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Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

Minutes of January 21, 2015

Present: Russell Reinertson, Donna Clayton, Dave Brown, Bruce Faulkner, Kevin Jenkins, Tom Cannon, Sue Guille

Absent: Nick Saussy, Bob Hobdy

Ex-Officio: Torrie Nohara

Guests: Karen Arakawa, Haleakala Ranch Rep; Lee Chamberlain, Saman Dias and Cecelia Potts of Maui Bicycling League

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 November 19, 2014

The November 19 minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

Trails and Access Technician Report

Volunteer/Intern Update: Jon Hoopii has joined the Na Ala Hele program as an AmeriCorps intern and has since completed 168 hours since joining the crew on December 12, 2014. He has been a big help to the program and we look forward to working with him during his term with us.

Due to the high winds sustained in Kula Forest Reserve from Tropical Storm Iselle, there was a lot of blown down fire weakened trees on all trails with Haleakala Ridge and Plum receiving the most damage. From August 11, 2014 to December 9, 2014 we've spend 384 hours of tree removal using chainsaws. As of December 9, 2014, at least the tree removal part of our trails that were damaged due to Tropical Storm Iselle was completed. Our next step will be some tread work and back filling of holes on portions of the trail where trees were uprooted and possibly rerouting some sections.

Unfortunately another bad storm hit us on January 3, 2015 also causing blown down trees due to the high winds and heavy rains. The areas receiving the most damage were the Kula and Makawao State Forest Reserves. Damage received from this past storm was not as severe as Tropical Storm Iselle, but still caused enough damage where trails were completely blocked by trees. Since January 5, 2015 we have been working on clearing trees and opening up trails in Kahakapao Recreational Area (KRA) and have spent 56 hours since the storm hit us. There is still tread work to be done at

Kula State Forest Reserve and we are hoping to get it completed as soon as trees are cleared from both forest reserves. For the next month, we will continue working on fixing and clearing trails in the Kula State Forest Reserve and KRA/Makawao State Forest Reserve.

NAH Specialist Report

1. Torrie circulated the Maui Council member list for updating of info.
2. Torrie thanked Lee Chamberlain for his work to acquire an electric wheel to use on a gurney for use in rescue work. Lee hopes to get it here shortly.
3. Torrie handed out the 12/5/14 Memo regarding creation of a Wildlife Sanctuary at Haleakala Summit. There is a meeting tonight at the Hannibal Tavares Center. Lots of info available at website <www.nps.gov/hale/parkmgmt/index.htm>
4. Torrie has available to borrow an article "Islands on Edge: Housing Development and Other Threats to America's Pacific and Caribbean Island Forest" in the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Magazine for those interested.
5. 3 stories from "Environment Hawaii" provided by Dave Brown were circulated for those who want copies.
6. The Filed 12/19/14 Judgment on First Phase of Trial Relating to Haleakala Bridle Trail was circulated for those who want copies.
7. Torrie discovered the correct spelling of Wai Ilio on our agenda should be Waia'ilio.

Old Business:

1. Proposed new trail from Maalaea to Honolua – Donna reported that she met with John De Jesus from the Malama Maui Nui community work day group this morning and they are beginning the next phase of trash removal along the Ukumehame portion once the County selects the ag. road for them to work on. Donna and Cecelia Potts revised the Landowners' Agreement and Lee Chamberlain obtained Peter Martin's signature on the new wording and is working with Peter to get additional signatures. Lee showed the group the latest map showing the proposed route which has agreement from Ukumehame to Lahainaluna at this point.
2. Kahakapao Recreational Area Update – Jason Wells of the International Mountain Biking Association is working on the management plan. Adam Lottig and Justin Varaljay of Flow Farm Pacific have started the maintenance of Kahakapao and Adam is the volunteer coordinator for the area. Adam is also the coordinator for the IMBA trail crew when they come for a week end clinic on trail building and care on Jan. 31. The training will include class and field work in the Kahakapao Recreational Area and lunch will be provided plus a free movie. The Maui Mountain Biking Coalition conducted volunteer trail work there last Sunday and will again next Sunday.

3. Kula State Forest Reserve – Torrie hiked the Loop Trail and Plum Trail with the Trails Unlimited group. It is a real mess. The Trails Unlimited group worked on ½ mile of trail and will be here for 2 weeks working in this area and then hopefully be able to spend 2 weeks in the Makawao State Forest Reserve unless they need to spend more time on Plum Trail. They are planning to return in August for a month. She is hoping Kula State Forest Reserve can open by the middle to end of February.
4. Nakula Potential Access Routes – Bruce met with both a Deputy Attorney General for the State of Hawaii and a real estate attorney regarding the public's right to access this area and both felt the public should have the right to access but stated it is up to the state to act on this issue. Scott Fretz joined the meeting to consider this info and said we could bring up the issue with the new head of DLNR once the role is filled. All agreed an official response is needed. Bruce will draft a letter for the council and Scott will let Torrie know the correct addressee.
5. Waia'ilio Trail Potential – Moana Rowland reported the state has an interest in the trail shown on the old maps. The next step is locating the trail on the ground by GPS. Lee suggested a drone could be helpful and he has access to one.
6. Kanaio Recreational Area – Nothing new.
7. Maui Motocross Adjacent Parcel – Torrie spoke with land management but no confirmation on adjacent landowners yet.

New Business.

1. Suggestions for New Na Ala Hele Trails – The group expressed an interest in looking again at the state land parcels list.
2. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Add State Land Parcels.
3. Date of Next Meeting: February 18 at 2:00 pm at the same location – 1955 Main St., Suite 400.

Public Comments: Cecelia Potts of Maui Bicycling League introduced herself to the group and spoke about the Maui Bicycling League work for more bicycle access and pedestrian friendly bike routes. They have 450 on mailing list and are working to get funding in the 2016 budget for Papa Pl. and Waiale Rd. bikeways additional study.

Adjournment: 4:00 pm

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