

HAWAII HISTORIC PLACES REVIEW BOARD MEETING

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Date: May 28, 2011

Time: 1:00 pm

Place: Board Room #132
Department of Land and Natural Resources
Kalanimoku Building
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Review Board Members:

Dr. Joyce Chinen

Jeff Dodge

James "Kimo" Guequirre

Naomi Losch

Laura Schuster

William "Bill" Souza - Chair

Staff Present:

Dr. Ross W. Stephenson

Angie Westfall

Guests in Attendance:

Dr. Don Hibbard

Larry Oaks

Lorraine Manayan

Dr. Lorraine Minatoishi Palumbo

Charles Palumbo

I. Call to Order

Bill Souza, Chairperson, called the Hawaii Historical Places Review Board meeting at 1:20pm.

II. Special Presentation by Charles Palumbo, AIA, about the Waikiki Historical Trail. He explained how Dr. George Kanahale and he had developed the criteria and design; he next discussed funding and maintenance issues. The Board then thanked him for his service to historic preservation in Hawaii.

III. Announcements

- A. Training seminar announced by Historic Hawaii Foundation to be held in Maui at the Sheraton Maui (Kaanapali) on Aug 26-28, 2011.
- B. Bill Souza, Joyce Chinen, and Marilyn Brown would not be present at the next meeting due to expiration of their terms. The staff presented Bill Souza and Joyce Chinen, who were attending, with leis and thanked them for their service to historic preservation in Hawaii.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Joyce Chinen moved to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded by Laura Schuster.

V. Nominations:

- A. Minnie Churchill Residence (2424 E. Manoa Rd.)

The nomination to the State Register under Criteria A and C was completed and presented by Dr. Lorraine Minatoishi-Palumbo. The house had been built for Minnie Churchill, a niece of Winston Churchill, in the late 1920s and was obviously influenced by the design of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. Lorraine Minatoishi-Palumbo, as the architect, wanted to increase the amount of livable space in the home without altering the historic sense of mass as seen from the street. She did this by adding an “L” shaped addition to the back and re-organizing the interior space.

The Board liked the renovations, integrity, and blending of the old and new in the architecture.

Laura Schuster nominated the property to the State Register under Criteria A and C. The motion was seconded by Kimo Guequirre.

Bill Souza called for the vote, and the Board passed the property unanimously.

- B. Loo Residence (2727 Kolonahe Pl.)

This nomination to the State and National Registers under Criteria C was completed and presented by Don Hibbard. This house was discussed as part of Vladimir Ossipoff's architectural style.

The Board members liked the entryway, views of Diamond Head, and restoration.

Kimo Guequirre moved to nominate the property under Criteria C to the State Register and to forward it for consideration to the National Register. The motion was seconded by Naomi Losch.

Bill Souza called for the vote, and the motion was passed unanimously.

C. John and Jane Millen Residence (3797 Diamond Head Cir.)

The house was presented by Don Hibbard to the State and National Registers under Criteria C.

The Board discussed the architecture of entryway, cross ventilation, sliding windows and spacious grounds.

A motion was made to nominate the house under Criteria C to the State Register and forward it for consideration to the National Register was made by Joyce Chinen and seconded by Bill Souza.

Kimo Guequirre commented that he would support a nomination on the State but not federal level.

Naomi Losch commented that there were no Hawaiian cultural features.

Bill Souza then called for a break at 2:45 pm.

The meeting resumed at 2:47 pm.

A new motion regarding the John and Jane Millen residence was suggested. Joyce Chinen nominated the house to the State Register only under Criteria C. The motion was seconded by Kimo Guequirre.

Bill Souza then called for the vote, the Board passed the property unanimously to be placed on the State Register.

Don Hibbard concurred that he saw no need to try to place the home on the federal register.

D. Dr. Lau Residence (3613 Waolani Ave.)

The nomination was completed and presented by Don Hibbard. The Criteria would be C for both Registers.

The house was nominated by Joyce Chinen for the State and National Registers under criteria C. The motion was seconded by Laura Schuster.

The Board members commented on the bright color scheme and unique architecture of the home.

Bill Souza called for the note, the Board unanimously voted to place the home on the State Register and forward the nomination to the National Register.

E. Clarence Cooke Family Beach House/Kahuku Plantation Manager's Beach House (1556 Mokulua Dr.)

The nomination was completed and presented by Don Hibbard. The Criteria initially was to be C for both Registers. Criteria A was added during the presentation.

The Board discussed representation of the property as an early 20th century beach retreat, including that the house was constructed right on the water.

Kimo Guequirre nominated the house to the State and recommended forwarding to the National Register under Criteria A and C. The nomination was seconded by Naomi Losch.

Bill Souza called for the vote, the Board unanimously voted to place the house on the State and recommend forwarding to the National Register.

F. Hung Lum Chun Residence (1321 Alewa Dr.)

The nomination was prepared by Mary Kodama and presented by Ross Stephenson. Criteria considerations were A, B, and C.

The Board discussed the development of the area, significance of the owners, mix of cultures, beautiful restoration, and the glass enclosed room that added to the showcase of the house.

The house was nominated by Laura Schuster to the State Register and forwarding to the National Register under Criteria A, B, and C. The nomination was seconded by Joyce Chinen.

Bill Souza called for the vote, the Board unanimously voted in favor of the house being placed on the State and forwarded to the National Register.

G. Alfred Hocking Beach House (41-849 Laumilo St.)

The nomination was prepared and presented by Kevin Dooley under Criteria A and C.

The house was presented as an example of the development of beach homes outside Honolulu as development of automobile transportation improved access; also discussed was how, at this time, personal servants traveled with their clients, which was reflected in the layout of the house. Changes in economics (cost of labor compared to materials) had changed so that a fieldstone house such as this would today be prohibitively expensive to construct.

Board members stated they liked the restoration and maintenance, but were disappointed that the original palm trees had been taken away.

Jeff Dodge nominated the house to the State with forwarding to the National Register under Criteria A and C. The motion was seconded by Naomi Losch.

Bill Souza called for the vote; the Board unanimously voted to place the property on the State Register and forwarded to the National Register.

VI. Staff Updates

- The Honokaa Mamanae Street Historic District nomination is being expanded by Stanley Solamillo.
- Six out of seven of the Halaulani properties were accepted to be placed on the National Register.
- The new Architectural Branch Chief, Angie Westfall, AIA, was introduced to the Board Members.
- The next meeting would be scheduled approximately Sept. 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 pm.