Hawaii Island Burial Council
Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, November 20, 2014
TIME: 9:36 am To 11:00 am
PLACE: DLNR-DOFAW
Conference Room
19 East Kawili Street
Hilo, HI 96720

HIBC MEMBERS: Nalei Kahakalau/ Hamakua Representative
Edwin Miranda, Hilo Representative
Kimo Lee, Landowner/ Developer
Maxine Kahulu, Kona Representative
Keiki’aloha Kekipi, Puna Representative
Kalena Blakemore, Puna Representative
Fred Cachola, Kohala Representative

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Keith Unger, Landowner/Developer

SHPD STAFF: Kauanoe Hoomanawanui, Hawaii Island Burial Sites Specialist
Sean Naleimaile, Hawaii Assistant Archeologist

GUESTS: Peter Mills, UH-Hilo Anthropology Department

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Ed Miranda, HIBC Chair called meeting to order at 9:36am.

II. ROLL CALL/ PULE:

Kona Representative Maxine Kahau introduced herself.

Chairman Miranda, HIBC members and the SHPD staff introduced themselves.

III. MINUTES

A. September 25, 2014

B. October 23, 2014

Mr. Miranda introduced the newly appointed Hawaiian Homes Commissioner Wallace Ishibashi in the audience.
Maxine Kahaulelio and Nalei Kahakalau seconded motion to approve minutes as amended.

Chairman Miranda opens the floor for discussion. Kalena Blakemore began with corrections to the September 25, 2014 to change the end of the meeting time to 2:30pm. On page number 5 on second paragraph, Aunty Maxine was quoted we are for sale, I believe she said not for sale. On the October 23, 2014 minutes please correct the address and I think we got at lunch time. At that time the chairperson was not Kimo Lee and in pule change to Chair Miranda. On page 3, its missing interpretive signage for trail bisects. They need to know it’s not only a road but a cultural landscape. Fred Cachola concurred with that. Kalena continued minor typo third sentence from the bottom there is an extra e, please correct.

Miranda continues with corrections in the September 25, 2014 minutes, on page 2 under business it was September that I was elected as the chair. Kalena states it was July when you were appointed. Miranda clarifies I was elected in September.

Motion approved unanimously.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Consultation Regarding human skeletal remains identified in UH Hilo’s Anthropology Department Inventory.

Information/Discussion/Recommendation: Discussion and recommendation of the consultation listed above. Presentation by UH Hilo.

Professor Peter Mills of UH Hilo introduced himself describing his introduction to the UH Hilo Inventory Room by professor Severance. NAGPRA was consulted with since 1997 and began the inventory to identify what was in the room with the discovery of 22 different parts of human skeletal remains. The NAGPRA process was required as the institution is utilized as a museum and uses federal funding. It took an additional 4 years to consult and remains from Puu Alii a well-known cemetery in Kau. Another fragment was found in bags from the gas house site where the coast guard built station. It took a while for the coast guard to sign off. At that point we thought we were finished. This spring and summer an intern Kelly Esh went through the collections from Waiahukini rock shelter and no human remains were identified. She found teeth that would have been removed through juvenile years. A bag labeled H1 she found fragments of keiki mandible. We did not want to sort out the teeth and would like to repatriate the entirety of the fragments found.

V. SHPD INADVERTENT DISCOVERIES/OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

A. None

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, December 18, 2014

B. Upcoming Agenda requests for December.
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Miranda adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kauanoe Hoomanawanui