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**DRAFT
Summary of Recorded Minutes
O‘ahu Island Burial Council**

DATE: Wednesday, April 14, 2021
TIME: 10:00 AM
PLACE: Zoom meeting via zoom technology

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

SHPD: Hinano Rodrigues, SHPD History & Culture, Branch Chief
Lesley Iaukea, Oahu Burial Sites Specialist
Kaahiki Solis, Historian

GUEST: Keala Norman
Blaze Lowell
Angela Neller
Skye Razon-Olds
Ena (Aulii Mitchell)
Kamakana Ferreira
Jean Ehrhorn
Diane Fitzsimmons
Trisha Watson
Daniel Akiyama
Kaiona Oana-Momoa
Kolea Fukumitsu
Lauren Morawski
Lani Maa Laapilio
Bill Haole
Akau Ohana
Makahilahila
Kualoa Ranch
Michelle Makalua-Yee

Kai Markell
C. Haunani Maunu-Hendrix
iPad (Kamuela Kalai)
Bill
Hal Hammatt
Matt McDermott
Kawaiahao Church
Kanoelehua Nakata
Deanna
Keiko
Manny Kuloloio
Ian Masterson/LKM
Dane Maxwell (MLIBC, Chair)
Brittany
Mishalla
Spearing/CSH

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, approved by the Governor, and vetted by the Hawaii Legislature.

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, approved by the Governor, and vetted by the Hawaii Legislature.

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, approved by the Governor, and vetted by the Hawaii Legislature.

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, approved by the Governor, and vetted by the Hawaii Legislature.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

[Recording 04/210414 @ 0:41.00]

II. ROLE CALL/PULE

Roll Call

Kamanao Mills has to leave the meeting at 11am for another meeting but will be back as soon as he can.

[Recording 04/210414 @ 0:41.00]

Pule by Bill Haole

[Recording 04/210414 @ 0:42.00]

III. BUSINESS

A. Update on O‘ahu Island Burial Council membership, roles, and responsibilities.

-Chuck Ehrhorn says he received an email from the Boards & Commission to follow up on his application that was incomplete and to send it in.

-Chair Wong-Kalu states she has not been put back on the council.

-Mana Caceres states, “I don’t feel comfortable to make decisions officially until we hear from the governor’s office.” Aulii Mitchell agrees.

-Michelle Makalua-Yee demands answers from Hinano Rodrigues and asks why is this happening and who’s accountable?

-Hinano Rodrigues replies that he doesn’t know either and that it’s clear SHPD doesn’t appoint OIBC. Questions should be asked at the Boards & Commissions office and not SHPD.

-Kai Markell asks if SHPD put forth any candidates? Also, did SHPD put forward Hina’s name to the Boards & Commissions?

-Rodrigues: This is a Boards & Commissions issue and it is the Governor’s choice who he puts on his councils. OHA’s list is our (SHPD) list.

-Markell: We at OHA have a good relationship with the Boards & Commissions office.

-Caceres: Can Lesley or Hinano call the governor?

-Wong-Kalu: I don’t want to leave the council. I was never told I was a hold-over. Please let me stay, please. It was confirmed from Linda Chow that I was not re-appointed. Will the council look to SHPD for support whether it’ll take affect immediately or not but I’m guessing I am going to stay. I don’t want the rug taken out from under me.

-Mitchell: Is Hina safe?

-Rodrigues: Unfortunately, Hina went in to hold-over status. If someone else applies and the governor puts her/him in that spot, then your out.

-Wong-Kalu: Okay, but I do raise concern over someone that applied for the Ewa seat and then put into the Kona seat.

-Haole: Could it be that the Boards & Commissions have a misunderstanding of their kuleana?

-Markell: Let's draft a letter.
-Wong-Kalu: Do you all support a letter to the governor?
-Caceres: I agree.
-Wong-Kalu: Give it to someone else on the council and I'll sign it. I'll look to our Vice-chair to take the lead.

-Mitchell: Motion from the board?
-Ehrhorn: I move to make a motion. (No descript motion given)
-Second: Mana Caceres.
-Vote: All yes.

-Wong-Kalu: Mahalo nui to all of you for your support.
-Haole: What's your response to Mana?
-Wong-Kalu: I refer to chuck. Chuck, precede ahead as though everything we've done is legal and valid.
-Mitchell: Kakoo, Chuck. Holomua as we can. I'm really kaumaha right now.
-Kamanao Mills: The winds have left my sails. If you are willing to hang in there (referring to Hina), so will I.
-Caceres: If the consensus is with the OIBC to conduct business, I will mute and not vote. But will be here for the quorum.

-Chair Wong-Kalu skips to agenda item G.

[Recording 04/210414 @ 0:43.00]

B. Request from OIBC Chair Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu for SHPD Administrator, Dr. Alan Downer and SHPD History & Culture Branch Chief, Hinano Rodrigues to attend March 10, 2021 meeting to answer questions from the Chair.

-Wong-Kalu: There are no questions for Branch Chief, Hinano Rodrigues.

[Recording 04/210414 @ 2:33.00]

C. Update for Kawaiaha'o Church Multi-Purpose Building Renovation Project, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK [1] 2-1-032:017.

-Haole: Gives an update on the following issues:
-Water damage from the recent rains.
-The sandbags deteriorated and they were changed.
-Trimmed weeds but did not remove them.
-The walls are fine even though built for temporary use.
-Joint Burial Treatment Plan.

[Recording 04/210414 @ 3:43.00]

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

- No presentation.
- Fukumitsu's ask for an update from SHPD.
- Iaukea: There is no updates from Regina Hilo at this time. SHPD has no updates.
- Watson: No updates.

[Recording 04/210414 @ 3:51.00]

E. Update on Unidentified Human Skeletal Remains at a burial cave on Pupukea Rd., Pupukea Ahupua'a, Ko'olauloa District, Island of O'ahu, TMK [1] 5-9-033:04.

- No update.

[Recording 04/210414 @ 4:13.00]

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

- Razon-Olds: It is because of me that I got the Kaneohe Marine Corps Base to agree to moving the burial site. I don't believe in a mass burial and I'll be requesting a burial mound at tomorrow's meeting.
- Mills: What is the NAGPRA action plan? Can we get a copy of the action plan?
- Razon-Olds: I've requested the action plans and plan to receive them soon.
- Mills: Are there recent inadvertent discoveries?
- Razon-Olds: Yes, at least once a month.
- Wong-Kalu: I'm concerned with recent events that I'm not going to be reappointed.

[Recording 04/210414 @ 4:25.00]

G. Cultural Descendancy Recognition Application for Carolyn Haunani Maunu-Hendrix for Unidentified Human Skeletal Remains to Iwi Kupuna located at the Kawaihāo Church Multi-Purpose Building Renovation Project, Honolulu Ahupuaa, Kona District, Island of Oahu, TMK [1] 2-1-032:017.

- Mitchell: Can we defer item H. Descendancy and defer to next meeting to honor Mana and his mana'o.
- Wong-Kalu: That fair enough. We will honor Chuck and Mana by not voting today.
- Maunu-Hendrix: This is the same council from before. We respect your kuleana and authority. I'd like to go forward.
- Trisha Watson; Can I ask a question and go back to agenda item A? (No one replies)
- Kamuela Kalai: Please vote and move forward.
- Wong-Kalu; As the Chair, let's take this item out of order.
- Caceres: I don't have to participate in the vote. I'm in support of Hauanani.
- Wong-Kalu: Any objection in moving forward?
- Haole: I'm hold you responsible in doing your term.
- Wong-Kalu: Well, no one told me I was in hold-over since 2020.

-Wong-Kalu: Pertaining to this descendancy recognition application, did communication come from Region and you?
-Rodrigues: Regina sent no paperwork but she said lineal was the recommendation.
-Wong-Kalu: Are you sure?
-Maunu-Hendrix: I put in my application in April of last year with Regina and I think I've been really patient with her.
-Rodrigues: You have full authority, Hina.
-Mitchell: I respect Haunani. In her behalf and her God, I support her 100%.
-Caceres: Lineal or cultural?
-Maunu-Hendrix: Originally lineal but I don't know about what Regina was doing.
-Caceres: Is uncle Bill and the church going to contest this determination if we vote against SHPD's recommendation like they did for the rest of us?
-Kamanao Mills: I move that.....what is the name?
Maunu-Hendrix: I don't have a name. Maybe we should go in to executive session?
-Ehrhorn: Can you say a name?
-Maunu-Hendrix: Okay, executive session on this. I don't know where/who they are and there is no name I can directly connect to.
-Mills: Cultural is area, lineal is a person.
-Mitchell: Cultural.
-Maunu-Hendrix: I am Aweau.
-Wong-Kalu: let's take a break.

(5 minute break)

-Maunu-Hendrix: The name is Maiva Kaeo.
-Diane Fitzsimmons: I support cultural, not lineal.
-Haole: If it goes to lineal, we will have a contest case.
-Mills: It should be cultural descendancy and it would buy you time to research further.
-Maunu-Hendrix: No.

Mills: I move to grant cultural descendancy recognition to Carolyn Haunani Maunu-Hendrix for Unidentified Human Skeletal Remains to Iwi Kupuna located at the Kawaiahao Church Multi-Purpose Building Renovation Project, Honolulu Ahupuaa, Kona District, Island of Oahu, TMK [1] 2-1-032:017.

Second: Chuck Ehrhorn.

Vote: Yes (ALL)

Wong-Kalu: Let's go back to agenda item C.

[Recording 04/210414 @ 3:43.00]

IV. INADVERTENT DISCOVERY

A. Inadvertent Discovery of Iwi Kupuna on 02/01/2021 and 02/02/2021 at the Aalii Project, Honolulu Ahupuaa, Kona District, Island of Oahu, TMK [1] 2-3-002:086.

- B. Inadvertent Discovery of Iwi Kupuna on 02/26/2021 at 56-1093 Kamehameha Highway, Kahuku Ahupuaa, Koolauloa District, Island of Oahu, TMK [1] 5-6-003:026.**
- C. Inadvertent Discovery of Iwi Kupuna on 03/01/2021 at Lahilahi Beach Park, Waianae Ahupuaa, Waianae District, Island of Oahu, TMK [1] 8-4-001:001.**
- D. Inadvertent Discovery of Iwi Kupuna on 03/08/2021 at the Adler St. Project, Honolulu Ahupuaa, Kona District, Island of Oahu, TMK [1] 2-3-012:019.**
- E. Inadvertent Discovery of Iwi Kupuna on 03/10/2021 at Kananelu Beach, Kaaawa Ahupuaa, Koolauloa District, Island of Oahu, TMK [1] 5-1-013:011.**

-Kai Markell: I haven't received any notice from Regina Hilo. I have to check if we were notified for all of these inadvertent discoveries because I don't think we were. What is the process since we haven't been contacted?

-Iaukea: I can tell you the process.

-Markell: oh wait, sweetheart.

-Iaukea: huh?

-Kalai; I'd like to bring up the issues at Kaaawa.

-Iaukea: Kai, you can send an email directly to Regina with your concerns.

-Wong-Kalu says her goodbyes to everyone as her last act as the Oahu Island Burial Council Chair and member.

[Recording 04/210414 @ 4:36:00]

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Next meeting date:** May 12, 2021 via zoom technology.

Meeting adjourned at 5:24:00.

Pursuant to §92-3 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 Oahu Island Burial Council at its September 14, 2005 meeting, oral testimony for items listed on the agenda is limited to three minutes per person, per agenda item.

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