

Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

Minutes of August 27, 2014

Present: Russell Reinertson, Donna Clayton, Dave Brown, Sue Guille, Bruce Faulkner, Bob Hobby, Kevin Jenkins

Absent: Tom Cannon

Ex-Officio: Torrie Nohara, Scott Fretz

Guests: Karen Arakawa, Haleakala Ranch Rep

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 July 16, 2014

The July minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

Scott Fretz attended to respond to any council questions:

1. Eke Trail appropriateness for public access – Eke is a very sensitive area that includes a bog that is impacted by every foot step. Public access does not seem possible without harming the area. David Brown clarified that the woman who submitted a Letter to the Editor in the Maui News regarding the Eke Trail was misinformed of her location and was thinking of another area.
2. What is needed for the West Maui Trail discussion with William Aila – Scott is working on one big map with TMK overlays to take to Mr. Aila. He will work with Torrie and others.
3. Update on Haleakala Bridle Trail – There is a prosecution agreement with PATH to try to come to agreement on use of the trail but actual discussions have not yet started.
4. Nakula Access – Scott would like to review the lease wording again before updating the council.
5. Kanaio Recreational Area – The Land Board will do a set aside for a Game Management Area after approval of the Environmental Assessment and Management Plan, which will be done together. These reports are to help with setting conditions, bag limits; water system needs to increase game, etc. The area from Hoapili Trail and makai will not be a hunting area but a different kind of recreational area. Russell requested that the studies look at carrying capacity of the land also.
6. Ahihi Kinau - Due to unexploded ordinance in the area, this has been labeled a Level 2 hazard area and thus the area must remain closed to resolve the problem. A trail and access plan is in the future.

NAH Specialist Report

1. Torrie distributed copies of the FY RTP Expense Report for April to June 2014 to members.
2. Torrie circulated a copy of the FY 15 Budget Proposals – CIP and General Funds Request. She called attention to the Kanaio funding request in 2016 of \$250,000 and in 2017 of \$500,000 and also \$250,000 in 2016 and \$500,000 in 2017 for Haleakala Bridle Trail, Launiupoko (West Maui Trail) and Polipoli Trails.

Public Testimony: None

Old Business:

1. Proposed new trail from Maalaea to Honolua – Donna reported that she will attend a meeting to suggest trail locations tomorrow at Peter Martin’s office. Bill Frampton and Lee Chamberland will also be there. She has contacted Hugh Starr and asked him to look through his maps to find old roads and trails along the proposed route. Torrie distributed a letter and map from West Maui Land discussing the rules for their trails. She also researched the NAH definition for motorized vehicle and it is defined as “...a vehicle of any shape or form that depends on a motor (gas, electric, or other fuels) for propulsion.” It is possible to designate a trail for motorized use.
2. Kahakapao Recreational Area Master Plan – The work by Trails Unlimited (TU) and the International Mountain Bike Association is pau. NAH is purchasing the Sutter 500 equipment that was used and enhanced by TU for \$71,000. Torrie is working with a Recreation Solutions’ example for guidance on the sign plan. The trail currently has closed signs as it cannot officially open until the parking lot is done, management plan completed and signage in place. She would like to meet with Russell and his bike group to finalize sign plans.
3. Kula Forest Reserve update including Upper Waiohuli Trail, Upper Waiakoa Trail, Waiakoa Loop Trail and storm damage from Tropical Storm Iselle – Torrie circulated photos of the extensive storm damage in the area of Polipoli Cabin. The Kula State Forest Reserve is closed while clearing is underway. She also showed photos of the work by Trails Unlimited on the Upper Waiohuli Trail. Some FEMA money may come in to help fund trail rebuilding in the area.
4. Haleakala Bridle Trail Update – See above discussion by Scott Fretz.
5. Waihee Ridge Trail Access issues – The gate will be closing at 5pm as the vendor who closed the gate at 7pm has taken another job. Torrie is still working with MECo to get power to the site to open and close the gate.
6. Nakula Potential Access Routes – See above discussion by Scott Fretz.
7. Wai Ilio, Kanaio Trail Potential – Moana Rowland is still working on title history.
8. Eke Trail Potential – See above discussion by Scott Fretz. This item will be removed from the agenda.
9. Kanaio Recreational Area – See above discussion Scott Fretz.
10. Replacing Maui Off-Highway Vehicle Representative – Another applicant, Nick Saussy from Maui Motorcross Association, has applied for the position.
11. President’s report on hiking the John Muir Trail – Russell treated the council with his photos of this hike after the close of the meeting.

New Business.

1. Suggestions for new Na Ala Hele Trails: None
2. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Remove Eke Trail Potential
3. Date of Next Meeting: September 17 at 2:00 pm.

Open Forum: None

Adjournment: 3:45 pm (prior to President's slide show)