

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE AIRPORT ZONING BOARD
 Held on Wednesday, August 5, 1959
 In the Office of the Airport Manager
 Honolulu International Airport, Honolulu, Hawaii

Present : Mr. George K. Houghtailing, Chairman
 Mr. Lin San Lai, Member

Absent : Mr. Olen V. Andrew, Member (in the Hospital)

Also Attending: Mr. Paul N. Flanary, Federal Aviation Agency
 Mr. Edward C. Schoen, Hawaiian Telephone Company
 Mr. Gilbert L. Livingston, Hawaii Aeronautics Commission

The meeting of the Airport Zoning Board was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. George K. Houghtailing, at 10:38 a.m., in the Office of the Airport Manager, Honolulu International Airport, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Hawaiian Telephone Company's Request for Variance:

Mr. Schoen explained Hawaiian Telephone Company's request for a zoning variance which would permit the erection of a 120-foot tower for a microwave radio system at the Kamuela dial equipment building site. He stated that the purpose of the installation is to increase trunking facilities into Kamuela and Holualoa (Kona) to provide toll-free dialing service to those areas and the reason the tower has to be 120 feet high is that the antenna will have to be higher than the trees in the area which are between 90 and 110 feet high.

Mr. Livingston pointed out the photographs on the bulletin board showing the conditions in the area involved. He explained that he had personally inspected the site with officials from Hawaiian Telephone Company. He stated that the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission has no objection to the granting of the variance inasmuch as the height of the trees in the area and the land itself are already in violation of the zoning criteria for the Kamuela Airport, but primarily since Hawaiian Telephone Company is willing to install a light atop its proposed tower which would serve as a hazard warning for pilots indicating the presence of natural hazards already in existence. He added that the Federal Aviation Agency Airspace Subcommittee has expressed that it has referred this case to the Territorial Airport Zoning Board for action.

Mr. Flanary of the Flight Operations & Airworthiness Division of the Federal Aviation Agency stated that, since the Airspace Subcommittee has not objected and since the proposed tower is going to be lighted so that it will reduce the hazard now existing, he could see no objection to the installation.

Because it was felt that there are natural violations now existing in the area which are not lighted and, although the proposed tower would create an additional hazard, the lighting of the tower would improve conditions in the area and create an aid to safe aviation and would be of benefit to the general public, it was moved by Mr. Lai, seconded by Mr. Houghtailing, and voted to grant the variance, subject to the condition that the tower will be lighted and will meet all of the lighting requirements as established by FAA. Mr. Schoen of Hawaiian Telephone Company agreed to install a flashing type hazard beacon in accordance with applicable specifications.

Mr. Houghtailing added that the granting of this variance should not in any way be construed as a precedence to further requests of this nature; that each case will be considered on the individual particular circumstances involved; that this variance is being granted solely on the grounds that the installation of a hazard beacon in the area will be a definite aid to pilots in indicating presently existing natural hazards.

Mr. Livingston stated that the tower, when erected, will also be indicated on FAA facility charts.

Mr. Flanary suggested that the Hawaiian Telephone Company return to the Airspace Subcommittee with the Zoning Board's decision.

Mr. Livingston stated that a copy of the minutes will also be sent to the Airspace Subcommittee.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

With reference to the item in the minutes of the Zoning Board meeting held on September 4, 1958, regarding the zoning of military airports, Mr. Livingston reported that the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission has not been officially approached on this matter but that it has been discussed with the Director and he has stated that he must recommend against it because of the tremendous financial obligations which could be encountered on behalf of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission.

The Chairman requested that this matter be presented to the Commission for its consideration so that the responsibility of the Zoning Board would be carried out.

The minutes of the meeting held on September 4, 1958, were approved as circulated.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


George K. Houghailing, Chairman