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**Mayor reacts to news of Coco Palms plans**

LĪHU'E – Mayor Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr. issued the following statement following news that demolition permits for the Coco Palms property have been obtained by Coco Palms Hui:

“Over the years we have heard many plans for the Coco Palms property, but this is the first time we’ve seen real action. There is no way to predict what will happen, but it has always been my hope that whatever happens with the property, its historical and cultural significance will be preserved.”

Planning Director Mike Dahilig noted that only a demolition permit has been sought at this time. “Any future permit applications by Coco Palms Hui will be evaluated appropriately as the law provides at the time of submittal,” he said.

In June, the Mayor initiated a bill that would repeal the remaining provisions of the so-called “Iniki ordinance,” which was approved by the Planning Commission. The Iniki ordinance allows for the restoration of a non-conforming building or structure to its pre-Iniki condition. The bill is expected to be forwarded to the Council by the Planning Department within the next two weeks for its consideration.

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