

Guam Indigenous Heritage Alliance (GIHA)

Date: Friday July 02, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Laura M. T. Souder

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Absent: Michael Lujan Bevacqua (MLB)	<p>Members Present: Laura M. T. Souder (LMTS), Hope A. Cristobal (HAC), Anna Marie B. Arceo (AMA), Ha’ani L. San Nicolas (HSN), Patrick Lujan (PL), and Melvin Won-Pat Borja (MWPB)</p> <p>Visitors: Jaelen Reyes (Kumisión I Fino’ CHamoru Intern)</p>
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Order	Notes	Action
I. Roll Call and Introductions		LMTS begins meeting at 2:05 p.m.
II. Review of Minutes of June 4, 2021 Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LMTS confirmed members present reviewed and accepted minutes from June 4, 2021 meeting. 	
III. Community Outreach Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSN presented the working directory of potential invitees for GIHA’s community network. Members present looked through the list and added further information. LMTS advised that future moves for this strategy should include preliminary outreach through an invitational/interest letter in addition to continuing to refine the directory itself. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ha’ani will prepare the letter, get approval and send to organizations on the list. As Ha’ani is leaving for graduate studies at the end of July, Elyssa Santos will be assisting with the Kumisión’s support for GIHA.
IV. Naftan Memorial Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MWPB reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the fault line was identified. The allotted space was not to exceed 5 acres, but the current acreage (including undevelopable areas) is in an estimated excess of 10 to 12 acres. The buffer zone will create a natural border between the lots for commercial development and the Naftan. If the boundary is extended into the fault line there are still places that can be used as an easement or access to the Naftan. SHPO and DCA are working closely together on the Naftan Memorial. MWPB stated that DCA is in possession of an “incomplete inventory” of burials to be interred at the Memorial. 	

	<p>Both agencies are sharing inventory so that all the remains in the area can be identified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some inventory are not qualified for the Naftan according to existing legislation that marks the cut-off date for remains to be considered. • HAC posed a question asking if there is a code of ethics for archeological companies to follow. PL stated that he is unsure if a code of ethics for individual firms exist, but the SHPO gives stamp of approval for them to work on Guam. To be on the list of approved firms, they must send in all employee information (e.g. CVs) to the SHPO. • HAC then asked if anyone knew the status of the Malesso' Burial. 	
<p>V. Report by MWPB (DCA President) on Status of Repository</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MWPB stated that Dr. Krise, University of Guam (UOG) President, holds that financing can burden the school if not done properly. He suggests that UOG needs an active role otherwise they cannot maintain the goals and standards initially intended. • DCA proposes that UOG is involved in a consultation capacity. • Attorney General's office does not know enough about the processes or considerations involved to make a final determination on this issue. • There was a suggestion that SHPO techs could potentially be housed at the repository and then report work to DCA, which would streamline inventory processing among the agencies. • MWPB is planning a future meeting with Dr. Robert Underwood as liaison with hopes to address concerns from both UOG and DCA. 	
<p>VI. New Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HAC asked if GIHA can request that the Guam Preservation review board receive a nomination from the SHPO to include the village of Sumay in the registry of Guam Historic Place. Potentially, after this act, Sumay can then be registered in the World list of historic places. • PL suggested that the revamping of Chapter 21 of Guam Code Annotated be discussed in the future. LMTS said it can be the focus report for the next meeting. 	
<p>VII. Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting will be held Friday August 6, 2021 at 2 p.m. 	<p>LMTS adjourned meeting at 3:47 p.m.</p>

Prepared by Ha'ani L. San Nicolas (Kumisión i Fino' CHamoru) and approved by:



Laura M. T. Souder, GIHA Chairperson

July 29, 2021

Date