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MINUTES (Draft)

State of Hawai'i, Environmental Council
Tuesday, June 2, 2020, 1:00 PM– 3:30 PM
On-Line Meeting

David Y. Ige
Governor

Chairperson
Puananionaona Thoene

Vice Chair
Mary Begier

Members
Roy Abe
Stephanie Dunbar-Co
Dawn Hegger-Nordblom
Makaala Kaaumoana
Ian Robin Kaye
Theresita Kinnaman
Ron Terry
Michael Tulang
N. Mahina Tuteur

Members Present: Puananionaona Thoene (Chairperson); Roy Abe; Mary Begier; Maka'ala Ka'auomoana; Keith Kawaoka (Acting Director, OEQC); Robin Kaye; Theresita Kinnaman; Ron Terry; Michael Tulang; Mahina Tuteur

Members Absent: Stephanie Dunbar-Co and Robert Parsons

Staff Present: William Cooper (Deputy Attorney General); Kathy Ho; Leslie Segundo (Environmental Health Specialist); Jennifer Ching (Secretary)

Public Present: Brian B; Walter Billingsly (City Department of Design and Construction)

Note: **Bolded** items below indicate text from the agenda.

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

With quorum of nine members, Chairperson Thoene convened the meeting at 1:05 pm.

2. **Review and approval of prior meeting minutes**

None.

3. **OEQC Director's Report**

Acting OEQC Director Keith Kawaoka congratulated Kathy on her Agriculture and Environment Committee approval in the full senate approval.

The legislature met a week ago and the budget was submitted to the Governor. The plan is for the Legislature to reconvene June 15 for two weeks. At that time the Legislature and the Governor's office will look at the economic situation and how the budget needs to be adjusted. Departments asked to look at cuts to operational budget and possible vacancies to be eliminated or cut from expenditures. This may affect the OEQC Director's position.

4. **Exemption Committee**

Committee Chair Ron Terry reported that the Exemption Committee met today at 12:00pm.

a. **Discussion of and action to approve the City & County of Honolulu Department of Design and Construction exemption list for publication in The Environmental Notice for public comment period**

Committee Chair Terry thought the list was very responsive to the basic idea to shift into part 1 and part 2 and thinks it is ready to go for public release.

MOTION: Committee Chair Terry moved for the Department of Design and Construction exemption list to be made public in the next available OEQC Environmental Notice (no second needed). There was no discussion. The Council Chair called for the question. The Environmental Council unanimously approved the motion (10-0-0).

5. Legislative Committee Update

Committee Chair Robin Kaye has nothing to update on and turned it over to Acting Director Keith Kawaoka.

Acting Director Kawaoka commented that several special committees have been having meetings. The House on economic recovery aspect and the Senate special committee was assembled to look at various aspects of the COVID response. Senate Ways and Means (WAM) and the Tourism Economic Development Committee have been meeting on the recovery aspects. The budget has been submitted and will probably be revised based on the revenues.

6. Annual Report Committee Update

Chairperson Thoene announced that the Annual Report Committee has been working on getting a draft ready since the last meeting and announced that we have a bid.

Les Segundo announced that we have one bid for \$13,802 and the report must be completed by the end of June.

Chairperson Thoene asked if there were any questions. Robin Kaye asked if the spending has been approved or still pending. Keith answered that it is still pending. Jen commented that it goes to PO and then once the Annual Report is approved, they can write a check for the bidder. Member Kaye is concerned that the PO will be rejected and there is no money, where does that leave the bidder who is set to complete the project by the end of June. Jen said that it would go to the next fiscal year.

7. Information & Outreach Committee Update

None.

8. Review of the Environmental Council's Rules of Practice and Procedure

<http://oegc2.doh.hawaii.gov/Laws/HAR-11-201-EC-Practice-Procedure-Unofficial.pdf>

a. Action to approve emergency.

b. Action to approve forming a permitted interaction group (PIG) if the prior action is approved.

Chairperson Thoene proposes to the EC that we make a PIG and have a smaller group die into it and see if additional rulemaking is needed. Chairperson Thoene opened it up to the EC for discussion.

MOTION: Member Kaaumoana made the motion to create a PIG to review the rules and Member Kaye seconded it. Chairperson Thoene opened it up for discussion and asked who

would like to be on the PIGs. Members Kaaumoana, Tuteur, Thoene, and Kaye stated their interest in being on the PIG. The EC unanimously approved the motion (10-0-0).

9. Next Meeting, Tuesday, July 7, 2020, 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

The next meeting will be online.

10. Public Forum

None.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:23 PM