

# Hawaiian Paradise Park Owners Association CULTURAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING January 11, 2025

**ATTENDEES:**

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

Members absent: Liz Amaral, `Ihilani Buffett, Ho`oululahui Perry, Nainoa Rosehill, Michael Schiszler, Jan Emerson-Sheldon

Guests: Sarah Kay, Crystal Schiszler, Spencer Willis

Call to order: Lanell Lua, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

Meeting agenda approval: Not approved. A member needed for quorum arrived late and shortly before the abrupt ending of the meeting due to a disturbance by a nonmember.

Previous meeting minutes approval: Same as above. To submit for approval at February meeting.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b>		
Update on 16 <sup>th</sup> and Maku`u burial cave.	Lanell Lua reported that Keoni Alvarez, under the auspices of Alu Like Inc., recruited five persons to train and work as cultural stewards with Keoni. They will start on Monday, January 13th at 9 a.m. to clear invasives to prepare for building the stack drywall around the area. Anyone may observe, but participation is limited to Keoni and the students.	For information.
a. General update		
	Keoni Alvarez's draft burial treatment plan is on the agenda for the Hawai'i Island Burial Council meeting on Thursday, January 16th from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Division of Forestry and Wildlife conference room. It is located at 19 East Kawili Street in Hilo. The meeting can also be attended by Zoom. See the website for details.	
b. Collaboration with Keoni Alvarez to involve community	From September 2024 meeting discussion with Keoni: Collaborate with Keoni Alvarez to inform and involve the community in protection and commemoration activities via communication efforts (including sign-up sheet for email notification and posting on the CPC website). Tabled until the next meeting that Keoni is able to attend.	Collaboration discussion tabled until Keoni Alvarez is able to attend meeting.

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<p>Archaeological study final report: Recommendations from CPC to HPPOA board.</p> <p>Summary of board discussion and actions at November and December meetings. <i>(handout)</i></p>	<p>Recommendations from the archaeological study final report were presented by Lanell Lua at the November and December HPPOA board meetings. Committee members received a written summary of the discussion and actions taken at those meetings.</p> <p>In November, the board tabled the issue to the December meeting and asked that the CPC provide 1) specifics of the State Inventory of Historic Places (SIHP) designation including the process and implications and 2) specifics regarding the phrase “commit to the protection and conservation of the entire 31-acre study area” and any financial requirements.</p> <p>At the December meeting, this information was provided in detail to the board in writing. 1) Regarding the SIHP process and implications: It is a simple process to apply (four steps listed) and Matt Clark, principal investigator for ASM Affiliates (author of the archaeological study), offered to help the board with the process. 2) In consultation with Matt Clark, it was determined that the board does not have to commit to any costs in order to commit to the protection and conservation of the land and carry out the recommendations in ASM’s report, as long as the board enters into an agreement with an NHO (Native Hawaiian nonprofit organization) to steward the land. The NHO would bear the costs through grants and fundraising.</p> <p>Matt Clark was at the meeting to answer further questions, but was denied because he wasn’t on the agenda. After much discussion and confusion about the recommendations, Board President Kari Hoffman requested that a special meeting be scheduled with Matt Clark so “that we can, the Board can, and anyone who wants to attend, can ask questions about the study.” Vice President Jeff Finley added that he “would like to interview the archaeologist in terms of, not every finding is necessarily something that needs to be preserved and we’re just kind of doing a word of mouth that the entire 31 acres has to be preserved and taken off limits and I’m very unclear on that point. I think there’s other uses that can be made of this land...”</p>	<p>Discussion interrupted and meeting ended due to disruption. No actions taken.</p>

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<p>Archaeological study final report: Recommendations from CPC to HPPOA board.</p> <p>Summary of board discussion and actions at November and December meetings. <b>(cont'd)</b></p>	<p>The Board unanimously passed a motion to follow recommendation #1: Provide the SHPD with a copy of the study.</p> <p>After the meeting, Hoffman asked Lanell to schedule the special meeting with Matt Clark after her return from vacation on January 20.</p> <p><b>Member discussion:</b> Members expressed concern that Finley had reservations about preserving the entire 31 acres, questioned whether that would be allowed by the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD), what “other uses” Finley was referring to, and the impact that might have on the cultural site.</p> <p>This prompted discussion of proposals from previous documents cited in the report: Hawaiian Paradise Park Master Plan, 1993 (adopted by County of Hawaii, 1997) and Maly and Maly, Kumu Pono Associates, 2022. Those proposals included the creation of an ethnobotanical park with an educational facility, which led to a discussion about parking needs. [Use of the land would be determined through a comprehensive management plan, which the archaeological study recommends include the SHPD, CPC, NHO (Native Hawaiian nonprofit), and cultural descendants.]</p> <p><i>The committee was unable to continue discussion on this issue, address all the agenda items, nor take any actions. The meeting was abruptly ended due to an incident precipitated by a person sitting in the area set aside for nonmembers. She informed the committee 25 minutes into the meeting that she was filming and posting the meeting live on Facebook. Members were understandably upset that they had not been informed. Some members engaged with her and learned that she had done this on previous occasions without informing the group. The disruption resulted in most members leaving the room and we were unable to continue the meeting.</i></p>	
<p>Update on Instagram page and website</p>	<p>Due to lack of time, tabled to next meeting.</p>	<p>Update at next meeting.</p>

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Consideration of nonprofit organization for stewardship of Koʻolauo: invite NHO representatives to meetings to discuss	Due to lack of time, tabled to next meeting.	Update at next meeting.
Information sharing with swap meet attendees. Continue sharing of ideas.	Due to lack of time, tabled to next meeting.	Discuss at next meeting.
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
Revision of CPC mission statement and information on HPPOA website. (handout)	Committee members' packets included posted outdated information describing the CPC, including the mission statement, goals, and objectives, for the purpose of revisions.  Due to lack of time, tabled to next meeting.	Discuss at next meeting.
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	None	
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held Saturday, February 8 at 10 a.m. in the HPPOA library. Regular meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month.	For information.

The meeting was adjourned after disturbance resulted in members leaving.

Meeting minutes submitted by Secretary to Chair on January 28, 2024.

Approved:

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Lanell Lua, Chair

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