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Hawaii Island Burial Council
Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, July 17, 2014
TIME: 9:39 am To 11:40 am
PLACE: Hilo State Office Building
1st Floor Conference Room A
75 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

HIBC MEMBERS: Nalei Kahakalau/ Hamakua Representative
Edwin Miranda, Hilo Representative
Kimo Lee, Landowner/ Developer Council Chair
Maxine Kahaulelio, Kona Representative
Gene "Bucky" Leslie, Kona Representative
Keiki'aloa Kekipi, Puna Representative
Kalena Blakemore, Puna Representative
Fred Cachola, Kohala Representative

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Keith Unger, Landowner/Developer Representative

SHPD STAFF: Kauanoë Hoomanawanui, Hawaii Island Burial Sites Specialist
Sean Naleimaile, Hawaii Assistant Archeologist

GUESTS: Tony Ramirez, Ace Environmental
Glenn Escott, SCS
Lynda Nygun

I. OPEN REMARKS:

Kimo Lee, HIBC Chair called meeting to order at 9:39 am.

II. ROLL CALL/ PULE:

Kohala Representative Council Member Maxine Kahakalau gave pule.

Chairman Lee, HIBC members and the SHPD staff introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 17, 2014.

Kalena Blakemore moved and Ed Miranda seconded motion to approve minutes.

Chairman Lee opens the floor for discussion.

Motion approved unanimously.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Election of New Chair and Vice Chair for Hawaii Island Burial Council (HIBC).

Election/Discussion: SHPD to tally vote and confirm the New Chair and Vice Chair.

Chair Lee deferred item till full quorum is present.

B. Draft Burial Treatment Plan for SIHP 29244, 29247, and 29260 Located on 25.44 Acres in Waiohinu, Pu'u Maka'a Ahupua'a, Ka'u District, Hawaii Island, TMK: (3) 9-4-03:033 and 076.

Information/Discussion/Recommendation: Discussion and recommendation on the above plan. Presentation by Scientific Consultant Services, Inc.

Glenn Escott of SCS introduced himself and described the burial sites of the plan. Site 29244 has two Burials and one burial is located in 29247 and a large enclosure with a possible burial in 29260. The property owner agrees to preserve burials in place and the interim orange fencing protection is in place. The landowner would like to do organic coffee farming. The sites will be protected by a 30 foot buffer for interim protection and a 30 ft. permanent buffer. The Maika family has lived in the Waiohinu area for a long time. They are not lineal but cultural descendants. The Akau family currently owns the kuleana property next door. The consultation resulted in agreement with the preservation in place as well as the buffers.

Councilmember Miranda clarifies if there will be monitors on site to make sure nothing is impacting the site. Escott answers there are an approved monitoring plan for all the sites. The entire TMK is surrounded by a wall. All the sites within the wall will be protected. Lee confirms you're going to have a 20 foot buffer as well as a 10 foot setback. To protect it from the root zone we will aid to increase the buffer to 30 feet with a 10 foot setback. Escott agrees and will consult with the landowner the possibility of preventing impacts to the burial.

Keiki Kekipi questions the buffer size to the extent of the surrounding walls. Is it also preservation in place? Escott agrees that there is preservation in place. Kekipi also asks to extend the buffer. Miranda adds to include a description of the wall and the buffer. I will make sure it's in there adds Escott.

Maxine Kahaulelio asks if the landowner is planting coffee for the family or for market sale. Escott answers for sale. Kahaulelio adds there are a lot of vehicular activity near the burial sites isn't they going to be impacted? Kekipi confirms will this be in documented in the Bureau of Conveyances. Lee answers yes. Miranda asks which one of these burials you feel is older. Escott answers the site 29247 may be older.

C. Draft Burial Treatment Plan for SIHP 25734 and 25742 Located on a 14/929 Acre Parcel Located in Kapala'alaea 2nd Ahupua'a, North Kona District, Hawaii Island, TMK: (3) 7-7-008:105.

Information/Discussion/Recommendation: Discussion and recommendation on the above plan. Presentation by Scientific Consultant Services, Inc.

Glenn Escott of SCS introduced himself and began describing the burials located in the makai corner of the property. The burial in a lava blister was discovered in the AIS and a large platform we are labeling as a possible burial. We consulted with Wattie Green, Nicole Lui, and Iwalani Arakaki and they were all in

agreement with preservation in place. The proposed buffers are 20ft with a 10ft set back. From kapukapu street access will be provided to the burial site. However a wall may need to be altered to enable access for the descendants.

Kahaulelio asks to explain the survey results of the property. Escott answered CSH went out twice and documented the area. One burial was reinterred into the lava tube that is now site 25742. Kahaulelio adds how these properties conveyed as burial sites do. Hoomanawanui asks for the AIS approval letters to be included in the appendix and to provide HIBC with any development plans for this parcel. Escott answers there are grubbing plans. Miranda asks if any development than you need to bring the plans back.

D. Draft Burial Treatment Plan for SIHP 4142 Feature A, 25009 Feature E, and 25026 Feature L, Located on Lot 11 in the Ranch at Puakea Subdivision, Puakea Ahupua'a, North Kohala District, Island of Hawaii, TMK: 93) 5-6-01:109.

Information/Discussion/Recommendation/Determination: Discussion on the above plan, determination whether to preserve in place or relocate human skeletal remains, and recommendation to SHPD whether to accept the Burial Treatment Plan. Presentation by ASM Affiliates, LLC.

Bob Rechtman introduces himself and presents the burial treatment plan for sites 4142 and 25009, and 25026 on Lot 11 in the Puakea Subdivision. The landowner is looking to build a single family dwelling on a 24 acre property. The AIS result on page 12 describes several of the burial sites and other coastal sites near the property. The initial development was near the makai area and we discussed after evaluating all the burial sites and they decided to move their home on the mauka side of the property. Three burial sites were identified. Site 4142 is an 1840's walled in cemetery. No subsurface work was needed to observe. The 25009 burial sites are within the coastal archaeological preservation area. It's already preserved on the neighboring parcel and will carry on to this site. The surface platform had a subsurface vault containing a burial. The third burial site, 25026, half of the burial is on the neighboring property. The surface feature aided in the identification of the burial.

Kaohu Seto introduces himself to be related to the iwi at Puakea. I have an aunty from that area that we are still talking with in gathering information for that area. I didn't know the size of the home that is proposed for development. In the oral traditions it says every little nook and cranny was filled with people. That's how our people got things done by working together. Keiki asks with the size of the property are there any options if we do have an inadvertent discovery. The area is not equipped for digging a new hole as the bedrock is close to the surface. Rechtman clarifies the landowner agrees to move the home in the case an inadvertent occurs. Gale Perez adds we need more time. I haven't had time to read it and am very concerned with the size of the building. I need time to talk to kupuna's. I am here to ask for more time and also to we want to be recognized as lineal descendants.

V. SHPD INADVERTENT DISCOVERY/SECTION 106/OTHER

A. Update on HIBC Burial Law Trainings.

Hoomanawanui explains the OIP trainings as well as the Burial Laws trainings are aimed to be presented in September. S

B. Update on Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Human Skeletal Remains Encountered at McKenzie Park of the Puna District on April 4, 2014.

Hoomanawanui states the site visit conducted concluded with the burial site being identified not within the State Park and falls within DOFAW. In collaborating efforts we are trying to seal the entrance of the

cave for long term preservation. They plan to have a small corral to house cattle and they will not be impacting the site. In consultation we received a request to include names in the plans and also Ka'anohi provided comment in agreement with preservation plans in accordance to each site. For the record, the letter is unsigned with no personal information. Rechtman continues the proposed treatment is preservation in place and preservation easements and they will be recorded with the deed. The landowner is not for sale and will be held in his family. No impacts will be made within the preservation easements. We discussed signage, however we agreed signage is not appropriate.

Ed Miranda moved and Maxine Kahalelio seconded motion to preserve in place.

Chairperson Lee opens the floor for discussion.

Motion approved unanimously.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, August 17, 2014 at 9:30 am.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Lee adjourned the meeting at 11:40am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kauanoë Hoomanawanui