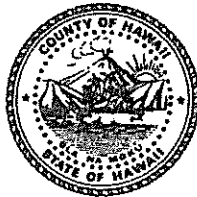


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Mr. Jon A. Olson, Chair  
And Members of the Puna Community Development  
Plan Steering Committee  
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Dear Mr. Olson and Members of the Puna Community Development  
Plan Steering Committee:

**SUBJECT: STEERING COMMITTEES**

Questions have come up from members of the various Steering Committees about what role, if any, the Steering Committees have after they have reviewed the proposed Community Development Plan and made a favorable recommendation on the Plan.

The General Plan gives this procedure for the adoption of the Community Development Plans: "After the steering committee has recommended approval of the Community Development Plan, it shall be forwarded to the Planning Commission for its review and recommendation to the County Council. The County Council may modify or amend the Community Development Plan before enacting it by ordinance, but it shall give the Steering committee and the Planning Commission an opportunity to review and comment upon substantive amendments and modifications before final adoption of the Plan."

So, after the Steering Committee has made its recommendation on the CDP, the CDP goes on to the Planning Commission and Council. There is no need for further action at this point by the Steering Committee, and its regular meetings will cease.

If the Council proposes substantive amendments to the CDP, before the final vote is taken on the CDP, the Steering Committee and Planning Commission must be given an opportunity to review the proposed changes. At that point, the Planning Department will schedule a meeting of the Steering Committee to consider the proposed changes. The

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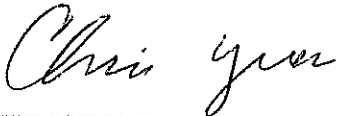
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recommendation of the Steering Committee which results from that meeting will be sent to the Planning Commission and Council. The Council has the final decision on the enactment of the CDP.

The Steering Committees have no further role or function after the Council enacts the CDPs and will be dissolved after that action.

Sincerely,



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