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I. Robin Kaye
Theresita Kinnaman
Robert Parsons
Ron Terry
Michael Tulang
N. Mahina Tuteur

Meeting held on
Tuesday, November 5, 2019,
1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

No. 1 Capitol Building, Room 410 Executive Office on Aging
250 S. Hotel St., Honolulu, HI 96813

Members Present (11): Puananionaona Thoene (Chairperson); Mary Begier (Vice-Chair); Roy Abe; Stephanie Dunbar-Co; Keith Kawaoka (Acting Director, *ex officio*, Office of Environmental Quality Control [OEQC]); Maka'ala Ka'auomoana; Robin Kaye; Theresita Kinnaman; Robert Parsons; Michael Tulang; Mahina Tuteur

Members Absent: Ronald Terry

Staff Present: Bill Cooper, Deputy Attorney General; Leslie Segundo, OEQC

Public Present: Scott Glenn, Director, Hawaii Energy Office (DBEDT)

Note: Text in **bold** indicates the original text of the agenda

1. Call to order, roll call and quorum, introductions

With a quorum of eleven members, Chairperson Thoene convened the meeting at 1:02 PM. Chairperson Thoene welcomed Acting Director, Keith Kawaoka who gave a brief history of his background and tenure at the Department of Health. All present introduced themselves.

2. Review and approval of prior meeting minutes

MOTION: Member Begier moved, and Member Ka'auomoana seconded, that the Council approve the draft minutes for October 1, 2019. Member Parsons proffered several edits concerning the Annual Report Committee update. On page 2, under item 4, third bullet, insert the word "Dashboard" after "Aloha Plus Challenge". On page 3, under item 4, third bullet, delete "waste reduction group plan" and replace with "landfill reduction goal". On page 3, under item 4, third bullet, insert after "HPOWER" the phrase "or land filling at other islands." A brief discussion ensued. Member Ka'auomoana moved, and Member Begier seconded that original motion for approval be amended to incorporate the changes identified by Member Parsons. Chairperson Thoene called for the question, and the Council unanimously approved the motion, as amended (9-0-2), with Members Dunbar-Co and Kaye abstaining.

3. OEQC Director's Report

Acting Director Kawaoka briefly discussed his new role as Acting Director for the Office in addition to his existing role as Deputy Director for Environmental Health until the Governor nominates a permanent OEQC Director. He invited the Council to contact him should the need arise.

4. Annual Report Committee Update

Committee Chair Parsons reported on the following items:

(1) The Annual Report (AR) Committee met earlier, and the Committee Chair noted that letters have been finalized and transmitted to each of the six agencies (DAGS, DBEDT, DLNR, DOH, DOT, and HTA); (2) Member Thoene met with the HTA on October 31, 2019. Chairperson Thoene, and Committee Chair Parsons met earlier today with DAGS and the DLNR. A meeting with the DOT is scheduled for November 14, 2019. DOH plans to submit a written response drafted by Deputy Director Kawaoka and Mr. Lorrin Kim, Chief of the Office of Planning, Program and Policy Development. Staff is following up with DBEDT on a future meeting time. When interviews and responses have been completed, both Committee Chair Parsons and Chairperson Thoene plan to write up notes and work on formatting; (3) Committee Chair Parsons requested that members submit an updated biography and photograph of themselves; (4) Committee Chair Parsons is projecting to have draft write-ups by the December 3, 2019, meeting. He noted that the Office still has the files from the last Annual Report which can be cleaned up, then used as a template for an Adobe In-Design file; and (5) Member Begier informed the Council that she plans to speak with Ms. Kitty Lagaretta about interns to help with the layout of the annual report.

5. Information and Outreach Committee Update

Committee Chair Abe reported that the Committee drafted procedures for public presentations. A brief discussion ensued on the goal for presentations/fora. The Hawai'i Congress of Planning Officials (HCPO) and the Hawai'i Conservation Conference (HCC) were identified as two future venues to do a trifold display board. Discussion continued on the Council doing one presentation/forum per year. If the Richardson School of Law is to be a venue, the event should be scheduled for a time when students are on break (on Saturdays or during interim sessions). Committee Chair Abe said that in the interest of fairness events should feature speakers from both sides of controversial issues. A brief discussion also ensued on using law students from the Environmental Law Program to assist the Council. Member Tuteur reported that Professor Malia Akutagawa asked her to speak to her class on historic preservation with particular focus on cultural impact assessments. Chairperson Thoene agreed to agendize Member Tuteur's interactions with Professor Akutagawa's class. Member Tuteur also invited interested members to Hawaiian Law Trainings on Hawai'i island in December. Member Begier planned to present a mock-up trifold display for comment and possible approval at the next meeting. Member Dunbar-Co suggested that in addition to the physical trifold display, the Committee ensure that it retains a digital copy of the poster.

6. Meeting Dates for 2020

For calendar year 2020, the Council agreed to meeting on the first Tuesday of the month except for November, when it would meet on the second Tuesday. Committee Assignments for 2020: Administrative Rules (Chair Thoene, Members Ka'aumoana and Terry); Annual Report (Chair Parsons, Members: Abe, Dunbar-Co, Kaye, and Kinnaman); Exemption (Chair Terry, Members Ka'aumoana, Thoene, Tulang); Information and Outreach (Chair Begier, Members: Abe and Parsons); Legislative (Chair Kaye, Members Begier, Tuteur and Tulang). Meeting times agreed to are: Administrative Rules (11:00 AM); Annual Report (11:30AM - 12:00 PM); Exemption (12:00 PM -1:00 PM); Information and Outreach (11:00 AM - 11:30 AM); Legislative (12:00 PM - 1:00 PM).

7. Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

8. Public Forum: Mr. Scott Glenn, Director of the Hawaii Energy Program spoke with the Council. Member Parsons asked Mr. Glenn if he would kindly draft the outgoing Director's report.

9. Adjournment: The Meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.