

Hawaiian Paradise Park Owners Association
CULTURAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 2026

Members present: Julie Rice (Acting Chair), Kathy Hollingsworth, Sandee Maeda (Secretary), Spencer Willis (quorum met)

Members absent: Brian Ogawa, Lanell Lua,

Guests: La Donna Medina, Patti Szot

Call to order: Maeda (Secretary), called the meeting to order at 10:07 A.M.

Pule: 'Olelo No'eau: A'ohe hua o ka mai'ai ka lā ho'okahi. No task is too big when done together by all.

Approval of New Member – Moton to approve Donna Medina as a member of the CPC committee was made by Rice and seconded by Willis. Carried unanimously.

Elect Acting Chairman – It was moved by Hollingsworth and seconded by Medina to elect Rice as Interim Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting agenda approval: A correction was made to change the date of the minutes being approved from April 11 to May 9 Maeda moved and Hollingsworth seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Minutes approval: Motion to approve the May 9, 2026 as amended, Motion was made by Maeda and seconded by Willis, motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
WORKING GROUPS		
1. Ko'olauo NHO Stewardship Working Group. (Ko'olauo NHO RFP Recommendation from CPC to HPPOA board)	Maeda presented an update including availability to request PONC to purchase property. There was a question regarding the disposition of an existing Steward should the route of PONC be taken. The Working Group will meet before the next meeting to discuss and to revisit the RFP to make any changes deemed necessary.	Referred to the working group for consideration. Maeda will check with Ben Shapiro, administrator of PONC.
2. Education Working Group Report	There is a need to include all of the approved minutes to the website. It was also discussed whether to post the agenda to the website. The Committee decided it was appropriate and then to replace with an amended agenda if changes were made.	Rice will contact Danee McFarr for copies of the minutes taken while she was secretary. Maeda to confer with Buffet regarding where the Education Working Group should proceed.
3. Petroglyph	No report.	.
4. Commercial Development on 24 th between Kaloli and Paradise.	This Working Group presented a report regarding the repercussions the development would have on cultural traditions. The working group also recommended CPC's position be shared with the HPP Sustainable Development Committee. The following points were covered in the discussion that followed the presentation of the report: (1) No date has been made for the Developer to meet with CPC; (2) Hoffman stated if Carl's	Willis moved and Rice seconded that the Committee accept the working group's document opposing this development based on cultural traditions that would be affected and to present our position to the HPP Sustainable Development Committee.

	project doesn't happen, someone else will develop the 20 acres' (3) it was pointed out when Carl was discussing this project with friends it was only for a Minimart and Farmer's Market, offered presentation of the size of the market at the first Saturday community meeting that it would be about the size of Foodland but in later community meeting it was said it would be the size of Safeway; (4) Hoffman stated the Board has no jurisdiction over a decision on this project; and (5) Lua will include the Committee's position if approved because Board President has chastised her for not advising the Board in a timely manner about its position on other matters.	
OLD BUSINESS		
1. Committee's position on spraying herbicides in HPP	Committee discussion included the Committee would present a statement in opposition of HPPOA's herbicide because it is not in alignment with caring for the 'āina. Point of Order was raised to add another member to the Committee. Following action on the Point of Order, the discussion was returned to action on the Committee's position on herbicides.	Medina moved, Willis seconded to add as a Point of Order, an after the fact addition to the agenda that a new member be added to the Committee, passed unanimously. It was moved by Hollingsworth and seconded by Maeda to add Patti Szot to the Committee. After the Point of Order issue, Maeda moved, Willis seconded to submit a statement to the HPPOA Board at the next Board meeting through the Committee report the Committee's opposition to board's herbicide use. Motion carried unanimously. See below for statement.
NEW BUSINESS		
1. Questions to the Board regarding the Commercial Development on 24 th Ave.	Maeda presented a list of questions that the Committee might like to present to the HPPOA Board regarding their position on the proposed commercial development on 24th Avenue between Kaloli Drive and Paradise Drive. Discussion followed.	Szot moved, Willis seconded the list of questions be presented at the membership meeting on June 28, 2026 to determine if the list of questions for the BOD developed by the Committee should be presented to the BOD at the next Board meeting to determine the Board's position on the commercial development on 14th Avenue. Approved unanimously.
2. Cultural Advisor.	Maeda raised the question if the Committee would like to create a Cultural Advisor position for the Committee. This may be an avenue for Ihilani Buffet to be a part of the Committee. If she does not take the position, she can submit names of people to contact for the position	Maeda moved to approve the position of Cultural Advisor, Medina seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS	1. The next <i>General Membership</i> meeting will be held on Sunday, October 25, 2026 at 3:00 PM	For Information.
	2. The next <i>Board Meeting</i> will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2026	For Information.
	3. The next <i>Committee</i> meeting will be held in the HPPOA Library at 10 AM on July 11, 2026. (Meetings are held on the 2 nd Saturday of each month.)	For Information.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM Rice moved and Szot seconded; passed unanimously.

Cultural Preservation Committee
Official Statement in Opposition of HPPOA Herbicide Use

‘Ōlelo no’eau, Hawaiian proverb, informs us “He ali’i ka ‘aina; he kauwā ke kanaka” the land is a chief, the people its servants.

Hawaiian culture is deeply rooted in responsible stewardship of our natural environment. As residents of Hawaii, we have accepted the privilege and responsibility of this duty of care.

When other methods are available, and we take harmful shortcuts, such as poison, we are breaching the reciprocal relationship we, as people living in Hawaii, are meant to have as stewards of the ‘aina (land) and wai (water).

Therefore, it is our official stance as the Cultural Preservation Committee that HPPOA should immediately and permanently cease the application of herbicides throughout the community and seek to employ alternative methods of maintenance on HPPOA-managed lands.

Mahalo.