

**Hawaiian Paradise Park Owners Association  
CULTURAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
June 2, 2024**

**ATTENDEES:**

Members present: Lanell Lua (Chair), Christine Harker, Kathy Hollingsworth, Sandee Maeda, Danee McFarr (Secretary), Brian Ogawa, Julie Rice, Michael Schiszler, Jan Emerson-Sheldon (quorum met)

Members absent: Liz Amaral, Ho`oululahui Perry, Nainoa Rosehill

Guests: Matt Clark, Onaona and Kepā Maly, Lisa McNamarra, Crystal Schiszler, Spencer Willis

Call to order: Lanell Lua, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Meeting agenda approval: Maeda made a motion to approve the agenda; Rice seconded; approved unanimously.

Previous meeting minutes approval: Maeda made a motion to approve the May 11, 2024 meeting minutes; Rice seconded; approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<p>GUEST PRESENTATION: Matt Clark, Archaeologist, Director, ASM Affiliates, Hilo office</p>	<p>Matt Clark, who conducted the recent archaeological survey of Ko`olauo, the 31-acre land parcel in HPP, opened his remarks by stating that he has lived in Hawaiian Paradise Park for 20 years, is honored to have been a part of the study, and shares the committee's desire to preserve the land. Field work is complete and he plans to deliver a draft report to the HPPOA board this week. He is formulating recommendations and would like to include a section of recommendations from this committee. A GPS map with features found on the site was shared with meeting attendees.</p> <p>There are four main categories of features:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Large soil areas that are bounded. They are defined by walls and different construction.</li> <li>2) Modified depressions. There are natural depressions in the lava flows that have soil in which it would have been easy to plant. Some have modifications around them in the form of stacked walls.</li> <li>3) Leveled land forms. One was possibly used for habitation or processing and the other, which includes water-worn stones, was possibly used for ceremonial purposes.</li> <li>4) Habitation features. There are three or four areas that are complexes of enclosures that could have been used for habitation.</li> </ol> <p>Another map was shown. It was made to scale with another type of GPS for the site between 17th and 18th. It is within a kīpuka (an area of land that is surrounded by younger lava flows) of an older lava flow</p>	<p>Matt Clark will include the committee's recommendations in ASM's survey report.</p>

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<p>GUEST PRESENTATION (cont'd)</p>	<p>that has deeper soil development. It appears to have been for agricultural use, possibly as early as the 1200s. Interesting features include many tree molds.</p> <p>Matt asked for recommendations from the committee to be included in his report. Many were the same or similar to those in ASM's report. The committee's recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Preserve the entire 31 acres.</li> <li>2. Engage a Native Hawaiian nonprofit organization to steward the land and to raise funding to support the work of preservation, conservation, and future projects.</li> <li>3. Grant right of entry agreements for Cultural Preservation Committee (CPC) representatives and for the nonprofit chosen as steward of the land for interim protection measures.</li> <li>4. Send copies of the report to state agencies including the County of Hawaii's Planning Department and the Cultural Resource Commission. (ASM is required to provide it to the State Historic Preservation Division.)</li> <li>5. In conjunction with the CPC and the nonprofit organization selected to steward the land:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Post signage informing the public that it is a preservation site and is protected by federal law.</li> <li>b. Develop a plan for notifying the public about informed access.</li> <li>c. Develop a phased plan to remove invasive species and reintroduce appropriate native species with botanists, cultural practitioners, and other experts in the field.</li> <li>d. Work with descendant families connected to the site.</li> <li>e. Explore a multi-disciplinary approach to using the land, involving educators, geologists, botanists, cultural practitioners, et al.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	
<p>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</p>		
<p>Archaeological study – final report update: Lanell Lua, Chair</p>	<p>A draft of the final report on the archaeological study of Ko`olauo, the 31-acre site in HPP, will be delivered to the HPPOA Board this week, according to Matt Clark, Archaeologist and Director, ASM Affiliates Hilo office. The Board has the option to ask for changes, which will be reflected on the final report. Upon the Board's review of the final report, a copy will be shared with the CPC committee. If necessary, a special committee meeting will be called to review the report.</p>	<p>The final report will be reviewed by the committee either at the next regular monthly meeting or at a special meeting.</p>

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<p>Ko`olauo Instagram page and website updates: Lanell Lua and Spencer Willis</p>	<p>The Ko`olauo Instagram page has been renamed Waikahekahe_nui_iki. Lanell will be attending The Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture (FestPAC) on Oahu next week, where she will be taking classes and participating in activities. She will post information on the Instagram page.</p> <p>The Ko`olauo website is in the planning stage. Spencer Willis has a PDF of the Waikahekahe-Kea`au ethnohistorical study (posted on kumupono.com) and will excerpt key information for the website.</p>	<p>Updates at next meeting.</p>
<p>Consideration of nonprofit organization for stewardship of Ko`olauo</p>	<p>During the discussion with Matt Clark, stewardship of Ko`olauo by a nonprofit organization was raised. There are five primary organizations in Puna that could be considered. Through the state's Cultural Resource Commission, funding is allocated for nonprofit community organizations to care for preservation sites. Matt offered to help with the process.</p>	<p>For information. Continue discussion after report reviewed.</p>
<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>	<p>The Cultural Resource Commission meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. The public can attend on Zoom and watch live on YouTube.</p> <p>Kepā Maly clarified information that he shared with us last month on the website and app that he helped to create with The Lāna'i Culture &amp; Heritage Center. They can serve as guides for the committee's website. The website address is lanaichc.org and the app, Lana`i Guide, can be downloaded for the iPhone from the App Store. There are some problems with the app that are being worked out.</p> <p>The HPPOA general membership meeting will be Sunday, June 30 at 3 p.m. Registration starts at 2 p.m.</p>	<p>For information.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>The next meeting will be held July 13 at 10 a.m. in HPPOA library.</p>	<p>For information.</p>

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.  
 Meeting minutes submitted by Secretary to Chair on June 25, 2024.

Approved:

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 Lanell Lua, Chair

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