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State of Hawai'i Environmental Advisory Council

Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 1:00 PM

Zoom and in person meeting:

Leiopapa A Kamehameha, Room 405
235 S. Beretania St., Honolulu, HI 96813

Josh B. Green, M.D.
Governor

Chairperson
Puananionaona Thoene

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Mary Begier

Members
Roy Abe
Stephanie Dunbar-Co
Dawn Hegger-Nordblom
Maka'ala Ka'auomoana
Ian Robin Kaye
Theresita Kinnaman
Michele Lefebvre
Gordon Scruton, Jr.
Rachel Sprague
Ron Terry
Michael Tulang
N. Mahina Tuteur

Members Present

Puananionaona Thoene (Chairperson), Mary Begier (Vice-Chairperson), Roy Abe, Dawn Hegger-Nordblom, Makaala Kaaumoana, Tessie Kinnaman, Rachel Sprague, Ron Terry, Mahina Tuteur

Members Absent

Moanaoio Bjur, Stephanie Dunbar-Co, Robin Kaye, Michele Lefebvre, Gordon Scruton, Jr., Michael Tulang

Staff

Mary Alice Evans (Director, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development), Leslie Segundo (Environmental Review Program), Jodi Yi (Deputy Attorney General)

Public

Claude Allen (HHFDC, Project Manager), Sam Bergstrom (State Climate Commission, Americorps Vista), Lyle Fujikawa (DBEDT, Business Development Division), Amanda Ho (Hawaii State Energy Office, Americorps Vista), Tommy Hua (State Energy Office, Transportation Vista), Cheryl Kajitani (HHFDC, Housing Development Specialist), Leah Laramie (Hawaii Climate Change Coordinator), Gwen Yamamoto Lau (Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority, DBEDT), Joseph Patoski (Tourism Research, DBEDT), Claudia Rapkoch (Public Affairs Officer, HSEO), David Sikkink (Foreign Trade Zone #9, DBEDT), Eugene Tian (DBEDT, Research Division), Lisa Webster (OPSD, Coastal Zone Management), Kelly Wong (Office of Attorney General)

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

1. **Call to order, Roll Call, Introductions, Quorum**

With quorum of members 9 present, Chairperson Thoene called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

2. **Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) Director's Report**

Director Evans reports on House Resolution 82. Since it is a single house resolution, there is a choice to carry out the request. The request asks for improvements to the program's website to best encourage public participation. After internal meeting, it was decided that it would be best to convene with the task force that the resolution outlines. The task force would be comprised of ERP, OPSD, two members from EAC, and Sierra Club. The resolution task force is advisory and therefore not subject to Sunshine Laws.

Chairperson Thoene, Members Hegger-Nordblom, Lefebvre, and Terry volunteered to serve from the Council on the task force.

Director Evans additionally reports that OPSD is putting together a biennium budget. This will be a two-year budget.

Chairperson Thoene inquired as to whether the Council should put in a budget request. Director Evans reported that Mr. Segundo can compile a budget of any line items the Council would like included, which will then be submitted to OPSD. Chairperson Thoene further inquired as to what a possible deadline for submission from the Council could be. Director Evans responded that September 1 would be a possible deadline date for any wish list budget requests.

Chairperson Thoene suggests that for future meetings, the committees discuss any budgetary requests that can be submitted on the wish list to OPSD.

3. Exemption Committee Update

- **Action to approve creation of a Permitted Interaction Group to explore means of getting more agency participation in exemption list and potential means of enforcement**

Chairperson Thoene reported that no Committee meeting was held. Committee Chair Terry commented that the Committee will probably meet in September and October. Currently, County of Kaua'i Department of Water published their exemption list for public comment and closes on August 8. A preliminary review is also being conducted for the exemption list submitted by HHFDC.

Committee Chair Terry moved to approve the creation of the Permitted Interaction Group. Member Kaaumoana seconded the motion. Member Kaaumoana states that the PIG will be beneficial in supporting the agencies through the process. During discussions, it was mentioned that the PIG be open to the public, interested agencies, and OPSD staff may want to participate. Also, the PIG is limited to seven Council members. It was determined that the motion would be deferred for future engagement. Committee Chair Terry withdrew the motion and Member Kaaumoana seconded the withdrawal.

4. Information & Outreach Committee Update

- **Discussion the next forum**
- **Discussion of the various "elevator speeches"**

Committee Chair Begier reports that the Information & Outreach Committee was not able to make quorum for their meeting. They will have the same agenda in the next meeting.

5. Rules Committee Update

- **Further discussion of adoption of policies and procedures, including what policies and procedures will be included**

Chairperson Thoene mentioned that the previous meeting, the topics discussed were process for submit exemption lists, process of setting up I&O forum, etc. She will be working on general administrative tasks for the Council. Since moving to OPSD there was past discussions at look at repealing administrative rules and changing to have a policy and procedures document.

- **Draft policies due on August 30, 2022 for discussion at September 6, 2022 EAC meeting**

Committee Chair Tuteur reports that the Rules Committee was not able to make quorum for their meeting. The plan from the Committee's previous meeting was to have all Committee Chairs present drafts on the policies and procedures. The revised plan is to have all draft policies be sent to Committee Chair Tuteur by August 30, so that it can be discussed at the September 6 meeting.

6. Continued discussion of potential for 2022 Annual Report

Member Kaaumoana suggested that the process of changing the policies and procedures should be tied into the report of the Strategic Planning Forum.

Member Terry suggests that they also stress the importance of exemption lists within the report. Member Abe also suggested to include the progress or status of the agencies' work and make recommendations to the Governor. Chairperson Thoene mentioned that this be agendized at the next Annual Report meeting to include who should be reached out to, what topics to include, and getting a timeline. December 1 would be the deadline to submit to OPSD.

7. Next meeting: Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 1:00 – 3:30 PM

- **Reminder: October 4, 2022 meeting will be in person**

This should be a full day with the Rules Committee at 9a.

8. Public Forum

Member Abe asked about the meeting minutes. Director Evans mentioned that OPSD is getting student help from HPU to assist in completing the minutes, but they work on a semester and part-time basis.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM.