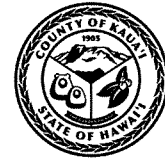


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October 17, 2023

To: Historic Preservation Review Commission
c/o Kaua'i Planning Department
RE: Nomination to the State Historic Register: The 27-hole Makai Golf Course at Princeville

Dear Commissioners,

As owners of property on Kaua'i since 1986, and full time residents of Princeville since 1992, we are writing to request that The Commission place all 27 holes of the original Makai Golf Course in Princeville, Kaua'i, on the State Historic Register.

The original developer of Princeville 1, Eagle County Development Company ("ECDC"), recognized the importance of the incredible vistas and natural stunning beauty of the land, as well as the need to protect the scores of endangered/threatened species on the land they intended to develop as Kaua'i's first Master Planned community. It was their intent from the outset to reserve a rough equivalency of open space to developed space to preserve these incredible resources for residents and visitors, and to protect the open space for the future. The lands designated for the 27-hole Makai Golf Course, designed by Robert "Bobby" Trent Jones, Jr, served many functions; golf was the medium to keep the open space open and, even more importantly, for the drainage critical to the community they were creating in one of the wettest places on Kaua'i. Golf and/or open space is vital to visitors, part-time and full-time residents of the North Shore of Kaua'i. It is a prime example of how thoughtful development has been done in the past with Princeville 1 as one of Hawai'i's very first Master Planned Communities. Designed over 52 years ago, it is now a mature, high-functioning community whose design indicates how prescient its original planners and engineers were and how carefully they designed their plan.

The lands comprising over 300 acres of land in PV1, now held as open space by the 27-hole Makai Course, are much more than the magnificent views and vistas the original developers saw. These lands were identified in the original Princeville Master Plan (from the earliest County Planning Map PR-700 to its current implementation) by ECDC as the most beautiful of the 995 acres that became PV1. The Princeville development team from Eagle County Development Corporation determined that this open space should be preserved for all to enjoy. They hired Golf Course Designer and Landscape Architect Mr. Bobby Jones, Jr. to develop these 27 holes of golf AND to preserve the beauty of the land, to make it work with the natural environment of the North Shore, to engineer great water management and a sewer system, and to protect the flora and fauna that would come to be protected under newer laws preserving endangered and threatened species.

In addition to preserving the natural beauty of this slice of Kaua'i's North Shore, functionality was also an important factor in the creation of the Makai Golf Course. Working with Mr. Don

("Curly") Carlswell, Mr. Jones developed a sophisticated design that would not only challenge golfers, but more important to our community, manages the abundant annual rainfall on the North Shore. The Makai Golf Course, which has hosted a World Cup of Golf and numerous championship events, is designed to direct the rainfall through natural channels to the Historic Hanalei River and on to the Ocean. It is a natural "sponge", with features designed into the course itself to channel the excess rainfall. Any dramatic overflow goes into a three-layered parking lot. Additionally, the golf course lakes are holding ponds for the partially treated effluent from the sewage plant (the only sewage plant on the North Shore) which is used to water the golf course.

The Makai Golf Course has significant historical importance – the design itself, the creativity involved in preserving and caring for the land, the important tournaments that have been played there, and the importance of these open spaces for the community. The preservation of the beauty of this land and its availability to the larger community is of critical importance to all of Kaua'i and to the State of Hawai'i overall.

We enthusiastically encourage you to place all 27 holes of the Makai Golf Course on the State Historic Register. This would be an appropriate way to acknowledge the history of the place called Princeville, the people of the North Shore, the island of Kaua'i, and Mr. Bobby Jones, the famous Golf Course and Landscape Architect, who has been a long time owner of land and part time resident in Hanalei since "back in the day".

Mahalo and with warm aloha,

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