Hawaiian Paradise Park Owners Association
CULTURAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 13, 2024

ATTENDEES:
Members present: Lanell Lua (Chair), Christine Harker, Kathy Hollingsworth, Sandee Maeda, Danee McFarr (Secretary), Brian Ogawa, Julie Rice, Jan Emerson-Sheldon (quorum met)
Members absent: Liz Amaral, Ho`oululahui Perry, Nainoa Rosehill, Michael Schiszler Guests:
Keoni Alvarez, Crystal Schiszler, Spencer Willis

Call to order: Lanell Lua, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.
Meeting agenda approval: Maeda made a motion to approve the agenda; Ogawa seconded; approved unanimously.
Previous meeting minutes approval: Maeda made a motion to approve the June 2, 2024 meeting minutes; Rice seconded; approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
GUEST PRESENTATION: Keoni Alvarez, independent film producer, director, and author, Keoni Alvarez Productions	Keoni Alvarez shared his experience of the long journey to protect his ancestors' burial cave in Waikahekahe iki (Ainaloa subdivision). His efforts were documented in the film "Kapu: Sacred Hawaiian Burials," a passion project that took twenty years. The film has been internationally successful, bringing worldwide attention to the importance of protecting iwi kupuna in Hawai`i. Keoni told the group that his work continues, with burial caves throughout the islands threatened by development. He asked each member to introduce ourselves, our relation to the mission of the cultural preservation committee, how he could be of help to our group and how we might be able to help him with his efforts. The responses were varied, but the common thread was our respect for and understanding of the importance of the `aina. We agreed that we could aid each other in spreading that message and encouraging respect for the entire area and not just burial sites, because the Hawaiians come from the land and are a part of the land. He encouraged us to share the link to his film (on his website keonialvarez.com) with friends and family.	For information. Share information with friends and family, including the link to the film.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS		
Archaeological study – final report update: Lanell Lua, Chair	Due to lack of time, table to next meeting.	Update at next meeting.
Ko`olauo Instagram page (Waikahekahe_nui_iki) and website updates: Lanell Lua and Spencer Willis	Spencer Willis announced that the website is up: Koolauo.wordpress.com. Due to lack of time, further information will be provided at the next meeting for the Instagram page and website.	Updates at next meeting.
Consideration of nonprofit organization for stewardship of Ko`olauo	Discussion tabled until after archaeological report is reviewed.	For information. To discuss after report is reviewed.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Lanell, who attended FestPAC 2024 last month, informed members that performances are available on YouTube. Google "FestPAC 2024." Keoni Alvarez encouraged members to attend the 'Ohana o Pohoiki Festival at Pohoiki Beach Park on Saturday, July 20 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. There will be live music, performances, food and craft vendors, and informational booths.	For information.
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held August 10 at 10 a.m. in HPPOA library.	For information.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.
Meeting minutes submitted by Secretary to Chair on August 7, 2024.

Approved:

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Lanell Lua, Chair Date