

Hawaiian Paradise Park Owners Association
CULTURAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
August 8, 2026

Members present: Julie Rice (Acting Chair), LaDonna Medina, Patti Szot, Sandee Maeda (Secretary), Spencer Willis (quorum met)

Members absent: Kathy Hollingsworth, Lanell Lua, Alisha

Guests: Matt Clark, Theresa DeMello, Al Yax, Liz Ahue, Nicole Mello

Call to order: Rice (Acting Chair) called the meeting to order at 10:06 am

Pule: Maeda

Olelo No'eau:

Meeting agenda approval: Medina moved, Maeda seconded the agenda be approved with stated changes. Unanimous

Meeting Minutes approval: Willis moved, Maeda seconded to approve minutes with amendments. Passed with Szot abstaining.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
WORKING GROUPS		
1. Ko'olauo NHO Stewardship Working Group Iko'olauo NHO RFP Recommendation from CPC to HPPOA Board Working Group Report	Maeda stated there was no report because of New Business, Item three.	Tabled until item 3 New Business addressed.
2. Education Working Group Report	Working Group did not meet.	Next meeting schedule for August 24, 2026, at Maeda's home at 2:30 pm
3. Petroglyph	No report.	No action taken
4. Commercial Development on 24 th between Kaloli and Paradise. Working Group Report	Working Group did not meet.	Ahue stated her position on this development is, she is opposed. She also shared background on the developer, which Committee Members were already aware.
5. Cultural Advisor	Working Group did not meet.	Ahue recommended that any Cultural Advisor be from the neighborhood if possible. Discussion was given by Committee Members on the purpose of the Cultural Advisor Position.
OLD BUSINESS		
1. Questions to the Board regarding the Commercial Development on 24 th Ave.	Maeda provided background on this issue. Discussion also included sending a letter to the Director of the Planning Committee as to the cultural aspects why a special use permit should not be awarded to the developer of this project.	Szot moved that members of the Committee use the template of a letter to be signed as individuals of HPP to the Planning Director why a special use permit should not be awarded to the Commercial Development on 24 th Avenue in Hawaiian Paradise Park. Medina seconded. Vote is unanimous. It was decided to table the questions to the Board until next month.

		Secretary to distribute the list of questions to committee members.
NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED		
1. HPPOA Burial Treatment Plan (Matt Clark)	Attended the last HPPOA Board Meeting and volunteered to assist in writing a BTP that can be supported by everyone. He serves on the Cultural Resource Commission and manages a cultural resource firm in Hilo for last 26 years. Is interested in the Committee's mana'o on the subject and what the Committee would like to see included in the BTP.	Matt presented his plan on how he will proceed in gathering information to create a new BTP. A positive discussion ensued. Secretary to send Cease and Desist Resolution to Matt.
2. Hawaii County Burial Council (HCBC)	HCBC denied BTP as submitted by HPPOA	No action.
3. Is the 3l acre property protected?	Maeda shared her discussion with Trevon Apili and Sean Naleimaile of SHPD and how a Preservation Plan will protect	Maeda moved the Ko'olauo NHO Stewardship Working Group.be dissolved and that a Preservation Plan be created in its place. Szot seconded. Vote was unanimous. All members are invited to join. Tentative meeting date is August 4, 2026.
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
1. The next General Membership meeting will be held on Sunday, October 25, 2026, at 3:00 pm.	For Information.	
2. The next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2026.	For Information.	
3. The next Committee meeting will be held in the HPPOA Library at 10 AM on September 12, 2026. (Meetings are held on the 2 nd Saturday of each month.)	For Information.	

The meeting was dismissed due to lack of quorum.

Meeting minutes submitted by Secretary to Chair on September 9, 2026.

Approved:

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Julie Rice, Acting Chair	Date