

# Friends of the Forest

## *Koke'e Leaseholders Association*

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**Kauai Land Board Member Ron Agor's motion** before the Board of Land and Natural Resources on Friday, 9 September 2005: Regarding: Agenda Item E-1: Request Approval to Dispose of Recreation Residences through Direct Negotiations, Drawing, and Request for Qualifications/Request for Proposals (RFQ/RFP) for Concession Lease, Koke'e and Waimea Canyon State Parks, Waimea, Kaua'i at its meeting

State Parks recommended [extract from the submittal beginning at page 9]:

- “1. That the Board approves entering into direct negotiations for the lease of recreation residences at Koke'e and Waimea Canyon State Parks that are of high historical value (Categories 4 and 5) and in accordance with the “historic preservation and restoration project” provision allowed under section 171-36.2, HRS, and, subject to final approval, the amended Chapter 13-223, HAR.
2. That the Board approves entering into direct negotiations at nominal rent for the lease of recreation residences to religious and eleemosynary organizations in accordance with section 171-43 and 171-43.1, HRS.
3. That the Board authorizes pursuing the issuance of a RFQ/RFP for the concession lease of selected recreation residences and lots to a private operator for use as short-term or daily rentals.
4. That the Board approves use of drawings as described in this submittal and as authorized in sections 171-15 and 171-16, HRS, to select lessees for those structures and lots not disposed through direct negotiations, the RFQ/RFP bid process, or retained for use by DLNR Divisions.
5. All disposition processes are subject to review and approval of the Department of the Attorney General.”

Ron moved and by a vote of 5-2 the Board approved the following:

- “1. to accept Staff's recommendation #1 (direct negotiation with lessees with categories 4 and 5 cabins);
2. to approve staff's recommendation #2 with an amendment that the Board approve (the department) to enter direct negotiation at nominal rent for the lease of recreational cabins for the non-profit and religious organization lessees;;
3. to omit #3 (re: taking of 20 cabins to used for short term rentals) [note: Ron said "I believe that short term rentals can be taken care of by expanding the existing cabins up there."]
4. with regard to staff's recommendation item #4, for Board to approve an auction in the same manner as in the submittal (i.e. a series of 3 auctions, Kauai residents 1<sup>st</sup>, then all State residents, then all others);
5. to add a paragraph 4a, to provide that the existing lessees may have an opportunity to match the highest bidder;
6. to add a paragraph 4b, to provide that any new lessee through the auction shall pay the former lessee the assessed value of the existing cabin;
7. to approve recommendation #5 [All disposition processes are subject to review and approval of the Department of the Attorney General.]”

The entire submittal is available at <http://www.malamaokokee.org> . Our thanks to Carmen Wong for videotaping the meeting and transcribing Ron's motion as reported above.

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