

Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

Minutes of September 20, 2017

Present: Russell Reinertson, Tom Cannon, Donna Clayton, David Brown, Kevin Jenkins, Sue Guile, Bob Hobdy

Absent: Terry Quisenberry, Nick Saussy

Ex-Officio: Torrie Nohara

Guests:

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 23, 2017

The August 23, 2017 minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

NAH Staff Reports:

Corey Rosa – Volunteer/Intern Update: Joshua Pinheiro (KUPU Intern) has completed 1535.5 hours out of 1700 hours since he rejoined Na Ala Hele as an intern on Nov. 7, 2016. Mykah Bailey has completed 900 hours of his 900-hour term and his completion date was August 4, 2017. The crew also acquired 4 new MEO interns – Samson Bailey, who started on May 17th, has completed 554 of his 900-hour term; Trent Nakihei started on June 20th and has completed 400 hours of his 900 hour term, Wesley Hart started on July 6th and has completed 322 hours of his 900 hour term and Kaipo Nakahashi started June 10 and has completed 312 hours of his 900 hour term. The Na Ala Hele trail crew now has 11 crewmembers and is very grateful to get the extra hands and help from these interns.

From July 19th-August 8th, crews were split in half with one crew working on Waiakoa Loop Trail gulch mitigation and the other half working on tread improvements to Boundary Trail. Due to the past heavy rains, portions of the gulch crossings on Waiakoa Loop Trail were washed out. To prevent future damage, cement was poured on 2 of the crossings and the crew is currently working on installing a small foot/bike bridge on the last damaged gulch crossing. The decision for the bridge came into place due to that section receiving the most damage and the option of putting cement would require a lot of cement which probably would require the crew to pre-mix cement and have the cement helicoptered in. The crew felt it would be less complicated and look a little nicer with the bridge. The bridge is being constructed with recycled plastic lumber. Boundary Trail tread improvements are also being completed using mechanized equipment such as the Ditch Witch and mini trail dozer. Trail improvements include installing proper water control features, improving out slopes on portions of the trail, full

bench cuts are also being put into place making the trail slightly wider and the trail corridor is being brushed back and larger boulders removed from the trail.

Looking ahead for the month of September, the crew will continue to work on the gulch mitigation on Waiakoa Loop Trail as well as trail tread improvements on Boundary Trail. Crews are looking to finish both trails by mid-September. Following the completion of Waiakoa Loop Trail and Boundary Trail the crew will be doing weed whacking trail maintenance on all trails which should take up to two weeks followed by constructing retaining walls, replacing mileage signage, installing additional steps where needed, and replacing the bench at the first observation platform at Waihee Ridge Trail. The Waihee Ridge Trail projects listed are estimated to take approximately 3 weeks.

Kahakapao Recreational Area Maintenance Report: Adam Lottig/Flow Farm Pacific is unable to attend today but submitted the following report: August and September have continued the dry pattern and have been good for raking and maintaining trails. All features have been inspected and lower skills areas have been cleared.

NAH Specialist Report -Torrie Nohara – Torrie reported Terry Quisenberry has been approved as a NAH Council Member. She provided copies of the final 2016 Statewide Meeting minutes and draft 2017 minutes. Kula Forest Reserve will be closed from October 2nd to October 13th for road, shoulder and vegetation work.

Old Business:

1. West Maui Greenway “WMG” Update – Donna reported Hawaii Tourism Authority approved her grant request for \$15,000 for the second “Love The West Maui Greenway Day” to be held 4/14/18 and People For Bikes requested additional information on her proposal to them for \$10,000. Public Works approved the Unemori Engineering proposal for conceptual design, surveying and mapping which will use up the \$300,000 in the county budget. Donna requested the additional \$200,000 needed for preliminary design, permitting, and public outreach in the Mayor’s 2019 budget. Actual construction of Phase I is estimated for 2020. Donna is attending West Maui Community Plan update meetings to keep the West Maui Greenway a priority.
2. Nakula Potential Access Routes –Nothing new
3. Waia’ilio Trail Complex – A site visit will take place when weather cools.
4. Maui Motocross Park – Nick provided the master plan for the park prepared by Chris Hart & Partners.
5. Waihee Ridge Trail – Torrie anticipates completion of the work with the help of Cam during the week of October 9-13.
6. Makena to Ulupalakua Trail – Bob researched maps in the archives and found Torbert’s map of Ulupalakua (Map #1202) showing Torbert’s Rd. from Makena landing to Ulupalakua and the Aupuni Rd. (government road) from the church to

Ulupalakua. The Alexander map of 1885 shows a different route for Torbert's Rd. and the Aupuni Rd. is also shown. There is also a third road on that map that zig zags around Torbert's Rd. and later rejoins Torbert's Rd. Since Torbert died in 1871, the map is from before the Highways Act.

Tom made a motion to look further into the two routes on Torbert's map – the Aupuni Rd. and the straight line Torbert's Rd. and then perhaps relook at the zig zag road later. Second by Bob. Unanimous vote approved the motion.

7. Onau Alanui – Moana is researching this trail shown on Map #1779. Torrie reported there is a landowner currently requesting to use this road as access to their property. Kevin suggested this is the time for us to request public access on this road also.
8. Haleakala Trail – Torrie reported the Memo of Understanding with Haleakala Ranch is moving forward. The plan is to have two hikes a year led by the ranch and two hikes a year led by the Sierra Club. She estimates a limit per hike of 20 people.
9. Trail Above Keanae Arboretum – Torrie feels opening the one mile of existing trail is doable once the crew has time to work on it.
10. Poelua Rd. – Torrie recommends no action on this. The road is in place and can be used. If Na Ala Hele takes it on as a trail, it would require a rule change in the Wildlife rules and would be a maintenance nightmare. The group agreed. This item will be removed from the agenda.

New Business:

1. Suggestions for new Na Ala Hele Trails: None
2. Agenda items for next meeting – Remove Poelua Rd.
3. Date of next meeting: October 18, 2017

Public Testimony on All Agenda Items, Public Comments – Open Forum: See above

Adjournment: 3:40 pm