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APPROVED MINUTES
OAHU ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 8th, 2017
TIME: 10:28 AM
PLACE: Department of Land and Natural Resources
        Board Room
        Kalanimoku Building, 1st Floor
        1151 Punchbowl Street
        Honolulu, HI 96813

Attendance: Chuck Ehrhorn, Chair; Large Landowner Representative
            Beverly Amaral; Large Landowner Representative
            Mana Caceres; Ewa Moku Representative
            Kali Fermantez; Koolauloa Representative
            Danna Holck; Large Landowner Representative

Staff: Regina K. Hilo, Burial Sites Specialist, SHPD
      Susan Lebo, Archaeology Branch Chief, SHPD
      Kimi Matsushima, Oahu Lead Archaeologist, SHPD
      Stephanie Hacker, Oahu Assistant Archaeologist, SHPD

Guests: Kihei deSilva, Kailua Kau a Hooilo
        Mapuana deSilva, Kailua Kau a Hooilo
        Mike Lee, Cultural Descendant
        Ken Chang, Ililani LLC
        Matt McDermott, Cultural Surveys Hawaii
        Danielle Yafuso, First Hawaiian Bank
        Lani Maa Laipilio, Aukahi
        David Shideler, Cultural Surveys Hawaii
        Kaanohi Kaleikini, Descendant
        Hinano Paia, Descendant
        Kawika Farm, HART
        Henry Chang, Ililani LLC
        Bill Haole, Kawaiahao Church

I. CALL TO ORDER
   Meeting called to order by Chair Ehrhorn at 10:28 AM
   [Regina K. Hilo was not present when the meeting was called into order]

II. ROLE CALL/PULE
   Council members introduced themselves: Bev Amaral, Danna Holck, Chuck Ehrhorn, Kali
   Fermantez, Mana Caceres
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Deferred to future OIBC meeting
A. Minutes from 7/13/2016
B. Minutes from 9/14/2016
C. Minutes from 11/09/2016
D. Minutes from 12/14/2016
E. Minutes from 02/08/2017

IV. Business
[Items were taken out of agenda order, and the discussion order of Business items during the meeting was IV. C, D, A, B, then E. All items after E were taken in agenda order]
A. Discussion on Oʻahu Island Burial Council membership, roles, and responsibilities
Information/Discussion: Discussion on the above items.
[Item A was taken after IV.D]
Chair Ehrhorn discussed his suggestion at the Feb. 08, 2017 meeting that when a set meeting date would not have quorum, the meeting be postponed a week; would be contingent on knowing when quorum would not be met well in advance and securing a location for the meeting to be held; Regina stated finding public venues is an issue; Ehrhorn asked meeting attendees for recommendations
Mike Lee suggested OHA, Kakaako
[Item B was taken next]

B. Proposed Bills and/or Measures Relating to Historic Preservation under consideration in the 29th convening of the Hawaii State Legislature, 2017
Information/Discussion: Discussion on the above item.
[Item B was taken after Item A]
Presented by Regina; summary provided, below:
HB875, funding 5 student internship positions in the SHPD, went to finance, moved to special funds, highly supported, could use more support from the public, Regina has asked the Society for Hawaiian Archaeology to support HB875
HB1213, the tax study, currently in finance
Chair Ehrhorn asked about new members, Governor’s Messages
Regina stated she had no formal word on nominations or Governor’s Messages yet
[Item E]

C. Department’s Recommendation to Recognize Mapuana deSilva, Kihei deSilva, Kahikina deSilva, and Kapalaiula deSilva to Unidentified Human Skeletal Remains Encountered at 147 Ulupa Street, Kailua Ahupuaʻa, Koʻolaupoko District, Oʻahu, TMK: [1] 4-3-028:032
Discussion/Determination: Discussion and determination to recognize the above individuals as cultural descendants to unidentified human skeletal remains at the above project.

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.
Chair Ehrhorn read the above agenda item onto the record

Chair Ehrhorn invited Mapuana to the table to discuss their descendancy claim.

Kihei and Mapuana introduced themselves; summary of their testimony follows, below

The deSilva’s have been engaged in this type of work for 10 years in Kailua; involved in current discussions with Yuklin Aluli and her `ohana about the iwi kupuna, productive meeting and found common ground; result of the meeting was to not proceed with the swimming pool and preserve the iwi kupuna in place; cultural training and value system is to finish what is started; seeking descendancy to continue having a voice in the conversation they were initially involved in, a conversation they would like to see lead to the moe kau a hooilo, the eternal rest, of these iwi kupuna; not here in an antagonistic way, but in a consultation position; involvement in Kailua and the iwi kupuna in Kailua requires they participate; therefore they ask for acknowledgement as cultural descendants.

Chair Ehrhorn stated the deSilva `ohana was also recognized for the Target (Kailua) project and the Central Pacific Bank project (Kailua)

Kihei stated the list [of recognitions] is quite long: Target, Ka Malanai, Central Pacific Bank, Kihapai Apartments – currently in a state of limbo. Those are the most recent.

Kali: Boys and Girls Club too.

Kihei: Boys and Girls Club too. The Boots and Kimo restaurant site in Kailua, the First Hawaiian Bank site in Kailua, the Kailua Town Center Phase 3, the two Ka Malanai apartment complexes.

Mapuana: There was also a private residence in Kailua that found iwi kupuna, and we helped there, and some discoveries in Ka`ohao, in private areas.

Chair Ehrhorn thanked them.

Kali stated the only thing missing is a moku representative.

Kihei stated they knew.

Chair Ehrhorn extended an invitation to them to rep for Koolaupoko.

Kihei stated there is a candidate who has expressed interest in applying, named Kalei Kini.

Chair Ehrhorn stated that he was on the first council.

Kihei and Mapu stated they would continue to encourage him.

Ehrhorn asked if there were any comments from the attendees.

Mike Lee stated his support for the deSilva `ohana recognition.

Kali also expressed support.

Bev expressed support.

Motion: to accept the department’s recommendation to recognize Mapuana deSilva, Kihei deSilva, Kahikina deSilva, and Kapalai`ula deSilva as cultural descendants to unidentified human skeletal remains Encountered at 147 Ulupa Street, Kailua Ahupua`a, Ko`olaupoko District, O`ahu, TMK: [1] 4-3-028:032

Moved by: Danna
2nd: Bev

Vote: All in Favor

[Item D was taken next]


Information/Discussion: Update on the above project.

[Item D was taken after C]

Chair Ehrhorn read the above item onto the agenda.
Project was discussed by Matt McDermott, Cultural Surveys Hawaii; and Danielle Yafuso, First Hawaiian Bank; summary of their presentation follows, below:

Project updates, as discussed at the last meeting: BTP was accepted at the last meeting; project was modified and there will no longer be mass grading; meeting held on site on Feb. 15, 2017, with cultural descendants except Mike Lee who was contacted separately, everyone agreed that data recovery was not needed since there will be no mass grading; monitoring plan under SHPD review; (PowerPoint presentation given) parking deck will be one level; retaining wall will stay in place; burials will be preserved in place; BSC will reflect the modified project plans. Side streets will have separate entrance/exit and parking. Fill material will be generated from onsite rather than imported from elsewhere. FDIC involvement, creation of a memorandum of agreement, sent out to all consulting parties, including Historic Hawaii Foundation, SHPD branches, for comment. Architect is Group70.

Chair Ehrhorn updated Regina Hilo on agenda item C, that the OIBC approved the deSilva’s descendant recognition request

Chair Ehrhorn requested that Items A and B be discussed next [Item A was taken next]

E. Ililani Project, Kaka‘ako, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Honolulu (Kona) District, O‘ahu, TMKs: [1] 2-1-051:011 and 012

Information/Discussion: Update on the above project.

[Item E was taken after B]

Project was introduced by Lani Maa Lapilio, Aukahi; Ken Chang and Henry Chang, Ililani LLC; Aaron Lee; archaeological consultants are Cultural Surveys Hawaii, Matt McDermott and Hal Hammatt; summary of testimony follows, below:

[Matt McDermott provided a PowerPoint presentation]

Workforce housing project; awareness of site and its sensitivities; role of preservation in place; developers met with recognized cultural descendants;

Chuck and Mana participated in an onsite consultation
Mana participated as a burial council rep and recognized cultural descendant with his family; other recognized descendants and OIBC Chair Ehrhorn participated as well; site visit included walk-through of the existing building

Ehrhorn stated this is early-on in the process

Matt stated this is a 6E project, moving forward with an Archaeological Inventory Survey Plan; (PowerPoint presentation is referenced) project area is 0.7 acres

Henry stated the site is heavily constrained on building separation: 8 units per floor, 250 units, ground floor commercial space, 32 floors of apartment units, 296 ft. including 18 ft. for parapet at the top; 8th floor will be a wrap-around deck with garden; 7 levels of parking; landscaping would comply with city-regulated street trees, indoor/outdoor, with local Hawaiian plants; PowerPoint presentation included various maps of the area

Kotzebue 1817; LaPasse; 1884 Bishop – house lots, salt pans, fishponds, LCAs to Mataio Kekuanaoa, Kukao/Kukoo – makai portion, Queen Emma; 1887 Wall map documented housing; 1893 – streets, development; 1914 Sanborn fire insurance – alignments: roads, D for dwellings; 1919 Army map; 1927 Sanborn fire insurance, Kakaako aerial photograph showing mauka portion of Keawe street as having no development; 1933; 1950 – Swift and Co. wholesale meat products; 1956 – dwellings removed; 1970:

Historic properties identified – Kakaako improvement district had finds, HART AIS, sand deposits SIHP -5820

17 trenches proposed as testing strategy
Consideration: building currently there is raised 4 feet; crawl space below is filled in with sand; AIS will do testing under the building with AIS done before the building’s demolition, AIS will move forward in the warehouse

Feb. 17, 2017 meeting was held to discuss historic preservation process review; test trenching may begin as early as the following week in the concrete sand area

Summary of comments and discussion:

Mike Lee commented about testing in areas with a concrete footprint, which provided challenges; Ehrhorn asked about structural elements; Lani stated that consultation was beginning early in order to plan accordingly; McDermott stated that Mason Architects is doing a reconnaissance-level survey because the building is over 50 years old

[Item F was taken next]


Information/Discussion/Recommendations: Update on the above project.

Updates provided by Kawika Farm, Abbey Mayer, and Bob Agres, from HART

Summary of discussion provided, below:

Abbey introduced himself, he is the and mentioned that he was previously the Director of the State Office of Planning from 2008-2011; lived and worked on Molokai for 5 years prior to that; has been a private consultant since 2011, on affordable housing projects in Kakaako and other planning work as well; Abbey introduced Bob Agres, started with HART on March 1st, the new Deputy Director of Planning

Bob introduced himself - born and raised on Maui, about 20 years of experience in government, for the past 15 years has been with the nonprofit Hawaii Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development, working with community and Native Hawaiian groups across the state to push on development that meets community needs

Kawika provided handouts of a PowerPoint presentation

Meeting was held with recognized cultural descendants on March 1st

One inadvertent, just makai of 49ers Diner; relocation proposed two sites: Pearl Ridge, or Aloha Stadium; Pearl Ridge was selected, an area mauka, 20x20 near Northwest corner

Action items following March 1st meeting: iwi w/ Kiewit, transfer to Nan; onsite curation options: concrete vault, secure until reburial; Council member Holck suggested reburial as opposed to continued curation; Kawika stated he would revisit the discussion with the Design and Construction team; station will be complete by 2019; will continue to provide updates to recognized cultural descendants and OIBC

Chair Ehrhorn asked what the odds of finding iwi from Kapolei to Stadium are

Kawika stated that based on hundreds of footings, 6000+ hours of monitoring, the likelihood is low; there are inadvertent protocols in place

Council member Fermantez asked whose responsibility it is to maintain the continuity of carrying the iwi through transfer of contractors

Kawika stated it is HART’s responsibility

Abbey stated that Airport and City Center is bid as a package, therefore one contractor

Council member Holck asked where the iwi is being stored

Kawika stated it is in Kiewit’s office in a secured drawer

Council member Holck restated her position to rebury the iwi sooner rather than later

Discussion was focused around ways to get the iwi reburied, suggested burial surface treatment, dates, timeline for reburial; no specifics were decided on or formalized

[Item G was taken next]
G. Kawaiahaʻo Church Multi-Purpose Building Renovation Project, Honolulu Ahupuaʻa, Kona District, Island of Oʻahu, TMK: [1] 2-1-032:017

Information/Discussion: Update on the above project.

Chair Ehrhorn read the above item onto the agenda

Updates provided by Lani Maa – Aukahi, David Shideler – Cultural Surveys Hawaii, and Bill Haole – Kawaiahao Church

Bill, Lani, and David introduced themselves

Bill: We have submitted a written report of where we stand on the AIS right now. We have not done anything except to mark and we have begun cutting the areas we will be working on but no actually digging has progressed and we willfully decided to abstain from doing anything until we’ve had a chance to report to you where we are actually going. And we’d like to begin the AIS process, actually going into the ground, beginning tomorrow if we’ve answered all the questions that would be necessary for us to continue in accordance with the AIS Plan that has already been presented and approved by SHPD and reviewed by OIBC.

Ehrhorn: And as I understand it, as you go through that, as you find anything, you’ll contact – David: Chair and Vice Chair.

Ehrhorn: Aulii and myself. And one or the other of us will come out there to take a look.

Bill: And in the letter I presented, there will be updated reports. We just wanted to reiterate the visitations from recognized cultural descendants, that we are open to having visitations provided certain criteria is followed stated at last month’s meeting. We just reiterate the same policy because we hope to do a, as it says here, we will not restrict anyone. We ask that visitors set themselves behind the work area, and not engage with the archaeologist at work, and if they want to ask questions, they can either bring it to the next OIBC meeting or contact Lani and/or I and we respond to them immediately, or if they want us on site when they visit, we ask that they give us a heads-up and we’ll be happy to be there if it fits into our schedule. One or both of us will be there to meet with them.

Ehrhorn: Has the same been given to all descendants?

Bill: We have sent them out, the same notifications that we sent to you.

Lani: And OHA as well.

Bill: And OHA as well. And Lani is handling our correspondence with our cultural descendants. And David is handling the correspondence for the archaeological inventory survey process.

Ehrhorn: Ok, well, very good.

Bill: So, that’s our report.

Ehrhorn: Council members, do you have any comments or concerns? Or observations?

Fermantez: Mahalo for being here. I mean, this has been an agenda item continuously and for how many of us when we visited a few months ago. And just to reiterate, it was a very heavy experience, and the sooner, however we can expedite and get the iwi back in the ground…I’ll just repeat that, but mahalo.

Bill: As our letter also states, clearly states, we have no intention of removing any more iwi, and if we do encounter, we do intend to contact everyone that is on our contact list as directed by the Council. And SHPD.

Ehrhorn: Dave, you have anything else to say?

David: No, except that we look forward to presenting every month to the Council and probably by email to the Chair and Vice Chair should there be finds. So we of course anticipate being in front of you the next three months in a row.

Ehrhorn: I appreciated your last email to us, kinda giving us a heads up that you were going to be here.

Bill: We should also include that, um, as uncomfortable as it is when work is in progress, that the campus has been closed. All the gates have been closed, parking has been moved to other
locations, and we do have signs posted that they would have to go the long way, along King Street, that they won’t be able to enter. People still manage to get through, and that’s okay, but the gates aren’t ‘locked’. It’s just where vehicular traffic might come in, those are definitely chained. But the back, the walk pathways, the doors of the gate can open and close.

Ehrhorn: Any other comments? Anyone out there, our volunteers? Kaanohi?

Kaanohi: So, I’d like to attend the AIS, as well as my grandson. Can we?

Bill: The point of contact really should be Lani. And if the request is to have me there, Lani will let me know as well.

Kaanohi: What time do they start?

Bill: Our actual time schedule is varying, so at this point I know we started at 7:30 this morning and that will be dependent on the contractors and the archaeologists. Check with us, and then Lani will check what time we’re actually scheduling the work, and we’ll be able to share that information.

Ehrhorn: That’s important. I didn’t realize this, but Lani, if I have any questions, I give her a call?

Bill: She would be the first contact person. I’m preferring that our consultants are contacted first.

Mike Lee: Chair, question. Bill, do you guys have cultural monitors? Paulette and her family does cultural monitoring and [inaudible].

Kaanohi: That wasn’t in their contract. [inaudible]

Mike Lee: Ok, I see.

Kaanohi: And I’ll agree with that. The descendants, they are allowing us there. Although, will we be able to watch the actual digging?

Bill: I think we need to yield onto the thoughts of the Council, there are certain, as you know, protocols and I restrict that, but I’m not certain how we want to do that. Because it’s something to discuss, when you arrive, let’s talk about it before and let’s see what your recommendations on how we do that. Because we certainly want to respect any, we want to respect the need to know that iwi have been discovered, but we also want to respect the protocols involved when they are discovered, and that no one should be having exposure to it. There should be some guidelines, and so we’ll yield to the Council and descendants to develop that if that’s ok.

Ehrhorn: I think that’s a good approach.

Bill: Because personally, we were trying to respect, if we come on it and we are immediately going to stop and cover it, until we get further consultations from descendants on how we should move forward, that is already something that we’re respecting, yeah?

Ehrhorn: Ok, Mike?

Mike: Since you brought it up, Bill, can we have an official meeting, like we do to shout out to all descendants that were recognized and those who show up, are there, to do an agendized, you know, meeting to do that?

Bill: In past consultations which were years ago, we had a long list. But since then, it’s been shortened down to what the Council has recognized as cultural descendants. And that list has become relatively short. And Lani has possession of that. If anyone desires to be recognized, they need to go through the OIBC process and be recognized. And there would be, probably, many, and we’ve already advised our own members that they would not be allowed to be part of the process unless they go through the process of being recognized by OIBC.

Ehrhorn: Any other comments?

Kaanohi: About how long will it take?

Bill: At this point, we don’t know but we’re hoping to be done by the end of April, maybe the beginning of May. Is that likely, David? What is your estimation?

David: Um, my estimate is three months of fieldwork.

Ehrhorn: March, April, May, June.

David: mid-June. It may go more quickly.

Bill: I guess that was my wishful thinking.
V. INADVERTENTS/COMMUNICATIONS


Information/Discussion: Discussion on the above find.

[Items A and B were combined]

Chair Ehrhorn read the above item onto the record

Presented by Regina Hilo, and Matt McDermott

Summary, below:
Regina: finds were on different days, in different archaeological contexts; project is under a monitoring program; remains were found during excavation to expose a pile cap; recovered by OCR and CSH; mitigation recommendations made; cranial fragments in pile cap concrete; 2nd discovery in a different archaeological context, developed mitigation recommendations through consultation, which included careful excavation with a mini-excavator; Feb. 24th was when the 2nd inadvertent discovery was made during excavation for a shoring box; preservation in place was considered; Regina asked Matt to assist with the explanation
Matt: a number of pile caps in the vicinity; elevator shaft excavation needed to be overexcavated to fit a shoring box; sewer line utilities are planned for that area; working with client to re-route sewer line utilities to have an area to preserve in place
Chair Ehrhorn requested an in-depth report in April, recalls Kalia Fort DeRussy project, and requested a PowerPoint presentation
Matt agreed
Chair Ehrhorn asked about the cranial fragments in the pile cap concrete
Matt explained that when the pile cap was excavated, the excavation probably clipped the cranium and the fragments became incorporated into the pile cap itself
Chair Ehrhorn asked how the pile cap fragments were found
Matt explained the pile cap fragments were found during exploration of the excavated area for signs of a burial pit; all part of the same burial
Kaanohi stated that the poo was in there, and the rest of the body was found
Chair Ehrhorn asked that the Council be updated next month
Matt stated that the engineers are working on an extraction methodology

B. Inadvertent discovery of human skeletal remains on February 24, 2017, at Howard Hughes Corporation’s Block O project, Ke Kilohana, Kaka’ako Ahupua’a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: [1] 2-1-050:001, 061, and 062

Information/Discussion: Discussion on the above find.


Information/Discussion: Discussion on the above item.

Chair Ehrhorn read the above agenda item onto the record

Council Member Caceres provided updates

Summary:
Chair Ehrhorn asked Council Member Caceres to share his report, to summarize, from his visit; Chair Ehrhorn, Jeannie Ehrhorn, Council Member Amaral, and Council Member Caceres visited the preserve and it was a great experience.

Council Member Caceres: Mike Lee has brought concerns about access to the iwi resting at Kauhale burial preserve; got Kim Kalama’s contact information from Regina, and provided Kim’s contact information to Mike Lee; Kim is the on-site archaeological monitor, and site visit requests would need to be coordinated with her and fit into the work activities she has scheduled for the day; available Monday thru Friday, from 5:30 AM to 5:00 PM; if cultural descendants are not able to make site visits during the week, she can accommodate a weekend visit; did a 4 PM site visit on Monday, March 6, 2017, met at the guard shack, signed waivers, drove to marshland, short walk to preserve; area is maintained, kiawe is peeled back; Mana offered to accompany Mike Lee on his site visit; site visit shows initiative and community support from the Burial Council, especially when recognized descendants come to the Council with concerns and needs, whether a communication issue or anything else, that the Council will do its best to follow up.

Mike Lee: thanked Council Member Caceres for the information; stated that he should have come to the OIBC first, two years ago; got more from the Council than from anyone else.

Mike Lee thanked Council Member Caceres for his words of support, and thanked Council Member Caceres for his diligence, follow-up, and report to the Council and meeting attendees; stated that Hoakalei Cultural Foundation has work parties every three months.

Council Member Amaral stated the kupuna is in a very special place; amazed at how the kiawe tree is hovering and protecting the site.

Kaanohi stated she is glad the kiawe is growing that way, as there was no further discussion.

Mike Lee stated the reinterment was beautiful, with kahili, and chanting.

Council Member Fermentez thanked the Council Members for working together in getting a site visit to address community and descendant concerns and believes that is one of the purposes of the Council; Mike Lee is persistent and has brought up similar issues before; asked if there was any discussion of why access did not happen.

Council Member Caceres stated he tried not to focus on that but instead focus on the process to access the burial preserve.

Mike Lee stated that the process is a path.

Council Member Fermentez stated that an issue with the Council before he was confirmed to serve on the Council was Kawaiahao, and the Council went over to Kawaiahao.

Council Member Amaral asked for more information about the kupuna who is buried at the Kauhale Preserve.

Mike Lee stated it was found Jan. 5th, 2001.

Mike Lee: Glen [inaudible] was contracted with Haseko to do planting, and lost the contract, and had to fire his right-hand guy, who was fishing one night and started to dig a fire pit, and discovered a skull; called SHPD, Muffet came as did many of the people of Hoakalei Cultural Foundation who were working at SHPD at the time, felt that because it was uncovered that the high tides might take disturb her. So she had hundreds of kupee, and two niho palaoa, a male and female, with hundreds of Chinese glass beads, instead of human hair it was Chinese glass beads, it was in a cupped position in her hand, the two niho palaoa, and Kai Markell was working at the time and Hokulia came up and he had to run there. SHPD granted, because to protect the site, they got all her puolo, everything she had, and took her in to their location that they had somewhere on King Street. So when I was told about it, I went to the Park service [State Parks] because I was told there was video of the find, and they said you have to be lineal, this was in 2002, and I said what the hell is lineal? So that was the beginning of the process doing this. In 2010, we put in on the 10th, April 14th, 2010, went into executive session, Kai Markell was there, several people that you know very well, it’s part of the record, were there and advocated for it. They basically gave me lineal in executive, but I didn’t know what lineal was, so I left it at, cultural. Then, in December of that year, I went for lineal. Coochie Cayan
said we’ll give you lineal if you retract that it was on Haseko land and put it on the State, which we did. And then she reneged on that. So it was a real big brouhaha and we had further meeting from it. So, the archaeological report was, by Jourdane, said that, she was in her twenties, her early twenties, around 1790 to 1800 was the guessed time period. So, a very high alii, they’ve never found an alii with two niho palaoas with all the kuepees, shell jewelry and everything, but there were buttons. So we know there was contact. Very old iwi kupuna, basically when we were at OHA, we cleaned and wrapped her, she’s basically my size. When I saw the thigh bone, I was like, holy she’s my size. So, real alii nui.

Council Member Amaral: Thank you.

Regina offered to provide the Burial Treatment Plan to the Council if they wanted to see what the burial treatment entailed and what the preservation measures are at the Kauhale Preserve. Chair Ehrhorn stated that would be a good idea.

[Item D was taken next]

D. Mokapu/Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kāneʻohe Ahupuaʻa, Koʻolaupoko District, Island of Oʻahu, TMK: [1] 4-4-008:001

Information/Discussion: Discussion on the above item.

Chair Ehrhorn introduced the item by stating that he had raised the issue last month about what is going on at the Kaneohe Marine Corps Base.

Chair Ehrhorn: When I came on the Board in 1989, the Burial Council here, and I’m repeating myself, I know, uh, there were something like 1600 sets of iwi stored on open shelves at the Bishop Museum. A bunch of us went down there to look at them, covered with dust, and that was part of a process that the Museum was giving the iwi to us to store, pending the early placement in the ground, the repatriation, to the Kaneohe Marine Corps Base, Mokapu. Now as you know, obviously that was way back in the 90’s when we had that meeting. Nothing’s happened since then. And they’re no longer at Bishop Museum, there was big headway on that, but lord only knows where they are. At one point they were given to the, a member of the Hui Malama, and they stored them for a while in their garage, now don’t quote me on that, I may be wrong. But they were given to somebody, they were taken out of the Museum. And I’m just concerned because we were concerned about the fact that iwi from Pearl City Station has not been put back into the ground. And we’re just talking about a couple months here. Some of this iwi have been sitting on the shelves at the Museum since 1933. That’s outrageous. I don’t think anyone who calls themselves a resident of Hawaii should allow that. So anyway, I talked to Regina last month about having a meeting, a status update, about what’s going on with this. The last report I got was there’s a lot of conflict among the various cultural descendants. There are two conflicting, and they haven’t come to a decision, like the heck with it we’re just going to leave it alone. And Regina tells me that under federal NAGPRA law, everybody has to have 100% concurrence before you do something with it. Now I can understand that’s important, but let’s be realistic. Somebody or something has to give. Since I’m going to be off this Board at the end of June, I’d like to have some kind of answer to that question before I ride off into the sunset. Part of the reason Regina was late is because she was trying to print out a bunch of reports, so we’ll defer this until next month.

Summary of discussion:
Iwi are still in storage, at Bishop Museum; feuding descendants are comfortable leaving iwi in storage; difficulty in getting in touch with June regarding new projects, as if you are not part of the original group of individuals consulted, then you will not be consulted for future finds; Council Member Caceres stated that if iwi if found tomorrow, the process is separate from the previous finds; many new projects; room full of iwi in boxes, in curation facility/garage where historic parts are fixed; Chair Ehrhorn stated we should try to get June Cleghorn here; Major
William Rowley; in review of the minutes, there were productive discussion in 2006 and 2007, and then dropped off in 2008 and 2009

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12th, 2017 at 10 AM

Motion: to adjourn the meeting
Moved by: Mana
2nd: Bev
VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting adjourned at 12:33 PM

Approved and ratified at the Oahu Island Burial Council’s meeting on May 10th, 2017
Respectfully submitted by Regina K. Hilo, Burial Sites Specialist, History and Culture Branch, on 5/11/2017