



Conditions put on homeless shelter

Waimanalo project advances in Council committee

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A City Council committee yesterday crafted a measure to let the state proceed with its proposed Weinberg Villages project in Waimanalo.

But, trying to balance neighborhood concerns against the need to shelter homeless families, the committee also attached several conditions.

The Hawaii Housing Authority is asking the Council to waive a number of land-use rules and regulations so it can build a low-rent project for 30 families on three agriculturally zoned acres near Saddle City.

The proposal has caused a split among Waimanalo residents. Some support the project on principle. But some who live closest to the site maintain it is in a flood zone, near a busy highway, will lower property values and add to the already high number low-income families in the area.

Linden Burzell, Waimanalo Neighborhood Board chairman,

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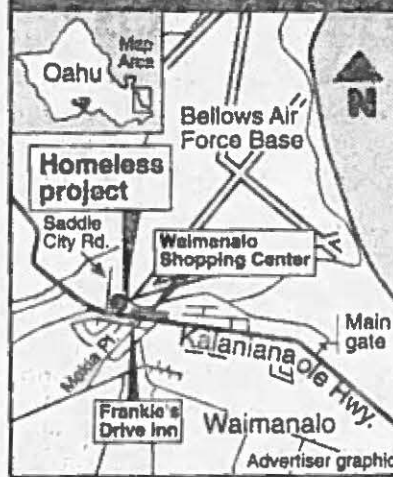
A request to waive city land-use regulations for the Weinberg Villages Waimanalo Project will be up for final City Council approval on Wednesday, Nov. 10. You can testify for or against the waiver.

- **When:** The meeting starts at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10.
- **Where:** City Council Chambers, 3rd floor, City Hall.
- **How:** Call 523-4480 by Tuesday to get your name on the list to testify.

urged the Council's Housing Committee to grant the waiver, saying after years of discussing the homeless problem, it is time to move forward with a solution.

"Nothing in the documents (up for approval by Council) will guarantee that it is going to be a good project or a bad project," Burzell said. "It will

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be up to the community to see that it is a good project."

Fears that the project will increase crime and traffic congestion are wrong because most of those who will live in the shelter already live in Waimanalo, many of them on the beach, Burzell said.

But Arlene Yoshida, who lives on Humuniki Street near

the proposed site, said nearby residents have not been kept adequately informed about the project.

She said the proposed site is in the middle of a flood zone.

"Are you jeopardizing the families who are going to live there. I hope not," Yoshida said.

Ironically, two Waimanalo residents called Council members to report that as they were watching yesterday's committee meeting live on cable TV, a downpour was threatening to flood much of Waimanalo, including the proposed shelter site.

Housing Committee members voted 4-0 to recommend to the full Council that it grant the waiver. A provision was inserted into the measure, however, to limit the exemptions to only five years. Before applying for a waiver extension, the state would have to show that it is complying with a number of conditions imposed on the project.

POLICE BEAT

Wahiawa crash

A woman was seriously injured last night after her car hit a 4-wheel-drive vehicle on Kamehameha Highway near Wahiawa.

Police said the driver of the 4-wheel-drive vehicle was driving recklessly, ran a red light and was hit by a car driven by the 31-year-old Waiiua woman. The vehicle flipped over and its driver, a 22-year-old male, fled

the scene. He later returned.

The female driver of the car was taken by helicopter to The Queen's Medical Center, where she was improved to good condition last night.

The driver of the sport vehi-

cle was arrested for four offenses, including driving under the influence of alcohol. Weather was not a factor in the the 9:37 p.m. incident, police said.

courtesy NOAA-NESDIS morning trade winds, showers across (ag line) will move westers are expected return today. High are in effect.

CLIMATES

Set: 5:55 pm
1 a.m. Rise: 10:25 pm
last, Nov. 6 new, Nov. 20: full, Nov. 28

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pm	0.7	---	---
am	2:0	12:22 am	0.4
pm	0.8	4:11 pm	0.4
am	1:9	1:38 am	0.8
pm	1:0	4:53 pm	0.3

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