

**Agribusiness Development Corporation/Whitmore Community Informational meeting**  
Dole Conference Room, 1116 Whitmore Avenue, Whitmore, Hawaii 96786  
November 13, 2018

Attendance: Letitia Uyehara, Yukio Kitagawa, James Nakatani, Todd Low,  
Ken Nakamoto, Cindy Doi

Guests: see attached sign in sheet

Chair Uyehara called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Discussion of the issuance of Revocable Permits for the Circle Mauka Street and Circle Mauka Place gardens in Whitmore, Oahu, TMK (1)7-1-0002:004 (por).

Chair Uyehara introduced herself, ADC Board member Yukio Kitagawa and ADC staff who were present. She also introduced Senator Donovan Dela Cruz and his staff who were present.

Chair Uyehara commented that this is an informational meeting and not a formal ADC Board meeting. There will be no decisions today but to receive comments from the community regarding a concept that will be introduced. Many are concerns and involved with the issues regarding the lands that surround your homes. Staff will present the concept that may affect many. Then we will allow testimony from the community members who are affected. She gave a brief history of ADC. One of the missions of the ADC is to protect agricultural lands so it can remain in agricultural use in perpetuity. ADC is a state agency that has procedures that we need to be adhered to. Also the lands need to be protected.

Senator Dela Cruz gave a short history of ADC. Today's meeting is a Whitmore Community Informational meeting. The ADC purchased the lands from Dole to prevent development on the north shore. ADC could have done a better job communicating with the community. This is an effort to get community gardens so the state can do individual permits for residence who want to continue gardening that is currently on state lands behind their homes. There were some comments that were told to him that the residence would: take care of the lands, use their own water and make sure there is a buffer between housing and ag lands, and no homeless encampments. The ADC has a lot of conditions on long term leases so getting onto the lands quicker with a revocable permit would be a better fit.

Elaine Ringor commented on her concerns with the homeless, the community as a whole like the hospitals, schools and family. She was not aware about the state purchasing the properties behind their homes.

Mr. Nakamoto explained the concept that ADC is proposing to allow permits for gardening on state lands. This could be a compromise oppose to a long term strategy to maybe getting it to a City community garden or a nonprofit taking over. This is for short term so that the community can continue to garden and we can work toward a longer term solution. He showed an ADC gardener that is on state lands on Kauai.

TJ Cuareoma commented that the State should have given the community an opportunity to speak up five years ago when the lands were purchased. The state should have been upfront with the community.

A question was asked if the state lands were available for purchase. Is the Board willing to sell this TMK and parcel it out for these individuals? Was the purchase legal? Senator Dela Cruz replied that the ADC cannot sell state lands. Two-thirds of both the house and senate is needed to approve any sale. If a house member can pass a bill to sell the lands and it comes to the senate with a two-thirds vote of all the legislature members voting affirmative to sell any state lands. It is not the ADC's kuleana to be able to sell the property. They need to get approval from the legislature. The community commented that they will need to get their legislator involved in order to sell this state lands. All this could have been mitigated by talking to the community.

Peter Sy felt that the ADC needs to take care of their tenants who lease the lands from ADC. He felt the ADC tenants were destroying the lands not the residence. He would like 3 feet of his back yard for planting ti leaves.

Jasmine Corpuz commented that they have established a non-profit – Rooted - Kekahi Makaina. Developing a non profit to buffer between what is being taking care and who ADC is leasing to. Permitting process for her is the lack of information because it does not show what is being proposed for the permit. As far as liability, what they are doing on the lot then they become liable. What is the difference between a permit and lease? Why can't they get the same terms as the current tenants who are leasing such as a minimum 10 year lease. Is the permit going to be revoked at any time? It should have been worked out when the state purchased the lands. She has goats on her property with pallets and the state says its structures on the property which is not permitted. Why would she sign a permit if she cannot do what she wants on the land? This is not agriculture but goats fertilize the soil. Gardening needs to be sustainable. If they need to work together with the other ADC tenants then they should have the same option as everyone else who is on the other side of the berm.

Alfred Tercaza commented that this is hope and don't want a few bad people to change things. The ADC is doing good and should respect what they are trying to do. If you are on state lands which Dole owned and let the residence use, then you are trespassing because you did not buy the land and paid the tax. Show respect for the law. The homeless needs to be taken away. We should work together and if you're not from Whitmore then you should go to your own community meeting. But if you're from Whitmore, speak up before you let someone else interrupt our meeting and show respect.

Cir Domingo who lives on Circle Mauka Street and is the pastor of Maranatha Christen Church commented that they take care of the fruit trees on their back yard. He is agreeable to receiving a permit.

Senator Dela Cruz stated that his office will get the revocable permit that was mentioned in Mr. Nakamoto's presentation and post it on his website. He will check on the laws of agricultural structures because there are some flexibility but some may have to be permitted depending on the structures. They will ask ADC to put the terms of a long term lease on line because if the residence wants a long term lease then they would have to meet the same kinds of conditions as

everyone else. A conservation use permit is needed. Those items mentioned will be put on their website.

A question was raised of why ADC is only asking that one side of the street while ADC owns the property all around. Senator Dela Cruz replied the reason why this happen was because ADC received a lot of complaints from the senior housing on illegal activity, drug use, illegal parking behind their buildings, that is when the deputy attorney general got involved. Then ADC contacted that side of Whitmore that is being involved to let them know about the trespassing and permitting issues. That was the advice of the AG's office when ADC tried to deal with the crime behind the senior housing.

A question was posed on how ADC could purchase the lands when Dole never owned the land and Dole had a 100 year lease. The accusation was that ADC had pocketed the money from the military and others who had also put in funds to purchase the property. The deeds on the purchase from Dole will be checked.

Mr. Aquino commented that ADC has not done the right thing first.

A question was whether the Whitmore community would be able to get priority of the property. Senator Dela Cruz replied that ADC would have to look at sites of buffer. He has asked the City if they would be able to make a community garden around the areas that is similar across Wheeler. The City replied they cannot do what we have asked.

TJ Cuareoma asked why did it take so long to let the community know about the property. Dole does not have title to sell the land to the state it is crown lands and ceded lands. It was not Dole's to sell. How do we fix it when the state finds out that Dole did not have title to sell the lands? Chair Uyehara replied the crown land that is in question will be checked.

Les Decosta asked about the road going through Whitmore instead of through Kamehameha Highway. He was told that the state did not want it because it would cause traffic. Senator Dela Cruz stated that he will meet with the City and State to see if they could meet with their transportation directors. Elaine Ringor - traffic is bad getting out of Whitmore because of the road going through Whitmore.

A subject of the sovereign lands were brought up.

Lilette Subede from WEDG who is the interim president and director of resource development. She commented that the ADC wants to make things right and supports this but needs to continue to work together and understand the process is not easy but needs to allow them to participate. We need to look at survivability who live in the village not sustainability. She believes that the permitting process might be misunderstood of what a revocable permit may allow. She understands what all these people that has come today however ADC wants to make it right. She spoke to Laura Daniels who is the property manager at Circle Mauka housing senior residence facility has concerns. Their main concerns are the homeless and houseless that are occurring and also parking. They are concerned with their safety. She agree with the concept and potential offering the fears and anxiety of the community that has property in questions of the

revocable permit process and the responsibility of the ADC. On behalf of the WEDG, she supports the initiative that ADC has placed forward and need to look how we can continue we can be progressive and work together. We understand that process is not easy but opportunities allows to participate to be active in to have this course with those people they have placed their trust in and in leadership. It is their kuleana as well to be present and work together. She also agrees with Senator to make it accessible on the website for everyone to see. She applaud the efforts of the ADC and government. For those who are angry about how the lands were purchased, did you witness Senator Dela Cruz saying that in order to keep the lands from development, these lands are to be kept in agriculture in perpetuity.

Joslyn Sato thanked everyone for coming. Gardening is a way of living sustainability. She was here on behalf of the Wahiawa CBDO who tries to focus on economic development for the community. She said she supports and want to push the process to make it easy for their community members to allow them to continue gardening. Also they would like to help the ADC in keeping the communication lines open with the community. Thank everyone for coming out and fighting for what they love. Also to ADC for listening to the community and continue this partnership and continue to be included with other Wahiawa groups to help formulate what is best for our community.

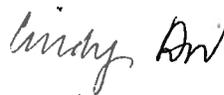
Chair thanked everyone for coming and sharing their comments and thoughts.

The next board meeting is tentatively be on November 28, 2018. Still looking for a site. There will be other issues on the agenda therefore the site will probably be in town.

A comment was that they would like the meeting in Whitmore to show that ADC cares about the community.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy Doi  
secretary

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NAME	ORGANIZATION	TESTIMONY	AGENDA ITEM	
✓ Jaslyn Sato		x	CEBDO	
Chelsea Stillman				
<del>Dennis Y. Lohaka</del>				
Sheena Panag				
Eugene Panag				
Edwin Layugan				
Faima Layugan				
Frene Roberson				
John Roberson				
Dieter Pfister				
Gloria Pfister				
Kainoa Rodriguez-Aliivaa	Whitmore Village Resident.			
✓ Lilette Liliakala Subedi	Whitmore Econ Dev Grp (WEEDG)	Yes		
Amy Punwsd	State House	No		
Mario R Raquino				
Mitchell E Ayau	Whitmore Village Resident			

Cir Damrejo (Pastor)

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Don (oto) Glover	Whitmore Village			
Releigh ROBERTSON				
William Lowell Robertson				
Michael Barros	Whitmore resident			
✓ Al Tercera	WCA	-		
✓ Jazmine CORPUZ	ROOTED			
Carolyn Ringer	ROOTED			
William NIPP	ROOTED			
Elan Roger	Whitmore			
John MacArthur	Whitmore	✓		
Jason Trias	Whitmore Resident			
Lenani Ayau	Rooted			
Tehani Ayau	Rooted			
Aileen K. Smith	Rooted			
JOEL WONG	ROOTED			
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Misty REIS				
NICHANIS MACABUNAS				
Dir Domingo				
Duncan Osorio				
Michael Shenter				
Lisa Sherrier				
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