

Minutes from Kaloko-Honokōhau Advisory Commission – March 7, 2014

Acronyms:

NPS – National Park Service

KAHO – Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park

PUHO – Pu‘uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park

DLNR – Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawaii

QLT – Queen Liliuokalani Trust

CWRM – Commission on Water Resource Management

NHO – Native Hawaiian Organization

ANA – Administration for Native Americans

The meeting was held at the Aiopio Area, Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park

AGENDA (Handout #1)

- Welcome, Pule, introduction
- Approval of minutes

- Chairman’s Report
 - Position descriptions
 - Water Management Area
 - Foundation for planning
 - Opportunities and announcements

- Superintendent’s Report
 - Introducing Acting Chief of Interp
 - Park events- Uncle Peter memorial, County Council, Ohana day
 - Water Management Area (Handout #2)
 - Kaloko Makai
 - Curatorial facility
 - Update on nominations
 - Job/ intern opportunities (Handout #3)

- Discussion topics
 - Chief of Interp recruitment- request input on improving position description (handout- request kokua by April 4th) (Handout #4)
 - Opportunity Fair (Handout #5)
 - Values- which resonate most with you? (Handout #6)
 - Grants- How did Keoki get \$300K in grants? (request kokua)
 - Exhibits - Dick Kuehner (Handout #7)
 - 40th anniversary of Advisory Commission, dates?
- Subcommittee reports
 - Park visitor facilities (chair- Dick Kuehner)
 - Water resources (chair- Fred Cachola)
 - Community based management off shore Marine Resources (Chair- Isaac “Paka” Harp; subcommittee in hold)
 - Commercial Use Permits (Chair- Keola Lindsey)
 - Superintendents compendium (Chair- Fred Cachola)
 - Loko ia - Fish pond (Chair- Isaac “Paka” Harp)
- Public comments
- Summary and closure

Welcome:

The meeting was called to order by Isaac “Paka” Harp at 10:03 AM and George “Keoki” Kiili, Jr. opened the meeting with a pule.

Introductions:

Officio Members (voting members): Isaac “Paka” Harp (acting Chairman), George “Keoki” Kiili, Kaliko Chun, and Mikahala Roy (arrived at 10:50)

Ex Officio Members (non-voting): Tammy Duchesne (Superintendent, Kaloko-Honokōhau NHP (KAHO); Designated Federal Officer for Commission), Melia Lane-Kamahele (Manager Pacific Islands Office NPS), Nicole Kealohaokalani Lui (appointed by Mayor Billy Kenoi), Richard “Dick” Kuehner (appointed by Governor Neil Abercrombie)

Observers: Ida Hanohano (Ala Kahakai National Historical Trail), Rae Godden (acting Chief of Interpretation Kaloko-Honokōhau NHP and Pu‘uhonua o Hōnaunau (PUHO)), Janette Chiron (Chief Ranger, Kaloko-Honokōhau NHP), Jon Jokiel (Supervisory Park Ranger, Interpretation

Kaloko-Honokohau NHP), Jeff Zimpfer (Environmental Protection Specialist Kaloko-Honokohau NHP), Tyler Paikuli-Campbell (Cultural Resource Manager, Kaloko-Honokōhau)

Commissioners, Fred Cachola (Chairman), Samson Harp, and Keola Lindsey informed the Acting Chairman before the meeting that they could not attend. Chairman Cachola was on Oahu to attend a swearing-in ceremony for the Hawaii Island Burial Council.

Approval of the minutes from the August 23rd meeting

*Acting Chairman Harp proposed that the November 8, 2013, minutes be accepted as written. Commissioner Chun made a motion that the minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lui. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Acting Chairman Harp relayed a message from Chairman Cachola that Chairman Cachola had spoken with Patty Neubacher (Deputy Regional Director, Pacific West Region, NPS) regarding the management of KAHO and PUHO. She encourages this Commission to recommend position descriptions that reflect how this Commission would like to see KAHO managed.

There was also discussion about specific park management - It's been a decade since KAHO and PUHO were consolidated due to funding and operational considerations (less costly for one superintendent than two). Chairman Cachola and Acting Chairman Harp, as well as Commissioner Kiili agree that it is time to de-consolidate management of the two parks in order to provide for focused management for each of the two parks because the parks are different. The Commission could be influential in lobbying for financial support to achieve the goal of separate management of the two parks. The Commission could make recommendations to the Secretary on how to deconsolidate the two parks. The Chair sent apologies for not having time to draft something for the Commission to vote on for this meeting.

There was a question from Acting Chairman Harp about the number of Commissioners that must be present for a quorum. It was determined that since there was a majority of voting members present, there was a quorum.

A decision was made by Acting Chairman Harp that the Commission can move forward and vote on motions to address the business of the Commission.

*Acting Chairman Harp suggested that Chairman Cachola could draft up something for review regarding deconsolidating the management of KAHO and PUHO. He said discussions could occur over email and at the next Commission meeting. Commissioners could discuss the motion, followed by a vote. There was no opposition to the Acting Chair's proposal.

There was a discussion of the roles of Admin, Chief of Maintenance and Chief of Interpretation for KAHO and PUHO. There was a discussion of the idea if the parks were to split, there would

be a superintendent at both PUHO and KAHO. There was also a discussion of Superintendent Duchesne's time-split between the two parks. She said while her time isn't always split 50/50 because issues at one of the two parks takes precedence, she always give 100%.

Chairman Cachola sent word via Acting Chairman Harp that until the NPS can deconsolidate, future management positions at KAHO should be filled with cultural practitioners that possess an intimate knowledge of Hawaiian activities and culture. Acting Chairman Harp stated unfortunately, there is a lack of management personnel that are culture practitioners are KAHO.

Commissioner Kiili said that unfortunately cultural practitioners don't have the background and the training to become administrators. So there should be training for cultural practitioners to give them the skills to become administrators.

Water Management Area

Acting Chairman Harp relayed a message from Chairman Cachola that he and Hannah Springer gave testimony at the County Council meeting of February 18, 2014 in support of a groundwater management area for the Keauhou aquifer and suggested that Hannah Springer be invited to apply for the vacancy on the Commission.

*Commissioner Lui said she would speak with Hannah about joining the Commission.

It was noted that Commissioner Lui attended the February 18, County Council meeting but did not give testimony. Commissioner Lui said she didn't testify because the Mayor's office is against the petition. They were curious to know who would take care of the water situation. She spoke of telling Superintendent Duchesne about uncle Johnny Kaiiliwai who told Commissioner Lui that trees along the coast were dying because a lack of water because they are taking all of the water up there. She hasn't had a chance to talk with Wally Lau but she offered to relay messages.

Superintendent Duchesne said the park was trying to set up a meeting with the Mayor.

Commissioner Chun asked if there could be a meeting with the Mayor and members of the Commission to assist in convincing the Mayor that designating the Keauhou aquifer is appropriate.

*Commissioner Lui offered to try and talk with Wally Lau and the Mayor about the petition.

Acting Chairman Harp relayed a message from Chairman Cachola that he was concerned that Riley Smith, from Lanihau Properties, and his scientists, disagree with the NPS petition and wondered if informal discussions and ho'oponopono could resolve differences.

Superintendent Duchesne stated that on February 25th, Riley Smith gave testimony to the Board of Water Supply and on March 3, she and Jeff Zimpfer met with Riley. She also stated that Jeff Riley and I were able to have a very productive meeting. The NPS clarified it was not our objective to hurt their financial gain and hinder jobs. We are just looking at what is good for the

resources. At the meeting, we were able to address his concerns about the NPS hiding data. We gave him an extensive table of data. We told that in the future, if there were any concerns or desires, to please take them to the NPS first, rather than calling-out the NPS in public.

Acting Chairman Harp asked if it was known who the other opposing parties to designation are? He is concerned about agencies like Queen Liliuokalani Trust (QLT) because they provide for services for orphans and single parents. A lot of their funding comes from sources that are dependent on having access to water. He wanted to know if non-profit organizations were given preference to water.

Superintendent Duchesne spoke about the Department of Hawaiian Homelands being a protected class in terms of water in the Hawaii Constitution.

Commissioner Kiili spoke of Thomas K. Kaulukukui, Jr. being Chair of QLT.

Acting Chairman Harp stated QLT also assists with the Aha Kane group. Someone in the Aha Kane group expressed concerns about designation. There is some concern that funding to Aha Kane will be cut if QLT is cut off from access to water.

Foundation for planning

Acting Chairman Harp shared information from Chairman Cachola that the Chairman had recently attended a workshop at Pu'ukohola Heiau NHS (PUHE) concerning NPS Foundation Planning. The intent of the workshop was to develop a new foundation or direction for the management of Hawaii Parks. He suggests that the direction the park goes is, each West Hawaii park serves as a cultural kipuka.

*Chairman Cachola would like copies of the outcome of the Foundation Planning workshop distributed to the Commissioners.

Superintendent Duchesne stated that it can take up to a year to finalize the document and she will ask Daniel at PUHE for a copy when it is finalized. KAHO will be participating in a Foundation Planning workshop process next year, 2015.

Acting Chairman Harp, on behalf of Chairman Cachola, asked Chief Ranger Chiron to share her mana'o of the Foundation Planning Workshop she attended at PUHE .

Chief Ranger Chiron stated that every park will be doing one, and ours is planned for next year. The first step is to identify the significance of each park unit and this is where Chairman Cachola coined the phrase that is so apt, that the West Hawaii parks are cultural kipuka. After this meeting they will have their foundation and the significance of the park; and that they will be shared with stakeholders, and stakeholders will have a chance to comment.

Opportunities and announcements

Acting Chairman Harp is unsure why this was on the agenda, but Superintendent Duchesne believes that there will be an opening on Hawaii Pacific Parks Association board and that Chairman Cachola thought people might be interested in serving. Please follow up with Chairman Cachola for more information.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Duchesne asked Commissioners to look over the division reports that they were emailed and provided at the end of their information packets. Please send her any questions that that might exist.

Introducing Acting Chief of Interpretation

Superintendent Duchesne introduced Acting Chief of Interpretation for KAHO and PUHO, Rae Godden. She will be acting for 120 days.

Rae Godden stated that she is from South Kona and that her mother (Rose Fujimori) started with NPS in 1963 at PUHO. She has been with the NPS for 4 years at PUHO. She is a supervisory ranger at PUHO. She has worked at Hawaii Community College, Hui Lau Lima O Kekaha Kai, worked with Hawaiian language immersion schools for 10 years, Pūnana Leo o Kona and Ke Kula 'o 'Ehunuikaimalino.

Park events

Uncle Peter Keka's memorial held at KAHO on February 1, 2014: Superintendent Duchesne stated that a couple of hundred people came and that the family was very pleased with the event and it was the park's privilege to honor Uncle Peter and to host the event.

'Ohana day: Superintendent Duchesne stated the event was last Saturday (February 27, 2014; 'Ai'opio fishtrap) and it was a great success with hula and food tasting, and this was the close of the makahiki season. There was stamping and flags were made to go on the Hōkule'a and there was information shared about traditional navigation. The event was small in scale, but significant.

Water Management Area (Handout #2)

County Council: Superintendent Duchesne stated that on February 18, 2014 there was a site visit for the County Council members to KAHO and the Kaloko Fishpond, followed by a presentation to the County Council in the Council Chambers in the West Hawaii Civic Center. The following week on date February 25, 2014, the NPS made a presentation about the proposed water management area petition and designation to the Hawaii County Board of Water Supply. The three local entities that weigh into the Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM) decision to designate the Keauhou Aquifer are the Mayor, the County Council and the Board of

Water Supply. We still have to meet with the Mayor and we look forward to more outreach and education. We want to make it clear; we don't want to stop development.

Superintendent Duchesne called to the Commissioners attention the front page news story about the park and the petition from *West Hawaii Today* on February 19, 2014.

Kaloko Makai

Environmental Protection Specialist, Jeff Zimpfer, informed the Commission that the NPS commented on the second Draft EIS for the Kaloko Makai Development last fall. Jeff heard from the project's developer that they were still working on the replies to the comments they received. The NPS anticipates participating in proceedings before the Land Use Commission for this proposed development.

Curatorial facility

Superintendent Duchesne spoke of funding sources for the curatorial facility, Project Management Information System and Operational National Park Service, Project Money and Line Item Construction. In the Spirit Report and the General Management Plan, it is mentioned there is a need for a curatorial facility. The proposed facility would be a climate-controlled area that would preserve and protect our cultural resources, museum artifact and archives from the West Hawaii Parks. KAHO submitted a project request called *Protect and Provide Access to Hawaiian Artifacts and Related Collections*. This has been actively pursued since the late 90s. The proposed project includes 5,700 square feet; it includes curatorial space, bally box, wet/dry lab, library, display area, covered lanai for programs and activities, and office space. The two primary purposes are to provide state-of-the-art climate control for collections while providing access to local communities. We are hopeful that we will get serious consideration.

Acting Chairman Harp asked a question on behalf of Chairman Cachola who wanted to know the NPS position on curating artifacts from the Queen Kaahumanu Highway widening project.

Superintendent Duchesne stated that we just sent our statements in today and our statement was "as space is available." She said until we get a facility, we can't take on the responsibility for more artifacts. The NPS comments on the Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway widening project MOA were distributed to all parties including Makani Hou members that very morning.

There was some discussion of what the park stored and under what conditions the artifacts were currently stored. Superintendent Duchesne stated currently the artifacts in the park's bally box are safe and not deteriorating, but a new facility would allow greater access and better curation. Assuming that the project was approved and funded, the soonest that there might be activity would be in 2018 or 2019.

Commissioner Kiili wanted to know how people can see items the park is storing. Cultural Resource Manager, Tyler Paikuli-Campbell, said people can fill out a form on the KAHO website to request access to the collection

Acting Chairman Harp said he thinks the Commissioners should know what KAHO curates.

Acting Chairman Harp asked if an NPS person accompanies people viewing the artifacts and Superintendent Duchesne said yes.

Acting Chairman Harp asked if a funding request had been submitted for the Cultural Center. He said that the Center is mentioned in the GMP and the Spirit Report, but this project seems to be at the bottom of the list for funding. Superintendent Duchesne stated, not yet, but we will. Cultural Resource Manager, Tyler Paikuli-Campbell, said we don't have solid details yet, but we did request money for a lua for the project. Acting Chairman Harp requested that the NPS work with Makani Hou to develop the needed detail for the Cultural Center.

Acting Chairman Harp asked if the EA for the Cultural Center was complete. Cultural Resource Manager Paikuli-Campbell said it's complete, but we need to submit a letter to the State Historic Preservation Office for formal written concurrence. We have verbal concurrence, but not written concurrence.

*Acting Chairman Harp requested that the Commissioners make a motion to prioritize the process to finalize the EA for the Cultural Center. Acting Chairman Harp's motion was "The Commission encourages the NPS to expedite the process to finalize the EA for the Cultural Center." Commissioner Kiili made the motion and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Roy.

There was a discussion of how long it would take for the NPS to finalize the EA and Cultural Resource Manager Paikuli-Campbell said it could be completed in 90 days.

*Acting Chairman Harp asked that the motion be amended to include "to encourage the NPS to complete their part in the next 90 days." Commissioner Kiili made the motion and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Roy. The motion passed unanimously.

Update on nominations

Superintendent Duchesne announced that the Na Hoapili vacancy announcement will be published in the Federal Register soon. Since Samson Harp will be staying on as a Commission member, there is one vacancy.

Job/ intern opportunities (Handout #3)

Superintendent Duchesne spoke about a Laborer position, Student Conservation Association opening and a Hawaii National Parks Scholarship and Internship opportunity at KAHO. Rae Gooden has an emergency hire and she will make sure that announcement gets circulated to the Commissioners.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Chief of Interpretation recruitment (Handout #4)

Superintendent Duchesne stated that at the last meeting, in addressing Chairman Cachola's concerns, she did ask for help in re-writing and revising position descriptions, but the park did not receive any feedback. We will continue to ask and look forward to your contributions. Superintendent Duchesne stated the position description in the handout was for a GS-12 position; and the supervision of entry fee collection will be removed from the new position, so that it is likely that the position that will be filled will be a GS-11 position.

*Superintendent Duchesne requests input on improving the Chief of Interpretation position description by April 4th (the deadline was subsequently extended out to April 15)

Opportunity Fair (Handout #5)

Chief Ranger Chiron spoke about an Opportunity Fair. She said no date has been chosen and she is seeking the Commission's input on the fair. Perhaps the fair could be adjacent to an Advisory Commission meeting. The idea would be to bring together stakeholders to encourage them to use our park as a place of learning. The idea would be to bring everyone together so park staff could share what our current projects are, the Cultural Center, the Malama Aimakapa project, recruitment initiatives and opportunities in the park. The idea would be to brainstorm and share program ideas. The idea is not for what can be done this year, but for times down the road, for example when the Community College opens.

Commissioner Kiili said he had been contacted by organizations on the Big Island that want to connect with Hale Mua on Maui. Hale Mua has extended to Oahu and the Mayor and Wally Lau have expressed interest in the program. He spoke of the possibility of establishing a relationship with the park. He suggested a 3- to 5-year program. He spoke of the program they have on Maui funded by the Administration of Native Americans.

Chief Ranger Chiron said she was interested in knowing who should be invited to the fair.

Commissioner Kiili said he would like to let the Mayor know that Maui would like to help with sharing their leadership process; and Maui would like to learn about the Opelu Program in Milolii.

Commissioner Roy spoke about the importance of religion to this place based on oral histories.

Commissioner Kiili spoke about his recent 3-month trip to Bavaria and the question posed by his companion, who was visiting him from Bavaria, asking "Where is the Aloha?"

Superintendent Duchesne asked, what are good dates to make the fair a success?

Values- which resonate most with you? (Handout #6)

Superintendent Duchesne spoke of the challenges to define and identify values which should form the basis for and guide the park. This concept and the draft list of values for consideration originated from the park's strategic planning meeting, held in January 2014.

The purpose of this exercise with the Commissioners is to decide what values drive us to be here as a management team at KAHO. The management team voted on a list of 60 words or phrases and then narrowed them down, along with the assistance of the whole park staff, to 9. Commissioners were asked to pick their top 5. There was a discussion of the different values and "pono" was the value that resonated the most with the Commissioners.

Grants- How did Keoki get \$300K in grants? (request kokua)

Superintendent Duchesne asked Commissioner Kiili to provide some information about the project and the grant process.

Commissioner Kiili stated that it's called "The Ka Ali'i Project: the Making of a Chief." The project grew out the frustrations of native Hawaiian men wanting to change the path of native Hawaiian youth caught in the world of hopelessness, suicide, crime, chemical dependency, and risky life-style behavior, drawing on the ancient Hawaiian practice of Ka'i Mua, meaning thrown into the men's house. Today there is the Hale Mua men's plan to mentor 35 young men. These young men are at-risk young men. The goal of the program is to build community support for their family for 3 years to change the pattern of self-destructive behavior, to one of service and leadership. We worked with Keone Nunez the Training and Assistance Pacific Islands Manager from Nanakuli. Mei-ling Issacs from Oahu is the administrative manager for the Kalii Project on Maui. There is also other support staff. So far our success is pretty good. Our total project cost for this first year is \$455,000 with 20% to from volunteers and other donors. The ANA (Administration for Native Americans) contribution was for \$355,000. The idea is to build the men's spirit. The men lost themselves and the women didn't. They held the culture together.

Exhibits - Dick Kuehner (Handout #7)

Commissioner Kuehner brought the 3-dimensional models that he built depicting his ideas to improve the visitors' experience at the visitors' center. There was a lengthy discussion of where the displays would be located and what information might be shared and presented in the displays.

40th anniversary of Advisory Commission, dates?

Superintendent Duchesne spoke about a potential celebration for the 40th anniversary of the Spirit Report. The idea would be to honor the people that wrote the Spirit Report including Chairman Cachola, and parents of people at this table. We would want to invite their families. We are trying to figure out what scale of an event we would realistically be able to accomplish with our staff and budget. We would like to link it up with an Advisory Commission meeting. Perhaps change the date of the September Advisory Commission meeting to August 22 and have the celebration on August 23. This would also be an opportunity to record oral histories. We would love and need your help.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Superintendent's Compendium (Chair- Fred Cachola)

Chief Ranger Chiron said, throughout the year we collect comments from our management team for the Superintendent's compendium and sometime this month, it will go out for public comment. The Superintendent will sign it in April.

Loko ia - Fish pond (Chair- Isaac "Paka" Harp)

Acting Chairman Harp spoke about the streaming lining process for fishpond reconstruction that is being proposed through a statewide programmatic agreement process currently under review. He also spoke about a fishpond management conference in Hana, Maui April 30 to May 2.

Acting Chairman Harp adjourned the meeting at 12:47 PM.

Action Items

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Notes taken by Jeff Zimpfer