

**[EXTERNAL] New Business Item H****Stephanie Seneff**

Wed 11/15/2023 11:15 AM

To:Kodama, Mary ML &lt;mary.kodama@hawaii.gov&gt;

Aloha!

I am writing in support of Item H under New Business, pertaining to the application for the Hawaii State Historical Site designation for the 27-hole Princeville Makai Golf Course.

I am a resident of Princeville and I am also a Senior Research Scientist at MIT. My research concerns the impact of toxic chemicals on health and the environment. I am the author of the book Toxic Legacy: How the Weedkiller Glyphosate is Destroying Our Health and the Environment, published by Chelsea Green in 2021.

The Makai course has become a very special place where the endangered Nene geese enjoy safe refuge and many Layson's albatross raise their chicks. Many other species of birds make their home there. The open space afforded by the Makai course is crucial for the birds and also supports drainage following heavy rains to prevent flood damage in the surrounding community. I would encourage you to think about not only declaring the golf course as a historical site, but also to view it as a national wildlife refuge, with restrictions on the use of pesticides in the course. This would enhance its value both for the rare birds that inhabit it and for the neighboring residents and those who play golf, to protect them too from chemical exposures.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration.

Stephanie Seneff  
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**[EXTERNAL] Historic designation**

Roberta Halliburton

Wed 11/15/2023 11:17 AM

To:Kodama, Mary ML &lt;mary.kodama@hawaii.gov&gt;

Aloha,

I am writing in support of Item H under New Business, pertaining to the application for the Hawaii State Historical Site designation for the 27-hole Princeville Makai Golf Course.

The Princeville Makai Course is an integral part of Princeville, and the centerpiece of the town. The Makai Course is literally a part of the community as it meanders through the community with all residents enjoying the benefit of the open space created by the golf course.

Not only was the Princeville Makai Golf Course designed as the centerpiece of the community and has been in operation since Princeville was first developed but the open space provides many benefits to the community. The Makai serves as a greenbelt, providing much-needed drainage in the community, and is irrigated with treated wastewater as a beneficial alternative to discharging waste into the ocean. In addition it provides a large area of grass, trees, and other vegetation where many endangered animal species live and care for their young, including nene geese and the Layson's Albatross.

I encourage you to approve the application and forward it to the State Historical Society for its consideration.

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**[EXTERNAL] Support letter for designating Makai Golf Course as State Historic Place**

Karen Morales &lt;

Wed 11/15/2023 9:51 AM

To:Kodama, Mary ML &lt;mary.kodama@hawaii.gov&gt;

State of Hawaii

**STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION**

Hawaii Historic Places Review Board

Aloha,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support of the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board designating all 27 holes of the original Makai Golf Course as a State Historic Place. As a Princeville resident and avid golfer, I have been golfing at and enjoying the historic beauty of the Princeville Makai Golf Course for more than a decade.

When it comes to Princeville's prominent history as Kauai's first master-planned community (and only the second in the state of Hawaii), it literally began with the design and construction of the Makai Golf Course. First opened in 1971, the course served as the foundational element around which the rest of the Princeville community was developed. Built before any home lots were sold, or any hotels and condominiums were built, the Makai Golf Course was constructed to ensure the balance of open space; preserve iconic views of the majestic, singular North Shore of Kauai; and to ensure adequate drainage and watershed protection for the surrounding community.

Another historical element of significant note is that the Makai Golf Course was the first solo project for iconic golf course designer Robert Trent Jones, Jr. One of the most prominent golf course architects of our time, Jones has designed or renovated more than 300 courses in 40 countries and six continents. Jones himself may have said it best in a 2017 Forbes magazine article, "It's paradise. It remains, in my view, the most beautiful place in the world, and I've known a lot of beautiful places."

It is a technical marvel in terms of sustainability and rainfall management that is crucial to the ongoing protection of Princeville residences and infrastructure in what is one of the wettest inhabited places on Earth, as demonstrated through two hurricanes and the 2018 flood, which devastated much of Hanalei and the North Shore.

Since those early days, the course also has become a world-renown haven for many threatened and endangered Hawaiian birds, including the Hawaiian State bird, the Nene, the Mōlī (Laysan Albatross), the Koloa Maoli, the ae'o and the 'alaie 'ula.

Simply put, the Makai Golf Course is the key historic element around which the master-planned community of Princeville was designed and built, and is sustained. The vision, intent, realization and protection of Princeville does not exist without it.

Thank you for your kind attention to this item of critical historic importance in our community and our state.

With aloha,  
Karen Morales  
3994 Aloali'i Dr.

[EXTERNAL] Re: Item H under New Business application for the Hawaii State Historical Site designation for the Princeville Makai Golf Course

Donald Maurer <

Wed 11/15/2023 2:09 PM

To:Kodama, Mary ML <mary.kodama@hawaii.gov>

Cc:Don Cunningham <

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Re: Item H under New Business application for the Hawaii State Historical Site designation, Princeville Makai Golf Course

Aloha Ms. Kodama,

I am writing in support of Item H under New Business, pertaining to the application for the Hawaii State Historical Site designation for the 27-hole Makai Golf Course in Princeville. I am a five-year resident of Princeville and a volunteer at nearby Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge.

The Makai Golf Course was designed as the centerpiece of Princeville, providing a generous greenbelt along with essential drainage functions for the community. The Course is irrigated with treated wastewater as a healthy alternative to discharging it into the sensitive ecosystem of Anini Reef which is right below the course. This is the largest offshore reef in the state.

In addition, the Princeville Makai Course provides vital habitat for our endangered and threatened species including koloa (Hawaiian duck), 'alae ke'oke'o (Hawaiian coot), 'alae 'ula (Hawaiian moorhen), ae'o (Hawaiian stilt), and nēnē (Hawaiian goose).

I encourage you to approve the application and forward it to the State Historical Society for its consideration.

Mahalo for your consideration.  
Don Maurer