Fasi on warpath when impact fee settled at $50M

Two Hawaiian golf course-related projects seem set for the next development step, but a third has received discouraging word.

Honolulu Mayor Frank Fasi has vowed to sink the Royal Kunia project—which would have 2,000 homes and two golf courses—to block construction of the proposed $500 million project in west Hemet, but it now will be an all-senior setup. The Hemet Unified School District had sought up to $6 million to cover the cost of providing classrooms for students who would have moved into the development.

The LaVere Co. said the district's demands nearly tripled the state-required rate of $1.38 per square foot. As a senior-only project, the fee would be 26 cents per square foot.

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JAPAN MEMBERSHIPS ON LINE

Plans for 18-and 36 hole golf courses and "resort houses neighboring the courses" have raised a red flag among Maunawili residents.

Reportedly, golf course memberships will be sold in Japan for $200,000.

Community residents who successfully opposed a state proposal to locate 200 homeless persons on eight acres owned by the golf course developer are trying a new tack against the latest encroachment.

A delegation plans to go to Japan to tell prospective golfers just how rainy Maunawili Valley can be. Presumably, none will be from the chamber of commerce.

$40,000 soil tests show course OK

OAK LAWN, Ill. — Soil tests commissioned by the Oak Lawn Park District at a cost of $40,000 showed that it was safe to build an 18-hole golf course on a former landfill site.

Therefore, district members voted 3-2 to approve the $8.5 million project that lists nine regulation and nine par three holes on 77 acres.

Part of the course may be lighted for night golf, said course designer Carl Goetz.

Preliminary tests last summer indicated potentially hazardous chemicals present in groundwater on the course site.

Alabama turning resources to course

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Natural resources once set aside for steel-making may one day be converted to one-family homes near the clubhouse of the golf course being financed by Retirement Systems of Alabama.

That course is scheduled for completion by the end of the year.

Hopefully, the Oxmoor Valley's 8,000 acres of largely pine trees between Birmingham and Bessemer will be transformed into homes, businesses, golf courses and schools as Lakeshore Parkway is extended from Mountain Brook to Alabama 150.

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