



Minutes

Regular Meeting

Maunakea Management Board

September 12, 2023

Virtual Meeting By Zoom

Attending:

MKMB Members:

Present In Person: Chair Roberta Chu, Gregory Chun PhD

Present Remotely by Zoom: 2nd Vice Chair Julie Leialoha, Dr. Billy Bergin, Andy Adamson, Wayne Higaki (BOR), Alapaki Nahale-a (BOR)

Members Excused: Diana Van De Car

Kahu Kū Mauna: —

UH: (CMS) Gregory Chun PhD, Nahua Guilloz, Joy Yoshina, Kaleo Pilago, Courtney Keli'i

Bonnie Irwin (UHH), Gary Takeuchi (OGC), Jesse K. Souki (OGC)

MKSOA: John Komeiji

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Maunakea Management Board (MKMB) meeting was called to order by Chair Roberta Chu at 5:04 p.m. It was noted that MKMB members in attendance constitute a quorum. Due to Sunshine Law requirements, each MKMB member attending remotely was asked if anyone else was present with them at their remote location. None noted.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public testimony was presented.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Chu asked if there were changes to the minutes of the September 13, 2023 meeting. One change was mentioned. Executive Director (ED) Gregory Chun made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. 2nd Vice Chair Julie Leialoha seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

IV. KAHU KŪ MAUNA (KKM) REPORT

ED Chun discussed the recent overnight retreat. KKM reviewed and updated their mission statement. During the retreat, the Education and Outreach Coordinator, CMS Kaleo Pilago, provided an overview of upcoming outreach projects he is working on. Lead Ranger, DuWayne Waipa, also spent time with KKM Council members discussing some of the challenges they deal with managing public access. KKM was also introduced to and was able to converse with other CMS staff about current and upcoming projects, day-to-day issues and challenges that they face. With this information, KKM Council members stated they feel better attuned to their role as cultural advisors.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Maunakea Stewardship Oversight Authority

ED Chun provided an overview of his discussions with Doug Simons and MKSOA focusing on clarifying roles and responsibilities in our joint management relationship with the Authority. Chun also reviewed various meetings and outreach CMS has conducted educating MKSOA with our current policies, operations, finances to assist in establishing their administrative systems.

B. Observatory Decommission Updates

A. Caltech Submillimeter Observatory (CSO)

Contractors from Isemoto Contracting are the next wave of contractors that will participate in the decommissioning on Monday, September 18th. The crew will be dismantling the internal fixtures. The fixtures will be loaded and shipped to Chile. A videographer has been hired to document the entire decommissioning process for future reference.

B. University of Hawai'i (UH) Hōkū Ke'a Observatory

The bid has been posted for the Hōkū Ke'a decommissioning. All interested contractors will be given a briefing at Halepōhaku along with a site visit and inspection, which are mandatory for the UH process. The briefing will be held on September 26th.

C. Upcoming Project (Seeking DLNR Concurrence)

A. Gemini: Installation of handrails

A CDUP was approved in 2019 for lifelines to be installed for exterior maintenance. Gemini is requesting to renew the CDUP, and to substitute the lifelines with handrails as a safety precaution. This project was reviewed for informational purposes.

B. IRTF: Paint the exterior of summit building

IRTF plans to paint the exterior of their building. A small amount of lead was found in the current paint that is on the building's exterior. The Environmental Committee (EC) requested additional paint abatement and mitigation procedures be conducted to confirm the toxicity of the paint prior to removal to determine the appropriate disposal method. This project was presented for informational purposes.

VI. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Review & Recommend: Visitor Information Station (VIS) Outside Storage Enclosure

This project is to enclose a section of the VIS lanai that is unusable for public use. The

enclosed area will be used for secured storage of equipment and outdoor exhibits when the VIS is closed. This project requires DLNR site plan approval. The community groups, KKM and EC, have reviewed this project and had no recommendations. MKMB member Billy Bergin moved to recommend approval for the project to move forward as submitted. The 2nd Vice Chair Julie Leialoha seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

B. Review & Recommend: Relocation of Hōkū Ke‘a Communication Repeaters

Due to the decommissioning of Hōkū Ke‘a, CMS is requesting for two communication repeaters to be relocated to the summit lunch room. The repeaters are mounted on a separate building located on the Hōkū Ke‘a property that will be decommissioned. One of the repeaters is operated by the United States Geological Survey (USGS), and the other is currently operated by the Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD). USGS uses the repeater for their activities on Maunaloa and Volcano. Upon relocation of the VOAD repeater responsibility and operation will be taken over by the County of Hawai‘i Civil Defense Agency for emergency communications. This project requires DLNR site plan approval because each of these organizations are required to have site licenses for placing antennas on the building they are being mounted on. 2nd Vice Chair Julie Leialoha moved to recommend approval for the project to move forward as submitted. MKMB member Andy Adamson seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ED Chun made a motion to move into executive session pursuant to HRS Section 92-5 (a)(4) to consult with the Board’s attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities regarding MKSOA transition. MKMB member Billy Bergin seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Executive Session started at 6:01 p.m. and concluded at 7:02 p.m. The public meeting was reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Chu shared that the next public meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3rd, at 5 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chu adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Courtney Keli‘i
September 12, 2023