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Stephanie Artis. Photo: NSN

Artis Family Giving Back to the Community

Stephanie Artis and her sister PraiseJesus Artis (not pictured) spent their day restoring their late father Ron Artis' mural in Hale'iwa after it was defaced by individuals vandalizing the North Shore. Victoria Artis and her 11 artistic

children create art for the North Shore community to enjoy and as a reminder of why we all live here. If you would like to support their artistic efforts to share "Love & Aloha" through the arts please give them a call to commission a por-

trait, painting or music. (808)222-7589. Contributions will help the Artis Family with restoration of all murals around Oahu.

Contributions can be sent to: Artis Family, P.O. Box 395, Haleiwa, HI 96712. Email: ronartis_family_llc@gmail.com

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Talking Story with Tom Jacobs

Shark's Cove Pilikia

Let's see ... in this "Talk Story" let's talk about the Shark's Cove Controversy.

Long story short: the owners of the 3-acre property, currently populated by lunch wagons, across Kam Highway from Shark's Cove snorkel spot and next to Foodland, want to develop it. The spot is a state-designated Special Management Area (SMP), so the owners filed for a Special Management Area Permit (SMAP) – Minor with the City and County Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), which was granted.

Actually ... they filed for and were granted three SMAP's. The three-acre property is divided into three one-acre parcels. The designation as SMAP-Minor instead of Major means that the owners are limited to a half-million dollars of improvement on each acre-parcel, but that they don't have to submit an environment assessment nor a traffic study.

I talked to our state senator for the North Shore, Gil Riviere, about the issue. Actually, the subject came up when Gil phoned me to ask if he could cut through my yard to get to the beach to go surfing at Himalayas. (How cool is it to have a state senator who surfs on his day off? Only on the North Shore.) Gil pointed out that when the Shark's Cove owners submitted three minor SMAPs proposing to spend just under the maximum half million dollars for each parcel, so as to avoid the requirement to submit an environment assessment, which should probably include a traffic study. Instead of three minor projects, the development is "indisputably one project by one developer," according to Gil.

Next, I talked to Denise Antolini, the president of Malama Pupukea-Waimea (MPW), the North Shore community hui that has fought for the past 11 years to preserve the natural and cultural resources of the Pupukea-Waimea ahupua'a. MPW wrote to DPP on January 24th to protest what it considered, along with Senator Riviere, the owners' attempt to develop the three acres of Shark's Cove without proper permitting, without an environmental assessment or traffic study, and without community involvement. The letter asked DPP to rescind the Shark's Cove development permits, or MPW would take legal action to contest the permits. Denise agrees that the property in question is zoned for commercial development, but worries that the developer's plans for up to six new buildings along with an eating/drinking establishment is too much for the area to absorb. Although the property owners had met with

her, Denise was unaware of any attempt by the owners to brief North Shore community associations or the Chamber of Commerce on their plans.

Finally, I talked to one of the owners of the Shark's Cove parcels, Cully Judd. Cully is an interesting guy, a direct descendent of Dr. Gerrit Judd, one of the first medical missionaries to the Islands and the founder of the first medical school in the islands, as well as one of the founders of Punahou School, Cully was a pioneer of photovoltaic electricity development on Oahu. We have been friends for over 40 years.

Cully defended his development plans. He considers the existing eight lunch-trucks on-site, "as country as country can be." He said that he and his son-in-law partner have no plans to urbanize the site (He says he has been offered, and turned down, lucrative development money.) He says that the parcel was divided into three one-acre lots before he bought it. The only buildings in his plan are a rest room, a coffee shop and six or so small, 600 square foot "kiosks." He is installing three \$60,000 pure water systems to convert waste water to irrigate the banana patch and herb farm he wants to add, has closed down the cesspools that were contaminating Shark's Cove, and will power all of this with solar panels. Cully sees the future Shark's Cove parcel as an environmentally, culturally, and economically friendly addition to the North Shore.

One development, three points of view.

Environmentalist Denise Antolini and Malama Pupukea Waimea: "Proper planning can lead to good results. We are hopeful that with better dialog the developers and the community can reach common ground."

Senator Gil Riviere: The development is "indisputably one project by one developer," and should be subject to "environmental review and community engagement."

Developer, Cully Judd: "My plan is as 'country as country can be.'"

So where does all of this leave the Shark's Cove development? Good idea? Bad idea? What about all those lunch trucks? Are they a blight on the land or just part of the North Shore scene, like coco palms and Brazilian string bikinis? Isn't a restroom near to Foodland a good idea, so that shoppers don't have to travel across Kam Highway to Shark's Cove to pee? Isn't some kind of environmental scholarship appropriate? What's the difference between responsible, measured development and creeping blight?

Hey, I just write this stuff. You're the reader. You live here. You decide.

We all live here. We all decide.

**Haleiwa Art Walk
Haleiwa Town
Last Saturday of the Month**

Sharks Cove Coalition!

is a network of community groups, neighbors, and individuals united:



to protect and enhance the ecological integrity, natural beauty, and low-impact recreational uses of Sharks Cove, the jewel of Pūpūkea Beach Park and the Pūpūkea Marine Life Conservation District, for the benefit of local residents, visitors, and future generations.

Sharks Cove Coalition seeks to ensure that all federal, state, and county laws including the 1978 Unilateral Agreement are followed by **Hanapohaku LLC**, the owners developing the three contiguous B-1 “neighborhood commercial” properties on Kamehameha Highway and Pahoe Road, mauka of Sharks Cove.

The Coalition *does not oppose* current or future commercial uses or users on the property that fit the B-1 “neighborhood commercial” zoning, which is designed to serve the “daily retail and other business needs of the surrounding population,” so long as:

(1) **proper planning and permitting processes** that protect the community and the environment are followed, starting now;

(2) **adequate environmental review** is completed prior to any further development to fully assess the **potentially significant and cumulative impacts** on the community, culture, and environment, especially Sharks Cove, the Pūpūkea Beach Park, and the Pūpūkea Marine Life Conservation District MLCD, including: litter, sanitation, surface and subsurface runoff, water or ocean contamination, traffic, pedestrian safety, noise, odors, and overuse of protected areas; and

(3) the owners engage immediately in **good faith hearings, presentations, and discussions** with the residents and community concerned about and affected by the present and future development.

For more information, go to: savesharkscove.org

- **Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea**
- **Save Sunset Beach Coalition**
- **Friends of Sharks Cove**
- **Sierra Club – O’ahu Group**
- **Surfrider – O’ahu**
- **Defend O’ahu Coalition**
- **Hawai’i’s Thousand Friends**
- **Life of the Land**
- **Keep the North Shore Country**
- **Pahoe Road Residents Hui**

