

AIRPORT ZONING BOARD
HEARING - KAHULUI, MAUI
May 29, 1953

An informal hearing for the Airport Zoning Board was held in the Conference Room of the Maui County Waterworks Board, Kahului, Maui, on Friday, May 29, 1953.

The Chairman, Mr. George Houghtailing, called the meeting to order and apologized for the unavoidable absence of Messrs. Andrew and Pietsch, members of the Board.

Present: Mr. George Houghtailing, Chairman (no Quorum)

Absent: Mr. Olen V. Andrew, Member
Mr. Charles J. Pietsch, Jr., Member

Attending: Mark E. Martin, Manager, Honolulu Airport
William Neilson, Manager, Maui County Airports
Thomas T. Mitsunaga, Lanai City, Lanai
Clark H. Nakamoto, Lanai City, Lanai
Richard E. Mawson, Maui Publishing Company
Roy H. Savage, Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company
Arnold A. Kruse, Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company
T. E. Benson, Maui Electric Company
Robert Bruce, Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company
& Kahului Development Company
Daniel K. Ainoa, Hawaiian Homes Commission
W. W. Hobdy, Hawaiian Pineapple Company, Lanai
George Stender, Mutual Telephone Company, Maui
Koichi Hamada, County Engineer, Maui
F. E. Skinner, School Department, Maui
J. M. Fleming, Standard Oil Company, Maui
C. Eric Reppun, Pacific Pineapple Company, Molokai
C. H. Burnett, Jr., Kahului Railroad Company
Bill Davis, Spreckelsville Beach Association
Walter K. Collins, Kahului Development Company

Mr. Houghtailing explained the purpose of the Airport Zoning Regulations which would regulate heights, distances and construction or any obstruction in or around the perimeter of an airport. This Board, when regulations are finally adopted will be financed by the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission. It will also be in conformance with rules by the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

Mr. Martin explained the area map and invited those in attendance to bring up their questions.

Mr. Kruse, representing Hawaiian Commercial Company, asked about the smoke stack which his company contemplates putting up. After discussion on it Mr. Neilson said that he felt this stack would probably not create a hazard and would be in conformance to the heights as set up and that the two already set up are actually higher than the contemplated one. Mr. Houghtailing assured Mr. Kruse that the problem of the third stack would be studied. Mr. Kruse asked as to how long it would be before he could get an okay and Mr. Houghtailing informed him that the next meeting in Honolulu would be within the next two weeks and that pending the adoption of the airport zoning rules he would go along as granting it.

Mr. Bruce, representing East Maui Irrigation Company, asked about the ownership of Kahului Airport and was told that the HAC is the custodian, as the title still has not been settled. Mr. Bruce said that there is a perpetual easement on a portion that was used for storage of bombs and ammunition and that they were interested in getting it lifted and wondered who had the right to waive, as it was his opinion that the HAC has no use for it. Mr. Houghtailing stated that he would like to refer that to the Attorney General to get a definite opinion on the matter. Mr. Bruce further stated that if the Attorney General would like to know where to find this it is on the original condemnation proceedings.

Mr. Bruce then spoke for Kahului Development Company on the subject of smoke which might occur as a result of heavy or light industry, as a part of a long range plan of the New Kahului Town, indicating the location on the map.

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Mr. Neilson was of the opinion that this smoke would not impair visibility of pilots. Mr. Houghtailing concurred but suggested that Mr. Bruce go on record by putting it in a letter, addressing it to the HAC.

Mr. Benson, representing Maui Electric Company, spoke on electric wires and poles. He said that their company goes by the rules of the Public Utilities Commission and now with the setting up of the airport zoning regulations it could be confusing and felt that before these rules are adopted he would like a copy of the regulations and map for further study. Mr. Houghtailing informed Mr. Benson that for the present time there would only be one available copy in the Airport Manager's office, while more copies are being made in Honolulu.

Mr. Burnett, representing Kahului Railroad Company, said that he could not bring up any question until he has had time to study the map and regulations.

Spreckelsville Beach Association's representative, after looking over the map found the only violation in existence at present was in the height of the trees. Mr. Martin and Mr. Houghtailing explained that in cases where they are in existence before the regulations are adopted, the HAC would be responsible for the cost to remedy any hazard.

Mr. Mawson, representing Maui Publishing Company, asked about the KMVI tower and was informed that it was within the prescribed elevation.

Mr. Bruce asked if the zoning would cover Puunene and was told by Mr. Martin that it would. To this, Mr. Bruce, who did not expect that Puunene might be included, again asked for more time.

Mr. Reppun, representing Pacific Pineapple Company on Molokai, looked at the map and was told that there was no known violation there at present and that if he had new construction to pick out the site and the Board would try and clear it for him.

Mr. Daniel Ainoa, representing Hawaiian Homes Commission, felt that he would have to see the regulations and get a copy of the map to show interested home builders on Molokai. He stated that right now some home owners desire to move from their present sites to a point nearer the paved road, which might be a restricted area and felt it advisable for the HAC and the HHC to get together on the matter. He also mentioned that it seems one house might be in violation now. Mr. Ainoa asked if the HAC would stand the cost of correcting the situation and Mr. Martin was of the opinion that the HAC would be responsible.

The representative speaking for Mutual Telephone discussed the plans on electric lines and poles on Molokai -- to run along the main highway on to Maunaloa -- stating that the plans and specifications are ready to start. Mr. Houghtailing suggested this plan be put in writing for clearance. Mr. Neilson felt that the runways were at a safe enough distance, but went along with Mr. Houghtailing to have the plan put in writing.

Mr. Hobdy, Lanai, asked if in the case of replacing a hangar would a permit be necessary and was told by Mr. Houghtailing that he should do this.

Mr. Bruce, who had made a photostatic copy of the original regulations shown him by Mr. Neilson, inquired about some difference in the original and the one being used at the hearing and was told by Mr. Martin that it was found that the original was overly restrictive and that this plan was the preferred.

Mr. Bruce strongly urged that there be another hearing, after being supplied with regulations and maps, as this matter is too premature. He felt that heavy and light industry is a major problem and needed intensive study. Mr. Houghtailing agreed and also pointed out that transportation was comparable in importance so far as industry is concerned and that it should be safeguarded.

Mr. Martin explained that the proposed restrictions are based on a model zoning act and once it is adopted and the problems analyzed and taken care of it will prove efficient and beneficial to all.

It was the unanimous contention of those in attendance that they be supplied with maps and regulations and that this hearing be continued to a later date, after having enough time to study the supplied maps and regulations.

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Mr. Houghtailing, Mr. Martin and Mr. Neilson agreed.

There being no further questions, the hearing was duly continued to a later date.

Respectfully submitted,


George X. Houghtailing, Chairman