



MINUTES DRAFT
FOR THE MEETING OF THE
HAWAI'I BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DATE: July 12, 2017
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Leiopapa A. Kamehameha Building
Office of Planning, 6th Floor Conference Room
235 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order

Mr. Marzan called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

The following were in attendance:

MEMBERS: Marques Marzan (Bishop Museum)
Holly McEldowney (Department of Land and Natural Resources)
Meyer Cummins (Land Survey Division)
Kamana'o Mills (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
Kalani Akana (Office of Hawaiian Affairs) – arr: 10:17am

ABSENT: Noenoe Silva (University of Hawai'i)
Leo Asuncion (Office of Planning)

STAFF: Arthur Buto (Office of Planning)

ADVISORS: Naomi Losch
Renee Louis

GUESTS: Jacob Burke, Office of Planning Intern (University of Washington)
Bobby Camara (called in: 10:20am for Item 3)

AGENDA ITEM 2: Review of Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2017

Motion: Ms. McEldowney moved to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2017 meeting, and Mr. Cummins seconded the motion.

The members present voted as follows: three Ayes and one Abstention (Mr. Mills) to approve the meeting minutes of June 14, 2017.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Public Comments.

Mr. Camara is working with Frank Trusdell at Hawaiian Volcano Observatory (HVO) reviewing names for geologic maps for Mauna Loa that Frank is printing. The color coded spreadsheet indicates which names he will use on his maps based on what is in the GNIS. Mr. Camara asked that the HBGN review the place names on the spreadsheet at its next meeting.

Mr. Camara also asked if there is a process by which HBGN can join or combine en masse place names that start with “lua,” “lae,” “pu‘u,” and “kipuka” pursuant to HBGN naming guidelines, then go back later for more in-depth review and research. Mr. Mills is agreeable to the mass compression, but the Status Codes of those place names should remain “3” (more research needed), to ensure that the HBGN goes back and does the research.

Ms. Louis reminded Mr. Camara that the HBGN will need to cite sources when decisions are made. In some cases, in the absence of written documentation, “personal observation” or “direct experience” might be acceptable. Mr. Mills cautioned against modern interpretation of historical place names.

Mr. Camara pointed to a feature on Frank Trusdell’s 2017 map labeled “Mokaoku” in Hilo Bay, upper right hand side of map (https://pubs.usgs.gov/sim/2932/a/sim2932a_sheet1.pdf). It’s also in the GNIS that way, but all other maps that he’s seen it spelled “Makaoku.” He would like to Board to review this name at its next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Announcements

None.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Review of Pu‘u ‘ō‘ō Place Names on the Island of Hawai‘i.

The Board reviewed several place names on the Island of Hawai‘i. Of four place names reviewed, three were corrected and one will require more research.

Names reviewed and decisions:

<i>Status Key: 1 = Not Hawaiian; 2 = Not Reviewed; 3 = More Research Needed; 4 = HBGN Corrected; 5 = Already Correct in GNIS; 6 = Name Change; 7 = Other</i>							
Stat	Feat ID	Feature Name	Feature Class	Corrected Name	Src	Notes	USGS Quad Name
4	364035	Puu Oo	Summit	Pu‘u‘ō‘ō	HBGN	BC: s/b Pu‘u‘ō‘ō per Ahahui guidelines; HBGN: more research needed, 4-12-17, HBGN: completed research, no	Hawi

						material found, however, since nearby pu'u are associated with plants and other birds, HBGN concluded this is the logical spelling, 7-12-17	
3	364037	Puu Oo	Summit			BC: s/b Pu'u'ō'ō per Ahahui guidelines; HBGN: more research needed, 4-12-17	Kiholo
4	364039	Pu'u Oo Horse Trail	Trail	Pu'u'ō'ō Horse Trail	HBGN	BC: s/b Pu'u'ō'ō Horse Trail per Ahahui guidelines; HBGN: more research needed, 4-12-17, HBGN: completed research (materials exist contact OP), associative, 7-12-17	Puuoo
4	364040	Pu'u Oo Volcano Trail	Trail	Pu'u'ō'ō Volcano Trail	HBGN	BC: s/b Pu'u'ō'ō Volcano Trail per Ahahui guidelines; HBGN: more research needed, 4-12-17, HBGN: completed research (materials exist contact OP), associative, 7-12-17	Waikoloa Ponds

AGENDA ITEM 6: Review of Selected Place Names on the Island of Moloka'i.

The Board reviewed place names on the Island of Moloka'i. Of 14 reviewed, five were corrected, and nine were already correct in the GNIS.

Names reviewed and decisions:

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Stat	Feat ID	Feature Name	Feature Class	Corrected Name	Src	Notes	USGS Quad Name
4	1965314	Olokui Natural Area Reserve	Park	Oloku'i Natural Area Reserve	HBGN	PNH: refers to the peak, HBGN: associative, 7-12-17	Kamalo
5	1890605	Pālā'au	Civil	Pālā'au	PNH	7-12-17	Molokai Airport
5	1890645	Papaloa Beach	Beach	Papaloa Beach	PNH	7-12-17	Kaunakakai
5	1890606	Pauole Center	Building			HBGN: this is a manmade feature	Kaunakakai

						and may be named after Mitchell Pauole, the Board has no jurisdiction, 7-12-17.	
5	1890646	Pelekuna Beach	Beach	Pelekunu Beach	HBGN	PNH: this feature is not specifically stated, HBGN: associative, this is correct in GNIS and on the current map, 7-12-17.	Kamalo
5	1965315	Pelekunu Preserve	Park	Pelekunu Preserve	HBGN	PNH: this feature is not specifically stated, HBGN: associative, this is correct in GNIS and on the current map, 7-12-17.	Kamalo
5	363259	Pialoa Fishpond	Reservoir	Paialoa Fishpond	PNH	PNH: does not list the generic term "fishpond", HBGN: specific name "paialoa" is correct in GNIS, 7-12-17	Kamalo
5	363350	Pōhakumāliuli	Summit	Pōhakumāliuli	PNH	7-12-17	Ilio Point
5	1890607	Po'olau Beach	Beach	Po'olau Beach	PNH	7-12-17	Ilio Point
4	2637978	Pukoo Fire Station	Building	Pūko'o Fire Station	HBGN	PNH: this feature is not specifically stated, HBGN: associative, 7-12-17.	Halawa OE S
5	363525	Pūko'o Fishpond	Reservoir	Pūko'o Fishpond	PNH	7-12-17	Halawa
4	363787	Puu Kamoo	Summit	Pu'ukamo'o	PNH	7-12-17	Kaunakakai
4	364020	Puu Oahu	Summit	Pu'uo'ahu	PNH	HBGN: conformed to style guide, 7-12-17	Kaunakakai
4	364147	Puukaoku Point	Cape	Pu'uka'ōkū Point	HBGN	PNH: this feature is not specifically stated, HBGN: associative, 7-12-17.	Kamalo

AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjourn

Mr. Marzan adjourned the meeting at 12:04pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 9, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the Office of Planning Conference Room.