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Annual Report Committee Meeting
State of Hawaii Environmental Council
Tuesday, September 1, 2020, 11:15 AM – 11:45 AM

Minutes (DRAFT)

Members Present: Rob Parsons (Chair), Roy Abe, Stephanie Dunbar-Co, Robin Kaye, Tessie Kinnaman

Public/Guests: Leslie Segundo (OEQC), William Cooper (AG's Office)

- 1. Call to order, roll call and quorum, introductions.**
Chair Parsons called the meeting to order at 11:20am (member Dunbar-Co joined At 11:30am). Meeting was conducted via Zoom.
- 2. Discussion of 2019 Annual Report, with status update.**
Chair Parsons reported that after many delays, the 2019 Annual Report has been sent to the printer and will soon be transmitted to OEQC for electronic and hard copy distribution.
- 3. Discussion of projected timeline and logistics to formulate 2020 Annual Report.**
Chair Parsons suggested being open to input of committee and full council. He noted member Dunbar-Co's comment about assessing the impact of COVID-19 on agencies. Member Kinnaman asked whether we would be asking whether their environmental goals have been accomplished. Chair Parsons suggested asking if we rephrase it to ask how their efforts to meet goals has been compromised. Member Kaye thought adding Federal and County agencies was key, given how pandemic decrees have required interplay among agencies. Member Abe noted that DOH covers all the Counties and we could ask them how they plan to adapt and meet their goals, given money and staff was already an issue. Will they re-prioritize? Member Kinnaman suggested adding the Counties and maybe next year adding the Feds. Chair Parsons noted the limited time with 5 months to complete and submit the report by the statutory deadline (Jan.31, 2021), and with no better staff or funds available. Member Dunbar-Co suggested using COVID-19 positive/negative in the context of larger picture of the Council's role in guiding larger issues such as over-tourism, food security and racial injustice. Member Abe noted that in past years there has been more holistic long-range planning, but now agencies are more working in siloes.

Member Kaye noted we still have no [permanent] director, no funds and thus should be very careful and focused in what we take on, and who can pay for it. He suggested a simple 5 or 6 question check box, with a bit of narrative. Member Dunbar-Co agreed that we can't rely just on DOH and thought a Survey Monkey approach could work. The bottleneck in the 2019 report was in interpreting the data. Member Kaye said our introduction could state that we don't have the funds or resources to perform our statutory requirement, and thus this year's report will be very simple and targeted. Chair Parsons noted the 2019 report took 18 months to complete and reiterated we have only 5

months for the 2020 report. He suggested identifying which agencies to contact, honing some questions over the next month or two, and then compiling the data over the final 3 months. Member Kaye said doing interviews like last year won't be feasible. Member Abe suggested taking more of a leadership role in setting overall environmental goals.

4. **Other business and public input or testimony.**

Member Kaye suggested it is time for the Environmental Council to do some broad Planning, similar to a Strategic Planning session. W. Cooper suggested that is a Best suited for the full Council, not the AR Committee.

5. **Next meeting date and agenda.**

Members agreed to meet on September 15, 1pm-2pm.

6. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52am.