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MINUTES

State of Hawai'i, Environmental Council
Tuesday, June 1, 2021, 1:00 PM– 3:30 PM
Online Zoom 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), Mary Begier (Vice-Chairperson), Roy Abe, Stephanie Dunbar-Co, Makaala Kaaumoana, Robin Kaye, Keith Kawaoka (Acting Director), Theresita Kinnaman, Mike Tulang, Mahina Tuteur

Members Absent

Dawn Hegger-Nordblom, Robert Parsons, Ron Terry

Staff

Kathy Ho (Deputy Attorney General), Leslie Segundo (Environmental Health Specialist)

Public

Cody Brooks (RTO Insider)

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

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

With a quorum of ten members present, Chairperson Thoene called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

2. Review and approval of prior meeting minutes

None available.

3. OEQC Director's Report

Acting Director Kawaoka commented that HB1318 is still in the Governor's Office, waiting for his review. He stated that he will be retiring at the end of the month. He also mentioned that Ms. Evans has been in touch with OEQC staff.

4. Rules Committee Update

a. Discussion of potential amendments to Hawai'i Administrative Rules Title 11, Chapter 201

Committee Chair Tuteur updated the Council on the progress of the Rules Committee. They discussed the types of authority the EC will have or not have after the transition. They reviewed proposed edits to the procedural rules section by section and cleaning it up. Chairperson Thoene commented that public has been reaching out asking about what EC does. It might be beneficial create some sort of outreach to educate people on the role of EC.

5. Information & Outreach Committee Update

a. Discussion of status of forums planning

Committee Chair Begier commented I&O is getting ready for the first forum of the year on June 16. Committee Chair Begier mentioned that at the I&O committee meeting, Member Abe called to the attention that there is a policy for hosting online meetings. The Committee will

agendize this item for the July I&O meeting to look at the policies and procedures to incorporate virtual meetings appropriately. The Committee may be asked to do a forum on the EA/EIS process and waiting for further direction.

The upcoming forum is on Wednesday, June 16 from 12 PM – 12:30 PM and the flyers will be distributed shortly. Acting Director Kawaoka or Chairperson Thoene will be the emcee for the forum.

6. Strategic Planning Permitted Interaction Group Update

- a. **Update regarding strategic planning for the Council**
- b. **Update on strategic planning survey**

Committee Chair Kaye commented that they received 37 responses but do not have the results of the survey yet. He mentioned the Committee felt the bigger issue is more with Land Use Commission and other changes going to Office of Planning, not just the Environmental Council. Once the results are received, it would be distributed to members and if appropriate, to potentially reach out to Ms. Evans (OP Director).

Member Abe inquired on how to get on the mailing list to receive The Environmental Notice. Mr. Segundo replied that to get added, email a request to OEQC.

7. Exemption Committee Update

Chairperson Thoene mentioned that no meeting was held as Committee Chair Terry as on vacation and there will be a meeting in July.

8. Legislative Committee Update

Chairperson Thoene mentioned that no meeting was held.

9. Discussion of Transition to Office of Planning

Chairperson Thoene commented that she has been in and will continue contact with Ms. Evans to talk about Council transitions. Ms. Evans intends to attend the July meeting. By the next meeting, the Council should know where it will be housed.

10. Next meeting: Tuesday, July 6, 2021, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

If no Exemptions meeting or scheduled earlier, then EC meeting will be scheduled for 1:00 PM.

11. Public Forum

Member Kaye mentioned that if anyone is planning to travel, do everything that Safe Travel requires.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.