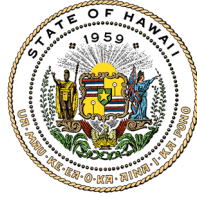


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**Minutes
O'AHU ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL**

DATE: Wednesday, April 8, 2026
TIME: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM (HST)
**PLACE: Department of Land and Natural Resources
Kalanimoku Building
Board Room #132
1151 Punchbowl St.
Honolulu, HI 96813**

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OIBC Members:
Chair Caceres (Waianae), In-person
Vice-Chair Shafer (Koolauloa), In-person
Member Erhorn (LLO), In-person
Member Ako (Kona), In-person
Member Mills (LLO), In-person
Member Miller (Koolaupoko), Zoom

SHPD Staff:
Samantha Hemenway, Oahu Archaeologist
Joshua Newman, Oahu Archaeologist
Susan Lebo, Archeology Branch Chief
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At Board Room:
Mana Caceres
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Emma Farkas, Pacific Legacy
Mara Mulrooney, Pacific Legacy
Matt McDermott, CSH
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Caceres calls meeting to order at 10:00 AM

II. ROLE CALL/PULE

Chair Caceres conducts pule

Member Mills, Member Erhorn, Chair Caceres, Vice-Chair Shafer, Member Ako

III. MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes for February 11, 2026

Recording: 2:30-2:50

Motions and vote (2:37)

MOTION: To Approve the February 11, 2026 Minutes

MOVED BY: Vice-Chair Shafer

2ND BY: Member Mills

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

B. Approval of the Minutes for February 11, 2026 Closed Session Item V.A.

Recording: 2:50-3:08

Motions and vote (2:55)

**MOTION: To Approve the February 11, 2026 Closed Session Item V.A
Minutes**

MOVED BY: Member Mills

2ND BY: Vice-Chair Shafer

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

C. Approval of the Minutes for February 11, 2026 Closed Session Item V.C.

Recording: 3:08-3:22

Motions and vote (3:15)

**MOTION: To Approve the February 11, 2026 Closed Session Item V.C
Minutes**

MOVED BY: Member Mills

2ND BY: Vice-Chair Shafer

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

D. Approval of the Minutes for February 11, 2026 Closed Session Item V.F.

Recording: 3:22-3:39

Motions and vote (3:30)

**MOTION: To Approve the February 11, 2026 Closed Session Item V.F
Minutes**

MOVED BY: Member Mills

2ND BY: Vice-Chair Shafer

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

E. Approval of the Minutes for February 11, 2026 Closed Session Item V.H.

Recording: 3:39-3:52

Motions and vote (3:45)

**MOTION: To Approve the February 11, 2026 Closed Session Item V.H
Minutes**

MOVED BY: Member Mills

2ND BY: Vice-Chair Shafer

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion Regarding Archaeological Inventory Survey for the United States Coast Guard Wailupe Family Housing District, located in Waikīkī Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 3-5-046:013.

Recording: 3:52-23:05

- Mara Mulrooney-Family housing project for the Coast Guard planned for demo due to health concerns. Section 106 process in motion, will only target super structures. Pacific Legacy is conducting AIS for the project. Waiialae is nearby once awarded to alii nui Abner Paki. No LCA awards in project area and 23 kuleana claims in Waiaale iki. Military acquired land for a Navy radio station before being taken over by the coast guard. After 1950's the fishponds were filled. 11 past archaeological studies in the area with multiple burials identified in the vicinity of the project area. Puu Honua O Wailupe malamas the archaeological sites including iwi kupuna in the area. Here to hear mana'o on AIS testing strategy. 17 test trenches excavated with a backhoe and 3 test pits in areas with coral sediment. Held a consultation meeting with stakeholders and descendants. Developed a work plan and hoping to proceed with AIS fieldwork in June.
- Member Erhorn-What is the future of the property? Would be good to have an idea. Have had past reviews where the landowner wants to know what is located on property to be able to sell the land.
- Mara Mulrooney-No current plans. As part of the work plan, a proactive plan of action has been developed.
- Member Ako-Would appreciate more info on who acquired the land and the situation behind it. Concerned about trees brought in, they should be honored and respected regardless but are they native trees?
- Member Mills-Wish the USCG would know what they're doing with the property. If inadvertents are discovered and they're preserved in place it could affect future plans.
- Chair Caceres-If at a later time than conclusion of demo and USCG decides to build, would it require another AIS?
- Susan Lebo-There was an agreement document meant to restore these buildings and theyve decided that wasn't possible due to safety. No plan to dispose of the property. Current AIS is focused on buildings that need to be addressed due to safety issues. If they decide to build down the road, the project would still come to SHPD for review.
- Member Mills-Would like to review the NAGPRA plan of action when its ready.

B. Discussion Regarding Archaeological Inventory Survey for the HECO Extension to 690 Pohukaina Street, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-051:999 (Coral Street ROW and Pohukaina Street ROW).

Recording: 23:05-30:25

- Mara Mulrooney-AIS for HECO extension. Located in Kakaako, project involved installation of 800ft of electrical duct lines. Historically a culturally significant area with fishponds and saltworks. 48 past archaeological studies within 300m of the project area. Proposing 5 test trenches with backhoe excavation equaling 5% of the project area. Trench base depth at level of water table. Continuing consultation with stakeholders.
- Chair Caceres-5% is minimal acceptable standard for an AIS. Should iwi kupuna be encountered, ask that its not similar to the KS project from the past.
- Alani Opio-This is on the project proponent, not Hawaiian Electric.
- Mara Mulrooney-The project proponent is Warn Partners (sp?) and High Range

C. Discussion Regarding Ongoing Documentation and Recovery Efforts of Iwi Kupuna at Kualoa Regional Beach Park, Kualoa I Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olaupoko District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 4-9-004:001.

Recording: 30:25-36:32

- Mara Mulrooney-Pacific Legacy has been assisting with the care of iwi kupuna at the beach park. Following the Kona low storm, we assisted SHPD with the shoreline walk. Met with Traven Apiki to update him on the current state of fairs.
- Chair Caceres-Any assistance the OIBC can offer to expedite the reburial process.
- Mara Mulrooney-Regina was working closely with an employee of the beach park to schedule a time to kanu. Traven has been put in touch with Will.
- Member Erhorn-We used to always have a representative from the parks department that sat on the council.
- Member Ako-Seems to have been a switch in involvement with C&C of Honolulu. Are the vaults permanent?
- Mara Mulrooney-There is a permanent vault in the center of the park. Since that time there has been a shift in active descendants in the area and the approach to protect iwi kupuna. There are protected iwi kupuna on the shoreline but it goes against the BTP.
- Chair Caceres-Struggling to find role in remedying this situation. Any longterm storage of iwi kupuna is a concern.
- Samantha Hemenway-

D. Discussion Regarding Update to the Ala Moana Boulevard Tower Project, Hilton Hawaiian Village Campus, Waikīkī Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMKs: (1) 2-6-009:004–006 and portions of 007, 009, and 013.

Recording: 36:32-38:11

- Matt McDermott-Trying to finalize a BTP and believe this should be a closed session.

Motions and vote (37:18)

MOTION: To Enter Closed Session
MOVED BY: Member Erhorn
2ND BY: Vice-Chair Shafer
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

E. Discussion Regarding the Archaeological Inventory Survey of the Private Residence Sunshade Roof Project at 61-769 Pāpa‘iloa Rd. Kawailoa Ahupua‘a, Waialua District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 6-1-004:087.

Recording: 38:32-49:36

- Chair Caceres-Received call from Traven, during 2nd Kona storm the trench flooded. Iwi were pedastaled within the trench and the iwi were washed out. Unsure if they are still in the trench. SCS made the effort to recover the iwi and was unable to find the two individuals. There was concern by the contractor that the house was going to collapse into the trench and would be backfilled with concrete. Requested someone from SCS present and Mike responded that he was unable to attend today because he's at the Maui IBC meeting. Intend to reach out to deputy AG on what role the OIBC has in the future. Believe we should explore every option to protect the iwi kupuna even if we're unsure where they may be.
- Member Ako-Would caution against a presentation that isn't open to the public.
- Chair Caceres-Understanding is that the existing foundation was failing being adjacent to the trench.
- Member Ako-What permitting process was involved in this happening. The area is having similar issues related to foundations. Red flag the situation is being used to circumvent the process.
- Susan Lebo-Not aware of filling with concrete but was aware that they wanted to fill it. They're indicating the foundation is in danger of collapse because the trench is open. Mike Dega went out to assess the situation and recover the iwi, was apparent the whole area had flooded. Homeowner is concerned of house being undermined and collapsing and they would like to close the trench. Don't have any of the information requested as of now.
- Vice-Chair Shafer-This is not a regular case and we can prepare for the future and if iwi are found make the recommendation to get iwi out of the way.
- Chair Caceres-Will try to get clarification from SCS and appear before the council in May. Main concern was them wanting to backfill with concrete.
- Mana Caceres-Was this AIS for a septic system?
- Susan Lebo-AIS was for putting in a garage.

F. Discussion Regarding an Update on the O‘ahu Island Burial Council Recommendation to Recognize Two Areas as a Registered Burial Site, Located at 49-051 Johnson Rd., Hakipu‘u Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olaupoko District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 4-9-003:002.

Recording: 49:36-50:33

- No update

G. Discussion Regarding an Update on the O'ahu Island Burial Council Recommendation to Recognize Kananelu Beach Park as a Registered Burial Site, Located in Ka'a'awa Ahupua'a, Ko'olauloa District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 5-1-013:011.

Recording: 50:33-59:36

- Member Erhorn-Disturbing that adjoining landowner has refused reburials to occur on their land and instead at Kaawa School. Would like to send a letter to put future remains on the property.
- Chair Caceres-Can write a letter and agendaize for next meeting.
- Vice-Chair Shafer-Spoke with the landowner and he was concerned they were taking advantage of him because descendants were asking for more and more space. There was a road that was built and when it rains they are swept under the road to the beach
- Member Ako-Want to be supportive but caution on how we frame it. When speaking in the hypothetical, hard to have any force with it. Not against with having them involved in the future for reburials.
- Chair Caceres-Landowners have a responsibility.
- Member Mills-The purpose of this is for all iwi kupuna identified to be previously identified and a BTP created. What would be the most timely to get the kupuna back in the ground. If they're previously identified, it would come to the council.

H. Discussion Regarding Presentation by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs on a Portion of Their 2026 Legislative Package, House Bill 2104/Senate Bill 2538 and House Bill 2102/Senate Bill 2536, Relating to the Island Burial Councils and Historic Preservation.

Recording: 59:36-1:06:27

- Nick Belluzzo-Don't have a full update. Have been actively submitting testimony and it seems some of the bills are stalling out.
- Vice-Chair Shafer-One of the bills was to lower the quorum and provide a stipend. Tried to make an appointment with boards and commission and they won't take an appointment.
- Member Erhorn-Every year we go through this and this is the first I've been told that the bills are being considered. Should have been updated on these bills in December. We should know about these bills in advance.
- Member Mills-Were any IBC members that need to go before the legislature to be confirmed?
- Susan Lebo-Unsure. SHPD is actively working with various entities to get more members confirmed for the council.
- Member Ako-OHA was here at a previous meeting to present. Would be good to have on record that OHA should consult with IBCs in advance of the legislative

- sessions. Move that council go on record that OHA consult with burial councils on any proposed legislation

Motions and vote (1:06:00)

MOTION: OHA Consult with IBC's on Proposed Legislation.

MOVED BY: Member Ako

2ND BY: Member Erhorn

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

V. INADVERTENT DISCOVERIES/COMMUNICATIONS

Recording: 1:06:27-1:09:50

Motions and vote (1:06:40)

MOTION: To Add Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery at Kuilima Dr. Oio 2 Ahupuaa, Koolauloa District, Island of Oahu, TMK: (1) 5-7-001:031

MOVED BY: Member Mills

2ND BY: Vice-Chair Shafer

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

- Ryan Gross-Occurred a few weeks ago on Turtle Bay property. Identified iwi kupuna during monitoring. Work halted and coordinated with Traven on protection measures. SHPD has requested an SIHP request so they can move forward with a LOD.

A. Discussion Regarding the Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at the Ka Haku Project, Waikīkī, Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu. TMK: (1) 2-6-023:029.

Recording: 1:09:50-1:10:50

Chair Caceres recuses himself.

- Sara Blahut-Had an in situ individual awaiting a LOD and recieved it for preservation in place. Have found another individual and recieved a letter for relocation.

B. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, SIHP # 50-80-11-08819, at the Kīhāpai Place Development

Project, Kailua Ahupua'a, Ko'olaupoko District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 4-3-058:065 and 066.

Recording: 1:10:50-1:12:00

- Chair Caceres-Question of whether reburial will occur before or after BTP acceptance for AIS that was conducted. Waiting to hear from archaeological firm about the order they would do it.

C. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 4561 Aukai Avenue, Waikiki, Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu. TMK: (1) 3-5-004:020.

Recording: 1:12:00-1:13:24

- Member Erhorn-Is this on the oceanfront?
- Mara Mulrooney-No, its in Kahala.

D. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 5799 Kalaniana'ole Hwy, Waikiki Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 3-7-002:005.

Recording: 1:13:24-1:14:10

- Chair Caceres-Awaiting update on SIHP request form. Will follow up with Traven.

E. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discoveries of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Ālia at 888 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-056:017.

Recording: 1:14:10-1:15:58

- Chair Caceres-Awaiting follow up with Honua Consulting on Burial 5. Encountered a number of coffin burials and was originally believed to be one but not confirmed.

F. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Laniākea during Kamehameha Highway Drainage and Safety Improvements Project, HDOT, Kuikuiloa Ahupua'a, Waialua District, Island of O'ahu, TMKs: (1) 6-1-005:023 and 024; 6-1-009:002, 004, 018, 019, 020, 021, and 022; 6-1-010:001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 019, and 020.

Recording: 1:15:58-1:26:15

Member Mills recuses himself

- Nick Belluzzo-Has been on agenda for a long time. There was an agreement to preserve an individual in place but have been further updates. This is a highway realignment project next to Laniakea Beach. Past finds include disarticulated surface fragments associated with construction of a berm and one iwi kupuna in a flexed position identified during excavation of a storm water drain. Current finds include one iwi kupuna disturbed during unmonitored trenching for a barrier wall and six iwi kupuna mostly intact identified during monitoring. Contractor has trenched without notifying ASM, they were told they could excavate through fill material and stop when they leave the fill. They trenched further than the fill material. Still screening and working through it. In unmonitored excavation there is little of a burial pit left and believe they're mostly in the backdirt that is being screened. Total MNI of 9. Will update when there is a full osteological analysis. The trench is for a wall that separates the parking lot and the highway. It appears that that there will be a gap in the wall if preserved in place and working to figure out what the surface would look like to prevent foot traffic.
- Chair Caceres-Concerned of fact excavation happened without alerting arch firm.
- Vice-Chair Shafer-We discussed preservation in place with Aunty Diane if there were a lot and potentially relocating them if not.
- Nick Belluzzo-No additional individuals have been found outside of this cluster of 7.

G. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 59-585 D Ke Iki Road, Pūpūkea Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olauloa District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 5-9-003:016.

Recording: 1:26:15-1:27:25

- Chair Caceres-There was an ongoing investigation regarding the iwi desecrated. Any plans for reburial?
- Susan Lebo-We're waiting until the investigation is done.

H. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Kalae (formerly Howard Hughes Corporation Block B West Project); Kaka‘ako, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-001:133.

Recording: 1:27:25-1:29:17

Chair Caceres recuses himself.

- Matt McDermott-Latest update there have been numerous inadvertent finds. In the pre-ex investigation 4 in situ burials and clusters of fragments have been found. There is a meeting scheduled for Monday evening with Traven and descendants to discuss.

I. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Launiu (formerly Howard Hughes Corporation Block A Project); Kaka’ako, Honolulu Ahupua’a, Kona District, Island of O’ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-056:001.

Recording: 1:29:17-1:40:59

- Chair Caceres recuses himself.
- Matt McDermott-Found 2 inadvertent discoveries in March and recieved an LOD for relocation to onsite preserve area. A scatter of additional human remains was found near one of them.
- Chair Caceres-Wanted notes about on-site curation facility. Concern there is a high frequency of iwi kupuna being relocated in Kakaako. Understand there are varying opinions from family to family and IBC member to IBC member.
- Matt McDermott-One individual was scattered and one was in a pit feature. The iwi kupuna are planned to reinterred 3rd quarter of 2026
- Member Ako-Try to with hold judgement until there is a BTP presented. Big concern will always be regarding consultation with descendants. As a member of the burial council, need to consider what the descendants have to say.
- Chair Caceres-Is the meeting scheduled going to be for these iwi as well?
- Matt McDermott-Unsure, I believe that its only for Kalae.
- Chair Caceres-Recommend preservation in place. Appreciate CSH and HHC has learned from past mistakes and adapting. Important to awknowledge level of humanity that is needed for what we do.
- Member Erhorn-Always had policy that finds should be kept in place or reinterred as closely as possible.
- Mana Caceres-We’re recognized as descendants. We’re seeing now the reason why we advocate for preservation in place.

J. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Pōka’ī Bay, Wai’anae Ahupua’a, Wai’anae District, Island of O’ahu, TMK: (1) 8-6-001:007.

Recording: 1:40:59-1:42:15

- Chair Caceres-SHPD doesn’t have a count of iwi from this agenda item and the next being temporarily curated by a descendant in Waianae. In ongoing discussion with descendant and landowner.

K. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Mauna Lahilahi Beach Park, Mākaha Ahupua’a, Wai’anae District, Island of O’ahu, TMK: (1) 8-4-001:008.

Recording: 1:42:15-1:43:10

- Nick Belluzzo-Have provided known counts of iwi turned over to descendants to SHPD.

L. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Jefferson Elementary School, Waikīkī, Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu. TMK: (1) 2-6-029:002.

Recording: 1:43:10-1:45:05

- Ryan Gross-3 inadvertent finds during this project. SHPD led consultation following each discovery and responded with two LOD's for preservation in place. SWCA submitted a preservation plan and haven't heard back yet and can provide to the council.
- Member Ako-Is this the fence post project?
- Ryan Gross-Yes

M. Discussion Regarding Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Ka Haku Project, Waikīkī, Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu. TMK: (1) 2-6-023:029.

Recording: 1:45:05-1:45:13

Duplicate agenda item

N. Discussion Regarding Letter from City and County of Honolulu, Dated February 6, 2026, Pertaining to Section 106 Consultation of Salt Lake Boulevard Widening, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu. TMK: (1) 1-1-010.

Recording: 1:45:13-1:46:20

- Chair Caceres-Requires response within 30 days of date sent and can no longer provide comments.
- Member Ako-We lost opportunity to comment.

O. Discussion Regarding Letter from University of Hawaii West Oahu, Dated March 20, 2026, Pertaining to Notice of Inventory Completion and Post-Notice Consultation Phase.

Recording: 1:46:20-1:47:02

- No update

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Descendancy Recognition Application of Grace L. Blevins to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, SIHP # 50-80-04-10137 Located at, Kawailoa Ahupua‘a, Waialua District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 6-1-004:089.

The Council may elect to go into executive session pursuant to HRS § 6E-43.5(e). The Council may close a meeting whenever location or description of a Native

Hawaiian Burial site is under consideration. The chairperson, by concurrence of a majority of members present at the meeting, shall be authorized to require the public to leave the meeting while the confidential matter is being discussed and reopen the meeting once the confidential matter is no longer being considered.

Recording: 1:47:02-1:55:33

- Chair Caceres-SHPD recommends cultural descendency
- Member Ako-Would prefer the agenda states the department's recommendation.

5 minute break

Motions and vote (1:50:35)

MOTION: To Recognize Grace Blevins as a Cultural Descendant

MOVED BY: Member Ako

2ND BY: Vice-Chair Shafer

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

B. Descendency Recognition Application of Grace L. Blevins to Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains, SIHP # 50-80-04-04593 Located at, Lauhulu Ahupua'a, Waialua District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 6-2-001:002.

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Recording: 1:55:33-1:56:05

- Chair Caceres-SHPD recommends cultural descendency

Motions and vote (1:55:55)

MOTION: To Recognize Grace Blevins as a Cultural Descendant

MOVED BY: Member Ako

2ND BY: Vice-Chair Shafer

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

C. Discussion Regarding O'ahu Island Burial Council Membership, Roles, and Responsibilities.

Recording: 1:56:05-1:57:42

- Chair Caceres-Current vacancies on council are for Ewa and Waialua. Reached out to governors office last year about filling vacancies and haven't heard back.
- Member Ako-OHA has made recommendations for filling vacancies but governor hasn't moved forward with them.

D. Updates Regarding Communication with Chair Dawn Chang Pertaining to Ongoing Investigations and Alleged Violations of Chapter 6E, HRS, and its Implementing Administrative Rules, that may Involve Burial Sites and Human Remains under OIBC's Jurisdiction, Pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(4).

Recording: 1:57:42-1:58:46

- Chair Caceres-Have been cc'd on emails sent to acting chair about burials that are part of this investigation and he can't comment further because of an ongoing investigation.

Motions and vote (1:55:55)

MOTION: To Move Agenda Item F (AIS for Proposed Chick-fil-A) up on the agenda

MOVED BY: Member Erhorn

2ND BY: Vice-Chair Shafer

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

E. Discussion Regarding Archaeological Inventory Survey Testing Strategy for the Proposed Chick-fil-A #05829 at 164, 170, and 174 Hāmākua Drive, and 380 Hahani Street in Kailua, Kailua Ahupua'a, Ko'olaupoko District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 4-2-038:046-049.

Recording: 1:58:46-2:17:07

- Alani Apio-Contracted by Chick-fil-A to develop a plan for descendants and project proponents. A&B owns the land, Chick-fil-A is responsible for AIS. Chick-fil-A has been receptive to requests of descendants who support this plan. Kailua descendants have asked for least amount of ground disturbance as possible and it will be built up with fill. Parking lot is using spread footing for lights. This is mauka of pali lanes.
- Carlos Arias-Development manager for Chick-fil-A. 1 acre that encompasses 4 parcels. Proposing to demolish existing structures and then build up. Met with descendants about sensitivities around iwi kupuna with this site.
- Doug Hazelwood-Conducted a LRFI in the past. The site of the project hasn't been surveyed but surrounding area has been with burials found nearby. SHPD has required an AIS.

- Member Mills-With grading up, there would still be ground disturbance.
- Doug Hazelwood-The disturbance would range up to 6ft below grade with the building foundation to be 1-2ft below grade. All test trenches are planned to go to depth of excavation of construction. 40% coverage of area disturbed will be included in AIS. Areas with grease traps or pits will be fully excavated now. Limitations include that current structures on property that are still in business.
- Alani Apio-They've developed an outreach plan.
- Member Ako-Want to commend the approach.
- Chair Caceres-Recommend archaeological monitoring plan be done in a pre excavation style. Any soil that isn't fill is raked through by archaeologists.
- Susan Lebo-Can be done in an addendum AIS once the buildings are demoed.

F. Discussion Regarding Archaeological Inventory Survey and DRAFT Burial Treatment Plan for Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains – Iwi Kupuna – at the Waikīkī Aquarium, Waikīkī Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 3-1-031:006.

Recording: 2:17:07-2:50:43

- Doug Hazelwood-All recognized descendants are comfortable with preservation in place with HSR-1. 1 descendant that isn't recognized prefers relocation. Previously thought to be fragmentary remains but discovered it was an in situ burial. Only two descendants could attend consultation meeting we held but was able to get feedback from other descendants from emails calling for preservation in place with engineering controls. AIS being conducted concurrent to construction means decisions need to be made prior to acceptance of the AIS and preparation of the BTP. Water lines would be nearby the burial. A 5 sided metal shield over and around all iwi kupuna with vapor barrier over the shield. CLSM jacketing for all water lines in vicinity of HSR-1 and a permanent planter above HSR-1. After all consultation, 2 descendants prefer relocation either on-site or to Waikiki Memorial, one of those descendants is also willing to accept preservation in place. Primary concern is potential failure in pressurized water lines and if preserved in place only natural materials be used to preserve the iwi in place. Requesting guidance on these unresolved issues in consultation.
- Chair Caceres-Typically determination on disposition is done at the conclusion of the AIS.
- Member Erhorn-Prefer preservation in place.
- Mana Caceres-Encountered this when I was on council years ago and had to make sure the interim protection measures were identical to what will be in the BTP.
- Chair Caceres-That only applies under the premise of determining the burial will be preserved in place.
- Susan Lebo-You can't make a determination at this point, can only make a recommendation. If there are no iwi kupuna findings, they would finish out the AIS. If there are findings, they have to follow the full AIS report and once accepted they can submit the BTP for acceptance. They have to preserve in place allowing for burial council when the BTP comes forward to make the final decision. Interim

- protection measures. Protection measures are typically determined between SHPD, descendants, and project proponents.
- Member Ako-Whatever is proposed in the interim should not impede the long term plan. Recall from the meeting that if the iwi are relocated there could be further harm.
 - Chair Caceres-Becasue there isn't imminent harm to the burials, we shouldn't consider relocation. Prefer steel over concrete because steel stops construction operators
 - Member Mills-Want to respect the recognized descendant's wishes. If there is a catastrophic failure, will the metal protect the iwi? Recommend concrete.
 - Member Erhorn-Steel won't be there in 150 years, concrete will.
 - Member Ako-If one of the descendants you consulted with isn't recognized, why is their mana'o given weight. Recommend there not be permanancy with the protection measures
 - Chair Caceres-We recommended a couple months ago that cultural stakeholders be included but we can't consider his request for relocation at this point. Recommend 5 sided concrete vault and other proposals.

Member Mills leaves. Quorum is lost.

G. Discussion Regarding Burial Treatment Plan Preparation for Sites within H RTP Operational Phase 4, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, various TMKs.

Recording: 2:50:43-3:01:40

- Matt McDermott-Hope to get AIS approved soon to work on the BTP. Will have a draft BTP to Traven to be able to come before council at next meeting. All 22 locations are completed, 2 locations had iwi kupuna. Hoping to use Ililani as a reinterment site for one of the burials. Trench F will be preserved in place. Vertical and horizontal steel plates will be used as protection measures. Property is owned by HART with DTS adjacent. Trench G proposed relocation to Ililani reinterment site. A small concrete vault would be installed next to the existing one, but need confirmation from Ililani assocaiation of unit owners. If they say no, the backup in the BTP will be relocation to Trench F. Inadvertent discoveries have been reburied in February 25, 2026. Have determination for PIP for two burials. SIHP 10160 proposing a 2x4 steel plate over top of the vault. Need concurrence of Honolulu Community College. SIHP 10295 proposing a 2x4 area would be sufficient. Cultural descendants were generally in acceptance of proposed treatments and will seek additional comments from them.

H. Discussion Regarding the Student Housing Project on Kalākaua Avenue, Waikīkī Ahupua'a, Kona District, O'ahu, TMKs: (1) 2-6-015:023 and 045.

Recording: 3:01:40-3:12:03

- Matt McDermott-Area will have less than 2ft of ground disturbance for the most part. A lot of soil remediation has been done. Water table is at 5-7ft with fill about 4ft below. Project is a 9 story, 33 unit student housing residence. Ground disturbance includes demo of existing structure, grading, and excavations of new building foundation, utilities, elevaotr, and landscape/hardscape. Awarded during mahele to Lunalilo. Appears to historically be in a marshy area outside of ag lands and fishponds. Past archaeological reports show historic structures and a burial nearby. Proposed AIS testing strategy is focused on deepest ground disturbance with 1% testing of project area. Will continue to consult with descendants, submit AIS strategy to SHPD, complete fieldwork and report and update OIBC with results.

I. Discussion Regarding Kailua Burial Map Development, Kailua Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olaupoko District, Island of O‘ahu, Various TMKs.

Recording: 3:12:03-3:21:40

- Nick Belluzzo-Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs wanted to have all projects involving jaucus sands go to SHPD for review. A permitted interaction group was formed and recommended that SHPD establish a boundary for the Kailua community burial ground assign SIHP, and determine if eligible for register of historic places. Also SHPD and DPP to work together to figure out how this would work. Could serve as a model for protections of burial grounds on other parts of the island. Missing Bishop Museum data, precise locational data in some instances, and burial site files stored at SHPD. 366 iwi kupuna identified of which Bishop museum accessioned 145 iwi kupuna between 1926 and 1982. Geodatabase was built with higher density based on the distance from and number of burials nearby and is designed to be iterative. Missing instances of non-reporting, unmonitored, missing files, and pre-historic preservation law finds. Bias based on nature and timing of ground disturbance, e.g., post-and-pier construction in the 1950s vs. recent mass grading. Hoping once there is a boundary that is agreed upon, something will happen but what? Would like to come back next month.
- Susan Lebo-We’re continuing to find records related to burial finds in this area.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The Next OIBC Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 10:00 A.M., at the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Kalanimoku Building, Board Room #132, 1151 Punchbowl St., Honolulu, HI 96813.**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Caceres calls for adjournment at 1:49pm.

To provide written testimony:

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To provide in-person oral testimony:

Attend the meeting in person: address, date, and time are on the meeting notice and at the top of the agenda.

We kindly ask that all oral testimony be limited to not more than three (3) minutes. We ask that you identify yourself and any affiliation before speaking, but you can choose not to do so.

Pursuant to HRS § 92-3, all interested persons shall be afforded the opportunity to present oral testimony or submit data, views, or arguments, in writing, on any agenda item. Public testimony for items listed on the agenda is strongly recommended to be limited to three minutes per agenda item. We ask that you identify yourself and any affiliation before speaking, but you can choose not to do so.

Pursuant to HRS § 6E-43.5(e), the council may hold a closed meeting if the location and description of a burial site is under consideration.

The OIBC may go into Executive Session pursuant to HRS § 92-5(a)(4) to consult with its attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Council's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

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