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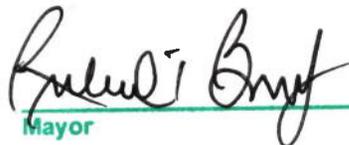


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May 16, 2023

Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.  
Mayor, County of Maui  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

 5-16-23  
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Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Tom Cook, Chair  
Water and Infrastructure Committee  
Maui County Council  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Cook:

**SUBJECT: BILL 13 (2022), RELATING TO RENAMING PUAMANA PARK TO  
WAIHIOKOLE BURIAL PRESERVE (WAI-2)**

Thank you for your April 24, 2023 correspondence regarding the renaming of Puamana Park to Waiahiokole Burial Preserve. Our Department responds as follows:

1. *Please describe the intent of Bill 13.*

Under 2.98.040.F.5, Maui County Code, the County Council must approve park renaming by ordinance. It appears that Bill 13's intent is to change the name of Puamana Park, an area identified by TMK (2) 4-6-033:001, to Waiahiokole Burial Preserve. Our Department recommends verifying Bill 13's intent with Director Jordan Molina as the Department of Public Works administers the park renaming

process. Additionally, our Department suggests re-checking the TMK referenced in Bill 13 as it does not align with Real Property Tax records for the property.

2. *Please answer the following as it relates to the effect of Bill 13 as it is currently drafted:*

a. *What uses will be allowed on the property?*

Bill 13 would not affect uses allowed on the property.

b. *Will the public be able to access the property?*

Bill 13 would not affect access to the property.

c. *Who will be responsible for monitoring and maintaining the property?*

Bill 13 would not change who is responsible for monitoring or maintaining the property.

3. *Please explain why the term “burial preserve” was used. In what ways, if any, does a “burial preserve” differ from a burial site, cemetery, or graveyard?*

Under 2.98.040.F.1 and .2, Maui County Code, the Mayor, County Council, or members of the public can submit requests to rename parks. In this instance, the request to rename Puamana Park was submitted to the Department of Public Works by a member of the public (Mr. Ke‘eaumoku Kapu). Mr. Kapu’s request is included in Director Jordan Molina’s February 2, 2023 transmittal to the County Council. We recommend discussing this question directly with the requestor. As the requestor of the name change, Mr. Kapu should also be included in your Committee’s discussion of this item at its May 22, 2023 meeting.

While our Department did not initiate the renaming request, it is important to note that we have a Right of Entry (ROE) Agreement with Mr. Kapu’s organization, Nā ‘Aikane O Maui, for this property. The ROE Agreement grants the organization access to manage the property and:

- Work with all interested members of the public to devise an access plan that takes all existing conditions into consideration (including the presence of iwi kūpuna and significant safety issues due to erosion);
- Implement a planting plan that incorporates placement of necessary signage;
- Ensure compliance with the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD)-accepted Final Burial Site Component of an Archaeological Data Recovery Plan for Iwi Kūpuna Recovered from Puamana Park (Burial Plan), which was prepared by 'Aha Moku O Maui, Inc. in consultation with descendants, the County's Principal Archaeologist, and SHPD; and
- Assist in the reinterment of iwi kūpuna (per the Burial Plan).

Per the planting plan included in the ROE Agreement, the organization intends to install signage that incorporates the name Waiahiokole.

For more information on the ROE Agreement and the current status of the property, please refer to the June 16, 2022 minutes of the Human Concerns and Parks Committee.

Our Department was consulted in the renaming process and previously issued a letter of support dated May 17, 2022 to the Public Works Commission. A copy is attached for your reference.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at Ext. 7230.

Sincerely,



PATRICK S. MCCALL

Director of Parks and Recreation

Attachment

c: Shane T. Dudoit, Deputy Director

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Dear Members:

**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO RENAME PUAMANA PARK, LAHAINA, MAUI, HAWAII; TMK: (2) 4-6-033:001**

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has reviewed applicant Ke'eaumoku Kapu's request for the renaming of Puamana Park located in Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii; TMK: (2) 4-6-033:001 to Waiahiokole Burial Preserve. DPR supports the request of the name change and will continue to work with Na 'Aikane O Maui on managing the site for access of cultural and traditional practices.

Should you need further assistance, please contact me at 270-7230.

Sincerely,

KARLA H. PETERS  
Director of Parks and Recreation

- c: Sam Marvel, Deputy Director
- Mary Kielty, Chief of Recreation
- Cheryl Akiona, Acting Chief of Planning and Development
- Chris Kinzle, Park Maintenance Superintendent

## WAI Committee

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**From:** Michelle Santos <Michelle.Santos@co.maui.hi.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 1:26 PM  
**To:** WAI Committee  
**Cc:** Cynthia Sasada; Josiah Nishita; Kekuhaupio Akana; Leo Caires; Lisa Sakumoto; Patrick Mccall; Pili Nahooikaika; Shane Dudoit  
**Subject:** MT#10206 Bill 13 Relating to Renaming Puamana Park to Waiahiokole Burial Preserve  
**Attachments:** MT#10206-Cook, Tom.pdf

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*Michelle L. Santos*

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