

Clean Water And Natural Lands Advisory Commission

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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William Reese Liggett
William Kamana'olana Mills
Jamie Tanimoto

Meeting Minutes Friday, February 10, 2023 9:00 a.m. Meeting Held Virtually

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

<u>Commissioners Present</u> – Sherry Broder, Jason Kekahi "Kahi" Pacarro, Keli`iahonui Kotubetey, William Reese Liggett, William Kamana`olana Mills, Jamie Tanimoto

Commissioners Absent - Chris Cramer (excused)

<u>Staff Resources Personnel Present</u>
Dawn Spurlin, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Tammy Namihira, Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS)

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 14, 2022

The minutes of the October 14, 2022 were approved 6-0 (AYE: Broder, Pacarro, Kotubetey, Liggett, Mills, Tanimoto; NAY: None).

DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FISCAL SERVICES PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON NEW APPLICATIONS

Ms. Namihira shared that BFS did receive an application within the last week, which is currently being reviewed.

Chair Broder asked if the specific dollar amount was known.

Ms. Namihira stated that it was unclear because the Department of Land Management is also reviewing and trying to resolve some items. Hopefully it be resolved and the application can be presented to the Commission next month.

Chair Broder asked if there was anything else.

Ms. Namihira stated that that was the only one that has come in so far.

DEPARTMENT OF LAND MANAGEMENT PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON PROJECTS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION AND APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

Deputy Director Catherine Taschner provided an update on the four projects that were recommended by the CWNL Commission and approved for funding by City Council.

One of the most recent approvals was the Paiko Ridge project, which a site visit is scheduled for 12:30 today. DLM invited their colleagues from the Board of Water Supply and the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts to also attend because of the watershed and cultural qualities on this property. They will be gathering some baseline data and will work on drafting the conservation easement. They are continuing to work with the applicant, who submitted a revised application two weeks ago, to correct some of the earlier information. The applicant also submitted a revised archaeological inventory survey, which is also being reviewed and to be used to draft the conservation easement.

The next two projects were presented jointly since they are in the same area. Palawai and Makali`i have been approved for funding, which was about 75% of the acquisition price. The applicants will be applying to the State Legacy Land Conservation program to make up the remaining 25%. She believes that the applications for funding will be opening in late spring/early summer of this year so they are kind of in a holding pattern as they are waiting for the matching funds. Once that is received, they can move forward with due diligence and the draft of the conservation easement.

The last one is the Waikalua Fishpond. DLM has been working closely with HILT, who had to hire special counsel to review the title issues and is working to clean up. The City has been working with the operator of the fishpond to lay the foundation for granting some easements to actually bring the educational hale to life so things are moving slowly on this due to the title work that needs to be done.

These are the four projects that were approved by Council and are with DLM for due diligence.

Chair Broder thanked Ms. Taschner for the interesting report and asked if there were any questions.

Vice Chair Pacarro asked Ms. Taschner about the status of Paiko Ridge project because he had heard that there were some hold ups but now it sounds like it is all good and going forward.

Ms. Taschner commented that things are moving forward and they are consulting with the other departments to make sure that whatever requirements or restrictions they have are in the conservation easement.

Vice Chair Pacarro commented that he was planning on going on the tour because he thought the project was potentially in jeopardy but it sounds like it's going through so he would not attend because he knows that area well enough and it's all good.

Chair Broder stated that it did sound like it was going through and asked Ms. Taschner to confirm.

Ms. Taschner did confirm.

Chair Broder asked Ms. Taschner if she would be going on the site visit and asked if she could take some photos to share at the next meeting because she didn't want to encourage any of the commissioners to go because of the high wind warnings still being received.

Ms. Taschner confirmed that she would be attending the site visit and will be taking photos as part of what they're doing. Photos would be shared with the Commission so everyone can see what they see.

Chair Broder commented that that would be great and asked if there were any other questions. She also asked Ms. Taschner to inform the Commission as to when the Maunawili projects would be going before the Legacy Land Commission so the CWNL Commission could write a letter in support for the hearing.

Ms. Taschner replied that she will work with HILT to get a better understanding of the timing and will inform the Commission as to when it would be on the Legacy Land's agenda.

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Chair Broder asked the Commission if she could have a motion to prepare a letter of support of the projects when the time came.

Commissioner Mills moved the motion, Vice Chair Pacarro seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Broder asked what was next on the agenda.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Ms. Namihira commented that next on the agenda was taking any public testimony and that no one had signed up. No one online asked to testify.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Broder commented that since there was a new Commissioner, she thought an election should be held so everyone has a chance to vote and not because she wants to be replaced. She would be interested in continuing as Chair but if anyone else wants to do it, that would be something to consider. She wanted to give everyone a chance to think about it and see what they wanted to do. It would be on next month's agenda so if anyone wants to run, then they will be able to do so. The next meeting is scheduled for March 10th at 9:00 am.

Chair Broder also commented that her practice is not call for a meeting if there is really nothing to discuss but maybe by the next meeting there will be this new application moving along and more information can be shared.

Commissioner Kotubetey asked if someone could help him understand the testimony from Natalie Iwasa and the posting of the agenda.

Ms. Namihira explained that Ms. Iwasa wanted to ask that if there were any presentations or updates from departments like DLM that we include it in the meeting materials. She indicated that she informed Ms. Iwasa that at the time the agenda was posted, we did not have any to present and if we did, it would be included in the meeting materials.

Chair Broder asked if there were any other comments. There were none.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

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| Tammy Namihira | |

The minutes of the Commission Meeting on February 10, 2023 were approved at the March 10, 2023 Commission Meeting.

| | <u>Aye</u> | <u>No</u> | Comment |
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