## KAULUNANI URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM

MINUTES

May 9, 2024, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



**Location**: Hoʻomaluhia Botanical Garden (9:00 AM – 1:30 PM) 45-680 Luluku Rd, Kaneohe, HI

Maunawili Trailhead (1:40 PM – 3:00 PM) Near 1202 Kelewina Street

**Attendees**: Council members - Kialoa Mossman, Terri Koike, Noa Lincoln, Matthew Bauer, Matthew Loudermilk, Jesse Mikasobe- Keali'inohomoku, Alex Connelly, Marigold Zoll (delegate of David Smith), Kevin Sullivan, Danielle Frohlich

Staff - Heather McMillen, Kate Wiechmann, Koki Atcheson, Skye Haraga

Apologies: Jennifer Maydan, Axel Defgnin, Marie Williams, Kris Kokame, Miranda Hutten, Desireé Page
Guests: Marigold Zoll, Brant Chillingworth (Kupu), Navin Tagore (DUF), Mark Stride

9:00 am	Arrive at Hoʻomaluhia Botanical Garden
9:55am	Welcome and facilities orientation
10:00 am	Opening - brief introduction circle for guests, opening poem
10:08 am	Review & approve minutes from February 8, 2024 meeting
Motion to approve minutes: Terri Koike Second: Matt Laudermilk Decision: All in Favor Abstained: Marigold Zoll, Matt Bauer, Danielle Frohlich, Kevin Sullivan Approved	
10:15 am	IRA updates - Koki & Heather
10:25 am	State-funded contracts updates - Koki & Heather
10:30 am	Partners Gathering discussion

Advisory Council to the Division of Forestry and Wildlife

Jennifer Maydan Department of Parks & Rec County of Maui Chair

Kialoa Mossman Edith Kanaka'ole Foundation Deputy Chair

David Smith Div. of Forestry and Wildlife

> Matthew Bauer Kupu

Alex Connelly Kuaʿāina Ulu ʿAuamo

Axel Defngin Islands of Opportunity Alliance (IOA)-LSAMP, UH Hilo

Danielle Frohlich SWCA Environmental Consultants

Terri Koike Division of Urban Forestry City and County of Honolulu

> Kris Kokame AES Hawaiʻi

Noa Lincoln Tropical Plant & Soil Sciences, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Matthew Loudermilk AHL

Jesse Mikasobe -Keali'inohomoku Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center

> Desireé Page Hawaiian Electric

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Kevin Sullivan Department of Planning, Hawai'i County

Marie Williams Department of Planning, County of Kaua'i

> Miranda Hutten USDA Forest Service

Council interested in helping: Jesse Mikasobe-Keali'inohomoku, Kialoa Mossman, Brant Chillingworth

**10:45 pm** Year of the Community Forests (YOTCF) discussions - Request for Proposals (RFP), planning

January 10th is the confirmed date for the Governor's Proclamation signing. BIL funding is being allocated toward celebrations for the YOTCF. Opportunity for discussion about RFP presented. Comments include: appreciation for the creativity, new opportunity to support new kinds of projects, need an adjusted rubric, exclude tree planting, feature/uplift Pono nurseries. The ideal timeline for the RFP is noted as follows: Aug 2024 - approval, Nov 2024 - application decisions, Dec 2025 - BIL funds expended.

Opportunity for discussion on the YOTCF planning presented. Council identified the need to determine the measures of success and the intended goal/focus for the year. Ideas for the goal/focus shared include: establishing and fostering connections to forests, educating/raising awareness on public action to care for forests, uplifting organizations who care for our forests.

Council members interested in participating in planning: Danielle Frohlich, Kialoa Mossman, Alex Connelly, Matt Bauer, Matt Loudermilk, Marigold Zoll, Noa Lincoln.

11:25 am Council member updates

Council member terms ending at the end of this year: Marie Williams. Axel Defngin will be leaving the council at the end of this year. Voting for new council members will take place in November. Plans to reactivate membership committee to conduct outreach and interviews. Interested council members: Jesse Mikasobe-Keali'inohomoku and Kialoa Mossman.

Council members up for renewal: Danielle Frohlich, Terri Koike, Kialoa Mossman, Jennifer Maydan, Desireé Page. Jennifer Maydan's term as chair will end at the end of the year. Members interested in becoming chair from May 2025-Feb 2027 should email Heather McMillen.

11:45 am Council co-learning: Matt Loudermilk

Next council co-learning: August 2024: Danielle Frohlich (Invasive Species) November 2024: Kialoa Mossman ('Oli - chanting) February 2025: Kevin Sullivan (Fungal Kingdom, or TBD)

12:00 pm Lunch & individual updates from Council member, staff, and guests

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1:25 pm Maunawili background presented by Marigold Zoll
1:30 pm Meeting adjourned, depart to Maunawili Trailhead (near 1202 Kelewina Street)
1:40 pm Arrive at Maunawilli Trailhead. Site tour presented by Mark Stride.
3:30 pm Pau