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## Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

### Minutes of Feb 18, 2015

Present: Russell Reinertson, Bruce Faulkner, Dave Brown, Nick Saussy

Absent: Sue Guille, Bob Hobdy, Tom Cannon Kevin Jenkins, Donna Clayton, Torrie Nohara

Ex-Officio: Jon Han,

Guests: Jimmy Gomes, BLNR, Adam Lottig, Flow Farm, John Kreag, Haleakala Ranch Rep

#### Call to Order, Public Notice, Quorum

Russell called the meeting to order. Public notice was posted, however, quorum was not met.

#### Review of Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2015

The January 21 minutes were reviewed with no comments noted. Due to lack of quorum, they will be taken up at the next meeting.

#### NAH Staff Reports:

Trails and Access Technician: The AmeriCorps intern has worked a total of 264 hours as of Feb 1. The state crew has been working in Kula Forest Reserve on Boundary Trail to remove downed trees and blackberry, as well as on Waihou Spring, and Kahakapao Recreational Area. Between Jan 21-Feb 5, Trails Unlimited completed work on Haleakala Ridge Trail, Plum Trail, and Redwood Trail to complete cleanup from Hurricane Iselle.

#### NAH Specialist:

1. Nick verified his contact information on Council Member Info Sheet.
2. Jon circulated a photo of an electric wheel given to Makawao Fire Station Engine 5 for search and rescue efforts. The wheel was created by Lee Chamberlain and Victor.
3. The RTP Quarterly Report, Oct-December was distributed.

## Old Business:

1. Proposed New Trail from Maalaea to Honolulu Update: With Donna not present, this was carried forward to the next meeting.
2. Kahakapao Recreational Area: Adam Lottig, Update: Adam reported that he and Justin spent 15 hours chainsawing on Pineapple Express. They are developing a work plan for the trails. Signage was installed with the assistance of Maui Mountain Bike Coalition. At the end of January, MMBC, in conjunction with IMBA's Trail Care Crew, held a Trail Building School for nearly 20 people. The course consisted of 3 hours in the classroom discussing sustainable trail building techniques, followed by an afternoon working on the Ravine Trail. An additional 15 Boy Scouts participated in trail work separately from the Trail Building School.

In February, Adam and Justin worked with Trails Unlimited to flag and begin work on a trail connecting the lower parking lot to the Akamai Skills Area. They also cleared a horse trail from the lower parking lot to the trailhead by the upper parking lot.

3. Kula Forest Reserve Update: Trails Unlimited will be back in August for one month. Projected opening for the forest is April 3. Hazardous trees, hung up on other trees, need to be removed by a contractor first.
4. Na Kula Potential Access Routes: Bruce is working on a draft letter to the incoming head of DLNR to address public access. He feels that this is not currently a high priority the State. Bruce also suggested the Council take a field trip to Nakula to better understand the special nature of this area.
5. Waia'ilio Trail Potential: With Tom not present, this was carried forward to the next meeting.
6. Kanaio Recreation Area: The EA for a Game Management Area is moving forward. Daniel Ornellas should be able to provide more information.
7. Maui Motocross Adjacent Parcel: Torrie is looking into leasing it from the state. Nick reports that MMA is considering needed improvements to make it more family friendly by providing lights, picnic tables, and shaded parking.
8. State Land Parcels: No new update.

## New Business:

1. Suggestions for new Na Ala Hele trails: Dave suggested that the council continue to discuss the Circle-Island Trail, given recent public interest created by articles on Huffington Post and The Maui News.
2. Agenda Items for next meeting: All old business will be carried forward.

3. Date of next meeting: March 18, 2015 at 2pm, at the same location – 1955 Main Street, Suite 400.

Public Testimony on All Agenda Items: Jimmy Gomes, Maui Board Member on the Board of Land and Natural Resources spoke briefly on the work of the BLNR and the issues they are addressing, such as seawalls, increasing costs for leased lands, transparency and oversight, and preservation of resources. He also offered his help at the Board level should the Advisory Council need it.

Adjournment at 3:40 pm

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