

KAULUNANI URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM



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Thursday, February 13, 2025, 9:00AM – 3:00PM

Location: Hale at Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, hosted by 'Elepaio Social Services
86-260 Farrington Hwy
Waianae, Hawai'i 96792

Attendees: Council members - Jennifer Maydan, Matthew Loudermilk, Kris Kokame, Terri-Ann Koike, Alex Connelly, Jesse Mikasobe-Kealiinohomoku, Kialoa Mossman, Jermy Uowolo, Niki Kunioka-Volz
Council members emeritus - Danielle Frohlich

Staff - Heather McMillen, Le'a Ka'aha'aina, Koki Atcheson, Indrajit Gunasekara, Lennie Espinoza, Kehau Kahele-Madali, Malia Staab

Apologies: Desiree Page, Miranda Hutten, David Smith

Guests: Sanjeev Sridharan (UH Social Science Research Institute)

9:00 am Welcome, orientation

- Opening protocol (Kaliko Chang)
- Welcome and orientation (Jesse)
- Quick introductions
- Kaulunani Poem & Welcome (Jen)

9:50 am Letter of solidarity to our partners (Heather)

- Heather and Kaulunani staff discuss communications with partners regarding funding updates and uncertainty. Council supports the content and decision to send this letter.

10:15 am Grants & Awards Committee summary and recommendation for awards, Council vote (Jen)

- Jen Maydan presents on the discussion and recommendation of the grants and awards committee to support proposals of the following organizations for Year of Our Community Forests projects:
 - EarthRM

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County of Kaua'i*

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Miranda Hutten
USDA Forest Service

Emeritus Members:

2024 Danielle Frohlich
*SWCA Environmental
Consultants*

2024 Desireé Page
Hawaiian Electric

- Grow Good Hawai'i
- Hawai'i 'Ulu Producers Cooperative
- Ho'inana A Me Ho'ola Corporation (State and private funds only)
- Hawai'i Audubon Society
- Honolulu Theatre For Youth
- Kaua'i Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs
- Niu Doc LLC (operating as "Niu Forever)
- Trees for Honolulu's Future
- Maui Green & Beautiful
- Maui Nui Botanical Gardens, Inc.
- Council approves with unanimous consent (9 council members present).

10:50 am Year of Our Community Forests Legislative Updates

- State Urban and Community Forester Heather McMillen testified on: HB1380, SB546, SB626
- Upcoming legislation and topics of interest were mentioned:
 - SB1582 - coconut food bill (to be introduced 02/19)
 - SB686 - Coconut rhinoceros beetle bill
 - SB1100 - Puts invasive species council under DOA
 - Bamboo and hemp economies for building

11:20 am Council co-learning

- Weaving fish out of lau niu (coconut leaf) led by Kehau and Lennie

11:40 am Tour of 'Elepaio Social Services

- Discussion of netting to manage CRB populations on niu, tour of niu planted, presentation on the history and program priorities of 'Elepaio Social Services (Jesse)

12:20 pm Lunch and Individual Updates

1:15 pm Depart for site visit at Ka'ala Farms

1:30 pm Site visit at Ka'ala Farms

- Opening protocol and story of Ka'ala Farms (AK)
- Visit the niu re-planted in December with support from 'Elepaio Social Services and Niu Now

3:00 pm Pau

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