Attendees: Paul Nash, Charles Whitten, Kanoe Nakata (ASUH), Bonnie Beatson, Toni Martin, Lillian Cunningham, Floyd McCoy, Mariko Kershaw, Kevin Ishida, Laura Sue

Guest: Emily (Emsy) Takahashi

Meeting called to order at 10:02 am

I. Approval of minutes from 4/24/2015
   • Kanoe moved to approve, Toni seconded. Motion approved.
   • Correction: “Library stairs have cracks” on page 3

II. Rain Garden #2 Hui o Koʻuelaupoko (Todd Cullison)
   • Todd did not attend to give an update.

III. Design for Transformers by Emily (Emsy) Takahashi
   • Discussion is regarding the transformers by Vet Tech, currently dark green in color.
   • Emsy would be willing to paint a design for free as she already has brushes and acrylic paint, but she may need to buy more paint as well as varnish to protect it.
   • Her design consists of faces connected by swirls, which symbolizes that we’re all connected – “The human mind collective thought is universal”.
   • Toni suggested putting out a call to artists so that others don’t feel left out.
   • There are other transformers on campus so there are many opportunities for artwork.
   • Charles suggested that this be a demonstration project, and then open it up to other students to design art for the other transformers.
   • A while back the committee discussed with Doug about either a mural or fence around the transformers.
• Kevin says we own the transformers, but will find out if we can paint over it.
  o The shells of the transformers are deteriorating (rust, corrosion, etc.) which is bad for the transformers and could short our lines.
• Bonnie is concerned that this design wouldn’t really camouflage the box, and doesn’t quite fit the mission of the college. Emsy said she could go with more organic tones (the sketch uses pink and purple), and can turn the swirls into vines. She can produce another sketch for the committee to approve.
• Charles moved to go forward with the project and have Emsy work on the design (Paul can send out the design via email since it will be summer). Floyd seconded. Motion approved.

IV. Construction fence art work
• Emsy has agreed to spearhead the fence mural project.
• Floyd has the application forms from last time and will send to Emsy.

V. Oahu Master Gardeners (Jayme Grzebik grzebik@hawaii.edu)
• No update.

VI. Beautification Day for Campus
• To be coordinated by Bonnie.
• Tentatively set for Spring 2016.

VII. Hawaiian Hale (House) in front of campus
• Will be used for a cultivation class in Fall 2015. Hoping to bring the Kalo/Taro Fest back to WCC, as it has been held here in the past.
• Was approved by MaPSAC but not the Aesthetics Committee.
• Paul has concerns about the structure. Does the size of the structure fit into the aesthetic beauty of the campus? Is it a potential fire hazard?
• Why didn’t this idea go through the Aesthetics Committee after being approved by MaPSAC?
• There seems to be other construction going on around the Straw House (Hawaiian Hale).
VIII. Mango Tree and Trees

- Charles mentioned the email Floyd sent out previously, which stated how we should preserve the grandeur of the campus. Floyd also said big trees would help to hide the nursing home to be built by the State Hospital.

- Mango Tree
  - Kevin wants to cut down the mango tree behind Naʻauao. They are redoing the sidewalk in the back. The roots are heading toward the building. Shaving the roots can introduce ground termites, leading them right to the building. His suggestion is to cut down the tree.
  - There are also two big monkey pod trees, they are not planning to cut down, but the roots are already going in the front of the building.
  - Charles mentioned that the accessibility issue is more important than trying to preserve a tree that isn’t really historical.
  - Kevin said the wood carving class can use the wood from the mango tree, so the tree will not go to waste but will still live on.
  - The committee discussed moving the tree, but agreed that it isn’t worth it.
  - Bonnie moved to donate the mango tree to the wood carving class. Kanoe seconded. Motion passed.

IX. Update Campus Priority List

- In order to maintain the beauty of the campus, we need more staff to help with maintenance as the maintenance team is currently understaffed. Kevin said they are trying to get the work that we can’t do in-house done by contracting out. Issues continue to arise though. They address one problem, and ten more pop up. For example, the ʻImiloa skylight is being repaired because of leaks, but as they fix it, more leaks are popping up all over, so they need to get funding to get the whole roof repaired.
• Updating List

1. Amphitheater – Done.
2. Sundial – Has been put up, done and is magnificent.
3. Railing transition design and painting – Previously agreed that Forest Green would be used on railings unless the railings are attached to a building.
4. Vegetation Garden sign – Done.
5. Hale A‘o Building – Keep on list, repairs needed.
6. Campus sidewalk/walkway survey – This is part of the Master Plan, tabled for the future.
7. Campus entry sign – The letters are small but we have more pressing issues. Paul mentioned the coloring of letters is different. Keep on list.
8. Building signs – It would cost $75-80,000 for three building signs. Kanoe mentioned that the wood carving class made a really nice sign for Hale A‘o. Keep on list.
9. Hale Palanakila and Hale ‘Akoakoa repairs/maintenance – Repairs to the rain gutters and downspouts will be done over the summer, and should be completed by August. A survey has been done on the mildew on Palanakila, but results have not been received yet. Kevin said the product that has been purchased to clean the buildings might work. They did a test on one of the walls that was green with algae, and now it’s clean without needing to be power washed. Other areas were sprayed but those will need to be power washed.
10. Hale Mana‘opono – Took the funds for this to address the ramps and awnings for the renovated buildings. The back of the building is fully accessible, so it could be like Alaka‘i and Kuhina, which are only accessible from the back. Perhaps we can just remove the awnings and replace with rain gutters.
11. Imiloa Garden – Keep on list.
12. Paliku Theater – Keep on list for safety and aesthetics issues.
13. ‘Iolani building – All toilets except the handicap stall in the women’s restroom are working. Keep on list.
14. Transformers – Keep on list.
15. Tree discussion – We should get trimmings from the HCC Indian Banyan, for future trees on our campus. We should not continue with Chinese Banyans.
16. Signs on highway – Keep on list. Jason Matsunami, from the State Hawaii DOT, Traffic Operation Section. e-mail: Jason.matsunami@hawaii.gov
Phone number: 808-692-7677, had the highway signs replaced on Kahakeli Highway, but said the sign on Keaahala Road is not a state highway sign (the sign behind the chain link fence), listing all the state institutions). The City & County also said it’s not their sign, but agreed to cut back weeds from the sign. Keaahala Road now belongs to the City & County, not the State, so the State says the City & County should maintain it even though the State originally put it up. However, no one wants to take responsibility for the sign. Jason said the sign isn’t particularly helpful anyway since you’re already on the road heading to those places when you see the sign.
We will put this on the agenda for next year and see what we can do to get it replaced. Perhaps Doug can get the neighborhood board to replace the sign. Paul will send Jason an email to remind him of the sign.
17. Storage container for Ocean Safety – Temporarily found space in the maintenance area. Michael Moser got another storage container and will temporarily put it by the cafeteria loading dock, and then it will be moved off campus. Keep on list.
18. Beautification Day – Focus on the front of campus and Alakaʻi. Alakaʻi is next in line for renovation, hopefully in fiscal year 2017, but funds are not being assigned directly to campuses, just to UH in general. However, if we get the use of ‘Iolani, that building should be renovated before Alakaʻi.
19. Overhead wiring to be put underground – Keep on list. Telescopes from the science department cannot be used until those wires are underground.

20. Power washing buildings on campus – Keep on list.

X. Five Top Priorities:
   1. Hale Aʻo Building Repair
   2. Paliku Theater Repair
   3. Campus Signage (Highway Sign)(College Sign)
   4. Trees on Campus
   5. Beautification Day for Campus

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM

Notes taken by Laura Sue

Paul Nash, Aesthetics Chair