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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
Beverly Amaral; Large Landowner Representative
Mana Caceres; Ewa Moku Representative
Kali Fermantez; Koolauloa Representative
Danna Holck; Large Landowner Representative
Aulii Mitchell; Waianae 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-NORESKO
Will Travers, BWS-NORESKO
Henry Chang, Ililani LLC
Mike Miyahira, DOH-SDWB
Ellen Kitamura, BWS

David Shideler, CSH
Ron Hashiro, Yogikwong Engineers
Aaron Lee, Ililani
Mark Babilonia, Kawaiiahao Church
Lani Maa Lapilio, Aukahi
Morgan Davis, SCS

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 O‘ahu 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, discontinuous 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 apprised 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

E. Aloha Solar Energy Fund II Project, ASEF II, in Kalaeloa, Honouliuli Ahupuaa, Ewa District, Oahu Island, TMK: [1] 9-1-013:070

Information/Discussion: Update on the above project.

Presented by Kawika McKeague, G70

Summary of testimony

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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; affordable 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;

Burial finds on Feb. 15-16, 2017, and Feb. 24, 2017

Item V.A. taken next

- G. 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.

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, Waikiki 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.

Hal: depends on the preparation and review of the SHPD

J. Kawaiaha‘o Church Multi-Purpose Building Renovation Project, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, 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

A. Inadvertent discovery of human skeletal remains on March 20, 2017, at Howard Hughes Corporation's Block M project, Aeo, Kaka'ako Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: [1] 2-3-002:106

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, Kane'ohe Ahupua'a, Ko'olaupoko 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