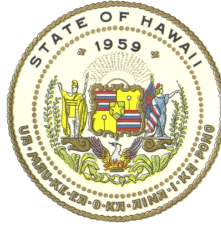


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**MINUTES
HAWAI'I ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE: Thursday, December 19th, 2019
TIME: 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
PLACE: West Hawai'i Civic Center
Conference Room
74-5044 Ane Keohokālole Hwy.
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

ATTENDANCE:

HIBC Members:

Present:

Chair Nālei Pate-Kahakalau (Hāmākua)
Vice-Chair Kalena Blakemore (Puna)
Member Clifford Kapono (Hilo)
Member Norman Ka'imuloa (Kona)
Member Scott Mahoney (Ka'ū)
Member Waiola Higa (Hāmākua)

Absent:

Member Desmon Haumea (Ka'ū)

SHPD Staff:

J. Kea Calpito, Burial Sites Specialist
Chris Omerod, Burial Sites Specialist
Tiare Elizares, Office Assistant III

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Blakemore calls to order the meeting at 9:35 AM.

II. ROLL CALL/PULE

Member Higa conducts pule.

Norman Ka'imuloa, Scott Mahoney, Clifford Kapono, Waiola Higa, Kalena Blakemore.

(Nālei Kahakalau).

III. MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes for November 21, 2019.

Summary:

- Member Ka'imuloa:
 - Minutes went from long to too short
 - Motions to go back to the old format of minutes (2nd by Member Higa)
 - Wants to see more information reflected in the minutes
 - Will table the motion to see what “fuller” minutes will look like when there are more discussions and items on the agenda
- Member Higa:
 - Motions to approve the minutes as is (2nd by Chair Kahakalau)
 - The HIBC shouldn't get in the habit of not meeting, even if there's no agenda
- Member Kaponu:
 - Motions that the council recognize the year end and all the good work that the support staff has done (2nd by Member Mahoney)
- Member Mahoney:
 - Minutes are fine the way it is
 - The council voted to have the minutes more condensed
- Chair Kahakalau:
 - In the past, an agenda like this would have no meeting though prefers to meet even when there is a lack of agenda items
- SHPD Kea:
 - Minutes are short this month because the last meeting was short
 - Minutes are just a template to illustrate the potential format of the minutes
 - Will continue to work with the council to see what minutes work best
 - If there's discussion that's missing from the minutes, member can ask to add it in, or specify “for the record” or “have this reflected in the minutes” to make sure that their entire statement will be documented

MOTION (1): To go back to the old format of minutes
MOVED BY: Member Ka'imuloa
2ND BY: Member Higa
VOTE: No vote, motion rescinded

MOTION (2): That the council recognize the good work of SHPD
MOVED BY: Member Kaponu
2ND BY: Member Mahoney
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

MOTION (3): To approve the minutes
MOVED BY: Member Higa
2ND BY: Chair Kahakalau
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

IV. BUSINESS

**A. Discussion on Hawai'i Island Burial Council Membership, Roles, and Responsibilities.
Information/Discussion:** Discussion on the above item.

Summary:

- Member Ka'imuloa:
 - Maximize the usage of time when there are no items on the agenda

- Address and standardize buffers for burial sites
- Bring in Halealoha Ayau
- Cemetery in Parker Ranch
 - Parker Ranch sold the property
 - Found iwi when making a fence post
 - There was no buffer added and used hog wire fencing
 - Fencing was on father's grave
- Member Kapono:
 - Hear/discuss past cases by having previous members talk story
 - Should advise descendants that they can appeal decisions
 - Inadvertent discoveries
 - Didn't do due diligence
 - Needs to be held accountable
 - Amend rule/statute
 - Law is too loose
 - Asked what the HIBC could do to be more efficient (Kea responded, by becoming familiar with the laws and rules and using that knowledge)
 - Laws are only as good as the police authority who enforces that law
- Member Mahoney:
 - Bring in Hinano when there is no agenda
- Chair Kahakalau:
 - Kuleana of listening to descendants
 - Buffers changed since 1996 – from the center of the burial site to the edge
 - When there are no lineal/cultural descendants, the HIBC makes the call
- Vice-Chair Blakemore:
 - Important to be fluid and flexible because each district and project is different
 - Native Hawaiian Law Training with Malia Akutagawa
 - At Hōkūli'a, inadvertents were treated as previously identified
- Member Higa:
 - Buffers should be left up to the lineal descendants
 - Asked how many years HIBC records go (Kea responded that he's in the process of organizing the older documents, though there are some from the early 2000s)
- SHPD Kea:
 - Finding ways to have the younger generation engage with burial issues
 - Work with UH Hilo to invite anthropology/Hawaiian studies students to attend HIBC meetings

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The Next HIBC Meeting is Scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2019, 9:30 AM at the Division of Forestry and Wildlife Building, 19 E. Kāwili St., Hilo, HI 96720.**

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourns at 10:50 AM.

*****THE ABOVE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE 01/16/2019 HIBC MEETING*****

Pursuant to §92-3 Hawai'i Revised Statutes (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 Hawai'i Island Burial Council at its November 17, 2005 meeting, oral testimony for items listed on the agenda is limited to three minutes per person, per agenda item.

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

Pursuant to §92-2.5(d) HRS, if a meeting must be cancelled due to lack of quorum, the present council members may elect to continue to receive testimony and presentations on items on the agenda.

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 located at 40 Po'okela St., Hilo, HI 96720. Individuals requiring special assistance or auxiliary aids or services (e.g., sign language interpreter, wheel chair accessibility, or parking designated for the disabled) at the HIBC meeting, please contact staff at least 72-hours prior to the meeting at (808) 933-7653 so that arrangements can be made.