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| Draft Minutes | | | | |
| Meeting Name  Consulting Party Meeting | Meeting Date  April 28, 2022 | Attendees  Trisha Kehaulani Watson, Honua Consulting, LLC  Paka Harp, Vice President Makani Hou  Harry Takiue, HDOT, HWY-H  Bobby Command, County of Hawaiʻi  Charlie Young, Aha Moku  Deborah Chang, Consulting party  George Abcede, HDOT-Highways Administrator  Pua Aiu, HDOT, HWY-P  Lisa Powell, FHWA  Josiah Jury, Kuahiwi Fencing and Wildlife Services LLC  Tanya Lee-Greig, ʻĀina Archaeology  Jackson Bauer, Nā Ala Hele  Rick Gmirkin, Ala Kahakai Historic Trail  Mandy Johnson-Campbell, Ala Kahakai Historic Trail  Leilani Waldron, UH Hilo  Aric Arakaki, NPS, Na Ala Hele |  |  |
| Time  9:00 AM, HST | Prepared by  Ethan McKown, Honua Consulting |
| **Meeting Location**  Via Zoom / Teleconference |  |

| Responsibility: | Action Items: | Deadline: |
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| Tanya Lee-Greig | Send Trisha Watson the archaeological graphics | ASAP |
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1. **Non-Agenda Updates**
   1. Pua Aiu informed the group that UH is looking for program manager for project.
      1. Paka Harp: raised concern that the mitigation funds that went to UH were not intended for training staff or educators. The intent was for Hawaiian students. Hopes more money can be injected into scholarship program.
2. **Vegetation updates**
   1. Josiah Jury: Team did clearing of trees and grass. Utilized gates in coordination with County and State. Cultural observers were present. Communication and documentation went well.
3. **Archaeological documentation updates from Tanya**
   1. Tanya Lee-Greig: Provided a PowerPoint presentation of observations during monitoring.
      1. The clearing helped to see the features of the trail. There was a lot of damage to the trail.
      2. After clearing, it is possible to see the trail and some of the intact structure. It seems there has been machine use of the trail at some prior time.
      3. There is a need for maintenance, as the vegetation does grow back.
      4. Ms. Lee-Greig showed the group an aerial composite of the site. She will send to Ms. Watson.
   2. Mr. Harp asked if there was any intact curbing
      1. Ms. Lee-Greig: Yes, it appears there may be some curbing intact. Still going through ground photos.
   3. Ms. Watson opened up the floor for comments on the archaeological work thus far.
      1. Rick Gmirkin: How will you convert this to a map with the detail for SHPD?
         1. Ms. Lee-Greig: We were able to create a digital elevation model. This will then be flattened. There will be more detail where the intact structures are. We use Illustrator.
      2. Jackson Bauer: This serves as a good model for other areas of the trail we would like to see, even on other projects. Did you find any artifacts?
         1. Ms. Lee-Greig: We did not find any formal artifacts. There are “manuports” in the form of the coral cache.
      3. Jackson Bauer: It would be great if the final deliverable were available in a 3-D model for the public.
      4. Charlie Young: How wide is the swath that you are investigating? Was there anything of archaeological findings outside the scope?
         1. Ms. Lee-Greig: We stayed within the trail.
         2. Trisha Watson: The scope is the trail plus a 30 foot buffer on each side – so approximately 70 foot swath that was documented. This is in addition to the small portion across Kealakehe Parkway that SHPD asked for. In all, the scope is 2,500 feet of trail.
      5. Deborah Chang: What is being done on the mauka/makai segment?
         1. Trisha Watson: This wasn’t in the scope we were given.
         2. Pua Aiu: Where the trail meets the 30 foot buffer, we were going to do those parts, but nothing beyond that. This is within the limits of the MOU.
         3. Deborah Chang: So nothing will be done with the segment of the mauka-makai trail?
         4. Trisha Watson: This is outside the boundary of the scope/swath.
         5. Pua Aiu: We are not working on the mauka/makai segment since it is not part of the agreement.
         6. Rick Gmirkin: There are a couple other projects that adjoin this, where they are documenting the trail – specifically through County Parks. They have that section as a preservation area.
   4. Paka Harp: Asked Josiah the period of time until the herbicide treatment begins.
      1. Josiah Jury: Regrowth will start within 1 month. We cannot manage the seedbank underneath the ground. Between the December and March clearing, we did do one treatment.
      2. Trisha Watson: My recommendation is monthly treatment.
4. **Parking Lot updates**
   1. Harry Takiue: Will be starting discussions in fulfillment of MOU. There is a minimum parking requirement we will need. Once we get that information we will work with a consultant on the design.
   2. Trisha Watson: To clarify, the parking lot will be off Kealakehe Parkway. This is not within the Honua scope, but we will mark where the parking lot will conceptually be. It will be the responsibility of H-DOT to design the parking lot.
5. **Bobby Command and County Updates**
   1. Bobby Command: When we restarted the planning process on Kealakehe Regional Park, there was a little more property for us to develop the active park. Since that time, the EPA has raised concerns with the effluent disposal. Environmental Management would like to keep some flexibility in case of a consent decree that would require an alternate way of disposing the water. Ultimately, we want to use the water for irrigation. As such, the area above the trail has been set aside for a possible evaporation pit. That cut down the amount of space that was set aside for the park. DEM wants to keep some flexibility just in case it needs to be used. Asked Ed Sniffen if County could have control of part of the property to expand footprint of the park. Ed said he was open to it.
      1. Trisha Watson: Part of our role here is to make sure the MOU is getting executed. The MOU calls for the development of the parking lot and transferring it to DLNR. We can keep both activities moving forwards. From where we stand, we would conceptually propose the parking lot to go where we just discussed, and we would leave it to the County to design and execute that as needed.
      2. Bobby Command: Our consultants who are making the park are waiting on our go head for the EA. If DEM needs the property for the evaporation pits, this will be carved out of the park footprint. The planning consultants are PDR.
      3. Trisha Watson: This preservation plan is being done under Sec 106 and the HAR, and as such is binding. The planning consultants should know there is a preservation plan being developed that is intended to be accepted by SHPD. The historic preservation considerations for your project, I imagine, will be substantial. We are happy to coordinate.
      4. Bobby Command: The trail is absolutely an asset and is complementary with other things we are doing.
   2. Paka Harp: Concerned that the parking lot transfer to the County would violate the MOU. Believes the parking lot should go to Na Ala Hele. Believes that an alternative location should be looked at for the possible evaporation ponds, since the park is a public area.
      1. Bobby Command: Offered to bring in DEM next meeting to discuss further.
      2. Paka Harp: We should make this a separate discussion.
   3. Mandy Johnson-Campbell: Are there any included parking lots incorporated as part of the regional park?
      1. Bobby Command: What you saw is a conceptual plan. There may be changes.
      2. Parka Harp: I am hoping that some sort of facility can be established within the park. There will also be a housing facility in the area. I am hoping that found artifacts could be housed in this facility.
   4. Jackson Bauer: Where is the scoping process right now?
      1. Bobby Command: They are waiting for our word to start.
6. **Other Updates**
   1. Trisha Watson: Suggest going through other parts of the preservation plan; we will cover the synthesis of background documents in the June meeting; the vegetation clearing plan has been completed; and the maintenance plan.
   2. Trisha Watson: Jackson or Josiah, were there any requirements on the herbicides being used?
      1. Josiah Jury: Same management methods outlined in the plan.
      2. Jackson Bauer: Happy to be consulted, although we are not the experts.
      3. Trisha Watson: Also, to be clear, there will not be monitoring for the maintenance.
         1. Paka Harp: Agrees that it shouldn’t be necessary for there to be monitoring of maintenance.
         2. Rick Gmirkin: Just depending on the methods of maintenance. So if there will be equipment, that’s a whole different thing.
         3. Trisha Watson: It will all be hand tools.
   3. Paka Harp: Would like to see interpretive center adjacent to park with covered area. Also working with NPS to develop signage in the park. Harry was part of that review process.
   4. Mandy Johnson-Campbell: We have a team coming as an advisory committee to look at the long-term planning for the Ala Kahakai and to discuss interpretive planning ideas.
   5. Jackson Bauer: I will email you some of the examples of the interpretive signs we recently have at Na Ala Hele.
7. **Wrap Up**
   1. Deborah Chang: What is the expected timeframe for the preservation plan draft?
      1. Trisha Watson: Our next meeting is in July. We are on track for the completed vegetation removal and documentation. In July, we will have completed research and documentation. By September, a pre-final draft for CP review and concurrence before we submit to SHPD. The plan is to submit to SHPD in November. We are on track. Our contract is a 2 year contract, but I believe we will be done early. Big chunks have already been completed.
   2. Deborah Chang: What is the timeline for Stipulation 15?
      1. Paka Harp: The terrain model is complete. We are hoping the terrain model can be moved into the park so public can view it.
      2. Harry Takiue: It is actually outside the Civic Center.
      3. Paka Harp: They also have an online terrain model.