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MAUI / LANA'I ISLANDS BURIAL COUNCIL
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 20, 2016
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: County of Maui, Planning Commission
Conference Room
Kalana Paku'i Building, 1st Floor
250 S. High Street
Wailuku, Maui, HI 96793

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Burial Council Chair Kapulani Antonio called the meeting to order at 9:10a.m.

II. ATTENDANCE:

Members: Kapulani Antonio - Chairperson
Dane Maxwell – Vice Chairperson
Kaheleonalani Dukelow
Johanna Kamaunu
Leianne Paci

SHPD Staff: Hinano Rodrigues, History and Culture Branch Chief
Ellen DePonte, Office Assistant

Excused: Kalani Ho-Nikaido

Guests: Lisa Rotunno-Hazuka for Travasa Hana Hotel
Erik Fredericksen (Xamanek Researches)
Wendy Kobashigawa (Dept. of Public Works Eng. Div.)
Garrett Tokuoka (Austin Tsutsumi Associates)

III. BUSINESS

1. Draft Burial Treatment Plan and Preservation Plan for Site 50-50-14-1795 Features 3, 5 and 6 Situated Within Mokae Cove/Hamoa Beach Park, Mokae Ahupua'a, Hana District, Island of Maui, TMK: (2) 1-4-101: 001. Discussion and determination whether to preserve in place or relocate human skeletal remains located in the above location. Recommendation to SHPD whether to accept the Burial Treatment Plan.

Presented by Lisa Rotunno-Hazuka of Archaeological Surveys Hawaii. Discussion in August before the Burial Council. Needed to make changes in the AIS. Features are 1, 2 and 3 now. Feature 1 are previously disturbed skeletal remains, Feature 2 is a Native Hawaiian burial and Feature 3 is a burial pit, maybe a possible burial.

Features were identified in 2013 with no Burial Council at that time. Lisa and Branch Chief Hinano Rodrigues worked with the landowner to redesign the leach field system to preserve features in place.

Burial Council Maxwell commented on the buried insitu wall. Incorporated that in the burial treatment plan. Used black root barrier paper.

Burial council member Dukelow moved to vote to preserve in place.

Burial council member Vice Chair Maxwell second.

All in favor.

Burial council member Vice Chair Maxwell made a motion to recommend that SHPD accept the burial treatment plan.

Kahele seconded.

All in favor.

Testifier Dana Naone-Hall recommended to state a reason for accepting the burial treatment plan. Landowner asks for preservation plan (2) due to the concentration of burial to preserve in place. (3) Landowner redesigned system to accommodate preservation in place.

Burial council member Paci made a motion to rescind the 1st motion due to public testimony not taken before decision.

Second by Burial Council Vice Chair Maxwell.

All in favor.

Burial council member Dukelow made a motion to preserve in place due to concentration of burials, landowner has agreed to preservation in place and to redesigned system.

Second by Burial council Vice Chair Maxwell.

All in favor.

Burial Council Vice Chair Maxwell moved that SHPD accept the burial treatment plan. Second by Burial Council member Dukelow. All in favor.

B. Burial Treatment Plan for Site 50-50-02-7168, Kahekili Highway Repair Project County Job No: 09-18, Kahakuloa Ahupua'a, Wailuku District, Maui Island, TMK: (2) 3-1-002: 016 (por.)

Presenter Wendy Kobashigawa from the Maui County Department of Public Works Engineering Division showed a slide show of the project.

Project site is located side of Waikale Gulch, north of Kahakuloa Village. Project roadway repairs between mile marker 15 and 16. Contacted by Mr. Richard Hoopii of Kahakuloa informing them of burial cave on embankment above project site.

Project previously presented to burial council on August 25, 2011. Determination was not approved so presenting again.

Presenter Garrett Tokuoka, Civil Engineer with Austin Tsutsumi Associates. Roadway work will be about 1100 lineal feet to include pavement, resurfacing and pavement resurfacing in certain areas. Added retaining wall on the gulch side will be supported with anchors 20 feet below the ground that will prevent erosion and to help keep the road intact. Reconstruction is the replacing of 2" asphalt and a compact aggregate base. Some shoulder work and no road widening.

Erik Fredericksen with Xamanek Researches to discuss Archaeology part.

Cultural Impact Assessment conducted by Munekiyo Hiraga in 2010.

An Archeological Inventory Survey was done in 2011 with no investigations inside the burial cave per Mr. Richard Hoopii's request. Site #50-50-02-7168.

Burial treatment plan has not been submitted yet. Would like input from the burial council members on twenty (20) foot buffer area within the county road right of way. No modifications to be made on slope.

Monitoring plan will also be submitted.

Staging areas which will be about 700 feet away.

Another site 50-50-02-7169 discovered as a rock shelter overhang on the mauka side of the road. Will not be affected by project.

Richard Hoopi'i wants burials preserved in place. He thought some of the burials were from when pineapple was grown in that area. He wasn't sure.

History and Culture Branch Chief, Hinano Rodrigues, received a call at 8:28am this morning from an eighty-two (82) year old Hawaiian woman who read the burial notice in the Maui News. Branch Chief Rodrigues asked the woman what her mana'o was on the burial treatment plan and she said to maintain and not to move anybody. To preserve in place.

Munekiyo Hiraga discovered the burial cave during an Environmental Assessment and brought it to the attention of the community.

Testifier Naone-Hall suggested for buffer that instead of a radius around, increase buffer.

Sites 7168 and 7169 should be in the burial treatment plan as the “as been plan”.

Communications:

A. Letter Dated November 26, 2015 from Marshall University of Huntington West Virginia to the This Burial Council Regarding its (University) compliance with 25 U.S.C. 3004 and 43 CFR 10.8 (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act). Information/Discussion/Recommendation: Discussion on the above letter.

Branch Chief Rodrigues suggest that the burial council write a letter and ask for clarification of two items.

B. Letter Dated November 13, 2015 from the United States Board of Geographic Names of Reston, Virginia Regarding the Name Changing of a Portion of Iao Stream to Wailuku River.

This is just for information only.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15AM.

Minutes by Ellen DePonte, Office Assistant SHPD.