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June 2024 Meeting Minutes

Exemption Committee

State of Hawai'i Environmental Advisory Council

Meeting Held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Via ZOOM videoconference

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Ian Robin Kaye
Theresita Kinnaman
Michele Lefebvre
Rachel Sprague

Members Present (2): Michele Lefebvre (Chair); Puananionaona Thoene

Staff Present: Tom Eisen, Kaylie Yoshioka

Members of the Public Present: Ron Terry, Jiaping Fouse (SFA)

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

With two of three members present, Michele Lefebvre convened the meeting at 12:00 PM. All present were introduced.

2. Exemption list status

Agency	Status	Next Action
LISTS		
Department of Hawaiian Homelands	Received 01/12/2024. Waiting to hear back from DHHL.	No action this meeting.
State of Hawaii, School Facilities Authority	Received 03/08/2024. List published in TEN 05/23/2024.	Review any public comments received.
State of Hawaii, Department of Education	ERP Received 04/10/2024, ExComm Received List 05/24/2024.	Internal committee discussion.

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

No further discussion, waiting to hear back from DHHL on suggested revisions to the list to focus the list on agency actions rather than homeowner or lessee actions.

State of Hawaii, School Facilities Authority

The SFA exemption list was published in The Environmental Notice (TEN) on 5/23/2024 and as of the meeting, no comments had been received by ERP. The final day for comments is 06/07/2024. The committee will review any comments received at the next meeting in July, and if no comments are received we will recommend concurrence with the list. Jiaping asked that we share any comments with her co-worker at SFA, Cindy Watanabe.

State of Hawaii, Department of Education

General comments include:

- Updating the date to this year.
- Change references from the Environmental Council to the Environmental Advisory Council.
- Discuss whether Part 1, Type 3, Number 3: Erosion control, slope stabilization, and rock fall control should be Part 2.
- Discuss adding size limit for Part 1, Type 3, Number 6.H.: Open performing areas to clarify these would not be large structures.
- Discuss adding size limit for Part 1, Type 4, Numbers 1 and 2.
- Discuss historically significant trees portion of Part 1, Type 4, Number 1 from the 2006 list.
- Consider adding sprinkler or irrigation system to Part 1, Type 4.
- Discuss clarifying size in Part 1, Type 6 (e.g., lanai) and adding a description of larger size projects for Part 2, Type 6 (e.g., larger buildings or structures).
- Discuss what kind of zoning variances DOE typically requests for Part 1, Type 7 (is it still building setbacks consistent with 2006 list?).
- Discuss applicability of Part 2, Type 2, Number 2.
- Discuss adding more detail and sizing for Part 2, Type 3. Discuss whether pools should be added to the exceptions with gymnasiums, auditoriums, and cafeterias.
- Discuss if there is any level of environmental or health and safety requirements for Part 2, Type 4, Number 1: removal of unexploded ordnances.
- Discuss adding level of detail to Part 2, Type 6, to identify size of buildings and/or type (e.g., gymnasium, cafeteria, auto shop, metal/wood shop) that DOE is demolishing on a regular basis or anticipate demolishing.
- Discuss revising Part 1, Type 3, Number L to read: Replace or reconstruct existing exterior lighting systems in compliance with section 201-8.5, HRS, Night Sky Protection Strategy.

Michele will send these comments to DOE and invite them to the July meeting, and send a follow-up message to DHHL.

3. Review and approval of May 2024 meeting minutes.

Onaona moved to approve the May 2024 meeting notes as drafted, Michele seconded, no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Additional Items

Ron mentioned that it was good to see that there was business before the committee and that agencies are updating their list, since it's a regular source of inquiry.

Onaona mentioned updating the 2019 Exemption Guidance documents (https://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/erp/OEQC_Guidance/2019-09-Exemptions-Guidance.pdf). Tom noted that ERP is getting fewer monthly submittals of exemptions. Tom said it would be useful if it were updated so ERP could use it as a resource and send it out when inquiries come in. Ron

offered to take a look, and ERP is also reviewing. Michele mentioned that Dawn Hegger-Nordblom was interested in joining the Exemption Committee. Onaona recommended that Michele invite Dawn to the July meeting, and we can officially appoint her to the committee at the full council meeting in July.

5. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 PM.