

Meeting Summary

Consulting Parties Meeting on Big Makalapa and Little Makalapa National Register Nomination Forms

Date and Time: **July 31, 2014, 1:00 p.m.**

Location: **Ali'i Place, 1099 Alakea Street, Honolulu, HI 96813**

The following materials were distributed to Consulting Parties (CPs) prior to the meeting to review:

- Big Makalapa Navy Housing Area Historic District NRHP nomination form
- Little Makalapa Navy Housing Area Historic District NRHP nomination form

The meeting was called to order by Jon Nouchi. He noted that CPs requested the meeting to discuss the two nominations, ask questions, and give comments. In particular, Mahealani Cypher wanted to ensure that Hawaiian history was properly addressed in the forms. The meeting also provided a venue for Section 106 consultation.

Stanley Solamillo provided high-level highlights of the nominations. There is one national register nomination for Big Makalapa and one national register nomination for Little Makalapa. The forms were done in reference to Programmatic Agreement (PA) VI.C.1 and the project's Final EIS. The way the PA stipulation reads is that there are two nominations. This approach had concurrence by SHPD and the U.S. Navy. The initial draft was submitted to HART December 2013, but they did not contain Hawaiian history. The current 2014 drafts now contain Native Hawaiian history and toponomy (the study of place names, their origins, meanings, use). The forms have been submitted to SHPD and is scheduled for public hearing with the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board on Saturday, August 23, 2014. Ikaika Bantolina summarized the new information on Hawaiian toponomy and context in the nomination forms. Kawika explained that Hawaiian toponomy is the study of the meaning of place and how important it is to understand the connection between the place to ancestors. He further discussed the importance of gynecological chants about the area. The place name for Makalapa is Papakumakawalu. Papahanaumoku was born in Halawa.

Questions (Q), Responses (R), and Comments (C):

Q: Are there any physical features/elements of pre-contact Hawaii on the site or are related to the nominations? Is it Makalapa Crater itself? The place name?

R: Much has been lost. See Little Makalapa form page 4 where Hawaiian History is referenced in the summary to provide context.

C: Big Makalapa summary does not have reference to the Hawaiian context and the nomination should be expanded to include the cultural context.

R: This will be added.

Q: What of the viewshed?

R: Existing heavy vegetation makes views of the site difficult.

Q: If Hawaiian history is part of the nomination, then the period of significance should not be limited to 1940-45 as indicated in the nomination forms.

C: The Hawaiian cultural landscape came before the military housing. References to Hawaiian history supports the nomination.

Q: What were the sources of the Hawaiian history?

R: Kupuna and historical records.

C: Big Makalapa, page 34, states the Halawa ahupua`a did not have many inhabitants prior to the mid-1800s. This is incorrect as the historic documents that we are aware of tell us that this area, including Halawa Valley, was heavily populated.

R: This will be corrected.

C: The Navy intends to submit formal comments before the August 23rd hearing.

Q: If the forms are revised, should they be pulled from the record?

R: No; revisions can be made to the summary and period of significance. This is not a re-write of the forms.

Q: Can't HART reschedule the hearing so the forms can be revised? What's the urgency; will the delay impair HART's construction schedule?

R: A delay of the hearing delays the project schedule and the process of acquiring land from the Navy for the Pearl Harbor Station. HART will review the Programmatic Agreement and get back to the attendees.

C: The community of historic preservationists have been discussing the relationship and role of cultural contexts in an historic register process that designates physical features, such as buildings. The use of traditional cultural properties (TCPs) is one attempt to merge cultural and spiritual values with a physical feature.

C: There appears to be two lenses: one lens on buildings in the post-contact period and one lens on the cultural/spiritual context of the pre-contact Hawaiian period. By including the Native Hawaiian information with the nomination for the post-contact buildings, the forms are informing the Board and others about the important Hawaiian heritage that defines the context of the place where the buildings are located.

C: If the focus of the nomination is on the WW II housing, then the period of significance should be 1940-45 as indicated on the forms. It is important to include the Native Hawaiian information, but not as a physical feature that is being nominated.

Q: Where are the maps showing the proposed boundaries of the districts?

R: HART will prepare the maps based on the UTM and verbal descriptions in the nomination forms.

Q: Why are these boundaries proposed for Big Makalapa and Little Makalapa? An explanation justifying the boundaries needs to be provided.

R: The boundaries of each district are drawn where the integrity of each district ends. For example, land use changes have occurred between the two districts (loss of structures, construction of a road). Explanations are provided on page 57 of Big Makalapa and page 48 of Little Makalapa.

C: The Pearl Harbor Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan (ICRMP) shows one large district, with two sub-districts.

Q: Was this done in the ICRMP for administrative purposes?

R: Navy responded yes; this was done for management purposes. It was noted that the land was purchased this way and included the Makalapa Crater drainage. Consultant will provide a better explanation for the boundary justification.

Q: What is the relationship of these nominations to the Pearl Harbor National Historic Landmark update? The Makalapas could be included in the NHL.

R: That project is an update of the PHNHL within the current boundaries per discussions with (NPS). There are no plans to change the boundaries.

C: CPs noted that they would review the nomination forms and send comments. SHPD asked that any comments to the Board be sent by 8/22, but that comments would be accepted up to the meeting. HART asked that comments be sent to HART as soon as possible so that HART could address any comments since not all the CP's comments were discussed at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15pm

Attending Consulting Parties & Signatories

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