

KAULUNANI URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM



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Thursday, May 8, 2025, 9:00AM – 3:00PM

Location: Bishop Museum
1525 Bernice St
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96718

Attendees: Council members - Kevin Sullivan, Jesse Mikasobe-Kealiinohomoku, Alisha Summers, Jermy Uowolo, Matthew Loudermilk, Noa Lincoln, Alex Connelly, Terri-Ann Koike

Staff - Heather McMillen, Kate Wiechmann, Indrajit Gunasekara, Le'a Ka'aha'aina, Koki Atcheson

Apologies: Desireé Page, Danielle Frohlich, Jennifer Maydan, Kris Kokame, Matthew Bauer, Kialoa Mossman, Niki Kunioka-Volz, Miranda Hutten, David Smith

Guests: Sanjeev Sridharan (UH Social Science Research Institute), Marigold Zoll (delegate of David Smith, Division of Forestry and Wildlife), Kimberly (guest of Matthew Loudermilk)

9:00 am Welcome, orientation (Gina Errico, Bishop Museum)

- Kaulunani Poem & Welcome (Terri)
- Council Member Details form (Koki)

9:10 am Approval of minutes (Terri)

9:15 am Kaulunani values discussion - primer (Sanjeev)

- Sanjeev invites all those present to reflect and briefly jot down an example of where each person has seen Kaulunani values in action. A full discussion is scheduled in the afternoon.

9:20 am USFS Updates and Outlook (Heather)

- Heather provides updates from Miranda Hutten, Forest Service liaison to the Kaulunani Advisory Council.

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Miranda Hutten
USDA Forest Service

Emeritus Members:

2024 Danielle Frohlich
*SWCA Environmental
Consultants*

2024 Desireé Page
Hawaiian Electric

- Kate provides a financial report on the status of various Kaulunani funding streams. Federal funds under threat currently support 6 Kaulunani staff and more than 37 community partner projects.
- Heather leads a brief discussion on the next few years of Kaulunani and potential routes forward with reduced resources. It will be critical to stay true to Kaulunani's mission and core values, and involve council members in planning.

9:45 am Forest Action Plan Planning (Heather)

- Heather explains the upcoming Forest Action Plan update which will guide requests and justification for funding and how funds are awarded.
- Matt L, Terri, Alex, Jesse, Matt B, Jermy express interest in joining a committee to advance this project

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

- Motion to award Arbor Day 2025 grants to long term partners (Maui Nui Botanical Gardens, Garden Island Resource Conservation District, Amy Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden, Moloka'i Land Trust, City and County of Honolulu, Mālama Learning Center) and Community Coconut Collaborator (Hakipu'u Learning Center), given that the projects maintain the spirit and scope of previous Arbor Day projects.
 - Motion: Noa Lincoln. Second: Kevin Sullivan. Vote: All in favor
- Motion to support priorities of Year of Our Community Forests Campaign, including school bus funding (\$10,000 in support of Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation), design collaboration (\$3,000 with Hawai'i-based designer at Kaulunani staff discretion), and a Year of Our Community Forests Celebration event (\$10,000 in partnership with Artist in Residence)
 - Motion: Noa Lincoln Second: Matthew Loudermilk. Vote: All in favor
- Motion to award highly ranked Year of Our Community Forests Projects (Kapiolani Community College, Wahine Freelance Alliance, UH Liko Nā Pilina, Healthy Climate Communities, Malama Learning Center) and delegate Kaulunani staff the ability to award remaining funds to the next prioritized projects should these highly ranked projects decline the award or accept only partial funding.
 - Motion: Noa Lincoln Second: Matthew Loudermilk. Vote: All in favor
- Motion to award supplemental funding to partially awarded Year of Our Community Forests Projects (Niu Doc LLC, Maui Green & Beautiful, Hawai'i 'Ulu Producers Cooperative) to meet their full request

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- Motion: Kevin Sullivan Second: Noa Lincoln. Vote: all in favor

10:50 am Year of Our Community Forests Activities and Updates

- [House Concurrent Resolution 40](#) - adopted (Heather)
- County proclamations ([Maui](#), Kaua'i, Hawai'i?)
- Civil Beat "Community Voice" opportunity ([April Aloha Tree Alliance](#))
- Outreach Activity Updates & Strategy (Le'a)
- 'Ōlelo Youth Exchange video contest (Le'a)

11:10 am Community Coconut Program updates (Indrajit)

11:25 am Shade Trees for Schools Program updates (Malia)

11:40 am Council co-learning (Kevin)

- Kevin presents on the fungal kingdom and mycelial connections to community forests

12:10 pm Lunch and Individual Updates

12:50 pm Tour of Bishop Museum Herbarium (Barbara Kennedy, Botany Collections Manager)

2:15 pm Identifying Kaulunani Values (Sanjeev)

3:15 pm Pau