

Guam Indigenous Heritage Alliance (GIHA)

Date: Friday, September 3, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Laura M. T. Souder

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81883317834?pwd=em1aY01mUWRUNWFicmNVL1IzRTEvQT09>

Absent:
N/A

Members Present: Laura M. T. Souder (LMTS), Anna Marie B. Arceo (AMA), and Elyssa J. Santos (EJS)

Visitors: Maga'håga Lourdes Leon Guerrero (GLLG)

Order	Notes	Action
<p>I. Roll Call and Introductions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Maga'håga popped in and the meeting centered on topics she wanted to address. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LMTS begins meeting at 2:05 p.m.
<p>II. Review of Minutes of Regular Meeting August 13, 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
<p>III. Updates on Ongoing Issues and Concerns:</p> <p>✓ Letter of Support to Legislature on changes recommended by GIHA members and SHPO to Historic Preservation law - LMTS</p> <p>✓ Status of Public Hearing</p> <p>✓ Naftan Update regarding land buttress and easement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governor Lou Leon Guerrero (GLLG) proposed placing SHPO under the Government of Guam to give it greater stature as opposed to keeping it under the Department of Parks and Recreation. She mentioned the possibility of doing this through Executive Order - a law that makes it a classified position. GLLG stated that she wants to make sure that the changes she is recommending do not delay or impact the administrative reorganizing of the unit. LMTS added that this transition would not impact upon this: SPHO would be its own agency and have clout as a department. It is in the Governor's purview to reorganize agencies as needed for effective mission accomplishment. LMTS re-iterated the proposed changes Patrick and GIHA had discussed earlier. She stated that the Dept. of Park & Rec overseas recreational access to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LMTS will ask Patrick Lujan to reach out to Tyrone to see what kind of support he'll need from GIHA.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Cultural Repository ✓ Other Burial Sites ✓ Adequacy of space for storing remains at Angel Flores prior to interment ✓ New Issues or Announcements 	<p>land, however, historic preservation is a totally different responsibility. The proposal drafted uses language to make the unit more aligned with decolonization efforts and cultural sovereignty. Furthermore, it recognizes that Guam History is broader than CHamoru history, so we can't limit it to just Chamoru history. However, CHamoru history needs to take primacy. LMTS emphasized that the historic preservation law is old and its language needs to be updated to align with our current reality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GLLG also mentioned that Patrick Lujan and Joe Borja met with her to discuss NAFTA. She reported that everything looks okay with the land, but the concern is finding funding. She shared a potential funding source - the Department of Interior's one million allocated for indigenous communities. She wants to have Tyrone Taitano work on this grant which promotes indigenous traditions, culture, and practices which the NAFTA project aligns with. LMTS offered GIHA's help with conceptualization relative to the grant. LMTS stated that the most important thing for NAFTA is how we define representation and Patrick is committed to making sure that no matter how our ancestral remains are put into the NAFTA, that we do not dishonor them by acknowledging the project name rather than the place name from which the remains were recovered. 	
<p>IV. Recent Grants Received by GIHA Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Kumision ✓ DCA/ Museum ✓ Decolonization ✓ Historic Preservation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To be discussed at next meeting 	

V. Upcoming Member Events or Activities Needing Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be discussed at next meeting 	
VI. Community Outreach Strategy ✓ Report on status of list ✓ Next Steps for Engaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be discussed at next meeting 	
VII. New Business	See Governor Lou Leon Guerrero's comments above.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
VIII. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next meeting will be held on Friday, October 1, 2021 at 2 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LMTS adjourned the meeting at 2:45pm. To make up for lost time, we plan on spending 2 hours at our next meeting.

Prepared by Elyssa J. Santos (Kumisión i Fino' CHamoru) and approved by:



Laura M. T. Souder, GIHA Chairperson

Date: October 14, 2021



Michael Lujan Bevacqua, GIHA Vice Chairperson

Date: October 14, 2021

