

COUNTY OF KAUA'I
Minutes of Meeting
OPEN SESSION

Board/Commission:	Kaua'i Historic Preservation Review Commission	Meeting Date	August 19, 2021
Location	Teleconference by Microsoft Teams	Start of Meeting: 1:39 p.m.	End of Meeting: 2:26 p.m.
Present	Chair Gerald Ida. Vice Chair Susan Remoaldo. Commissioners: James Guerber, Stephen Long (<i>participated in the meeting by audio-not visible</i>) and Aubrey Summers. Deputy County Attorney Stephen Hall. Planning Department Staff: Deputy Planning Director Jodi Higuchi Sayegusa, Planner Marisa Valenciano, Commission Specialist Shanlee Jimenez and Planner Myles Hironaka. Office of Boards and Commissions: Administrator Ellen Ching and Commission Support Clerk Sandra Muragin.		
Excused	Commissioner Carolyn Larson		
Absent			
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A. Call To Order	Chair Ida called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m.		
B. Roll Call	Deputy Planning Director Jodi Higuchi Sayegusa verified attendance by roll call and requested a verbal response; Commissioner Guerber replied here. Commissioner Larson was excused. Commissioner Long replied here. Commissioner Summers replied here. Vice Chair Remoaldo replied here. Chair Ida replied here.	Quorum was established with five commissioners present.	
C. Approval of the Agenda	Ms. Higuchi Sayegusa explained Governor Ige's Proclamation dated August 5, 2021, that included guidelines for virtual meetings. The commissioners were asked to comply with the new rule that all members remain visible on their device camera throughout the entire meeting. She asked that they mute their device if not speaking and unmute before speaking. It also added the public capability to join and view the meetings virtually. Ms. Higuchi Sayegusa said the virtual	Vice Chair Remoaldo moved to approve the August 19, 2021 agenda, as circulated. Mr. Guerber seconded the motion. Motion carried 5:0.	

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	meetings would continue for the next several meetings. Chair Ida reminded commissioners to raise their electronic hand prior to speaking.	
D. Approval of the Minutes	<p>1. February 18, 2021 2. March 18, 2021 3. April 15, 2021</p> <p>Vice Chair Remoaldo asked what “lases” was on page 13 under action 2. The Applicant shall be cognizant that KHPRC review and approval shall not obviate the Applicant or permit application submittal from the standard regulatory permitting review process and the permitting requirements set forth in the applicable State and County lases, including but not limited to the County of Kaua'i Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. Ms. Valenciano replied it was a typographical error and should be “laws”. The commission was given the option to restate the motion to include the correction; however, the motion stood as presented earlier.</p> <p>Chair Ida called for the vote.</p>	<p>Mr. Guerber moved to approve the minutes of February 18, 2021, March 18, 2021, and April 15, 2021, as circulated. Ms. Summers seconded the motion.</p> <p>Motion carried 5:0.</p>
E. Communications	There were none.	
F. Public Comment	Ms. Higuchi Sayegusa announced that any member of the public could now testify on any agenda item. Hearing no response, she moved on to the next agenda item.	
G. General Business Matters	There were none.	
H. Unfinished Business	<p>H.1. Discussion Regarding Minimum Requirements for Project Presentations Before the Kaua'i Historic Preservation Commission</p> <p>a. Director's Report pertaining to this matter</p> <p>Ms. Valenciano shared the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The commission previously discussed establishing minimal requirements and resources for applications reviewed by KHPRC. A checklist was created along with additional resources to 	

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	<p>assist the applicant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The department worked with Commissioner Stephen Long and the result was the posting on the KPHRC webpage. • The information on the website could easily be amended. <p>Ms. Higuchi Sayegusa displayed the KHPRC webpage.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Guerber inquired about the process and enforcement of the requirements. Ms. Higuchi Sayegusa responded that Ms. Valenciano was the gate keeper and worked directly with all applicants. Ms. Valenciano responded that she reviews and assists a wide variety of applications and works to ensure that it conforms to the minimal requirements before its presented to the commission <p>Deputy County Attorney Stephen Hall advised that the commission could act by deferring for future comments or add comments. He said if they act to accept, it could always be placed back on the agenda for additional discussion to edit the content.</p> <p>The department responded that it would accept and review comments by email or phone if the commission needed to adjust or edit the content on the website posting and if needed it would be reviewed by the whole commission.</p>	
	<p>H.2. Certified Local Government (CLG) Update.</p> <p>Ms. Higuchi Sayegusa explained an overview of the CLG program and shared the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CLG encouraged state and local governments to participate with the national historic preservation programs and commit to maintain standards consistent with the national historic preservation act and secretary of interior standards and guidelines for archaeology and historic preservation. Kaua'i, Maui and Big Island are certified for the CLG program. • Yearly SHPD (State Historic Preservation Division) offered grants to CLG's for projects that support historic preservation, but the one-year timeline constraint was too short for the county's lengthy procurement process to complete. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a \$60,000 CLG grant available that the department could seek funding for training, either to fund commissioners to travel to the site or hire a consultant to train the commission here. <p>The commission did not take action and was asked to email or call with any suggestions or ideas on use of the grant money.</p>	
<p>I. New Business</p>	<p>I.1. County of Kaua'i, Housing Agency Lima Ola Workforce Housing Project Tax Map Key: (4) 2-1-001:054 'Ele'ele, Kaua'i</p> <p>National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106: Initial Consultation with Native Hawaiian Organizations and Potential Consulting Parties. Chapter 343, Hawai'i Revised Statutes Consultation for the Re-evaluation of the Environmental Assessment (EA)</p> <p>b. Director's Report pertaining to this matter</p> <p>Ms. Valenciano shared the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project was construction of 550 affordable housing units in 'Ele'ele. Section 106 was triggered by use of Federal funds and Chapter 343 by reevaluation of draft environmental assessment conducted prior to construction. • The planning department recommended the commissions' action as follows; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For Section 106 KHPRC concur with effect but with proposed mitigation and comment that the agency should preserve the historic plantation irrigation ditch system to the maximum extent possible. ○ For Chapter 343 KHPRC concur related to portions regarding cultural and historic properties. • The ditch was already removed and request KHPRC submit recommendations that would generate a helpful response for the housing agency. <p>County of Kaua'i Housing Agency, Housing Development Coordinator Steven Franco and consultant Kehau Watson reviewed the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project was in phase one and infrastructure was to be installed. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ditch was partially removed; it was not removed in its entirety. • The goal requested was concurrence to remove the remainder of the ditch that was in the project area. • The departments recommendation to preserve the ditch was not appropriate and the agency asked that KHPRC; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concur to remove the remainder of the ditch that was within the project area. ○ Concur with the mitigation data recovery in a historic context. <p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chair Ida inquired about the process used to remove portions of the ditch. Ms. Watson explained that removal of portions of the ditch was necessary to complete the housing project. SHPD (State Historic Preservation Division) reviewed and agreed to the two-part mitigation plan under HRS (Hawai'i Revised Statutes) §6E Historic Preservation Program. Multiple inventories were conducted, and extensive documentation completed. 2. Chair Ida asked if the archaeology was done before removal of the ditch. Ms. Watson said yes. Two AIS (Archaeological Inventory Survey) were completed one by CSH (The Corporation for Supportive Housing) and the second by SCS (Scientific Consultant Services, Inc) several years ago. SHPD requested an EOF (End-of-Fieldwork) report once they requested to remove the ditch. The two AIS and one EOF occurred before the ditch was removed. Additional monitoring and data recovery occurred during removal of the first part of the ditch and would take place during the removal of the two remaining portions of the ditch. 3. Mr. Long commented that often markings on the ground or signage was used to document an historic site when a historic structure is removed and asked if this could possibly be included. Ms. Watson replied that interpretive markers would be the responsibility of the county. She said GIS (Geographic Information System Mapping) coordinates were used to capture and accurately document the area. Mr. Franco replied that they would discuss and investigate a possible solution. <p>Chair Ida commented that the significance of the area did not warrant the use to purchase interpretive markings, it wouldn't be necessary. He said due diligence was accomplished with</p>	

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	<p>GIS mapping, recorded information, and documentation. Mr. Guerber agreed and was concerned with the additional expense that could be passed on to the tenants or taxpayers.</p> <p>4. Vice Chair Remoaldo asked if the two remaining portions of the ditch would be removed. Ms. Watson replied that they would remove two parts of the ditch that were within the project area; however, the ditch continued onto private property.</p> <p>Chair Ida commented that he did not see this project as a problem and commended SHPD for its handling of the project and asked the commission for a motion.</p> <p>DCA Hall said the applicant recommended concurrence with the mitigation plan that was found acceptable pursuant with Section 106. Ms. Higuchi Sayegusa asked that they include Section 106 and Chapter 343. Ms. Valenciano stated that the departments initial recommendation for Section 106 was concurrence with proposed mitigation that the agency determined and preserve the historic plantation ditch system to the maximum extent possible but based on the conversation the commission may amend the departments recommendation. For Chapter 343 the department recommended concurrence related to portions regarding cultural and historic properties. The commission may also amend these recommendations.</p>	<p>Mr. Guerber moved to concur with the applicant on the County of Kaua'i, Housing Agency, Lima Ola Workforce Housing Project, Tax Map Key: (4) 2-1-001:054 'Ele'ele, Kaua'i. National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106: Initial Consultation with Native Hawaiian Organizations and Potential Consulting Parties. Chapter 343, Hawai'i Revised Statutes Consultation for the Re-evaluation of the Environmental Assessment</p>

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		(EA). Ms. Summers seconded the motion. Roll Call 5-Ayes, 0-Nays. Motion carried 5:0
J. Announcements	Ms. Valenciano said it may be necessary to schedule a September 16, meeting but she would notify the commission. The next planned meeting was October 21 and then the next meeting would be scheduled January 2022. There would be no meetings in November and December.	
K. Selection of Next Meeting Date and Agenda Topics (October 21, 2021)	No response for agenda topics.	
L. Adjournment	With no further business to conduct, Chair Ida called for a motion to adjourn.	Ms. Summers moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Remoaldo seconded the motion. Motion carried 5:0. Chair Ida adjourned the meeting at 2:26pm

Submitted by: _____
 Sandra M. Muragin, Commission Support Clerk

Reviewed and Approved by: _____
 Gerald Ida, Chair

(X) Approved as circulated. 01/27/22
 () Approved with amendments. See minutes of _____ meeting.