

Kalaupapa Working Group

January 31, 2021



Agenda

- Recap of Process & December 13 Meeting
- Updates
 - Department Support
 - Working Group Beneficiary Outreach
- Follow-up to Interagency Transition Team Questions
- Preparing for Upcoming Community Meetings
 - Timeline
 - Potential Invitees
 - Potential General Flow
- Next Steps

Ground Rules

- Be respectful of other participants' mana'o, please do not interrupt
- Please be aware of the air you take up in the room
- Respect the viewpoint of others: non-agreement can be a respectful process
- Do your best to be an active listener and a thoughtful participant
- Please remember to mute yourself when not speaking to help minimize background noise
- Be understanding of those who are juggling multiple responsibilities (childcare, schooling, kupuna care, etc.)

Process Recap & Looking Ahead

- Follow-up to close initial set of meetings focused on process
 - Goal for Today: Arrive at understanding of composition of group and focus of broader conversation with beneficiaries re: Kalaupapa
- Discussion
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Looking Ahead

- Time for staff to do research / follow-up
- Further meetings will be opened up and focus on substance
 - Tentatively have series of 3 meetings in mind
 - First meeting will be tentatively held in March 2022

Recap of 12/13

Interagency Transition Team Updates

- Interagency group is focused on coordination of operations & logistics for agencies with responsibilities in Kalawao County
- Still discussing if/how/when to conduct public outreach
- Community outreach, decision making on future of Kalawao County is up to Directors, Mayor, Council, Legislature

Initial Goal of WG: What is a good process to better manage and integrate Kalaupapa into the larger island and beneficiary community?

- Meetings in response to request after experiencing NPS's activities
 - Dept is landowner but does not have resources to manage area so leased to federal government
- Afraid conversation may divide community so Dept is looking to the WG for guidance
- Dept is looking for support to create a concerted approach that benefits beneficiaries and the Dept
- Way to start to engage community members

Potential Tracks

- Take back Kalaupapa for Hawaiians?
- Work with NPS
 - Cooperative agreements with NPS?
- Other?

Potential Scenarios

- Lease expires in 2041 - not a renewal
 - Work with NPS
- Come up with plan as beneficiaries
 - Where get money to steward the area?
 - Focus on lease and engaging beneficiaries
 - Maui County as one route
 - Willing to file lawsuit to show violation of lease
 - Terminate lease sooner

Recap of 12/13

Potential Approach

- Short Term > Engage NPS
 - Beneficiary led effort
 - Ka ‘Ohana O Kalaupapa
 - Aunty Lori
 - Dept create list to show NPS that what beneficiaries want is supported in current plans and other docs
- Mid Term > DOH Transitions Out
 - How to address Kalawao jurisdictional issue?
- Long Term > Moloka‘i Driven & Stewarded
 - Beneficiary centered
 - Ka ‘Ohana O Kalaupapa
 - Uncle Walter
 - Dept help to create a plan to show what beneficiaries envision Kalaupapa should look like

Ka ‘Ohana O Kalaupapa’s Role

- Share stories
- Descendants can connect
- Ancestors are remembered

Related Issues

- Staff pushing Commissioners
- Staff keep fighting for proper funding
- How to get HACBED help for community so they don’t only work for the Dept > help community organize

Department Support

- Community Visioning Process
 - 3 meetings in 2022
 - Tentatively begin in March
- Programmatic Agreement Informational Meeting
 - With Aunty Lori & whoever is interested
 - Tentatively in February
- General Lease Informational Meeting
 - With Aunty Lori & whoever is interested
 - Tentatively in February
- Set Up Meeting with Congressman Kahele's Office on 2/8

Working Group Beneficiary Outreach Update

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Interagency Transition Team Question Follow-up

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Looking Ahead

- Aiming to convene a series of 3 meetings with the broader community tentatively beginning in March 2022
- Thoughts on...
 - Invitees?
 - General flow?

Invitees?

Guidelines shared with the Commission:

- Beneficiaries on the Moloka'i Island wait list
- Beneficiaries who have family members buried in Kalaupapa
- Lineal descendants of Native Hawaiian 'ohana who were displaced from Kalaupapa in 1865
- Beneficiaries who have participated consistently in the NPS GMP and Section 106 process
- Beneficiary representative of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa

Working Group outreach?

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Communication Feedback

- What does it look like when we reach out to this group?
- How do we broaden participation and hold to the criteria decided by this group?

General Flow for the Meetings

- Visioning Built Off of Past Beneficiary Consultation Efforts & Moloka‘i Island Plan
 - Focus: What might community stewardship of Kalaupapa look like?
- Challenges & Opportunities to Consider
 - How might expenses be covered?
 - How might we overcome legal and jurisdictional constraints?
 - How might we envision economic development activities?

Discussion

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NOTE: The General Lease & Programmatic Agreement would not be the focus of these conversations and be two separate meetings.

Next Steps

- General Lease Informational Meeting -- tentatively in February
- Programmatic Agreement Informational Meeting -- tentatively in February
- Community Meetings -- 1st one tentatively in March