



Traditional Cultural Properties Review

Date and Time: **February 12, 2011, 10:00 am**

Location: **Kapolei Hale, Kapolei, HI**

Summary

An opening pule by Kahu Kaleo Patterson began the meeting. Faith Miyamoto from RTD welcomed all in attendance. After an overview of the agenda, project staff gave a short overview of the project. This was followed by a presentation by Martha Graham, of the SRI foundation, who gave an overview of how traditional cultural properties are identified and researched.

After a short break the meeting continued facilitated by Ms. Graham to gain feedback from attendee's on places and additional issues that should be researched. The meeting focused on two questions identified below. The following are comments that were heard. In addition, two people requested individual follow-up. This information will be used in developing the scope of work for continued study of potential previously unidentified traditional cultural properties.

Questions #1: Are there places along or near the project area that are associated with cultural practices or beliefs that are rooted in your community's history, and are important in maintaining the cultural identity of your community?

- Introductions followed by sharing of mana'o:
 - 'Ewa/Pu'u'loa Hawaiian Civic Club (HCC)
 - Ko'olaupoko HCC
 - 'Ewa Pu'u'loa HCC (Limu Project)
 - Pearl Harbor HCC (Aha Ki'ole)
 - Correct map by adding streams
 - Source of water are important for limu, fish, etc.
 - Waimano 'ili—stream is important
 - Waipahu—Many changes due to Pearl Harbor and sugar plantations
 - Look for knowledgeable kūpuna especially in areas where land and water meet
 - Important that rail not block access (mauka/makai) and separate the lifestyle
 - Do not cut off areas that are used for makahiki purposes
 - McKeague—knowledgeable about Wai'anae and Kalaeloa. Kumu Hula area resources. His Kumu is Vickie Holt Takamine.
 - Honouliuli—entire landscape is important; be careful of the visual impact/blight impact. Cultural practices are important = continuity of expression.
 - Story of Hi'iaka I ka poli o Pele is important
 - There are many stories about the cycle of life
 - Kamapua'a is associated with Pu'u Kapolei
 - Stores about the transition of seasons are from this area
 - Technology/process does not address needs in various phases.
 - Honolulu came after Lahaina, area was a bread basket guarded by Ka'ahupāhau

- These are not folks with tales, these are us (our stories)
 - Pearl Harbor changed the area however there is a greater history before then. Sugar Mill 1894—Waipahu includes 1) Waipi'o 2) Waikele 3) Hoaeae
 - Waipahu—Lokoi'a was tremendous. Many ethnicities.
 - Delta area contains artesian wells
 - Pohakea—used to have lehua on 'ewa plains
 - Rail creates the opportunity to share stories about our places.
 - Concerned about the impact on watersheds, villages, rivers, and streams are polluted, dried up; runoff impact on mullet, fish
 - This TCP discussion is late, waste of time
 - TCP study should have been done earlier, should have been factored into the route selection. Purpose of study is to protect TCPs.
 - TCP is central to our identity, traditions and includes Hawai'i loa.
 - Need to identify TCPs in each phase; the definition of TCP is narrow.
 - Should not separate processes of TCP and 'iwi
 - Concerned about the project effect on the opio and next generation
- There were many concerns related to the identification and treatment of 'iwi kūpuna and the following highlights the concerns and issues:
- Important to locate burial areas because this is where our people lived.
 - Traditions of caring for the 'iwi, practice of caring is also very important.
 - Concerned about 'iwi on Queen Street.
 - Concerned about the process (AIS)
 - No AIS study or TCP study done so incomplete process and approach is piecemeal
 - Concerns for 'iwi kūpuna, we are also associated w/living community/identity in order to maintain our Native Hawaiian (NH) people
 - Honouliuli; there was a flaw in the process regarding the identification of na 'iwi kūpuna
 - Concerned about Phase IV AIS process.
 - Phased archaeology, AIS and TCP studies after the route selection not pono

Questions #2: Who are the best people in your community to talk to and learn about these places and their importance?

- Douglas Chong—author of Chinese book which is a good resource
- Goro Arakawa—Waipahu
- Arlene Eatin—Pu'uloa
- Suggest attending NHO meetings, HCC, OHA, OIBC meetings
- Interview fishermen, Hālau wa'a, Hālau hula
- Honor your time with kūpuna
- Speak with 'opio (youth) for their mana'o
- ka'opua volunteered to help us put our groups together

➤ Additional Mana‘o:

- There are many people that could not attend today but are very interested
- Suggest allowing time for all sides to share at the next mtg. so decisions can be more informed
- A statement of the history of the Hawaiian people was shared showing the connection to the past.
- Nā ‘iwi kūpuna are a part of the conversations affecting the entire project
- Corridor should not block access
- mo‘olelo on the mountain tops affects the project
- we need to go into the communities and everyone should be a part of the conversation
- need to follow up on TCPs that were shared today
- team should share time tables for study
- voices should be one to share information and knowledge

Attendees

Melia Lane Kawahale, NPS
Clifford Hoo, Historic Press
Larry Woode, ‘Ewa-Pu‘uloa HCC
Jordan Buresh, PJRC
Henry Curtis, Ka Lei Maile Alii
Charles Kapua, Sha Kiole O‘ahu
Hinaleimoana Falemei, OIBC
Henry Chang, LB
Kaola Lindsey, OHA