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Aloha:

On behalf of Hui Kako'o, Trustee Collette Machado, and Sol Kaho'ohalahala we would like to say mahalo to all of you who took the time to attend the meetings held in Kalaupapa to talk about the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' land use plans for Molokai and Kalaupapa.

We heard your mana'o and have recorded it in the Minutes and Notes which are enclosed. Based on this, Hui Kako'o prepared your recommendations in the enclosed report entitled *Report of Land Use Designations for Kalaupapa, Molokai*. This report has been submitted to DHHL and its consultant for review. It is our hope they will include the ideas you offered into the Molokai Island Plan.

Please call me if you have any questions at 1-866-262-5299 toll free.

Aloha pumehana,


KAIPO KINCAID
Executive Director

Kalaupapa Community Meeting
February 11, 2005
Subject: Molokai Island Plan
Meeting convened: 6:10 pm

MINUTES

Introductions & Overview

The meeting was called to order by Sol Kahooalahala. He introduced Hui Kako'o 'Aina Ho'opulapula members: Blossom Feiteira, President, Dutchie Saffery, Vice-President, and Kaipō Kincaid, Executive Director; and OHA Trustee Colette Machado. He explained that Hui Kako'o was a non-profit organization whose mission is to look after the interest of the people on the Hawaiian Home Lands wait list and of those native Hawaiians (50%) who were eligible for the Hawaiian Home Lands trust. Twenty or so people attended the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.

Blossom Feiteira spoke and explained that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands was compiling a 20 year land use plan of all their lands on Molokai. Hui Kako'o held a meeting topside on 2/5/05 with Homesteaders and homestead applicants to get their mana'o about the land uses the DHHL was proposing for Molokai. Forty people attended that meeting, but they agreed not to make any recommendations for the lands at Kalaupapa, deferring instead to the people of Kalaupapa to make recommendations for Kalaupapa. Blossom explained Hui Kako'o came because they wanted to get the mana'o of the residents of Kalaupapa about how the Hawaiian Home Lands at Kalaupapa lands should be used. She explained that Hui Kako'o would prepare a report to DHHL about the recommendations of Kalaupapa residents.

Handouts of DHHL's proposed land use for Molokai were distributed. A map of DHHL lands at Kalaupapa showing 2 proposed land use plans Alternative 1 and Alternative 2 were posted. (See maps attached.) Blossom reviewed the Alternatives explaining what each land use designation means. She explained there are other land use designations that can be applied besides what appears in Alternative 1 and 2, such as community use, commercial use, residential use, agriculture use, or pastoral use.

Questions & Discussion

- How does historical preservation come into play in this plan?
 - Blossom: DHHL was created through federal laws in 1920 and DHHL is not subject to local laws unless they agree to submit it local laws.
- Don't want changes to Kalaupapa. What must we do to preserve it the way it is?
 - Blossom: general leases are available to the public and it can be assigned. There is usually an annual rental amount for a general lease and they are

usually for a period of 5 – 65 years, and it is for a specific purpose. A general lease can be used by communities, such as Kalaupapa, for the purpose of preserving it for uses desired by the community.

- Blossom: Under a community use designation, a general lease or license is allowable. It could work so that a lease is assigned to you for your house. The Lessee would have to take care of the house and yard.
- Does that include fire, maintenance of roads and common areas also?
 - Tom: Now NPS takes care of the water, roads and will be taking over the electrical in a few years. There are 37 years left on the NPS lease from DHHL.
 - Blossom: There is a revocation clause in the lease stating that with 1-year's notice to NPS the DHHL can withdraw the lands from NPS. However, DHHL would have to compensate NPS for the improvements. After the lease is ended all the improvements NPS made would revert to DHHL without cost. Residents expressed there is no problem with NPS putting in improvements.
- How would it work with the DOH if we get a DHHL lease? Isn't it the role of DOH to take care of the resident patients? Would DOH take care of us (patients) if we have DHHL leases? Wouldn't DOH say we are the responsibility of the DHHL.
 - Blossom: The DOH would take care of you even if DHHL gave you a lease.
 - Paul: NPS should continue to take care of the place, the land and the buildings. Ask DHHL to let NPS keep the lands. The resident patients want NPS to lease the land and for DOH to tell NPS what the patients need. Even if DHHL owns the land they should keep hands-off. Keep things as they are now.
 - Blossom: If there is a lease to Ka Ohana then Ka Ohana could lease the land to NPS.
 - Boogie: Keep things as they are now and I vote for Alternative 2.
- How would it work with a homestead lease?
 - Blossom: A residential applicant would get a 99-year homestead lease. They can leave it to a successor (certain relatives) at their death. If lessee has no successor, the homestead is surrendered back to the DHHL and the heirs are paid for the value of the improvements, then DHHL offers it to the next person on the wait list.
 - Tom: Right now all 1,200 acres of DHHL land is leased to NPS together with 233 acres of State land. If Congress tells NPS to decommission the park that's what NPS would have to do.

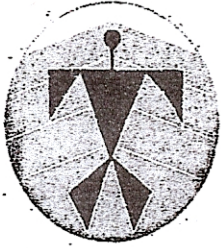
- What's best land use designations?
 - Blossom: if you go with community use designation, it means you decide how you want to use the lands. If you want a designation that puts control of uses in the hands of patients than that is the community use designation.
 - Colette: if you want a low kind of use than you might want subsistence agriculture so you can use it after the patients are gone.

- Preserving Kalaupapa legacy & Hawaiian culture
 - Paul: Patients want to have the existing conditions as it stands now in Kalaupapa.
 - Kuulei: when NPS came to Kalaupapa they knew they were suppose to preserve the history and uniqueness here.
 - Resident: Want to see NPS continue here after all us patients are gone. Have native Hawaiians work here and interpret the old ways: how we lived, how to pick opihi, how to live off the lands and hunt. Now they can't do that without permission.
 - Blossom: Are you saying that after you are gone you would like native Hawaiians to live here in a culturally sensitive way to preserve the legacy of Kalaupapa?
 - Paul: Randolph is saying that NPS should be here and native Hawaiian can come down here and work for NPS to preserve and interpret the story of Kalaupapa.
 - Resident: Who is the ohana who will take care of the iwi, of our graves – there is none. NPS will take care of our graves.
 - Tom: If homesteads are given, that would change the nature of the park. NPS wants to protect the nature of this park and NPS would want to keep the landscape as it is.
 - Colette: NPS may not need all this acreage and native Hawaiians could live as homesteaders and allow for agriculture and other uses.
 - Resident: Just figure that in 37 years NPS will be gone and then figure out how you want to take care of this place after that.
 - Colette: Is it possible for some native Hawaiians to live here and homestead the lands.
 - Paul: Yes, but live with the NPS and don't fight them.
 - Colette: After the NPS lease is pau – is it possible for native Hawaiians to live here and use the lands. Rumor has it that NPS wants to keep DHHL Kalaupapa lands and in exchange DHHL would get other lands, and that's a concern.
 - Paul: If DHHL and native Hawaiian can't work together with NPS, then don't do it.
 - Colette: Want to assure you that I want to work with NPS for your interest.
 - Boogie: This is a good place for schooling in Hawaiian ways.

- Paul: this should be a closed community and kids from Kamehameha Schools and other school should be instructed in the old ways. Restore Kalaupapa to preserve the old Hawaiian cultural of the way things were here and of the legacy of the Settlement.
- Blossom: We know there is a unique history here and we want to honor it. If NPS will hire native Hawaiians to work here it would be good – but we hear that doesn't happen often.
- Colette: NPS has 37 years left on the DHHL lease. Do you want them to continue?
- Sol summarizes: There's a win-win here – if you take Paul's suggestion that native Hawaiians work here in future, and Colette's that native Hawaiians should have a chance to come here. If homesteaders can come here in future then maybe they would be the workers who would interpret the preservation of this site. So that NPS would use native Hawaiians to fulfill the work criterion, and to take care of the iwi as the patients want, and NPS would have this land to continue to use as a cultural preserve.
- Colette: There should be some lands in subsistence agriculture so that future native Hawaiians can come here after you're gone who can use the land for subsistence agriculture.
- Sol: If we don't leave some instruction to DHHL and NPS for the future then they won't know how you would like to use the land. The land will be here after we are gone and we should give instruction to them. The Commission wants to make decision by May 2005. So we want to tell them.
- Randolph: What patients want is the tradition of Damien, Mary Anne Cope, the suffering of the people and the story of their lives. We don't want the homestead program to come here and subvert the legacy of the leper colony. A homestead community will dilute that legacy.
- Kuulei: NPS is important and we tell them to preserve and remember the 9000 people, who died here, and the churches, and the people and the houses where they lived and to preserve us in memory. NPS says they will keep the commitment but someone has to look over them and make sure they are doing it.
- Paul: you don't realize what happen during the war cause during the war all efforts were given to the war and after the war the U.S. took care of us. 60-70 percent of patients were Hawaiians and this settlement is about them.
- Randolph: The majority of people who suffered here were Hawaiian. When you make a homestead community in a preserve area like NPS is doing at Kalaupapa, that doesn't match. It dilutes the memory of the Hawaiians who died here. This should not be an Arizona Memorial because that would change the character of the legacy here.
- Blossom: You need to know there are forces topside who want to live here.

- Sol: Why not create an opportunity for the native Hawaiians who could come and who would do the service that Randolph envisions for Kalaupapa.
 - Blossom: (She) describes how a community of native Hawaiians could take care of the Kalaupapa legacy. If a homesteader were to come here but they were required to know the history of the patient who's home they live in as a homestead lease, and to share the memory of that patient, would that be in keeping with what you would like to see here. Hui Kako'o is here to capture your mana'o about what you want.
 - Group agrees: Want community use instead of special district, but keep conservation use area.
 - Resident: Want to see preservation of the legacy of Kalaupapa and of what transpired here, including the Hawaiians that were here before the Settlement was established, their story should be told.
 - Randolph: As the patients' pass on and their homes become available, those should be given out to homesteaders because that would lessen the impact of new things on Kalaupapa.
 - Paul: You need to give the Hawaiians their due, because of their easy susceptibility to leprosy. This needs to be told.
 - Colette: Once the patients are gone, the topside people don't want NPS to be here.
 - Randolph: Topside native Hawaiians want to live here because the infrastructure is here, but you won't have the support of mail delivery, and subsidies we enjoy now - the topside people won't have that.
 - Blossom: There are many native Hawaiians who live without infrastructure and like it. This is the only place where people are living on NPS lands in the State.
 - Tom: There are other NPS -- parks nationally where people live.
- Pala'au Land Use
 - Sol: Do you want to say something about Pala'au land use?
 - Resident: Don't want commercial use at Pala'au because we want privacy to continue in Kalaupapa
 - Colette: Pala'au has a lot of opportunities for commercial.
 - Sol: Whatever commercial activity is done at Palaau will direct attention to Kalaupapa and you would want to have some say about that.
 - Kuulei: Establish a committee for the commercial use of Pala'au and Kalaupapa, made up of patients and beneficiaries from topside. Commercial leases to go to Hawaiians only.

The presenters were asked to return February 25, 2005 for the meeting of the Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa to present what was discussed at this meeting. Sol Kaho'ohalahala, Trustee Colette Machado and Hui Kako'o agreed to come back then. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The minutes of this meeting were recorded by Kaipo Kincaid, Executive Director of Hui Kako'o, 767 Kailua, Rd. #212, Kailua, HI 96734, phone 262-5299.



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**Ka Ohana 'O Kalaupapa Meeting
Friday, February 25, 2005**

RECAP OF KALAUPAPA COMMUNITY MEETING

Held February 11, 2005

Subject: Molokai Island Plan

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QUESTION: WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR KALAUPAPA?

- **DON'T WANT CHANGES**
- **WANT NPS TO CONTINUE AFTER PATIENTS GONE**
- **HAVE DOH TELL NPS WHAT IT WANTS**
- **WANT HAWAIIANS TO WORK HERE WHEN WE ARE GONE TO PRESERVE & INTERPRET LEGACY OF KALAUPAPA AND THE OLD WAYS**
- **KALAUPAPA BE A PLACE FOR EDUCATION OF KEIKI**
- **REMEMBER THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED AND DIED HERE**
- **CARE FOR THE IWI AND GRAVES AT KALAUPAPA**
- **REMEMBER THE CHURCHES**
- **PRESERVE THE HISTORY & UNIQUENESS OF KALAUPAPA LEGACY (including pre-settlement time)**
- **EXISTING HOME SHOULD BECOME POTENTIAL HOMELANDS HOUSING AFTER PATIENTS PASS ON**
- **HONOR THE PEOPLE FOR FUTURE/PRESENT HAWAIIANS TO REMEMBER**
- **ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER COMMERCIAL USE FOR PALA'AU (residents and topside beneficiaries)**
- **COMMERCIAL LEASES GO TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS**