

KEALIA NORTH SITE – MAHI PONO
HAWAIIAN CULTURAL LEARNING CENTER

Kealia North Site purpose:

Aloha Kakou,

Our Kihei Canoe Club vision is devoted to paddling Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe. We are passionate about sharing Hawaiian Culture, traditions, teachings, and the development of our youth as future leaders. We invite our community and encourage visitors to share in the wisdom of the wa'a by promoting knowledge, better health, and appreciation of the beach, ocean and marine life. Kealia site offers more space for us to expand these opportunities. Our original intentions, over 10 years ago. – Kihei Canoe Club Hawaiian Cultural Learning Center: Excite our Na'Opio. Invite Cultural Exchange student clinics. A place to retreat, camp, dream and learn about the wa'a, voyaging, and star navigation. Create our own *Ao Kaka Hoku*- House of the Stars. Honor the gods; *Kane, Lono, Ku, and Kanaloa* with appropriate tiki. Learn hula, chanting and Hawaiian mele. Learn about native Hawaiian Plants, help grow and maintain our coastal plants. Celebrate the Peace Pole that was erected many years ago, live and share aloha... Working with Maui schools, Na Kupuna O Maui, Maui Ocean Center, Hui O Wa'a, Kimokeo Foundation, Makana Aloha Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, Hui Aloha Farms, Hawaii Wildlife Center- Us Fish & Wildlife, and any future partners who preserve, perpetuate and educate responsibility for our environment and Hawaiian Culture.

As time went on, we realized we need more room to keep our canoes. OC-1 paddling grew in popularity and the idea to obtain containers to store OC-1 canoes for members was initiated. Since then we are also witnessing more effects of beach erosion and high tides, encroaching our existing location. We are fortunate to be stewards of this amazing piece of aina just up the beach.

We are anxious to share with our community and the world by fully utilizing this gift of Maui 'aina. We need the DLNR- CDUA board permit approval to fully engage and thrive! IMUA- Hawaiian Canoe Culture!

Mahalo,

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State of Hawai'i DLNR Notice of Public Hearing; Thursday October 22, 2020 5pm

<https://zoom.us/j/93165510473>

Please testify or present information by live oral testimony via the webinar link; mail written testimony to the Office of Conversation and Coastal Land at P.O. Box 621, Honolulu, HI 96809; or email testimony to

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