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April 8, 2024

Testimony and or Agency comments received by the Planning Department as of April 8, 2024, 9:00 am for the April 8, 2024, Planning Commission meeting regarding the following item:

- F.2.a. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA USE PERMIT (SMA(U)-2024-8), CLASS IV ZONING PERMIT (Z-IV-2024-3), USE PERMIT (U-2024-3) to allow operation of a commercial boating facility that involves staging/shuttling of patrons to the harbor, construction of two (2) boat storage facilities, two (2) dwelling units, and associated improvements, and SHORELINE SETBACK VARIANCE (SSV-2024-1) to allow deviate from the shoreline setback requirement pursuant to Section 8-27.3 of the Kauai County Code (1987), affecting two lots located on the makai side of Kaumualii Highway in Kīkīaola, Waimea, situated approximately 1,000 feet west of the Kīkīaola Harbor, further identified as Tax Map Keys: (4) 1-2-013:039 & 040, and containing a total land area of approximately 2.3 acres = Nathaniel Fisher. [Director's Report Received 3/19/2024].

April 5, 2024

Aloha, Members of the Kaua'i Planning Commission:

My name is Captain Lani Kahaunaele, born and raised in Anahola. Residing in Hanapepe, Kaua'i for the last 25 years. I have been working fifty-two years in the visitor's industry.

I have been in the Na Pali boating industry since the early 80's and was one of the first tour boat operators out of Hanalei. In 1998, the state decided, to shut down my legal operation and others. My life's work, pride and joy were shattered, devastated and discriminatory in my opinion.

I now operate my Na Pali tours out of Port Allen. Being the first to make the move from Hanalei to Port Allen back in September of 1998.

The point of me sharing the history of this background is to showcase my familiarity with the commercial boating industry on Kaua'i and how it can impact and often impede on many local residents, and then the drastic measures government often takes after it's too late.

I am familiar with the project, and I can tell you that this boating facility will reduce or eliminate impact at nearby Kikia'ola Harbor and this is the type of proactive, forward thinking, well thought out project that I myself and many other locals would support.

If you don't support and help the people and companies that seek to do things right, I am fearful another Hanalei will happen at Kikia'ola, except even worse. Worse because these operators will have nowhere else to relocate to as I did so many years ago.

Support projects like this will serve the public while keeping local businesses alive.

Mahalo nui loa,



Captain Lani Kahaunaele

Romio Idica

From: Planning Department
Sent: Saturday, April 06, 2024 8:15 AM
To: Romio Idica
Subject: FW: Testimony regarding Kekaha commercial development near Kikiaola Harbor

From: Graham Chelius <grahamchelius@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 9:22 PM
To: Planning Department <planningdepartment@kauai.gov>
Subject: Testimony regarding Kekaha commercial development near Kikiaola Harbor

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Aloha,
RE: Kekaha Boat Facility

I have met with Mr. Fisher and reviewed the planned development documents.

I live close by at 4491 Kikiaola Place, about 4 lots to the west. As a neighbor to the property, I feel the plan is appropriate for the neighborhood and will not negatively affect us, the property values, or the current nature of the neighborhood.

I expect the development will benefit the neighborhood in several ways:

- 1) Reduced fire risk: Currently undeveloped property in this neighborhood generally has overgrowth of dry grass and creates a fire risk. Having the development will result in control of the overgrowth.
- 2) Reduced Crime: Our next door neighbor has had people who are living on the empty property enter her property. This development will reduce the chance that someone who has set up a living situation on the undeveloped lot will repeat this unwanted intrusion.
- 3) Increased property values: Supply and demand economics would predict that fewer available properties would reduce supply, increasing values of all neighboring properties.

Overall, I support this development plan and have no concerns.

Graham Chelius
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Sent from my iPad

From: [Planning Department](#)
To: [Shanlee Jimenez](#)
Cc: [Romio Idica](#)
Subject: FW: Upcoming April 9, 2024 agenda
Date: Thursday, April 04, 2024 8:04:26 AM

From: joyce yamase <joyceyamaseomao@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 6:48 PM
To: Planning Department <planningdepartment@kauai.gov>
Subject: Upcoming April 9, 2024 agenda

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Re: west side commercial boat facility

Aloha,

My name is Kevin Yamase, 67 years old, born and raised Kaua'i commercial fisherman for over 37 years and counting.

Over the years, I have had my fair share of interactions with the tour boat operators at the various harbors here on Kaua'i. Some operators are very respectful, others not so much. I commend this outfit for wanting to reduce footprint at the harbor to make access easier for fishermen like myself.

For what it's worth, from a local fisherman's perspective, I support this project.

Mahalo,
Kevin Yamase
Yamase Enterprises
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From: [Planning Department](#)
To: [Romio Idica](#)
Cc: [Shanlee Jimenez](#)
Subject: FW: Kekaha Boat Yard
Date: Thursday, April 04, 2024 8:19:43 AM

From: Greg Holzman <holzmangreg59@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 6:24 AM
To: Planning Department <planningdepartment@kauai.gov>
Subject: Kekaha Boat Yard

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AGENDA -

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To whom it may concern

I am a long time Kekaha resident and fisherman.

I have used Kikia'ola Small Boat Harbor since the 1980s. I live within a quarter mile (0.25) of the harbor.

From what I see in the report, it seems like a great idea and is something that all of the tour operators should be doing. Keeping traffic down by having private parking for cars as we often need the space for parking trailers.

I support the project and less congestion at the harbor.

Thank you for your consideration.

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