

Minutes from Na Hoa Pili Kaloko-Honokōhau Advisory Commission – August 22, 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

CWRM – Commission on Water Resource Management

The meeting was held at the ‘Ai‘opiō Fishtrap, Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park

AGENDA

- Welcome, Pule, introduction
- Approval of minutes
- Chairman’s Report
 - Drafts/ recommendations on two motions at last meeting
 - The Commission requests the Director of the National Park Service to provide additional funding, emergency or otherwise, to hire one position with the specific focus of implementing the focus of the park as stated in the park’s enabling legislation. Further, the Commission requests the opportunity to review applications and qualifications of applicants for the position, followed by interviewing and ranking the applicants, and then transmit the Commission’s recommendations to the Director.
 - NPS Director give hiring preferences to Native Hawaiians similar to those afforded vets for hiring at KAHO.
 - Recommendations/ discussions on moving forward on commission vacancies
- Superintendent’s Report
 - Water Management Area (Tammy)
 - Administrative History Project (Tyler)
 - Update on nominations (Tammy)
 - Spirit Day (Rae)
 - Goals from newly appointed Chief of Interpretation (Rae)
 - Engaging youth and employing native Hawaiians - SCA, Hawaiian legacy- (Tyler, Rae, Janette)

- Subcommittee reports
 - Park visitor facilities (chair- Dick Kuehner)
 - Water resources (chair- Fred Cachola)
 - Community based management off shore Marine Resources- ~~on hold-~~
(Chair- Isaac “Paka” Harp)
 - Commercial Use Permits (Chair- Keola Lindsey)
 - Superintendent’s 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 Chairman Fred Cachola at 9:35 AM. There was a discussion concerning whether enough members to constitute a quorum was present. The Chairman declared there were enough members for a quorum.

Introductions:

Officio Members (voting members): Fred Cachola (Chairman), Isaac “Paka” Harp, Mikahala Roy, Ulu Ching and Kaliko Chun

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

Observers: Rae Godden (Chief of Interpretation Kaloko-Honokōhau NHP and Pu‘uhonua o Hōnaunau (PUHO)), Jeff Zimpfer (Environmental Protection Specialist Kaloko-Honokohau NHP), Tyler Paikuli-Campbell (Cultural Resource Manager, Kaloko-Honokōhau), Marcel Gillet (Chief of Maintenance Kaloko-Honokōhau NHP and Pu‘uhonua o Hōnaunau (PUHO))

Commissioners, Keola Lindsey and George “Keoki” Kiili, Jr informed the Superintendent Duchesne before the meeting that they could not attend.

Approval of the minutes from the June 20th meeting

*Commissioner Harp proposed that the June 20, 2014, minutes be accepted as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ching. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Prior to the meeting, a proposed letter to NPS Director Jarvis dated August 22, 2014, was distributed to Commission members via email (Handout #1). Chairman Cachola stated the proposed recommendations to the NPS Director are the first recommendations in more than 20 years; and the purpose of this Commission is to advise the Director. There was a discussion of putting the letter on Na Hoa Pili letterhead with Commissioner's names on the left side. Commissioner Harp requested that NPS perhaps assist with the logo development and there was a suggestion to utilize something from the Spirit Report.

Commissioner Chun said the phrase on the bottom of page four of the letter, referring to the "last living member", should be changed to "last living members" as other original Commission members are still living, in addition to Chairman Cachola.

Commissioner Harp motioned that the recommendations be sent to Director Jarvis. Commissioner Chun seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kuehner suggested that the motion to be changed to ask the NPS Director for help in meeting joint objectives. He suggested we could ask the National Park Service be part of the solution in meeting the joint objectives of both the NPS and Na Hoa Pili.

Commissioner Kuehner asked how many changes is the Commission willing to accept to the halau so that it the still meets Advisory Commission requirements and meets NPS standards.

Chairman Cachola stated, we have had many meetings on this topic already.

Chairman Cachola stated the engineer has given us his last adjustments (his requirements in order to meet health and safety requirements to achieve compromise between traditional and contemporary requirements). However, we need to balance traditional building practices with engineering requirements. We don't have a solution yet.

Commissioner Harp stated that Makani Hou is trying to get an expert in traditional Hawaiian structure building to come over from Maui to inspect the halau. They will get private funds to bring Francis Sincenci over.

Commissioner Chun suggested the letter to Director Jarvis state that Francis Sincenci will be coming over.

Commissioner Harp stated there is are no NPS staff devoted to solely focus on working on the Cultural Center, and this type staff persons needed and he requested special funding to move the center forward – currently building the Center is being done on a volunteer basis. He would like to see more visibility for the Center in the community.

Commissioner Kuehner stated I don't want a response from the Director that's a forget-it type of answer. How do we say we want to move forward? He suggested the letter isn't worded strong enough.

Commissioner Harp (in reference to the language on page 5 of the letter to Director Jarvis) stated it's time to release the NPS of liability from injuries. We need to develop something that meets Commission's requirements and the park's requirements.

Commissioner Kuehner asked what's the likelihood of that happening? And stated we need help. We want their approval.

Chairman Cachola stated we have had ample time. We need conclusion on these two recommendations. Commissioner Kuehner is speaking against the motion.

Commissioner Harp said, in Commissioner Kuehner's defense, he is not trying to speak against the motion, he is trying to get us what we want.

Commissioner Lui said she likes the letter and recommends that the letter be sent forward. She asked why the Spirit Report was accepted if they knew what the community wanted, so why go through all of this again and ask for exemptions. She referred to page 5 of the Spirit Report.

Commissioner Ching asked if there was precedent for the recommendation of mandating hiring asking for the hiring of a particular demographic? She asked if it was illegal?

Superintendent Duchesne said, in Guam, their enabling legislation says residents of the island of Guam should be given preference to the extent possible, not necessarily native people. But it does not give residents of Guam plus 10 points when they apply.

Commissioner Chin stated if there was precedent for preferential hiring of particular demographic, it would be good to attach this documentation to the letter.

Commissioner Harp said Arik Arakaki sent out information regarding hiring of native Americans, preference and people living in parks.

*Superintendent Duchesne said she would check to see if Kalaupapa National Historical Park has hiring preferences.

Commissioner Chun asked, have native Hawaiians applied for jobs and not been hired? She recommends creation of training program for use by all parks about Hawaiian culture and strengthen skills and employment.

Commissioner Harp stated my son, who is a Native Hawaiian, but not a vet, applied and was qualified, but was not hired.

Chairman Cachola read from pages 60 and 61 of the Spirit Report which spoke about preferential hiring of Native Hawaiians. He focused on page 61, the last paragraph, where it speaks of preferential hiring and stated it can be argued the hiring of Native Hawaiian is part of the merit principle of hiring at the park and encouraged the Director of the NPS to enforce this.

Commissioner Roy stated this is a good letter, good comments and good ‘*mana’o*.’ Advisory Commission members are acquainted with the park and the process, and ancestors still here too. Regarding Commissioner Lui’s comments, what is in the Spirit Report that is not being done now? Spirit and life linkage, what is planned for tomorrow? Words reflect the “*ha*” and the spirit of our hearts. She agrees with good “*mana’o*” and work of Makani Hou and everybody else and what they have put into planning. She stated regarding the DOI hearings, the hearings held by the (National Historic Landmark) NHL office, do not hold up their spirit of connection. She attended the DOI meetings. What is missing is when the NHL Commissioner Chun stated, we should tell the Department of Interior we want your help. Ron Mortimer and Howard Chapman fully supported this.

Commissioner Chun stated we should turn the letter to request help; we are absolute and steadfast for 40+ years.

Chairman Cachola stated, in summary, there are at least two living members of the original Advisory Commission and we are not trying to create enemy status, but to work collaboratively.

Commissioner Chun stated Ron Mortimer and Howard Chapman fully supported this.

Commissioner Roy returned to years with Chapman and Mortimer. She asked what hopes does the Commission have in sending the letter, and to what end? She stated she cannot look at the DOI and it has been forever changed by the DOI meetings. The DOI is a process and the park is a living, breathing like a child, can’t leave a child. The whole Department is up for question now by the Hawaiian Nation, philosophy stays with the land.

Commissioner Harp proposed a 10 minute break to revise the language in the letter so that the final language could be voted on at the present meeting.

Chairman Cachola stated, I did not intend for that to happen, this document shall go, if that is the vote of the Commission.

After discussion, it was decided that Commissioner Chun and Commissioner Roy would draft new language and Chairman Cachola called a 10 minute recess at 10:25 AM.

The meeting resumed at 10:38

Commissioner Kuehner read his proposed language for inserting into the letter. “Would the Washington Office supply an engineer with appropriate expertise in Native Hawaiian Architecture or supply funds to allow the commission to hire such an architect or engineer? The Commission is aware of the existence of such an expert but lacks funds to hire such a person.”

Chairman Cachola stated that during the break he called master builder Francis Sincenci and he can come over in September.

Rae Godden asked if the NPS engineer could be there when Mr. Sincenci was evaluating the structural integrity of the halau?

Chairman Cachola said that the NPS did not allow that for us, but we will let them know when the visit will occur, but they will not adjust their schedule.

Marcel Gillet suggested that maybe three professionals could evaluate the structure and then go with the majority.

Commissioner Harp said that we are trying to give the engineer a graceful exit by deferring to an expert in traditional architecture, which the engineer (Scott Henrickson) is not. We need to defer to somebody with a background in traditional architecture.

Commissioner Harp restated the motion, to accept the letter as amended to include: 1) amendments on page 4 to recognize that there is more than one living member, 2) find an appropriate location to insert Commissioner Kuehner's recommendation, and 3) insert on our last page, Commissioner Roy's suggestion that the Commission hopes these recommendations, reminders of language contained in the Spirit Report, and expressions of our wishes, can be an appropriate means towards resolving our long-standing concerns regarding administration of this unique park.

*Chairman Cachola called for a vote on the proposed resolution. He asked that all in favor raise their right hand. Five voting members raised their right hands. The Chairman declared the motion carries.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Duchesne said Ruth Aloua was unable to attend today's meeting because of her work schedule, but she would like to present to the group on a weekend. A sign-up sheet was passed around to the group to indicate weekend days people would be able to attend her talk.

Chairman Cachola asked if this was a public meeting and would the NPS pay for Commissioners to attend?

Superintendent Duchesne said this would be a public meeting and Commission members would not be reimbursed to attend.

Superintendent Duchesne asked the Commissioners to look over the Superintendent's Report that was provided to them (Handout # 2). She pointed out activities that were related to the Water Management Area Petition that the NPS filed with the Commission on Water Resource Management (CRWM). The Park attended the Kona Water Roundtable on July 30. Makani Hou hosted an informational meeting on July 31st. On August 27th, the NPS will present at the Kona Water Roundtable. On September 17th, the CWRM will visit the park and the NPS and USGS will present information regarding why we believe the aquifer should be designated per the

Hawaii Water Code. On October 9th, the CWRM will visit other sites. CWRM is saying that they will make a decision on whether or not to continue the process on December 10th. If they decide to continue the process on December 10th, they will have a public hearing on the issue in Kona before they make a decision. The decision on whether to designate or not designate should occur 90 days after December 10th about March 10th.

Tyler Paikuli-Campbell spoke about the Administrative History that the NPS is working on, how, why, when, etc. There are six chapters, four are in draft. The primary audience is current and future park management staff, community cooperators, and adjacent landowners. A PowerPoint presentation and a brochure will be developed for public meetings.

Commissioner Harp asked if the NPS wanted the Commissioners to review the document and Tyler Paikuli-Campbell said, yes, drafts are out. Please contact me if you want to access the document.

Tyler Paikuli-Campbell said documents we gathered by regional staff and woven together.

Chairman Cachola asked why is this the first I am hearing of this?

Tyler Paikuli-Campbell stated that it had been mentioned at past meetings.

Melia Lane-Kamahele provided background. The Admin History is 1 of 12 baseline documents that are prepared for parks, GMP, etc. Now we have a staff person that can work on this. Region is doing them for all the parks. This draft is not ready for prime-time yet.

Commissioner Harp asked why isn't this being done in-house? People in the Regional Office are distant and not familiar with the area.

Commissioner Lane-Kamahele stated there are certain requirements including the authors of the documents need history degrees. Fred Brown and Chris Johnson are working on this. Chris Johnson SEA Historian will be in Hawaii; he started project with Richard Boston and he will be meeting with Fred.

Superintendent Duchesne said these document are typically 200-300 pages long. No one KAHO staff person could be locked away for two to three years.

Commissioner Harp asked if the drafters of the document will be speaking with local people?

Tyler Paikuli-Campbell said yes, on September 9 and 10.

Chairman Cachola said this will be a detailed document with footnotes. I like it. And he asked about a time frame.

Commissioner Roy stated you need to include A'ala Roy Akana's report into the report as well.

Tyler Paikuli-Campbell said the current funding is pau at the end of September.

Superintendent Duchesne spoke about the vacancy announcement for Na Hoa Pili that was recently published in the Federal Register (Handout # 3). She stated that she provided Chairman Cachola and Commissioner Harp instructions for resignation and that we can't recruit for positions until the resignation process is complete.

Superintendent Duchesne announced that Rae Godden is no longer acting Chief of Interpretation, but has been hired for the position.

Rae Godden spoke about the upcoming Spirit Day celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Spirit Report. This has been a good exercise as we have been updating our mailing list. This will be a simple, but meaningful affair. There will be music, talk-story, displays, pupus. HPPA has paid to reproduce the Spirit Report.

Chairman Cachola stated he was appreciative of HPPA paying for, and rushing the printing, of the Spirit Report; and he thanked Rae for her hard work for Spirit Day.

Rae Godden spoke about her long-term vision and goals. They are guided by the NPS and the Spirit Report. She would like to keep doing what we have been doing, but a lot more of it, workshops for families and the community, etc. In September, there will be a workshop at the Visitors' Center pa'eke'eke. Uncle Francis will come over and teach a halau building workshop. She would like to talk with Chairman Cachola and Commissioner Harp to see what they would like to see happen in the park. She spoke about youth being important. She spoke about working to hire Native Hawaiians via the Law Enforcement Legacy program funded by HPPA. Last year they accepted Amanda Lanes. She got exposure to the program, went to the LE Academy on the mainland and now she is returning to work here. However, there are still challenges to getting a final permanent position. This year we had Kendal Williams and he is currently applying to go to the Academy. She spoke about the Student Conservation (SCA) interns that Jon Jokiel has been able to recruit. They are here to learn. They get a tiny stipend. We end up with great help. This year, we had two Hawaiians that were on that. We had Leilani Yamasaki and Kahakaio Revenscraft.

Superintendent Duchesne spoke about engaging youth and employing Native Hawaiians; we are bound by rules. We get a list of people we can hire from. We try to get accurate position descriptions, things like speak Hawaiian. In terms of the hiring process, we are working with what we have until we can get better. We don't want this just to be a job; we want it to be a passion.

Tyler Paikuli-Campbell spoke about hiring an archeologist for the West Hawaii Parks. An OPM representative is helping with the application documents. In the past we used a questionnaire for any park in the US. We are working on competencies for West Hawaii. We are looking to give West Hawaiians opportunities.

Chairman Cachola stated he liked the idea of hiring a Hawaiian archeologist. Tyler Paikuli-Campbell should contact Kelly Uyeoka, Michael Graves, Kekuewa Kikiloi. They are

concentrating on training and mentoring Hawaiian graduate students in archeology. We need to look at it as the indigenous knowledge merit system, rather than discrimination.

Superintendent Duchesne stated once we get the process approved, we will be looking to the Commission to help us recruit.

Tyler Paikuli-Campbell said we announced at a previous meeting, there were applicants for an archeologist position. However, we did not choose any of those applicants.

Chairman Cachola stated regarding the Queen Kaahumanu widening Section 106 processes, Commissioner Harp and I negotiated \$200,000 in archeology scholarships for Native Hawaiians. As a mitigation measure for knowledge being destroyed in the widening process UH Hilo will be developing a training program via a cooperative agreement.

Commissioner Lane-Kamahele asked if the programmatic agreement had been signed yet?

Chairman Cachola said no, but UH Hilo has been appropriated money for 5 years.

Tyler Paikuli-Campbell stated that we have secured a contract with Dr. Peter Mills from UH Hilo; and we will be bringing archeology students here through the spring of 2018. There will be four students per semester. This semester there are four students, two or three are Native Hawaiian and are from North Kona.

Chairman Cachola said he wants to write a letter to Director Jarvis commending him on the archeologist training program.

*Commissioner Harp proposed a motion, the Chair draft a letter of commendation to the Director. Commissioner Chun seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Chairman Cachola stated he recommends page 26 of the Spirit Report, paragraph 2, regarding 7 zones of interpretation at the park that were proposed, the closer you get to the Cultural Center the more of your western attire and thinking should be left on the trail. Not just physical zones, also spiritual zones.

Subcommittee reports

Park visitor facilities (chair- Dick Kuehner)

Commissioner Kuehner is working on hexagonal display cases for the Visitor's Center (4 total, 2 for KAHO and 2 for PUHO). Chairman Cachola stated as part of the Queen Kaahumanu widening mitigation, another item is the production of a 3-D map of the region and it will need a display case.

Water resources (chair- Fred Cachola)

Chairman Cachola stated regarding the NPS petition, it's a uphill climb because there are so many people that don't want to have water managed they want to keep it a free-for-all. I am glad the park is doing the petition forcing people to take a hard look now. He stated he agrees that we need to preserve water for more than human consumption, there are environmental needs too.

Community based management off shore Marine Resources- on hold (Chair- Isaac "Paka" Harp)

Commercial Use Permits (Chair- Keola Lindsey) Deferred

Superintendent's compendium (Chair- Fred Cachola)

Superintendent Duchesne spoke about adding the banning of launching drones in the park.

Superintendent Duchesne stated the compendium will be revised to not allow the launch of drones in the park.

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

Commissioner Harp stated he is encouraged by the park's support for the wall crew to become more familiar with fishpond management and encourages the park to continue this. He spoke of Kiholo cleanup and restoration project invitation to KAHO staff, but this was scheduled for just after hurricane Iselle so the event will be rescheduled.

Chairman Cachola spoke about increased awareness and collaborative opportunities regarding fishponds from going to the conference in Hana Maui. These are good networking opportunities. He spoke about the creation of W. Hawaii Fishpond Coalition. They have a common mission (care for, clean, interpret, manage fishponds). The first thing is to go and visit the other ponds during a weekday, David Chai, Kiholo, and Akaka at Mauna Lani.

*Chairman Cachola asked Tyler Paikuli-Campbell to set up visits to other West Hawaii fish ponds in order to develop a coalition.

Public comments

None

Additional Comments from Commissioners

Chairman Cachola spoke about maintaining the sacredness of Heiau in the park when they are so inviting for recreation? He asked Commissioners to think about this for discussion at a future meeting. He commended Janette Chiron for the work she does in this regard.

Commissioner Roy spoke about the care and treatment of Kamakahonu as former capital of the Hawaiian Kingdom. She made comments about Ahuena Heiau and stated she is proud of park staff over the years, the effort of the hearts that goes on. She spoke about park petition for a Water Management Area and referenced DOI meetings in June/July. She read from testimony presented to DOI – occupation of Kingdom of Hawaii – from this point forward, she will

proactively assist in the active amalgamation of the Hawaiian Kingdom. The first priority is to help with the charge to the Kingdom of Hawaii – Puoina Heiau is absolutely living – 121 years. She lauded and appreciates park staff, her focus will be actively defending the charge of defending the Hawaiian Kingdom, OHA has failed people miserably and Shane Nelson is part of that process, when we show up our genealogy shows up -

Commissioner Ching stated Commissioner Roy's (her aunt) Comments need to go on record. The Native Hawaiian community is a sovereign nation. She acknowledged the work that is going on through larger context.

Next meeting December 5 at the Kaloko Picnic Area

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM

Action Items

*Superintended Duchesne said she would check to see if Kalaupapa has hiring preferences.

*Chairman Cachola asked Tyler Paikuli-Campbell to set up visits to other West Hawaii fish ponds in order to develop a coalition.

Motions

*Commissioner Harp proposed that the June 20, 2014, minutes be accepted as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ching. The motion passed unanimously.

*Chairman Cachola called for a vote on the proposed resolution (letter to Director Jarvis with amendments). He asked that all in favor raise their right hand. Five voting members raised their right hands. The Chairman declared the motion carries.

*Commissioner Harp proposed a motion, the Chair draft a letter of commendation to the Director. Commissioner Chun seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Notes taken by Jeff Zimpfer