

NA ALA HELE (NAH) - Maui Advisory Council
Agenda
January 15, 2014 – 2:00 PM
Department of Land and Natural Resources Conference Room

Call to Order, Public Notice, Quorum

Approval of Meeting Minutes: November 20, 2013

Na Ala Hele Staff Reports

NAH Technician:

1. Update on Ongoing Projects: Kula Forest Reserve - fallen trees on all trails, Ke Ala Loa O Maui (Waianapanapa) trail maintenance, Waihee Ridge Trail maintenance, Haleakala Ridge Trail vandalism repair work, and trail evaluations with Trails Unlimited (USFS Enterprise Team)
2. Discussion on Upcoming Projects: Kula Forest Reserve fallen trees and Beneficial Designs Universal Trail Assessment Training and assessment of Waihou Spring Trail
3. Volunteer/intern Update: Current Hours and Status

Wildlife Program Access and Acquisitions coordinator - Jordan Jokiel:

NAH Specialist:

1. Handout - RTP 2nd Quarter Report

Public Testimony on All Agenda Items:

Old Business:

1. Proposed New Trail from Maalaea to Honolua Update
2. Trail Potential on State parcels 20 – 99 acres
3. Kahakapao Recreational Area Master Plan Update
Report from Subcommittee Meeting (December 29, 2013)
Agenda for next Subcommittee Meeting (January 22, 2014)
Handout - January 10, 2014 Board Submittal
Handout - Maui News article dated November 23, 2013
4. Education Outreach and Trail Safety Evaluation
5. Waihee Ridge Trail Access Issues
6. Nakula Potential Access Routes
7. W.D. Alexander Map Research

New Business:

1. Suggestions for new Na Ala Hele trails

2. Agenda items for next meeting
3. Date of next meeting

Announcements

Open Forum: Public comments on issues not on the agenda for consideration for council's agenda at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Please call Torrie at 873-3508 if you are unable to attend.

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Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

Minutes of October 16, 2013

Present: Russell Reinertson, Bruce Faulkner, Kevin Jenkins, Donna Clayton, Dave Brown, Doug Bell, Tom Cannon

Absent: Sue Guille, Bob Hobdy

Ex-Officio: Kevin Cooney, Torrie Nohara, Scott Fretz

Guests: Aaron Reichert, J. Scott Meidell, Michael W. Gibson

Call to Order, Public Notice, Quorum

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

Review of Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2013

The September 18, 2013 minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

NAH Staff Reports

Kevin Cooney/NAH Technician:

Our new AmeriCorps intern, Sean Merrell, has started a year-long internship. He will be fulfilling a 1700 hour commitment. Meanwhile, our other intern, Ian, has completed 1614 hours to date.

The trail crew has spent the last two weeks camping in the Polipoli Cabin while working on the trails in the Kula Forest Reserve. Many trees were cleared and the invasive species were pushed back. Hikers have been filling the trails with the current closure of Haleakala National Park and the federal government shutdown. We will be continuing to perform maintenance in Kula Forest throughout this week and into next week as well.

Torrie and I spent a few hours on Saturday with Russell and Eric Hendren scouting out locations in Kahakapao Recreational Area for the pump track, keiki track, and skills area that will be constructed in the future.

We will be heading to Waihee Ridge Trail to perform trail clearing and routine maintenance in the coming week.

Finally, in the coming month, we will be travelling to Lanai for another round of maintenance and rock work on the Fisherman's Trail, and we will also be returning to Waianapanapa State Park.

NAH Specialist:

1. Torrie circulated the NAH Report to the 29th Legislature for those who would like copies.

2. Torrie passed out copies of the Dave Brown and Scott Meidell Viewpoints articles recently in the Maui News regarding the Haleakala Bridle Trail.
3. Scott Fretz gave a PowerPoint presentation on State Access to Haleakala, the Bridle Trail, Nakula NAR and Kahikinui Forest Reserve and distributed a map showing the State Conservation District Boundary and existing and planned conservation fencing. Two potential access routes to the Nakula Natural Area Reserve were shown on the map, each with positive and negative aspects to consider and both located on Haleakala Ranch land. A Nene restoration project on Haleakala Ranch land is planned and important work on habitat restoration and propagation is underway. Kevin suggested that the Pahihi Access route might also be good for equestrian use and would be a huge opportunity for hunting. This is all just a discussion at this point and whether to use a Memo of Understanding, a perpetual, non-exclusive easement or some other document must also be discussed.

Public Testimony:

Scott Meidell of Haleakala Ranch said an existing road from sea level to the land Haleakala Ranch leases from DLNR is also something to consider for access to Nakula. He distributed maps with the alternative 2 Wailaulau Access over an existing ranch road/track for consideration. This third access Scott believes would be preferred by Haleakala Ranch.

Aaron Reichert reported the 2nd Sunday of every month is the schedule for the Maui Mountain Bike Coalition (MMBC) work day for trails maintenance and they have a board meeting the same day. He is also looking into having those scheduled for community service for a violation to work with the MMBC for their service.

Old Business:

1. Proposed new trail from Maalaea to Honolua – Donna met with Jordan Jokiel to go over the specific TMKs along the trail route and review the mapping he has accomplished to date. He has approval from Torrie Nohara to keep looking into this trail and he plans to discuss it next with Daniel Ornellas.
2. Trail potential on State parcels 20-99 acres – nothing new.
3. Kahakapao Recreational Area Master Plan – Several diagrams of potential pump tracks were distributed. Aaron invited the group to check out a private pump track built behind Montessori School on 70 acres this Saturday. Torrie reported a delay in work as CIP monies are not yet released and are now being released by lump sum so we need to wait for all districts to submit paperwork. The next step is to grind up trees for the new parking area.
4. Education, Outreach and Trail Safety Education – Examples of the signs for the Kahakapau Recreational Area were shown and look great. Boulder Mountain Bike Alliance safety wording was distributed.
5. Polipoli Rd. – Dave reported the Polipoli Rd. was the original entrance to the park for the CCC workers and it still exists and might be good for mountain bikers and hikers. Torrie said that because the road was driven on, it is not in the NAH realm and best to work with the County on this.

6. Whale Trail along old road near the Lahaina Pali Trail head – Donna checked out the area and it is useable as is but not suitable for handicapped use.
7. Waihee Ridge Trail Access issues: Torrie called the gate company to look into an electronic gate to replace the existing gate for vehicle access. Codes would be used to get in and an exit plate to leave. This is OK with the Boy Scouts and would save the cost of paying a person to open and lock the gate. She also met with the caretaker on plans for a new parking area.

New Business:

1. Suggestions for new NAH trails – Nothing new.
2. New agenda items – add Nakula access
3. Date of Next Meeting: November 20 at 2:00 pm

Announcements: None

Open Forum: None

Adjournment: 3:50 pm