



## Pair of Hotels Proposed for SH 121 Development

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Two new hotels are in the works for a new development along State Highway 121, according to the city's chief planning official.

The city has received applications for erecting a Fairfield Inn and a Residence Inn in the Cascades at The Colony development, located on the north side of State Highway 121 at Morning Star Drive, said Donna Bateman, The Colony director of development services.

The two hotels are proposed for about 6 acres on the near 100-acre development, being put together by the firm Jackson Shaw.

The Fairfield Inn is planning on 104 rooms, and the Residence Inn is presently slated for 102. Both are owned by Marriott.

City officials have anticipated that Highway 121 construction would eventually lead to greater interest for development as the project comes closer to completion. Bateman said the plans could indicate that increased interest.

"This is the ideal time for developers to start their land preparation," she said.

Allison Mihavics, The Colony Chamber president, said the hotels could support the activities of places such as the Five Star Complex, keeping event participants in town rather than in surrounding cities.

"We would like them to be able to stay in our town and not in other cities," Mihavics said.

Bateman said it is too early in the process to place a dollar estimate on the development.

The investment was expected to come in at about \$410,000.

Some neighbors in The Legends subdivision stated their opposition to the expansion plans. They said the park brings trash, vandalism, traffic, and a decline in home values to the neighborhood.

Neighbor Flora Wish told the council and commission that she called police to address noise and loud music concerns at the park several times last summer.

"I don't want to live across from a water park, and I can't afford to move," she told the council.

Clint Hill, Hawaiian Parks general manager, said the park has trash cans in the park and in the parking lot, and Bush sought to ease concerns over the neighbors' complaints.

"We are absolutely going to be, and have been, a great neighbor, and we will be a better neighbor," Busch said.