



Clean Water And Natural Lands Advisory Commission

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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Sherry P. Broder – Chairperson
Jason Kekahi “Kahi” Pacarro – Vice Chair
Chris Cramer
Keli’iahonui Kotubetey
William Reese Liggett
William Kamana’olana Mills
Jamie Tanimoto

**Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 14, 2022
9:00 a.m.
Meeting Held Virtually**

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Sherry Broder called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Commissioners Present – Sherry Broder, Jason Kekahi “Kahi” Pacarro, Chris Cramer, Keli’iahonui Kotubetey, William Kamana’olana Mills, Jamie Tanimoto

Commissioners Absent – William Reese Liggett (excused)

Staff Resources Personnel Present

Marilyn Ushijima, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Tammy Namihira, Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS)

Chair Broder opened the meeting with a thank you to all for the great efforts on the Maunawili projects and indicated that she did submit written testimony to Council. She stated that no one was able to testify in person but it turned out okay since it was approved. She also mentioned that there should be more advanced planning as to who can attend the council meetings, especially for a big project.

Vice-Chair Pacarro asked if it was unanimously approved.

Chair Broder stated that it was.

Commissioner Kotubetey asked where the meetings are held since he has never attended.

Chair Broder commented that it is held at City hall on the 3rd floor but right now you can appear via Zoom and don’t have to be there in person. She mentioned that Council always has a long agenda so sometimes it is kind of discouraging because you could end up waiting for hours so Zoom is pretty easy to use to testify.

Commissioner Kotubetey thanked her.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

The minutes of the September 9, 2022 were approved 5-0 with 1 abstention (AYE: Pacarro, Cramer, Kotubetey, Mills, Tanimoto; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: Broder).

DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FISCAL SERVICES PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON NEW APPLICATIONS AND CWNL FUND PROMOTION LETTER STATUS

Ms. Namihira shared that BFS did not receive any new applications.

She also reconfirmed that the resolution for the 2 applications for Maunawili was approved by City Council on October 5th and the applicants will now work with the Department of Land Management in finalizing the conservation easement process.

Chair Broder commented that she stated in her testimony that it was such a fabulous project that she wishes every ahupua`a could have such a project going on in it and hopes that the Commission will see other projects of this magnitude happening in other communities.

FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON COMMISSIONER MILLS' COMMISSION EXPIRATION

Commissioner Mills recused himself from this agenda item.

Chair Broder asked if a vote needed to be taken to give him a new term.

Ms. Namihira stated that there were no other applicants that applied and that it would be up to the Commission to confirm him to a new term.

Vice-Chair Pacarro motioned to confirm Commissioner Mills for another term. Commissioner Kotubetey seconded the motion. The vote to confirm Commissioner Mills for another term was unanimous 6-0.

Chair Broder congratulated Commissioner Mills and thanked him for his continued willingness to serve.

Commissioner Mills thanked the Commission.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chair Broder asked if there were any public testimony.

Mr. Kamuela Kaapana from Trust for Public Lands (TPL) commented that he wanted to say mahalo for the support in helping them get the funding for the Palawai and Makali`i lands. After the Commission recommended the resolution to City Council, TPL and the applicants met individually with the council members to share about the projects and that they were all super excited. The councilmembers were very positive, not only about the projects, but also spoke highly of this Commission and they are really looking forward to finding projects within their own communities to utilize the funds that are available. It was a wonderful process that TPL went through and again wanted to thank everyone for the support and if anyone ever wanted to come out to the projects to see what the Commission has supported and protected, please let him know so he can schedule a site visit.

Chair Broder stated that that would be a really good idea because this is the Commission's biggest project and it would be great for the Commissioners to be able to see what's going on. She suggested that since we are approaching the holiday season, maybe scheduling something in mid-January would be good or if anyone else had a timeline that might work.

Vice-Chair Pacarro confirmed that it would work for him and asked if there are any upcoming workdays planned with Ho'okua'aina that the Commissioners could participate in.

Mr. Kaapana commented that he could not confirm their schedule but believed that the workdays are on the second Saturday of each month.

Ms. Maya Saffery of Kauluakalana commented that she also wanted to share her mahalo nui on behalf of the community organizations that were supported by the Commission. As Mr. Kaapana had stated, they were able to go to City Council last week and it was all unanimously favorable. There were some great comments on their behalf and Ho'okua'aina is really humbled and look forward to taking on this kuleana. She did confirm that the

workdays are on the second Saturdays of the month, 8:30 to 12:30 and that everyone is fed an aina lunch from the food that they grow on aina so you get to eat after you work. She was unsure of Ho`okua`aina's workdays were but would be sure that Mr. Kaapana would find out and inform the Commission. She expressed that they would love to host the Commissioners so that everyone would be able to see what they are currently doing as well as their vision for the Makali`i and Palawai lands in the future. She again thanked the Commission.

Chair Broder expressed her mahalo to everyone that was involved and that it is very impressive as to what the community has done and their work in trying to make things better. As she stated in her testimony to Council, she hopes that every ahupua`a can do the same thing and is unsure if TPL can identify other sites. It would be nice to see something like this in other places with large Hawaiian populations like Waianae or Waimanalo.

Mr. Kaapana mentioned that after meeting with the councilmembers, many of them were thinking of their own areas that they represent and Councilmember Tupola mentioned that she is working an organization in her area. Councilmember Tulba also started to think of what could be done in his area of Ewa and is planning to visit the Maunawili sites to talk more in depth with the non-profits. Councilmember Fukunaga tagged some community partners in her district so Mr. Kaapana could forward some land conservation information to them. This has sparked a lot of interest of the councilmembers.

Chair Broder commented that this is so good to hear. She mentioned that she would also like Ms. Namihira to join the Commission on the visit so she could also see the results of her work as well.

Mr. Kaapana agreed. He also commented to Commissioner Kotubetey regarding his question on giving testimony and that the last City Council meeting was held in Kapolei and not at Honolulu Hale. He stated that when testifying either in person or via Zoom, you have the option of testifying at the beginning of the meeting or when the agenda item is being read. Council Chair Waters recommended testimony be given when the agenda item is read so it would be fresh in the councilmembers minds and could also ask questions of the testifier. Most of the time the meetings are in town but sometimes the meeting locations do change like this one was in Kapolei.

Commissioner Kotubetey thanked him for the information and stated that he will be aware of the location the next time the Commission has the opportunity to testify. He asked Mr. Kaapana if they testified in person and how long did they have to wait.

Ms. Saffery stated that it's a great question and this was the first time that she was testifying so it was all new for her. The meeting started at 10:00 and because they were testifying in person, everyone had to sign in. Chair Waters then called each person individually on both Zoom and in person to ask if they wanted to testify at that moment or to defer. Everyone that come to testify on the resolution elected to defer. The resolution was on page 15 of the agenda so they didn't testify until after lunch. The Council has a morning block, then an hour break for lunch and because the agenda item was right after lunch, they began testifying between 1:30 and 2:00.

Commissioner Kotubetey thanked her for the explanation and congratulated all.

Mr. Kaapana commented that TPL is planning to apply for State legacy land funding for both projects and hopes that they rank #1 and #2. The State does not have as much funding as the Clean Water and Natural Lands so it is going to be very competitive with the entire state being able to apply. He again thanked for the Commission for its support.

Chair Broder asked if there were any other comments and stated that the next meeting is November 17th.

Ms. Namihira stated that she wanted to bring up the final draft of Commissioner Markell's resolution that would be sent to him.

Chair Broder apologized for skipping the item.

FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT "KAI" RAYMOND MARKELL

Ms. Namihira shared the Commission's resolution highlighting the slight revisions in regard to Commissioner Markell's extensive knowledge to iwi kupuna that were proposed at the last meeting and wanted confirmation that it was okay with the Commissioners.

Chair Broder stated that it looked fine to her and asked Commissioner Cramer if he wanted to make a motion to adopt.

Commissioner Cramer motioned to adopt the amended language.

Chair Broder asked if the Commission should adopt the resolution as written with the amended language.

Commissioner Cramer confirmed yes. Vice-Chair Pacarro seconded the motion.

Chair Broder asked if there was any discussion. None.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Chair Broder stated that the next meeting will be on November 18th.

Vice-Chair Pacarro commented about the conversation that was occurring when he joined the meeting regarding the Star Advertiser and that he was contacted by the Parks and Recreation Director asking if one of the Commissioners could join a press conference at 11:30 today to discuss the charter amendment with Civil Beat and the Star Advertiser. He asked if any of the Commissioners wanted or could attend because his voice was messed up but if not he could attend. He also wanted to be sure that everyone was aligned on their sentiments of what would be presented to the media as it relates to this charter amendment. He asked "isn't parks and rec all in favor of this amendment as it would allow them to reduce their financial burden on the management of these projects that the Commission approves?"

Chair Broder commented that it might be a slightly different spin.

Vice-Chair Pacarro asked what would be the Commission's talking points of why the Commission has put forth this charter amendment when presenting to the media.

Chair Broder commented that the resolution sent to City Council could be used and that as a member of the PIG, the concern was to increase the possibility for the public to use these lands once they were set aside. The PIG wanted to be able to have the funds used initially so that the City would have the authority to use the funds for classrooms and parking. In response to TPL's concern, the Commission put the 6% cap of the funds so only a small portion would be used but the Council reduced it to 5%. The main concern was that public access is guaranteed since it's public monies. She asked Vice-Chair Pacarro if that made sense.

Vice-Chair Pacarro agreed and asked if Chair Broder would like to speak to the media or if the Commission would like him or someone else to.

Chair Broder replied that it would be great if more than one person could attend and he wanted to go, that would be fine and the Commission could vote to authorize him to speak on its behalf. She then asked if anyone else could attend.

Vice-Chair Pacarro stated that it would be at 11:30 today with Mayor Blangiardi's office, the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Commission.

Chair Broder asked if the Mayor would be in attendance.

Vice-Chair Pacarro stated that it would be via Zoom and could not confirm if the Mayor would be in attendance.

Commissioner Tanimoto commented that she would be happy to join Vice-Chair Pacarro.

Chair Broder commented that it would be good as it would show more commitment from the Commission. She then asked if everyone was okay with having Vice-Chair Pacarro and Commissioner Tanimoto speak on behalf of the Commission and called for someone to make a motion.

Commissioner Kotubetey made a motion to authorize Vice-Chair Pacarro and Commissioner Tanimoto to speak on behalf of the Commission at the press conference.

Commissioner Mills seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously 6-0.

Commissioner Kotubetey thanked Vice-Chair Pacarro and Commissioner Tanimoto. He stated that he was not as knowledgeable about the charter amendment therefore did not come forth.

Chair Broder jokingly commented that they would save the next press conference for him.

Commissioner Kotubetey replied that he doesn't do those and that Vice-Chair Pacarro is younger, more handsome and more eloquent.

Vice-Chair Pacarro stated he was not sure about that.

Chair Broder commented that Vice-Chair Pacarro is not afraid to take on anything and everyone agreed.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Namihira

APPROVED:

Chair Sherry P. Broder

Date

The minutes of the Commission Meeting on October 14, 2022 were approved at the November 18, 2022 Commission Meeting.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Comment</u>
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Chris Cramer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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