

Clean Water And Natural Lands Advisory Commission

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

530 South King Street, Room 208 • Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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William Reese Liggett
William Kamana’olana Mills
Jamie Tanimoto

**Meeting Minutes
Friday, July 8, 2022
9:00 a.m.
Meeting Held Virtually**

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Sherry Broder called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Commissioners Present – Sherry Broder, William Reese Liggett, William Kamana’olana Mills, Jamie Tanimoto

Commissioners Absent – Jason Kekahi “Kahi” Pacarro (excused), Keli’iahonui Kotubetey (excused), Elliott “Ka” Raymond Markell (excused)

Staff Resources Personnel Present

Dawn Spurlin, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Tammy Namihira, Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS)

Guests

Danielle Schaffner, Department of Land Management (DLM)
Dori Amano-Mitsui, Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 17, 2022

The minutes of the June 17, 2022 were approved 4-0 (AYE: Broder, Liggett, Mills, Tanimoto; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).

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

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

She also stated that the timeline for the transition of the CWNL Advisory Commission functions to be transferred to the Department of Land Management (DLM) from BFS is uncertain. DLM did submit a Mayor’s reorganization request for the transition and provided a summary of the request to the Commission.

Because of the uncertainty of the transition, Ms. Namihira asked if the CWNL Fund promotional letter should be sent out with the current information as it can be updated when the transition to DLM is completed.

Chair Broder stated that it would be best that the letter be sent out now due to the unknown timeline of the

transition and asked if anyone had any objections. There were no objections.

Ms. Namihira informed Chair Broder that she would finalize the letter and send it to her for her review and signature. Chair Broder asked if it could be sent to the Commissioners for their review and comments. Ms. Namihira stated that the draft was part of the meeting materials for review but would resend to the Commissioners.

FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON RESOLUTION 22-079, CD2, PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

Chair Broder stated that the Council did make a few slight adjustments to the proposed amendment and asked if anyone knew of any plans by any organizations or City Council members to provide support of the amendment.

Ms. Namihira commented that she did not hear of anything from the administration.

Chair Broder asked if there were any plans from the Trust for Public Lands (TPL) to get involved. There were no responses. She then mentioned that the Commission did try and work with TPL and that it did attend the PIG meetings with its recommendations. The PIG committee did make a few changes to TPL's suggestions and recommendations before presenting it to the Commission.

Prior to the start of the presentation, Reyna Ramolete Hayashi stated that TPL hasn't discussed as a team if TPL would get involved with the Charter amendment but would keep the Commission posted.

Chair Broder thanked her for the update.

PRESENTATION – OVERVIEW OF MAKALI'I AND PALAWAI LANDS BY TPL

Ms. Hayashi shared that TPL's mission is to create parks and protects land for people for generations to come and its vision is that the people of Hawaii are thriving, healthy and meaningfully connected to the land, each other and living Hawaiian culture. TPL has been working in Hawaii for over 43 years and has protected over 59,000 acres of land throughout the islands.

Makali'i and Palawai are part of the larger Maunawili forest and lo'i made up of 1,084 acres of what was once a food calabash for Oah'u. This area supports critical watersheds, many cultural and historical sites and fertile agricultural and conservations lands. These lands are also privately owned and are in danger of subdivision and development so for many years the Kailua community has been fighting to protect these lands.

Ms. Hayashi shared slides of an aerial view of the Maunawili lands which depicted the landscape and streams and outlined the different parcels to be acquired and managed by the State's DLNR, Ho'okua'aina and Kauluakalana.

Ms. Hayashi stated the TPL usually does not hold on to title of lands and works in partnership with other entities in which TPL purchases the land and in turn conveys to the appropriate entities. She then gave an overview of the projects noting that TPL is the project manager and buyer of the parcels and again stated that the three entities would eventually own and steward the lands. The total cost to acquire these parcels is approximately \$33 million and they are working with their partners to obtain City, State and Federal funding.

She highlighted the two projects involving the Palawai and Makali'i parcels which are requesting CWNL funds and explained that the City will hold a conservation easement (CE) over these properties as required by the CWNL fund. Hawaii Land Trust will be the administrative holder of the CE.

Ms. Laura Kaakua from Hawaii Land Trust shared its role in various projects previously funded by CWNL funds. Its mission is to protect and steward the lands that sustain Hawaii and to perpetuate Hawaiian values by connecting people with aina. It is supportive of co-holding a CE with the City for the two projects as it has the utmost confidence in the two non-profit organizations who would own and steward the lands as both already have proven track records.

PRESENTATION – ACQUISITION OF MAKALI`I PARCELS BY KAULUAKALANA

Mr. Kaleo Wong and Ms. Maya Saffery of Kauluakalana shared the history and cultural significance of the ahupua`a of Kailua. They also shared a few stories of the cultural landscape and historical importance of Maunawili.

Kauluakalana is a community-based non-profit organization founded by kama`aina of Kailua. Its mission is to restore and grow healthy relationships between people and place through the aloha aina practices of retelling their Kailua-specific stories, replanting and eating their ancestral foods and caring for the sacred sites, lands and waters of their beloved ahupua`a of Kailua.

Kauluakalana's interlocking activities include aina education and aina restoration. Makali`i is located on the slopes of Olomana in which the project covers almost 60 acres and is bordered by the Olomana subdivision. The zoning is AG-2, agricultural and its future uses include spring and stream restoration, farming and agroforestry, native forest habitat and aina-based education.

They hope to revitalize the waters, re-cultivate its agricultural lands and restore the native Hawaiian habitat.

PRESENTATION – ACQUISITION OF PALAWAI LANDS BY HO`OKUA`AINA

Mr. Dean Wilhelm of Ho`okua`aina shared its mission of creating a culture of individual and community well-being (waiwai) through aloha aina. The organization is dedicated and focused on growing kalo on the land. It uses Hawaiian values-based teaching, do youth mentorship and use kalo farming in feeding a community.

The organization has established educational programs in which it shares with area schools and work with challenged youths who learn while working on the lands. It has also established a partnership with Windward Community College in having students learn and work on the land and offer paid internships.

The Palawai project will consist of acquiring 116.49 acres adjacent to parcels already owned by Ho`okua`aina. Its future uses will consist of stream restoration, lo`i kalo and dryland farming, preservation of the habitat for native birds and aina-based mentorship and education.

Its vision is to have a konohiki system where individual huis (groups) would help steward the lands and be self-sustaining since most of the soil in the area is rich, Hanalei soil and many types of foods can be grown, not only kalo.

Commissioner Liggett wanted an explanation as to the relationship of these parcels with the Maunawili Falls trail, which is now closed, and the Queen's retreat.

Ms. Hayashi explained that the Maunawili Falls trail and Queen's retreat will not go through these particular lands and are located on the parcel which will be acquired and owned by the DLNR. All of these parcels are currently owned by HRT.

Commissioner Liggett asked if this portion would be acquired from HRT at another time.

Ms. Hayashi confirmed that HRT wants to sell all of these parcels together so TPL is working with HRT and the DLNR to acquire the parcels outlined in orange (lots 2-C, 2-D, 2-E) as shown on the slide. This transaction is separate from the two CWNL applications.

Commissioner Liggett thanked Ms. Hayashi for the explanation.

Chair Broder asked if there is a copy of the Power Point presentation that can be sent to the Commissioners.

Ms. Hayashi confirmed that she will send the presentation.


PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Written testimony was received and will be distributed to the Commission. Due to time

constraints, oral testifiers that had signed up agreed to testify at the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tammy Namihira

APPROVED:

Chair Sherry P. Broder

Date

The minutes of the Commission Meeting on July 8, 2022 were approved at the August 12, 2022 Commission Meeting.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Sherry P. Broder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Chris Cramer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain
Keli'i Kotubetey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
William Reese Liggett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
William Kamana'olana Mills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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