APPROVED MINUTES
OAHU ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, April 12th, 2017
TIME: 10:06 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
Bevery Amaral; Large Landowner Representative
Mana Caceres; Ewa Moku Representative
Kali Fermantez; Koolauloa Representative
Danna Holck; Large Landowner Representative
Aulii Mitchell; Waiana Moku 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: Matt McDermott, Cultural Surveys Hawaii (CSH)
        Kumu Mike Lee, Cultural Descendant
        Daniel Akiyama, CSH
        Kira-Lin Kow, Park Engineering
        Steven Harano, Park Engineering
        Kawika McKeague, G70
        Hal Hammatt, CSH
        Zoe Hammatt, CSH
        Kaanohi Kaleikini, OCR/Descendant
        Steve Clark, PCSI
        Marc Chun, Board of Water Supply (BWS)
        David Nagano, BWS
        Joanna Seto, DOH- SDWB
        Michael Cummings, DOH-SDW
        Rick Ellis, BWS-NORESCO
        Will Travers, BWS-NORESCO
        Henry Chang, Ililani LLC
        Mike Miyahira, DOH-SDWB
        Ellen Kitamura, BWS
I. CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order by Chair Ehrhorn at 10:06 AM

II. ROLE CALL/PULE
Pule offered by Council member Fermantez
Council members introduced themselves in the following order: Aulii Mitchell, Beverly Amaral, Kali Fermantez, Chuck Ehrhorn, Danna Holck, and Mana Caceres

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Items B, C, D, and F were deferred to a future OIBC meeting

A. Minutes from 7/13/2016
   Motion: to approve the minutes from the 7/13/2016 OIBC meeting
   Moved by: Bev
   2nd: Aulii
   VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

B. Minutes from 9/14/2016
C. Minutes from 11/09/2016
D. Minutes from 12/14/2016
E. Minutes from 02/08/2017
   Motion: to approve the minutes from the 02/08/2017 OIBC meeting
   Moved by: Aulii
   2nd: Mana
   VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR

F. Minutes from 03/08/2017

IV. Business

A. Discussion on Oʻahu Island Burial Council membership, roles, and responsibilities
   Information/Discussion: Discussion on the above items.

   [Chair Ehrhorn read the above agenda item onto the record]
   Summary of testimony provided, below:
   Hearings for Island Burial Council nominees, new and returning, in Senate’s Hawaiian Affairs committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 13; OIBC nominees are Hina Wong-Kalu, Danna Holck, Kali Fermantez, and Bev Amaral
   Chuck will be at hearings to lend support
   Mike Lee thanked the Council for help with Hoakalei and Kauhale Preserve
B. Proposed Bills and/or Measures Relating to Historic Preservation under consideration in the 29th convening of the Hawaii State Legislature, 2017: HB875 – Relating to Historic Preservation; SR91/SCR177 – Requesting the State Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources conduct a survey throughout the state of Hawaii and recommend sites for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places; HB1213 – Relating to the Department of Land and Natural Resources

Information/Discussion: Discussion on the above item.

Item presented by Regina K. Hilo, SHPD
Summary of testimony follows, below:
HB875, HB1213
Senate Resolution 91/Senate Concurrent Resolution 177 tasks the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) to identify properties eligible for the state and national register; does not provide funding or an implementation mechanism

C. Honolulu Board of Water Supply’s Energy Savings Archaeological Inventory Survey Project, National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 and Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 6E, at 650 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu Ahupua’a, Honolulu District, O‘ahu, TMK: [1] 2-1-036:005 (por.)

Information/Discussion: Update on the above item.

Presented by Alani Apio, Steve Clark, Rick Ellis, Ellen Kitamura
PowerPoint presentation
Summary of testimony provided below:
Burial find under AIS, able to preserve in place
Federal funds for 58 projects, energy savings and production, discontiguous areas
Large-size and scale, not made for houses; a drop in the bucket energy-wise, but provides economic benefit to BWS; BWS is a semi-autonomous government non-profit, system is bought in for 20 years, savings of millions; more efficient usage of BWS funds, less consumption of fossil fuels

Ellen Kitamura introduced herself: BWS has not been in front of OIBC for a few years, has a large pipeline project as part of its 30-year master plan; BWS is sensitive to Hawaiian community’s needs and concerns, and is committed to work with the OIBC; BWS mission is to provide water to communities, identify impacts; for inadvertent finds, it will work with OIBC

Danna: Why was BWS not been here?
Alani (summarized): recession of 2008 hit hard, and BWS pulled back on all their capital improvement projects

Ellen (summarized): [distributed business card] contact her directly if there are any questions

Alani (summarized): well pump replacement projects, putting in systems to utilize energy more efficiently; 28 areas already dug-up, on-call monitoring

Steve Clark: err on the side of caution
Alani: rooftop PVC, built-out area; ground disturbance needed for utility tie-in

(RKH left meeting at 10:50 AM)

Barbers Point 215 NP – On Site Assessment
Stony soils, reservoir for many years, sites w/in hundreds of meters, will do an assessment just in case

D. Honolulu Board of Water Supply proposal for burial vault construction on O‘ahu in preparation of large-scale pipeline replacement projects, pipeline section, segment, and/or alignment TBD
Information/Discussion: Introduction and discussion of the above proposal.

Presented by Alani Apio, Kamau LLC

Summary of testimony:
Board of Water Supply will be replacing 2500 miles of pipeline, some segments are over 60 years old; e.g. Punaluu segment – 64 sets of iwi kupuna, which took 8 years to re-bury; some of the replacement pipeline segments cannot be moved, and new lines cannot be placed into the old line excavations because water service needs to be maintained
Discussion: work with community to identify areas where burial vaults can be built; not a pre-determination, but will be site, project, and kupuna specific; construction of burial vaults takes time; kakoo finding locations, but not necessarily the construction of burial vaults ahead of time; the proposed process may become the norm; has taken years to get SHPD approval for vault construction in Kailua, currently on year 5; go out into community, consult with descendants, use every engineering approach; suggestions received can be and are conflicting, and the goals ahead to be met are challenging; Council members want to be kept appraised of meetings with and in communities; BWS broaching the topic, and if the Council is a decision-making entity in these cases, BWS would be supportive of their recommendations; BWS is not trying to pre-determine any decisions; at this time, Council recommends going out and talking with the communities as they are not opposed to the suggestion and appreciate the consideration and thought-process behind getting kupuna back into the ground sooner rather than later; attendee and some Council members are opposed to the idea


Information/Discussion: Update on the above project.

Presented by Kawika McKeague, G70

Summary of testimony:
1997 Navy decommissioned Barbers Point
1999
Fieldwork in April 2013, OIBC Kalu and Shad Kane did site visit; Dec. 2013 recognized 22 CDs, 2014 recognized one; 1st CD meeting in 2014; went on hold for a number of reasons – rehab old Kalaeloa East Energy lines, not cost feasible; to be cost-savvy, need to create the line and connect it; intact sites throughout the area; culturally important plants: kauanaoa, ilima, 146 features, red and yellow; natural barriers (kiawe) are intact
Coral dry-stacked wall; sites exposed to natural elements; preservation plan will propose 4 conditions: amp, adr, pp, btp
Probable burial site 1: no testing; by size, shape, and convex, looks like other Kalaeloa burial sites; confirmed no need to test opinion via recognized descendants, and OIBC stated the same; H&C recommended the probable burials be treated as burials
Kali: when did
K: Dec 2014
Probable burial 2:
Aulii: what are the traditional burial practices in Kalaeloa
K: above surface, and in karst pits, sand burials too
Kali:
Kawika: Malden trail, also Kaahupahau trail; portions are aligned with Coral Sea Road; best practices solution, respond to cultural features; all orange areas become part of a
Land is HCDA owned, project proponents are in lease agreement negotiations with HCDA; mauka portion is owned by Kalaeloa Cultural Heritage Foundation
Protect two wahi kanu as part of larger archaeo preserve with passive preservation activity inclusive of periodic ….; sense of place and space – pueo; (2), (3), (4)

F. Howard Hughes Corporation Block O Project, Kaka’ako, Honolulu Ahupua’a, Honolulu (Kona) District, O‘ahu, TMK: [1] 2-1-050:001, 061, and 062
Information/discussion: Update on the above project.

Presented by Matt McDermott
Intersection of Ward and Halekauila, where Dixie Grill used to be; ffordable housing, Longs Drugs; 2013-2014 AIS, 27 test excavations plus 3 excavations for HART along Halekauwila and Ward, no iwi kupuna, one historic property ID’ed w historic land use; 1884 Bishop Map showing Land Commission Awards; mixed use area in 1884;

Item V.A. taken next

G. Iilani 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.

Presented by Matt, Lani, (Aaron Lee)
Summary, below:
AIS is underway
Intersection of Halekauila and Keawe St.; concrete coring indicated no crawlspace and standard fill; fieldwork started this past Monday
Workforce housing tower w 33 floors; 7-8 floors of parking with open community deck adjacent to the tower building
(PowerPoint presentation); preliminary testing strategy = 17 test trenches
Shoring boxes utilized in areas with fill

H. Ala Moana Tributary Basin Sewer I/I Relief and Rehabilitation Project, Uluniu Avenue, Waikīkī Ahupua’a, Honolulu (Kona) District, O‘ahu, TMK: [1] 2-6-023 plat
Information/Discussion: Update on the above project.

Presented by Matt McDermott, CSH; Lani Maa Lapilio, Aukahi; Steve Harada, Engineering; Ed Miyashiro, DDC
(Danna left at 12:58)
Summary, below:
Water table between 5 to 6 ft in the project area
Existing line, new line would be straight; any route and methodology used will require jet grouting;
Microtunnelling would require jacket and receiving area to be excavated in full
Discussed at the meeting on March 12th; AIS strategy does not seem appropriate; how to minimize jet grouting
Submit AMP to SHPD
No clear idea of what method will be chosen, and leave the methodology choice up to the bidders
Chuck: bid packet should include taking care of the iwi kupuna treatment if they are encountered
Finds, if any, will be inadvertent
I. Kihapai Place Project, Kailua Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olaupoko District, O‘ahu, TMKs: [1] 4-3-058: 047, 048, and 065

Information/Discussion: Update on the above project.

Presentation by Alani, liaison for Green Waters development; Hal Hammatt, CSH; Josh Kogen, Green Waters development

Summary, below:
Alani: project has been ongoing for about 2 years
Company purchased the land, approached the Kailua descendant group for consultation to minimize as much impact as possible; 3 story, 42 unit building; building on imported fill; sewer, storm line, BWS, utility tie-in, elevator pit.

Tried to compact everything as much as possible; AIS approval, hired a company with a primary (in Kauai); PI did not follow her own stated methodology for doing the AIS, resulting in the removal of 3 burials; descendants were upset; SHPD got involved, Susan Lebo came out on her own time and oversaw the completion of the AIS fieldwork; descendants asked for temporary curation in the trench from which the iwi kupuna were removed; placed with ceremony and protocol, the retrieved remains from the excavation back into the trench; all info from the fieldwork needed to be put in the AIS for SHPD’s review; Green Waters has let that archaeo firm go, and hired CSH to take over the project.

Burial find
Hal: reopen trenches, avoid opening trench 6; ID’d trench boundaries; GIS staff will GPS existing trenches; reopen trenches because the fieldnotes from the previous project proponents are not understandable; collected soil samples are not usable and will be returned to the trench; starting over, but not exactly; shoveling by hand, using tarps to collect and screen; previously identified burial, BTP will be submitted to SHPD then come to OIBC; hopes that the project will be healing to all parties involved
Chuck: how much fill will be brought in?
Jonah: depends on the location and how the grading works out, will slope property away from the marsh so as not to impact the marsh;
Jonah: this area has been more of a low-income type area; some of the area buildings have transferred ownership in the past 3 years.
Chuck: grey water outlets
Alani: risk is where the connection will be dug out to the existing system. When BTP is presented, the recognized cultural descendants will be able to join.

II. Kawaiahaʻo Church Multi-Purpose Building Renovation Project, Honolulu Ahupuaʻa, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: [1] 2-1-032:017

Information/Discussion: Update on the above project.

Presented by Lani, Aukahi; David Shideler, CSH
Updates presented by David Shideler
Compendium of email correspondence
AIS has been focused on the proposed utility trenches; work is proceeding, approx. 50% of the way through hand excavation of utility alignments;

RKH read Dana Naone Hall’s letter onto the record

David: seek to answer any questions OIBC has
David: 2 foot wide, 4 foot deep trench is sufficiently wide for the utility trench
5 site visits, stratigraphy is clear cut in sidewalls; different scenario than in the makai area;
Chuck: she said shallow, and might find burials below that; any comments?
David: many of the burials found in the makai area were deeper;  
Kali: utilities will not be deeper?  
David: normal AIS studies  
RKH: stratigraphy is clear  
Susan: width of trench is determined by project, not SHPD recommendations;  
Hal: excavations in Queen Street in the 1980’s; pits that were dug for interments showed straightforward stratigraphy; can see actual pits themselves  
Lani: first descendant meeting will be on Monday, May 15th, at Kaumakapili Church;  
Bill Haole: meeting will be opened to a broader community than just the CDs  
Kaanohi: appreciate the call for more descendants, but new descendants comments will likely not be included

V. INADVERTENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Information/Discussion: Discussion on the above find.  
Presented by Matt McDermott; near intersection of Queen and Kamakee, area required on site monitoring; excavation being prepared for jet grouting; considered an inadvertent find; disinterment and curation – March 22nd, curated at Layton Construction off-site offices across the street; will be relocated in landscaped planter w native vegetation; mahalo to Oiwi CR and SHPD for being on site for consultation

B. Mokapu/Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kāneʻohe Ahupua‘a, Koʻolaupoko District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: [1] 4-4-008:001  
Information/Discussion: Discussion on the above item.

Summary:  
Regina talked with June, schedule is hectic for the next several months, can accommodate a site visit at some point in the future; reinterment area for reburial has already been selected, NHO’s cannot agree on reburial protocol which is why the remains stay out of the ground; Kaanohi is making progress in talking with the descendants; updates will be provided as things and discussion progress

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 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 05/11/2017
APPROVED