

**MINUTES  
FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
HAWAII‘I BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES**

DATE: July 29, 2019  
TIME: 2:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building  
Office of Planning, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2:10pm.

The following were in attendance:

**MEMBERS:** Marques Marzan (Bishop Museum)  
Meyer Cummins (Land Survey Division)  
Brad Ka‘aleleo Wong (Office of Hawaiian Affairs)  
Arthur Buto (Office of Planning)

**ABSENT:** William Aila (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)  
Noenoe Silva (University of Hawai‘i)  
Holly McEldowney (Department of Land and Natural Resources)

**GUESTS:** Bobby Camara

**AGENDA ITEM 2: Review of Meeting Minutes for June 24, 2019**

Mr. Camara recommended that the descriptor “Waterhole” be removed from the feature name “Keanalele Waterhole,” feature ID 360992. The Board can revisit this at a future meeting.

**MOTION:** Mr. Cummins moved to approve the minutes of June 24, 2019; Mr. Wong seconded the motion.

*The members present voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of June 24, 2019.*

**AGENDA ITEM 3: Public Comments**

Name application. One name applications for “Fissure 8” was received:

‘*Ōmakaolahoukaluaokalani*      Lamakū Mikahala Roy  
Wesley Tanigawa submitted on behalf of Lamakū Mikahala Roy. The email from Mr. Tanigawa was received on July 15, 2019, after the June 30, 2019 deadline for name proposals. However, he is transmitting the

name proposal that Mikahala Roy presented at the Pāhoa Community Meeting on May 16, 2019. He did not see her proposed name among those posted on the HBGN website – the reason is that no application form was received. Mr. Buto forwarded Mr. Tanigawa’s email to Board members and prepared and after-the-fact Name Application Form based on the information contained in Mikahala Roy’s testimony.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: Announcements**

GIS Program position vacancy. Mr. Buto announced that one of the three people in the Statewide GIS Program has moved to the Hawai‘i Department of Transportation, Airports Division. That vacancy will be filled, but in the meantime there is a backlog of work in the GIS Program.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: Selected place names on the island of Hawai‘i**

[358436] Āhole Stream. Mr. Cummins found a Registered Map (RM 2182) that shows “Ahola Stream;” on the topo map, the stream is labeled “Ahole Stream; Mr. Cummins will check the Homestead Map 46, it’s not online, so it’s probably fragile; **More research needed.**

Bobby Camara suggests that we should put aside any name in Kahuku that we don’t know much about. Lua Olai may refer to 1868 series of earthquakes. Lua Hou near the summit of Mauna Loa is relatively new. He can’t find anything about Pu‘u o Lokuaana.

[358478] Ainako. Pohue Bay Quad. Meaning is “land of cane;” from Boundary Commission testimonies; leave as **More research needed.**

[1905308] Country Garden Estates. Not in HBGN’s jurisdiction; not Hawaiian.

[359766] Kahilipali Kahaea. PNH: Kāhilipali listed, Kahaea not listed; it’s not clear why two names are included in the name; more research needed, 7-29-19.

[1847301] Kīpuka Kahāli‘i Overlook. Per Bobby Camara, when Maunaulu erupted in the early 70’s with high fountains, tradewinds blew the cinder downwind. This overlook was constructed along Chain of Craters Road so people could see the cinder-buried landscape. The name means ”blanketed kīpuka;” per HBGN style guidelines, it should be concatenated, “**Kīpukakahāli‘i Overlook;**” because it’s within the boundaries of the park, this spelling correction will be pending NPS concurrence, 7-29-19.

Mr. Camara is hoping that the Kūpuna group will take up the feature names: Pu‘u ‘Ō‘ō, Pu‘upua‘i (has cone, overlook), Kīpuka Kahāli‘i, and some others. These are all modern names. There’s some urgency because of planned new signage. Does the park write a letter to the HBGN; why we want this/what is the context. The

NPS has a lot of weight in the decision, because they sit on the US BGN. HBGN should be in the loop, to make sure that it makes it into the State approved names. If it goes straight to the US BGN or if HBGN is not notified by NPS, it may be missed in our review of US BGN decisions.

[361907] Lua Poholo. PNH: not listed; dictionary meaning, *"to sink, slip into easily, plunge out of sight, vanish;"* on north side of Moku'āweoweo Caldera; when it formed, there's a big block that's tilted and didn't go down; concatenated per HBGN style guidelines, "**Luapoholo**," pending NPS concurrence, 7-29-2019.

[365341] Niuou Coconut Grove. PNH: not listed; HPN: Niu'ō'ū, *"Beach, South Kona, Hawai'i. Storm beach of calcareous sand, lava fragments, olivines, and coral rubble on a low section of pāhoehoe between Kaupō and Manukā. A large stand of kiawe or mesquite trees lines the backshore, the only trees on the otherwise barren coast. Niu'ō'ū was the site of a famous coconut grove, the last surviving trees of which died in the early 1950s. Lit., coconut perch."* Spelling correction and adding "historical" because the grove no longer exists, "**Niu'ō'ū Coconut Grove (historical)**," corrected coordinates in GNIS, Latitude: 19.1245717, Longitude: -155.9163809, 7-29-19.

[1905529] Niu'ō'u (historical). PNH: not listed; HPN: Niu'ō'ū; HBGN: spelling correction, "**Niu'ō'ū (historical)**," 7-29-19.

[362677] Niuou Point. PNH: not listed; HPN: Niu'ō'ū; HBGN: associative, "**Niu'ō'ū Point**," 7-29-19.

[359972] Kakio Point. PNH: not listed; AH3/UHP: Kākio, Hawaiian Dictionary (Pukui, Elbert): Kāki'ō; more research needed, 7-29-19.

Mr. Buto will retrieve the procedures approved by the Board for reviewing place names within National Park Service boundaries to clarify the routing and workflow.

[360755] Kaupo Bay. PNH: Kaupō, Maui, O'ahu, more research needed, 7-29-19.

[1905423] Kaupo Bay. GNIS: no longer listed, 7-29-19.

[361647] Lae o Humuhumu. PNH: not listed for this location (in PNH *"Humuhumu: beach, point in Ka'u, black sand beach on south side of Humuhumu Point at the base of a small littoral cone"*); more research needed, 7-29-19.

[361652] Lae o Kamimi. PNH: not listed; HBGN: RM 2468, ca. 1909 (George Wright), 7-29-19.

[363685] Puu Haao. PNH: Hā'ao not listed as a pu'u; referring to the rain and the waters from the Hā'ao Spring; HBGN: **Pu'uhā'ao**, per HBGN guidelines, 7-29-19

### Summary of decisions:

Fifteen feature names were reviewed: one was no longer listed in the GNIS, one was not Hawaiian, six spellings were corrected, and seven require more research.

Two of the names that were reviewed are within the boundaries of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park (highlighted in yellow) and will be brought to their attention for review and comment.

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	USGSQuad
3	358436	Āhole Stream	Stream			PNH: Āhole, Maui; RM 2182 shows "Aholā Stream;" Mr. Cummins will check Homestead Map 46; it's not online, so it's probably fragile; more research needed, 7-29-19	Papaaloa
3	358478	Ainako	Area			PNH: not listed; HBGN: 'Āinakō, more research needed, 7-29-19.	Pohue Bay
1	1905308	Country Garden Estates	Populated Place			HBGN: not Hawaiian, 7-29-19	Pohue Bay
3	359766	Kahilipali Kahaea	Civil			PNH: Kāhilipali listed, Kahaea not listed; not clear why two names are included in the name; more research needed, 7-29-19	Naalehu
4	1847301	Kīpuka Kahāli'i Overlook	Locale	Kīpukakahāli'i Overlook	HBGN	PNH: not listed; UHP: Kīpuka Kahāli'i; concatenated per HBGN style guidelines; it means "blanketed kipuka;" per Bobby Camara, when Maunaulu erupted in the early 70's with high fountains, tradewinds blew the cinder downwind; when the park reopened, the overlook was created along Chain of Craters Road so people could see the cinder-buried landscape; pending NPS concurrence, 7-29-2019	Makaopuhi Crater
4	361907	Lua Poholo	Crater	Luapoholo		PNH: not listed; dictionary meaning, "to sink, slip into easily, plunge out of sight, vanish;" on north side of Moku'āweoweo Caldera; when it formed, there's a big block that's tilted and didn't go down; concatenated per HBGN style guidelines; pending NPS concurrence, 7-29-2019	Mauna Loa

4	365341	Niuou Coconut Grove	Locale	Niu'ō'ū Coconut Grove (historical)	HPN	PNH: not listed; HPN: Niu'ō'ū, "site of a famous coconut grove; last surviving coconuts which died in the early 1950's;" spelling correction and adding "historical" because the grove no longer exists, "Niu'ō'ū Coconut Grove (historical);" corrected coordinates in GNIS, Latitude: 19.1245717, Longitude: -155.9163809, 7-29-19	Milolii
4	1905529	Niu'o'u (historical)	Populated Place	Niu'ō'ū (historical)	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HPN: Niu'ō'ū; HBGN: spelling correction, "Niu'ō'ū (historical)," 7-29-19	Manuka Bay
4	362677	Niuou Point	Cape	Niu'ō'ū Point	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HPN: Niu'ō'ū; HBGN: spelling correction, "Niu'ō'ū Point;" 7-29-19	Milolii
3	359972	Kakio Point	Cape			PNH: not listed; AH3/UHP: Kākio, Hawaiian Dictionary (Pukui, Elbert): Kāki'o; more research needed, 7- 29-19	Milolii
5	1905423	Kaupo Bay	Bay			GNIS: no longer listed, 7- 29-19	Milolii
3	360755	Kaupo Bay	Bay			PNH: Kaupō, Maui, O'ahu, more research needed, 7- 29-19	Milolii
3	361647	Lae o Humuhumu	Cape			PNH: not listed for this location (in PNH "Humuhumu: beach, point in Ka'u, black sand beach on south side of Humuhumu Point at the base of a small littoral cone"); more research needed, 7-29-19	Milolii
3	361652	Lae o Kamimi	Cape			PNH: not listed; HBGN: RM 2468, ca. 1909 (George Wright); more research needed, 7-29-19	Milolii
4	363685	Puu Haa	Summit	Pu'uhā'ao	HBGN	PNH: Hā'ao not listed as a pu'u; referring to the rain and the waters from the Hā'ao Spring; HBGN: Pu'uhā'ao, per HBGN guidelines, 7-29-19	Naalehu

## AGENDA ITEM 6: Adjourn

Mr. Marzan adjourned the meeting at 4:05pm.