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MINUTES FOR THE KAUAI-NIIHAU ISLANDS BURIAL COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: February 19, 2014 – Wednesday

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. --- Conference Room, 3rd Floor TIME:

Lihue State Office Building, 3060 Eiwa Street, Lihue, Kauai 96766 PLACE

I. Call to Order/Opening Pule.

Chairman Kunane Aipoalani called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

II. Roll Call. Quorum established.

Mauna Kea Trask Present: Kunane Aipoalani Keith Yap

> Barbara Say Nathan Kalama

Excused: Debi Ruiz

State Historic Preservation Division support staff:

Ms. Phyllis Coochie Cayan, KNIBC kako'o

Ms. Kauanoe Hoomanawanui, Hawaii Island Burial Specialist

III. Opening Remarks.

Chairman Aipoalani welcomed all to the regularly scheduled meeting of the KNIBC with acknowledgment of two attendees who are awaiting confirmation by the state senate to the KNIBC.

A Pule Wehe was offered by Kumu Nathan Kalama.

IV. Approval of December 18, 2013 council minutes.

Motion by Barbara Say, seconded by Keith Yap to accept the December 18, 2013 minutes as submitted. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

V. New Business

A. Council vote for a new chairperson and a new vice-chairperson. Staff to count and announce results.

- Nomination for the position of Chairperson was opened to the council. Only one name was offered for the nomination - Mr. Keith Yap. The KNIBC voted by voice count to unanimously elect Keith Yap to serve as the next chairperson. Yap graciously agreed to serve as the next chairperson.
- Nomination for the position of Vice-chairperson was opened with two names offered - Ms. Debi Ruiz and Mr. Mauna Kea Trask. The voting was done by written votes.

The final count showed one vote for Ruiz and four votes for Trask. Mr. Mauna Kea Trask graciously accepted the vice-chairperson kuleana.

Kunane thanked the council for working together all these years and stated he will
continue to kokua especially in the reinterment work for na iwi kupuna.

VI. Information and Updates

- A. Strategic Planning for next steps:
 - a. KNIBC Public Information Group outreach results including but not limited to mapping and how such information shall be stored at SHPD, and any response from SHPD on the group's letter and report sent to the SHPD Administrator in December.

SHPD's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Specialist Nick Belluzo gave an overview of GIS to the council members. He noted that GIS began in the 1970s by the Bishop Museum to compile geographic data of which the SHPD received a compilation up to the year 2005. Data is locational and details any cultural resources. In 2012, he rebuilt the SHPD system to enter data and update the previous database. Information from Inadvertent discoveries will include the information and buffers for any burials. There is a restriction on burials data when the burial councils make a determination the information is 'sensitive' – and there will be a tier of access to that data.

Discussion included but not limited to the following points:

- 1. Project review with GIS of all new areas will be in the report and entered into the system.
- 2. Access to any burials data is not for public. High concern to protect burials from desecration. Each burial site needs to be "confidential."
- 3. Data is entered in the GIS database from 'legacy data' which can be old maps, reports and so on. There may not be a designation exactly where burials are but one can FLAG there are burials in the area. Newer data will include the parcel number, the tax map key (TMK), etc.
- 4. Caution in going forward and not mapping out specific areas that may encourage desecration.
- 5. Specify unmarked burial sites and location in Hawaiian.
- 6. Concern on correct spelling of names of persons and places on the maps. Example of a Pake man named Thomas Goomon but notated as "Go-man" in a consultant's report.

GIS will take all the data, look at relationships and the TMK to flag where there may be cultural resources and/or historic properties. The TMK can be flagged if it has any kind of resources.

Comment on not want any data on TMKs near the ocean where folks can access sites. Also, if the original burial site is flagged and there is a reinterment nearby it does not preclude more burials in the original spot and/or general area. The KNIBC is very clear it does not want further probing in any area where an inadvertent may occur and will continue to list their concerns in any future burial treatment plan including how data may be accessed.

Oral history can also be attached to the location and will be in the GIS links to the database. SHPD is rebuilding from the 2005 database with about 36 percent coming from reports to identify the resources. There is a need for more and better data to make the GIS a helpful working tool.

Motion by Mauna Kea Trask, seconded by Barbara Say to receive Nick Belluzo's mana'o on GIS. Vote was by unanimous consent. The motion passed to receive Nick Belluzo's mana'o on GIS.

b. Work plan to reinter current SHPD inventory of Kauai Na Iwi Kupuna. Discussion on possibly reinterring all na iwi in the SHPD storage facility. Many of these are from early years and there has been no addition to the inventory since then. Commissioner Aipoalani is concerned and prepared to reinter all the West side na iwi at a designated burials area. Possibly do an inventory and check on the condition of baskets and boxes before next month's meeting with staff and one or two commissioners. This is yet to be confirmed by staff on date and work scope.

A concern raised by Commissioner Trask if all are under NAGPRA. Staff noted that all of these if from museums were returned and went through the NAGPRA process already. Barbara Say added that there is a burial area in Hanalei for those from that area. Details will be worked on once the assessment is completed and the next steps can be determined.

- c. KNIBC continued community outreach next steps. Commissioner Trask noted that the outreach documented some of the Hawaiian community mana'o and their concerns, a letter was sent to the SHPD Administrator for comment. The next outreach may be on the recognition process for descendancy claims. The KNIBC will discuss when this may occur.
- d. Update on KNIBC subcommittee monitoring of Section 106 projects. Both Kunane and Keith attended the UH seminar on laws that apply to burials. The handouts included books and a CD on the pertinent laws. Copies of the OHA handbook on the laws was distributed to the KNIBC and staff by Ms. Wanda Kau Shibata, Governor's Liaison for Kauai Island.

It was noted that the KNIBC individuals travelled on their own expense as a request for SHPD to cover travel was too late for consideration. Trask pointed out in a previous email that the SHPD was to reimburse council members for any expense in the course of upholding their council duties. Question on whether Mileage would be reimbursed for the KNIBC.

- VII. Adjournment. The meeting ended at 11:15 a.m.
- VIII. Next scheduled meeting is March 19, 2014, Wednesday at location to be determined.