

Chamorro Tribe

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For Immediate Release:

CHAMORRO LAND TRUST LANDS NEED TO BE PROTECTED

The purpose of this Press Release is to inform the Chamorro Land Trust (CLTC) Recipients and the General Public of the pending business of the CLTC.

According to the Vice Chairman of the Chamorro Tribe, Greg Schacher, quote "The following Commission Members were present: Oscar A. Calvo-Acting Chairman, David J. Matanane-Commissioner, Pauline Gumataotao-Commissioner, Carmen G. Terlaje-Commissioner and Joseph M. Borja-Administrative Director.

The purpose of the CLTC Meeting was to follow up on their pending business as follows:

1. Farmer's Cooperative Association of Guam - Request for commercial use by a non-profit, Dededo;
2. TG Engineers, PC - (I) Survey proposal for a portion of Lot 7151-R19, Yigo (II) Survey proposal for Lot 5402-R5NEW, Mangilao;
3. Guam Rugby Club - Request for extension of license, Dededo;
4. Francisco A. Rivera - Request for access across CLTC property, Inarajan;
5. Guam Outdoor Shooting Range - Request for commercial use, Mangilao;
6. Josephine Duenas - Request to purchase Lot 3279-R1, Ordote-Chalan Pago;
7. EC Development - Request to purchase portions of Old De La Corte Street, Hagatna;
8. GovGuam Association of Retired Persons, Inc. - Request to use Lot 85-2, Agana by a non-profit for additional facilities;
9. Tomas Megofna Fejeran - Request to use CLTC property for re-interment of Ancestral remains;
10. JR'S & Xiong's Corporation - Request for partial relocation of commercial use on Lot 5219-1, Barrigada and Request for a license on a portion of Lot 10122-15, Dededo;
11. E.C. Development - Request to purchase semi-submerged land, Inarajan;
12. Tata Communications, Ltd. - Request for license to use submerged land, Agat;
13. Senator Ben Pangelinan - Informational Audit into applicable taxes assessed on CLTC property;
14. Kenneth Koo Lee - Request to lease 100 acres on Lot 8-R3, Inarajan for an agricultural venture;
15. Hoe Mo Kim - Request for license on Lot 5219-1, Barrigada for a business operation;
16. Juan Palomo - Request for access to Ypao Point for kiting practice, paragliding and/or paramotor flying;
17. Samson V. Tupas - Request to license Lot 10148, Dededo for commercial agricultural use;
18. Vicente T. Perez - Request for a land exchange, Inarajan;
19. Hawaiian Rock Products - Request to license Lot 7146, Yigo to mass grade;
20. Ernest Quenga c/o Asia Pacific Realty, Cesar Qunitio - Request for license on CLTC property suitable for quarry operations;
21. Green Guam - Request for license on CLTC property to conduct recycling of green waste;
22. Rosario & Associates, Inc. - Request for easement, Lot 5219-1, Barrigada;
23. Guam Racing Federation - Informational (I) Facilities use agreement with King Training Center;
24. J&G Inc. - Request for a license on fast lands in Hagatna;
25. Guam Cooperative Extension Service - Informational (I) Memorandum of Agreement;
26. Calvo Enterprises, Inc. - Request to license a portion of Lot 2098-2, Tamuning for ingress and egress, loading dock and accessory building;
27. Calvo Enterprises, Inc. - Request to relocate bull cart trail on Lot 5378-1 West New, Mangilao;
28. Choice Phone, LLC - Request to license 3 additional locations for tower sites;
29. Guam 3-D Archery - Request for license to utilize a minimum of 7 acres on Lot 10090-1, Dededo or Lot 7163, Yigo for archery course;
30. J&G Inc. - Request to purchase Old De La Corte Street and Alley Lot in Agana;
31. George Torres - Request for reconsideration of commercial request on Lot 7163, Yigo.

According to the Vice Chairman of the Chamorro Tribe, Greg Schacher, quote “the United States Code, Title 25 - Indians, Chapter 31, Section 2902 (4) states that the term “Native American Pacific Islander” means any descendent of the aboriginal people of any island in the Pacific Ocean that is a territory or possession of the United States.

Section 2903 Declaration of Policy (6) states that it is the policy of the United States to fully recognize the inherent right of Indian tribes and other Native American governing bodies, States, territories, and possession of the United States to take action on, and give official status to, their Native American languages for the purpose of conducting their own business.

Section 1452 (e) states “Economic enterprise” means any Indian-owned (as defined by the Secretary of Interior) commercial, industrial, or business activity established or organized for the purpose of profit: Provided, that such Indian ownership shall constitute not less than 51 per centum of the enterprise.

The Chamorro Land Trust Commission is to disburse the lands to qualified Land Trust Recipients and there is nothing wrong with Chapter 75 of the Chamorro Land Trust Act except the way it's being managed and abused. This Administration and the CLTC is using the lands that is held “In Trust” for the Chamorro People for their own benefit.

The CLTC is proposing to amend Chapter 75, Title 21, Guam Code Annotated Relative to Authorizing the Chamorro Land Trust Commission to enter into Commercial Leases; to provide for the Rules and Regulations on Commercial Leases; and, to provide for the Paul Bordallo Rules and Regulations for the Chamorro Land Trust Commission to be subject to the Administration Adjudication Law.

This proposed Amendment is about covering their tracks and allowing them to reap the profits from the lands that they are holding “In Trust” (Federal Trust) for the Chamorro People where they benefit and the people lose. That is why they are trying to implement this law so that they can cover their tracks by legalizing their current and prior business activities.

The Chamorro people are the lawful owners of these land trust lands and are to be protected for the future generations. The Chamorro Tribe's interest is to protect the lands that are held “in trust” by the CLTC for the Native Chamorro people and their descendents.”

Non Chamorro people and their enterprises belong in the private sector, not on sovereign indigenous lands unless the qualified Chamorro recipient benefit with no less than 51% controlling interest in the enterprise, therefore allowing Chamorros to become economically self sustainable. I also think that the Director and all Commission Members should be Chamorro Land Trust Recipients (Residential, Agricultural and Commercial) and the Director should be hired to work for the Chamorro Land Trust Commission only and not any other Government of Guam agency and our local lawmakers should enforce the Federal Native Indian Laws (Title 25 of the U.S.C.) to protect our lands.

The Chamorro Land Trust Commission should be seeking Federal Grants under Title 25 for surveying, housing and business development for our land trust recipients not taking from them.

I would like to thank Senator Rory Respicio and Senator Ben Pangelinan for taking the time out of their very busy schedule to attend the CLTC Meeting and for taking an interest in our Culture, Heritage and Race.” end quote.

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