



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

DATE: March 14, 2018
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

Ms. McEldowney called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

The following were in attendance:

MEMBERS: Kaleo Manuel (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
Meyer Cummins (Land Survey Division)
Holly McEldowney (Department of Land and Natural Resources)
Noenoe Silva (University of Hawai'i)

ABSENT: Marques Marzan (Bishop Museum)
Brad Ka'aleleo Wong (Office of Hawaiian Affairs)
Leo Asuncion (Office of Planning)

ADVISORS: Arthur Buto (Office of Planning staff)

GUESTS: Nahaku Kalei (National Park Service) joined the meeting by Skype for Business

AGENDA ITEM 2: Review of Meeting Minutes for February 14, 2018:

MOTION: Mr. Cummins moved to approve the minutes; Ms. Silva seconded the motion.

The members present voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of February 14, 2018.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Public Comments

Melia Lane-Kamahele from the National Park Service, emailed to ask if there is a requirement that transit station names be consistent with GNIS or be reviewed by HBGN before they are adopted. There is nothing in the state statute that requires review by

HBGN, but Ms. Lane-Kamahele pointed out that because there is significant federal funding it might be prudent to keep the station names consistent with GNIS.

Malie Beach-Smith, geologist with the Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM), emailed to ask about the name of the stream that empties into Kahana Bay on O‘ahu. The USGS topographical map shows two streams that merge, Kawa Stream and Kahana Stream, but downstream of the confluence, the stream that continues to the bay is unlabeled. There are maps from CWRM and the State Division of Aquatic Resources that both show the stream name at the mouth as Kahana Stream. *Mr. Buto will check with Jenny Runyon of the USGS to determine if the HBGN should determine the names and extents of the streams.*

AGENDA ITEM 4: Announcements

No announcements.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Discuss adding a new decision category, “Alternate name”

To prepare for the next meeting, Board members should think about defining the term “Alternate Name” more precisely and developing guidelines for its use (e.g., What qualifies as an Alternate? How is it different from a Variant Name?).

The GNIS will still only have one Primary Name with Variants. Federal agencies are required to use only the Primary Name from the GNIS. The Alternate Name, if adopted by the HBGN would have no impact on the federal names database, but would allow state agencies the flexibility to use Primary and Alternate Names equally/interchangeably. Also, the HBGN guidelines should be revised to include the Alternate Name definition and usage.

The Board decided to defer discussion of the Alternate Name term and its definition and usage guidelines for a future meeting when there are more members present.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Discuss removing unnecessary descriptors/qualifiers (e.g., “Fishpond”).

The Board decided to defer discussion of removing unnecessary descriptors/qualifiers. This decision might also result in a revision of the HBGN guidelines.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Review of selected place names on the island of Hawai‘i (Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail).

Ms. Kalei explained that Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail (ALKA) is developing a brochure that shows the 175 miles of trail around the island and they want to highlight some of the important place and feature names. Some of these are region names that are not in GNIS, like Kapalilua and Kekahawai‘ole. The park would like to show these on their brochure, but federal agencies can only list what is in the GNIS. That is, if the

names are not in the GNIS, they cannot be displayed on their map/brochure. Furthermore, they must list the official name; variant names can also be listed, but they must be in parentheses underneath the official name.

Kapalilua is a storied region of South Kona (South Kona through western side of Ka‘u – some say all the way to Ka Lae). It doesn’t correspond to a moku or an ahupua‘a, but it reflects the topography – fault lines, cliffs. On maps, such regions have sometimes been listed after ‘ili, and before moku and island. The documentation that Ala Kahakai provided cites kupuna recollections and written documentation. Ms. Kalei agreed to fill out the Name Request forms for the new names that they are requesting.

AB will send New Name form to Nahaku. ALKA will submit them to HBGN for consideration at the next meeting.

The Board turned its attention to the names on ALKA’s list that are in the GNIS, but that have HBGN Status codes of 1, 3, 4 and 5.

[FID: 364285] “Spencer Park at ‘Ohai‘ula Beach.” This is the official name according to the County of Hawaii sign displayed on the beach. *HBGN will request that the feature name in the GNIS be changed to match the official County of Hawai‘i name. AB will check with Jenny to see if GNIS can be corrected directly.*

[FID: 358716] “Cape Kumukahi.” HBGN agrees with ALKA’s request to remove “Cape” from the feature name. It is listed in PNH as “Kumu-kahi – Easternmost cape, Hawai‘i...” There are no additional features in the area with the Kumukahi name. *HBGN will request that the word “Cape” be removed from the feature name.*

AB will check with Jenny to see if the “As” can be changed in the GNIS without further action on HBGN’s part.

[FID: 359521] “Ka Lae” is listed in PNH as two words; maps also show it as two words. Previously HBGN acknowledged the spelling in PNH, but decided to use the concatenated version to be consistent with the Ahahui Guidelines. ALKA researched this name, and found a registered map showing it as two words; PNH’s listing is for Moloka‘i. DHHL has had this discussion also. Board will defer a decision on this name in favor of *further research.*

[FID: 360314] “Kamoi Point.” Boundary marker between South Kona and Ka‘u; title line running from there up. Distinct and no other features with which it might be confused; the Feature Class is “Cape.” HBGN will *request that the word “Point” be removed from the name.*

[FID: 1853121 and 1853077] “Kohala Loko” (South Kohala). The protected side (loko), very storied in that region. The waho side (North Kohala) gets all of the weather (windward side); winds, rains. Documentation — newspapers, historical maps, papakilo.

Well-known term for the region. Mr. Cummins will verify on survey maps that Loko and Waho are labeled. More research needed.

[FID: 361346] “Kohala Mountains.” ALKA is requesting that “Mountains” be removed from the name. In the GNIS, none of the mountain ranges on the other islands have “Mountain” as part of the name. Board will address again when it considers “Loko” and “Waho.”

[FID: 1853078 and 1853122] “Kona ‘Ākau” (“Hema”). ALKA is requesting these names as variants for North and South Kona Districts, respectively. Board will recommend these variants be added to GNIS.

[FID: 1853076 and 1853120] “Hilo ‘Ākau” (“Hema”) for North and South Hilo Districts, respectively. Board will recommend these variants be added to GNIS.

“Hilo Palikū,” “Hilo One” and “Hilo Hanakahi” were mentioned by Board members as other regional names that should be discussed and might be added to the GNIS.

[FID: 365159] “Mookini Heiau.” Notes from a previous Board meeting say, “PNH: Not listed,” but it is in PNH, “Mo‘o-kini – Heiau. Kohala quad...” The Board recommends correcting the spelling to include the ‘okina and removing the word “Heiau.”

[FID: 364169] “Pu‘uloa” and [FID: 364022] “Pu‘u Ohau.” ALKA feels that the Feature Class associated with these features (Summit), is not correct. However, the Feature Class “Summit” includes cones and pu‘u. Pu‘u Ohau is a cinder cone; Pu‘uloa is not a prominent cone, but refers more the area. HBGN will request that the spelling correction for “Pu‘uloa” previously made by the Board be adopted in the GNIS. HBGN will also request that the spelling for Pu‘u Ohau be corrected to Pu‘uohau.

[Noenoe Silva left the meeting at 12:00pm; quorum for the meeting was lost.]

Status Key: 1 = Not Hawaiian; 2 = Not Reviewed; 3 = More Research Needed; 4 = HBGN Corrected 5 = Already Correct in GNIS; 6 = Name Change

Stat	FeatID	Name	Class	Corrected	Source	Notes	USGS Quad
4	358716	Cape Kumukahi	Cape	Kumukahi	PNH	Listed in PNH as “Kumu-kahi – Easternmost cape, Hawai‘i...” There are no additional features in the area with the Kumukahi name, 3-14-18.	Kapoho OE N
4	359138	Hawi	Civil	Hāwī		HBGN: previous spelling correction, 3-14-18.	Hawi OE N
4	359298	Honoke‘a Stream	Stream	Honoke‘ā Stream		HBGN: previous spelling correction, 3-14-18.	Honokane
3	359521	Kalae	Cape			Listed in PNH as two words (for Moloka‘i); maps also show it as two words; HBGN previously acknowledged the spelling in PNH, but decided to use the concatenated version to be consistent with the Ahahui Guidelines. Ala Kahakai researched this name, and found a registered map showing it as two words; DHHL has had this discussion also; more research needed, 3-14-18.	Kalae

4	360314	Kamoi Point	Cape	Kamoi	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: RM 2469 shows this as the boundary marker between Kona and Ka'u; title line running up from there; this cape is distinct and no other features with which it might be confused, 3-14-18	Manuka Bay
3	361346	Kohala Mountains	Range			ALKA: Ala Kahakai requesting that "Mountains" be removed from the name. In the GNIS, none of the mountain ranges on the other islands have "Mountain" as part of the name; similar to Ko'olau range on O'ahu, but Kohala refers to much more; HBGN: will address again when it considers "Loko" and "Waho;" more research needed, 3-14-18.	Kawaihae
4	362161	Māmalahoa Trail	Trail	Māmalahoa Trail		HBGN: previous spelling correction, 3-14-18.	Keahole Point
4	365159	Mookini Heiau	Locale	Mo'okini	PNH	PNH: "Mo'o-kini – Heiau. Kohala quad..." Notes from a previous Board meeting erroneously say, "PNH: Not listed," 3-14-18.	Mahukona OE N
4	1853076	North Hilo District	Civil	Hilo 'Ākau	ALKA	ALKA: requesting these names as variants for North Hilo District; Nupepa Kuokoa Vol. 63, No. 35. Aug. 25 1924. Describing the legislative representative to Senate for District 1, which includes Puna, Hilo Hema, Hilo Akau, and Hamakua. HBGN: recommends that this be added as a Variant, 3-14-18.	Puaakala

3	1853077	North Kohala District	Civil			<p>ALKA: Maly, K.1999. Ke Ala Loa – Ala Nui Aupuni Kawaihae to ‘Anaeho‘omalua, Kohala. P.24-25: “At one point during their adventure, Ka-Miki reportedly called out in praise of the lands of Kohala, describing the boundaries and famed pu‘u (hill) formations of the district in the following saying: O Kohala nui, o Kohala iki, o Kohala loko, o Kohala waho, o Kohala makani ‘Āpa‘apa‘a, o Pili o Kalāhikiola, o Na-pu‘u-haele-lua. ‘Oia ho‘i! ‘Oia la! O nā ‘okina iho la ‘ia o ka ‘āina ha‘aheo i ke kāhilia ka makani ‘Āpa‘apa‘a e ho‘ola‘au mai ana me he ipo ala ka nē hone i ka poli o ke aloha — Large Kohala, little Kohala, inner Kohala, outer Kohala, Kohala of the ‘Āpa‘apa‘a wind, of Pili and Kalāhikiola, the two traveling hills. Indeed! They are the combined sub-districts of this proud land brushed by the ‘Āpa‘apa‘a wind, maturing like a love nestled fondly in the bosom of love (Ka Hoku o Hawai‘i, March 22,1917). For generations, sayings like the one above, have been spoken in praise of Kohala and its various land divisions which extend from Honoke‘ā on the Hāmākua boundary to Ke-ahu-a-Lono on the Kona boundary.”</p> <p>Desha, Rev. S. L. 2000. Kamehameha and His Warrior Kekūhaupi‘o. p.196: The Kīpu‘upu‘u army was divided into various sections, one of them being those trained in the use of the bow and arrow, led by a very skilled ali‘i named Waheakalani of Kawaihaeuka. The warriors trained in the use of slingstones were led by Ha‘awenui of Kohalaloko who was very skilled in this type of warfare. The division carrying the spears and stone battle-adzes were led by Nu‘uanuakalani‘ōpu‘u as the general of this army.</p> <p>Excerpt from the Hawaiian Nupepa Collection: KA MAKAAINANA. Buke 7, Helu 10, Aoao 1. 8 Malaki 1897. ‘ao‘ao 3 “Ke ku kona moku i ke awa no hoolei oia i kana na opelu he nui loa i kana upena. E ai mea hou ana o Kohala nei i na opelu hou; mai Kohalawaho a me Kohala-leko, e ai ana ia mau opelu hou.”</p> <p>HBGN: more research needed, 3-14-18.</p>	Hawi
4	1853078	North Kona District	Civil	Kona ‘Ākau	ALKA	<p>ALKA: requesting these names as variants for North Kona District;</p> <p>Nupepa Kuokoa Vol. 17, No. 48. Nov. 30, 1878. Describes the individuals responsible for taking the census for their regions. Includes Kona Hema, Kona Akau, Kohala Hema, Kohala Akau.</p> <p>HBGN: recommending this be added as a Variant, 3-14-18.</p>	Hualalai
4	364169	Pu‘u Loa	Summit	Pu‘uloa		<p>HBGN: previous spelling correction, 3-14-18.</p>	Kalapana
4	364022	Pu‘u Ohau	Summit	Pu‘uohau	HBGN	<p>PNH: not listed;</p> <p>HBGN: following ‘Ahahui Guidelines, 3-14-18</p>	Unknown

4	1853120	South Hilo District	Civil	Hilo Hema	ALKA	<p>ALKA: requesting these names as variants for South Hilo District;</p> <p>Nupepa Kuokoa Vol. 63, No. 35. Aug. 25 1924. Describing the legislative representative to Senate for District 1, which includes Puna, Hilo Hema, Hilo Akau, and Hamakua.</p> <p>HBGN: recommends that this be added as a Variant, 3-14-18.</p>	Puaakala
3	1853121	South Kohala District	Civil			<p>ALKA: Maly, K.1999. Ke Ala Loa – Ala Nui Aupuni Kawaihae to ‘Anaeho‘omalua, Kohala. P.24-25: “At one point during their adventure, Ka-Miki reportedly called out in praise of the lands of Kohala, describing the boundaries and famed pu‘u (hill) formations of the district in the following saying: O Kohala nui, o Kohala iki, o Kohala loko, o Kohala waho, o Kohala makani ‘Āpa‘apa‘a, o Pili o Kalāhikiola, o Na-pu‘u-haele-lua. ‘Oia ho‘i! ‘Oia la! O nā ‘okina iho la ‘ia o ka ‘āina ha‘aheo i ke kāhilia ka makani ‘Āpa‘apa‘a e ho‘ola‘au mai ana me he ipo ala ka nē hone i ka poli o ke aloha — Large Kohala, little Kohala, inner Kohala, outer Kohala, Kohala of the ‘Āpa‘apa‘a wind, of Pili and Kalāhikiola, the two traveling hills. Indeed! They are the combined sub-districts of this proud land brushed by the ‘Āpa‘apa‘a wind, maturing like a love nestled fondly in the bosom of love (Ka Hoku o Hawai‘i, March 22,1917). For generations, sayings like the one above, have been spoken in praise of Kohala and its various land divisions which extend from Honoke‘ā on the Hāmākua boundary to Ke-ahu-a-Lono on the Kona boundary.”</p> <p>Desha, Rev. S. L. 2000. Kamehameha and His Warrior Kekūhaupi‘o. p.196: The Kīpu‘upu‘u army was divided into various sections, one of them being those trained in the use of the bow and arrow, led by a very skilled ali‘i named Waheakalani of Kawaihaeuka. The warriors trained in the use of slingstones were led by Ha‘awenui of Kohalaloko who was very skilled in this type of warfare. The division carrying the spears and stone battle-adzes were led by Nu‘uanuakalani‘ōpu‘u as the general of this army.</p> <p>Excerpt from the Hawaiian Nupepa Collection: KA MAKAAINANA. Buke 7, Helu 10, Aoao 1. 8 Malaki 1897. ‘ao‘ao 3 “Ke ku kona moku i ke awa no hoolei oia i kana na opelu he nui loa i kana upena. E ai mea hou ana o Kohala nei i na opelu hou; mai Kohalawaho a me Kohala-leko, e ai ana ia mau opelu hou.”</p> <p>HBGN: more research needed, 3-14-18.</p>	Puu Hinai
4	1853122	South Kona District	Civil	Kona Hema	ALKA	<p>ALKA: requesting these names as variants for South Kona District;</p> <p>Nupepa Kuokoa Vol. 17, No. 48. Nov. 30, 1878. Describes the individuals responsible for taking the census for their regions. Includes Kona Hema, Kona Akau, Kohala Hema, Kohala Akau.</p>	Kaunene

						HBGN: recommending this be added as a Variant , 3-14-18.	
4	364285	Spencer Beach Park	Park	Spencer Park at 'Ōhai'ula Beach	HBGN	HBGN: Official park name per County of Hawai'i is "Spencer Park at 'Ōhai'ula Beach;" County Park names are listed under Hawaii County code, Section 15-68, 3-14-18.	Kawaihae

AGENDA ITEM 8: Review of selected place names on the island of Hawai'i (Bobby Camara).

HBGN did not review these place names.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Review of selected place names on the island of Moloka'i.

HBGN did not review these place names.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Adjourn

Ms. McEldowney adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., at the Office of Planning Conference Room.