

**KAKA‘AKO MAKAI COMMUNITY PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
December 9, 2008**

Committee Members Present: Ron Iwami, Wayne Takamine, Michelle Matson
CPAC Members Present: Bob Crone, Scott Furushima, Kevin Killeen
Point Panic Stakeholders: Al Balderama, Melissa Ka‘awa, Sam Monaghan,
Guest: KGMB News

Attachments:

- A. Point Panic Site Visit Notice
- B. Photographs
 - 1. Model of Mother Marianne Cope Statue
 - 2. Sketch of Proposed Memorial
 - 3. Promenade with Tree
 - 4. Statue Placement Representation
 - 5. One Alternate Location

1. Point Panic Site Visit

Point Panic shoreline and ocean users gathered with CPAC and Steering Committee members to evaluate the site proposed as the location for a memorial to Mother Marianne Cope by the Sisters of St. Francis.¹ The objectives of this site visit were described as follows:

- Evaluation of the site for a proposed memorial
- The significance and purpose of the proposed memorial
- Present uses and users of the Point Panic site and proposed memorial location
- Potential impacts of the proposed memorial on present uses and site features
- Suggested alternate locations for the proposed memorial

The following was determined during the evaluation:

- Evaluation of the site for a proposed memorial
 - The location proposed for the memorial is beneath a specimen native *naupaka* tree² encircled by a stepped viewing platform at the Point Panic terminus of the Kaka‘ako Waterfront Park shoreline promenade.
 - According to a sketch attached to the application provided at the December 3 HCDA meeting, the memorial will have two statues, a 6-foot image of Mother Marianne Cope placed on the diamondhead-makai side of the existing tree and platform, facing in the direction of Diamond Head and Molokai, and a child waving next to the tree.
- The significance and purpose of the proposed memorial
 - The purpose of the proposed memorial is to honor and communicate the dedicated work of Mother Marianne Cope at the Honolulu Branch Hospital in Kaka‘ako between 1883 and 1888 prior to joining Father Damien at Kalaupapa on Molokai.
 - Old maps and photographs show that the Branch Hospital was located on the Kaka‘ako shoreline at today’s intersection of Ala Moana Boulevard and Ward

¹ See Attachment A

² See Attachment B, Naupaka Kuahiwi, Naupaka Kahakai and legends of Naupaka:
http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/forestry/data/CommonTreesHI/CFT_Scaevola_gaudichaudiana.pdf

- Avenue, and that Point Panic did not exist then, as it was under water and became a landfill several decades later.
- Point Panic is in direct makai alignment with the original Branch Hospital site.
 - Present uses and users of the Point Panic site and proposed memorial location.
 - Several Point Panic stakeholders and shoreline users explained the present active public uses of the Point Panic site and proposed memorial location on the existing platform:
 - The shoreline promenade terminus and tree-shaded platform at Point Panic are heavily used by the general public on a daily basis.
 - The site is widely used by walkers, joggers, and bicyclists.
 - The site is heavily used by ocean users in this designated body-surfing area
 - Many ocean users consider this a very special place and spend most of their free time at the site.
 - Shoreline users rest and enjoy panoramic ocean, Diamond Head and sunset views from both the promenade terminus and under the shade of the tree canopy above the raised platform.
 - Professional and amateur photographers gather on the circular platform to wait and watch for the next spectacular wave or surfing feat.
 - Ocean users, including several body surfing groups, meet at the site to gather, talk story and rest on the tree-shaded platform and perimeter wall
 - Competition judges and crowds of public observers use the promenade terminus and its raised platform on the Point during frequent body-surfing events.
 - Potential impacts of the proposed memorial on present uses and site features.
 - Point Panic stakeholders and shoreline users expressed concern about the placement of the proposed memorial on the circular platform:
 - The specimen tree provides a needed shaded area where people gather, and the two proposed statues would consume much of the grass area under the tree.
 - There is some concern that offerings and flowers brought to the monument could be left indefinitely, taking up needed public space.
 - There is some concern that the monument could attract frequent taggers and graffiti.
 - The structural footings of one or both of the two memorial statues could seriously impact the specimen tree's root system.
 - The proposed memorial is symbolic of a specific interest, and continued public use of this site and existing platform outweighs this.
 - A CPAC member noted the raised platform and specimen tree as the focal point of the shoreline promenade axis that would lend prominence to a memorial.
 - Suggested locations for the proposed memorial
 - Comments received prior to the site visit:
 - CPAC member: Sounds ok to have something that symbolizes blessing the boats and ocean users.
 - Point Panic ocean user: Relocate the memorial uphill, or closer to the parking lot, and plant another tree there.

- Point Panic ocean user: It will never be acceptable to place any kind of memorial devices at or near PP unless they are related to our own community of users; this, and all other memorials should be clustered in a "Memorial Park" area at the top of the knoll where the other memorial is already located.
- Point Panic ocean user: given that the old maps (c. 1888-91) you researched at the State Survey Office last year, indicate "that Mother Marianne's Branch Hospital was on the shoreline at the present intersection of Ward and Ala Moana, bridging Ward and for the most part occupying the present Bank of Hawaii site" I would suggest that the DH-makai corner of the BOH parking lot would be an excellent site for any monument to this saintly person. I am sure that the BOH senior executives would be pleased to cede some land for the monument.
- Point Panic shoreline user: If what I have read below is true, I believe a statue of the Blessed Sister Marianne Cope would be best placed at the ocean corner of Ala Moana and Ward Avenues. Perhaps under a favorite shade tree, near yet away from the present Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant. An artist's lifelike, age-accurate rendition of the Sister Marianne should be accompanied with a map and explanation of the appropriateness of this area as a place of distinction. The bronzed documents should point to the former location of the Leper's Hospital and, as she was known to have fished at the near shoreline waters, her likeness could be looking eastward, perhaps envisioning Father Damien's Kalaupapa lepers' retreat. Resting benches for weary travelers, passing tourists, and locals alike could find comfort at this honored memorial. This appropriate, historically correct memorial placement near the busy intersection of the Ward and Ala Moana Avenues would bring daily international recognition of the committed historical work done by the Blessed Mother Marianne Cope.
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blessed_Marianne_of_Molokai
<http://www.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/20081108/BREAKING01/81108065>
- CPAC member/Kewalo Basin Park user: Not have it under the tree but to put it on Ward and Ala Moana Blvd. where the hospital was.
- CPAC member: I'm ok w/the statue being somewhere in that general area. It might even add a little unique element to the area—especially if they have the history of why it's there.
- It was generally concluded that the proposed memorial was a worthy symbol of Kaka'ako's history, but the site presently selected has overriding public uses. The following alternate locations were suggested as being more appropriate:
 - The landscaped ewa mauka corner of Ala Moana Boulevard and Ward Avenue fronting the present Bank of Hawaii, the 1880's site of the Branch Hospital.
 - The landscaped makai corner of Ala Moana Boulevard and Ilalo Street fronting Fisherman's Wharf across from the 1880's site of the Branch Hospital.
 - The highest point of Waterfront Park with the Ehime Maru memorial, overlooking the widest view of the ocean and Oahu shoreline.
 - Fronting the Childrens Discovery Center to honor the care provided to the leper's children by the beatified Mother Marianne.
 - The landscaped section under the coconut trees mauka of the Point Panic promenade terminus and across the promenade from the raised platform.
 - The location needs to be determined in the forthcoming Kaka'ako Makai Master Plan with consideration given to the future shoreline park expansion.

The following conclusions were made following the site visit evaluation of the proposed monument's location adjacent to the specimen tree in the raised circular platform at the Point Panic terminus of the Kaka'ako Waterfront Park shoreline promenade:

- The proposed location for the monument has existing public uses.
- Point Panic stakeholders unanimously agreed that the memorial should not be placed at the proposed location.
- Point Panic stakeholders and ocean users expressed a strong desire to work with the CPAC, the HCDA and the applicants to determine the most appropriate place for the monument.

It was agreed that the information gathered from this site visit would be shared at the December 16 CPAC meeting for further consideration and CPAC recommendation to the HCDA.

2. Continuation of the December 2 Steering Committee Meeting

The draft Vision Statement developed at the December 2 Steering Committee meeting was reviewed:

Kaka'ako Makai is the community's gathering place. A place that welcomes all people from keiki to kupuna and provides enriching cultural, recreational and educational public uses. A place that continues the shoreline lei of green, connects the mountains to the ocean and encourages ecological integrity of land, air and sea. Kaka'ako Makai honors, celebrates and preserves its historic sense of place, Hawaiian cultural values and panoramic Mauka-Makai vistas for present families and future generations.

Additional refinement was proposed for the draft Vision Statement developed at the December 2 Steering Committee meeting, and an example was provided addressing the pending question of expressing "local lifestyle" with related adjustments and the addition of "scenic beauty" from vision examples offered at the November 12 CPAC meeting:

Kaka'ako Makai is the community's gathering place: the place that welcomes all people, from keiki to kupuna, and provides enriching cultural, recreational and educational public uses and scenic beauty; the place that continues the shoreline lei of green, connects panoramic vistas mauka to makai, and encourages ecological integrity of land, air and sea. Kaka'ako Makai honors, celebrates and preserves its historic sense of place, Hawaiian cultural values and our peaceful island lifestyle for present families and future generations.

It was agreed that future modification should be minimal so a final Vision Statement could be decided and adopted at the December 16 CPAC meeting along with the remaining Guiding Principles.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Draft Steering Committee Meeting Summary transmitted by CPAC Secretary to Steering Committee Members for review on December 10, 2008.

CPAC Steering Committee Meeting Summary approved for posting by Steering Committee on December 11, 2008.

KAKA‘AKO MAKAI COMMUNITY PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL

POINT PANIC SITE VISIT NOTICE

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

5:00 PM

CPAC participants, Steering Committee members and Kaka‘ako Makai shoreline users are invited to meet at Point Panic at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, December 9, to evaluate the site for the proposed addition of two statues as a memorial to Mother Marianne Cope. The memorial is proposed to be located within the circle beneath the tree on the Point.

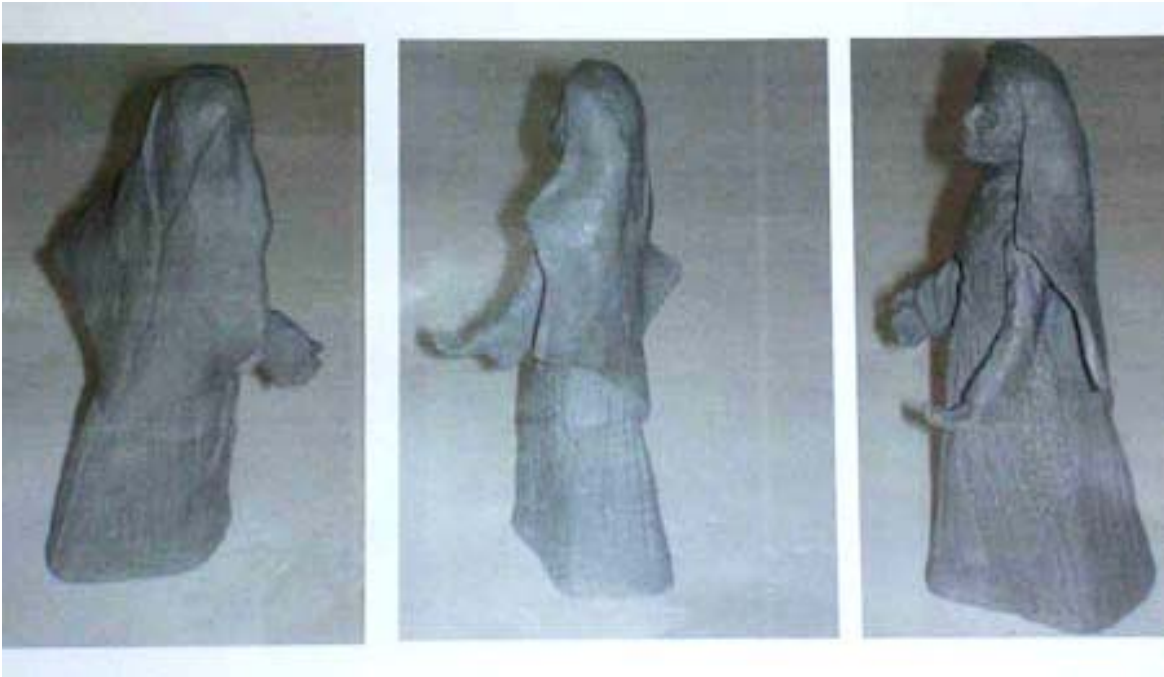
Background:

On September 29, 2008 the Sisters of St. Francis requested permission from the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) to erect a statue in memory of Mother Marianne Cope at the Point Panic lookout to commemorate her work in Kaka‘ako and Molokai on behalf of leprosy patients. At the HCDA monthly meeting on November 5, HCDA staff presented the proposal as an information item.

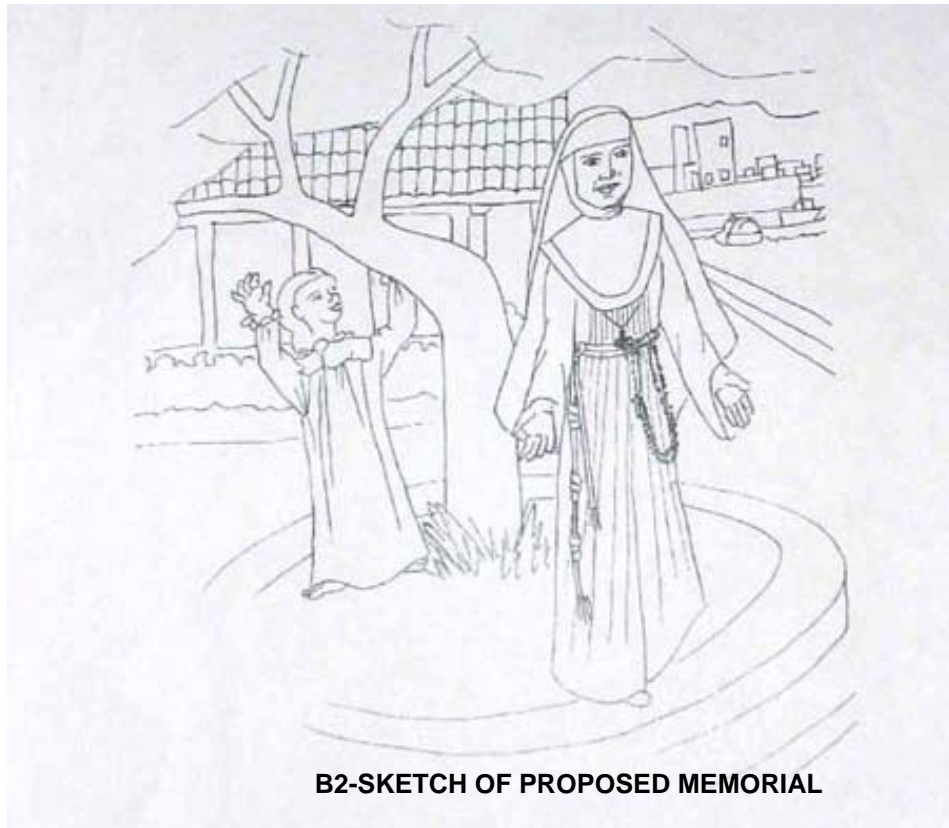
At the next HCDA meeting on December 3, HCDA staff recommended that the HCDA board approve the request. It was noted that the CPAC had not been presented with this proposal, and the HCDA’s action was deferred so the CPAC could have this opportunity. The HCDA will consider the CPAC’s recommendation on the proposal at their next meeting on January 7, 2009.

All those interested in and/or affected by this potential addition to the Point Panic lookout are invited to provide comments at the December 9 site visit. The next regular CPAC meeting will be on December 16, at 5:30 PM at the John A. Burns School of Medicine, Room 301, where HCDA Executive Director Anthony Ching will provide an overview of the proposed project. The information gathered from the December 9 meeting will then be presented for discussion, and the CPAC will determine a recommendation at that time. All CPAC meetings are open to the public.

PHOTOGRAPHS



B1-CLAY MODEL OF STATUE



B2-SKETCH OF PROPOSED MEMORIAL



B3-POINT PANIC TREE AND PROMENADE



B4-STATUE PLACEMENT REPRESENTATION



B5-ONE ALTERNATE LOCATION