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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
KA 'OIHANA KUMUWAIWAI 'ĀINA**

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**DRAFT MINUTES
HAWAI'I ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE: Thursday, September 19, 2024
TIME: 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
PLACE: Online via Zoom
—AND—
West Hawai'i Civic Center
Conference Room
74-5044 Ane Keohokālole Hwy.
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

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HIBC Members: **Present:**
Chair Kalena Blakemore (Puna), *In-person*
Vice-Chair Traven 'Āpiki (Hilo), *Zoom*
Member Desmon Haumea (Ka'ū), *Zoom*
Member 'I'ini Kahakalau (Hāmākua), *Zoom*
Member La Crivello (LLO), *In-person*

SHPD Staff:
Kea Calpito, Burial Sites Specialist
Christian Omerod, Burial Sites Specialist
Noah Gomes, Ethnographer
Tiare Elizares, Office Assistant III

Guests:
Kaulana Eli, *Zoom* (IV.B.)
Theodore Kekua Norman, *Zoom* (IV.E.)
Keala Norman, *Zoom* (IV.D.)

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LAND
STATE PARKS

Brian Ogawa, *Zoom*
Keoni Alvarez, *Zoom (V.A.)*
Alan, *Zoom*
Alissa Hanshew, *Zoom*
Crystal Schiszler, *Zoom (V.A.)*
Dennis Hethcote, *Zoom*
Jeff, *Zoom*
KeliiS, *Zoom*
Matt Clark, ASM Affiliates, Inc., *Zoom (IV.G.)*
Lenell Lua-Dillard and Ohana, *Zoom*
Spencer, *Zoom*
Sarah Agnew-Miller, Stanford-Carr, *Zoom (IV.G.)*
Patricia Ruppert, *Zoom*
Nicole Craig, *Zoom*
MB, *Zoom*
Sarah Wilkinson, *Zoom*
Kamakana Ferreira, *Zoom*
Kanaka Oiwi, *Zoom*
Kari Hoffman, *Zoom*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Blakemore calls to order the meeting at 10:04 A.M.

II. ROLL CALL/PULE

Kalena Blakemore, La Crivello, Desmon Haumea, 'I'ini Kahakalau, Traven 'Āpiki

Member Haumea conducts pule.

III. MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes for May 16, 2024.

Summary:

Recording: 01:55 – 02:40

- *Motion and vote made at 02:15*

MOTION: To accept the minutes
MOVED BY: Vice-Chair 'Āpiki
2ND BY: Member Kahakalau
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

B. Approval of the Minutes for August 15, 2024.

Summary:

Recording: 02:45 – 03:35

- *Motion and vote made at 03:15*

MOTION: To accept the minutes
MOVED BY: Vice-Chair ‘Āpiki
2ND BY: Member Kahakalau
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

IV. BUSINESS

A. Descendancy Recognition Application of Clement Chang Jr. to the Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains of Apela Kaleohano Jr., Kamela Kaleohano, Unnamed Twin of Apela Opio, and Setepano Kaleohano, Located in Miloli‘i Ahupua‘a, South Kona District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 8-9-004:018.

Information/Discussion/Determination: Discussion and determination whether to recognize the applicant as a lineal descendant to the above Native Hawaiian skeletal remains.

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Recording: 03:40 – 06:45

- Chair Blakemore (04:20)
- Vice-Chair ‘Āpiki (06:10)
- Agenda item was passed at the previous meeting.

B. Descendancy Recognition Application of Thomas M. K. Eli Jr. to Kukui Family Burials, SIHP #50-10-47-31480, Located in Kalama 5 Ahupua‘a, South Kona District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 8-2-006:011.

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Recording: 06:55 – 09:45

- Kaulana Eli (07:45)
- *Motion and vote made at 08:30*
- Vice-Chair ‘Āpiki (09:10)
- Recap of testimony presented at prior meeting.

MOTION: To recognize the applicant as a lineal descendant
MOVED BY: Member Haumea
2ND BY: Member Crivello
VOTE: Motion carried by majority [YAY: 4 (Blakemore, Crivello, Haumea, Kahakalau); ABSTAIN: 1 (‘Āpiki)]

C. Descendancy Recognition Application of Kaina L. Waiiau to Kukui Family Burials, SIHP #50-10-47-31480, Located in Kalama 5 Ahupua‘a, South Kona District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 8-2-006:011.

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Recording: 09:50 – 11:20

- *Motion and vote made at 10:25*
- No discussion, other than reading the recommendation letter.

MOTION: To recognize the applicant as a lineal descendant
MOVED BY: Member Haumea
2ND BY: Vice-Chair ‘Āpiki
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

D. Descendancy Recognition Application of Carolyn K. Norman to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, SIHP #50-10-47-30045, Located in Kealakekua Ahupua‘a, South Kona District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 8-2-014:043.

Information/Discussion/Determination: Discussion and determination whether to recognize the applicant as a cultural descendant to the above Native Hawaiian skeletal remains.

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Recording: 12:00 – 17:05

- Chair Blakemore (12:00, 15:45)
- Keala Norman (12:25, 14:30)
- Member Crivello (12:45)
- Vice-Chair ‘Āpiki (12:55)

- *Motion (1) and vote made at 14:00*
- Kekua Norman (15:15)
- *Motion (2) and vote made at 16:15*
- Testimony by the applicants on their connection to the iwi and background in taking care of their ‘ohana’s iwi.

MOTION (1): To combine items IV.D. and IV.E.
MOVED BY: Member Crivello
2ND BY: Vice-Chair ‘Āpiki
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

MOTION (2): To recognize the applicants as cultural descendants
MOVED BY: Member Crivello
2ND BY: Member Haumea
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

E. Descendancy Recognition Application of Theodore R. Norman Jr. to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, SIHP #50-10-47-30045, Located in Kealakekua Ahupua‘a, South Kona District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 8-2-014:043.

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- *SEE AGENDA ITEM IV.D.*

F. Descendancy Recognition Application of Kanaloa K. Koko to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, SIHP #50-10-47-30045, Located in Kealakekua Ahupua‘a, South Kona District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 8-2-014:043.

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Recording: 17:10 – 19:40

- Chair Blakemore (18:20)
- *Motion and vote made at 18:45*
- Member Haumea (18:55)

- No discussion, other than reading the recommendation letter.

MOTION: To recognize the applicant as a cultural descendant
MOVED BY: Member Haumea
2ND BY: Vice-Chair ‘Āpiki
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

G. Request to Amend the Permanent Preservation Buffers for SIHP #50-10-37-16116 in the Ali‘i Palms Subdivision, Puapua‘a 2nd Ahupua‘a, North Kona District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 7-5-020:071, 072.

Information/Discussion/Recommendation: Information and discussion on the above item.

Recommendation to the State Historic Preservation Division whether to accept or not accept the proposed amendment.

Recording: 20:50 – 01:00:50

- Matt Clark (21:40, 44:00)
- Member Crivello (29:50, 38:20, 46:40, 57:45)
- Vice-Chair ‘Āpiki (29:55, 36:50, 43:30, 51:40, 01:00:10)
- Sarah Agnew-Miller (35:05, 47:10, 49:40, 54:00, 56:00)
- Chair Blakemore (44:20, 48:20)
- Member Haumea (50:30, 55:15)
- *Motion and vote made at 59:40*
- Discussion on the project history and background with a PowerPoint presentation, and proposed changes to the permanent preservation measures.

MOTION: To recommend SHPD does NOT accept the proposed amendments
MOVED BY: Member Crivello
2ND BY: Member Haumea
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

H. Discussion on Hawai‘i Island Burial Council Membership, Roles, and Responsibilities.

Information/Discussion: Discussion on the above item.

- *No Discussion*

V. INADVERTENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

A. Update on the Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Human Skeletal Remains on July 15, 2024, During Unmonitored Excavation Activity at the Hawaiian Paradise Park Owners Association Community Center, Waikahekahe Ahupua‘a, Puna District, Island of Hawai‘i, TMK: (3) 1-5-023:040.

Information/Discussion: Update on the above inadvertent discovery.

Recording: 01:01:15 – 01:28:55

- Keoni Alvarez (01:01:55)

- Chair Blakemore (01:17:45, 01:22:40)
- Crystal Schiszler (01:18:30)
- Member Haumea (01:24:00, 01:28:10)
- Member Crivello (01:26:45)
- Mr. Alvarez discussed background on the inadvertent discovery; additional members of the public express their concerns with the project.

B. Letter from the Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, dated September 06, 2024, RE: NOAA Mauna Loa Observatory Solar Power, Hawai'i County, Ka'ohe Ahupua'a, Hāmākua District, Island of Hawai'i, TMK: (3) 4-4-016:009.

Notification/Discussion: Notification and discussion on the correspondence.

Recording: 01:29:10 – 01:34:30

- Member Crivello (01:30:10)
- Chair Blakemore (01:31:00)
- Member Haumea (01:31:55)
- Vice-Chair 'Āpiki (01:33:45)
- *Member Haumea leaves at 11:15 A.M.*
- Discussion on how to submit comments—whether individually or as a council.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The Next HIBC Meeting is Thursday, October 17, 2024, 9:30 A.M., TBD.

- *Discussion on future meeting dates.*

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourns at 11:40 A.M.

To Provide Written Testimony:

We encourage interested persons to submit written testimony in advance of the meeting, which will be distributed to Board members prior to the meeting and allow a timely review. Please submit written testimony via email to: jordan.v.calpito@hawaii.gov. Written testimonies can also be mailed to: 40 Po'okela Street, Hilo, HI 96720. Written testimonies may be posted upon the HIBC meeting website; as a precaution, please be mindful with any personal information prior to submitting unless you intend it to be shared. Late written testimony will be retained as part of the record and distributed to HIBC members as soon as practicable, but we cannot ensure the HIBC will receive it in sufficient time to review, prior to decision-making.

To Provide In-Person Oral Testimony (masks are highly encouraged):

Attend in-person at: 19 E. Kāwili Street, Hilo HI 96720.

To Provide Testimony by Telephone:

On the day of the meeting at the start of the agenda item you wish to testify on, dial +1 669 900 6833 (Zoom); input the meeting ID and passcode and follow the prompts.

To Provide Video/Zoom Testimony:

Please send your request in a timely manner to: jordan.v.calpito@hawaii.gov with your information, email address, and the agenda item you wish to testify on. Once your request has been received, you will receive a confirmation email with pertinent information. You may testify without signing up in advance.

We kindly ask that all oral/video testimony be limited to not more than three (3) minutes. We ask that you identify yourself and any affiliation before speaking, but you can choose not to do so.

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.

The HIBC may go into Executive Session pursuant to section 92-5(a)(4), HRS, in order to consult with its attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

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.

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Materials related to items on the agenda are available for review at the State Historic Preservation Division located at 40 Po'okela St., Hilo, HI 96720.

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, please contact, Burial Sites Specialist, at (808) 933-7650 or jordan.v.calpito@hawaii.gov as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible have a greater likelihood of being fulfilled. Upon request, this agenda and other materials are available in alternate/accessible formats.