Kaua‘i Ni‘ihau Island Burial Council
Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, February 17, 2016
TIME: 10:30 am to 11:32 am
PLACE: Department of Transportation
Conference Room
1720 Haleukana Street
Lihue, Hawaii 96766

KNIBC MEMBERS: Keith Yap, Landowner/Developer Representative
Nathan Kalama, Kawaihau Representative
Janet Kaeo Bradford, Lihue Representative
Wayne Palala Harada, Napali Representative
Barbara Say, Hanalei Representative
Leiana Robinson, Niihau Representative

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Mauna Kea Trask, Koloa Representative
Debra Ruiz, Waimea Representative

SHPD STAFF: Kauanoe Hoomanawanui, Kauai Island Burial Sites Specialists

GUESTS: Nancy McMahon, County of Kauai

I. OPEN REMARKS:
Keith Yap, KNIBC Chair called the meeting to order at 10:30am.

II. ROLL CALL/PULE:
Lihue Representative Kaeo Bradford gave pule.

Chairman Yap, KNIBC members and the SHPD staff introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. January 20, 2016

Kaeo Bradford moved and Barbara Say seconded motion to approve minutes.
Chairman Yap opens the floor for discussion.

Motion approved unanimously.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Hawaii Revised Statutes 6E-11 Violation Grubbing of Burial Preserve at Paliku Beach SIHP 50-30-08-1899, Kealia Ahupua’a, Puna District, Island of Kauai TMK (4) 4-7-007:029. Presentation by County of Kauai: Presentation regarding the impacts to the site and mitigation of damage pursuant to letter from SHPD.

Nancy McMahon of the County of Kauai introduced herself and began describing the approved archaeological inventory survey in the packet passed out to members. This plan was completed in 2002. It shows the trenches that were put in there and they were given GPS points. The visual provided of the burial preserve in 2005 the path is labeled with the dotted line. Also attached are the minutes of 2005 of August where the County in part of the bike path project was asked to expand the burial preserve. The burial treatment of 2002 was expanded and boulders and signage were added. The council has been out here a few times to look at the preserve. SHPD in 2005 discussed the additions to the burial preserve however no response was made. Chair Keith Yap asked about the existing fencing and if that was part of the preservation measures and if so there is more fencing that is supposed to be implemented. McMahon answers, the county did have a SMA permit for fencing in the past but unsure if it’s valid today. Boulders are the easiest to implement as they don’t require a permit. I am here to gather any recommendations on the approved BTP for implementation. Napali Geographic Representative Palala Harada suggests the boulders protect the top and bottom areas of the preserve. Hanalei Geographic Representative Barbara Say suggests permanently blocking the trail that comes from the south end of the preserve to prevent people from walking through the burial preserve. Chair Yap adds the need of additional signage to accompany the boulders and protection signs leading pedestrians to the allowable access way to the beach. Say also asked if all the rubbish has been removed from the area and McMahon stated the county has removed tons of trash and will continue to monitor the area. McMahon asked if Mary Jane’s request for additional planting was necessary, Say responded there is no need the existing vegetation will stretch. Palala also asked that the current signs be made visible so that pedestrians may read them.

Kaeo Bradford moved and Barbara Say seconded motion to recommend to the County of Kauai to implement the recommendations of cleaning the existing signs and adding new signage to the boulders. These boulders are to be placed to protect the top and bottom areas of the preserve and also to maintain and implement the necessary fencing with no additional vegetative planting. In addition the KNIBC recommended providing additional signage directing pedestrians to the correct beach access point and permanently blocking the south unintended trail with boulders and signage.

Chairman Yap opens the floor for discussion.

Motion approved unanimously.

V. SHPD INADVERTENT DISCOVERIES/OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

A. Inadvertent Discovery of Human Skeletal Remains on January 12, 2016 across 3471 Anini Road, Kalihiikal Ahupua’a, Ko’olau District, Island of Kauai.

Kauai Burial Sites Specialist Kauanoe Hoomanawanui introduced herself and began describing the inadvertent discovery called in by Kauai Police Department Office Castro. While shell picking along the Anini Beach a tourist discovered what looked to be like a human bone. Kauai Archeologist was notified and confirmed it to be human. Hoomanawanui explains consultation with the Hanalei Geographic Representative Barbara led to the meeting with families of the area. After meeting with the Goo, Kuehu, Kamaka, and Pa
Ohana we located a safe reinternment site within the Wai’oli Church grounds where there is an existing reinternment site. We are currently awaiting a response from the Church so we may arrange a proper reinternment date.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENT

   A. Next meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 2016

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Yap entertained a motion for adjournment Say seconded, Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:32 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kauanoe Hoomanawanui