

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Kalaupapa National Historical Park Advisory Commission

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Kalaupapa National Historical Park
Advisory Commission

3b. GSA

Committee No.

527

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

04/05/2010

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

12/22/2025

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

P.L. 96-565, as
amended by P.L.
109-54

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Required to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

P.L. 96-565, as amended
by P.L. 109-54

13. Effective Date

12/22/1980

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Kalaupapa NHP is a special community containing the 13 remaining patients of the Hansen's disease (leprosy) isolation program. Prior to the use of Kalawao & Kalaupapa as isolation treatment settlements in 1866, the peninsula was inhabited by native Hawaiians who were displaced from their homes when the settlements began. The patient community is the main group of people with whom the Park consults on park operations and management. The Commission, the majority of which includes former patients as well as native

Hawaiian representatives, helps the park manage the community with cultural sensitivity and on management and operations of the park. In particular, the park is developing a 20-year general management plan and the Commission is advising on the draft alternatives, future plans for the park and, in particular, the present visitor cap restriction and possible changes to the visitor cap in the long-term future. The Commission also advises the park on the Memorial Project (to memorialize the names of those sent to Kalaupapa as patients, many of whom lie in unmarked graves).

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The park's authorizing legislation and the Commission's charter require a minimum number of former patients and a minimum number of Native Hawaiians. The Commission shall consist of no more than eleven members, seven members who shall be present or former patients elected by the patient community, and four members appointed from recommendations submitted by the Governor of Hawaii, at least one of whom shall be Native Hawaiian.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Meetings are generally scheduled twice a year.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Commission is necessary to ensure that sensitive issues regarding the former Hansen's disease patients and native Hawaiian rights are considered by park management. Kalaupapa National Historical Park is dedicated to protecting the rights of Hansen's Disease (Leprosy) patients.

The Secretary of the Interior is to consult with and seek the advice of the Commission with respect to the development and operation of the park, including training programs. The Commission additionally advises the Secretary concerning public visitation to the park, and such advice with respect to numbers of visitors is to be binding upon the Secretary, if the Commission certifies to the Secretary that such advice is based on a referendum, held under the auspices of the Commission, of all patients on the official Kalaupapa registry.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

The Commission did not meet in FY 2023. (1) Re #6 (EXPECTED CHARTER RENEWAL DATE) -- The FACA Section 14 (b) biennial rechartering requirement has been waived for this Commission by P.L. 102-525, October 26, 1992. (2) Re #17 (MEETINGS) -- In accordance with the Committee Charter and P.L 102-525, Members may continue to serve after the expiration of their terms until successors are appointed. P.L. 109-54, August 2, 2005, extended the authority of the commission for another 20 years. The Commission will sunset on December 22, 2025.

Designated Federal Officer

Nancy Holman Superintendent, Kalaupapa
National Historical Park

Narrative Description

The Commission provides support to the National Park Service by

interaction with the Park Superintendent and understands the whole spectrum of park resources including natural and cultural.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Improved communication with patient community which facilitates consultation process for park projects.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

Public comment on the General Management Plan and Environmental Assessment closed on March 7, 2019. The Park is in the process of incorporating those comments into the Final GMP / EA.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

17

Number of Recommendations Comments

FY 2023: No meetings were held and no recommendations were made.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Feedback is provided through the DFO/Park superintendent. The Park actively seeks the advice of the patient community on key issues and gives a verbal update report at established patient meetings.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other

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Action Comments

The Park is always doing ongoing consultation with the remaining registered patients and strongly considers their advice and tries to implement where feasible.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO

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Online Agency Web Site

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Online Committee Web Site

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Online GSA FACA Web Site

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Publications

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Other

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Access Comments

Access is provided by requesting information by phone, 808-567-6802, or by email:
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