

MINUTES OF THE  
MAUI COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION

DATE: October 24, 1963

PLACE: Board Chambers, Wailuku, Maui

CALL TO ORDER: 1:40 P.M.

PRESIDING: Masaru Yokouchi, Chairman

MEMBERS PRESENT: Masaru Yokouchi, Chairman  
Emil Balthazar  
Richard Caldito  
William F. Crockett, Vice-Chairman  
Cornwell Friel (Molokai)  
Shiro Hokama (Lanai)  
Nadao Honda  
Harry Kobayashi  
Keith Tester  
Thomas Yagi  
Charles C. Young, Research Assistant

MEMBER EXCUSED: C. H. Burnett, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Department of Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation:  
Shizuo Inouye, Parks Superintendent  
Alfred Deloso, Recreation Director  
  
Kase Higa, Deputy County Attorney  
Mrs. William Haling  
Mrs. Dorothy Neilson  
Mrs. J. Van Zwahlenburg

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ROLL CALL:

There were 10 members present and 1 excused at the regular meeting of the Maui County Charter Commission on October 24, 1963.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on October 17, 1963 were distributed to the members and approval of said minutes was deferred until the next meeting. Minutes of the meeting held on October 10, 1963 were approved as circulated.

LITERATURE:

The following were distributed to the members of the Charter Commission:

1. Information gathered by Charles C. Young, Research Assistant:
  - a. Supplemental information regarding the Department of Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation.
  - b. Report on Department of Civil Service purchases for 1962.



LITERATURE: (Cont'd.)

- c. Estimated budget for the year 1964 and "Detail of Other Current Expenses, Debt Service (1964)" of the Board of Water Supply.
- d. Reprints from Honolulu Advertiser on the activities of the Kauai Charter Commission.
- 2. Information from the Department of Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation:
  - a. Information for Charter Commission.
  - b. Organization Chart.
  - c. A chart on the parks, playgrounds and recreation areas of the County of Maui.
  - d. Employees List by Divisions.
  - e. 1963 Appropriations on Normal Operations and Improvements.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Instead of discussing any business, the Chairman proceeded with the meeting with the representatives of the Department of Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Department of Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation:

Mr. Shizuo Inouye, Superintendent of Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation, explained the Organization Chart of his department to the members of the Charter Commission.

Mr. Caldito: How much appropriation do you have for maintenance?

Mr. Inouye: Our total appropriation under the "A" Account is \$186,022.01 and under the "B" Account, \$50,329.82.

Mr. Tester: Do you think there is any way in which the maintenance of your department can be combined with the Public Works Department?

Mr. Inouye: We did discuss this several years back. As far as maintenance of the parks areas is concerned, our employees must know some rules and regulations regarding safety of children. Our crew itself is sufficient for maintenance work, but I would recommend that the Public Works Department handle the construction work because we do not have the engineering staff. We should have a crew to handle minor maintenance work.

Mr. Yokouchi: Can't you have someone from the Public Works Department?

Mr. Inouye: If they can provide, yes.

Mr. Yokouchi: Would it hamper your operation?

Mr. Inouye: We do a lot of work for the public. We put up stages, bleachers, etc., and this is when we need the men most. Instead of having a full force of 4 or 5 men, the amount we have is sufficient to carry on the program.



Mr. Crockett: You have three committees that you work with - the Golf Advisory Committee, War Memorial Gym Committee, and Parks & Recreation Committee?

Mr. Inouye: As far as the committees are concerned, the committees are helpful. They study all the rules and regulations.

Mr. Crockett: Can't you do that?

Mr. Inouye: They also inject new rules and regulations. By forming a committee we do establish tentative rules and regulations before adoption by the Board.

Mr. Crockett: How often do you meet?

Mr. Inouye: We do not meet too often.

Mr. Crockett: What does the Golf Advisory Committee do?

Mr. Inouye: This committee advises the County Chairman and we also sit together at these meetings.

Mr. Crockett: What do they do?

Mr. Inouye: Same thing as the Parks Committee - setting up policies and rules.

Mr. Young: Does the Golf Advisory Committee have anything to do with setting greens fees?

Mr. Inouye: At one time they were asked to advise the Chairman. This Golf Advisory Committee consists of the presidents of various organizations.

Mr. Crockett: Could you tell us something about the work the Department of Social Services is doing?

Mr. Inouye: I am the liaison officer for the Department of Social Services. The T.L.F. workers are unemployed people. The Department of Social Services contact us to find out whether or not we can use these people.

Mr. Caldito: Do you pay them?

Mr. Inouye: No, they are receiving assistance from the Department of Social Services. We just supervise them.

Mr. Yagi: Do you employ any Olinda prisoners?

Mr. Inouye: Yes, we do have some assistance from State prisoners. From time to time we request help from them.

Mr. Caldito: Do they operate their own equipment?

Mr. Inouye: Yes. The County is only liable for parts of the equipment and for fuel. As far as equipment, they use their own.

Mr. Yagi: How many personnel do you have in your office?

Mr. Inouye: Only three, including Alfred Deloso. We have an Office Manager and a Clerk-Steno.



- Mr. Yagi: What does the Office Manager do?
- Mr. Inouye: Takes care of all the office operations in our department - accounting, budget, payroll and keeps all of our employees' records, such as overtime. Actually the pressure is all on the Office Manager, with the assistance of the Clerk-Steno.
- Mr. Yagi: The title is misleading. In private industries when they have such a setup with an Office Manager, they have about 5 employees under them.
- Mr. Inouye explained the setup of the Recreation Division to the members of the Charter Commission.
- Mr. Crockett: What does the Recreation Director do?
- Mr. Deloso: My main job is actually to provide recreational activities for the three counties. What I am striving for is after school and weekend activities. What I would like to do is to copy the City and County of Honolulu setup and have leaders to supervise children.
- I have life guards under me but, besides, I am utilizing volunteers. We have started leisure-time activities.
- Right now we have plans on the Junior Golf Program and in conjunction with the naval ships, we coordinate activities when the navy personnel comes in.
- Mr. Crockett: Does the Maui Recreation Council handle this type of work?
- Mr. Deloso: The Maui Recreation Council handles mostly Senior League activities. Our division would like to get the people who are not in any activities. We would like to provide during the leisure hours activities for children who are not athletically inclined.
- Mr. Caldito: Do you go over to Molokai and Lanai also?
- Mr. Deloso: Yes, I went to Lanai because some of them requested year-round activities. I told them that in our program so far we utilize strictly volunteers. I asked them to provide volunteers, but so far they have not replied. As far as County facilities on Molokai, we have only one or two. Right now, being a one-man gang, I would like to concentrate here.
- Mr. Balthazar: Do you maintain liaison with schools in this program?
- Mr. Deloso: Yes, I get the participants from the schools.
- Mr. Crockett: Has the Board or Chairman given you any discretion as to how expensive the program should be?
- Mr. Deloso: No.
- Mr. Inouye: In our 1964 budget we are requesting additional personnel to assist in the various districts.
- Mr. Balthazar: What is the budget for your department - strictly for the Division of Recreation?
- Mr. Inouye: There is no specific appropriation.



- Mr. Balthazar: What type of equipment do you buy?
- Mr. Deloso: Basketball, baseball, mitts, etc.
- Mr. Tester: You come directly under the Board? Are you appointed by Mr. Inouye or by the Board of Supervisors?
- Mr. Deloso: I am a civil service employee.
- Mr. Young: Who appointed you?
- Mr. Deloso: The Board of Supervisors.
- Mr. Balthazar: Under what guiding philosophy does the government feel you should purchase basketball, baseball, etc., for such recreation when the schools provide a certain amount of it? Aren't we doing too much for the children?
- Mr. Deloso: We have all the County organizational facilities and we have talked many times about combating juvenile delinquency. We cannot combat juvenile delinquency by merely providing recreation without adequate supervision. My main purpose is to provide supervision now that we have the parks.
- Mr. Crockett: Didn't you also say you provide activities for adults?
- Mr. Deloso: Yes, we had two so far.
- Mr. Crockett: Where do you draw the line?
- Mr. Inouye: That is a different type of recreation.
- Mr. Deloso: During the months of March to June we ran an outdoor basketball league. We had volunteers in several districts - Haiku, Pukalani - and we ran the East Maui Basketball League. All these activities have been started since my being appointed.
- As far as duplication or overlapping, prior to going into this program, I checked on the activities which the Maui Recreation Council dropped. I wanted to revive these activities.
- Mr. Yagi: Can you coordinate the work with the district schools?
- Mr. Deloso: We have to involve the children as far as coordinating school activities.
- Mr. Crockett: Before you started this program, was there any public opinion requiring this type of service?
- Mr. Inouye: I think we did. That is why the Board of Supervisors and the Chairman decided to create this position.
- Mr. Deloso: If you remember correctly, formerly the plantations were quite active as far as providing activities. Now they have stopped. I feel that it is our responsibility to give the children some recreational opportunity.
- Mr. Balthazar: Do you provide any equipment for senior or adult programs. Do you hire instructors?
- Mr. Deloso: No, we have volunteers only. The only things I bought are a couple of records and needles.



- Mr. Balthazar: We have our PTA's and PTG's in our local schools. Why should the County spend money for equipment when our schools and our parents are finding it difficult to provide for equipment in their schools? It does seem a little awkward for the County to spend money for these programs when the money is coming from the parents or from donations to the schools.
- Mr. Yokouchi: Have you ever thought about charging fees for the adult programs in case you need equipment?
- Mr. Deloso: I thought about that but, during my orientation in Honolulu, I was cautioned about charging fees, and it was suggested that all programs be kept free.
- Mr. Yokouchi: Golf comes under recreation and they charge fees. There is a need for equipment for youth and you even expand yourself to the adult area to deprive the children.
- Mr. Balthazar: It is a question of money for recreation. The program which you point out is very fine and is worthwhile for all the people countywide. We are afraid that people who volunteer for services are more likely to be paid for.
- Mr. Deloso: I think that Maui was the last one to create a Recreation Division.
- Mr. Tester: Hawaii has taken over the Community Chest work such as is done by the CYO and Maui Recreation Council.
- Mr. Deloso: We would like to create other areas of recreation - eventually, arts and crafts.
- Mrs. Neilson: Have you any statement or position from the Department of Education on any certain recreation program? I know of none. I know of one school where, I believe, the recreation seems to be carried on by volunteer teachers which is a "hit and miss", and I feel there is a need for this type of program you are attempting to carry on. I know from my personal knowledge it has been done by volunteers, and I don't think many people in this room realize, as well as I do, the value of the recreation program which was under the direction of the Department of Parks and Recreation. I would like to suggest that the members of this commission try to ascertain what is being done. It is my impression that the Department of Education is concentrating with difficulty on problem of education needs. Mr. Deloso and Mr. Inouye are trying to do the need under limited circumstances.
- Mr. Kobayashi: I had the opportunity to visit the City and County of Honolulu Recreation Department and the recreational facilities they have there. It is not only a matter of participating in sports but it is also educational. They have woodcraft, furniture making, hula dancing, ceramics, arts, painting, etc. I think it is more good than bad.
- Mr. Deloso: You mentioned ceramics. So far my program has been fortunate that most of my friends are well qualified in giving instructions. I contacted Ka Lima O Maui, which I wanted to use during the weekends, but I found out that they do not loan it out.



Mr. Caldito: When we go into an extensive program, I know we will not go into \$38,000 because we have already started the program before we put this into effect. I think we have been fortunate to have only one man so far so that, in the future, when we start paying volunteers, we may not come out with too big an amount of money. If we go into an extensive program, I think we would make it on \$38,000.

Mr. Tester: I think a lot of the success of the recreational program depends on the organizer.

The Chair called for a recess at 2:45 P.M. Meeting was reconvened at 3:00 P.M.

Mr. Inouye explained the setup of the Municipal Golf Links to the members of the Charter Commission.

Mr. Young: How is the pro hired?

Mr. Inouye: The pro is hired according to his bid.

Mr. Yokouchi: Does he have certain duties?

Mr. Inouye: It is stated in the contract that he set up the rules and, whenever there is any difference among the golfers, he is the one who arbitrates.

Mr. Young: Who are the advisers on the golf course?

Mr. Inouye: The presidents of each club, like the AJA, etc.

Mr. Young: How long is the pro's contract for?

Mr. Inouye: 5 years.

Mr. Yokouchi: Who sets the greens fees?

Mr. Inouye: The greens fees are set by the Parks Committee.

Mr. Yokouchi: Does the Board actually have the final say?

Mr. Inouye: Yes.

Mr. Tester: Is it right that your summer program comes to about \$25,000?

Mr. Inouye: Yes. The salary alone is about \$22,000.

Mr. Tester: I notice there is a landscaping appropriation of \$2,000. Where was that for?

Mr. Inouye: It was appropriated to landscape the Memorial Gym area. We got all the coconut trees and plants.

Mr. Young: Has there been much demand for rental of the center?

Mr. Inouye: Yes, we have. We are going to have the 1964 basketball tournament on Maui next year since we got the franchise to bring them to Maui.

Mr. Yokouchi: Right now you cannot hold a luau or anything of that nature in the gym?

Mr. Inouye: Yes, according to the rules. The rules were set up as such due to the fact that we did not have any material to cover the whole floor. But now we got a new appropriation to cover the whole area. Whether or not the rules should be revised, we will have to ask the committee.



- Mr. Young: Does the rules also say a woman cannot wear high heeled shoes?
- Mr. Inouye: Yes, on the bleachers, because of hazard. They may on their own discretion.
- Mr. Crockett: Doesn't that illustrate why you do not have to have a committee? You have to refer to the committee in order to revise your rules.
- Mr. Yagi: Isn't it a fact that so many organizations are interested in the use of the Memorial Gym and that is why you have the rules committee?
- Mr. Inouye: Yes, that is one of the reasons. The Memorial Gym is utilized by Baldwin High School students every day. We have the assurance from the school that, whenever we should have any requests from any other area, they will not use the gym.
- Mr. Yokouchi: Do you maintain the Physical Education classroom?
- Mr. Inouye: No, the school maintains it. We maintain only the grounds and the gym.
- Mr. Tester: If we were going to have a charter, do you think the Parks Superintendent should be appointed by the Mayor?
- Mr. Inouye: It is your discretion. As far as responsibility, we have been following the Chairman, and I also work with the Parks Committee.
- Mr. Friel: You are appointed Director of Parks. Will it be necessary to make a subordinate of the Director?
- Mr. Inouye: I do not know how they are going to place that position.
- Mr. Balthazar: You take your direction from the Chairman, and also the fact that you are a civil service employee may enhance your position. It is harder to remove a civil service employee than an appointed one.
- Mr. Young: Are there any resident cottages at any parks?
- Mr. Inouye: We have at Kepaniwai and Kalama Park. They are owned by the County.
- Mr. Young: Do they get the same salary?
- Mr. Inouye: The salary is the same but they pay for the utilities.
- Mr. Balthazar: The building is free?
- Mr. Inouye: Yes, because of the additional duties they perform during the evenings.
- Mr. Young: Did the last legislature provide for any County parks and, if so, where?
- Mr. Inouye: They provided \$50,000 for Kalama Park, which the County is in the process of receiving.
- Mr. Yokouchi: What other State parks are there on Maui besides Launiupoko?
- Mr. Inouye: Polipoli, Kaunahina and the valley at the end of the Iao Road.



- Mr. Yokouchi: Do you maintain these parks?
- Mr. Inouye: No, they have their own staff to make the rounds.
- Mr. Yokouchi: Are they highway or parks employees?
- Mr. Inouye: Parks employees who, I believe, are under Karl Korte.
- Mr. Kobayashi: What is your opinion of the State parks? Do you think they should be all under the County or should they be separated?
- Mr. Inouye: Since we are doing the bulk of the maintenance work and because it is not an entirely different program, if we should be assigned those parks, it is not too difficult for us to take over. In fact, it is going to be easier than maintaining County parks because the facilities are different from County parks. For instance, Iao Valley does not have picnic grounds, etc., which we have in Kepaniwai. Maintaining Kepaniwai is much more difficult because of the number of people utilizing it every day. Maintaining State parks is no problem at all.
- Mr. Kobayashi: What is the general feeling of this group? Should we have State parks or not?
- Mr. Tester: I think it should come all under the County if the State supplies the finances for it.
- Mr. Caldito: I agree with Mr. Tester.
- Mr. Young: I notice, under the City and County of Honolulu Charter, that the Director of Parks and Recreation is responsible to "plant, trim, and maintain all hedges on public streets of the cities". Have you any responsibilities like that?
- Mr. Inouye: None on Maui.

#### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

The Chair informed the members of the Charter Commission of the following meeting dates:

October 31, 1963, at 7:30 P.M., in Board Chambers, with Board of Supervisors, Legislators, House Finance Committee, and County and Municipal Affairs Committee. (NOTE: The meeting with the House Finance Committee and the County and Municipal Affairs Committee will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 1963 at 7:30 P.M. in the Board Chambers.)

November 7, 1963, at 1:30 P.M., in Board Chambers, with Planning and Traffic Commission.

November 7, 1963, at 7:30 P.M., at Kahului School Cafetorium, with Dr. Robert Cahill and Mr. Michael Meriwether of the University of Hawaii and Legislative Reference Bureau, respectively. (NOTE: This meeting will be held at the Board Chambers instead of the Kahului School Cafetorium.)

November 14, 1963, at 7:30 P.M., at Kahului School Cafetorium, Public Hearing on whether the Maui County government should be reorganized under a charter and, if so, how should the Maui County government be reorganized?



ADJOURNMENT:

After thanking Mr. Inouye and Mr. Deloso for their presentations, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary