Chairperson Peter Young called the briefing of the Board of Land and Natural Resources to order at 8:14 a.m. The following were in attendance:

**MEMBERS**

Mr. Peter Young  
Mr. Tim Johns  
Mr. Gerald DeMello  
Mr. Ron Agor

**STAFF**

Ms. Melanie Chinen, Historic Preservation

**OTHERS**

Mr. Vince Kanemoto, Deputy Attorney General

**Presentation by the State Historic Preservation Division on upcoming activities during 2006 for division theme year “Celebrating Hawaii’s Heritage – Sustaining Our Islands Legacy.”**

Melanie Chinen, Administrator of the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) announced that they have designated 2006 as the Year of Historic Preservation and the slogan they’ve come up with is “Celebrating Hawaii’s Heritage – Sustaining Our Island Legacy.” In celebration of Hawaii’s heritage their message is to get the public to understand that Historic Preservation is not limited to the burial programs but they are responsible for preserving all cultures and heritages of Hawaii. Ms. Chinen hopes to help people understand that we need to remain connected to our past and where we come from if we are to be successful in the future. She believes people who become disconnected often find themselves involving in negative activities.
Ms. Chinen pointed out the word “Sustaining” in the title “Sustaining Our Island Legacy” promotes keeping our culture alive and that’s what makes people want to visit Hawaii. Also “sustaining” is a word that makes good economic sense and one of the messages they’re promoting is that Historic Preservation makes good economic sense.

SHPD has also supported a Heritage Caucus at the State House of Representatives but many of the bills the caucus promoted and the division supported died this particular legislation session. One bill that passed established administrative penalties to those who knowingly violated mitigation and historic preservation plans.

Another big event happened in February 2006 at which time SHPD kicked off a round table discussion group comprised of both archeologist from the government, private archeological firms and individuals from the University of Hawaii. Ms. Chinen let it be known, part of the round table discussion group is a subgroup which is made up of architects from the government, private firms and the University. These groups would meet once a month to discuss specific topics in the review process and to streamline that process. Approximately on October 15, 2006 the groups will draft a report of the committee’s recommendations which will be reviewed and a comment period will also be made available. They committee will again reconvene on October 30, 2006 at Washington Place at which time staff would be able to thank these individuals for their time and effort.

Ms. Chinen went over the various events planned from May through December in connection with “Celebrating Hawaii’s Heritage – Sustaining Our Island Legacy”

May 1    Governor Proclaims Historic Preservation Week at the State Capitol
May 3    Preservation Display and Speaker Forum at State Capitol (11 am – 3 pm)
May 11-13 International Cultural Summit at Hawaii Convention Center
June 27-29 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services Conference: Considering Cultural Resources
August 2 State Historic Preservation Division Symposium
September Doors Open Poster Contest Announced at Schools & Distribution of Curriculum Resource
October Selection & Award of Poster Contest Winner
November Poster Distribution, Public Service Announcement and Doors Open Hawaiian Style
December Possible Holiday Heritage Concert
There being no further business, Chairperson Young adjourned the meeting at 8:30 a.m. Tapes of the meeting and all written testimony submitted at the meeting are filed in the Chairperson’s Office and are available for review. Certain items on the agenda were taken out of sequence to accommodate applicants or interested parties present.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Crowell

Approved for submittal:

PETER T. YOUNG
Chairperson
Department of Land and Natural Resources