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IN REPLY REFER TO:
Project No: 2021PR00914
Doc. No.: 2208SCH04
Archaeology

Dear Sherman Wong and Dean Uchida:

**SUBJECT: Chapter 6E-42 Historic Preservation Review –
Building Permit Applications: A2022-08-0124, 2022/IBP06278, and 2022/IBPO3670
Honolulu Club Building
Address: 932 Ward Avenue, Honolulu
Honolulu Ahupua'a, Honolulu (Kona) District, Island of O'ahu
TMK: (1) 2-1-044:005**

This letter provides the State Historic Preservation Division's (SHPD's) review of the subject permit applications associated with the Honolulu Club Building project. The submittal included a Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) cover letter dated June 20, 2022 (Ref. No.: KAK 21-028), USGS map, TMK map, photographs, and a HRS 6E Submittal Form. The submittal also included a supporting document titled *Archaeological Literature Review and Field Inspection to Support Consultation with SHPD for the Honolulu Club Building at 932 Ward Avenue Project, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Honolulu (Kona) District, O'ahu TMK: [1] 2-1-044:005* (Farley and McDermott, June 2022). A Literature Review and Field Inspection (LRFI), HRS §6E Submittal Form, and HCDA cover letter were previously submitted to the SHPD on August 3, 2021. The LRFI and HRS §6E Submittal Form have been revised to include an updated project description and discussion of recent consultation among the SHPD, the project team, and Cultural Surveys Hawai'i, Inc. (CSH). The SHPD received the additional information on June 23, 2022.

The project area is located at the Honolulu Club Building at 932 Ward Avenue, Honolulu. The project area is approximately 0.7513 acre. The Lili'uokalani Trust plans to renovate the seven-story Honolulu Club Building. The project comprises a complete renovation of the building, which may include installation of a new freight elevator; however, the potential freight elevator installation would be above and within an existing basement. Additionally, the removal of the existing hardscape (paving, sidewalks, curbs) and removal of shorter trees and bushes with

smaller root balls is planned at the intersection of King Street and Ward Avenue, at the northeast corner of the project area. Lastly, a tower crane will need to be installed to accommodate the new gym that will be built on the roof. This will require a deep excavation to install the large 25 ft. by 25 ft. by 7 ft. deep concrete footing for the tower crane.

A review of SHPD's records and the LRFI report (Farley and McDermott, June 2022) show that at least 30 archaeological studies have been conducted in the vicinity of the project area. These archaeological studies have identified historic properties including fishponds, historic trash pits, the Kewalo Wetlands, ditches, pit features, and human burials. No surface archaeological historic properties were identified during the field inspection.

The USDA (Foote et. al 1972) identifies the soils as Fill land, mixed (FL) areas. According to the SHPD's geographical information system (GIS) the project parcel has been extensively developed. The current basement floor is approximately 9 feet below street level and extends across the entire building footprint. The depth of the basement makes it unlikely that intact subsurface cultural deposits or human remains are present. Extensive excavations for the crane will be conducted within the former alignment of Ward Avenue, within an area previously disturbed for utility installation. Low potential exists for the project to encounter subsurface historic properties not already disturbed by previous development.

Based on the information provided, SHPD's determination is **no historic properties affected** for the current project pursuant to HAR §13- 284- 7(a)(1). Pursuant to HAR §13-284-7(e), when the SHPD agrees that the action will not affect any significant historic properties, this is the SHPD's written concurrence and historic preservation review ends. The HRS 6E historic preservation review process is ended. The permit issuance process may proceed.

Please attach to permit: In the unlikely event that subsurface historic resources, including human skeletal remains, structural remains, cultural deposits, artifacts, sand deposits, or sink holes are identified during the demolition and/or construction work, cease work in the immediate vicinity of the find, protect the find from additional disturbance, and contact the State Historic Preservation Division, at (808) 692-8015.

The document titled *Archaeological Literature Review and Field Inspection to Support Consultation with SHPD for the Honolulu Club Building at 932 Ward Avenue Project, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Honolulu (Kona) District, O'ahu TMK: [1] 2-1-044:005* (Farley and McDermott, June 2022) serves to facilitate project planning and supports the historic preservation review process. Please send one hard copy of the document clearly marked FINAL, along with a copy of this review letter and a text-searchable PDF version of the document to the Kapolei SHPD office, attention SHPD Library. Please send a text-searchable PDF copy of the literature review and field inspection to SHPD via HICRIS to Project No. 2021PR00914 using the Supplemental Attachment option and a text-searchable PDF copy to Lehua.K.Soareshawaii.gov.

Please contact Samantha Hemenway, O'ahu Island Archaeologist, at Samantha.Hemenwayhawaii.gov or at (808) 692-8011 or for questions regarding this letter.

Aloha,

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