

Outrigger Club Asks to Build Pier; Decision Deferred

Harbor Commissioners yesterday deferred for further study a sweeping request by the Outrigger Canoe Club to build a pier and swimming area adjoining its Elks' Club property.

The pier would be 407 feet long, 10 feet wide and eight feet high.

The dredged swimming area would be 200 feet by 140 feet, dug to a depth of 4.5 feet.

From some 2,500 cubic yards of dredged material,

the club proposed to build a new beach.

According to Harold W. Butzine, manager and chief engineer of the Harbor Board, it was requested that both the pier and swimming

area be restricted to private use.

Prior to yesterday's meeting, Butzine sought comments from interested agencies. Following are portions of their assertions:

The planning and Construction Division of the Board of Public Parks and Recreation:

"The granting of any private interests in piers or swimming areas which are otherwise readily accessible

to the general public is to be avoided."

The Hawaii Chapter of the American Institute of Architects—".....It was the feeling of the members that the construction of any pier in

Waikiki would create a dangerous precedent."

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Butzine said, "Your manager has been informed that the Beach Erosion Board in Washington has reviewed the proposed construction and does not believe that it will adversely affect the shoreline in this area.

"The U. S. Engineers have already approved this construction and they see no deleterious effect on navigation."

He observed, "The Outrigger Canoe Club is faced with a problem of gaining access to deep water which the shoal reef outboard of its property negates."

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