

Hearing May Be Called On Canoe Club Pier Plan

A public hearing may be called to discuss the Outrigger Canoe Club's request to build and dredge a recreational area at its new site adjoining the Elks Club property, Harbor Board Chairman Tim Ho said yesterday.

The Harbor Board meeting Tuesday deferred action on the club's petition to construct a 407-foot long pier, 10 feet wide and eight feet high, and a swimming area 200 by 140 feet, and 4.5 feet deep.

HO ASKED for time to study the request although

Harbor Board Manager Harold W. Butzine recommended approval with the following conditions:

- No new land will be created on the reef.

- The swimming pool excavated on the reef will be open to the public.

- A public pathway will be maintained along the shoreline so as not to restrict passageway of fishermen and bathers.

- The club will be responsible for all damage claims made by adjoining property owners.

- In case construction conflicts with the completion of the Waikiki Beach Plan, the club will reconstruct its facilities so as not to interfere with the plan.

- All construction plans will be referred to Harbor Board's management for approval before construction begins.

HO SAID he was not influenced in asking for deferment by objections from the Parks Board and the Hawaii Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

The Parks Board said:

"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 AIA told Butzine that "it was the feeling of the members that the construction of any pier in Waikiki would create a dangerous precedent."

BUTZINE SAID the Beach Erosion Board in Washington has reviewed the proposed construction and does not believe that it will adversely affect the shoreline in the designated area.

U. S. Engineers already have approved the construction, Butzine said.

Outrigger president Martin Anderson said yesterday the deferment would not affect the club's plans. He said no date had been set for construction of the club's new quarters.



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