The Planning Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at 1:35 p.m., at the Mission Memorial Auditorium, 550 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii. Vice Chair Anderson presided.

Pursuant to HRS 92-3.5 and Proclamations issued by Governor David Ige relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Commission members may be participating in the meeting by interactive technology from remote locations.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Arthur D. Challacombe, Chair
Cord D. Anderson, Vice Chair
Steve S. C. Lim [remote location]
Ken K. Hayashida
Gifford K. F. Chang
Aki Marceau
Brian Lee

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Theresia C. McMurdoo
[prior notice given]
Arthur B. Tolentino
[prior notice given]

DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL: Mele Coleman
(Advisory to the Commission) [remote location]

COMMISSION STAFF: Gloria Takara
Secretary-Hearings Reporter

DPP REPRESENTATIVE: Katia Balassiano, Division Chief, Land Use Permits Division
CALL TO ORDER:

[00:00] [bangs gavel]

[00:29] ROLL CALL

[05:06] APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of February 19, 2020, as previously circulated, to be approved by the Commission.

[05:53] [It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Hayashida that the minutes of the February 19, 2020 meeting, as previously circulated, to be approved by the Commission. Motion was unanimously carried, 7:0.]

[07:11] PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 21, REVISED ORDINANCES OF HONOLULU (ROH) 1990, AS AMENDED (THE LAND USE ORDINANCE [LUO]), RELATING TO GROUP LIVING FACILITIES

The City Council initiated a proposal to amend the Land Use Ordinance (LUO), relating to Group Living Facilities (GLF).

Resolution No. 19-42, CD1, relating to Group Living Facilities, amends LUO Section 21-5.290 by providing an exception from the 1,000-foot separation requirement when the GLF is a multi-family dwelling that 1) provides housing for students or staff of an educational institution, and 2) is located in the apartment, apartment mixed use, or business mixed use zoning districts within a one-half-mile radius of an educational institution with a total enrollment of 10,000 or more students.

Public Testimony:

[12:39 – 16:08] 1) Chris Deuchar, Senior Director of Planning and Development, Kamehameha Schools


[22:38 – 43:40] Questioning by the Commissioners of the public testifiers.

[46:45 – 49:04] Kathy Sokugawa, DPP Acting Director

[49:12 – 56:49] Katia Balassiano, DPP Division Chief, LUPD

[56:57 – 01:36:58] Questioning by the Commissioners of the DPP and public testifiers

[01:37:13] [It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Chang that the public hearing on the proposed amendment to Chapter 21, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH) 1990, as amended (The Land use Ordinance [LUO]), relating to Group Living Facilities be closed. Motion was unanimously carried, 7:0.]

Chair Challacombe calls for a recess and resumes at 3:39 p.m.

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Discussion (cont’d)

It was moved by Lim and seconded by Lee to recommend approval of the City Council-initiated proposal to amend the Land Use Ordinance (LUO), relating to Group Living Facilities (GLF) with the following amendment: Reduce the one-half-mile radius to one-quarter-mile radius of an educational institution with a total enrollment of 10,000 or more students. Secondly, the Planning Commission suggested that the City Council consider expanding the scope of the amendments proposed in Resolution No. 19-42, CD1 to include the items raised in the R.M. Towill Corporation’s May 27, 2020 written testimony which sought to broaden the scope of the legislation to include educational institutions with a total enrollment of over 2,000 students; care homes and the like within one-half-mile of a hospital; and any transit-oriented development areas or areas within one-half mile of a planned transit station. Motion was carried, 5:2; Commissioners Marceau and Challacombe dissented.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Planning Commission, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Challacombe at approximately 4:20 p.m.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct summary of the proceedings, prepared to the best of my ability, of the meeting held on Wednesday, May 27, 2020.

Gloria Takara
Secretary-Hearings Reporter
Planning Commission

Adopted on June 24, 2020