



Meeting Minutes

Archaeological Inventory Survey (AIS) Plan City Center Consultation Meeting

Date and Time: **March 16, 2011, 5:30 pm**

Location: **Neil S. Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall – Pikake Room**

Purpose

A public consultation meeting was held between 5:30pm and 8:45pm on March 16, 2011 at the Blaisdell Center in order to produce a public forum for discussion of the City Center Archaeological Inventory Survey (AIS) Plan. Prior to the meeting, approximately 296 invitations were sent via email or post to interested parties, including PA signatories, invited signatories, consulting parties, Native Hawaiian organizations, elected officials, and interested individuals. Approximately 50 to 75 members of the public attended.

Discussion

Following an overview of the project and a PowerPoint presentation on the City Center AISP, a question and answer/comment session was held. Handouts included project information summary sheets, meeting comment cards, and sets of 12 11" x 17" sheets showing the entire initial AISP subsurface testing strategy overlain on project preliminary engineering and existing utility maps. Nineteen members of the public and/or representatives of agencies gave testimony or asked questions. Suggestions and issues raised that were directly related to the AISP or draft burial consultation protocol included:

1. The need to consult directly with the Native Hawaiian community, preferably in smaller groups rather than a large public meeting setting
2. The need for more testing in the Halekauwila Street area because of the area's sensitivity for archaeological deposits and burials
3. The legality under Hawaii State historic preservation review legislation of a "phased approach" to identifying cultural resources, including burial sites, through phased AIS investigations
4. The need for cultural monitoring program as well as an archaeological monitoring program in order to reassure the Native Hawaiian community that the program is proceeding properly and respectfully
5. The need for more historic documentation and AIS testing of the Kuloloi'a former shoreline and reef in the vicinity of the Downtown Station
6. A request for the use of GPR and historical human remains detection dogs at the Chinatown Station

Three comment cards were received at the meeting from Rita Kanui of the Hawaiian Kingdom Law Office, Mahealani Cypher of the O'ahu Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, and Kupuna Hannah Reeves. Additionally, three emails were received from attendees: Mahealani Cypher, Elmer Ka'ai, and Dexter Soares of the Kalihi Palama Hawaiian Civic Club regarding the need for increased community-based meetings, setting up smaller group meetings, and different venues for consultation meetings.