

**Hawaiian Paradise Park Owners Association
CULTURAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
June 2, 2024**

SUMMARY TO PRESENT AT BOARD MEETING

Matt Clark was our guest speaker. Matt is an archaeologist and director of the Hilo office of ASM Affiliates, which conducted the recent archaeological survey of Ko'olauo, the 31-acre land parcel in HPP. He opened his remarks by stating that he has lived in Hawaiian Paradise Park for 20 years, is honored to have been a part of the study, and shares the committee's desire to preserve the land. Field work is complete and a draft report will be delivered to the HPPOA board the week of June third. Two maps with features found on the site were shown. The main categories of features found are:

- 1) Large soil areas that are bounded. They are defined by walls and different construction.
- 2) Modified depressions. There are natural depressions in the lava flows that have soil in which it would have been easy to plant. Some have modifications around them in the form of stacked walls.
- 3) Leveled land forms. One was possibly used for habitation or processing and the other, which includes water-worn stones, was possibly used for ceremonial purposes.
- 4) Habitation features. There are three or four areas that are complexes of enclosures that could have been used for habitation.
- (5) Burial sites. There is one probable burial site and several possible ones, but it is difficult to determine.

Matt asked the committee for recommendations to include in the report. Members' general recommendations included preserving the entire 31 acres, engaging a Native Hawaiian nonprofit to steward the land, notifying relevant state agencies, and working with families connected to the land.

The committee will review the final report from ASM Affiliates and present detailed recommendations to the Board.

I announced that I would be attending The Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture (FestPAC) on Oahu the week of June third to take classes, participate in activities, and post information about it on the Waikahekahe Instagram page.

The next meeting will be held Saturday, July 13 at 10 a.m. in the HPPOA library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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