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WEST MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN

Cultural & Historic Resources



Event

Residents gathered to learn and talk about community efforts to preserve cultural and historic properties. The Planning Department hosted the event and Kaleo Manuel, Acting Planning Program Manager, Department of Hawaiian Homelands, served as moderator.

Presentations

Lori Sablas, Chair of Maui County Cultural Resources Commission, told stories of her early childhood days growing up in Lahaina and of the opportunities she has had to help share the cultural heritage of West Maui with others.

Ke'eaumoku Kapu, CEO of Aha Moku o Maui, presented on the work of the Aha Moku and its efforts to integrate the native Hawaiian cultural and traditional values into the fabric of state policy.

Theo Morrison, Executive Director of Lahaina Restoration Foundation, spoke of the importance of historic preservation and the foundation's work over the years to preserve history and culture in Lahaina.

Ekolu Lindsey, President of Maui Cultural Lands, shared of MCL's efforts to protect and restore cultural resources and reconnect people to their cultural lands on Maui.



Q&A Session

Major themes noted during the Q&A session included:

- the need for responsible management of resources and land: "We do not inherit land from our elders, we borrow it from our children."
- recognizing significance of historical and cultural sites
- conflicts between native Hawaiian and western practices and tourism
- involvement of people with cultural knowledge in review/process (government)
- inconsistencies between the built environment and use/activity

Other specific discussions included:

- the need for enforcement for violations to Historic District Ordinances
- the need for a code of conduct, of how people should behave and conduct themselves in the historic districts
- the desire for more cultural activities and practices
- water for cultural practices
- community farming
- youth involvement in cultural activities