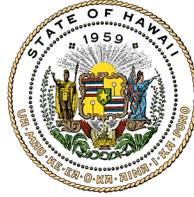


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**DATE: Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**TIME: 10:00 AM (HST)**

**PLACE: Department of Land and Natural Resources Kalanimoku Building**

**Board Room #132**

**1151 Punchbowl St.**

**Honolulu, HI 96813**

**—AND—**

**Online via Zoom**

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**OIBC Members:**

**Present:** Chair Mills (LLO), In-person  
Vice-Chair Ehrhorn (LLO), In-person  
Member Caceres (Waianae), In-person  
Member Ako (Kona), In-person  
Member Shafer (Koolauloa), In-person

**SHPD Staff:**

Jessica Puff, Administrator  
Regina Hilo, Burial Site Specialist  
Kea Calpito, Acting History & Culture Branch Chief  
Susan Lebo, Archaeology Branch Chief (on Zoom)  
Samantha Hemenway, Oahu Archaeologist (on Zoom)

**At Board Room:**

Mana Caceres, 'Ohana Kupono Consulting  
Max Pinsonneault, Keala Pono Archaeological Consulting  
Matt McDermott, CSH

**Dennis Gossier  
Brandon Shima, University of Hawaii  
Lise Ditzel-Ma, University of Hawaii  
Nick Lozanoff, University of Hawaii  
Tate Ikehara, University of Hawaii  
Ross Richards, University of Hawaii  
Nick Belluzzo, ASM Affiliates  
Henry Fong, Descendant  
Darren Flanagan, Arete  
Joey Buchan, Arete  
Kiele Muraco, NSC  
Jason Lee, Oceanit  
Dodge Watson, Honua**

**On Zoom:**

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Diane Fitzsimmons  
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Lani  
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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Mills calls meeting to order at 10:04AM*

**II. ROLE CALL/PULE**

**Recording: 0:20-2:36**

*Member Caceres conducts pule*

*Chair Mills, Vice-Chair Ehrhorn, Member Caceres, Member Ako, Member Shafer*

### III. MINUTES

**A. Approval of the Minutes for March 12, 2025**

**B. Approval of the Minutes for April 9, 2025**

**Recording: 2:55-3:30**

- Chair Mills-Minutes weren't distributed to the cancel
- Regina Hilo-Minutes will be distributed for review in the next couple weeks

### Item VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### IV. BUSINESS

**A. DRAFT ADDENDUM Burial Treatment Plan for the HPU Science Building Adaptive Re- Use Project, SIHP 50-80-14-10032, 1042 Fort Street, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-002:001 (por.), 007 (por.), and 999 (por.)**

**Information/Discussion/Recommendation/Determination:** Discussion and determination on whether to preserve in place or relocate human skeletal remains at the above location. Recommendation to the State Historic Preservation Division whether to accept or not accept the above DRAFT ADDENDUM Burial Treatment Plan.

**Recording: 8:20-39:10**

- Max Pinsonneault-Several burials were encountered during AIS as well as multiple historic sites. During an earlier AIS an additional burial was found that hasn't been reinterred yet. Proposing the burial found in the supplemental AIS be buried in the same location as the other burial found in the previous AIS. Place they were encountered is central on property and all plans require ground disturbance in the area. Search for descendants for the BTP yielded in 2 more descendants wishing to be acknowledged.
- Mana Caceres-Name from this project changed from the original AIS which is why it went under my family's radar
- Chair Mills-What was the descendants manao on the BTP?
- Max Pinsonneault-There were no comments
- Vice-Chair-Ehrhorn-Is that that future building footprint shown? The reburial is along Bethel street. Our position is to not move burials and if they are moved to move them as little as possible.

- Max Pinsonneault-The current plan is in flux right now due to the permitting changes. The burials were found around the location near the emergency generator. The reburial is not in the same location.
- Robby Kelly-We are planning on knocking down existing structures and rebuilding. The courtyard will not be there anymore. The reburial will be in a place where there will be no future construction on the upcoming years.
- Mana Caceres-Concern for iwi removed all these years. How soon once this is approved will they be reinterred? If the plan is to wait until the building is done, I won't support the treatment. Before addressing the kupuna that was recently found, we need to address the kupuna that was removed from the ground.
- Member Caceres-Pg 17 states the bone fragment is currently being curated privately. As of now, an employee is in illegal possession of iwi kupuna since 2019. Gross oversight on project proponents and SHPD. Pg 25 states a long term buffer of 5ft by 5ft and vague about materials utilized. Doesn't state whether the buffer is only above ground or will have subsurface protections. Need explanation of why relocation is the only path for the BTP. Are any pile caps going to be drilled in the area? Any grade beams connected to the pile caps in the area? BTP is not giving reason for why iwi cannot be preserved in place. Members of the Norman ohana are online, would recommend you reach out to the Norman ohana as well.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-We have no idea of the future of the site and cant make a decision for the best relocation site. Before approval, need to see a building footprint even though it can change over time.
- Max Pinsonneault-All comments will adjust the plan and make it more precise. Primary reason of holding back reburial is the building footprint is still there, until the building is demolished, the site cant be utilized.
- Robby Kelly-About to submit permit, once DPP approves the permit it can move forward. Permit is for a 13-story hotel similar to the original plan. Avlon came into possession of the site about 1-2 years ago and still wrapping head around the past BTP to find a plan to best go forward and come back with a plan.
- Member Ako-Will always question if descendants have been consulted not just for this project but all BTP's brought before the council. Whatever is proposed should be vetted by the descendants. Preference in the past has been to preserve in place and need to know why something was done differently if so.
- Member Caceres-Would be helpful for members and descendants if sewer lines are in the area as well. Any amendments in the plan need to consider what preservation in place options are and include those in the BTP.
- Member Shafer-Speak with the descendants so everyone is on the same page prior to coming to OIBC.
- Chair Mills-Plan in future with SHPD, arch firms will be provided a list of descendants.

- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-Many of the same concerns were brought up last month and they haven't been addressed. In the BTP there should be a clear outline of what will happen if other inadvertent discoveries are made.
- Keala Norman-Request that since no permit has been received, they incorporate a burial preserve in the lobby, in place, instead of pushing iwi beside a road.
- Anela-Once they start digging, they will probably find more iwi and agree with preservation in place.
- Bill Haole-Noticing 5 trenches and iwi were discovered but not indicated where they were found. In future, requests it is indicated on the maps where they were discovered. Long standing Kona cultural descendant and wasn't informed of this project.

*Motions and vote (37:09)*

**MOTION:**            **To deny the BTP**  
**MOVED BY:**       **Member Caceres**  
**2ND BY:**           **Member Shafer**  
**VOTE:**             **Motion carried unanimously**

- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-These recommendations aren't getting passed to others involved leading to the same issues with every presentation.

**B. DRAFT Burial Treatment Plan for 810 Halekauwila Street, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1-050:058. Information/Discussion/Determination/Recommendation:** Discussion and determination on whether to preserve in place or relocate human skeletal remains at the above location. Recommendation to the State Historic Preservation Division whether to accept or not accept the above DRAFT Burial Treatment Plan.

**Recording: 39:10-45:44**

- Member Caceres-Point of Order, this project did not meet the timeline to make it on the agenda and did not include all the documentation as required 2 weeks before the meeting date. Request was made last Thursday for all the documentation on the agenda and was denied because the documentation was not sent in.
- Jessica Puff-It is up to the council if this will be on the agenda or if denied
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-If requirements weren't met there doesn't need to be a motion and it shouldn't be on the agenda.
- Regina Hilo-The BTP meets requirements to come before the council but

did not meet the timeline.

- Dodge Watson-We will defer to the next meeting. Met with Norman Ohana on May 5 and wanted to include in the plan causing the delay. Emails with consultants were sent out with read receipts.
- Member Caceres-The council did receive communication from descendants that they were not consulted.

**C. Kauwela Apartments 1 Project, Waikīkī Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK:**

**(1) 2-7-007:050**

**Update/Discussion:** Update on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 45:44-1:21:07**

- Matt McDermott-Here for AIS plan, no shovels have touched the ground. Received information from consultation to begin to make a plan. Project is .313 acres with four historic buildings. 5 story building with ground disturbance being demolition of current structures and building of new. No historic development until 1920’s, prior to this was rice and kalo fields. Not a lot of previous archeological work in the general area. 1998 had an inadvertent discovery related to utilities but outside of project work. Unknown if preserved in place. Dwellings are very close and testing will be difficult. 3 of the houses are currently inhabited. Reached out to OHA, SHPD, OIBC, and descendants. Initial proposed testing include 6 trenches covering 2% of the project area. Testing strategy was modified after input to include more testing of the proposed foundation. Use of GPR not reliable because of proximity to water table. Revised AIS testing includes 7 trenches in more potentially sensitive spots. Project can’t move forward until AIS is completed so no post demolition can be implemented at this time. Consultation will continue
- Liz Char-42 unit apartment studio utilizing low income tax credits. 26-28 parking stalls with rent ranging from \$500-\$1400/month.
- Member Ako-Impressed with modifications based on consultation with descendants
- Member Shafer-Always impressed on presentations, no drama, and moves ahead.
- Member Mako-Is there a trench where the elevator trench will be? The rail requires that a supplemental AIS be done concurrently with active construction. Once demolition is completed of the abandoned house, it would allow for a supplemental AIS. Historically inadvertent discoveries are more likely to be relocated during active construction compared to AIS finds. Mentioned it would be difficult for an excavator to be reach between houses but doesn’t limit hand digging. Minimum of 5% testing is asked because of lack of data in the area.
- Matt McDermott-The proposed elevator shaft is beneath the house that is currently abandoned.

- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-Abandoned house is bothersome because it tends to be a magnet for trouble.
- Liz Char-The current development team acquired property in December 2024. Can't attest to intention of prior owners. Cannot touch site until funding is secured. Other buildings on site are occupied.
- Matt McDermott-May be able to do hand testing for the elevator shaft based on safety of structure. There is a burial find within 300ft of the area. Comprise could be to do initial testing and relook after that.
- Member Caceres-Supplemental AIS has been done on other projects and no reason cannot be done here. Is anything stopping hand digging near elevator shaft?
- Keala Norman-Asks once homes are demolished, excavators are used to remove 4inches at a time with screening for the whole project. Would like this to be done for all projects down to bedrock or coral shelf to inform archeologists and descendants where iwi are located before permits are issued. Then developers can design buildings around the iwi. In the long run, could save developers money by not needing monitors and having project delays.
- Mana Caceres-If test trench is added for the elevator shaft, what would the testing percentage of the site be?

**D. Archaeological Inventory Survey at Waikīkī Aquarium, Waikīkī Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 3-1-031:006**  
**Information/Discussion:** Informational presentation and discussion on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 1:21:07-1:41:05**

- Brandon Shima-Project to upgrade water system of aquarium. 4 different sets of remains found, all on hold pending approval of BTP.
- Member Caceres-What difficulty is there in confirming identify of human remains in segment 8? Has a BTP been drafted yet? What protection measures have been implemented for these iwi?
- Dennis Gossier-Bones in place are very fragile and hesitant to move forward until its known how to proceed. Not an osteologist but suspect they're not human. The wall they're in is unstable. Each find location sectioned off with sandbags. Any skeletal material found in screening has been included back with the rest of the remains where they were found. Came across a vault made of concrete with human remains inside. No record of reinterment there. Have done minimal work with it so as not to disturb it. Not in SHPD records. Unsure of age of vault.
- Chair Mills-Do the iwi look like they were found in fill material?
- Dennis Gossier-There was previous iwi that was brought in with sand from Molokai or Maui 1993. These iwi look like they were previously disturbed and may have been from outside material as well.
- Brandon Shima-Notification to the public was sent out May 1<sup>st</sup>, once

descendants are compiled consultation will begin. Hoping to have draft BTP by August. Currently in process of doing 100% AIS.

- Member Ako-To SHPD, when an inadvertent discovery is made, does SHPD automatically let the parties involved know who the descendants for the area are? If descendants are willing to put their time and effort into this, we should be letting them know
- Regina Hilo-Yes, trying to be better at letting project proponents know who should be part of consultation.
- Member Caceres-HAR states burden is on SHPD to have descendants notified. If projects coming before council do not have consultation from descendants, it's the fault of SHPD.
- Dennis Gossier-SHPD has been very proactive with identifying individuals to consult with.
- Member Shafer-Should list out all people consulted with.
- Keala Norman-Have not been contacted by SHPD about the project. Good precedent for 100% AIS.
- Anela-Appreciate sensitivity and transparency. Ready with kapa and baskets. Always wonder if things are being handled appropriately.
- Mana Caceres-Have multiple descendency claims that have not been processed for a year and a half. Disrespectful to submit new applications. Community doesn't know of burial find, months later descendants are recognized.
- Regina Hilo-That shouldn't be the case. If you follow up with me, we'll see where they are in the process.

**E. House and Senate Resolutions (HCR193HD1 and SCR161) that Would Create a Working Group to Explore Transferring the Care, Management, and Protection of Iwi Kupuna from the State Historic Preservation Division to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.**

**Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 1:41:05-1:46:30**

- Mana Caceres-Council and Iwi Kuamoo was heavily involved in first working group. There are two different versions of this bill, Iwi Kuamoo was removed. Original bill had one member from every council. First working group was to gather information, this one is to look at the next step.
- Jessica Puff-Didn't want to remove them but wanted to be more inclusive. Community can decide who representatives are. Intention was about bringing in more people. A lot of bills died. Bill about coastal erosion effects on iwi died as well. It started off with a bill that was a totally different bill but then added language to transfer the burial sites program to OHA but realization occurred that we should actually build

off of - what you're saying the previous study committee report - to figure out if OHA would actually be a good home or is there another entity that might be a better home.

## V. INADVERTENT DISCOVERIES/COMMUNICATIONS

### A. Inadvertent Discoveries at Turtle Bay Resort; 'Ō'io 1, Ulupehupehua, and Punalau Ahupua'a; Ko'olauloa District, Island of O'ahu, TMKs: (1) 5-7-001:050 Information/Discussion: Information and discussion on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 1:46:30-3:01:25**

- Member Caceres-stated that the request made at the March 2025 OIBC meeting was for SHPD to include an ongoing list of inadvertent discoveries from the past without letters of determination and/or awaiting reburial; would like to ensure the list is ongoing and only once kupuna are reburied should those agenda items be removed; will send an example spreadsheet to SHPD
- Jessica Puff-SHPD will work with you, undergoing a transition phase
- Regina Hilo-Nick's presentation will be much more interesting than my monotone

Presentation by Nick Belluzzo, ASM Affiliates; supported by members of Arete Collective; and Henry Fong, a recognized lineal descendant

- Nick Belluzzo-He would come regularly to provide updates to the OIBC. His presentation included information about the parcels at Turtle Bay Resort that Arete Collective owns – Lot 13, Lot 15, and Lot 16.
- Nick presented about the historic preservation process, the documents reviewed and accepted by the SHPD including: Haun and Associates AIS in 2015, a Supplemental AIS, and AMP, BSC, and BTP. A Preservation Plan for SIHP 50-80-02-07289 will expand boundaries to include the Feb. 2025 individual which will be preserved in place. There was an inadvertent discovery in April 2025, and though no determination has been made, the landowner is looking at options to preserve-in-place. An inadvertent discovery occurred on May 13, 2025 and were found within an elevator shaft excavation.
- Member Shafer-Who is in the Kahuku Burial Committee?
- Nick Belluzzo-Several people have retired. Henry Fong is working with individuals to pull together their genealogy. Would like to see more people in that committee.
- Member Ako-Is this an official committee or a volunteer group?
- Nick Belluzzo-Its all volunteer. No official standing other than as descendants.
- Regina Hilo-They are recognized as a Native Hawaiian Organization and are made up of descendants. We consult with them.
- Member Caceres-Rare to have a complete presentation on inadvertent discoveries. Extremely informative and helpful. For the AMP, are you present for all ground disturbing work?
- Nick Belluzzo-We're there for all ground disturbing work and have two people per machine. All contractors have an environmental training on responsibilities

working on site. Everyone has to individually sign the document if they're on site.

- Chair Mills-In receipt of two testimonies of community members.
- Chair reads testimony "Kaimana Plemmer-lifelong resident. Have concerns of iwi at turtle bay resort. Two members of OIBC are employed by developer and concerned about conflict of interest. Raises questions about integrity of consultation process and whether community voices are properly being addressed. What safeguards are in place to ensure inadvertent discoveries are properly being handled?"
- Chair Mills-If there are any members that are in conflict, please recuse yourself from those matters
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-It wasn't stated who those two individuals were that have a conflict of interest.
- Member Shafer-I'm not employed by turtle bay or this group. They did donate to my campaign when I ran for state senator. Since a compromise was made to only build 5 hotels, the state gave \$50 million to make the project work. I'm on a different side now. This was agreed to long ago including where iwi were going to be preserved.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-I used to work for the landowner and was on the negotiating team that finalized the sale to the current owners.
- Nick Belluzzo-The decision with the iwi kupuna rests with SHPD. I'm trying to be as transparent as possible with this plan. I will continue coming to OIBC to ensure the process continues.
- Member Ako-When these allegations come in, what do we do procedurally to deal with them? If there are legitimate concerns, we need to go through due process. Specific names and information should be given.
- Chair Mills-This is common for allegations to happen. Community members can always speak to any topic they have. A response memo would be drafted after comments. If any OIBC member feels they are in conflict, recuse yourself from decision making. After AG's review of the response, its sent off.
- Member Shafer-If there's any conflict, I have no issue stepping back. The Kahuku Burial Committee should fill out the form and become official if they want to be recognized. Some times people on the committee are working for the project as well. They should come forward as a descendant.
- Mana Caceres-When I was on the council, all the members were recognized as descendants.
- Henry Fong-Offered to guide Melissa through the process as well as Kaimana to help with the application. My appointment doesn't affect my decisions working with iwi kupuna.
- Lillie-Following up on testimony sent out. Previously in Nick's presentation the Kahuku Burial Committee had members that left and Henry was the only one left. Was there anyone else?
- Henry Fong-There are two pending members
- Lillie-Henry disclosed he is an employee of the developer and also a recognized descendant. That in itself is a conflict of interest. As a community member asking he recuse himself from any influence as someone receiving a paycheck from the developer. Heard Ben received funding from a political campaign, ask he consider recusing himself in chance there were back agreements that were made.
- Member Caceres-We hold no jurisdiction over a volunteer group as OIBC. Would be beneficial to request representation from AG and ethics commission so

community members can hear advice given. At end of day, council doesn't have authority over inadvertent discoveries. These items are listed here for the community to give SHPD testimony. Discussion might be different if it were a previously identified burial.

- Kaulana Ing-Appreciative of presentation. Regular visitors to this beach and have seen the accelerated process. Concern over monitoring in terms of monitoring to vehicles, was present on Friday 12-3 and saw the orange fence. Counted no less than 5 vehicles engaged in ground disturbing activity. Discoveries by crew may indicate insufficient monitoring while digging.
- Nick Belluzzo-Want to have a monitor for every vehicle. Not monitoring unless they're digging in the earth. Will get together with the crews if there are any activity that we're not aware of. At the end of the day there is a site walk as well.
- Member Caceres-Request AMP from SHPD to review and make recommendation SHPD employee conduct a site visit to ensure monitoring compliance.
- K.B-Sent in testimony along with other people, were they received? Was asked to send them to Regina Hilo.
- Regina Hilo-2 other testimonies were received after hours. They've been uploaded to HICRIS and have not yet forwarded them to the council.
- K.B-Are lineal descendants given testimonies before the meeting starts?
- Regina Hilo-No, they were received after hours
- K.B.-Henry Fong contacted two individuals and let them know he read their public testimony.
- Regina Hilo-Anyone can access the testimony. I can send you how to access it after this meeting.
- K.B.-Was SHPD notified of the most recent inadvertent discoveries last week?
- Nice Belluzzo-Yes, the police were notified first and SHPD as well.
- K.B.-Was a medical examiner or archeologist notified?
- Chair Mills-You're going into the procedures of inadvertent discoveries. Could you share your thoughts to us
- K.B.-Want to make sure everything was done in a pono fashion and there are no conflict of interests as stated before. Feel Mr. Shafer is a conflict of interest. Feel Ms. Hilo helped form Kahuku Burial Committee
- Regina Hilo-Not true, that predates my service with SHPD
- Chair Mills-Regina is going to forward your testimony. I want to discuss it with the council and it may take some time for a response. Maybe this can be taken offline. I'll follow up via email.
- Member Caceres-For written testimony to appear before the council, it must be submitted 24 hours prior to the meeting so it can be added to HICRIS and forwarded to the council. We're here to hold everyone accountable.
- Anela-In 2015, fought with group for protections of Turtle Bay and was able to protect a large part of ag land. They're coming into an area that is culturally sensitive because of burial sites and endangered species. Development will impact those things. Where there is one iwi kupuna there is more. Kupuna deserve to be protected and respected. This is the only agenda item where a conflict of interest was mentioned.
- Kela Miller-Calling in regards to some people on the commission, my concern is we listen to the people from there. Had a kupuna that passed away and we were all concerned with the iwi kupuna. Don't think Ben Shafer and Henry Fong should recuse themselves. We asked them to be there as kupuna.

- Diane Fitzsimmons-As a former board member and resident for 54 years of north shore I have some roots and concern for this area. I keep hearing lineal descendants of the committee, are they lineal descendants of specific burials?
- Regina Hilo-Yes, they are lineal descendants to specific iwi. The recognized lineal descendants have their genealogical ties to kupuna at Turtle Bay.
- Diane Fitzsimmons-These aren't inadvertent, they're previously identified. Saw list of iwi from development in the area long ago. Continuing to find burials, this is a burial site that is being built on.
- Keala Norman-Agree this is a burial ground. Asking SHPD what the definition of a cluster burial for SHPD to say this is a graveyard.
- Member Shafer-Want to know all the information of the area first. How would they call it a graveyard if they got this far in building already. Kahuku Committee is so small.
- Member Caceres-Great vagueness in administrative rules with what SHPD has to adhere to. Statutes don't specify number of individuals or close proximity to identify a burial cluster. Thus far developer and managed to preserve iwi in place.

**Item E addressed**

**B. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Alia at 888 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu Ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-1- 056:017.**

**Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 3:15:48-3:28:50**

- Regina Hilo-For BTP's is it helpful to provide a summary in the cover letter of the BTP itself with relevant information? 6 burials finds to date with 5 being confirmed. No exploration to confirm for the 6<sup>th</sup>. No determination on treatment of 6<sup>th</sup> find.
- Member Caceres-Has a determination been issued for all other finds?
- Regina Hilo-There is a determination for burials 1,2 and 4 that are bundle burials. Burials 1 and 2 was determined to be relocated. Burial 3 was isolated and believe it would be relocated. Burial 4 was recovered and determined to be preserved in place. Soil remediation needed to occur with burial 4 being temporarily curated.
- Member Ako-Could we get the dates of when these occurred. If iwi are being stored, how and where?
- Member Caceres-For burials with relocation and temporary curation, what is the timeline of reburials? Would be helpful if arch firms came before council for their own presentation.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-SHPD wanted to preserve in place for a burial but developer disagrees. Why preservation in place and why does the developer disagree? If there is a difference of opinion between developer and SHPD, would be good to know the differences.
- Keala Norman-Burial 5 is a coffin burial and preserved in place with no

work involved in the area while expanding the current burial preserve. Going to conduct another site visit, plywood buffer was not moved out to include burial 5 at last visit.

**C. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at The Park on Keeaumoku Project, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-3- 018:052.**

**Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 3:28:50-3:36:03**

- Regina Hilo-Covered last month. March 15, cranial fragment found during trenching. A notch immediately adjacent to the drain line excavation housed the iwi. Steel barricade vertically and horizontally on sides for preservation measures. Indeterminant fragments from the lab are temporarily curated for now, should have a letter that authorizes temporary private possession by descendants. No determination for indeterminant fragments but relocation is recommended.
- Keala Norman-Thought there was a curation facility on site.
- Regina Hilo-There was but didn't see a long-term need for it and so it was removed. Iwi are in Kailua.
- Keala Norman-In circumstances like that, descendants should be notified of changes.
- Anela-Will that become the norm to put a steel box over iwi? Were protocol followed?

**D. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Kalae (formerly Howard Hughes Corporation Block B West Project); Kaka‘ako, Honolulu Ahupua‘a, Kona District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 2-3-001:133. Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 3:36:03-3:43:50**

- Regina Hilo-Soil remediation work was very expansive. Among soil was a find of iwi curated on site. Additional remains during sewer line trenching were found at same location of other iwi. Another individual was found yesterday in close proximity. The remains of the second individual are preserved in the sidewall of the trench. Information will be sent to council and descendants. Keala and the Caceres Ohana are descendants.
- Anela-A lot of kupuna in that area, as a community we are expecting more discoveries. Why not relocate the sewer pipe, nothing is impossible.

- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-Items B,C, D, and E were addressed by a BTP. Need to have it written out all the possible routes for plan of action going forward.

**E. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at Laniākea during Kamehameha Highway Drainage and Safety Improvements Project, HDOT, Kuikuiloloa Ahupua‘a, Waialua District, Island of O‘ahu, TMKs: (1) 6-1-005:023 and 024; 6-1-009:002, 004, 018, 019, 020, 021, and 022; 6-1-010:001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 019, and 020.**

**Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 3:08:35-3:15:00**

- Chair recuses himself
- Jessica Puff-When you recuse yourself, you shouldn't be part of the discussion. There is a quorum issue, this would be an informational part only
- Member Ako-If its informational only, why can't the chair be here for it.
- Jessica Puff-Can follow up with AG for clarification
- Nick Belluzzo-Most everything on this project is previously disturbed. Several iwi fragments near a historic bridge were found and request was to preserve in place if possible. Wrapped them in muslin and curated on site in trailer. Previously thought it was bulldozed from railroad, don't believe that to be true anymore. Seeing imported fill overlying clean sand most likely used for the bridge.

**F. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 32 Kainehe Street, Kailua Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olaupoko District, Island of O‘ahu, TMK: (1) 4-3-057:047. Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 3:43:50-3:53:34**

**Addressing Item F and G together**

- Regina Hilo-Consultation is ongoing, unable to pull together info from those meetings. One of the burials is a HECO easement, planning on avoiding the iwi kupuna. Will come back with a more comprehensive plan afterwards.
- Member Caceres-As a recognized descendant, developers have taken on responsibility of consultation with descendants taking way too long putting SHPD in place of non-compliance for determinations. If SHPD

continues to allow developers to do so, they will continue to be in non-compliance. Is there a plan or process where SHPD would conduct consultation as outlined in administrative rules.

- Jessica Puff-SHPD should be doing consultation because it could be misrepresented. Instances in past where developers consulted with people who weren't recognized descendants. Creates a conflict of interest. SHPD does have to make determination but isn't always appropriate within the time frame. Preliminary determination can be made until all information comes together. Need to look at how we can rewrite rules.
- Member Caceres-During my interview process, spoke with state senator to champion some of these changes. Both BTP's that came before council today didn't consult with descendants. IBC is to keep a list for these types of issues.
- Vice-Chair Ehrhorn-Developer should have responsibility to have consultations.
- Member Ako-To streamline the process, the developer could conduct consultation and SHPD is responsible for what comes from it.

**G. Inadvertent Discovery of Unidentified Native Hawaiian Skeletal Remains at 44 Kainehe Street, Kailua Ahupua'a, Ko'olaupoko District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 4-3-057:048. Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 3:43:50-3:53:34**

**H. Ongoing Documentation and Recovery Efforts at Mauna Lahilahi Beach Park, Wai'anae Ahupua'a, Wai'anae District, Island of O'ahu, TMKS: (1) 8-5-017:006, 007, and 022; 8-5-018:001, 002. Information/Discussion:** Information and discussion on the above agenda item.

**Recording: 3:53:34**

- No update

## **VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. The Next OIBC Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, June 11th, 2025, 10:00 A.M., at the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Kalanimoku Building, Board Room #132, 1151 Punchbowl St., Honolulu, HI 96813.**

**Recording: 3:30-8:20, 3:54:12**

- Chair Mills-Had a chance to speak with OHA, there will be a presentation during the June meeting. First or third Wednesday would be

best to meet for next meeting. In regards to permits not going to SHPD for review, DPP was contacted. Oahu Historic Preservation meeting has something similar on agenda if a couple OIBC members could be present on May 27.

- Member Caceres and Vice-Chair Ehrhorn designated by chair to attend
- Chair Mills-Term ends next month. Plan to be a holdover as long as department needs me. June will be my last meeting, elections should be in July.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion: to adjourn meeting**

**Moved by: Member Shafer**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Member Caceres**

**Vote: 5 YES [Ben, Makoa, Julian, Chuck, Kamana'o]**

**0 NO**

**0 ABSTAINING**

**[0 RECUSED]**

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Meeting Adjourns at approximately 2:00PM**

**\*\*THE ABOVE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE 10/8/2025 OIBC MEETING\*\***

**To provide written testimony:**

We encourage interested persons to submit written testimony in advance of the meeting, which will be distributed to Council members prior to the meeting and allow a timely review. Please submit written testimony to: [Regina.Hilo@hawaii.gov](mailto:Regina.Hilo@hawaii.gov). Written testimony may also be mailed to: State Historic Preservation Division, Kakuhihewa Building, Attn: Regina Hilo - Oahu Burial Sites Specialist; Suite #555; Kapolei, HI 96707. Written testimony may be posted to the SHPD's IBC meeting website; as a precaution, please be mindful with any personal information prior to submitting unless you intend it to be shared. Late written testimony will be retained as part of the administrative record and distributed to OIBC members accordingly., but we cannot ensure the OIBC will receive it in sufficient time to review, prior to decision-making.

**To provide in-person oral testimony:**

Attend the meeting in person: address, date, and time are on the meeting notice and at the top of the agenda.

We kindly ask that all oral testimony be limited to not more than three (3) minutes. We ask that you identify yourself and any affiliation before speaking, but you can choose not to do so.

Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §92-3, all interested persons shall be afforded the opportunity to present oral testimony or submit data, views, or arguments, in writing, on any agenda item. Additionally, pursuant to a policy adopted by the Oahu Island Burial Council at its September 14, 2005 meeting, oral testimony for items listed on the agenda is

limited to three minutes per person, per agenda item.

Pursuant to sections §92-4, §92-5(a)(8), and §6E-43.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and upon compliance with the procedures set forth in section 92-4, HRS, the council may go into a closed meeting to consider information that involves the location or description of a burial site.

The OIBC may go into Executive Session pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(4) in order to consult with its attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Council's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

A request to be placed on a burial council meeting agenda must be made with the Burial Sites Program staff at least two weeks preceding the scheduled meeting date. In addition, the request must be accompanied by all related documents. Failure to comply with this procedure will delay the item to the following month's agenda.

Materials related to items on the agenda are available for review at the State Historic Preservation Division in room 555 of the Kakuhihewa Building located at 601 Kamokila Boulevard, Kapolei, Hawaii 96707.

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