

**Hawaiian Paradise Park Owners Association  
CULTURAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
November 9, 2024**

**ATTENDEES:**

Members present: Lanell Lua (Chair), `Ihilani Buffett, Christine Harker, Kathy Hollingsworth, Sandee Maeda, Danee McFarr (Secretary), Brian Ogawa, Michael Schiszler (quorum met)

Members absent: Liz Amaral, Ho`oululahui Perry, Julie Rice, Nainoa Rosehill, Jan Emerson-Sheldon

Guests: Angela Dillard, Kale Gumapac, Crystal Schiszler, Larry Torres

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; Ogawa seconded; approved unanimously.

Previous meeting minutes approval: Maeda made a motion to approve the October 12, 2024 meeting minutes as corrected; Ogawa seconded; approved unanimously.

| AGENDA ITEM                                                                                                                                                                                         | DISCUSSION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | ACTION                            |
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| <b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b>                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                   |
| Update on 16 <sup>th</sup> and Maku`u burial cave:<br>Larry Torres, HPPOA General Manager<br>1. Clarification of burial cave disturbance, July 2024<br>2. Address errors in SHPD memo, October 2023 | <p>Larry Torres, HPPOA general manager, attended the meeting to clarify the incident in which construction equipment exposed a large lava tube at the 16th and Maku`u mailbox site (as reported in the July 15, 2024 memo) and to address errors in the October 16, 2023 memo (both from Nicole Mello, Hawai`i Island Lead archaeologist, SHPD, DLNR). This was in response to emails with Larry and Lanell, which were initiated by Danee McFarr.</p> <p>Larry made it clear about the information that he was relaying. "I can only answer for myself, my actions, and opinions. I cannot answer for anyone else, the Board, the Board members, Board decisions." He led committee members to the site, where he provided a summary of his involvement with SHPD staff and others on two occasions: October 16, 2023 regarding the report of the burial cave approximately 65 meters (213 feet) away from the construction site and nine months later, on July 15, 2024, when he reported a large opening in a lava tube caused by equipment at the edge of the construction site. (It was reported by the state's lead archaeologist in her July 15, 2024 memorandum that the lava tube is one of three sections of a connecting lava tube system that includes the original</p> | For information. No action taken. |

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| Update on burial cave: Larry Torres (cont'd)                                                                             | <p>burial cave documented in October 2023.)</p> <p>At the October 16, 2023 onsite visit, representatives from SHPD and DLNR asked Larry if the construction work would get closer to the burial cave. He told them that it would not because a temporary orange fence established the limit. It was not known at that time that what appeared to be a mound of dirt was actually a very large lava tube which connected to the burial cave. The statement in the October 2023 memo, “We were also informed that the extent of the work was complete and only mulching was left.” was misleading because, as Larry told us, he was referring to only that phase of the work. Regarding the October 2023 memo, Larry said that the only error was misidentifying him as Larry Kawaauhau.</p> <p>Regarding the July 15, 2024 memo about the newly exposed lava tube, Larry told us that upon returning to work from a three-week vacation, he saw the exposed lava tube. He called DLNR and SHPD and told the workers to stop (according to the memo, there were “two individuals conducting the construction activities”). In answer to a question about when the lava tube was revealed and who caused it, Larry said that he “...can only answer for what I saw when I was there.”</p> <p>Committee members thanked Larry for sacrificing his personal time to attend the meeting and answer questions.</p> |                                                                                                                     |
| Update on 16 <sup>th</sup> and Maku`u burial cave: Previous meeting action item re protection and commemoration followup | <p>Collaborate with Keoni Alvarez on plans to involve the community via communication efforts, including a sign-up sheet for email notification and posting on CPC website.</p> <p>Due to lack of time, tabled to next meeting.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Discuss at next meeting.                                                                                            |
| Archaeological study: Recommendations from CPC to HPPOA board                                                            | <p>The members unanimously approved the following recommendation for Lanell to present to the HPPOA board at the next board meeting: It is recommended that the board approve and follow up on the archaeological study’s recommendation 1a. Request assistance with obtaining an SIHP site designation for the site area. The CPC is willing to assist in this process as needed and requests a response or update on the process within the next 30 days.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>Lanell to request board approval and action.</p> <p>Discuss board response and next actions at next meeting.</p> |

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| Ko`olauo Instagram page and website: Lanell Lua: Gmail account for website and Spencer Willis: Update on sites and member suggestions | Due to lack of time, tabled to next meeting.                                                                                                                                                                         | Updates at next meeting.                              |
| Consideration of nonprofit organization for stewardship of Ko`olauo                                                                   | The committee will invite nonprofit organizations to future meetings to discuss their possible participation. 'Ihilani Buffett will invite Leslie Rosehill, Chair and Director of Wai Welawela, to the next meeting. | 'Ihilani will invite Leslie Rosehill to next meeting. |
| <b>NEW BUSINESS</b>                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                       |
| New committee member                                                                                                                  | 'Ihilani Buffett was welcomed and unanimously approved to be a committee member.                                                                                                                                     | For information.                                      |
| Information sharing with swap meet attendees.                                                                                         | Due to lack of time, tabled to next meeting.                                                                                                                                                                         | Discuss at next meeting.                              |
| <b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>                                                                                                                  | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | For information.                                      |
| Next Meeting                                                                                                                          | The next meeting will be held December 14 at 10 a.m. in the HPPOA library.                                                                                                                                           | For information.                                      |

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Secretary to Chair on December 9, 2024.

Approved:

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Lanell Lua, Chair

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