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WRITTEN SUMMARY OF RECORDED MINUTES
OAHU ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL

DATE: Wednesday, January 13, 2021
TIME: 10:17 AM
PLACE: Zoom meeting via zoom technology

OIBC MEMBERS: (members present)
Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu, Kona Moku; Chair
Aulii Mitchell, Waianae Moku; Vice-Chair
Mana Caceres, Ewa Moku
Kamanao Mills, Large Landowner Representative
Chuck Ehrhorn, Large Landowner Representative

SHPD: Dr. Alan Downer, SHPD Administrator
Lesley K. Iaukea, Oahu Burial Sites Specialist
Tamara Luthy, Ethnographer
Kaahiki Solis, Historian
Regina Hilo, Oahu Burial Sites Specialist
Kaumaka Anae, Archeologist DLNR

GUEST: Akau Ohana
Angela Neller
Bill Haole
Diana Masterson
Daniel Akiyama
Ian Akahi Masterson
Keala Norman
Skye Razon-Olds
Jean Ehrhorn
Victoria Kneubuhl
Robert Pacheco
Kali Fermantez
Dodge Watson
Jeremy Shorenstein
Kolea Fukumitsu
Andrea
iPad
Diane Fitzsimmons
Kirra Downing
Lani Maa Lapilio
Kiani Washington
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Lauren Morawski
Trisha Watson
Kamuela Kalai
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Michelle Makalua-Yee
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Matt McDermott
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Halealoha Ayau
Jolene Velasco
Kenneth Makuakane
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Hal Hammatt
Deanna
Mapuana Desilva
Caceres Ohana
Rachel
Rachel, Kailua
Alison
Scott Belluomini
Lauren
Thomas
Conference 2
Ashimatsu
Alex Hazlett
Fukumitsu
Diane
Kalai
Brad Anderson

COUNCIL TERMS:
Waianae Representative: Charles Aulii Mitchell, Vice-Chair. Term expired June 30, 2019 and is now on a HOLD-OVER status until an application is received by the Boards & Commissions, vetted by the Legislature, and approved by the Governor.
**Ewa Representative:** Norman Mana Caceres. Term expired June 30, 2020 and is now on a HOLD-OVER status until an application is received by the Boards & Commissions, vetted by the Legislature, and approved by the Governor.

**Kona Representative:** Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu, Chair. Term expired June 30, 2020 and is now on a HOLD-OVER status until an application is received by the Boards & Commissions, vetted by the Legislature, and approved by the Governor.

**Waialua Representative:** VACANT

**Koolauloa Representative:** VACANT

**Koolaupoko Representative:** VACANT

**Landowner/Developer Representative:** VACANT

**Landowner/Developer Representative:** Chuck Ehrhorn representing Campbell Estate. Term expired June 30, 2019 and is now on a HOLD-OVER status until an application is received by the Boards & Commissions, vetted by the Legislature, and approved by the Governor.

**Landowner/Developer Representative:** William Kamanao Mills representing the Kamehameha Schools. Term expires June 30, 2021.

I. CALL TO ORDER

[Recording 01/210113 @ 0:17.23]

II. ROLE CALL/PULE

Wong-Kalu: Asks Regina Hilo to give pule and/or words.

Hilo: Single word: Aloha. Aloha for each other, those passed, and for each other. For there to be respect for both sides of the table.

[Recording 01/210113 @ 0:19.45]

III. BUSINESS

A. Update on Oʻahu Island Burial Council membership, roles, and responsibilities.

Wong-Kalu: Agenda item A to be to be tabled until after agenda item B.

[Recording 01/210113 @ 0:25.23]

Wong-Kalu: To you Lesley, I have directed, I am going to follow Regina’s words, so Lesley from one Hawaiian to another, I acknowledge that you are a fellow Hawaiian out
there and responsibilities have been placed upon you and no I have not agreed with…. I have not agreed with how they have been carried forward by you. I acknowledge that I have taken great issue and in recent times I have not hesitated to express how I feel. I express how I feel not because I have a personal vendetta against you but I express how I feel because if I don’t I feel that I am falling short in the responsibility that has been placed upon me. I have wanted to walk away from this council because I have been …. I have been challenged to manage and mitigate how I feel. The understanding of malama iwi kupuna over the many years has taught me much but as such it has taught me to… when necessary to take no prisoners. It has taught me to be as direct, as forward, and as blunt as I possibly can be, if necessary. So, to you Lesley I say that frustrations and the stresses that I have directed towards you are not directed to you in a personal level but in your professional capacity umm do I think it’s impossible necessarily for you to carry out your duty. It’s not my call to say. However, for as long as you are in the position that you are in, I hope that you do know that for those of us here on this council many of the things that we’ve said today clearly, at the core of it, engage your name and your undertaking of responsibility. So, in consistency with the word aloha that Regina has put forth to us I acknowledge that you were put into a position that I don’t know …. I don’t know your level of training that you’ve been offered, I don’t know the level of support you’ve been offered. Umm to a certain degree you have the where with all to ahh be a person that can act based on your own professional accord however, ahh for you as well as Hinano whom you are accountable and beholden to ahh I have personally wanted a different kind of engage and that engage is characterized by the leadership and the unwavering strength of Regina Hilo. I do not want to pit you against Regina nor Regina against you so I invoke that today. And I also invoke umm for their to be ahh a peaceful climate around all of you. I know that the things that have been said umm umm I’ll speak to the elephants in the room if I may. The things that have been said openly and not openly, would thrust you and Hinano against Regina and create a working situation that is not well. However, today I reaffirm that my participation and I believe that all of my councils’ participation is based on our commitment to malama iwi kupuna and the concerns that we take on. I look to you Lesley in this first month of 2021, what is…. Whatever is the kuleana that may come your way, may you be strong, may you be forthcoming, may you be… may you find yourself taking on the kuleana that is meant for you to take on, may you be empowered to do the things that you are meant to do and for the things that may not necessarily be yours to undertake, may they find themselves to the person that should be the rightful one to do it. I wish you no evil and I wish you no harm. I only say to you that perhaps we may look towards a more productive engage in 2021 for as long as it will be you that we must connect with for our respective kuleana it has to do with this council. With that, mahalo for preparing this agenda item and the entire agenda for us and mahalo for undertaking that for which you have.

[Recording 01/210113 @ 3:04.09]

Break for Wong-Kalu to speak with Deputy Attorney General Linda Chow. (1125am – 1146am)
Wong-Kalu: To Kali – Mahalo for your service but stay where you are for now. If it’s in the rules I am going to do it despite.

Kaahiki Solis: I want to talk about HICRIS but then I did not.

Kalai: What if no access?

Iaukea: Let us know, we’ll help you.

Hilo: Gives update on HICRIS system.

B. Request from OIBC Chair Hina Wong-Kalu for SHPD Administrator, Dr. Alan Downer and SHPD History & Culture Branch Chief, Hinano Rodrigues to attend December meeting to answer questions from the Chair.

Wong-Kalu: I will walk into this with saying it is again with much appreciation that Dr. Downer is with us today. I believe it is just yourself am I correct, Dr. Downer?

Downer: Yes, that’s correct. Hinano is still on vacation.

Wong-Kalu: Mahalo. Okay, our council has endured at many different points throughout the course of 2020 we acknowledge that ah within the division itself ah within state historic preservation division ahhh the most pressing issues is the one pertaining to Kawaiiaha Church and there was much going back and forth between recognized descendant, Mr. Halealoha Ayau, and many questions about expediting not only the request but more specifically the kind of timing. Ah ah you know, the administrative timing. Ah allocation of days in which request is put in and a response is given and the procedural timing and the procedural ummmm steps that are observed when we look to SHPD for…. It’s not only in its response but the but that responses that you trigger and enable certain processes that we follow here at the OIBC. Ummmm Halealoha Ayau is not here with us in this meeting today and ahh will not be available however it ….. it brings light to … to some of the larger issues that also speak to the level of communication ahh that we have had and ahh oh okayyy ummm I believe that oh hold on. Kalai you are sharing your screen with us, mahalo.

Kamuela Kalai: I’m sorry.

Wong-Kalu: Are you trying to remind us to be tranquil? Okay, and ummm, and you know some of our issues are also related to … to the ability of the council to interface ahhh we have struggle with our communication we have struggle with our interface and ahh we look to you ahh Dr. Downer ahh for your… your thoughts and response to some of the issues that we’ve been having. Ummm council members please feel free to give particular articulation ummm I’m doing my best to being diplomatic in ahh what we are talking about because Dr. Downers time is limited with us this morning.
Ahh we’ve also had repeated request for ahh you and Hinano to …. To come and join here but in hindsight we can not be sure you receive all of the request or perhaps only now you are aware of… of this and uhh to that uhh thank you for being able to have the conversation with me last month when we spoke ahh and thank you for reaching out to me. But yes, we’ve had you folks agendize and we’ve requested of our uhh uhh but we can not assume which has been conveyed and which has not. Umm there are other things uhhm council members any … any of further ahhh overview of some of the issues that we have experienced? Chuck?

Ehrhorn: First of all, I’d like to say that I’m glad that Alan Downer was able to join us today. How long have you been with the department?

Downer: I came in December, 2013.

Ehrhorn: How long at the head of the department?

Downer: Since 2013.

Ehrhorn: 2013?

Ehrhorn: And how long have you been the head of the department?

Downer: I was appointed as administrator at that time.

Ehrhorn: So, you’ve been in the same position. I’ll be perfectly honest, I’m a little bit concerned since 2013 when you came and first came, this is the first time I’ve even met you or seen you and your name didn’t even become aware of and I wasn’t even aware of your name until earlier this year. I think we need a better communication and so that there is no confusion us and things run smoothly. Things seem to be going very smoothly all the way up until this whole COVID fiasco thing. I can’t say I can blame it that, but it seems to, when we all went into lockdown, we lost a lot of interaction that’s very very valuable and somehow, we’ve got to work at restrengthen that. I would like to see your presence, I know your busy and obviously you can’t make every single meeting but, you know, 3 or 4 times a year would be appropriate, I think. That’s my concern.

Mills: My concerns over past two months. The level of language, personal attacks, removal of people. I’ll email it to you to look at these matters yourself.

Mitchell: I’ve always had respect for SHPD but I’ve looked at the minutes for the last two months and I’d like to see how they are written. (Note: the minutes to the last two months have not been written on this meeting date).

Fermantez: We serve on the council as volunteers. But for you Dr. Downer and your staff you are public servants, right. And so there should be some kind of accountability, policies, and procedures. And I should add I’ve consistently said this regarding our understaffed and overworked SHPD employees. It’s a challenge for them and they’ve
done a diligent job. My only concerns now, in fact is my standing on the council right now. It’s the accountability to move forward but we’re caught in this bureaucratic system. So that’s my main concern. And that’s my comment. Whether it’s Kawaiahao or anything else, why don’t we just try to come together and move forward together and stop pointing fingers at each other, get along, and move forward. That might be the last thing I can officially say.

Wong-Kalu: Thank you, Kali. And for the record, it is I who said to Kali that until you receive a letter from Boards & Commissions that I would like you to ahh remain present on the council. Uhh we always have issues with our quorum and so any support and any assist that we get from the … a council member is absolutely essential to ensure that we are able to function. Also, Kali you said that when Lesley told you last month that your time is up, that was part of the conflict. That even prior to that I said you “stay on”. Umm, as your Chair I reassure you that… I felt that your presence was not only necessary but it was warranted. We have many issues and as long as there is someone in place that is ready, willing, and able to serve that you should be able to serve. Umm, it is not, it is not the responsibility of the council to have to manage and maintain the dealings and workings of who is supposed to be here, who is supposed to be there, who is supposed to be replaced. A council member whose term may have expired but that official communication comes from the Boards & Commissions, unless of course they communicated in writing to the SHPD staff and therefore I felt it was inappropriate for SHPD staff to just say to you “well your time is up.” Because that official communication was not had. Ummm but I can’t necessarily blame Lesley completely for ahh doing that ummm I would look to her boss. Your, your staff member Dr. Downer, Hinano Rodrigues. Ummm and the level of guidance that he is giving or not giving and exactly what is that guidance. Ummm that is, you know, one of the other ahhh pressing issues that we present to you, ahhhh, today. So, thank you, Kali for being able to articulate that today. Did I reflect anything inaccurately today, Kali?

Fermantez: No, that’s right, that’s right. And it speaks to even getting quorum, getting our positions filled, and it’s almost like well are the burial council being sabotaged? We should expect these policies and procedures to be clear and for us to, we’re volunteers, for us to be able to do the work that we do. It’s incredibly frustrating.

Caceres: Aloha kakou. Aloha Dr. Downer. Mahalo for joining us today. As the Ewa Moku Rep, I’ll echo the concerns that were just listed by a few minutes ago by the other council members. A few of them mentioned the Kawaiahao Church concerns that we have as a council. And since that was brought up, I will now address the concerns and my and my family are recognized lineal descendants to the iwi kupuna at Kawaiahao Church. Ummm this march will make two years we’ve been trying to draft our own burial treatment plan two years ago this march. Most recently, mahalo to the leadership at Kawaiahao Church. We have now entered into discussions and we’re working on a joint burial treatment plan and I’m not sure if you are aware of that. Through this whole process, through this past two years, even now that that we’re working with the church on a joint burial treatment plan, we are constantly…. We have been constantly seeking guidance from SHPD and we have gotten very little to none so far. So, I think the biggest concern as a rep on the OIBC
and as a lineal descendant trying to work through all of the intricacies of the joint burial treatment plan, I would like some kind of commitment from the department so that we can get guidance. You know instead of drafting… drafting this and then have SHPD give us reactionary notes, we’d like it to be an inclusive process. There are some very critical things that we are seeking guidance for and I think ummm you know our goal is to expedite the reburial of the iwi kupuna, you know it is within everybody’s best interest that we get that guidance throughout this journey and not at the end to where you know there’s a back and forth with SHPD with a few items which would prolong that reburial. So, you know if we could get a commitment from SHPD, you know even if it’s a specific point person that we can go to instead of everybody pointing their fingers at a… you know you got to talk to Hinano, you got to talk to Dr. Downer, and there’s a whole communication chain that things seem to fall through so I think that’s one of my biggest concerns.

Complaining about events of Kawaiahao Church to Dr. Downer. Can we have a specific point person to talk to?

Ehrhorn: Mana is really addressing what I was saying earlier. This kind of explains why we’d like to see you and Hinano come to our meetings more often so that we can ask you specific questions for direction. So instead of hearing Lesley or anybody else in SHPD say that Dr. Downer said we have to do it this way, I’d like to…. We would like to find out why you said it would have to be that way. We’d like a chance to ask you some questions, get some direction from you and Hinanos to how we can move forward.

Wong-Kalu: Halealoha, are you on this call?

Ayau: I am.

Wong-Kalu: Any questions?

Ayau: Would like constant request for guidance that we’ve made over the past year in terms of my involvement and just being met with crickets, no response, which unnecessarily delays the ability to reach agreement and reburial. So, the kupuna are waiting, the process is difficult enough and yet we keep turning to SHPD for guidance and we get nothing. And the guidance that we were requesting had to do with our view that SHPD wasn’t following the administrative rules and we kept pointing them out repeatedly. To the point where, cause of the lack of response, we’ve had file a complaint with the ombudsman. We’ve had to step in, I mean four complaints and I’ve had to step in and discuss the situation with the leadership of DLNR because we are just not getting anywhere. And so, not to beat a dead horse but it’s been frustrating that if you want us to follow the process interpreted by SHPD then you have to engage in the discussion and let me just say that we are not asking for special treatment here. We’re asking for the process work the way it is supposed to. And that includes communication, interaction between the claimants, the council, the parties that appear before the council, and SHPD. And if we can use 2021 to be the springboard to improve that communication than that will be how things improve. But if it continues, then what choice do we have but to seek change.
Wong-Kalu: The key player in this discussion is not with us here today. We acknowledge that, umm he is responsible for history and culture and ummm the staff under him. Umm we have, you know we have gone back and forth, I have also asked repeatedly for him to be present and before it got to asking for your presence as well. Ahh so thank you Dr. Downer for joining us ahhh there’s ten minutes left ahhh if you have any thoughts in response to that which we presented to you.

Downer: I don’t have time to address most of the specifics that have been brought up here but I will start with saying that I acknowledge that there have been communication problems. I commit to trying to work on resolving those. I think I’ll make a couple comments beyond that. OIBC doesn’t work for SHPD, you actually work for the governor. You are effectively an independent agency. We are involved to provide administrative support. That’s really the nature of the relationship between OIBC and SHPD. As far as membership goes the governor appoints members. Sometimes the governor before making the appointment… his staff seeks our comments, sometimes they don’t, and sometimes they appear to take our comments into account and sometimes they don’t. It is fair to say that it is a black box, there is some input there and we see the output. What goes on in the governor’s decision is not something I’ve ever been able to figure out. So, we have vacancies on all of the burial councils. We have real problems recruiting membership. We have real problems recruiting applicants for those positions. And once people apply, we just don’t know what happens until there is something where the governor sends a message to the legislature saying yep we want them and we are recommending this person for this council. That is just the way the system works, for better or worse. I would say this in terms of my participation in these meetings…when I was first starting my career, I use to think the boss was in charge and as I’ve advance in my career over the years one of the things that I’ve learned is that the further up the chain of command you go the less control you have over your schedule. So, for example this meeting with Tames I was notified of yesterday afternoon. And that’s just one of the problems I have and it’s inescapable. It’s not just that I’m busy it’s that I really don’t have control over my schedule. So, I will commit to participate when I can and commit to working on communication issues but somebody mentioned that we’ve had more problems during the COVID era than ever and that’s the reality. It makes our job harder, it makes internal communication more difficult, because basically I’m always on and I have many many things that compete for my attention and frankly don’t always pay or do the best job I should in sorting out which activities are noise and which activities should really get my attention. I always say that I appreciate you taking the time to serve on this council and serving the people of Hawaii in this manner. Otherwise, to some extent it is a thankless job. I have two minutes before I have to get off. If there is something you would like me to respond to in the two minutes, I will try but I don’t know that I can add much to what I said.

Wong-Kalu: The issues that we have experienced is subject to the plethora of influences….. COVID and the range of them. However, since the councils have autonomy, it isn’t communicated as what we do what we don’t do and the kinds of directives that comes to us through SHPD lines of communication. And that is why we
will look to you with knowledge that you are not always going to be able to come because your schedule is likely governed by your secretary wherever it is you get assigned to go but if you’re able to commit to at least until things get a little smoother to be present in the meetings and to once Hinano is back from vacation that both you and he are able to come. We have all heard you say that we do have some autonomy but yet it’s been a challenge when it’s come to our governance, the oversight, and management, and administrative support from the SHPD. But also, to the abilities and authorities of the council and thus we will look to you to, you know, to be present with us until we get to a better place at least. And we would look forward to you and Hinano to being able to come umm I truly believe that Hinano is a key factor in this, it’s not necessarily always meant to be on your shoulders as the overall ahhh lead officer for SHPD but umm if we can look to you for at least that…. That would be some insurance to us.

Downer: Well as I said I am committed to giving better support and I really do have to get off. Thank you for taking the time for listening to me and I look forward to working with you all in the future. And with that I have to get off. Mahalo. A hui hou.

Wong-Kalu: I think if I let the community ask him questions it would of overwhelmed him. Any reflections or feedback on this issue?

Kalai: Good start. At least he showed up today. Hopefully we can continue the conversation from here.

Lauren: This is something to note for Kai.

[Recording 01/210113 @ 0:30.12]


Wong-Kalu: To those who are present for Kawaiahao, I know I called you but we have recognitions. We want to be cognizant of their time especially because of Kumu Mapuana De Silva had indicated to me that she had a full schedule today. And was hoping to be present because we have adopted a better practice of being present to when you are being called. Does the church…. Is there anything pressing right now or can we be okay to hold on for a few minutes more?

Haole: Nothing much to report but there’s ongoing work with the JBTP. As Mana has already reports, the church leaders have been meeting with Mana and Halealoha. We will be also including other recognized descendants that are wishing to be a part of the discussion of the JBTP. The AIS should be completed by the end of the month and then will be sent back to CSH or to SHPD. Lani, did you have anything else you wanted to add?

Lapilio: No, mahalo. I just wanted to mahalo the chair and the OIBC, especially all of the recognized descendants that have been working so hard to address the details that have
been involved in the planning and reburial of the 600+ kupuna. So, lots of good work is being done and just mahalo to everyone for your patience and aloha. Mahalo.

Haole: I also wanted to report that Lani and I will be updating to make sure that all descendants who responded to previous kahea and kuka, that we have the updated contact information so that we can disseminate all of this information to them as this becomes available. So, to recognized descendants, if you have people you know that have not been receiving notifications from the church or from lani, please contact Lani right away cause she’s helping to update the contact information. Thank you.

Ayau: I just wanted to echo Bill and Lani’s comments as to where we are at and that we are working diligently to reach an agreement on the Joint Burial Treatment Plan and that we are awaiting the approval of the AIS, so we’re on course.

Wong-Kalu: Anything else?

Haole: I will be leaving the meeting but if anything comes up, please call me.

Wong-Kalu: I’d like to get recognitions squared away. This is absolutely critical. Skipping to item G.

[Recording 01/210113 @ 02:05.12]

**D. Update for burials located at 49-051 Johnson Rd., Hakipu‘u, Ko‘olaupoko District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK [1] 4-9-003:002.**

[Recording 01/210113 @ 03:29.25]

Fukumitsu: No update. We will share a presentation in the February meeting. But wanting to asking SHPD if there is any updates on the burial registration?

Hilo: Hi, this is Regina. Having just returned to work there is no updates.

Watson: We are still trying to update the site plan. But no updates right now.

Fukumitsu: What about SHPD side of the burial recognition?

Hilo: No, but I have to touch base with you guys on that. I’ll call at end of meeting.

Masterson: Just to be clear Kolea, are you asking for an action item in the February agenda?

Fukumitsu; Yes, an action item. We will send in an email to Lesley and Regina to get it agendized appropriately.
Iaukea: Actually, you don’t have to. You have a standing agenda item every month. I’ll put you on the agenda twice, one for the update and the other for the presentation.

Fukumitsu: Mahalo.

Masterson: Mahalo for clarifying Lesley.

Wong-Kalu: I see, Mahalo. Are there anything that has spurred or transpired that has encouraged you to come before the council to make a presentation?

Fukumitsu: The presentation would be the process which would be the burial treatment plan.

Wong-Kalu: Lesley, is there a reason why there would be two agenda items? Is there a reason why HONUA or Fukumitsu’s could not speak freely under one agenda item?

Iaukea: No, I’m just going over from past agenda’s that I wanted it to be there so that everyone has their voice to be heard. In the agendas in the past when that didn’t happen the conversation stopped and I didn’t want that to happen moving forward. And so just to be fair to everyone I’ll make two agenda items. However, if you would like to do it under one that’s fine as well.

Wong-Kalu: No. I just didn’t want to contribute to an even greater divide.

Masterson: I don’t think it’s a greater divide coming out of it. Its being an update for all the parties being a part of it and the other is an item coming from the Fukumitsu’s to discuss the burial treatment plan and other items. I think that seems appropriate.

Wong-Kalu: Okay.

Iaukea: I’ll put it in your hands, it’s whatever you’d like to do.

Wong-Kalu: I need not to mince words. I need the Fukumitsu ‘ohana and I need Kehau from HONUA who represents John Morgan (landowner) as he has secured you as his engage on this …. Are you guys not able to connect? And or is there something that I don’t know? Or that this council is not seeing? Do you guys not talk to each other? Let me try and be diplomatic about this because I can not assume one way or another. I get there is no desire on either side to engage with each other at all. And if that be the case then you can tell me. The Fukumitsu’s can tell me ‘you know what Hina, ummm to you and the council we don’t want to have anything to do with them, we don’t want to talk to them. We don’t like them; we don’t trust them. But I like you guys say em. And on the other side, ummm Kehau, on behalf of your client ummm either say it you know the developer John Morgan does not want to work with them or John Morgan has made an attempt to work with them or however.’ But for me, personally, there’s just a divide that is rather strange and I can’t figure it out and I don’t want to assume.
So, can you guys just say look I no like work with each other and then I can be good. Is that what this is?

Fukumitsu: For us, it was to get the burial recognized through SHPD because that protects the burial site. To do that, dealing with John Morgan or HONUA Consulting I don’t think that gets that done because it’s up to SHPD to register the burials site. Having a conversation with the landowners from the lineal descendants doesn’t seem to be very or it doesn’t produce anything the burials are still not registered. There’s still not a burial treatment plan for it.

Wong-Kalu: Regina, do you have an anticipated plan to work with the ‘ohana regarding this because it seems that I should of not directed to the Fukumitsu ‘ohana or HONUA I should be directing this to SHPD. Do you anticipate a plan in addressing the concerns here that are still outstanding (for 1 ½ years)?

Hilo: Yes, I do. I don’t have a process laid out in my head right now but what am I trying to say. But it will ferment as I think about it some more and I think about the burial rules. I have to look up the Hawaii Administrative Rules Process.

Ayau: When will SHPD make a recommendation? Downer should be. Landowner says don’t take action. We’re trying to change it to “previously identified.” In the meantime, a burial treatment plan is being prepared to be presented to the council prematurely.

Fukumitsu: I was told holes were made from rogue chickens.

Watson: Summer, that’s not correct. We asked for the documentation that we requested and you didn’t send anything.

Fukumitsu: I don’t know what that means.

Watson: There is a lack of familiarity with the process. Lack of dialogue with person who are versed in this. Let SHPD do their job! If SHPD comes back and says we have a finding then we’ll have a conversation there but we don’t think you’ve provided sufficient information even for us to know where you’re referencing.

Ayau: But you’re not the one that makes that determination. SHPD does. So, your right, it’s SHPD’s process, not yours.

Watson: Right and we completely concur with that.

Ayau: They are following what they need to do. You are representing the needs of the landowner. Let’s make that clear they are doing what they are supposed to be doing and what the rules say to do. So, we are waiting for SHPD to make the determination.
Fermantez: Where we were in two months. SHPD needs to act. But back in June, I said talk.

Caceres: I’d like to follow more time doing our kuleana. It’s one thing to identify the elephants in the room but a lot of times our meetings go extra long because we’re not just identifying the elephants in the room, we’re like nurturing the shit out of em, like giving them baby bottles, changing diapers, and for me going forward I would like to spend more time and mana following the kuleana that we’re all here for, malama iwi. If someone was to keep track, it’ll be like 90% of our time we spend in these meetings are nurturing elephants. Just my quick mana'o.

Ehrhorn; I concur with mana. Why does the landowner want to slow down the burial registration?

Wong-Kalu: Dodge (Watson)?

Watson: I’m not aware of him sabotaging HONUA & SHPD.

Ayau: (Asking the Fukumitsu’s) Did the landowner go against the iwi?

Fukumitsu: Yes, they did.

Ayau: Perfect. The archeologists is just suppose to do archeology. Present the findings, this is what we found, now go ahead, and make a decision. But if they are at the same time advocating for that position then it calls into question the integrity of the archeology. But if advocacy against the evidence of the burials is also going on than that is also the problem. That is a very serious problem.

Wong-Kalu: To Trish and Dodge. Did you say no burials?

Watson, Dodge: There’s a map that say graves. We wouldn’t disagree. Obviously, we wouldn’t disagree with that.

Wong-Kalu: Ian, what tools are you using? The Fukumitsu’s had a mapping out of it as part of their testimony. If there is a discourse, I would expect everyone to come to the table. So, Dodge (Watson) and Kehau (Trish Watson) you guys should be coming together. You guys should be sitting down with SHPD at some point to discuss. Hopefully, everybody has employed the current technology and current, you know, archeological umm practices to include when looking for …. When looking to map out burials. Am I making sense? Does that even make sense?

Masterson: Yes, the focus is on the 1933 map and a map in 1959 used in a court case that showed more specifically multiple locations for the burials we’re speaking of.

Watson, Dodge: I would to see what surface features you believe are burials.
Fukumitsu: I know we’re going over time on this but I can commit to contacting SHPD for a site visit. They needed to GPS the burial sites to be able to move forward in identifying them. We can set up a time and also see if HONUA Consulting can be there. We can commit to doing that just so things can move forward.

Wong-Kalu: Okay, look all you guys. HONUA, SHPD, and the Fukumitsu Ohana supported by Ian by your advice to them in the capacity of archeological support. I can only say to all three parties he said, she said, he said, you guys all said, and the reality could be that there’s iwi kupuna out there but there exactly where any of you said because you guys might not be trying to put your heads together.

Fermantez: Agrees with mana.

Wong-Kalu: I agree. Does not like feeding the elephants. I’m partially responsible for feeding the damn elephant because I’m trying to keep diplomacy here in this council. If it were a professional thing for me to unload a crap load of profanity upon the meeting, I would of done so a long time ago cause I’ve been ready to do it for a long time now. I understand the Fukumitsu’s trust and/or distrust because of who’s on the other side of the coin. You have someone with a lot of money on the other side. And could be a really nice guy but at the end of the day that whole lot of money can be translated into a lot of other things. And so, if you hire a law firm to come in and be there. I don’t know what…. What’s the name of the law firm?

Fukumitsu: Cades & Shuddy.

Wong-Kalu: Oh right, if you guys are on this call, I am speaking to you guys. That’s what you guys get paid for, I assume, is to listen to every little thing with great detail and to organize and articulate those details so that it’s to the advantage to your client. So thus, the great sense of distrust. But in moving forward, screw everything else. I say that if you are able to umm you know I cannot tell the landowner to cut out his legal team but their presence is certainly does change people’s willingness and ability to work with each other. We are never going to guarantee that people are going to have other motives but that goes both ways. Motives on any side. That’s just how it is. Any kind of sword or knife, there’s two sides to it. So, there could be an agenda on … I not saying it is the Fukumitsu agenda item but I’m saying that it could have been any family. At the end of the day, the Fukumitsu’s could be the one’s with the agenda, the landowner could be the one with the agenda, and at the end of the day make sure to know and say where the kupuna are on everyone’s research and homework.

Hilo: Sounds like there’s been plenty of conversation. And yes, Halealoha is totally a 100% correct. Verbal testimony verifying where there are burials, that’s lava, that’s sufficient for us to recognize those as previously identified.

Wong-Kalu: I get this message from Thomas Shirai. You know, I’m somebody that I don’t like to be scolded or to be taken to task on something. And he’s right, there’s a lot of back and forth on these sensitive items. So, it reminds me that this is something
that I talk about and this is why people got to get together and handle things. Most of the large efforts here in Honolulu are in moku o kona there is separate and individual time given to these things, otherwise it takes up everybody’s damn time inside the meeting. But if nobody trusts each other we’re going to go back and forth so I don’t want members of the public to keep saying that either. Cause it’s irritating. Now you guys see, all of you guys, we’re all here. Look, 2:45 already. I going be figuring out how to get off and go get something because I got to go feed my makua. If you really want to know. So, look, we can all sit around and not trust each other but damn it, if we’re here for the kupuna then sit everybody’s asses down and talk about it. And if HONUA you disagree then say what you disagree but try to have that come out in a meeting else where outside of this forum. And Regina and whoever else you going to pull in, if you’re getting strongly behind, the Fukumitsu ‘ohana, and if Ian you’re getting the Fukumitsu ‘ohana and all you guys evidence says this and the only people that you got a disagreement within terms of with the placement and mapping out of everything is with HONUA then you guys take that stuff and go duke it out in some kind of meeting. But all you guys should at least be amiable, you don’t have to trust each other, you don’t have to like each other, but you should be able to say in a separate meeting that you don’t agree this is… this is… you know, this is it. Because otherwise I would like to think that the council shouldn’t necessarily have to be forced to be in that predicament. I think it’s only prudent to say that if someone is saying hey wait a minute, we find a different placement of things. What if it was a situation where it was the people that was disagreeing were actually the ones accurate? But yet it’s on the burial council because we didn’t advocate for you guys to talk elsewhere. So, I don’t know, I think that’s only fair. And I want a comment from Halealoha. Halealoha, would you agree that that’s fair to encourage these people to all go sit in a room and like talk about their differences as to where they are?

Ayau: Okay, number one: What really matters there is what the family says. Not what the landowner says, what SHPD says. So, if they choose to not want to engage at this present juncture with HONUA, that’s their call. Because it’s their kuleana, ultimately. And if they tell them to do that, it’s understood because there’s concerns. There’s concerns about this information. Thus, point number one. Point number two is…. I would like to request that the OIBC pass a motion recommending to SHPD to make its determination on burial site identification as recommended by the OIBC and presented by the Fukumitsu’s before the next burial council meeting. Put a timeline on when that’s going to happen because that’s what is going to trigger the rest of the sharing of information as to location. But the first step is they have to identified as previously identified and therefore protected in place. We do otherwise and they say no, these are inadvertents, SHPD can then move to disinter them, immediately. That’s the worry. So that’s why it’s concerning if the legal advocate for the landowner sends a letter to SHPD saying “can you hold off on rendering your determination.” Well, the Fukumitsu’s have presented information indicating presence of the burials, to undo that the landowner can not just raise doubt, “Oh I don’t think their there.” They have to actually provide proof that they got removed. Short of that. The law says the burial site identified it goes to the next step if there is recognized descendants it’ll go to a burial treatment plan. Which is what the family wants done. If they say preserve in place then
you move towards burial site identification. We need SHPD to make a determination and then take it from there. Anyway, that’s my request that the OIBC recommend that SHPD render its determination before…. cause what month that you guys made this recommendation, is it in November or December? Or was it even before that?

Fukumitsu: I believe that was October. The October burial council meeting.

Ayau: Okay, so that’s a lot of time. It’s not unreasonable to ask for that recommendation by February’s OIBC meeting.

Wong-Kalu: I think for HONUA if you guys were not a kanaka-based firm I’d probably … I’d most likely would not try to advocate for this. But, okay….. ummmm. I see where this is going and what I’ve advocated for is not necessarily being productive. So ummm, you know if what the Fukumitsu ‘ohana need and I completely see where Halealoha is going… is coming from, and if I put myself in that perspective. If I came before a council and I’m talking about the burials, I know where the burials are, this is where they are and that’s it, it should be done. So…. If that’s the case, this is agendized as an action item for today. To the Fukumitsu ‘ohana wish with the support of the people who have given their support to them, do you wish to ummm to have the ummm do you wish to have the council act today? As chair, I am getting behind the ummm the potential that you may wish us to act today.

Fukumitsu: Yes, Yes, you are correct, Madam Chair.

Wong-Kalu: Okay, what would like this council to do?

Fukumitsu: Ummm request that SHPD makes a determination on the burial councils’ recommendation to recognize burials at 49-003:002 by the next burial council meeting in February. Sorry, I don’t know if that is worded correctly, I don’t know when the burial council meeting is.

Caceres: Supports what the Fukumitsu’s are asking for. It’s just like a follow-up. If we made this recommendation to the SHPD in October it has this potential to just, you know, last forever. A year from now, two years from now. So just asking them to render their determination there’s a follow-up on our side. We should practice that more often. Making sure agenda items are follow-up when they are not.

Wong-Kalu: What matter is this council taking on this matter today?

Caceres: Nobody else? Just a recommendation that we recommend that SHPD render its decision and determination by next February. We need to see that follow-up; we need to see that follow through.

Wong-Kalu: The Fukumitsu ‘ohana is looking to our council to act. It’s been echoed by several people in the community surrounding them ahh so we shall act. Unless this
council says no. So, I want everybody on the council to say yes, no, or your lack of saying anything will constitute as moving forward. Any descension on this council?!

No reply from the council.

Wong-Kalu: Alright, the chair will entertain a motion.

Mitchell: Madam Chair, I make the motion that the Oahu Island Burial Council ask the State Historic Preservation Division to render their determination on the burial site preservation for this particular project at 40-051 Johnson Rd. Hakipuu, Koʻolaupoko District, Island of Oʻahu, TMK [1] 4-9-003:002 by our next meeting in February 2021.

Mills: Second

Wong-Kalu: So, moved. All in favor.


Wong-Kalu: State Historic Preservation Division, we look to your leadership, we look to your experience to provide the support that is necessary to carry this forward and support the burials that the Fukumitsu ʻohana have indicated in their oral testimony towards their protection of iwi kupuna that they have come to speak to this council about. Can we look to you folks to ummm put this at the top of your priority list.

Hilo: This is Regina. Yes, definitely. This is at the top of my priority list. It will be handled and I will provide you guys an update as soon as I have any information.

Wong-Kalu: At the end of the day, this agenda item has taken up a significant chunk of time.

Mills: I have to leave at 4 to pick up my son.

Wong-Kalu: hold on. Mom, are you hungry? You are? Okay, well I’m going to ummm. We’re going to expedite this one. I want to get this draft burial treatment plan. Item J and then after I’m going to transfer over to my phone and have you on phone because I’m not going to be responsible for holding up the meeting. And you guys are going to come with me and you guys are going to come with me to wherever I’m going to go to get food for my makua. (Moving to item J).

[Recording 01/210112 @ 04:57.23]

E. Request from Kamuela Kalaʻi to discuss Inadvertent Discoveries and Previously Identified Native Hawaiian burials.

Deferred to February’s Meeting.
F. Request from Kamuela Kalaʻi to discuss Inadvertent discovery of human skeletal remains on October 02, 2020 located at Kanenelu Beach in Kaaawa, Kualoa Ahupuaʻa, Koʻolaupoko District, TMK [1] 5-1-011:051.

Deferred to February’s Meeting.


Discussion:
Thomas Shirai: I came here to support of Diane. She took the initiative and that’s her kuleana and we support her. Right on, Diane.


Second: Aulii Mitchell

Vote: Yes (Mitchell, Wong-Kalu, Mills, Caceres, Ehrhorn)

Summary: Five “yes” votes. Agenda item for Cultural Descendancy Recognition passes.


Discussion:
1. ‘Ohana application on one application or each person has to fill out an application? Wong-Kalu: I don’t want to be contradictory to what Hinano is saying but we should have some logistic to what he is asking. Downer said that we have a higher level of autonomy and that we are here for the Governor and so with that it’s not so much of what he said but what he didn’t say. Which is why I didn’t necessary try and strong arm him into attending every month because I certainly could of done that. You know I could of bullied him and say you need to attend but if they’re going to tell us what not to do, which we don’t want them to do, then we should
not tell them what to do. Then we can just advocate for them to be here as much as they can. The public can put pressure on them if they like, hint hint, you guys can. Hint.

Motion: (Mills) I move to recognize Kihei de Silva, Kahikina de Silva, and Kapalaiula de Silva for Cultural Desendancy Recognition for Unidentified Human Skeletal Remains from 1229 Mokulua Dr., Kaohao, Kailua Ahupuaa, Koolaupoko District, Island of Oahu, TMK [1] 4-3-008:051.

Second: Caceres

Vote: Yes (Caceres, Wong-Kalu, Mills, Ehrhorn)

Aulii Mitchell recuse self from vote.

Summary: There are four “yes” votes.

[Recording 01/210113 @ 02:58.13]


Discussion:
1. Unidentified Discoveries at Kaaawa should be classified as Previously Recognized.: Wong-Kalu: Halealoha reaffirms these iwi should be considered “previously identified.”

Caceres: kakoo

Masterson: I support Aulii in his support.

Fermantez: I support.


Second: Caceres

Vote: Yes (Wong-Kalu, Mills, Caceres, Ehrhorn)

Summary: There are four “yes” votes.

[Recording 01/210113 @ 3:32.23]
Cultural Surveys Hawaii, Scott Belluomini, to give PowerPoint presentation.
* Haleiwa Improvement District Project
* GPS mapping of area
* LCA 9951: Portion of the 1900 Waialua Agricultural Company map of lands of Paalaa
* Archeological studies
* Map shows iwi kupuna and where encountered
* Excavated trenches to show the disturbed cultural layer
* Timeline of consultation and historic preservation Review
* Proposed Burial Preservation Location

Discussion:
Thomas Shirai: Mana, I want to share something special about the staff at SHPD. Lesley Iaukea’s ancestor is Colonel Curtis Iaukea and he, Mana, managed the Haleiwa hotel. So, she get deep roots and connections. I want everybody know that. Let’s move forward with this, Mana.

Caceres: right, hiki no. With that being said, as far as I’m concerned, I support this burial treatment plan 100% and I look forward to voting to accept it and also voting to recommend that the SHPD follow this burial treatment plan with the relocation of this iwi kupuna. You have my support.

Mills: Kamehameha Schools has an interest in this project so I’ll be recusing myself.

Wong-Kalu: Any comments or opposition from the community? Oh right, the chair will entertain a motion. Please proceed.

Motion: (Caceres) I would like to make a motion that we, as far as the iwi kupuna that was encountered and documented in the burial treatment plan for iwi kupuna in SIHP #50-80-04-7836 identified during the archaeological inventory survey for the Haleiwa Town Improvement District Project and based on the criteria that the landowner and the recognized descendants all are requesting such determination that this determination is for relocation for the iwi kupuna.

Second: (Mitchell) Kakoo wau.

Vote: Yes (Caceres, Mitchell, Ehrhorn, Wong-Kalu)
   Recuse (Kamanao Mills)
Summary: Four “yes” votes.

[Recording 01/210113 @ 5:23.50]

Wong-Kalu: Next matter.

Caceres: I’d like to make a motion that the OIBC recommend to the SHPD that they accept the burial treatment plan for iwi kupuna at SIHP #50-80-04-7836 identified during the archeological inventory survey for the Haleiwa Town Improvement District Project.

Second: Ehrhorn

Vote: Yes (Caceres, Mitchell, Ehrhorn, Wong-Kalu)
Recuse (Kamanao Mills)

Summary: Four “yes” votes.

[Recording 01/210113 @ 5:25.20]

Wong-Kalu: Next is Kamuela Kalai but she is not on the call at this moment so let’s go on to the next item.

K. Update to the Ala Moana Plaza Tower Project located at 451 Pi’ikoi St., Waikiki Ahupua’a, Honolulu (Kona) District, O‘ahu, TMK: [1] 2-3-038:003 and 014 (por.).

Matt McDermott, Cultural Surveys Hawai‘i, to give PowerPoint presentation.

*Proposed project
*AIS Study Area
*Information on affordable rentals
*Archeological surveys and maps
*1817 map of the area
*LCA information on an 1884 map
*Consultation Summary
*Archeological Survey Results
*Pictures of fieldwork
*Mitigation and Commitments

[Recording 01/210113 @ 5:23.43]

L. Update to the Howard Hughes Corporation’s Auahi Street Promenade Phase 2 Project, Kaka‘ako, Honolulu Ahupua’a, Honolulu (Kona) District, O‘ahu TMK [1] 2-1-052:012,020, and 031 (por.); 2-1-053:001 and 030 (por.); 2-3-002:002, 059, and 110 (por.).

Ena Sproat, Cultural Surveys Hawai‘i, to give PowerPoint presentation.

*Informational Update
*Auahi St. Promenade Phases 1 & 2
*Project Status
*Bishop map of 1884
*Documented Buried Topography
*Proposed AIS Test Excavations

*Kamanao Mills leaves meeting.

[Recording 01/210113 @ 5:47.49]


SCS Archaeology – Consultant Services, Inc. to give PowerPoint presentation.
*Laie Elementary School Project
*9 Trenches: Hinano Rodrigues says don’t go digging all over, stay over 27 inches.
*Replace Fire Alarms
*USGS 2017 Map of area
*Previous Site Documentation
*OIBC Consultation
*AIS vs. Monitoring Plan; Budget issues

Discussion:
Caceres: Wants AIS.

Jolene: Project Coordinator with the DOE wants a one-time disturbance.

Mitchell: I presser AIS. We don’t take short cuts.

Wong-Kalu: So, you would concur with Hinano Rodrigues?

Caceres: Yes

Ehrhorn: I also agree.

Wong-Kalu: We concur with Hinano in not digging below 27 inches.

[Recording 01/210113 @ 6:12.20]
N. Introduction to the Waikiki Beach Improvements Project by International Archaeology, LLC., Waikiki Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK [1] 2-6-003:032.

International Archaeology, LLC to give PowerPoint presentation.

Deferred to February’s OIBC Meeting.

[Recording 01/210113 @ 6:50.05]

O. Request from Skye Razon-Olds to introduce the non-profit Kanaka Climbers to the OIBC and community.

Introduction/Information/Discussion on the above request.

This item is deferred until February meeting.

[Recording 01/210113 @ 6:44.22]

P. Request from Skye Razon-Olds to discuss Mōkapu and the project surrounding a burial site.

Introduction/Discussion on the above request.

Deferred to February’s OIBC Meeting.

Skye Razon-Olds texts Chair Wong-Kalu to ask if she can update the OIBC in a private meeting sooner than February’s meeting.

Razon-Olds: Is that something we can facilitate?

Wong-Kalu: If it’s all of the OIBC members it has to be a public meeting of which you’re not going to necessarily discuss the location of the burial, you’re going to be talking about the larger issues, am I correct?

Razon-Olds: Yea. Yes.

Wong-Kalu: Okay, so ummm, but you want to have…. Do you need the whole council?

Razon-Olds: Not if that would change if we can’t actually have a conversation.

Wong-Kalu: Are there members of the council that would want to meet with …. Specific members of the council …. Maximum two at a time?
Razon-Olds: Well, Aulii and Mana would make the most sense. If we could set that up. The families are really looking for more support and military is making things challenging. I would really like to get advice with moving with that and I feel like they’ve purposefully blocked the OIBC from being involved. So, I want to work to get you guys up to speed with what’s going on.

Wong-Kalu: Okay, then at this time can I see if Mana and Aulii can engage with Sky separately? To provide support her the support she may need …. Okay.

Caceres: Absolutely.

Wong-Kalu: Do you have everyone’s contact?

Mitchell: Yea, I just put my ahh email and my phone number up there. So, I’m available for you.

Wong-Kalu: Last one, if Halealoha is still on the meeting. Halealoha, with regards to …. I wouldn’t normally ask but Halealoha’s experience in the State, as well as interfacing with NAGPRA …. Because you are now on land’s controlled by the U.S. Federal Government. And the level of their engage. Ahhh, I believe that Sky, he is one of the strongest resources that you could also possibly enlist when you meet with Mana and Aulii. Do you know how to find Halealoha?

Razon-Olds: Yes.

Wong-Kalu: Okay. He is somebody with hands-on experience with …. To know how to advice you. Especially because ummm the area that you’d be engaging in, his mentors, ahhh were at the forefront of that. That kind of engage.

Razon-Olds: Okay, thank you.

[Recording 01/210113 @ 6:28.22]

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next meeting date: February 10, 2021 via zoom technology.

Wong-Kalu: Ummm, Lesley, if we could please agendize those items that we did not or ahh you know the next meeting. Umm I know it becomes actually easier to have a meeting because it doesn’t require a physical space. If there is a really pressing issue and the project wants us to convene beyond what time we’ve given today, I personally am not opposed to it but I ahh you know respect all of the council members time and that they are here on their own accord. If a project is in some dire emergency, need to have the council meet, I ahh as the chair is willing to entertain the request. Ahh but only if it’s, you know, life pressing. So please determine that for yourselves and let us know which we would have to try and have to schedule something and of course
agendize and it would be in another public meeting. But don’t let it be said that I not willing to work with the needs of the community or at least not … don’t ever let it be said that I’m not willing to hear out concerns to help facilitate the needs of our community partners out there. So, thank you everyone for being here. At this current time umm, we will now adjourn the meeting. No motion necessary because we are already out of quorum. Mahalo nui for all of you for being here.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50.01. No quorum.

[Recording 01/210113 @ 6:28.22]

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