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Kaua'i Ni'ihau Island Burial Council
Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, July 16, 2014
TIME: 09: 07am To 10:34 pm
PLACE: Kauai Department of Transportation
Conference Room
1720 Haleukana Street
Lihue, Hawaii 96766

KNIBC MEMBERS: Keith Yap, Landowner/Developer Representative
Mauna Kea, Koloa Representative
Janet Kao Bradford, Lihue Representative
Palala Harada, Napali Representative
Barbara Say, Hanalei Representative
Leiana Robinson, Ni'ihau Representative
Debra Ruiz, Waimea Representative

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Nathan Kalama, Excused

SHPD STAFF: Kauanoe Hoomanawanui, Kauai Island Burial Sites Specialist
Mary Jane Naone, Kauai Island Lead Archeologist

GUESTS: Eric Fujikawa, COK
Wynne Ushigoma, COK
Milton Ching, SCS
Elaine Serizawa, DOT
Wanda Kau-Shibata, Governor's Office

I. OPEN REMARKS:

Keith Yap, KNIBC Chair called meeting to order at 9:07 am

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II. ROLL CALL/ PULE:

Niihau Representative Leiana Robinson gave pule.

Chairman Yap, KNIBC members and the SHPD staff introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 21, 2014

Barbara Say moved and Mauna Kea Trask seconded motion to approve minutes.

Chairman Yap opens the floor for discussion.

Motion approved unanimously.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Introduction of New KNIBC Member Wayne Palala Harada Replacing Na Pali Geographic Representative and Former Chair Kunane Aipoalani.

Introduction/Farewell: Introducing Wayne Palala Harada and Mahalo Farewell Kunane Aipoalani.

Keith Yap introduces Palala Harada as our newly appointed Napali KNIBC Representative, Mahalo Wayne.

B. Draft Burial Treatment Plan for County of Kauai Senior Housing Project, SIHP 50-30-11-2195, Kalapaki Ahupua'a, Puna District, and Island of Kauai, TMK (4) 3-6-004:009.

Information/Discussion/Recommendation/ Determination: Discussion on the above plan, determination whether to preserve in place or relocate human skeletal remains, and recommendation to SHPD whether to accept the Burial Treatment Plan. Presentation by Scientific Consultant Services, Inc.

Chair Yap describes the site visit conducted with Milton Ching of SCS and Kaeo Bradford adds the investigation went positive. Milton Ching of SCS introduced himself and explained the expansion made to the buffer size of the burial site in the project area. The permanent buffer size is 50x 70 with a 12 foot extension on the northern flank. After investigating further oral history it was necessary to expand that area of the burial site. Page 18 has a visual of the buffer size. The HOA will be maintaining the burial site utilizing hand clearing techniques instead of machinery. The HOA has designed a gardening project that abuts the burial site buffer. In consultation it became known that most of the descendants of this Hookano burial site have passed away. There was one Ohana that gave response but unable to make it to this meeting. We found him in San Francisco. Councilmember Debra Ruiz emphasizes the inclusion of recommendations from the Ohana. Milton clarifies that the last the Hookano lived there in 1949. Chair Yap clarifies that the trees within the burial site are to be preserved and not cut, especially the mango tree.

Keith Yap moved and Barbara Sat seconded motion to preserve in place.

Chair Yap opened the floor for discussion.

Motion approved unanimously.

Barbara Say moved and Kaeo Bradford seconded motion to recommend to SHPD to accept the Burial Treatment Plan with recommendations.

Chair Yap opened the floor for discussion.

Councilmember Say recommends corrections to the Lihue District in the title as it is the Puna District and also to include descendants response based on the approval of their disclosure.

Motion approved unanimously.

C. Section 106 Consultation Regarding Koloa Guardrail and Safety Improvements District of Koloa, Island of Kauai, Ahupua'a of Koloa & Lawai. Federal Aid Project No. HRRP-0520 (001), TMK: (4) 2-7-003, (4) 2-5-004, (4) 2-5-005, (4) 2-5-010, (4) 2-6-009, and Koloa Road (por.), County of Kauai Right -of -Way.

Information/Discussion/Recommendation: Discussion and recommendation of the consultation listed above. Presentation by Department of Transportation.

Eric Fujikawa and Wynne Ushigoma from the County of Kauai introduce themselves and Fujikawa continues to describe the current consultation as they are making improvements in the Koloa area. Are there any comments for our improvements? Chair Yap recommends notifying SHPD if any human skeletal remains come up.

D. Section 106 Consultation Regarding Resurface Collector Roads at Various Locations Haua'ala, Maillihuna and Portion of Olohena Roads, District of Kawaihau Island of Kauai, Ahupua'a of Kapa'a. Federal Aid Project No: STP-0700(068), TMK (4) 4-6-00, (4) 4-6-14, (4) 4-3-03.

Information/Discussion/Recommendation: Discussion and recommendation of the consultation listed above. Presentation by Department of Transportation.

Eric Fujikawa continues to explain the resurfacing of the roads based on wear and tear and will be working within impacted areas. We will be replacing markings and signs and any recommendations? Chair Yap concludes with the same recommendation as before to notify SHPD if any iwi come up.

V. SHPD INADVERTENT DISCOVERIES/OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

A. KNIBC Letter to SHPD including Burial Registration Testimonies.

Information/Discussion: Discussion on the KNIBC Burial Registration Outreach.

Ms. Hoomanawanui of SHPD explains the AG response and the burial site registry provides the opportunity for KNIBC to assist in the burial inventory based on oral testimony. To better assist the KNIBC SHPD will try to gain a better insight on the response needed to include this in the burial registry. Chair Yap suggests this information should be recognized by the State. Hoomanawanui would like to combine the KNIBC and State inventory in the burial registry. We will try harder to work together in gaining protection for the iwi kupuna.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20, 2014.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Yap adjourned the meeting at 10:34 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kauanoë Hoomanawanui