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# Lanai growth plan in dispute

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WAILUKU — Maui Councilman Wayne Nishiki yesterday objected to changes in the Lanai community development plan because, he charged, Lanai residents had not been told about changes made by the council's planning committee.

Planning Chairman Rick Medina disputed Nishiki's charges and said all members of a Lanai citizens committee had been advised in writing of the changes made by the council.

Still, Medina announced the planning committee would conduct a public meeting with the Lanai committee to discuss the changes made by the council.

The Lanai community development plan was before the council with a recommendation that a public hearing be held on the plan before the council approves it on first reading. But the proposal includes a substantial revision from the plan that was proposed by the Lanai citizens committee and Maui Planning Commission.

The changes occurred after officers of Castle & Cooke approached the council, along with Shiro Hokama, chairman of the Lanai citizens committee. They had asked that the council provide for two major "project districts" at Koele and near Manele-Hulopoe Bay, including hotel sites and locations for condominium developments.

The original plans had provided only for limited hotel development at Koele and Manele, including a provision that any development at Manele be 1,000 feet back from the shoreline.

Nishiki pointed out the project districts sought by the Castle & Cooke



He added, as did Goro Hokama, who lives on Lanai, that there is a concern over the future of pineapple on Lanai, and thus a need to look for alternatives for providing jobs.

Hokama also took exception to Nishiki's suggestion that Lanai's residents would object to hotel or resort development.

"Lanai is no different from any other place. You have a group that

doesn't want anything to be done to the island, but they don't necessarily reflect the majority of the people," he said.

Councilwoman Linda Lingle argued that the project district concept would allow residents "greater input" on how and where developments would occur in the future, but Councilman Allen Barr questioned the proposal to hold a public hearing, saying a hear-

ing may not be proper until the plan has been approved on first reading.

Thus, after consulting with the corporation counsel, Medina announced the proposed plan would be kept in committee and the committee would go to Lanai to explain the changes. No time and date for the meeting was announced, but it was clear no further action would be taken until after the Nov. 2 general election.