

Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

Minutes of September 17, 2014

Present: Russell Reinertson, Donna Clayton, Dave Brown, Sue Guille, Bob Hobdy

Absent: Tom Cannon, Bruce Faulkner, Kevin Jenkins

Ex-Officio: Torrie Nohara

Guests: Karen Arakawa, Haleakala Ranch Rep; Nick Saussy, candidate for the AC position

Call to Order, Public Notice, Quorum

Russell called the meeting to order. Public notice was posted and quorum was met.

Review of Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2014

The August 27 minutes were unanimously approved with one correction changing the word “women” to “woman” in the Scott Fretz paragraph on Eke Trail.

NAH Specialist Report

1. Torrie reported the Lanai Advisory Council meeting was cancelled due to the illness of Bob Hera.
2. Torrie received an email from Tom Cannon stating he was in the hospital the week of our August meeting and is still not well enough to attend today.
3. The sign plan and management plan for Kahakapao Recreational Area are moving forward. Torrie circulated a copy of the draft signage plan and also examples of waivers from both Whistler and Mammoth to compare with the current standard waiver.

Public Testimony: None

Old Business:

1. Proposed new trail from Maalaea to Honolua – Donna met with Rob Parsons and John Buck from the County and John De Jesus from the Malama Maui Nui community work day group at the site. Copies of her site visit notes were distributed. Malama Maui Nui has received permission after this meeting to begin clearing trash from the Ukumehame County trail portions. A discussion on the role of Malama Maui Nui going forward needs to be clarified. The County and Donna are working to get maps showing the old agriculture roads in the area.
2. Kahakapao Recreational Area Master Plan – Torrie has received a couple of contacts stating concerns with fast bikes coming close to hikers. She is

planning a mitigating fence along the mauka boundary of Fong Ridge Rd. with a gate plus signage directing folks to the entrance. An additional trail to route fast bikers is also planned. Torrie has purchased 100 bike bells to be kept at the site and hopefully bikers will use them. The second parking area is moving forward. Sue was approached to find a horse rider for a safety video project and has found one; however, existing bike and horse interaction videos may serve the purpose for the safety guidelines and signage plan or perhaps part of the existing video plus new portions.

3. Kula Forest Reserve - \$550,000 FEMA money came in to help fund trail rebuilding in the area. Torrie circulated a map showing roads now cleared. The Poli Poli Trail near the camp ground was the worst area. It will be at least another month before they can open.
4. Waihee Ridge Trail Access Issues – The gate is closing at 5pm for now but the vendor who closed the gate at 7pm may be able to return in Dec. Torrie is still working with MECo to get power to the site to open and close the gate.
5. Nakula Potential Access Routes – Scott looked at both the old and new leases and the wording clearly does not allow the public the right to interfere with the lessee by entering the land.
6. Wai Ilio, Kanaio Trail Potential – Moana Rowland is still working on title history.
7. Kanaio Recreational Area – Nothing new.
8. Replacing Maui Off-Highway Vehicle Representative – Applicant Nick Saussy from Maui Motorcross Association is interested in the position and is available to attend meetings each month. He currently holds the position of President at the Maui Motorcross Club, has lived on Maui since 1997 and works at Flatbread. He would like to see the OHV improvements put in at the Maui Motorcross location, perhaps by acquiring use of an adjacent parcel. As none of the others interested in the position have been able to attend meetings, the council voted unanimously to invite Nick to serve on the Maui Council.

New Business.

1. Suggestions for New Na Ala Hele Trails - Dave suggested we consider opening a section of the Ala Loa Trail and research the parcels next to the Maui Motorcross site. Donna had a request from Kathy Rose to make the old Kamaole Rd. a NAH Trail. As this is a road, it is County owned and not suitable.
2. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Add Ala Loa Section and Maui Motorcross adjacent parcel.
3. Date of Next Meeting: October 15 at 2:00 pm.

Open Forum: None

Adjournment: 3:45 pm