

The Ko‘olauloa – North Shore Alliance

Update on the Turtle Bay Expansion

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As 2008 comes to a close, we would like to remind you that the Turtle Bay Resort Expansion controversy is far from resolved. Kuilima Resort Company (KRC) continues to work towards final subdivision approval that could allow them to develop five new hotels and 1000 luxury condos on the rural North Shore.

When announced as the Interim Management Officer of KRC, Stanford Carr was thought to be capable of balancing the public's intense desire to Keep the Country COUNTRY, with the creditors' interest in getting out of foreclosure. That "spin" may have been overly optimistic as he is clearly following his fiduciary responsibility of maximizing the resort's value with no compromise in sight.

The current Turtle Bay Resort has become successful in the last couple years because it has been correctly marketed as a rural destination on 880 acres of the pristine North Shore. If anyone tells you TBR is doing poorly, remind them that TBR is doing better than most of the Waikiki hotels during these difficult times.

Several important efforts are underway to help preserve the rural character of the North Shore, but the work is not yet done. Your help is vital!

Keep the North Shore Country's Legal Challenge for a Supplemental EIS

Keep the North Shore Country recently filed a motion to prevent the City and County of Honolulu from issuing Final Subdivision Approval until the legal questions over the need for an SEIS are decided. These injunction requests are very difficult to win and the court denied the motion.

Oral arguments on the need for an SEIS were held at the Hawaii State Intermediate Court of Appeals on April 9, 2008, but the court has not yet ruled.

KRC received Tentative Subdivision Approval on September 29, 2006 and has received three extensions to complete the conditions necessary for Final Subdivision Approval. To qualify for the latest extension, KRC had to "begin" the resort expansion. The construction project to expand Kuilima Drive to four lanes is probably the simplest way for them to go through the motions to buy more time for their grand plan.

Go to www.keepthenorthshorecountry.org to help support the legal challenge for a supplemental environmental impact statement.

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Defend Oahu Coalition's Challenge of the 1986 Conditional Land Use Change

Defend Oahu Coalition filed a motion with the State Land Use Commission (LUC) to order the developer to show cause as to why 236 acres of the resort property should not be returned to its original agriculture classification after 22 years of inaction.

The LUC plans to hold its third meeting on this issue in early February at a time and place to be determined. It will be imperative to have a strong showing because KRC is presenting hotel management personnel as area residents who support the expansion.

[Join the Call to Action](#) to the LUC, the City, and the Turtle Bay Advisory Working Group. Stay Active with Defend Oahu Coalition at www.defendoahucoalition.org

City and Country of Honolulu

It is time to remind the Mayor and the City Council that the public does not want large scale expansion of the Turtle Bay Resort. Serious issues with traffic, affordable housing and poorly maintained infrastructure will worsen with expansion. *It is time for our leaders to walk the talk and help Keep the Country COUNTRY!*

[Send a message to the Mayor](#) [Send a message to all of the City Council Members](#)

Governor's Turtle Bay Initiative

In January, 2008, the Governor boldly suggested that the state could help organize a public-private partnership to preserve the lands around the Turtle Bay Resort and to assure long term health of the existing resort. With much fanfare, the Turtle Bay Advisory Working Group was convened, but no plan has yet to be developed. The last meeting was held in September and one is tentatively scheduled for January.

The Governor's State of the State Address is coming up at the end of January. [Send an email to the Governor](#) encouraging her to keep the preservation of Turtle Bay a priority in 2009.

Nothing great ever comes easy! We are at a critical moment in time; whatever ends up happening on the North Shore now will have lasting repercussions for all of Oahu. Please take the time – right now - to send emails to our elected leaders and pass this on to your friends. Stay Active!

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