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KAUAI NIIHAU ISLANDS BURIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday September 21, 2022
TIME: 9:05-9:43 AM
LOCATION: 4523 P'oane Road
Anahola, Hawaii 96703

KNIBC MEMBERS PRESENT: Kau'ilani Kahalekai, Lihue Representative
Sandra Quinsaas, Koloa Representative
Barbara Say, Hanalei Representative
Carol Lovell, Kawaihau Representative
Palala Harada, Napali Representative

ABSENT: Bruce Robinson, Niihau Island Representative (Excused)

SHPD STAFF: Kauanoë Hoomanawanui, Kauai Island Burial Sites Specialist

GUESTS: Yuki Ka'ea Lyons-Yglesias, Guest

I. CALL TO ORDER/PULE

Chairwoman Quinsaas called the meeting to order and Lihue Representative Kau'ilani Kahalekai gave pule at 9:05 am.

All members present except, Niihau Island Representative.

II. ROLL CALL

All members present introduced themselves and the geographic area of representation.

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. **March 16, 2022, Meeting Minutes**
- b. **March 16, 2022, Executive Meeting Minutes**

Na Pali Geographic Representative Palala Harada moved and Lihue Geographic Representative Kaulani Kahalekai second the motion to approve the executive meeting and meeting minutes from March 16, 2022.

Chairperson opens the floor for discussion

Unanimously approved.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Descendancy Recognition Application of Lily Alohikea-Smith to the Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains of Mary Alohikea, located at Lot 70 in the back of 5-7643 & 5-7631 Kuhio Highway of Ha'ena Ahupua'a, Halelea District Kauai Island, TMK: (4) 5-9-002:70. Information/Discussion/Determination:** Discussion and determination whether to recognize the applicant as a lineal descendant to the Native Hawaiian skeletal remains at the above location.

The Council may elect to go into executive session pursuant to HAR §13-300-25(d). The Council may close a meeting whenever location or description of a Native Hawaiian Burial site is under consideration. The chairperson, by concurrence of a majority of members present at the meeting, shall be authorized to require the public to leave the meeting while the confidential matter is being discussed and reopen the meeting once the confidential matter is no longer being considered.

Vice Chair Carol Lovell moved and Hanalei Geographic Representative Barbara Say second the motion to recognize Lily Alohikea-Smith as lineal descendant to the above burial site.

Chairperson opens the floor for discussion.

Chairperson Sandi Quinsaas opened the floor for discussion, would the descendants like a chance to speak at this time? Yuki Ka'ea Lyons-Yglesias introduced herself in representation of the applicant, Lily Alohikea-Smith. She gave her aloha and appreciation of everyone's support in taking care of our ancestors. Hanalei Geographic Representative Barbara Say gave her thanks to the applicant and her representative for being here today.

Unanimously approved.

- b. **Roles and Responsibilities of Kauai Niihau Island Burial Council (KNIBC).**
Discussion: Discussion on the above item. Presentation by Chair Sandi Quinsaas.

V. UDATES/CORRESPONDENCE

- a. none

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PULE

- a. **Next meeting is scheduled tentatively for Wednesday, October 19, 2022.**

Chair Sandi Quinsaas adjourned the meeting at 9:43 am.

Pursuant to §92-3 Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), all interested persons shall be afforded an opportunity to present oral testimony or submit data, views, or arguments, in writing on any agenda item. Additionally, pursuant to a policy adopted by the Hawai'i Island Burial Council at its November 17, 2005, meeting, oral testimony for items listed on the agenda is limited to three minutes per person, per agenda item.

Pursuant to §92-4, §92-5(a)(8), and §6E-43.5 HRS, and upon compliance with the procedures set forth in §92-4, HRS, the council may go into a closed meeting to consider information that involves the location or description of a burial site.

Pursuant to §92-2.5(d) HRS, if a meeting must be cancelled due to lack of quorum, the present council members may elect to continue to receive testimony and presentations on items on the agenda.

A request to be placed on a burial council meeting agenda must be made with the Burial Sites Program staff at least two weeks preceding the scheduled meeting date. In addition, the request must be accompanied by all related documents. Failure to comply with this procedure will delay the item to the following month's agenda.

Interested persons can submit written testimony in advance of each meeting that will be distributed to Burial Council Members prior to the meeting. Submit written testimony to Kauanoec.m.hoomanawanui@Hawaii.gov or via postal mail to the Kauai Niihau Island Burial Council c/o P.O. Box 1729 Lihue, HI 96766. Written testimony that is received later than 24-hours prior to the meeting will be retained as part of the record and distributed to the Burial Council Members as soon as practicable, but we cannot ensure that the Council members will receive it with sufficient time for review prior to decision-making.

Individuals requiring special assistance or auxiliary aids or services (e.g., sign language interpreter, wheelchair accessibility, or parking designated for the disabled) at the KNIBC meeting, please contact staff at least 72-hours prior to the meeting at (808) 896-0475 so that arrangements can be made.