

Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

Minutes of November 19, 2014

Present: Russell Reinertson, Donna Clayton, Dave Brown, Kevin Jenkins, Nick Saussy, Tom Cannon, Sue Guille, Bob Hobby

Absent: Bruce Faulkner

Ex-Officio: Torrie Nohara

Guests: John Kreag, Haleakala Ranch Rep; Adam Lottig, Flow Farm Pacific; Justin Varaljay, Flow Farm Pacific

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 October 15, 2014

The October 15 minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

Trails and Access Technician:

Volunteer/Intern Update: We have not had any volunteers since August 22, 2014 which was the last day of our summer AmeriCorps interns. We really appreciate all the help that we received during their time they spent with us on various projects such as the new bike trail at Kahakapao Recreational Area where they got hands on experience with the Sutter 500 trail dozer as well as a mini excavator which were both used in the construction of the new bike trail.

Due to the high winds sustained in the Kula State Forest Reserve from Tropical Storm Iselle, there was a lot of blown down fire weakened trees on all trails, with Haleakala Ridge and Plum Trails receiving the most damage. Since August 11, 2014 to present, we've spent 336 hours of tree removal using chainsaws. We are currently working on our last portion of Plum Trail which would conclude a least the tree removal part of our trails at Kula State Forest Reserve. Our next step would be some tread work and back filling of holes on portions of the trail where trees were uprooted and possibly rerouting some sections.

64 hours were spent on assisting our Forestry Crew in widening the road by removal of black wattle.

For the next month, we will continue working on fixing trails in Kula State Forest Reserve.

NAH Specialist Report:

1. The Maui Council member list is updated with all Maui Council members agreeing to serve through 2015. Everyone welcomed new council member Nick Saussy, President of the Maui Motocross Association.
2. Scott Fretz was unable to make today's meeting. He hopes to attend in January.
3. Torrie's office has been relocated to 1955 Main St., Wailuku. She issued parking passes to the members with a map showing best parking locations. The next council meeting will be at this new location.

Old Business:

1. Proposed new trail from Maalaea to Honolua – Donna reported that John De Jesus from the Malama Maui Nui community work day group is beginning site trash removal tomorrow on the County trail portions. She met with the representative from Kaanapali with Bill Frampton and others to explain the latest trail thinking and request their signature on the landowner agreement. They requested simple changes to the letter and will review again. The new owner of the Sugarcane Train, Craig Hill, is planning big changes to the train area and will incorporate bike pathways to link to the cane haul road in his plans. The new map showing each TMK along the route is done.
2. Kahakapao Recreational Area Master Plan – Progressive Bike Ramp submitted single cemented pump track info to Torrie. Torrie circulated photos they submitted. The Maui Mountain Bike Coalition walked the Pineapple Express Trail and noted repairs needed. They plan to bring the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) back to assist in repairs January 29 – February 1, 2015. Flow Farm will be doing the maintenance on the trail as a vendor and provide the necessary maintenance reports to meet liability coverage needs. The lower parking lot completion is on hold until the 2015 CIP funding is released.
3. Kula State Forest Reserve – Opening of the reserve is scheduled at this time for Jan. 1, 2015. Plum Trail is almost done and repairs are ongoing mostly on Haleakala and Plum Trails. Torrie is waiting for the CIP funding to be released and then will work with the Forest Service on trail tread work.
4. Nakula Potential Access Route – Nothing new.
5. Wai Ilio Trail Potential – Moana Rowland is still working on title history but sent Torrie 2 maps showing Makee Rd. and Manini Troughs Rd. and the Kanaio Beach Rd. These are already on the NAH inventory. The Wai Ilio Trail is not shown on these maps but Bob Hobby sketched in the approximate location.
6. Kanaio Recreational Area – Nothing new.
7. Ala Loa Section – No one is available to assist with work at this time.
8. Maui Motocross Adjacent Parcel – Nick provided the desired TMK numbers for parcels in the area. Torrie brought a map showing GIS info of the area. Nick would like to expand the current use area, relocate the entrance and get lighting to the site. Dream Tracks will provide him with an estimate to build trails.
9. Presentation by Farm Flow Pacific – Adam and Justin invited the council to their bike park and Adam's home to look at the experiments he has going on. Bike Park Maui's site is on 80 acres between Makawao Cemetery and Kaluanui owned by Paul Turner with Flow Farm as the contractors. They are working

with forestry reforestation experts to learn best practices. They are expanding plantings and overseeing the bike park licensed contractors. They are open to taking on trail work and plantings.

New Business:

1. Suggestions for New Na Ala Hele Trails – None.
2. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Add Scott Fretz and remove Ala Loa Trail Maps for now.
3. Next meeting: January 21, 2015 at 2 pm.

Public Testimony on All Agenda Items:

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

Adjournment: 3:25 pm