

WINDWARD PLANNING COMMISSION

09/14/09

Purpose:

To advise the Mayor, Council and Planning Director in all matters concerning planning and land use matters; to review and make recommendations regarding the General Plan, subdivision and zoning ordinances and other planning rules and regulations; to establish planning rules and regulations and to conduct public hearings, with jurisdiction over the area consisting of the judicial districts of Puna, South Hilo, North Hilo/Hamakua, and Ka'u.

Authority:

Hawaii County Charter, Section 6-4.3.

Appointment:

Mayor with Council confirmation. Five year staggered terms.

Full Membership:

Seven members. Additionally, Director of Public Works and Manager of Department of Water Supply serve as ex-officio members without power to vote.

Specific Representation:

One member from each of the judicial districts of Puna, South Hilo, North Hilo, Hamakua, and Ka'u and three "at-large" members selected from these districts.. Not more than two members may be appointed from the same judicial district.

Requirements:

No more than five shall belong officially to the same political party.

Meetings:

Regular meetings are held at least once a month. Special meetings can be scheduled as needed.

Financial Disclosure:

Members must file Financial Disclosure within 20 working days of taking the oath of office. Thereafter, annual disclosures must be filed on or before January 31. The disclosures are confidential and will be kept on file by the Board of Ethics. County Code, Chapter 2, Section 2-91.1.

Reappointment:

Following the expiration of a term, no member may be reappointed for at least two years. However, members appointed for a term of two years or less shall be eligible to succeed themselves for an additional full term.

Qualities:

Respected by the community as being community-minded and oriented. Able to focus on the community needs as a whole without catering to special or self-interest.

Current Members:

<u>Name, Political Affiliation, Expiration Date and Judicial District</u>		
Andrew Iwashita, Dem., 12/31/09		S. Hilo
Shelly H. Ogata, Indep., 12/31/12		Puna
Takashi Domingo, Dem., 12/31/11		N. Hilo/Hamakua
Rell Woodward, Indep., 12/31/11		Ka'u
Wallace Ishibashi, Indep., 4/1/14		At Large
Zendo Kern, Indep., 4/1/11		At Large
VACANT		

Secretary/Contact person:

Sharon Nomura, Planning Commission Secretary (961-8288)

Attorney Assigned:

Brandon Gonzalez, Deputy Corporation Counsel

****The information on this sheet is condensed. For full information see appropriate Sections of the County Charter, County Code and/or Hawaii Revised Statutes.***