't want to affect the merchants or the community if they have specific concerns about placement of receptacles. We want to respect that in moving forward.

And also looking at future development of the program. Some of the things that we're looking at primarily, the main concern of the merchants, while they were supportive, several merchants mentioned that people are opening the receptacles and that's a problem. And we have noticed, that, you know, sometimes the tops would be askew and we're wondering, you know, well what's going on. And so this last time when I had gone down to do the surveys, I kind of just observed a little and I did get the impression that maybe people were opening the receptacles to smoke the cigarette butts. The homeless were doing that, and so that was some of the feedback that I got from the merchants. So, the main thing that we want to do moving forward if we are given, you know, allowed to continue the program, is to find a way to lock the receptacles. And we've discussed different ways we can do that. We don't want it to be unappealing to the aesthetics, and it doesn't have to be a really big lock or anything like that. It just has to be some way to keep the tops on there and then go from there and see if that resolves the issue because we don't want people putting the receptacles, putting things in there that shouldn't be in there or taking things out. We don't want the litter coming back out when the point is to contain it. So that is our main focus right now. We also want to look into doing some signage on the receptacles that identifies the program so that people know this is a cigarette litter prevention program and it would have Community Work Day Program's name on there and phone number in case there were any concerns that people could talk to us directly and we could come down and address those.

And we are looking also at having merchants and community members adopt the receptacles. Several merchants during the survey said that they would be open to that. And so, as we look forward to continuing we would pursue that and see if we could get, you know solid agreements from those merchants or other community members to adopt a specific receptacle. Today when we were out we did visit the area to, you know, make sure that everything was being up kept in the last couple of weeks. And I noticed that the tops are all secured. And I had asked merchants that day during the survey, about six weeks ago, if one of things they could do was to just keep an eye on them for us. And if they see a top not secured, please secure it, and to call us if they saw anything, you know, that they were concerned about. And all the tops were secured today and that's the first time truthfully that I've been down there not one top was askew. So I think just talking to people more and making sure that we're interacting with those merchants that are there everyday and getting feedback from them is one of the most important parts of the program.

And we've also had interest from the community from people that work in different areas of our program of expanding. And some of the places mentioned were Kihei, Lahaina,

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Paia, Puunene and Kahului. So we have specific sites that we could expand to if we keep observing and feel like we understand what we need to do. We don't want to expand until we know some of the logistics until of where we want to go with it. So this pilot project is really important because it's letting us work out things like locking the tops, and you know, what we need to do to make sure it's a really effective program and that the community is happy with it.

We also have an updated maintenance plan that we submitted with our request. And, again, Community Work Day will ultimately take responsibility for the maintenance of the receptacles for as long as the program continues on Market Street. We're going to, again, try to get maintenance contracts or adopt a receptacle agreements with different people. But even in that case, we would still be responsible ultimately for the maintenance.

And we have complied with all the MRA requirements over the last six months. We've done the follow up scan and we will be doing another scan at the end of the month. And we have provided comprehensive liability insurance naming County of Maui as the additional insured and we would, of course, continue to do that. And we have submitted our regular compliance reports. So we're just asking, we want to first thank you, thank the MRA for allowing us to establish this program, and to learn what we need to learn about it before we expand. And if we are not able to move forward in that area, I still want to give a big thank you from Community Work Day.

Mr. Horcajo: Thank you very much Tina. I'm going to open the floor to public testimony first, I guess. And we'll call you back up as well. Okay, is there any public testimony on this agenda item, please step forward.

Ms. Jocelyn Perreira: I'm waiting because they talking. Okay. Jocelyn Perreira. Wailuku Main Street Association/Tri-Isle Main Street Resource Center. What we would like to say on this project is that we're pleased that this project came to fruition. I want to acknowledge Vilma Santos, the late Vilma Santos, McWayne Santos, who was the Chair of the Wailuku Main Street Association and this was her original baby that finally has come to fruition. It was our pleasure to work with the Community Work Day to make this project develop and come to the position that it has. We appreciate the support of the Maui Redevelopment Agency and we are looking forward to pilot projects in other communities that we already had discussions about. So we are really pleased that Wailuku, as most of our projects, has served as a pilot for projects. If something can work here in Wailuku, then most likely we'll be able to work elsewhere, and this is a clear example of that. So I want to thank those involved with the Community Work Day most especially, our pleasure and delight. And I also want to put in a little for Jan Dapitan who was also involved in this at some point. Thank you.

Mr. Horcajo: Any questions for testifier Jocelyn of Wailuku Main Street? Any other public

testimony on this agenda item, please step forward?

Mr. August Percha: My name is August Percha. I want to testify on this communication. Is it the proper time?

Mr. Horcajo: Probably not. Which one is that now? If you can wait until we start our Planning Department update, (G), that would probably be the appropriate time. If you don't mind, okay?

Mr. Percha: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Horcajo: Thank you. Any other public testimony on agenda item (E), regarding the receptacles please step forward.

Ms. Yuki Lei Sugimura: Yuki Lei Sugimura. I just would like to also encourage the Council. As I walk on Market Street pretty often that the ash trays, or whatever the containers are, are on property. And also the old planters that I keep on talking about. I hope one day that disappears because that's also used as an ash tray, as you may know, as you walk on the street. So please one day put that on your completed list. I know it is in the process, but thanks.

Mr. Horcajo: Any questions for the testifier? Thank you very much. Are there any other public testimony on agenda item (E) please? No? Okay, Tina, if you can step forward please, in case the members have any questions for you. Any questions, members, of Tina?

Ms. Betts Basinger: I do. Thanks so much. That was a very comprehensive report. The one concern that I had had when you first came before us to model this project was that they were placed so close to the benches that I saw like these smokers congregating and taking up all the seats, and I'm glad to know that hasn't been a complaint at all. That makes me feel real good.

And I do want to follow up on another testifier's comments too because it was a question I had. I think you're so diligent to be picking up all those butts from the street yourself, but how many of them are in those planters? I mean, have you looked or examined?

Ms. Lia: Yeah, I actually have been the one who's been primarily maintaining the – oh, in the planters.

Ms. Betts Basinger: In the planters themselves.

Ms. Lia: I'm sorry. You know, people are using the planter as an ash tray, that's true, but

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it doesn't seem as much, I think, as we don't count those because they're not on the street or in the gutters. That's not part of our program. But we do look, and today, we kind of cleaned those out a little bit to make sure because we have heard there was a concern about it, and to get an idea of how much they were being used. And they are being used some more than others. There seems to be a specific, a couple of planters that are being used. The other ones are not as much, and we didn't physically count them. But if that was something that you wanted us to look into, it's certainly a part of our program, to pick up litter.

Ms. Betts Basinger: One last question Chair.

Mr. Horcajo: Yes, just quickly real quick. I guess the Chair wants to make a comment that if any members of the audience needs to speak, maybe will walk outside or sit in the back. It's disturbing some of the members here, okay. Alright, go ahead.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Thank you Chair. I really like the fact, I like the fact that you're liaison with the merchants, and how you've gotten them to step up to, you know, looking out for the one that's closest to their shop. You mentioned that all of the response you've got from the community, there was only one negative response. But I don't want you to name the merchant. But, what was the concern?

Ms. Lia: One of his concerns was that the receptacles were being opened, of course. And I think it's because it's so close to the opening of his store, and it looks like he doesn't have maybe air-conditioning and he keeps the door open. So that's why we do want to consider things like that. And as I looked around, and I thought nobody has mentioned this. I realized that they all had air-conditioning and closed doors, and maybe we do need to think about relocating that receptacle because I don't want smoke blowing into his store if he's someone who regularly keeps his door open. Those were some of his concerns. I think, you know, a little bit was worrying that people might put things into the receptacles. You know, different possibilities that hadn't actually happens, but he just doesn't want the receptacle there. Which is understandable, and we would definitely consider that. We don't want to, you know, have a program that is negatively affecting anybody.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Thanks Tina. I, for one, am in favor of extending this program especially because you commented that it is leading to inquires about people wanting it in other places, and following up with what Vilma had started many years ago. Thank you.

Mr. Horcajo: Members?

Mr. Warren Suzuki: In my recollection I raised this question when this issue was first discussed in terms of what are the legal law requirements relative to smoking distance from a building? Is it –

Mr. Horcajo: I believe it's 20-feet.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Yeah.

Mr. Suzuki: I guess my question – and not trying to make it difficult – but are the receptacles within 20-feet of that particular building that the individual is raising a question? Because I'm concerned about, again, legal implications. You know, by we approving, are we putting ourselves in a position where we could face a legal complaint against us?

Ms. Betts Basinger: I remember your concern, and I believe that it was responded to in the placement. But I don't know if you actually measured. But hearing the complaint from this one merchant where it's very close to their front door, I would wonder if it meets that distance.

Ms. Lia: We haven't physically measured them, and maybe that's something that we need to do. I haven't noticed people congregating at the receptacles and they're fairly frequently to do the scans and the pick up of the litter. Today when we were emptying the receptacles, the people that were sitting on the benches were not smoking. And some of them, they commented on, you know, the receptacles being there, and what we were doing and things like that. But it doesn't seem like people are actually congregating at the receptacles themselves to smoke. But again I'm not there. Maybe that's something we need to add to our survey to the merchants and find out if it is an issue to do with the distance.

Mr. Horcajo: Well, maybe this is a question for Counsel here. Do you have any opinion?

Mr. Michael Hopper: Well, just off hand, the law, as I understand it, doesn't prohibit you from putting a receptacle up to 20-feet. It would prohibit the smoking. If someone is going to say, hey, you encouraged it by putting it there, I mean, I don't know. You obviously don't have the authority to allow someone to smoke within 20-feet. That's the State law anyway. I mean, I understand this project has an insurance policy where the County is named as an additional insured, so that's typical of projects like this to protect the County in case there be a lawsuit for approval. But, again, you're not approving the right for someone to smoke there. They could smoke outside of that area, you know, put out the cigarette and then put it in the receptacle there theoretically. If you think you don't want them within 20-feet of the building, you could have that as a requirement, as I understand it. I don't know if that's possible. It might not be. But, you know, I'm not an expert on that State law. We could certainly contact either the State Attorney General, or the Department that's in charge enforcing it, Police, and see if, you know, there's any problems that you want to follow up. That's just way outside. I do primarily planning and land use, so that's a bit outside of my expertise. But, I mean, putting receptacle is not saying you can smoke in that area, necessarily, of 20-feet. So, that's where I would leave it from my own perspective.

Mr. Horcajo: Any other questions for Tina?

Ms. Katharine Popenuk: I just wanted to thank you in general for Community Work Day's efforts, all the things that you do.

Ms. Lia: Thank you.

Mr. Horcajo: So I have some questions. First, I guess, how long of an extension are you folks asking for? Is it six months? Is it more? Is it less?

Ms. Lia: Well, we're looking at permanent placement so the length of an extension that you would feel is appropriate. If we could try it maybe for a year, that might be a way to move forward with it.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay. Second question is, how many, I guess, do you plan on expanding the amount of receptacles or just keeping what you have there?

Ms. Lia: Right now we were planning to just keep what we have there and consider relocation of at least the one receptacle, but it's a possibility that we would want to expand the number of receptacles at some point. We don't have any plans for that right now until we resolve some of the other concerns. But we've seen other areas where it might be good to have one, and one place would be at the end of Market Street on the Vineyard corner where there's a park, and there seems to be a lot of cigarette litter in that spot. And there are only two receptacles on that side of the street, so that's the first place that we're looking. But that might also be where we could relocate the receptacle that is causing an issue for one of the merchants. So, as far as expanding, we haven't talked about more receptacles at this point.

Mr. Horcajo: And my third question, my last question, is has there been any damaged receptacles, and/or you folks feel comfortable with the quality of what's on the street now? . . . (Inaudible) . . . about the quality.

Ms. Lia: Yeah, I'm fairly satisfied with it. I think it fits the aesthetics. My main concern from the beginning was that the tops were able to come off too easily. So if we can resolve that, I think that so far there hasn't been anything damaged or missing from any of the receptacles. And if we can get them secured, I think that would make that even more – it would be an even more secured program. And the receptacles themselves would be more something that we were satisfied with rather looking for a different type. We had considered metal, but they're a lot more expensive. And I had gotten a comment about the metal from Rene Mansho at Hammerhead Metal that sometimes people take metal. You know, if they see something metal, they might try a little bit harder to take out and get a return on it. So that's something we're think about too. So, for now, we are pretty satisfied

with them for now. If we can get them secured again.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay. So I guess we want to make – someone needs to make a motion, and we vote on it. Is that right?

Ms. Wade: Yes.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay. Go ahead, Erin.

Ms. Betts Basinger: I do have one last question before you make your comment, and either of you can answer Erin. Did this require a permit to place these on the street?

Ms. Lia: No. Actually, the only requirement was to get approval from MRA.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Okay.

Ms. Wade: The only comment I would have is if we did a one year extension, if that's what you folks were looking to do, that we ask them to come back to us, if your hoping to put signage. Then perhaps what we can do is work together. We're working on an interpretative sign for Maui Nui Botanical. Any way, maybe we can incorporate like a community partners sort of a sign. And it would give you a greater opportunity to explain the program a little bit more in depth, and what your mission is and that sort of thing.

Ms. Lia: Okay. It sounds great.

Ms. Wade: Maybe we can work together on that.

Mr. Horcajo: So I guess I have maybe one more comment about the motion when we get into it, but should we be –. You folks made a report to us after three months. Is that correct?

Ms. Lia: Yes.

Mr. Horcajo: So, is that something we want to do, every three months? Or if we extend for year, every six months?

Ms. Betts Basinger: I would like to see the reports continue at least every three months simply because I would like to follow the lowered count of litter. And I know that something is going to be happening with those larger planters that will eliminate them from being ash trays. So I would like to see the reports come in.

Mr. Horcajo: Why don't you make a motion about the whole thing? Excuse me.

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Mr. Hopper: Just quickly, Erin, this approval, do you have list of like conditions somewhere, or was the original one listed out. I have the letter here. I wanted to see if everyone understood, (a), if there were conditions, and (b), to what extent would they need to incorporate them into a motion? Would they need verbally write out every condition, or mention, verbally write out, verbally mention every conditions, or are they written out already where they could say, as recommended by the Department with additional conditions or something like that.

Ms. Wade: Right. Yes. There were conditions of approval with the original permit. And essentially I would recommend that all of those conditions remain the same. That we require them to use the receptacle that they have selected and that is on the street. That they be a fixed to the pavement. That the litter receptacles shall be maintained by Community Work Day or your merchant partners. That you maintain the liability insurance. That you have full compliance with the applicable government requirements. That the scan report is provided, right now it says every three months. And finally that following the completion of, and whatever you determine to be the term, this one was a six month trial period, receptacle shall be removed or the applicant shall request an extension. So you can use those.

Mr. Suzuki: Mr. Chair? Maybe if we could ask Erin to – I mean, I realize she read the conditions from the prior approval that was granted, but based upon the comment that were made by agency members, Erin can make the recommendation incorporating the duration of this approval, the three month interval reporting, and whatever other conditions. Then, we as a member can so move to accept the recommendation. Is that okay?

Mr. Horcajo: Is that okay from staff. Go ahead.

Ms. Betts Basinger: I have one comment, Chair, that I'd like to make, directed to you. I think it was that condition that they comply with all applicable State and County conditions that addressed your issue about the distance. I remember.

Ms. Wade: Okay, so it would be these seven conditions. And from what I've heard that the litter scan report would be provided again every three months. And that following the completion of the one year trial period, the receptacles shall be removed, or they shall apply for an extension.

Ms. Betts Basinger: So move.

Mr. Horcajo: Is there a second?

Ms. Popenuk: Seconded.

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Mr. Horcajo: Any discussion? Further discussion? Questions? All in favor say aye.

Agency Members: “Aye.”

Mr. Horcajo: Any opposed? No abstentions. Tina, thank you very much. The board has extended for one year subject to the conditions.

It was moved by Ms. Alexa Betts Basinger, seconded by Ms. Katharine Popenuk, then

VOTED: to approve a one year extension subject to the seven original conditions as discussed.

Ms. Lia: Thank you very much. We appreciate that.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay, thank you.

Ms. Wade: And I’ll make sure the letter is addressed to Community Work Day this day. You’re welcome. I addressed it to her personally the last time.

F. MAUI REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BUSINESS

- 1. Wailuku Municipal Parking Structure update and discussion on the parking structure project including parking management plan, project site, project design, project schedule and other related issues. (Morgan Gerdel, AIA, Parking Structure Coordinator)**

Mr. Horcajo: Okay, members of the public, we are now on agenda item F, Maui Redevelopment Agency Business. First on that agenda item is an update to the Wailuku Municipal Parking Structure update, and Morgan Gerdel is here from Nishikawa and Associates.

Mr. Morgan Gerdel: Alright. Good afternoon members. Morgan Gerdel with Nishikawa Architects. I’m the project coordinator for the Wailuku Municipal Parking Lot Project. I have a brief update for you. Design work for the parking structure is continuing according to the consultant’s team schedule that they previously submitted. And a public informational meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 18, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. The consultant team is also proposing to request approval of the design elements from the Maui Redevelopment Agency at it’s regular meeting scheduled for the next day, May 19th.

We’re also working with Andy Miller of Downtown Planning and Parking Associates. He

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will be returning to Maui on March 28th to continue mapping and survey work for the parking management plan. He's intending on creating a comprehensive map of Wailuku parking inventory in a GIS form, which is geographical information systems, and that can be given to the County to use for future planning efforts. He's also looking at doing a couple of Parking 101 presentations to illustrate ways that parking can be planned for a successful downtown. And the preliminary projection for his schedule is to complete the documents and parking management plan by June 2011. The parking management plan can demonstrate how intelligent planning of the parking in the downtown area will encourage revitalization of Wailuku. And the strategies has really helped to show the benefits to the existing businesses and how to use that plan to promote development and invest in the downtown.

I guess I can also add that we're working on initial list of interim parking locations during the construction of the parking structure. And I'm working with the owners to shorten that list of the most practicable alternatives that could be used for the interim parking and I'll be meeting with Public Works and Planning next month to finalize that list.

And I've included an updated status report. There hasn't been any major changes. We just added a little more information to the parking management section to show when Andy will be visiting to do his mapping and presentations, and then the finalizing of the parking management plan will continue after that. That's about all I have to present.

Mr. Horcajo: Thank you. I'm going to open up the floor to any public testimony first if you don't mind. Members of the public, does anyone want to testify on this agenda item?

Ms. Perreira: Jocelyn Perreira, Wailuku Main Street Association Inc/Tri-Isle Main Street Resource Center. Celebrating 25 years of service to Wailuku and small towns. I am very pleased with Morgan Gerdel's report. It was very thorough. I had the pleasure of meeting with Andy Miller, and we spent a lot good quality time talking about the issues relating to downtown parking and the, I guess we kind of hit it off in many different ways because he's a very direct person. And we didn't minced words, and we cut to the chase, and got to the point where there are things that needs to get done. And it's not just a question of people trying to vie for credit of who does what, but really what is in the best interest. Now we are anxious to see his work. And the only area that we might have of concern from our organization is we did discuss the fact that he was given some submittals to review. And one of them amongst was the SMS survey which has been disputed by Main Street, and by the Maui Redevelopment Agency for it's accuracy. So, I am very hopeful that he's going to collect some of his own information. We have opened our files, given him unlimited access, so hopefully – and we've also supplied him with copies of our proposed parking management plan which we have provided to the Maui Redevelopment Agency on various projects and it's very different junctures. But I'm very pleased that he's taking this direction. Thank you MRA for supporting this. We believe that this will go a long way in helping us

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to get the parking structure completed. Mahalo.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay. Any questions for Jocelyn, Wailuku Main Street? Any other public testimony on this agenda item?

Mr. Percha: I'm August Percha. I'm an architect. I'm also the person who produced that drawing you all have been looking at, of the parking lot. Now, that's 11 years old now. And I jumped up to testify because maybe it's worth rethinking. Maybe it's time this come and gone with gas the way that it is. Maybe a smart person would look at that 200 cars and realize that they're on an irritating slope. That's a big problem for a lot of people. And that by just building another level over it, leveling that one, and accessing it off of Market Street, and then accessing the upper level off of Church, it would be a lot easier to build, a lot less destructive. And we've doubled, essentially, the parking which is something we need.

Mr. Horcajo: Any questions for the testifier? August, please, one question and then I have a question too actually.

Mr. Warren Suzuki: Yeah August, thank for coming to testify. I guess what I'm struggling with is that you indicated at the start of your testimony that you were the designer for the parking structure.

Mr. Percha: I didn't say that. I said what I did was the drawings that illustrate. I didn't design it.

Mr. Suzuki: Okay.

Mr. Percha: I just did a drawing to illustrate.

Mr. Suzuki: And that was –

Mr. Percha: And at that point there was no pictures drawn yet.

Mr. Suzuki: But is that what we are using in doing the final design?

Ms. Betts Basinger: Wendy is here if you want to use her as a resource.

Mr. Horcajo: . . . (inaudible) . . .

Mr. Percha: That's what was used essentially to get the seed money that you are all working with now.

Mr. Suzuki: Okay. Then I guess my question is then, you then commented about coming

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up with additional stalls, you know, more cost effective. So I'm struggling that a design is going forward which may not be the best design. It may not be the most cost effective, so I'm kind of struggling with that. But in any case, you know, I'll speak to Wendy later about it more directly. Thank you.

Mr. Horcajo: Any other questions? August, I have a question. I just want to, I guess, conceptualize. What you're suggesting is that you basically go lower the grade so that it's leveled coming in from Market. And from Church, there would be one level.

Mr. Percha: Well, you go into the little chute that's between the bank and the law office.

Mr. Horcajo: Sure. Right.

Mr. Percha: But you can also access off of the existing drive on Vineyard Street. And by, you know, doing the grading you've got 200 spaces essentially untouched, and then above, another 200 spaces. And they would both be –. And then in the process of thinking that through, I think people could be an inventive and think outside of that little box. But at least it would be on the shoulder of 400 cars easily done because a vertical parking structure you've got to command the entire site during the entire operation. But a garage built like 20 feet by 20 feet by 20 feet, you can start using the other end before the other end is even finished. And they do this with tunnel forms, and it's really quite possible.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay. Thank you very much. Alright, any other testifiers for this agenda item, please step forward. Alright, Morgan, can you please step up again? Members, any question of Morgan's report, spread sheet, status report?

Ms. Betts Basinger: I do Chair.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Thank you. Morgan, thank you for your report. You said that regarding the interim parking plan, then construction, that you were working with owners. What owners?

Mr. Gerdel: I guess I'm working with the property owners. What we did is we looked at the tax map keys of vacant properties, or even properties that may have a small structure within walking distance of the lot. And we've been contacting them, seeing which ones may be the best options for narrow parking.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Thank you for that, and thank you for doing that work. Would you be willing to share those tax map key numbers with the MRA?

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Mr. Gerdel: Yeah, I think at the next meeting I'll have a more comprehensive response so I can share kind of the process we went through.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Because that leaves me to my next comment, Chair. In working with Andy, and Andy is going to put in a GIS element. One of the things that this body has wanted to do for quite a while in creating the MRA's inventory of tax map keys within our bounded area is a GIS component. So I'm just throwing this out there. The body hasn't talked about it, but if it could be like an overlay to the GIS. The MRA's bounded tax map key grid.

Ms. Wade: . . . (inaudible) . . .

Ms. Betts Basinger: So, it is included?

Ms. Wade: . . . (inaudible) . . .

Ms. Betts Basinger: Thank you. And then my last comment. Does Andy Miller, has he been given the PUMA study that has the survey that the PUMA organization did?

Mr. Gerdel: He has. Yes.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Okay. Thanks.

Mr. Horcajo: I've got a couple of questions Morgan. I guess, if you can refresh our memory, who is doing the EA for the project?

Mr. Gerdel: The EA is being done Chris Hart & Partners.

Mr. Horcajo: Chris Hart & Partners. Okay, my second, not so much a question, but I guess a comment on the interim parking, I think everybody in this room realizes that there has to be temporary, whatever, parking elsewhere. So I guess I want to make a comment that I'm hoping that as you're talking with Public Works and Planning there is a process by which maybe it's the County that's coming to the MRA to create the process by which they can build interim parking structures. Because if you read our rules now it's not that complicated. Well, it's complicated meaning that they maybe have to get some kind of variance waiver from us here, maybe for paving, but it maybe just gravel lot. So my point being I think it's important you guys, as a whole, look at how you can come to MRA and say hey look, we want this interim parking plan to be approved for not just one lot, but numerous lots, as opposed to the owners coming to us individually saying, hey, you know we want to do this temp parking. So, that's my comment. Just kind of plan for the future in the anticipation of process that has to be done to get the parking built. Does that make sense?

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Mr. Gerdel: Yeah, I think that makes to kind of stream line it so the County is facilitating the approval of the interim parking.

Mr. Horcajo: In the interim. Right, because it could just be gravel.

Mr. Gerdel: Right.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay. Thank you. Any other comments, questions for Morgan? Thank you very much Morgan.

Mr. Gerdel: Okay, thank you.

Mr. Suzuki: I had a question for staff.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Suzuki: At the other meeting, Erin, I was struggling in my mind in terms of, you know, who was really doing what as it relates to the particular project. And at that particular meeting, you know, Wendy provided our body with a lot of information in terms of, you know, what is going on as it relates to the project and the schedule and all that. And I asked the question in terms of the current contract with Nishikawa, you know, really where is the scope, and also the scope as we do somewhat an amended. But I was just kind of curious if you looked at the contract right now, I don't know what the total amount of the contract is. I'm not sure what's remaining as far as the contract. But, as I stated at the last meeting, you know, we need to be very fiscally responsible right now. I don't know if there's a duplication of work. My sense it seems like there is. And if there is, you know, is there an opportunity to take the benefit of the fact that Wendy is here, now in the position that she's in, and maybe save some money on our part and the monies can be used for, you know, more beneficial uses as far as with the MRA. So, I now raise the question – I wasn't present at the last meeting, I apologize for that – but do you have some information that you might be able to share as it relates to the contract that we have?

Ms. Wade: So you're asking what is the scope of Nishikawa currently and what is their funding?

Mr. Suzuki: Right. And what's the time line. Just some general information as it relates to the contract.

Ms. Wade: The scope at this point is the development of the interim parking, and working with the parking management consultant. I do have the contract number. Let's see, the total contract amount is \$201,900. Of that, the MRA has paid \$77,300 and Planning has paid \$5,500, so \$82,800 has gone out. There's remaining, about \$37,000 from the MRA's

budget at this point to be paid as part of the contract.

Mr. Suzuki: And I'm not too sure if we want to question Wendy or not, but, you know, again, as I mentioned because the last meeting that I was present at, it seems like we have two people that essentially are doing the same thing. And then, again, I was concerned about whether or not we have duplicate services, and I don't know. I mean, I'm not sure how best to approach it.

Ms. Wade: Originally when the contract was conceived it was a much broader oversight and management. And, you know, honestly, the Planning Department conceptualized the contract and they're an entity who doesn't generally manage CIP projects. So potentially the scope that was developed wasn't appropriate for the activity that was to be undertaken. And also simultaneously the County hired a CIP Coordinator. So now that we have the CIP Coordinator and Public Works is doing the management of the design component, there is a significantly what was anticipated to be handled by the parking coordinator, the magnitude is significantly less than it had been originally. So, as I said, it's an interim parking plan and the parking management plan essentially.

Mr. Suzuki: So is it possible to ask the Planning Department to go back and look at what the situation is today, and maybe come back to us with a recommendation, you know, given the fact that we have different players that, especially in the capacity of the County right now?

Ms. Wade: Yeah. If you would like to make that recommendation, I can inquire with the Planning.

Mr. Suzuki: Would it possible to do that Chair?

Mr. Horcajo: Sure.

Mr. Suzuki: Maybe at the next meeting we could do that.

Ms. Wade: Certainly.

Mr. Suzuki: Because again, you know, understanding the economic situation, the situation as far as the fiscal responsibility on our part, I want to make sure that, you know, we're not spending money, not unnecessarily, but we use whatever financial resources that we have in the most cost effective way.

Ms. Wade: I would like to add the caveat though, I think the last billing was in October. So, while I said there is \$37,000 of the MRA's money left, we would, regardless, we're anticipating another bill coming in soon. So I'll have better numbers for you probably next

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time, and we'll talk with Planning about that in the interim.

Mr. Suzuki: Shouldn't billings come in on a monthly basis or is that not?

Ms. Wade: I don't know about that. Wendy can talk with you about that.

Mr. Horcajo: Alright, so any other questions for Erin or staff?

Ms. Betts Basinger: Well, I do have a question but maybe I'll wait. I'm trying to understand or go back in my memory about the disparity in the amount paid by MRA versus Planning Department. They paid \$5,500. Is it that they're going to pay a lot more with future billings?

Ms. Wade: They encumbered a lot more.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Okay.

Ms. Wade: Let me see if I can clarify. The Department of Planning has encumbered \$79,900 as part of the originally contract, and \$5,500 as amendment one. And the MRA encumbered \$76,500 as part of the originally contract, and an additional \$40,000. And that's where that little trade occurred. I can't remember exactly what that was about, but there was a \$5,500 trade. So that adds up to the \$201,900.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Horcajo: You want to ask a question of Wendy?

Mr. Suzuki: Yeah.

Ms. Betts Basinger: I do have one another question of staff.

Mr. Horcajo: Excuse me, Wendy, if you could step forward.

Ms. Betts Basinger: The Andy Miller, the parking management study, none of those dollars have been expended yet. Is that correct?

Ms. Wade: I don't know the answer to that.

Ms. Wendy Taomoto: I don't believe they billed us for it yet.

Mr. Horcajo: So you know what, let's have Wendy introduce herself, and then Warren can start asking the questions I guess.

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Ms. Taomoto: Wendy Taomoto, the County CIP Coordinator, in general, not just for this project.

Mr. Horcajo: Go ahead Warren.

Mr. Suzuki: Thank you Wendy. So question Wendy, I'm sure you've heard the comments that were made by August as it relates to the parking structure. And my understanding as far as the parking structure, these are comments that are made to me earlier on when I first started, when we first started moving forward with the design of the structure is that conceptual design is what we work with. And all we do going forward is to come up with the final working drawings based upon the conceptual design. We don't change the conceptual design. That's correct.

Ms. Taomoto: Yeah, the conceptual design that was approved through MRA meetings and actions was option PC-1. The consultant, Allison Ide Structural Engineers and Media 5 Architects is taking option PC-1 which builds up to a four level parking structure. I shouldn't say four level because of the height restriction within this district. It will be maxing out the height limitation in this district. That's one element. And the other element is in option PC-1 is to leave the remnant parcel on the Vineyard side of Pili Street, formerly known as Pili Street vacant for future development that you haven't taken or made a recommendation to anybody on. Those are like just conceptual in the sense you gave certain design elements or criteria for the design team to follow. So the document that, the actual construction documents that are being created will accomplish the major design criteria that you set forth through option PC-1. Granted we are not going to see the exact same number of parking stalls because, you know, the compact ratio wasn't one hard number that you gave us. So we're giving you the best that we think, and you can always of course change the type of stalls. But we're going to provide you a parking structure between Pili Street, where it was formerly Pili Street, and Main Street is where the parking structure will sit. We are leaving the remnant lot as ground level parking.

Mr. Suzuki: Okay. I'll just leave it at that. So, question Wendy, so you mentioned that the contract with the parking management consultant. Has it been executed yet, or not?

Ms. Taomoto: Yeah, the contract – there was a zero dollar contract amount. What we asked Morgan to do was to take out –. I believe you're not going to see it on here any more, but under phase three develop funding strategy, there was an item to come up with funding for this project. And we took that scope of work out of his contract, and replaced it with the parking management plan which is a funding strategy to provide for the future maintenance of this project. Based on discussions we had with Budget Director at that time, Fred Pablo, and Finance Director, Kalbert Young, we didn't need that type of assistance. We have that internally. And I'm still confident with our current budget and

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finance we have that kind of assistance internally.

Mr. Suzuki: So recognizing that there is a consultant for our parking management plan. And it seems like from what Morgan described is that they're doing the interim parking plan.

Ms. Taomoto: No. The parking management plan was something that Erin brought to our attention that didn't exist in either PUMA's study or Nishikawa's contract or included in the design portion. And so I recommended that we utilize Morgan's contract where this funding strategy – and it is a funding element – to swap out the scope of work. So it was zero dollar change order, and it was just a scope change. And Nishikawa agreed, Morgan agreed, and the Planning Department also agreed, so we processed the contract amendment three.

Mr. Suzuki: So the work that Morgan is doing, he just reported that they're looking at different parcels.

Ms. Taomoto: That's part of his basic contract. That was the original scope. The interim parking was a part of his original scope.

Mr. Suzuki: Okay. So he is doing the interim parking plan.

Ms. Taomoto: He is doing it. And if the MRA's approval is – if your guys suggestion is to come the County side, which is what we would recommend also to the MRA to seek approval of all of these interim parking and the improvements needed on those parcels, Morgan will make the application to the MRA, through his scope.

Mr. Suzuki: Because what I'm thinking is that if someone is doing a parking management plan, then you've got to separate interim parking plan. Shouldn't all of that be done together?

Ms. Taomoto: The parking management plan is to look at how we're going to be utilizing the parking once it's constructed. The interim plan – I'm talking like the fee structure, who's going to get charged what, the rate is going to be through either a budget amendment or the annual County Mayor's budget where we're going to propose a fee ordinance. New fees to take in these fee or not. Whatever you folks decide we should make a recommendation to the budget and Mayor for, and Council. That's the parking management plan. His scope does extend further than just the parking structure, and goes along the street in the immediate vicinity including some recommendations for maybe a parking district. But all that he has to develop and see what is appropriate based on how the uniqueness of the town, and he's working on that. The interim parking is strictly –

Mr. Suzuki: During construction.

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Ms. Taomoto: – a short term. A year, year and a half. It's short term, so it's part of his original contract. And it's separate from Andy's work because it's just specifically related to fill the efficiency during construction.

Mr. Suzuki: See again, I apologize, by my –. I guess I was naive in thinking that when they're looking at the parking management plan, they're related to all of Wailuku. You're looking at all of the parking in Wailuku and how everything kind of relates to each and what might be available there. And then you could then look at during construction this is the interim plan based upon what's available and what else might be needed. I guess that's not the case.

Ms. Taomoto: We're looking at two separate. It is together, but it's separate.

Mr. Suzuki: But you're looking at beyond. When you're talking about the parking management plan, it's beyond just the parking structure. It's looking at all the parking.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Yes. The MRA area.

Mr. Suzuki: Yeah, okay.

Ms. Taomoto: The schedule is such that we trying to accomplish both so that we have the parking management component of the parking maintenance, whether it be internal or street, whatever you guys decide, with the construction phase. But like I said, we can build this structure and open it without any fees, which wouldn't require the ordinance. We just have the two hour violation and if the monies collected, it would go to the State, through the Police, through a traffic violation. That's one option. The other option is to develop this parking management plan. So the instructions to Nishikawa to Andy Miller is to try to maintain the same schedule as the construction, the design and anticipated construction commencement.

Mr. Suzuki: Right. But where I'm coming from Wendy is that if, I guess, the consultant that's doing the parking management plan, looking at the parking structure and all the parking within the MRA area, doesn't it make more sense for them to look at the interim parking situation? Because they have a broader understanding of what's here now, what is going to be available when the parking structure is under construction, and what else might be needed. And ultimately it goes back to the structure team. I'm kind of struggling having to piece meal, but that's just my thinking.

Ms. Taomoto: I know you are, but it's totally two separate things. Because he's not looking at parking, vacant parcels within Wailuku to develop more parking lots. And that's what we're looking at – looking at developing temporary parking lots in the vicinity of the parking structure to not have as much impact. To reduce the impact to the businesses that we're

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going to impact, and also to find, to fill the void for the government parking, we're going to be taking away when we shut down the lot. And we're looking at creating interim parking lots, or creating one or multiple to fill what we close down within this municipal lot. He's looking at how are you going to operate the structure, how are you going to man it. Whether it's going to be automated, no –

Mr. Suzuki: But that's not what Erin said.

Ms. Wade: No. We're saying the same thing. It's just –. I mean, it will be district wide. He is looking at – like he's talking about the mapping. You know Morgan said he's going to do a map that identifies all the parking resources within the community. But it's also going to provide the fee structure and strategy for the parking structure.

Mr. Suzuki: So it's a lot broader. Not just limited to the parking structure.

Ms. Wade: Correct. Yeah. Considering Wailuku has a parking district.

Ms. Taomoto: But to some extent Erin. Not to the extent maybe he's expecting it. To some extent he will look at the whole district. But one of his things that he needs to come up with, deliver, is the management plan for the structure. And then we also then said by the way, can you just look at create a parking district outside of the structure plus surrounding streets make sense. The interim parking is looking at leasing private property for short term construction. That's not what he's looking at.

Mr. Suzuki: I understand that.

Ms. Taomoto: That's why I'm saying, it's two separate things.

Mr. Suzuki: Right, right. I realize that. But maybe as part of, you know, I guess the question Erin you know if you can get together with Wendy and just kind of look at the whole scope and everything in general and recognizing. Because Wendy is in a position that she's very capable. I realize that. But maybe you can come back to us with a recommendation based upon discussions. Again, we use our financial resources in a most cost effective way, and that's all I'm asking.

Ms. Wade: Well, I wrote the initial scope so I think it's still relatively –. I mean, I don't think you folks changed that.

Ms. Taomoto: Morgan's scope?

Ms. Wade: No, the parking management plan.

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Ms. Taomoto: I don't he's talking about the parking management plan.

Ms. Wade: Are you talking about –?

Ms. Taomoto: You are talking about the management plan?

Mr. Horcajo: He is.

Ms. Taomoto: Duplication of that versus the –

Mr. Suzuki: No, I'm not saying –. You know, what I'm saying is that if the parking management plan is looking at the parking structure and what needs to be done during construction or what needs to be done as far as once it's open. You know, how are you going to finance it, how are you going to charge and all that. But the parking management plan is also going to look at the broader MRA area and see what parking is available.

Ms. Taomoto: No. It's not looking at what's available. It's looking at how to regulate. It's looking at how to regulate if we should charge, have parking meters, or on the street parking. It's not looking at other parking lots, or other parking lots.

Mr. Suzuki: No, no, no. I'm not saying that. What I'm saying is looking at what's currently available in place right now as far as the overall plan because we need to know what the overall plan is as far as in Wailuku.

Ms. Wade: Correct. And that's . . . (inaudible) . . .

Mr. Suzuki: So I'll leave it to you folks to discuss.

Ms. Wade: We'll work it out.

Mr. Suzuki: I think you folks you have a gist in terms of where I'm coming from.

Mr. Horcajo: And put it in a memo or whatever.

Ms. Betts Basinger: I would like to also speak on behalf of, you know, this body as well. I think what Warren is trying to say in an effort to be fiscally responsible that if there is an expert already doing a parking management plan as scope, the inclusion into that plan of the interim modality should be a component of the overall plan, particularly because we have discussed here, and we've had a lot of testimony from the community that even with the parking structure, there's still a growing need for satellite parking. So the idea that has been discussed by this body is that perhaps some of this interim parking could grow into part of the parking management plan that offers satellite parking in our town. So I agree

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that it's comprehensive enough, but related enough that one person, or one, should be doing it. Maybe not two separate studies that aren't collaborating.

Ms. Taomoto: Morgan wants to make a comment.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Yes.

Mr. Gerdel: The way – Morgan Gerdel, Nishikawa Architects – we set up the contract with Andy Miller. We're actually working together already on the parking management plan. He's asked us to do some of the surveying and mapping with our own staff so we're already working hand in hand. So I think he will be able to kind of look over my shoulder at the interim parking. I talked to him on the phone. He asked me about it. So it's not like we're completely separate.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Well, I think what I'm trying to say very clearly is that we should be looking at a plan that allows for future satellite parking growth, which may be berth in these little interim parking.

Mr. Gerdel: Yeah, I think that's a good point.

Ms. Betts Basinger: So I just don't know if we need to change the scope, to augment the scope to be clear about that. But, I think it's a really good way to get the best for the dollar.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay, any other questions for Wendy or Morgan, regarding this agenda item, folks? Thank you Wendy. Thank you Morgan.

Mr. Gerdel: Thank you.

**2. Market Street Improvement Project, Phase II through Happy Valley
Update on project progress, public relations and schedule. (Yuki Lei
Sugimura, Public Relations)**

Mr. Horcajo: Okay we are on agenda item (F2), Market Street Improvement Project, Phase II. Yuki Lei is here.

Ms. Yuki Lei Sugimura: Good afternoon everyone. Yuki Lei Sugimura, regarding Market Street Phase II. Basically we are, according to SSFM, that Goodfellows is completing their punch list item. And as soon as that gets done, then SSFM will be gathering us and the County for a site visit. It's really not different than the last time I reported. And we'll let you know what all those items are once we get more, but basically the project, we are just waiting for Goodfellows to do their work and I'm just waiting for more updates as we get it.

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Mr. Horcajo: Okay thank you Yuki. The Chair will open the floor, excuse me, for any public testimony on this agenda item, Market Street Improvement Project.

Ms. Perreira: Good afternoon. Jocelyn Perreira. Wailuku Main Street Association. It has come to our attention by several, I would say under 10, people that have expressed concern about the Happy Valley, the end, the way the cars are parked, as being very dangerous, presenting a dangerous situation. I don't know exactly what they were referring to but it has come to us in so many times that they feel like there may be a potential for some kind of accident to happen. And that they felt that the stalls needed to be, instead of diagonal, needed to be parallel. Something about at the end, some kind of a site situation, and so I'm sure maybe some people have talked to some of you Commissioners as well. But I know we have received more than five, and less than 10, calls expressing concern and I wanted to just bring –. We are pleased they are making improvements, but if there is something that is significantly wrong that it's gaining, it seems to be gaining momentum, that people are gaining, in discussing with people, this concern, it may warrant a look at, at what the problem is. And if you want, then we can try to document more specifically. But I just was kind of keeping tabs of how many times we've heard this concern. Thank you.

Mr. Horcajo: Thank you Jocelyn. Any questions for the testifier? Jocelyn, I have a question please. It might have been the last meeting or the meeting before but I brought up a suggestion like what they did up in Makawao town, they put kind of back lines at the end of the stalls so if your vehicle went beyond the line, it would get an actual fine or something. Do you remember that discussion at our last meeting?

Ms. Perreira: I remember it briefly, but I can tell you that back lines in Makawao –. Makawao is a dangerous situation with that diagonal parking. Everybody knows that. Even the persons with disabilities are very concerned about it. It's only a question of time, not if, but when there's going to be a problem. So I am hopeful that this is not going to have to happen on this project because it wasn't looked at. Because otherwise everybody is going to scream and shout, and they'll make it even bigger than maybe the problem actually is. So maybe it's a question of taking a look at what is the problem. And they said especially exacerbated when there are extra large trucks that jot out. But I would not and we not recommend putting back lines or like that. I mean, if parking is a hazardous situation, yeah, it's not like you're trying to accommodate small cars versus everybody has a right to park. If it shouldn't be diagonal parking, it shouldn't be diagonal. It should be parallel if it's for the safety of our elderly, our children and everything else. Thank you.

Mr. Horcajo: Thanks. Yuki please. Members any questions for Yuki Lei regarding – I know we've had the discussion before and I think Erin has also had a conversation with the engineer for the project. In fact Erin why don't you talk about that first.

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Ms. Wade: Sure. In February you folks asked about this also and so I asked Wendy Kobashigawa about it. She said yes we're aware of this problem. Tanaka Engineers have looked into it for us, but it would involve losing five out of the nine stalls currently in front of Valley Hardware and the building down the street. As this would further impact the parking issues, we're trying to find some kind of a balance before we start remedial work. I'll let you know the outcome.

Mr. Horcajo: And that was dated when?

Ms. Wade: That was February 17th. I did follow up with her before this meeting but . . . (inaudible) . . .

Ms. Betts Basinger: Thank you. Chair?

Mr. Horcajo: Go ahead.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Thank you Yuki. Actually I think this is probably more a Wendy Kobashigawa question so I'll address it to staff. Was one of the options they were looking at to more deeply angle the parking?

Ms. Wade: I didn't ask.

Ms. Betts Basinger: To shorten the space from the curb to the back?

Ms. Wade: I would have to ask her.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Okay. Because I recall from previous improvements to Market Street that the character of the diagonal parking was very, very important. You know, keeping that old Wailuku charm. The conversation I recall was someone had suggested, an engineer had suggested, that the angle be in the opposite direction than it is so people could –

Ms. Wade: Reverse in.

Mr. Horcajo: Back in.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Yeah, back in. But anyway, the plans went ahead as they are, really, because the community wanted it. But now where we have the safety issue. And the other would be to have those stalls be restricted to compact parking and then really probably nothing has to be done. So, are they looking at those?

Ms. Wade: Actually, that was the initial thing that we asked because that was comment that

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was brought up at that meeting was to have that marked as compact. And exactly what Ms. Perreira said the compliance is going to be extremely low and they didn't feel, the Police didn't feel that would be an adequate solution.

Mr. Horcajo: Any questions for Yuki or staff?

Ms. Betts Basinger: Yes.

Mr. Horcajo: Go ahead.

Ms. Betts Basinger: And my question to you Yuki, you know, I think we mentioned this at our last meeting, but could a representative from the MRA be included in the punch list walk thru? Is there going to be a walk thru for the punch list?

Ms. Sugimura: There is. So could you ask to route that request? I can mention it, but it would probably be best coming from Erin.

Ms. Wade: Okay. So we should make a request to you to be a part of the final walk thru?

Ms. Sugimura: And send it to SSFM, and Teddy, Public Works. But I will definitely mention it, but if you could just kind of route it officially.

Ms. Wade: Yeah.

Mr. Horcajo: Warren or Katharine, any questions for Yuki or staff regarding this issue?

Mr. Suzuki: I'm glad Jocelyn brought up the issue because I was going to bring it up, and I've had numerous people express their concerns to me about the parking situation. And if we recall back when this project was under construction I raised the scenario that I was caught in. And I brought the attention early on before the end of the last year about the parking. And I asked that they look at it because it was clear to me then that with the parking the way it was looking to be done, that if there was a vehicle larger than your normal size vehicle parked in that stall, and with two way traffic coming, there's no way you would be able to get two way traffic flow. And I guess who ever the powers to be thought well we'll just deal with the situation after it's done. It's unfortunate because now you have more permanency in improvements. And now you can come up with a plan, but now you're going to try and deal as best as you can with the harder improvements that are in place and make the best of it, where, you know, back when under construction there might have an opportunity then to do something. But it is definitely a concern and, again, as Jocelyn has said, it's been shared to me by a fair amount of people about the concern. And I've experienced it myself where I have not be able to drive in the direction towards, you know, Waiehu because of cars parked there and how the cars are coming from the opposite

direction from Waiehu into Wailuku.

Ms. Betts Basinger: It's true. Chair?

Mr. Horcajo: Go ahead.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Erin, when you get back to Wendy, you know, her message, in her message, she stated that we would lose a number of parking stalls. But I think when it's a balance between safety and number of stalls, particularly where a parking structure, you know, almost shovel ready, this body needs to be strongly in support of safety and not the preservation of a stall. I'm always going to vote for safety.

Mr. Horcajo: Go ahead Katharine.

Ms. Popenuk: How deep are the stalls? Are they substandard? 18-foot deep?

Ms. Wade: I don't have the design with me.

Ms. Betts Basinger: I think we had testimony before that they met all of the requirements. A lot of vehicles don't.

Mr. Horcajo: Alright. So I guess maybe, I'm going to suggest that this body makes, I guess, a strong statement to Public Works that it is a real concern. It's a real safety concern, and they need to deal with it, and come back to us as quickly as possible to include talking with the adjoining property owners by Takamiya. That does affect them as well. But I would imagine they would also lean on the safety side as well. But I guess it's more I'm saying. Does that make sense? We're just saying, the body is saying, through Erin, through the Public Works, deal with it as quick as possible.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Yes. Exactly. But a letter should say that the MRA does not want to save stalls, you know, we want it to be safe.

Mr. Suzuki: And I think the letter should say as indicated or noted in numerous prior occasions.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Yes.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay.

Ms. Perreira: A point of clarification.

Mr. Horcajo: Hang on. Hang on. Any more questions for Yuki?

Ms. Sugimura: Can I ask a question?

Mr. Horcajo: Sure, go ahead.

Ms. Sugimura: I didn't come to the last MRA meeting. I had a conflict. But the one before that, in February, when this came up that I had reported to the committee, SSFM, and the group that a letter was going to be sent from this body expressing this concern. But I guess we just did through a phone call.

Ms. Wade: Through an e-mail.

Ms. Sugimura: E-mail. Okay.

Ms. Betts Basinger: But we'll now(inaudible) . . .

Ms. Sugimura: Because we weren't aware of it.

Ms. Wade: Now, we'll do formal letter. We'll copy you.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay, thank you Yuki. Jocelyn?

Ms. Perreira: . . .(inaudible) . . .

Mr. Horcajo: Why don't you step up please if I'm going to give the floor.

Ms. Perreira: Thank you for this courtesy. Since you mentioned something about the Police, we would like to see a Police report that they checked it out and said it was entirely safe. Because every project we have ever undertaken we have had a Police report attached. Whether it be saying that we need to make Vineyard Street a two way street or what have you. And I know that has been something we have asked for in the past but I haven't seen one. So if there is one, we would like to see a copy of the Police report stating that they felt that that was entirely safe because that's what we were under the impression when we, you know, had periodic updates. We want to make sure because I don't want to have it come back that we looked at design, we discussed design and we missed something because we had received assurances that the Police Department had given the green light on this. Thank you.

Mr. Horcajo: Thank you.

Ms. Betts Basinger: So Jocelyn, so you're asking for the approvals that came with the building permit.

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Ms. Perreira: Yeah. Which should include a Police report, and not just somebody picking up the phone and talking to somebody and saying, yeah, it's generally okay. This is too much of a safety and important issue. And if somebody gets hurt, I want to make it very clear that Main Street express strong concern about what's happening in that particular area.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Did your organization request that from the Planning Department already?

Ms. Perreira: Yes we did.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Okay.

Ms. Perreira: Thank you.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Thank you.

3. Report on meetings with County Council members regarding Maui Redevelopment Agency mission, priorities and action plan. (A. Basinger)

Mr. Horcajo: Alright, we're going to take this next agenda item and then take a 10-minute break please. So we are on agenda item (F3), report on meetings with County Council members regarding the mission, and Alexa.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Yeah, I'm happy to say that Katharine and Warren and I have had a great series of meetings with each Council member individually, with department heads. The department heads that are mostly spelled out in our bible which are Public Works and OED. The last meetings that are scheduled are next week, and they are with Council members Pontanilla and Hokama, and with Planning Director Spence. I want to thank Wailuku Main Street Association for supplying us with some of the stuff that went into the packet. A list of all former members who served on this body. And the packet that was distributed also included our foundational document which I have to tell you everyone, don't you think, was happy to get. Most have never seen this, never even knew we had a foundational document. And for that, big kudos goes to Ms. Leilani who, none of these could be found anywhere in the County of Maui.

Ms. Perreira: And we want an updated copy please.

Ms. Betts Basinger: She stepped up to the plate and made enough copies for us to carry out our meetings. Unless Katharine or Warren have any comments, my general comment

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is that we were very well received. I think a lot of comment was this is a long time coming. You know, what do you know about the MRA? So, it was a good MRA 101. Particularly our meeting with Public Works which was – was that yesterday Warren? – because the parking structure is at the kind of the top of the list as one of our priorities that we've been working on for a long time, and it's associated funding. So, it's been a good experience.

Mr. Horcajo: Any comments from you two? The Chair will open the floor to any public testimony on this agenda item.

Mr. Tom Cannon: Hi, Tom Cannon of Wailuku Main Street Association/Tri-Isle Main Street Resource Center. We would like a copy of this book.

Ms. Betts Basinger: It is on our website. It's the original.

Mr. Cannon: Oh, it's the original. It hasn't been changed?

Ms. Betts Basinger: It has not.

Mr. Horcajo: No, it's the original.

Ms. Betts Basinger: We still have to print the updated version.

Ms. Perreira: So can we have a copy of the . . . (inaudible) . . .

Ms. Betts Basinger: We don't have any extra copies, but you can get it from our website.

Ms. Perreira: . . . (inaudible) . . .

Ms. Betts Basinger: It's in pdf.

Mr. Horcajo: Don't engage with the public here. I'm sorry. Let stick to protocol.

Ms. Betts Basinger: I'm sorry. Sorry Chair.

Mr. Cannon: The packet.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Absolutely.

Mr. Cannon: Alright. We can get a copy. Thank you.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Yes.

Mr. Horcajo: Any other public testimony?

Ms. Perreira: Jocelyn Perreira. The reason why I'm asking for that is because we are also including in our packet with the County Council about the partnership of the MRA with Main Street and how they have very unique and different roles that compliment each other and provide a wonderful partnership that has really put Wailuku into the position that it is today.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Absolutely no problem.

Ms. Perreira: Thank you so much.

Mr. Horcajo: Thank you. Any other public testimony?

Ms. Sugimura: I just want to commend you all.

Mr. Horcajo: Yuki, please, for the record, identify yourself.

Ms. Sugimura: Yuki Sugimura. I just want to commend you all for doing these meetings. I know at the last meeting you decided to have Alexa to kind of take that charge and move it forward because we have new Council members and of course the mission of the MRA is so important for Wailuku as it comes through all these years. So congratulations all of you.

Mr. Horcajo: Thank you. Any questions for the testifier? Alright, the Chair is going to call a 10 minute break. We will reconvened at let's say 2:40 p.m. please. 12 minutes. Thank you.

(The Maui Redevelopment Agency recessed at approximately 2:30 p.m., and reconvened at approximately 2:42 p.m.)

G. PLANNING DEPARTMENT UPDATE

1. Wailuku Redevelopment Area permit and enforcement activity.

Mr. Horcajo: Thank you folks. The Chair will reconvene the meeting of the MRA. Thank you very much. Okay, we are on agenda item (G), Planning Department update. Members of the public, we have seven different items, so you can testify on each one of them if you so please. So I'm going to bring up the first one, Wailuku Redevelopment Area permit and enforcement activity. Erin Wade will address this first.

Ms. Wade: Sure.

Mr. Percha: Are you going to take public testimony?

Mr. Horcajo: Yes. Yes, on each one.

Mr. Percha: One at a time?

Mr. Horcajo: Yes. So if you have, as many as you want to talk about.

Mr. Percha: Can I talk about item (e) right now?

Mr. Horcajo: Wait. No.

Mr. Percha: Because I think it's a lie.

Mr. Horcajo: Erin, go ahead.

Ms. Wade: I provided you some notes for this agenda. Item (G) is the Planning Department's update on permits and enforcement. Essentially I summarized basically the permit activity which I don't have to go over in detail unless you folks have questions for me on that.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay, members of the public, Erin, we have this project report that's out there, so if you folks have had an opportunity to look at. Is there any public testimony on this agenda item, under projects, active MRA projects? There's five. Yes, there's five active MRA projects. Alright, members, any questions for Erin Wade?

Ms. Wade: The next one is –

Mr. Horcajo: You know what, excuse me a second. I want to address – August, can you please come up here? August, I was confused by your statement. You had mentioned – you're talking about this item (E) on design review on Erin's notes, or which topic did you want to talk about? I thought you mentioned (E) that's why, so I'm a little confused.

Mr. Percha: Page 2.

Mr. Horcajo: I see, on 346. Hang on a second. I want to be sure you are in the appropriate agenda to talk about, and I guess that would be now, right, because this is projects we're talking about. So, identify yourself please and you have the floor.

Mr. Percha: I am August Percha. I am the architect for the owner at 346 Market Street. You might remember the issue concerning the roll up doors. This report item, I'll just read it. "Council member Victorino's office intervened in this project to assist the owner in

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achieving a resolution. The owner has removed the roll up doors.” The last sentence is true. He removed, the owner removed the roll up doors. But it was because he didn’t want to get fines which we’re going to start coming at a \$1,000 a day. So now the building is back to where it was, unsecured. It baggers in out. He has no way to secure his building. So I would like to know why staff is characterizing this as something Councilman Victorino’s office intervened in doing? I think this is an example of how Erin misleads you all. I think it’s a prime example, and I want it stopped. I met with Councilman Victorino, me and Paul and his property manager. In that meeting, he suggested that we lodge an appeal which he has, and that’s all I’m going to say.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay. Any questions for August, members?

Ms. Betts Basinger: No.

Mr. Horcajo: Any other public testimony, again, on this specific item of projects that have been processed through the MRA? Alright, members any comments, questions for Erin, regarding this?

Mr. Suzuki: No.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay. Alright, we are now on agenda (G2) Market Street planters. Erin, do you want to start?

2. Market Street Planters

Ms. Wade: Sure. The Market Street planters project is a collaboration with the Maui Nui Botanical Gardens. It’s actually they will be taking over the maintenance and planting and everything of the planters on Market Street. The initial project was envisioned as just the new planters to be planted with native plants, then expanded after our conversation with Ms. Perreira to include the old planters as well, and now has entered a phase III of like a more longer term permanent displays of native plants on Market Street. So a lot of activity actually happened within the last month. Tamara met with Jocelyn, and they together selected the plant materials for the planters. We’ve met with Saedene Ota regarding an interpretative sign, and have had many people volunteer to offer in kind contributions to finalize and to actually provide irrigation to all of the planters, new and old.

So, essentially, in summary all the plant materials that were selected would be the two that were identified at the beginning of the project. The Ihi plant and the sedge grass for the small planters. They collectively selected the hibiscus, the native hibiscus with the white flower with the red stamen for the larger planters, and those will be filled with a native ground cover as well. And then my recommendation a while back was to move the larger planters to the property between the lao Theater and the Police substation. We determined

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that 13 planters could fit there and it sounds like the Main Street Association based on the letter that they provided today was interested in having planters flank the interpretative sign which we have –

Ms. Perreira: . . .(inaudible) . . .

Mr. Horcajo: Just wait till public testimony.

Ms. Wade: Let me correct myself. We do have available planters to flank the interpretative signage if that would be an interest. So I did provide you with sort of a colored rendering of how that might lay out on what the future planned mini park site was. And there's a whole lot of details to go along with this, but in short, the Maui Nui would pay in full for all plant materials, soil, the labor, and the volunteering to maintain them on a long term basis. In turn, for the MRA providing the cost of interpretative signage and any physical infrastructure costs that would be necessary and associated with it. If you have any questions, I'm happy to answer.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay. The Chair will open the floor to public testimony please on this agenda item, Market Street planters, so please step forth. Members, by the way, Jocelyn, if you folks haven't gotten this, she handed out a comment.

Ms. Perreira: I'm going to read, Mr. Chair, because I want to explain it. Because again in the report that you got isn't exactly what happened. I provided information, but the information was institutional knowledge and experience from design professionals that have participated in very many projects, and I think that was so noted by Ms. Tamara – I can't remember her last name.

Ms. Wade: Sherrill.

Ms. Perreira: That how extensively she felt Main Street had an involvement and participation in these kinds of beautification, native plants, and zeroscaping throughout Wailuku. And there was a rationale to it, but I do want to say that – I'll read this into the record because it's important. "The Wailuku Main Street Association structure and design met to review the site replacement of the Market Street planters, and review samples for the signage. The committee offers the following recommendations. Planters, while still useful, presents a functional problem in that whatever is planted, needs to be watered and maintained. Drought tolerant plants should be utilized especially for the larger planter pots. There is little or no maintenance – where little or no maintenance is available. Options discussed for possible relocation sites included the municipal parking lots spaced out at the intersecting lines" like this where you had the stalls. They felt like might one appropriate area. Excuse me, I lost my place. Don't time me while I'm finding my place please. Okay, "on County of Maui property and/or the State building plaza, it was noted that because the

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size and weight of the pots, it can be utilized as bollards for security purposes. By no means was those pots intended to go next to the signage. The structure and design committee strongly feels the signage needs to be understated as there are many elements already on the street,” and we getting everything dunked with, you know, signage of who did this, who did what and so on and so forth. They are professionals. Our design professionals have a real concern about that. The sign should identify the plants with simple signage as to their location and I gave you guys attached to it a copy of a sample that they gave us, but they didn’t like the – they wanted them to take off the roof element which is not Wailuku. “It is almost appropriately placed near the Police kiosk and restrooms where eventually once the municipal parking is addressed, the area has been designated and is part of the previously endorsed development of a passive park. The signage element that is a reinforcement of the prior plan. The committee feels the project would be more appealing if it had more lawn and landscaping to surround the signage. Therefore the recommendation of the committee is to have plants placed together with on either side of the signs. The sample signage that the committee recommends would be the attached sample without the roof, a simple map and appropriate decorative frame. We appreciate the opportunity to work with the community to ensure this community based project fits the town’s character and be a welcome addition to the ongoing projects and efforts to revitalize Wailuku.”

One point of clarification. It’s very important. When referencing Ms. Perreira, Ms. Perreira is the executive director of the Wailuku Main Street Association/Tri-Isle Main Street Resource Center. As such, when I offer consultations and provide opinions, it is giving institutional knowledge and background information that has been worked and supplied and brought forward by teams of professionals in many career fields. It is not my sole thoughts and ideas, although I do have 25 years of background myself and I do know the connections between the kind of plants we were trying to select and their appropriateness to Wailuku. Thank you.

Mr. Horcajo: Alright. Any questions for the testifier? Any other public testimony on this agenda item, please?

Mr. Cannon: Tom Cannon. Tri-Isle Main Street Resource Center. I too have concerns about the way this information has been presented to you. In one instance, for example, on page 3, it’s the paragraph that starts with “the most important step.” It states that “on Monday, I again asked Main Street Association to provide recommendation for the location of the planters.” Monday was just a few days ago, and a drawing was submitted to us at that point. As Ms. Perreira pointed out she is not doing these things on her own. She is not giving you her opinions from herself alone, although she has a great deal of experience. We have a team of architects, engineers, urban planners, et cetera, which are also looking at these items and giving you their feedback. So when it says, she again asked for these things, it’s like you’re waiting for us to come back, but we may not have a chance to

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schedule a meeting of the structure and design committee since you gave us this drawings. So it's not like you're waiting for us. Okay? I want to make that very clear.

In that same paragraph, just for your information, the last sentence deals with Maui Nui Botanical Garden's willing to plant the native hibiscus with the red stamen. Well, there are a number of native hibiscus with red stamen, white hibiscus with red stamen, so it should read a native Hawaiian hibiscus with red stamen because there are more than one. And similarly there are more than one, I believe, endangered native gardenia also, so that should also read, and endangered native gardenia because there are more than one, and it applies that there is just one if you say the.

I just want to emphasize that at the meeting on March 1st with Tamara Sherrill, as our executive director pointed out, there was more than just plant information that was being discussed there. There was plants that relate to Wailuku's heritage and that takes a certain amount of institutional knowledge to know what those plants are. And also, other items that were brought up was had to do with previous planting that have been tried, the importance of having a theme to these planting, and the incorporation of zeroscaping so they wouldn't have to be watered everyday in order to stay alive. Thank you very much.

Mr. Horcajo: Alright. Thank you. Any questions for the testifier? You know, I have a question, but actually it may be more directed to Jocelyn, if you don't mind. I should have asked you some questions. I mean, I can ask Tom, but I think you're the one out there. Thanks Jocelyn. Reading your thing here, I guess, I have a couple of questions. So, I'm sorry. So first of all, I got from here that Main Street or your group like the idea of an interpretative sign but without the roof. Is that correct?

Ms. Perreira: Yes.

Mr. Horcajo: And the sign itself is for the purpose of talking about the plants, not necessarily small little signs on each planter itself or no?

Ms. Perreira: Yeah, they have a real strong aversion to that kind of stuff because they was – I mean the nice gal that was talking about cigarette things. I mean, you know, everybody sure has done a lot and we should just celebrate everybody's efforts okay? But the point is, yeah, they are concerned about just getting too many elements in there and it's getting too dunked up. And part of the unique flavor and character of Wailuku that is special is it's simplicity and that it does have an oriental bit of a flare. And that's why, even in some of the signage that was presented for discussion, you know, there was signage that looked to be like for the south Maui. And signage that had like –. I mean, it's just like, you know, somebody just took pictures. And frankly when I talked with Tamara, I showed her, I even drew kind of what the signage that our guys kind of felt was more appropriate and it really reflected something like Kalua Nui. We did a project with Kalua Nui and it's done many

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native Hawaiian projects, and that they've given grants for, as a matter of fact. And it really is well done, and really nicely done, and it reflects not only the importance of the plants, the native, but it really had a strong, kind of like a Hawaiian host culture kind of feel that we were trying to personify. And I think that's what we wanted to try to do. And that's what he meant when he said we talked about it. Thank you.

Mr. Horcajo: Right. Sure. Okay. I'm not done yet. My second question is because you're at this meeting on March 1st, does Main Street agree with the two choices of the plant? The succulent Ihi and the sedge?

Ms. Perreira: Yeah, we discussed what would be appropriate. But I did say, and I told her a caveat that we had worked with Rene Silva, who was noted for this kind of work.

Mr. Horcajo: Sure.

Ms. Perreira: And we had tried many planting before something could be found that would work. So we gave the initial – and that's one of the reasons why we wanted the signage not be too dunked up either because what you planting originally may not be what you're going to end up with because it's kind of like trial and error.

Mr. Horcajo: Right, and –

Ms. Perreira: With these native plants.

Mr. Horcajo: Sure, and I remember when Tamara first came to us, you know, even what I remember these were being suggested because even if there's no water, they would somewhat survive. So I just wanted to ask the question about what Main Street, whether they like these plants.

Ms. Perreira: But there's a distinction Mr. Chair between the plants in the smaller planters, and those in the big planter pots.

Mr. Horcajo: Sure.

Ms. Perreira: Because the big planter pots, I mean, you know, the ones that Maui Botanical Gardens offered to take care of till they got established is one thing. The big planter pots, if you're going to –. One of the reasons why the committee said that we wanted to see it on a public spot maybe was because they have staff that can water it, and kind of take care of it. Because otherwise, you really have to find something that you can plant and you no need to worry if get water or not. And that's why zeroscaping was so important.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay. So my last question is, I want to be sure it's clear, I realized your letter

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talks about other potential sites too. But the fact that you folks like the interpretative signage at, whatever, that lot.

Ms. Perreira: Yes.

Mr. Horcajo: And have a couple of big planters on either side, I guess, to accent. No?

Ms. Perreira: No. No. I never said.

Mr. Horcajo: No planters.

Ms. Perreira: I never said big planters. Erin did.

Mr. Horcajo: Well, I'm asking you the question what Main Street says it wants.

Ms. Perreira: We're saying what Main Street wants is some planting that frames the frame of the signage.

Mr. Horcajo: Right.

Ms. Perreira: Ideally we would have liked to have the signage is passive park, what has been intended for that area. But for now, it's been utilized as parking. So, more so you want to make sure that you're going to do some planters, but not the big pots.

Mr. Horcajo: Right.

Ms. Perreira: Because again it's keeping with the theme of the street.

Mr. Horcajo: Alright. Thank you very much.

Ms. Perreira: Thank you.

Mr. Horcajo: Members, any questions of staff regarding this agenda item? And you probably read her notes to us as well. Or Erin, maybe you want to update us – what you sent to us earlier.

Ms. Wade: Sure. Essentially, you know, you asked us to go back and meet, work with the Main Street Association, with the Botanical Gardens, with someone who can help us develop a sign. We also met with a number of people who can provide us with the irrigation, and the plans for irrigation and things like that, and to give you kind of a cohesive plan. So that's what I have for you and I'm hoping maybe you can give me some direction about to proceed next.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Thank you Erin. Chair?

Mr. Horcajo: Go ahead.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Quite serendipitously I was driving by these three women around the planter yesterday – I think it was yesterday – and it was Erin and the group from Maui Nui Botanical. So I got to be walked through on what they had all done all collaboratively. I am majorly impressed with the in kind services that are being donated to this project. And I want to draw the member's attention to our foundational document, the plan itself, on page 25. One of our task which is LU-2 is to develop the Vineyard side of the Lao Theater into an open air park and community gathering place. And this has been one of our tasks since the inception of this plan. And there have been plans for it that came along when there was no funding for it, et cetera, et cetera. But this plan as presented which we can do right away can be looked at an interim beautification for that area which right now is really, really ugly. And until this body gets to the point where we can do this land use task for the park, I'm very impressed and I would like very much to go ahead with this.

I think the idea for getting those big planters off the sidewalk and especially when we walk through. You know, I mean, sometimes two people can't even walk because the big planters are there. The benches are there. There are enough planters. Also, the other part of cost is these planters are really heavy, and the best estimates we got for just moving them across the street are high. So the idea that we're just going to moving them kind of down the street is a lot better than moving them to an entirely different location. There are a few extra of the large planters that have beautiful plants in them already – full grown palms that we don't want to see them destroyed. I mean, they're already there and some of the merchants along Market Street love them. You know, they're their little baby plant. So we've actually been able to find a location in the front, at the beginning of where Main and Market meet, where the beautification elements in Market Street were kind of hampered because of the way the road was designed. Four of the planters that are fully planted can move there and be beautiful entrances to Market Street with the remainder of them being as you see, indicated here, in front of the parking place. So we asked our staff to do this. I think a good job was done, and I'm ready to go ahead and approve this plan if the rest of the body is.

Mr. Horcajo: I want to make a comment first, I guess. Let's go back to the small planters. Did we already agree to work with them just on the small planters last meeting? Because on your notes here, it seems like you're combining the small, whatever, reddish box, and the big box in these dollar estimates and stuff.

Ms. Wade: At the last meeting the Main Street Association asked to be brought in to the selection process so we didn't make any determination about the plant materials at the last meeting.

Mr. Horcajo: For the small planters? For the small box.

Ms. Wade: Correct. So that's what we're proposing now is what Tamara proposed of course.

Mr. Horcajo: And you're talking about the small pots or the big pots.

Ms. Betts Basinger: All of the pots. I'm talking about this. What Erin's plan talks about is all of the pots.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay.

Ms. Betts Basinger: But the ones that are going to be moved, we also as a body have wanted to move those big ones off the sidewalk.

Mr. Horcajo: Alright. I wanted to be sure that when you folks ask questions of staff it's, you know, whether it's both or just one if we decided to separate it, if we decided to vote. Okay. So any other questions, Katharine?

Ms. Taomoto: Bob, I wanted to make a comment.

Mr. Horcajo: Go ahead.

Ms. Taomoto: Yeah, you know, I see what you guys are talking about. I have the plan, and coincidentally we're looking at using this for the interim parking. And I just wanted to let you know that this lot, this parking lot, is being seriously considered as our interim parking only because we felt that the businesses – this would be like prime interim parking to not have as a large impact on the businesses. And so whatever is going to be proposed as I see it, we would likely propose to remove it during construction, cut a driveway in, and replace whatever is there. And you know our construction schedule is proposed to start construction September 2012. So, if we get the funding, in 2013, from Mayor and Council, we would be looking at demolishing this in around September 2012. And so if that's –. You know I wanted to make sure so you don't grumble at us that we didn't tell you we were going to demolish it. We were, Morgan and I, were just talking last week, coincidentally, about meeting with Parks Department to use this, develop it as gravel parking, you know, so that it can be accessed, adding signage, so people coming down Market now know that this is the interim parking. And that would be incorporated with our project. Okay.

Mr. Horcajo: Thank you. Erin.

Ms. Wade: So, can I just ask a question? Because there is access to this lot from the Lao Theater now, you can pull in there now. But the driveway access to this lot comes right off

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of Lao Theater's parking in the back. So you're saying you would, instead, make the curb cut off of Market? To enter from Market?

Ms. Taomoto: Through the back, you're saying?

Ms. Wade: Yeah.

Ms. Taomoto: The driveway is where?

Ms. Wade: Off the back. Yeah. Exactly.

Ms. Taomoto: Off of Vineyard?

Ms. Wade: So if you go Vineyard, and then turn into the Lao Theater lot, there's a driveway that you can turn into.

Ms. Taomoto: In order not to provide better –. I just think that people who frequent Market Street would know that that's how you get in there. But people who come through for the first time, or it just so happens it's their first time needing to find parking outside of the parking lot, and not along the streets, would have a hard time knowing that you have to down Vineyard, turn right into a parking lot. So we thought, you know, we don't want to impact the businesses, and we're trying to find ways to minimize that impact. And we were thinking that it would be better to just cut a driveway off of Market and have direct access to this interim parking lot. That's what we were going to propose. Like I said, Morgan and I haven't met with Parks, but we were intending to do when I get back from my vacation.

Mr. Suzuki: That's a separate discussion for a later point in time.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Yeah.

Mr. Horcajo: Well, yes. But I just wanted to clarify again with Alexa. We were e-mailed this plan right here. Are you talking, because this plan not only talks about whatever 13 planters along the edge of the sidewalk, it also talks about an actual Kalo planter and whatever this is . . . (inaudible) . . . or something.

Ms. Wade: The things in color are the things that are proposed for now.

Mr. Horcajo: Right, but Alexa, you're only talking about the planters that line the sidewalk, possibly two by the interpretative sign?

Ms. Betts Basinger: I think, Bob, you're right. I think she presented as a phase thing, and that the Kalo, that's still in discussion. That would be like phase III. If we're going to be

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looking simultaneously at an interim parking, you know what I mean? We're looking at the Kalo as phase III, so I am talking about getting – my big thing is getting those planters finally off the sidewalks.

Ms. Perreira: . . . (inaudible) . . . This is related to our report. The Police Department, whenever we would have events and we had a lot of things planned and staged in here when we did events and stuff, they would never allow for this to be completely cordoned off like this because of the need for emergency. And that was never something that was allowed to happen. So, I know from Main Street's standpoint, knowing and having that knowledge, we cannot support having this across the entire area.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay, thank you. Maybe, Erin, I guess, given at least we know now there's one member who supports this. Can you re-analyze your numbers here because this is based on everything, it seems like, right, when you're talking about getting rocks and all that kind of stuff?

Ms. Betts Basinger: Just a comment Chair. I was thinking that we would talk about the budget number when budget came up. I wasn't going to approve the budget portion as is, if we're going to phase.

Mr. Horcajo: So you're saying –

Ms. Betts Basinger: So I haven't made a proposal yet. I'm just supportive of getting the – that this is a good way to get the planters, at least for an interim time, off the sidewalk and beautify the area. And there's a lot of kokua in the planter part of it, so the budget, if you're looking at it phases, I think most of the budget that she's approximated is going to go into phase III which would be a more elaborate Kalo display. And that could be something that may be integrated into a park plan at some later date. But for now, and if you need a motion, my motion would be simply for the planters.

Mr. Horcajo: Well, that's fine. But, I guess, what I'm thinking if we're going to make a motion just to move the planters, it's also going to include some money whether we hire Diversified based on their estimate before to move them. So there's going to be a budgetary expense. So how can we vote without some number? You know, once we get to the budget side, then we would already have passed this. Well, maybe not.

Ms. Betts Basinger: It could be like a not more than.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay. Alright, members, Katharine, any feeling about –?

Ms. Katharine Popenuk: So do I understand this correctly that we don't – do we have a number for the cost of moving the planters at this time?

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Ms. Wade: We did get a quote from Diversified for \$1,400.

Ms. Popenuk: And then if we move them on this configuration then they were going to get removed when the interim parking goes in a year and a half or something from them.

Ms. Betts Basinger: I think that this body has simply wanted not to throw them away. We were looking for a way to salvage them, and so, even if this is an interim measure, it creates some beautification in the area.

Ms. Popenuk: And then do we need the Police approval to do this?

Ms. Betts Basinger: I'll defer to staff.

Ms. Wade: You know, honestly, you know, that property could be built with a building. There could easily be a building line continued right along that space, and that had been envisioned for a while. So I'd be happy to talk with Police and get back to you about if they would like to comment on the location of those planters. The only concern, I guess, I would have about moving them there on a temporary basis is we had planned on doing a saw cut and putting in irrigation lines to irrigate those larger planters. And Bill Mitchell actually walked out to the site, walked with us, figured out how we were going to put it. We got somebody to donate the irrigation supplies. We just need to have the installation done. So if that wasn't going to be a component of this, I will have to talk to Maui Nui again and find out how they would be able to maintain because the hibiscus that was selected is not a zeroscape plant. It cannot survive without irrigation.

Mr. Horcajo: So Erin as far as watering. I mean, the hope for those plants then is to wait for the meter to gets in and then make the saw cut from the existing, whatever, drip system that's supposedly watering the –

Ms. Wade: No, that's adjacent to lao. There's a line right adjacent to lao watering that planter, and they can saw cut across that, across the sidewalk and just bury it right under the edge off the back of the sidewalk.

Mr. Horcajo: I see. So is that a meter for lao Theater then that we're taking water from?

Ms. Wade: It's actually the Parks Department meter.

Mr. Horcajo: It's the Parks Department. Okay. So we have the water then.

Ms. Wade: We've got the water. Yeah.

Mr. Horcajo: Alright. And I guess Counsel just reminded me, yeah, we technically are not

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going to take any vote on an update item here. Undoubtably if we decide to take a vote, we can do that, or make a motion and spend money on this issue, we can do it in the budget, when we talk about budget.

Ms. Wade: Right. You can agree to like, with my recommendation is fine, or I'm giving you the update and if you agree to authorize me to proceed that's fine. But if you want to expend money that it should be done in the budget discussion.

Mr. Horcajo: Are we done with discussion on this agenda item? Okay. We are on agenda item (G3), Mayoral nominees for MRA. I guess Erin you can start.

3. Mayoral nominees for MRA

Ms. Wade: Yeah. Obviously we're going to have two vacancies. Bill Mitchell was appointed at the Policy meeting earlier this week, and we talked with him. And then the other vacancy still does remain open, and it's probably going to be filled later. Unfortunately your plan didn't work Bob. The intention was to get two people in immediately and I guess we weren't able to follow through, or the Mayor's Office wasn't able to send down a nomination in time, so that one is going to take a little bit longer.

Ms. Betts Basinger: So this other name has not been submitted yet?

Ms. Wade: It has been submitted. There's some verification, I think.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Okay.

Mr. Horcajo: Any public testimony on this agenda item? Please?

Mr. Percha: Yeah, my name was submitted, but somebody in Planning Department doesn't want me.

Mr. Horcajo: Let's not . . .(inaudible). . . Any other public testimony? Okay, thank you.

4. New MRA application forms

Ms. Wade: Item (G4) is the MRA application form. For your information I provided you with the existing form. It's been my experience that often times applications come in incomplete. And I'm concerned that perhaps it's the application form is not clear enough. So I'm working with Paul Mikolay in our office, who's the in house resource development planner, is to revise the application. If you look on the third page where it says MRA required agency submittals. You can see that an application for a variance requires additional information. Often times when someone comes in at the point that they realize

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okay I'm having trouble with building or fire or zoning, I need a variance. They don't follow through and apply for all of this and go through the expense of supplying this variance application information, and then things just sort of get stuck until I get the information. So I'm hoping at the orientation coming up next month we can do a little 101 about what are the types of applications you can apply for. And so that now the MRA will actually create three different types of MRA applications. So it would be the design review, the use permit and the variance application. So when you fill out the form, you have to determine what you're applying for. Because right now it's all one and sometimes I'll get a phone call from people saying when am I going to be in front of the MRA, and I'll say, you know, from what you told me it's just a design review at this point. Well, no, but I'm having trouble with building. Okay, so you need to apply for variance. So I'm hoping to make it a little bit more instructional, and perhaps we can have a broader conversation about that at the orientation.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Yeah, that's a good idea. Chair?

Mr. Horcajo: Public testimony first please. Is there anyone who wants to address this agenda item on application forms? None. Thank you very much. Alexa.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Chair, just, members, on page 26 of our plan, LU-5, Council tasked us with creating and operating a one stop permit center so that applications for development in our area would go to the right person. They wouldn't have to go through the huge Planning Department and be divided by however Planning Department divides them. And so, again, it's something I know that when we have our orientation we might want to look at it was something that was expected of us to be done within two to five years and we have pushed it back because we haven't achieved that yet. But it again speaks to some of the foundational stuff we really need to get done so that all of these developments get to us in a timely basis. And we are the advocates for anyone who wants to do development and redevelopment in this area. So we want these to come directly to us. So I'm glad that you're going to try and make the application easier. But it's up to us to make the process of it getting to us easier as well.

Mr. Horcajo: Comments anybody? I guess my only comment, I mean, I undoubtedly as I totally agree with you, and I believe that was the original intent of the zoning code. But there are certain things that the, whatever, the actual bodies that approved it chose not to do so. Yeah, I hope that does happen and whether it needs to be a part of updating the MRA zoning code that they make sure they look at. Okay, any other comments? So we are on agenda item (G5), expanding partnership with OED.

5. Expanding partnership with OED

Ms. Wade: I had hoped to have more information for you today, but my meeting that was

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suppose to be Thursday, we couldn't follow through on. So I now have a meeting scheduled with Teena Rasmussen on Monday. And if there's anything you would like me to convey to her, please let me know.

Ms. Betts Basinger: I will follow up, Chair, for the body that in my meeting with Teena Rasmussen, on behalf of the MRA, she was very excited to share some existing ideas that they're working on that relate to their partnership tasks with us. And you know their mandate under this administration is to do more marketing for our small towns. And so she has some ideas that about second Friday. We have First Friday in Wailuku. She shared some ideas that I know Erin is working on with them about perhaps a second Friday in Paia, a third Friday in Makawao, and a fourth Friday in Lahaina. Which, from our perspective we've asked them to talk with the planners of First Friday here but it gets more bang for the buck. Particularly with our visitor industry, as well as our local folks, if they miss a first Friday in Wailuku, there's going to be another small town they can go have fun. So probably Erin will come back with a lot more from Teena, but that's what she shared with me for the MRA.

Mr. Horcajo: Any comments? I guess my only – not suggestion or thought – does it make sense to invite Teena to a meeting here as well?

Ms. Betts Basinger: Yes. She actually would be happy to come here. She said she might stick her head in this afternoon, but she hasn't so far.

Mr. Horcajo: I'm sorry folks. Any public testimony on this agenda item? Okay, thank you. We're on agenda item (G6) Market Street banner cleaning. Erin you can start.

6. Market Street Banner cleaning

Ms. Wade: A couple of meetings ago a member of the public suggested that the banners be replaced or washed. I did go down and inventory all the banners. None of them looked like they were in poor condition. A couple of them looked like they could use some cleaning, and a couple of ties have come loose. So I called Yuki about coming up with a quote for getting them washed, and she was able to find someone to do it for \$200. And they can do it, we're going to call them spring cleaning. They can do it this month, before the next first Friday.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay. Any public testimony on this agenda item. Please, Yuki.

Ms. Sugimura: So I guess I have a question.

Mr. Horcajo: Yuki, just identify yourself.

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Ms. Sugimura: I'm Yuki Sugimura. I have a question about the process. If MRA wants us to do anything special on that let me know. And I can get the bill to you, whatever. I got to leave, so I wanted to just say something. I've been waiting for the opportune time. A comment was made earlier and I sat here and I thought it was very inappropriate for a member of the public to imply that our staff person gives wrong information.

Mr. Horcajo: Yuki, yeah, you know what, let's stick to this agenda item. But if you want to make your comments in writing.

Ms. Sugimura: I will. Okay.

Mr. Horcajo: Alright. Thank you. Any other public testimony please on this agenda item? Okay. And again members we can discuss if we decide to do this during the budget time. Item (G7) orientation planned for April meeting content. Erin.

7. Orientation planned for April meeting – content

Ms. Wade: I'm just requesting additional content information. If there's something in particular you would like me to go over, tax increment financing, or . . . (inaudible). . . loan programs, just let me know what you would like to hear about. And you can even e-mail in advance of the meeting. James and I – hopefully James will be better. I think he's got the bug I had. And then we can –. Actually he and I have been working already for quite sometime on the presentation for the orientation. But if you have additional things, please let me know.

Mr. Horcajo: Any public testimony on this agenda item? Members, any comments or questions of Erin?

Ms. Popenuk: I just think that would be a good idea to include those kind of upcoming things that we're excited about. You know, the cash in lieu, the TIF, and just so everybody kind of got an orientation.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Maybe we should share our summary that we passed out.

Ms. Popenuk: Yeah, just so they can see where we're going, and what we're thinking about next.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay. I would like to bring up a few months ago, I don't know, six months or so, as Erin says, she's been talking with James because we did discuss that our orientation should be more expansive. Somewhat like the BVA where they also include Chapter 12, Chapter 16, you know, whatever all that stuff. So is that still part of the plan?

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Ms. Wade: Yes. It will be like a BVA orientation basically.

Mr. Horcajo: Alright. We are now on budget. Erin did leave with us our latest numbers here.

H. BUDGET

1. Expenditures Update

Ms. Wade: The two new proposals then would be the \$200 for banner cleaning. And then, you know, I don't have numbers broken out yet because it was just yesterday that we were down there at the planters and figuring out who was going to donate what and what the funds would be. It would be approximately \$6,000 of the MRA's money for the total completion of the planter project. And if you would like me to break that up in phases for you, I'd be happy to do that.

Mr. Horcajo: Well, let's start with the banners cleaning first. Does anyone want to make a motion and then we can do discussion?

Ms. Betts Basinger: I move to approve the \$200 expenditure to do spring cleaning of the banners on Market Street.

Mr. Horcajo: Second?

Ms. Popenuk: Second.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay discussion first. We talked about spring cleaning. Should we confirm it's going to be done supposedly Yuki said before first Friday? Or does it matter with you folks having a deadline or not?

Ms. Wade: Before first Friday.

Ms. Betts Basinger: I amend the motion to be before first Friday.

Mr. Horcajo: Do you agree with the amendment?

Ms. Popenuk: Yes I do.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay. Any other discussion? All in favor of spending \$200 for the spring cleaning of the banners signify by saying aye.

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Agency Members: “Aye.”

Mr. Horcajo: No opposition. No abstention. Passed. Thank you very much.

It was moved by Ms. Alexa Betts Basinger, seconded by Ms. Katharine Popenuk, then unanimously

VOTED: to allocate \$200 of MRA funds to clean the banners located on Market Street before the next first Friday event.

Mr. Horcajo: Erin, on the other stuff, I would like you, I guess, the \$6,000 for that you're saying including all of the Kalo stuff, but maybe we should just talk about the potential costs, moving the planters. They also talked about the cost with staff to remove the existing dirt and stuff to replenish that. And there was a number there too right?

Ms. Wade: So we have the \$1,400 cost of the relocation of those planters. The \$1,000 cost for the interpretative sign design fee and sign, the large sign. I don't have a fee yet for the construction or the design of the sign. So there would be a fee probably associated with that, and that I'm going to need to get. But everything else in an in kind donation.

Ms. Betts Basinger: I would suggest that –. Well should I just make a motion and then we'll have the discussion?

Mr. Horcajo: Sure.

Ms. Betts Basinger: I move that this body approves the move as designed and requested by staff of the planters, with the associated cost that goes with the move and the planting only, not to exceed \$2,000. So that would be the \$1,400. And was the irrigation in kind?

Ms. Wade: The irrigation supply and design was in kind. The installation we're actually going to ask Goodfellows if they want to help us out.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Right.

Mr. Horcajo: So any second to have some discussion?

Ms. Popenuk: I would second.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay. Discussion. You're only talking – you're not talking the signage – moving the plants.

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Ms. Betts Basinger: Just moving the planters and getting them planted.

Mr. Horcajo: My question is that the map shows 13 planters or whatever 13 or 15. There's 25 there right? What do we do with the rest?

Ms. Wade: No. There actually is 19. There's 19. Two of them have been sort of adopted by John Noble. They're right in front of his building. They're right in front of his building. They're fully planted. They're up high. It would be just easier to leave those. They look like they're part of his.

Mr. Suzuki: Yeah, that's fine.

Ms. Wade: So I would like to raise the issue though we then are – without the interpretative sign, we're offering Maui Nui nothing. We're asking them to come do this project for us and get nothing in return.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Well the interpretative sign would be phase II of the project when we know how much it's going to cost. Are you saying it would be a deal breaker?

Ms. Wade: Well, if I was Maui Nui I would want some assurance that it –. In fact, I have described it to them as being part of phase II because it's going to take longer to develop it and they could plant things faster than we can actually get the sign produced. But I would want to know from the MRA that it was your intention to acknowledge their efforts. You know their mission is to educate people about native Hawaiian plants and zeroscaping and how to use it, and this was offered to them as an opportunity to exhibit and provide their information. So, if you can give me some assurance that the intention is yes to do that, we just have to figure out the cost, and how to accommodate that, I would feel okay going back to them.

Mr. Horcajo: And the sign design had to come back to this body as well right?

Ms. Wade: Uh-huh.

Mr. Suzuki: From my perspective that's my intent.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Yeah. Mine too.

Mr. Horcajo: So should we –. Would it be better – are we talking amending the motion with the intent there will be an interpretative sign?

Ms. Betts Basinger: I will amend the motion to say to move that we approve phase I of the planter beautification project at that location which would include the movement of the

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planters, and the planting of the planters, with phase II to follow which would include the signage and that phase III will continue to be discussed by this body.

Mr. Horcajo: Do you agree with the amended motion?

Ms. Popenuk: And the water was implied?

Ms. Betts Basinger: Yes, with the planting.

Ms. Popenuk: I would agree.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay. Further discussion. There was some comment about discussion with the Police Department. I'm assuming that because DPW, Public Works owns the planters, there has been discussion that we can do that. So I guess my main concern or my main comment was do we make it subject to Police having a say or we don't or do we worry about it?

Ms. Betts Basinger: Well, I could amend again to say in compliance with all County/State requirements.

Ms. Wade: I'll call the Police Department.

Mr. Suzuki: Yeah. Courtesy call.

Mr. Horcajo: Do you agree with that amendment?

Ms. Popenuk: And I agree.

Mr. Horcajo: Restate the whole thing? Do we need to restate the motion?

Ms. Betts Basinger: No.

Mr. Horcajo: So you're saying, maximum \$2,000 for the purpose of moving the big planters to the location on that mini park lot. There's still a couple of other planters that we will talk with Public Works where they should go.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Well, in our conversation earlier the entrance to Market Street from Main was where the four planters that have full beautiful plants in them would be moved to beautify that entrance. So I would amend that in addition to what we see in our drawing, it would include the replacement of the well planted, four well planted planters to each corner at Market and Main as designated by staff.

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Ms. Popenuk: Can I make a comment?

Ms. Wade: Yeah.

Mr. Horcajo: Yes.

Ms. Popenuk: I would just be concerned that maybe the really nice ones were like the babies of the person that occupied the store. And now you're going to take their baby away the thing that they've been watering and fertilizing and taking care of, so I would be a little concerned.

Ms. Wade: We're kind of taking it either way. That's the problem.

Ms. Betts Basinger: They have to be taken off the sidewalk. They are safety concern at this point. And the assurances will be made that they will be irrigated, they will be better maintained with Maui Nui Botanical Garden's staff doing their kokua, and they would actually get better visibility. And they can be visited because they will be right down the street.

Ms. Popenuk: Well, in the interest of safety then, if it's a safety issue, then yes we need to move them.

Mr. Horcajo: So do you agree with the amended, the new amendment at this point in time, for discussion purposes?

Ms. Popenuk: Yes, I would agree.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Call for the vote Chair.

Mr. Horcajo: Any other comments? Okay, all in favor of the motion as amended signify by saying aye.

Agency Members: "Aye."

Mr. Horcajo: No opposition. No abstention. Thank you members.

It was moved by Ms. Alexa Betts Basinger, seconded by Ms. Katharine Popenuk, then unanimously

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VOTED: to allocate MRA funds not to exceed \$2,000 for purposes of moving the large planter pots, and replanting and irrigating the plants, to mini park lot as phase I. With Phase II to include an interpretative sign. And Phase III to be discussed at a later time. In addition, the replanting of the four grown plants at Market and Main Streets.

Mr. Horcajo: I'm sorry, any other discussion on budget?

Ms. Wade: There was one more budget issue. I e-mailed you about a file cabinet. Alexa brought to my attention that the MRA at some time purchased office furniture for the MRA when they had their own staff person. I did some research and found out it has been absorbed by the Planning Department. So because we had to move out, or the MRA had to move out of the office that was being rented, the MRA absorbed the furniture.

Ms. Betts Basinger: The Planning Department absorbed our funds that furnished our apartment.

Ms. Wade: Yeah, so I will be following up with the Planning Department with this new information asking them for the cabinet again.

Ms. Betts Basinger: And I did bring those numbers. The amount of money that MRA spent on office furniture, furniture and fixtures as opposed to leased office equipment which we spent \$4,000, but was \$3,270 and this was in FY08.

Ms. Wade: It can be visited in Joe Alueta's office.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay.

Mr. Suzuki: We can remove it.

Mr. Horcajo: Alright members, we're on agenda item (I) approval of the January 21, 2011 meeting, and February 18th meeting minutes. You folks had it e-mailed to you a week and a half ago, or maybe two weeks.

I. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 21, 2011 AND FEBRUARY 18, 2011 MEETING MINUTES (via e-mail)

Ms. Popenuk: There was one typographical error on a quotation by myself. And I think it's on page 68 perhaps.

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Ms. Betts Basinger: Page 68, line 16 of the minutes of 01-21-2011. I don't want to say what it was, but maybe you can tell Leilani how to correct it.

Ms. Wade: Oh, this was the e-mail.

Mr. Horcajo: Yes.

Ms. Popenuk: Do you have that?

Ms. Betts Basinger: Yes.

Ms. Popenuk: Because I don't remember exactly. So some place in there it came out saying "fairy gay guy" in the minutes and that's not what I said. I don't really know what I said, but it wasn't that. So –

Ms. Wade: Just strike that.

Ms. Popenuk: If we could just strike those three words.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay, so when we take the motion let's take it with that three words been stricken.

Ms. Popenuk: Yes please.

Mr. Horcajo: On that specific page, whatever that is.

Ms. Popenuk: Page 68, line 16, just strike those three words.

Mr. Horcajo: And this is for the January 21st meeting or the February 18th meeting?

Ms. Betts Basinger: I think it's the January 21st.

Mr. Horcajo: Okay. Any other comments, typos on the minutes?

Ms. Betts Basinger: No.

Mr. Horcajo: So, I guess right now we have, I guess, we are going to approve the minutes subject to removing those three words on the January 21, 2011 meeting.

Mr. Suzuki: So move.

Ms. Betts Basinger: Second.

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Mr. Horcajo: All in favor say aye.

Agency Members: “Aye.”

Mr. Horcajo: Thank you very much.

It was moved by Mr. Warren Suzuki, seconded by Ms. Alexa Betts Basinger, then unanimously

VOTED: to approve the January 21, 2011 meeting minutes with the amendments, as noted; and to approve the February 18, 2011 meeting minutes as presented.

J. NEXT MEETING DATE: April 15, 2011 (Friday)

Mr. Horcajo: Okay, next meeting date, April 15th. I wish you folks luck. I hope you get your taxes in before that day. Meeting adjourned.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought forward to the Agency, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

LEILANI A. RAMORAN-QUEMADO
Secretary to Boards and Commissions I

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Members Present:

Robert Horcajo, Chair
Katharine Popenuk, Vice-Chair
Alexa Betts Basinger
Warren Suzuki

Others:

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Erin Wade, Small Town Planner
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Wendy Taomoto, CIP Coordinator, Office of the Mayor

Morgan Gerdel, Parking Structure Coordinator
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