MINUTES
FOR THE MEETING OF THE
HAWAI‘I BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DATE: November 26, 2018
TIME: 2:00 p.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 2:04 pm.

The following were in attendance:

MEMBERS: Marques Marzan (Bishop Museum)
Leo Asuncion (Office of Planning)
Meyer Cummins (Land Survey Division)
Holly McEldowney (Department of Land and Natural Resources)
Kaleo Manuel (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)

ABSENT: Noenoe Silva (University of Hawai‘i)
Brad Kaʻaleleo Wong (Office of Hawaiian Affairs)

ADVISORS: Arthur Buto (Office of Planning staff)

GUESTS: Bobby Camara (by phone)

AGENDA ITEM 2: Review of Meeting Minutes for October 22, 2018:

Members reviewed the minutes. No discussion.

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

*The members present voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of October 22, 2018.*
AGENDA ITEM 3: Public Comments

Name proposals for Fissure 8
A Name Application for Fissure 8 was received from Mahealani Kaiwikuamoʻokekuauokalani-Henry of Pahoa, “Keahiluawalu O Pele.”

Mr. Buto received a phone call from Kalani Makekau-Whittaker who said that his group had been waiting for the Board to come to Puna before presenting their name proposal(s). Mr. Buto recommended that they not wait, and that they submit their Name Application(s) now.

Names that the US BGN will be reviewing.
In response to the Board’s question about switching the Classes of the two features on her spreadsheet, ‘Iliʻi’i’ula Stream and ‘Iliʻi’i’ula North Wailua Ditch, Ms. Runyon noted that the spreadsheet was taken from a submittal from HBGN ca. 2012. The mismatched Feature Classes are on that submittal appear to be a typo.

She also confirmed that features covered by the Kīlauea lava flow can be corrected to include “(historical)” in the Feature Name.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Announcements

No announcements.

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

Mr. Buto presented the revised write-up for the Alternate Name decision category, incorporating Mr. Manuel’s recommendation to switch the first two sentences. No action is needed from the Board.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Review of communication plan talking points

Mr. Manuel added some revisions and comments to Mr. Cummins talking points. Mr. Buto will supplement the talking points document with some of the bullet points from the October meeting.

Mr. Asuncion recommended getting in front of the public interest in the naming of Fissure 8. He will draft a press release outlining the process and an approximate timeline. Mr. Manuel will send Mr. Asuncion some of his thoughts on what should be contained in the press release. The press release should come out in the next couple of weeks and because the full Board will not have an opportunity to review or approve it, it will come from the Office of Planning. However, it will contain information that Board has already discussed and on which it has already agreed – who the Board is, what the Board does, status of the process, and
expected timeline (gather input, deliberate, and hopefully reach decision in first half of 2019).

Discussion followed with additional suggestions offered:

- Permitted Interaction Group (PIG). Start the process to form the PIG. Mr Asuncion gave an overview of the PIG process:
  - At a duly noticed meeting the Board creates a PIG – the scope/task is defined, members assigned (for HBGN, two or three Board members can participate), roles and responsibilities of Board members is identified, date set to report back to the full Board;
  - PIG presents findings and recommendations to the full Board at a duly noticed meeting;
  - Deliberation and decisionmaking on the matter occurs at a subsequent duly noticed board meeting.
- The Board may meet more often than monthly, if it is appropriate to facilitate the process

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**AGENDA ITEM 7: Review selected place names on the island of Hawaiʻi (Bobby Camara)**

The Board discussed the updates and comments from Jenny Runyon (USGS) that are in response to Board decisions made at the October meeting:

**Turtle Bay Hilton Helipad.** The GNIS record has been updated to correct the county and the coordinates.

**Island of Hawaiʻi.** No action required, the GNIS record already has this as the primary entry.

**Kapoho Crater.** There is a record in the GNIS, FID 360553, for the crater. Ms. Runyon asked if there should a new name request for the summit, “Waiapele,” citing the 1880 Lyman map.

**Mr. Buto will prepare a Name Application Form for “Waiapele” (leaving out the descriptor “Puʻu” from the name) as the new name for the hill/summit, there being no previous entry in the GNIS for the hill versus the crater feature.**

**Green Lake.** Ms. Runyon added “WaiaPele” as a Variant and cited *Place Names of Hawaii*. However, she misspelled Mary Kawena Pukui’s name.

**Mr. Buto will contact Ms. Runyon to request a spelling correction from “Puki, Mary Kawena” to “Pukui, Mary Kawena.”**
In the list of craters that Ms. Runyon provided, there is one, FID 361843 “ʻĪʻlewa Crater” that is misspelled.

Mr. Buto will request that the spelling of the official name be corrected from “ʻĪʻlewa Crater” to “ʻĪʻilewa Crater.”

Hopukani Springs. Ms. Runyon requested clarification and documentation for this name change.

Mr. Buto will prepare a Name Application Form to change the name of “Hopukani Springs” to Houpookāne” and will attach Registered Map 1641 and more detailed citations for the evidence found in Ulukau.

Wainānāliʻi Pond. Ms. Runyon asked for confirmation that the coordinates for the are 19.890371 and -155.900387. She also asked if new names should be requested for the village and the bay, which were covered by and filled in by the lava flow of 1849.

Mr. Buto will confirm the coordinates with Ms. Runyon.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Adjourn

Mr. Marzan adjourned the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 26, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., in the Office of Planning Conference Room.