

**Hawaiian Paradise Park Owners Association
CULTURAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2024**

ATTENDEES:

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

Members absent: Christine Harker, Ho`oululahui Perry, Nainoa Rosehill, Michael Schiszler

Guests: Keoni Alvarez, `Ihilani Buffett, Palikapu Dedman, Leslie Enriquez Rosehill, Patricia Ruppert, Crystal Schiszler, Spencer Willis

Call to order: Lanell Lua, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 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 September 14, 2024 meeting minutes as corrected; Rice seconded; approved unanimously.

| AGENDA ITEM | DISCUSSION | ACTION |
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| UNFINISHED BUSINESS | | |
| Update on 16 th and Maku`u burial cave | <p>Information that was shared with the committee by Keoni Alvarez at the last meeting and reported in the minutes was discussed.</p> <p>Danee McFarr contacted Larry Torres, HPPOA manager, to correct and clarify information in documents regarding construction activity on the mailbox site in October 2023 and July 2024. (Larry Torres was identified as Larry Kawaauhau in the October memo from the state archaeologist.) In his email reply, he stated that on October 16, 2023 (when the cave almost 200 feet away from the site was reported) "When asked if the construction was going to be coming any closer to this site, that is when I told them 'no.'" I replied to Larry, asking him why there was additional bulldozer activity (which created the new cave opening) in July of 2024 when the authorities were told nine months earlier that work was complete? Larry replied that he spoke to Lanell and that "Further clarification would need to be done in-person at the site."</p> <p>The committee agreed that clarification is needed from Larry. Maeda made a motion, and Rice seconded, for Lanell to invite Larry Torres to</p> | Lanell shall invite Larry Torres to the next CPC meeting to discuss the issue of the mailbox site and burial cave disturbance. |

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| Update on burial cave (cont'd) | <p>the next CPC meeting to discuss the issue of the mailbox site and burial cave disturbance.</p> <p>Action item follow-up on agenda tabled to next meeting: (Re burial cave area protection and commemoration plans) In collaboration with Keoni Alvarez, involving the community via communication efforts, including sign-up sheet for email notification and posting on CPC website.</p> | Discuss at next meeting. |
| Archaeological study – final report update: Lanell Lua | <p>The final report was approved without changes by the HPPOA board. Due to lack of time, discussion is tabled to the next meeting.</p> <p>Note that agenda item “archaeological study draft report discussion” is unnecessary and will be removed from the next agenda.</p> | <p>Update at next meeting.</p> <p>Remove draft discussion from next agenda.</p> |
| Ko`olauo Instagram page and website updates: Lanell Lua and Spencer Willis | <p>Lanell announced that information about the archaeological report can be posted on the committee’s website (Koolauo.com) and Instagram (Waikahekahe_nui_iki) pages. Spencer will post short content on the Instagram page with links to the website. He will send proposed posts by email to all committee members for approval. A majority of yes votes will be needed for him to proceed. Information will be posted once a month. (Please note that the website name has changed.)</p> <p>Action item follow-up on agenda tabled to next meeting: Gmail account for website (Lanell)</p> | <p>Spencer will post information on both sites once a month.</p> <p>Update at next meeting.</p> <p>Lanell to announce at next meeting.</p> |
| Consideration of nonprofit organization for stewardship of Ko`olauo | Discussion tabled until after the final archaeological report is reviewed. | Discuss after final report is reviewed. |
| NEW BUSINESS | | |
| Information sharing with swap meet attendees. | Due to lack of time, tabled to next meeting. | Discuss at next meeting. |
| GUEST PRESENTATIONS Keoni Alvarez, Burial Cave Steward: Update on 16 th and Maku`u burial cave | <p>Keoni is recognized by the Hawai`i Island Burial Council as the steward of the 16th and Maku`u burial cave site. The Council recommended that the buffer zone be increased from ten feet to 20 feet. Keoni will propose to the HPPOA board at the next executive session to extend the front section buffer to 20 feet. The final treatment plan has not yet been completed and presented to the Burial Council.</p> | For information. |

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| Keoni Alvarez (cont'd) | Keoni presented a timeline regarding the discovery of the burial cave and showed the burial site treatment plan. On October 9 the cave was surveyed; the surveyor will do mapping and show the buffer zones at a later date. | |
| Palikapu Dedman, Pele Defense Fund | <p>Keoni introduced his mentor Palikapu Dedman, cofounder in 1985 of the Pele Defense Fund, which is dedicated to defending traditional Hawaiian rights and customs.</p> <p>Uncle Pali shared the history and culture of burial caves and his decades-long activism to protect them. He has been successful in organizing actions and stopping development in areas with iwi kupuna, as well as aiding in enforcing the law requiring that iwi kupuna be left in place, or reburied when discovered later, as occurred with holdings in the Bishop Museum.</p> <p>He asked the committee to consider taking part in actions, such as meeting with legislators, to encourage them to enact resolutions and submit bills for laws to further protect iwi kupuna. There is a need for an independent burial council or commission for Hawai'i island made up of Hawaiians and a law requiring realtors to have an archaeological inspection of any property offered for sale.</p> | For information. |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | None | For information. |
| Next Meeting | The next meeting will be held November 9 at 10 a.m. in the HPPOA library. | For information. |

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Secretary to Chair on October 15, 2024.

Approved:

Lanell Lua, Chair

Date