

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

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Community Plan Advisory Committee

Attending: Chair Rob Weltman, Vice Chair Daniel Kanahale, Tova Callender, Everett Dowling, Vernon Kalanikau, Randol Leach, Mike Moran, Cody Nemet, Wayne Nishiki, Keoki Pfaeltzer

Absent: Lehuanani Huddleston-Hafoka, Jennifer Sullivan, Brian Ward

County of Maui – Planning Department, Long Range Division (LRD)

Jacky Takakura, Program Administrator

Karen Comcowich, Planner

Kawika Farm, Cultural Resources Planner

Presenters

Tanya Lee-Greig, ‘Āina Archaeology

Ka‘onohi Lee, Honua‘ula Moku

Call to order at 5:31 p.m.

Roll Call, Introduction and Housekeeping (00:25 to 3:30 in meeting video)

Following member roll call, Chair Weltman gave an opening in Hawaiian then introduced the speakers for the evening.

Presentations for Goals 2.4 and 2.5 (3:39 to 35:20 in meeting video)

Tanya Lee-Greig and Ka‘onohi Lee spoke about the concept of wahi kūpuna, and traditional Hawaiian land management and allocation.

Public Testimony for Goals 2.4 and 2.5 (36:10 to 41:12 in meeting video)

Testifiers included David Dorn.

Q&A with Presenters (41:26 to 1:09:58 in meeting video)

Members asked Tanya Lee-Greig and Ka‘onohi Lee clarifying questions on their presentation, as well as their input regarding Goals 2.4 and 2.5.

5-MINUTE BREAK

Review and Recommendations for Goal 2.5 | Responsible Stewardship of Wahi Kupuna and Historic Properties (1:11:08 to END in meeting video)

Members reviewed policies for Goal 2.5.

POLICIES

Policy 2.5.1 || Require development projects seeking county permits to provide continued access to kuleana lands, and preserve and protect access to areas both mauka and makai for any lands where native Hawaiian rights were customarily and traditionally exercised for subsistence (including fishing, hunting and gathering), cultural or religious purposes. Applicable laws include Section 7-1, Hawai'i Revised Statutes; Article XII, Section 7, of the Hawaii State Constitution; and the Hawaii Supreme Court's PASH opinion, 79 Haw. 425 (1995).

- **Vice Chair Kanahale made a motion to adopt the Planning Department's proposed language for Policy 2.5.1, with the addition of "county permits or exemptions"; Brian Ward seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (1:11:11 to 1:13:59)**

Vice Chair Kanahale made a motion to adjust the language for Policy 2.5.4 to read as follows: "Protect dark skies, mauka and makai public view corridors and scenic vistas, including traditionally significant views and views to and from the shoreline." Vernon Kalanikau seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (1:14:49 to 1:20:16)

Vice Chair Kanahale made a motion to add a new policy: "Protect traditional mauka and makai and shoreline accesses." Karen Comcowich noted that similar language was included for the amended Policy 2.5.1; Vice Chair Kanahale agreed that it was sufficient. (1:21:18 to 1:22:36)

Vice Chair Kanahale made a motion to add a new policy: "Encourage community stewardship of wahi kupuna and historic sites." Keoki Pfaeltzer seconded the motion. Vice Chair Kanahale then amended his motion to read "...and significant historic properties." MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (1:22:38 to 1:26:05)

Vice Chair Kanahale made a motion to add a new policy: "Preserve and restore historical roads and paths as cultural resources and require such resources to be available to the public." Tova Callender seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (1:26:37 to 1:27:21)

Vice Chair Kanahale made a motion to add a new policy: “Establish cultural parks/preserves and heritage corridors for visitation and education.” At Planning Department’s suggestion, Vice Chair Kanahale agreed to make the policy an action instead. ([1:27:33 to 1:28:58](#))

Members then moved on to actions for Goal 2.5.

ACTIONS

Action 5.01 | Establish a code of conduct for County parks with cultural sites in South Maui and install signs explaining the code of conduct at appropriate locations.

- **Vice Chair Kanahale made a motion to adopt Action 5.01; Tova Callender seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ([1:29:57 to 1:31:50](#))

Action 5.02 | Continue and expand collaborative restoration and preservation efforts, such as agreements between nonprofits, private entities and County departments, with priority given to fishponds, wetlands, and lo'i within South Maui.

- **Tova Callender made a motion to adopt Action 5.02 as written; Keoki Pfaeltzer seconded the motion. Vernon Kalanikau requested a friendly amendment to include “such as agreements between Native Hawaiian organizations, nonprofits [...]”; Tova and Keoki accepted the friendly amendment. Vice Chair Kanahale requested a friendly amendment to include “dryland forests”; Tova and Keoki accepted the friendly amendment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ([1:31:51 to 1:39:38](#))

Action 5.03 | Identify significant wahi kūpuna and historic properties in South Maui that the County should purchase for preservation.

- **Keoki Pfaeltzer made a motion to adopt Action 5.03; Tova Callender seconded the motion**, then requested a friendly amendment to include “and restoration” at the end; however, following Planning staff input, she withdrew her request. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ([1:39:39 to 1:45:52](#))

Action 5.04 | Identify additional locations in South Maui to host and hold community oriented art and cultural events with priority given to events that perpetuate Native Hawaiian cultural practices.

- **Vice Chair Kanahale made a motion to adopt Action 5.04; Tova Callender seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ([1:45:54 to 1:49:51](#))

Action 5.05 | Obtain funding and install signs to identify wahi kūpuna and historical sites throughout South Maui.

- **Vice Chair Kanahele made a motion to adopt Action 5.01; Tova Callender seconded the motion. Following input from Ka’onohi Lee and Planning staff, Keoki Pfaeltzer requested a friendly amendment to include “with consultation from appropriate Native Hawaiian groups”; Vice Chair Kanahele and Tova accepted the friendly amendment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. ([1:49:58 to 1:58:00](#))**

Before moving on to the next action, Vice Chair Kanahele asked to make Tanya Lee Greig and Ka’onohi Lee resource people for the evening’s meeting; there were no objections.

Action 5.06 | Partner with state agencies, such as DLNR, County Department of Parks and Recreation, and community groups to develop and implement a plan to more effectively address the impacts of tourism, overcrowding and recreational businesses on marine resources, shoreline access and enjoyment. The plan should prioritize native Hawaiian cultural practices and public shoreline access, and make it easier to enforce existing regulations through the cooperation of various agencies.

- **Tova Callender made a motion to adopt Action 5.06; Keoki Pfaeltzer seconded the motion. Members also asked the Planning Department to include the action in the Maui Island Plan as well.** Vice Chair Kanahele and members Tova Callender, Everett Dowling, Vernon Kalanikau, Randol Leach, Mike Moran, Cody Nemet and Keoki Pfaeltzer voted in favor of the motion, with Wayne Nishiki opposed. **8-1, MOTION PASSED.** ([1:59:11 to 2:10:36](#))

ADDITIONAL POLICIES AND ACTIONS

Vice Chair Kanahele read aloud a proposed action from his [member input](#): “Require development projects to identify all cultural resources located within or adjacent to the project area, prior to application, as part of the County development review process. Further require that all proposed activity include recommendations to mitigate potential adverse impacts on cultural resources, including site avoidance, adequate buffer areas and interpretation. Particular attention should be directed toward the southern areas of the planning region south of Kilohana Drive.” Following extensive member discussion and input from Planning staff and Tanya Lee Greig, Vice Chair Kanahele decided to withdraw his motion. ([2:11:05 to 2:33:37](#))

Following member discussion and Planning staff input, **Keoki Pfaeltzer made a motion to adopt a new policy: “Support the restoration of Pu’u Hele.” Cody Nemet seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ([2:35:35 to 2:40:21](#))

Following input from Tanya Lee Greig, **Vice Chair Kanahale made a motion to adopt a new policy: “Encourage creating and implementing educational onboarding for new residents and homeowners with significant cultural sites or resources on or near their property.”** Everett Dowling seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ([2:44:41 2:53:03](#))

Vice Chair Kanahale made a motion to adopt a new action: “Establish cultural parks/preserves and heritage corridors for visitation and education.” Everett Dowling seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ([2:53:27 to 2:54:26](#))

Vice Chair Kanahale made a motion to adopt a new action: “Implement a cultural overlay map for South Maui Region to provide protection for areas of significant archaeological, historical and cultural resources.” Everett Dowling seconded the motion. Following input from Tanya Lee Greig, **Vice Chair Kanahale amended his motion to include “based on existing studies and previously identified historic properties”** at the end of the action. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ([2:54:31 to 2:57:27](#))

Vice Chair Kanahale made a motion to adopt a new policy: “Support the establishment of a Cultural Center and Museum (could be more than one) in the South Maui Region to help steward South Maui’s history and tell its story. A community museum can be the caretaker of artifacts, photos and other documents pertaining to the region. A community cultural center can be a gathering place to help preserve, portray and share the arts, crafts, language and traditions of the living ‘ōiwi culture.” Everett Dowling seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ([2:58:12 to 3:00:57](#))

Following input from Tanya Lee Greig, **Everett Dowling made a motion to adopt a new policy: “Encourage the state to fund and complete archeological inventory on state properties in South Maui.”** Vernon Kalanikau seconded the motion. Everett then amended his motion to the following: **“Encourage and lobby for funding for the state to carry out [...]”** Vernon accepted the amended motion. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ([3:01:08 to 3:07:56](#))

Everett Dowling made a motion to include the list of urban area cultural preserves (as seen on [page 3 of Lucienne De Naie’s testimony](#) for the February 8 CPAC meeting) as a policy or action; Vice Chair Kanahale seconded the motion. Following Planning staff input, **members agreed to include the list with Vice Chair Kanahale’s new action (“Establish cultural parks/preserves and heritage corridors for visitation and education.”)** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** ([3:08:04 to 3:12:37](#))

Before adjourning, Jacky Takakura shared that Corporation Counsel has advised that any CPAC member who may have a potential conflict of interest should address their concerns with the Board of Ethics.

NEXT MEETING IS ON MARCH 8, 2023. MEETING ADJOURNED.

