

## MINUTES

### **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE May 7, 2008**

A meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee of the Council of the County of Kaua'i, State of Hawai'i, was called to order by Councilmember Tim Bynum, Chair, at the Historic County Building, Room 201, Lihu'e, Kaua'i, on Wednesday, May 7, 2008, at 2:28 p.m. and recessed. The meeting reconvened at 10:32 p.m., after which the following members answered the call of the roll:

Honorable Tim Bynum  
Honorable Jay Furfaro  
Honorable Shaylene Iseri-Carvalho  
Honorable JoAnn A. Yukimura  
Honorable Bill "Kaipo" Asing, Ex-Officio Member  
Honorable Mel Rapozo, Ex-Officio Member

EXCUSED: Honorable Ron Kouchi

The Committee proceeded on its agenda item as follows:

**C 2008-102**            Communication (03/04/2008) from the Director of Parks and Recreation, requesting Council approval to accept the donation from The Friends of Kamalani and Lydgate Park of two (2) prefabricated speed humps (\$2,427.69) and labor costs (\$180.00) for transportation and installation at the Lydgate camp ground parking lot in the vicinity fronting the comfort station.  
**[This item was deferred.]**

**TIM BYNUM, PARKS AND RECREATION CHAIR:** I think initially we were going to have Bernard here to discuss this item. I assume, given the late hour, that he's not here. We did receive written communication from Police and Fire, so what would the Committee like to do with this?

**Ms. Iseri-Carvalho:** I did speak with the Parks and Rec. Director, Bernard Carvalho. He needs an opportunity to speak with the Public Works Department. He did not receive any comments from the Public Works regarding the installation of these speed humps. Also, I will be asking for the County Attorney's opinion on the liability or the risk to the County if these speed humps are not installed by the County, and if there is a concern, then we need to have Public Works chime in on that. So, in light of that, I think a deferral is appropriate at this point.

**Mr. Bynum:** I think that seems reasonable and I concur about the installation. Our Parks Department has, I mean Our Public Works Department has experience installing these and probably is a better, it's a pretty minor thing and better if they take that responsibility. So, was there a motion to defer?

**Ms. Iseri-Carvalho:** Unless there's further discussion? So, I don't know if other people want to talk about it.

(Inaudible – many people speaking at once.)

Mr. Rapozo: I don't know if there's any more Committee members. I just was wondering, Mr. Chair, if we can get, and maybe there is, I haven't seen it, a sketch of where it's gonna be placed as far as in relation to the restroom and so forth. Obviously I think the County Engineer's input is valuable as far as...and is it speed humps or is it gonna be speed tables, or do we know exactly?

Mr. Bynum: Yeah, we do and they're 2-foot wide premanufactured speed humps or bumps or tables.

Mr. Rapozo: But, there's, I know there's a difference between a hump and a table.

Mr. Bynum: Well, it's not a speed hump. A 14-foot roadway, it really is a speed bump. It's 2 feet wide.

Mr. Rapozo: Is it flat on the top?

Mr. Bynum: No, it's not...

Mr. Rapozo: It's not flat.

Mr. Bynum: ...a speed table. It's not like the little short ones that we recently installed by the Community Center. It's...

Mr. Rapozo: So, it is a bump. It's not the table.

Mr. Bynum: Yeah, it's not a table, and there was, in the original communication, a drawing of where the installation was, and this is something that's been discussed for several years. Just...

Mr. Rapozo: I know when we did the Weke Road, there was quite a bit of discussion regarding tables versus humps versus bumps, and I thought the, and I may be wrong, it was quite a while ago, I thought it was the County Engineer's position that we would only install tables in the County and not humps because the humps has a tendency of, or bumps, speed humps have the tendency of damaging vehicles and that is a concern, I think. Safety, obviously, is one concern. The Fire Department's letter was of concern. But just the normal driver that's gonna go down there and if the hump is too high and it causes some damage to a vehicle, you know, who's responsible for that? So, I just want to get the Engineer's...

Mr. Bynum: And we'll have that discussion. These are in the parking lot, in essence in the park, similar to what we have in Lydgate Park now or in the Convention Center. In fact, in looking into this, I found out that speed bumps that were at Salt Pond Park were removed when they repaved the parking lot. But these are parking lot type, slow down, not roadway, but we can have that discussion. Those are all appropriate questions.

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: And I think what would be important, I mean, I'm sure there's some illustration of the description that you're saying about what type and that might be helpful for me anyway in making my decision. We went through Weke Road with all kinds of pictures of humps and bumps and tables, and the definition of all three and, you know, how much damage it does to vehicle, how much response time it causes as far as delays with respect to each type. So, I know there's that research out there 'cause we did extensive research on that.

Mr. Bynum: That's what I anticipated the Parks Director having for us here tonight, but he can do that next time.

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: Well, to be assured that we'll also have contact with the Public Works 'cause that was one department that was left out of the discussion.

Mr. Furfaro: So, did you make a motion to defer?

Ms. Iseri-Carvalho: Not yet, until the Committee was finished talking.

Mr. Bynum: Any other discussion?

Mr. Furfaro: I have no more to add.

Upon motion duly made by Councilmember Iseri-Carvalho, seconded by Councilmember Yukimura, and unanimously carried, C 2008-102 was deferred.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Wilma Akiona*

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Secretary

APPROVED at the Committee Meeting held on May 20, 2008:

  
TIM BYNUM  
Chair, Parks & Recreation Committee