

Hawaiian Paradise Park Owners Association
CULTURAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
February 8, 2025

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

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

Guests: Patricia Ruppert, Spencer Willis

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

Meeting agenda approval: McFarr asked to add “New Members” to New Business. Maeda made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; Amaral seconded; approved unanimously.

Previous meeting minutes approval: Maeda made a motion to approve the December 14, 2024 and January 11, 2025 meeting minutes; Harker seconded; approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
UNFINISHED BUSINESS		
Update on 16 th and Maku`u burial cave. a. General update	<p>Lanell Lua reported on the progress made by Keoni Alvarez and his crew of four cultural steward trainees, who have been working at the site since January 13th. They closed “cave #1” and posted a sign above a pūlo`ulo`u (“kapu stick”). They are clearing invasives to prepare for building the stack drywall around the area. Anyone may observe, but participation is limited to Keoni and the students.</p> <p>Keoni appeared at the January Hawai`i Island Burial Council meeting, which lacked a quorum. He presented his 50-page treatment plan. Lanell attended this meeting and others via Zoom. The chair requested that the report be shortened and that an additional board member attend the next meeting. The next meeting will be held February 20th from 9:30 a.m. 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.</p>	For information.
b. Collaboration with Keoni Alvarez to involve community	<p>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.</p>	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>a. Summary of board discussion and actions at November and December meetings (<i>handout</i>)</p> <p>b. Summary of February 5th special board meeting</p> <p>c. Next steps for CPC to present recommendations to board</p>	<p>a. There was a continuation of discussion about November and December board meeting discussions and actions, which were summarized in a handout. After Lanell presented the committee's recommendations at the November board meeting, the Board asked for specific information. That information was presented at the December board meeting. The board voted to have a special board meeting with Matt Clark, lead investigator of the study, so that board members and meeting attendees could ask questions about the recommendations.</p> <p>b. The special board meeting with Matt Clark was held February 5th with only one week's notice. Most of the committee's members attended in person or on Zoom. Matt took questions from the board and the attendees. Board members did not take any action on the recommendations. Committee members discussed their concerns that there was no substantial discussion among board members and that no actions were taken.</p> <p>c. Members asked Lanell to 1) place the issue on the board agenda; 2) address the committee's previous initial recommendations; 3) ask the board what their next steps will be in the process; and 4) specifically ask about the SIHP (State Inventory of Historic Places) recommendation. Members expressed concern that these approvals not be delayed any further, as the Board has been provided everything that they asked for. More recommendations need to be presented to the board by the CPC after the initial recommendations have been addressed.</p> <p>Of the following initial recommendations made to the Board, the only action taken was at the December meeting, in which they approved providing the SHPD with a copy of the study.</p> <p>The following initial recommendations have not yet been voted on by the Board: "It is recommended that the HPPOA Board acknowledge the important cultural value of the features documented within the current study area, and commit to the protection and conservation of the entire 31-acre study area until long-term plans for the parcels have been developed."</p>	<p>Lanell will place this issue on the agenda for the next board meeting and ask the board to take action on the initial recommendations.</p>

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	It is further recommended that the HPPOA Board, as stated in the report (1a.) request assistance with obtaining an SIHP (State Inventory of Historic Places) site designation for the site area.	
Update on Instagram page and website (Spencer Willis)	<p>Willis was asked to move the archaeological study (ARS) link to the top of the website home page (koolauo.com). The Instagram page (koolauo) has a link to the website. Members were encouraged to follow “koolauo” on Instagram to increase visibility. It was announced that anyone may put links to the sites on Next Door and other social media sites.</p> <p>A motion was made by Maeda to automatically post all approved minutes and agendas on koolauo.com. Rice seconded. Approved unanimously.</p> <p>Several members said that they would like other documents relating to the 16th and Maku`u mailbox site posted on the website. Any documents posted will first need to be presented at a committee meeting with written verification that they are available to the public and, in the case of documents provided by Keoni Alvarez, written permission for their posting.</p>	<p>Willis will move ARS link to top of home page.</p> <p>Anyone may put links to the sites on other social media.</p> <p>All approved minutes and agendas will be automatically posted on koolauo.com.</p> <p>At the next meeting Willis and McFarr will present documents proposed for posting, accompanied by written verification of public availability and/or written permission.</p>
Consideration of nonprofit organization for stewardship of Ko`olauo: invite NHO representatives to meetings to discuss	There was a general discussion about NHOs that may fit the criteria for stewardship, as well as sources who could provide contacts for other groups. Members were asked to explore possibilities and email any information to Lanell.	Information about possible candidates for stewardship will be presented at the next meeting.
Information sharing with swap meet attendees. Continue sharing of ideas.	Lanell regularly talks to people at the swap meet about the CPC. If anyone is interested in helping, please join her at 9 a.m. The suggestion to host a table with informational handouts was raised again. Several members said they would be willing to volunteer to help with that. Due to lack of time, discussion will continue at the next meeting.	Continue discussion at next meeting.
NEW BUSINESS		
Revision of CPC mission statement, objectives, and goals (handout)	<p>Committee members’ packets included posted (outdated) information describing the CPC, including the mission statement, goals, and objectives, for the purpose of revisions.</p> <p>McFarr recommended that because our meeting time is short and this</p>	The working group will present a draft of a revised mission statement, goals, and objectives at the next meeting for discussion.

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	task will need significant time to address, that any interested members meet with her to draft a document to present to members at the next meeting. Maeda and Amaral volunteered for the working group.	
Removal of inactive members from committee	The CPC currently has 14 members, with a quorum requirement of 8. Ho`oululahui Perry has not attended meetings for more than a year. Maeda moved that Perry be removed from the committee; Rice seconded; approved unanimously. Perry will be notified via email. Any member who has been removed for lack of attendance may attend meetings and may ask to rejoin.	Lanell will send an email to Ho`oululahui Perry informing her that she has been removed and may rejoin at any time.
New Members	Lanell invited Patricia Ruppert to be a member. Maeda made a motion to accept Ruppert as a member; Harker seconded. The vote was unanimous except for one abstention.	Patricia Ruppert was welcomed as a member of the committee.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	None	
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held Saturday, March 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 at 12:18 p.m. (Ogawa moved; Maeda seconded; no objections.)

Meeting minutes submitted by Secretary to Chair on March 5, 2024.

Approved:

Lanell Lua, Chair

Date