

Minutes of a Meeting of the Airport Zoning Board
Held on Wednesday, January 6, 1954, at the Office
of the City Planning Commission, City Hall Annex,
Honolulu, T. H.

Present: Mr. George K. Houghtailing, Chairman
Mr. Olen V. Andrew, Member
Mr. Charles J. Pietsch, Jr., Member

Also Attending:

Mr. Mark Martin, Airport Manager HAC
Mr. Guy Murray, Chief, Airports Division CAA
Mr. E. S. Hensley, CAA
Mr. Wm. J. Mullahey, Tourist Industry Committee HCC
Mr. Chuck Turner, Reporter, The Honolulu Advertiser

Chairman Houghtailing called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

The Chairman explained that the meeting was called to reconsider the Airport Zoning Regulations which were adopted by the Board on September 25, 1953. The regulations had not yet been forwarded to the Governor's office for approval because of the controversy regarding the proposed extension of Kona Airport.

After lengthy discussion, it was moved by Mr. Andrew, seconded by Mr. Pietsch, and unanimously

VOTED: to reaffirm the previous action to adopt the proposed Airport Zoning Regulations and to forward them to the Governor with a request for his approval.

A draft of the covering letter to the Governor was presented to the board for approval. It was moved by Mr. Pietsch, seconded by Mr. Andrew and unanimously

VOTED: to send the following letter, making said letter a part of these minutes.

Honorable Samuel W. King
Governor of Hawaii
Iolani Palace
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Sir:

It is with pleasure that I forward herewith copies of Airport Zoning Regulations which have been adopted by your Airport Zoning Board. These proposed regulations have been prepared after careful consideration of all possible ramifications and with particular attention to these problems:

1. How can we best prevent the creation of hazards to the flight of aircraft using our Territorial airports; and
2. In providing this needed protection, how can we least interfere with the normal rights of land owners in the vicinity of our airports?

I believe these regulations offer a successful solution to those problems.

It might be noted that in the case of the Kona Airport, with the existing elevation of the ground, the allowable height of structure or trees (in the Kailua direction) will be 10½ feet lower than it would have been without the 500-foot runway extension now planned.

Also, at the time of the public hearing in Walluku, in the case of Kahului Airport, there were questions propounded regarding the continued use of existing non-conforming structures in line with the prolongation of the runway. However, after extensive discussion with the interested parties, it was pointed out that the existing conditions are not affected by the regulations because the regulations cannot be made retroactive. It is felt that proper markings will take care of existing conditions.

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You are further advised that we have worked in close collaboration with military authorities, the Civil Aeronautics Administration, and the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission. Furthermore, we have held public hearings on each of the major islands.

In further clarification, I wish to assure you that, although legal requirements cause these regulations to be a bit technical, the actual administration will be simplified so that they will cause little confusion to laymen. Maps, showing the allowable heights of structures or trees within the various zones, will be made a part of the printed regulations.

It is respectfully requested that you approve these regulations and return five signed copies.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ George K. Houghtailing
George K. Houghtailing
Chairman, Airport Zoning Board

Attach: 6 copies

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


George K. Houghtailing, Chairman