Hawai’i Island Burial Council
Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, April 20, 2017
TIME: 09:30 am - 11:13 am
PLACE: DLNR-DOFAW Conference Room
19 East Kawili Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

HIBC MEMBERS:
Nalei Kahakalau, Hamakua Representative
Kalena Blakemore, Puna Representative
Maxine Kahaulelio, Kona Representative
Kea Calpito, Hilo Representative
Norman Kaimuloa, Landowner
Gail Makuakane-Lundin, Hilo Representative
Keiki’aloha Kekipi, Puna Representative

ABSENT/EXCUSED:
Fred Cachola, Kohala Representative, Excused
Terry Lei Napeahi, Landowner, Unexcused
Sean Naleimaile, Hawaii Island Archeologist, Excused

SHPD STAFF:
Kauanoe Hoomanawanui, Burial Sites Specialists
Amy Rubingh, Hawaii Island Lead Archeologist

GUESTS:
Alan Haun, Haun & Associates
Michael D. Reihm, Architect
Samuel Kekumu, Descendant

I. CALL TO ORDER:
Chairperson Nalei Kahakalau called the meeting to order at 09:29am.

II. ROLL CALL/PULE:
Hamakua District Representative Nalei Kahakalau gave pule.
III. MINUTES

A. March 15, 2017

Hilo Geographic Representative Gail Makuakane moved and Commissioner Norman Kaimuloa seconded motion to approve minutes.

Chairman Kahakalau opens the floor for discussion.

Motion approved unanimously.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Draft Burial Treatment Plan for SIHP 50-10-37-24842 and Portions of Site 24534 at Kapalā'ala'ea 2 Ahupua’a, North Kona District, TMK: (3) 7-7-008:121

Discussion/Recommendation/Determination: Discussion on the above project and recommendation to SHPD to accept the Burial Treatment Plan

Alan Haun of Haun and Associates introduced himself along with Michael updating the council regarding their recommendations have been applied to the development. We have renumbered the lots and removed the Lot 61 and transferred that area into open spaces. The subdivision will have dues paid to maintain the common grounds area. These maps were done by civil engineers with accurate measurements. Commissioner Kaimuloa questions the dimensions of the areas within the subdivision. Ensuring the upmost protection for the burials of the area. Puna Representative Blakemore asks if a switch of lots were made? Michael replies that he took out Lot 61 and created another lot elsewhere. Kaimuloa gives gratitude to Michael and Alan for taking the step in preserving the burials. Michael shares the ease of the process and how it benefits the burials. Commissioner Kahaulelio clarifies it’s not so easy, participating in taking care of my ancestors is not easy. We see everyone coming here to move our iwi kupuna. It’s not easy and we can’t do more. Kalamai, I wish I could do more. Ho’olole, listen to us, our ancestors will prevail. Puna representatives Blakemore and Kekipi both share the same accomplishment of setting the precedence for developments that share the same delay.

Councilmember Kahaulelio asks whom will be presenting the Kapa in the case of the inadvertent discovery. Puna Representative Kekipi states to follow the statutes in notifying the Burial Council Representative for the area of the finds. As well as the recognized descendants of the area and let these cultural representatives manage the interim protection of Kapa. We want all finds covered and never exposed and with Kapa it would be great as we don’t like the “blue tarp special”. Kahaulelio explains Kapa, its clothing for men and our people. To include it in such a fashion is disrespectful. Protect now, maka’ala the language, Kapa, it caught my eye. What we need to do is Stop when Iwi are found. Everything will be lost. We must protect and persevere in perpetuating our culture. Chair Kahakalau encourages Alan and Michael to include the law in the case of inadvertent discoveries within the project area. Mahalo for your BTP improvement and setting precedence in modifications that benefit.

Hilo Geographic Representative Gail Makuakane moved and Commissioner Norman Kaimuloa seconded motion SHPD to accepting the Burial Treatment Plan with the conditions discussed above.

Chairman Kahakalau opens the floor for discussion.

Motion approved unanimously with one nay from Councilmember Kahaulelio.
B. Departments Recommendation to Recognize Clinton Keli‘i Billington as a Lineal Descendant to the Native Hawaiian Human Skeletal Remains of Kekumu Kawa’auhau Located at South Kona District, TMK: (3) 8-8-0020.
Information/Discussion/Recommendation/Determination: Discussion on the recommendation to determination recognition of the above individuals as lineal descendant to the native Hawaiian human skeletal remains at the above stated property.

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 most 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.

Minutes on File. Exerted due to confidentiality.

V. SHPD INADVERTENT DISCOVERIES/CORRESPONDENCE

A. Training for Hawaii Island Burial Council on membership, roles, and responsibilities.
Information/Discussion: Discussion on the above item.
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B. Correspondence from the County of Hawaii Planning Department dated March 3, 2017, re: Request for Comments, Draft Environmental Assessment for the Makalapua Project District, TMK: (3) 7-4-008:002; 7-4-025: 001,002,003,005,012,015,017,021,022,7-4-010:009 & 010.
Information/Discussion: Discussion on the above correspondence.

Absent presenter.

C. Correspondence from Keiki Kekipi requesting consultation and comments for the “Ahalanui” or “Warm Ponds” on the Puna side of Kalapana Road.
Information/Discussion: Definition and cultural context regarding concerns from Puna Representative Keiki Kekipi for the area known as “Ahalanui” or “Warm Ponds’.

Keiki’aloha Kekipi introduced himself as a resident and descendant of the area discussing the above area. Years ago, myself, Theresa Donham, the previous SHPD archeologist made a site visit to the area and how the county approved the development for that area. As a resident, I have observed the influx of people in the area and the lack of their awareness of our cultural areas of practice. This would be a great time to have the county present to explain their permitting process as they may be leaving us out. Making sure the Hawaii County Planning department and whomever is in part of permitting lands that have historic properties especially burial sites. Puna Representative Blakemore recommends the SHPD notify the county for representation to the HIBC explaining the permit process and the impacts to burial sites.
VI. ANNOUNCEMENT

A. Next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2017.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to §92-3 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 Oahu Island Burial Council at its September 14, 2005 meeting, oral testimony for items listed on the agenda is limited to three minutes per person, per agenda item.

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

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.

Materials related to items on the agenda are available for review at the State Historic Preservation Division in room 555 of the Kakuhihewa Building located at 601 Kamokila Boulevard, Kapolei, Hawaii 96707. Persons with disabilities requiring special assistance should contact the division in advance at (808) 692-8015.