

Kahu Kū Mauna Council

Minutes of Meeting
October 13, 2010

Kukahau‘ula, Room 131
640 N. A‘ohoku Place
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

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DEPT. OF LAND &
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Present: Kalepa Baybayan, Arthur Hoke, Tiffnie Kakalia, Larry Kimura, Toni Mallow, Kihalani Springer, and Ed Stevens

Absent: Sean Naleimaile

Guests: Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Mamala Hoa (Hilo Chapter):
Pua Ishibashi, Ali‘i ‘Aimoku (Sr. High Chief)
Kaliko Kanaele, Alihikaua (Sr. War Chief)
Reynolds Kamakawiwo‘ole, Kaka‘olelo (Talking Chief)
Kahu O Terangi, La‘au Ali‘i (1st Assist Kaka‘olelo)

Quorum – Five (5) members

10:15 a.m. opening Pule given by Arthur Hoke

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Kihalani and seconded by Arthur the minutes of the September 8, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

2. Royal Order of Kamehameha I

Ed thanked their guests for coming together to talk about Maunakea. He stated the primary reason for this meeting was to discuss the summit of Maunakea in regards to cultural practices for both cultural practitioners and others who use the mountain for their specific needs.

Pua Ishibashi gave a brief history of the Royal Order of Kamehameha, official stances taken, and the structure of their moku. The Order was established in 1865 by Kamehameha V. Their mission is to support the kingdom. The Nation of Hawaii continues to exist. They are against further development on Maunakea. Maunakea is under their moku.

Ed explained OMKM has been granted rule making authority for Maunakea and that this Council works with OMKM. His questions for discussion today were:

- 1) What do we do about vandalism to the lele?

2) How do we care for the lele?

The rangers have been instructed not to touch the lele when it is vandalized.

Pua's thoughts were people do not understand the purpose and nature of the lele and what the appropriate uses are. There is a need to establish a process or protocol for offerings and removal of offerings. He felt education and communication play a big part of this.

Kahu O Terangi stated part of the problem is with tourists also.

Kalepa stated the Council is about stewardship of the mountain. He sits on this Council because he cares about the mountain. We can disregard the permit process (DLNR) or we can go thru the permit process and have the leverage to protect and take care of the lele.

Both Pua and Kaliko Kanaele agreed with Kalepa. Pua stated there could be one lele for everyone. As for responsibility and upkeep of the lele, he could comfortably say that the Royal Order would be responsible for the lele.

Toni asked since the lele was used four times during the year, what if there was no physical lele? After it is used it would be taken down. Is that a possibility?

Kahu thought that would be challenged. Kaliko stated he would have to think about that. He would like more leles up there.

Ed stated instead of having everyone put up a lele, there could be one lele or monument for all to use. It could be something permanent and durable and not blown down during high winds. There could be a stone platform and brass plate to indicate the sacredness of Maunakea.

Reynolds Kamakawiwo'ole thought it is about time we allow someone to take care of it on a regular basis and do it properly. Other places used such as Kilohana and the area behind the VIS were discussed. He continued saying KKMC should take advantage and open a position to have one person take care of the lele, and it should not be a ranger.

Ed explained that DLNR has a rule where a CDUP is required for anything put up for more than 30 days. With a permit, it becomes enforceable. Vandalism can be reported and a person can be arrested. It could be an avenue for guardianship.

Kalepa stated it will give us the ability to put up signs to protect the lele. He added the Council is about 1) decommissioning of telescopes, 2) having observatories use best practice management, and 3) setting the example and being a good steward of the mountain.

Pua stated he would feel uncomfortable telling a Hawaiian group they cannot put up a lele. He felt there would be a problem with the permit process. The lele should be cultural process appropriate, like how it was done in the ancient days.

Kalepa stated if it is a cultural process, we should dictate how the process is done.

Reynolds stated, like anything else, it should be given proper respect. This is a wake-up call; put something beautiful and culturally respected that is strong and durable. We need to work together.

Ed stated no matter what comes out of today's meeting, this is a legacy we want to leave for our descendants. We may need to consider more meetings to resolve things. This cannot be resolved in one day.

Next steps:

1. Whether it is a permit or another mechanism to own that space.
2. The need to indentify if there are any special requirements for construction.

Pua stated we put up something, we are responsible for it. The Royal Order should be informed of any vandalism and damages to the lele. The contact person will be Reynolds who will in turn contact Kaliko. Kaliko added that DOCARE and DoFAW support what they do.

Kihalani asked if the Royal Order would be satisfied with a fixed monument or would they want to have a separate lele for certain occasions.

Pua replied there could be just one that everyone could use. However, as an Order, they should not be limited.

Kihalani thought there could be something in OMKM's rules to cover what we are trying to do and wondered if that would override the permit process.

Larry stated he did not anticipate going into construction. We should consider what the best thing to do for the mountain is before we talk about construction.

Pua was in agreement with what has been discussed. He confirmed the Order will continue to take care of the ahu, but will need assistance to know when it is down. He appreciated the invitation and felt communication is always important.

Ed stated the need for signage to educate the public. Kihalani thought funds may be available from the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Larry gave the closing pule before Pua, Reynolds, Kaliko and Kahu left the meeting.

Council Discussions

Larry stated he would not vote for construction right now. He is not against it, but thought it was premature at this stage.

Toni stated having a monument or marker gives people reason to visit it. She felt practitioners and others should do their thing and then remove the lele.

Arthur felt the objective of today's meeting was accomplished. They sat down together to converse and talk about stewardship of the mountain.

Tiffnie shared that she did not appreciate attendance of uninvited guest, especially because of the delivery of mana'o and their assumptions of Kahu Kū Mauna's kuleana and the volunteers that serve on the council. The invitation to discuss matters regarding Maunakea and the Royal Order of Kamehameha was extended to Pua Ishibashi and later Reynolds Kamakawiwo'ole because of their role in the organization. Tiffnie expressed concern for future discussions as such and has no interest in participating in meetings for others to express their views without resolve. She felt that the meeting was not as productive as anticipated being that representatives of the Royal Order left without committing to their entire kuleana of caring for the lele they put up.

Larry asked what the significance of this lele/ahu is.

Kalepa commented if you are grounded to your culture, you do not need an ahu. As Pua had mentioned, the whole mountain is an ahu.

Ed informed everyone that Paul Neves did not attend today's meeting on the recommendation from his attorney due to the ongoing litigation.

Ed will follow up with Stephanie to establish the chain of command for the rangers to report concerns with the lele.

Kihalani added the need to investigate if OMKM's rule making authority would rule over the DLNR permit or cover this circumstance.

3. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 27 at the 'Imiloa Classroom. The SMA will be presenting their road options for the TMT project at this meeting. Ed urged everyone to attend this upcoming meeting.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Submitted by:
Dawn Pamarang

Dawn Pamarang

From: hpj@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2010 5:14 PM
To: pamarang@hawaii.edu
Subject: Re: Today's Meeting with Kahu Ku Mauna Council
Attachments: image003.png

Aloha Dawn,

As per your request:

Pua Ishibashi

ALĪI `AIMOKU (Sr. High Chief)

Kaliko Kanaele

ALIHKAUA

(Sr. War Chief)

Reynolds Kamakawiwo'ole

KAKA'OLELO (Talking Chief)

Kahu O Terangi

LA`AU ALĪI

(1ST Assist Kaka'olelo)

Pua

-----Original Message-----

From: Dawn Pamarang <pamarang@hawaii.edu>
To: 'Pua Ishibashi' <Pua@MamalaHoa.org>
Sent: Wed, Oct 13, 2010 3:01 pm
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Sorry, we are all members of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Mamala Hoa (Hilo Chapter)
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I thank you very much.

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From: Tiffnie Kakalia [tiffnie@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2010 9:22 AM
To: Dawn Pamarang; Toni Mallow; 'Arthur Hoke Jr.'; Kalepa Baybayan; taputimu@hawaii.rr.com; 'Hannah Kihalani Springer'; 'Larry Kimura'; Sean Naleimaile
Subject: Re: DRAFT KKMC Minutes - Oct. 13
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Aloha Dawn;

Please use the following as my contribution to council discussions on page 4.

Mahalo nui,
Tiffnie

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On 10/21/10 2:23 PM, "Dawn Pamarang" <pamarang@hawaii.edu> wrote:

Attached is a draft of the minutes from the Oct. 13th Council meeting.

Please feel free to add in or make any revisions to my notes.

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