

Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

Minutes of June 16, 2021

Present: Russell Reinertson, Terry Quisenberry, Donna Clayton, Sue Guille, Dave Brown, Tom Cannon, Kevin Jenkins

Absent: Bob Hobdy, Nick Saussy

Ex-Officio: Torrie Nohara

Guests: Bruce Faulkner, Rob Weltman

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 April 21, 2021

The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

Na Ala Hele Staff Reports:

Trails & Access Technician - Corey Rosa

Trail Counter Info

Kahakapao Trailhead				Kahakapao Secret Trail				Waihe'e Ridge Trailhead			
Month	Daily Average	Highest Day		Month	Daily Average	Highest Day		Month	Daily Average	Highest Day	
November	132	Nov, 8	320	November	20	Nov, 8	55	June	682	May, 31	1112
December	115	Dec. 6	262	December	20	Dec. 13	86				
January	142	Dec. 28	233	January	20	Dec. 29	39				
February	155	Jan. 30	311	February	26	Jan. 30	40				
April	93	Feb. 21	204	April	12	Apr. 2	48				
May	126	Apr. 25	226	May	21	Apr. 25	38				
June	157	Jun.12	280	June	23	Jun. 13	53				

Work Done from May 19th - June 16th

The Na Ala Hele crew has been doing tree removal and brushing in Makawao and Kula

Forest Reserves. The crew has also started scheduled weed whacking of all Maui Na Ala Hele trails.

Looking Forward

The Na Ala Hele crew will continue scheduled weed whacking and brushing. We will also be doing tread work and water mitigation on Waihe'e Ridge.

Torrie said she is looking at setting up a reservation system for Waihe'e Ridge Trail and they are working on the existing parking lot to delineate parking spots and cement the top of the driveway.

Flow Farm Pacific Kahakapao Report -May/June 2021

We have had our mini excavator up in Kahakapao for the last month and completed rebuilding and sculpting of the upper portion of Pineapple Express. Over 12 berms and 10 jumps have been rebuilt and reshaped. Other portions of the trail have also been re-visited to allow for a more fluid, safe and fun trail experience. A small handful of volunteers have come out at different times, and the Na Ala Hele trail crew has also been extremely helpful in completing this significant piece of trail maintenance and re-vision. While the bulk of the work was blessed with good seasonal springtime rain to assist in the watering and shaping process, the last couple weeks dried out and a significant amount of water was required to bring into the final areas we were shaping. Overall, it went really well, and as the overall numbers in Kahakapao seem to be on a constant increase, these trail re-designs are recognized and appreciated by a much larger audience.

Sue reported that she and Moose will be holding an education clinic on July 24 for horse and bike safety on trails.

Old Business

1. West Maui Greenway Update – Donna reported Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has not yet selected the company to work on the transit-oriented corridor for West Maui that includes the West Maui

Greenway planning. To encourage greenways, she has been attending meetings with MPO, Healthy Living and Eating (HEAL) and State Dept. of Transportation Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator, Diane Dohm. Diane provided the State's program webpage that Torrie shared with the council. The North Shore Greenway has funding to extend it to Ho'okipa so work on greenways on Maui continues.

2. Maui Motocross Park Update:

- a. Everyone from Maui Motocross Association and the Moto Community of Maui would like to thank everyone at Na Aka Hele and especially Torrie and Corey for the continued support. Our Motocross Track has had so many great accomplishments and renovations over the last year that would not have been possible without you. Here are a few recent:
- b. - D4 repairs
- c. Our D4 has had regular maintenance and repairs that make it possible to keep in motion. This is the backbone of our operations.
- d. -Water system Upgrade
- e. We have made huge improvements and will finalize a amazing water system that will make this facility operate at a very high level. This is the heart of our operations.
- f. -Tools
- g. Until now you could not get the work needed complete without buying or borrowing tools. We have now got the right tools for the job and are able to work at a much more efficient rate. This is much appreciated by everyone who donates their time!
- h. - Track Changes and Repairs
- i. The recent rental of a piece of equipment has allowed us to do much needed track changes and upgrades for our beginner and advanced track. The track is the best we've seen!
- j. -175 members and Growing
- k. Our motocross community is growing and we are seeing the best turnout in years! This makes it worth it!

3. Kamehamenui Forest – Update on progression of Management Plan

Corey and team are exploring the land as time allows. The management plan solicitation hopefully will be out before the end of July. Once the management plan is awarded, she estimates 6-12 months to write the plan that will include the required state EAs. The federal EA standards might have to be done later once we begin using the RTP funds for maintenance. At this time, since donation funding is being used, only state EAs are necessary. Torrie is working with the federal RTP group to find out more about the federal EA requirements.

Russell would like to see areas only accessibly by hiking open to camping.

New Business

1. Suggestions for New Na Ala Hele Trails
 - a. Terry suggested there might be a beach access in the area just before Kailua Town.

- b. Kevin reported that aerial photos from a case he is involved in show that Ron Jacintho has built a wall across the Onau Trail and filled in land over possible archaeological sites. The state could have him remove the wall and open access. The Ahihi-Kinau parking lot is about 300 yards from the beginning of the Onau Trail. Torrie will investigate this with Fern and new AG for land/transportation division, Linda Chow. (Note: Torrie followed up with information that the Onau Trail access is assured and we can make it a NAH trail if desired.)
- c. Terry suggested a trail in Ka Puka O Maui in Makaiwa – parking is a concern. Torrie said that parcel will transfer from the Land Division to DOFAW.
- d. David suggested the Old Lahaina Road Trail that starts at the Lahaina Pali Trail Lahaina side parking lot. He walked it to the whale overlook, but it goes to the paved road for the baseyard for the windmills. A field trip to check the trail was scheduled for Wednesday, July 21. All to meet at the baseyard at 7:30 am.

2. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a. Update on Waia'ilio Trail
- b. Old Lahaina Road Trail
- c. Onau Trail Update

3. Date of Next Meeting – August 18, 2021, at 2pm.

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.

Bruce asked for an update on the Naha Trail on Lanai. Torrie said it is flagged and moving forward.

Adjournment: at or before 4:00 PM

Please call Torrie at 873-3508 if you are unable to attend.

Adjournment: 3:09 pm