

May 20, 2021

Na Ala Hele - Lāna'i Advisory Council Zoom Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 10:02 AM

Members Attendance: Kari Bogner, Alan Calhoun, Nelinia Cabiles, Richard (Cadoi) Sabino, Jon Sprague, and Debbie Wheeler

Ex-Officio Attendance: Torrie Nohara and Bill Stormont, Division of Forestry & Wildlife in Hilo (temporarily assigned to Na Ala Hele Program Manager)

The Council had a moment of silence, reflection and words of remembrance for Ken Esclito.

Approval of February 25, 2021 minutes: Passed as is

Staff Reports:

1. Corey's Report on the Nā Ala Hele Trip to Lāna'i May 5-14, 2021: "The Na Ala Hele crew along with Kari Bogner of Pulama Lana'i hiked and scouted Waiakeakua Spring Trail and Naha Trail. Waiakeakua Spring Trail was a steep, sometimes rocky and heavily wooded trail. Along the trail we found some rare native plants and a few cool petroglyphs on a large boulder. Naha Trail was very nice. We hiked up the trail following the GPS track that Kari Loaded on a couple GPS units and flagging along the way. After about 3 hours of hiking, the GPS track connected with a road where we stopped and headed back down. The Na Ala Hele crew also did some rock work on the Fisherman's Trail replacing rock where they were eroded by the ocean or washed away by heavy rain and water flowing through small gulches."

2. Melanie couldn't be at the meeting. She had no update on grading of the roads and hopes to be at the next meeting.

Council Chair Report:

1. Kari provided additional information and photos of the Nā Ala Hele Trip to Lāna'i. She shared maps and descriptions of the trails they hiked. Kari and the crew marked the Naha trail with blue flags.

2. Maintenance of Fisherman's Trail can continue to be done by the park rangers indefinitely with occasional help from the Nā Ala Hele crew and the Pulama Cultural Department.

3. Housing will be tight on island for 18-20 months, but camping at Hulapoe will hopefully be better soon so the Nā Ala Hele crew can make additional trips to Lāna'i.

Old Business:

1. Kanepu'u Self-Guided Trail Update. Alan reported there have been no significant changes at the self-guided trail. It is in good shape with on-going maintenance. Wally Morita has been good about keeping the water tank full so they can keep the out-plantings watered. The equipment and gasoline are doing well for now. The Nā Ala Hele crew enjoyed meeting the Kanepu'u Warriors.

2. Naha Trail - next steps. Torrie will ask Moana to do an abstract of the trail. The Council will need to approve the trail as a Nā Ala Hele trail, then send to the board for approval. Will coordinate with Pulama before going forward. We need to get the cultural team and public on-board as next step. Jon commented that it goes along with the overarching plan for the island and

conservation area. However, he is concerned about the Historic & Cultural team expressing their concern regarding increased food traffic in that area. Torrie suggested we invite them to go on the trail starting at the top and walking down. She also suggested having public meetings and/or newspaper articles. Kari will invite the Cultural team to join us at our meetings and on an excursion to hike the trail.

3. Waiting for purchase order to come back from HQ to purchase a trail counter for the beginning of Fisherman's Trail

New Business:

1. National Trails Day is June 5, 2021, but it can be honored on any day we can organize something. A suggestion was made to hike Maunalei Trail from the lower gate to the pump station with the cultural team to share historical and cultural information and Kari to speak about native plants. Jon and Kari will coordinate with Pulama staff then Kari will send an email to the group to set a date in the near future.

Public Testimony: None.

Tentative date for next meeting: Friday, August 27, 10 AM.

Adjourned: 11:35 AM