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North Kohala Community Development Plan

MEMORANDUM

To: Access Focus Group

From: Bruce Tsuchida

Date: October 19, 2007

NOTES FROM ACCESS FOCUS GROUP MEETING NO. 4 – OCTOBER 17, 2007

Participants were: Sarah Frances Bumbard, Lucy Pasco, Robin Mullin, Mike Isaacs, Marcia Carvalho, Nancine Lloyd, June Gomes, Mike Gomes, Ted Matsuda, Toni Withington, Mark Grandoni, Robin Mullin, Giovanna Gherardi, Kimo Jordan. The meeting was facilitated by Bruce Tsuchida and Harmonee Williams of Townscape, Inc.

Bruce Tsuchida opened the meeting by welcoming all and summarizing the purpose of the meeting: to briefly review the outcomes of the last meeting (Meeting No. 3) and then to discuss and resolve next steps.

After self-introductions, Mike Gomes summarized the outcomes of the last meeting. Per that meeting, the Access Focus Group's #1 priority is to have the County act on accepting 5 specific accesses that have been awaiting County action for several years. The overall long-range goal is to establish complete lateral access from Pololu to the southwestern limits of the North Kohala District – and beyond, together with lateral mauka-makai driveable access ways at appropriate intervals.

Re: Management Model for accesses – the Focus Group still needs some input and assistance on this subject. Bruce said that he has asked Debbie Chang to research this subject, but that to date she has not identified any community-based access management entity in Hawai'i that has a successful track record.

Other discussion is summarized as follows:

- Priority area for more mauka-makai accesses: Aina Kea to Puakea
- Key issue: how to create "community access" that does not encourage use by outsiders?
- Can a community-based organization manage and maintain accesses? How to fund?
- Mayor's Advisory Committee on Public Access convened some years ago. Much good discussion, but no follow-up action by County.
- Access Focus Group needs to do a 2-step process: (1) identify all of the accesses that the community desires, and then (2) what the management protocol should be for each of

these accesses – i.e., “community only,” or “some limited use for non-community people,” or “open to all,” etc.

- Need a map showing County-recognized accesses. (Note: Allen has this map – it was displayed at the Aug. 8 community meeting. He can provide a copy to the Access FG)
- Various land owners will need to be consulted.
- The “Access Action Plan” section of the CDP will present/discuss both near term actions and longer term actions.
- So, re: “**identify all of the accesses that the community desires,**” the Group agreed to meet on Tuesday, Oct. 23 to map these accesses. All members are to develop their own list of important accesses before the 10/23 meeting. Mike Gomes will provide a TMK map that the Group can mark up on the 23rd.
- Re: possible meeting with Planning Director and County Council Chair: do on-site visit to one or two accesses – probably Kapanaiia and Aina Kea. Discuss what needs to be done for the County to accept the 5 priority accesses – possibly 6, if Mahukona access is included. Get Planning Director and Council Chair commitment to move ahead with County acceptance. **The objective is to get some positive County action even while we are developing the Access Action Plan.** Townscape will call Planning Director and Council Chair to set up a date for this meeting. Townscape will also coordinate with the Focus Group members and w/Debbie Chang to prepare material to send to Council Chair in advance of the meeting. Planning Director is already very familiar with the details.
- Bruce also check with Debbie Chang re: information on how to resolve some of the detailed problems/questions for many of the Kohala accesses. Bruce also check on which Council committee would consider action on accesses – Planning Committee? Other?