

Kapapala Working Group Meeting – November 5, 2016

Attendees: Nohea, Irene, Colleen, Jonathan, Hovey, Gary, Bill, Aunty Maile, Uncle Bobby, Don, Jay, Katie, Aileen, Jerome

Remaining Items from the July 2016 meeting:

- The final DRAFT Kapapala Koa Canoe management plan with appendices needs to be sent out to the group. The plan will be circulate to other natural resource experts for additional feedback on proposed actions.
- The working group would like to review potential guidelines for organizing the group as they support the area moving forward. Example guidelines will be circulated to the group.
- The working group was interested in reviewing the U.S. Forest Service final grant report after it is submitted in late Nov. 2016.

Kau Community meeting:

Nohea posted the announcement for the community meeting on Kapapala in the Kau Calendar, on Kiki Kau facebook (156 people reached), posted in the area via flyers, and on Kapa radio. No one showed at the meeting, but Nohea checked with a number of community members following the meeting regarding concerns about the project – no additional comments were collected. Nohea can try to keep the project managers informed on community events that we can connect with the community about the project, including Kau coffee festival, Farmers Markets events. Etc. The Kau Calendar wants to post an update to the project for the calendar. TMA has put together a card with information about the project that we can share at various events, and we would like to have an narrative ready to share with people about the project. We could also consider putting together a display on the project to use at different events. Working group members have been updating the paddling groups through general meetings of the organization. The Voyaging society looking for replacement parts of the canoes and would be interested in resources from the area. The working group would like to reach out to this group again to make sure their interests are represented – Katie can connect with Joy with Voyaging group about their interest in working with this group. HCRA will discuss the project with their stakeholder groups. The working group would like to develop a website for the forest reserve project with information about the project and the work of the group.

Site visit planning for carvers and community groups:

The carvers will be looking to visit the forest in January/February timeframe (Puakea group is available Friday in January 13 and 27) (Bill is fine with any day of the week in January). We could consider extending the invitation to the larger list of names of carvers from the first meeting. Jonathan to check with HCRA list of carvers.

We should also provide the community with additional opportunities to visit the forest. We should get the announcement to the community through different means for the opportunity to visit the forest – maybe this could be tied it to the environmental compliance.

Draft Final Kapapala Canoe Forest management plan:

No comments from the community to incorporate at this time; we did connect with the DOFAW Forest Bird Biologist about the project and potential for impact to threatened and endangered species – we are hoping to avoid any negative impact to the rare species and will look to incorporate measures to assure this.

Aki manu: Cultural protocol for selecting, harvesting, and carving the tree connect with the science. Hovey to share the historical protocol he has researched with the working group. We would like to see science and cultural tied together when reviewing the trees that can be taken as a part of the tree selection. The working group would like to see a general protocol for the entering the forest (John provided oli at the first meeting).

Harvesting method (Bill):

Clarify what the 5 year component part – may need the flexibility based on demand for canoe needs; re-entering the area would have impacts to natural regeneration so we don't want to re-return and damage the growing koa. We can incorporate discussion in the plan that management actions are completed in one project location and not to keep returning to extract resources. Make sure to incorporate both the natural regeneration and out-planting to encourage the on-going canoe quality logs. Replanting component is important for the community stewardship component of the project. Inventory is one of the next steps for the project; DOFAW will work on putting together the scope of work for the inventory following the visit with the carvers. Helicopter logging maybe be an option if there is a connection with the military.

HCRA – paddling is the biggest sport in the race (50K people who have raced in events). HCRA is looking to contribute through bring hands to help with managing forest. At the community group the working members in attendance discussed opportunities to develop fundraising platforms. 2020 HCRA sprinting championship may be a good venture for something along these lines.

Grant opportunities to support the working group (Katie):

OHA grants – we need to pull together some basic information about the project and working group in order to apply for grants. Need a general mission for the group; who will do the accounting/tracking for the grant; and formal/basic structure for the group to handle the grant. A potential grant with OHA could help support a facilitator/coordinator for the working group. December is next around for the OHA grants with another around in Spring 2017.

Webpage with meeting minutes:

Hosted by DOFAW; provide some additional for transparency. Provide to the group once the website is live. Add historical context for the area plus the creation of the group.

Status of support from TMA:

Lauren Kurpita is working on other projects now, and Nohea is helping to coordinate the working group and has been involved with the project from the beginning (also the TMA Kau project coordinator); Nohea is providing support as a coordinator for the group for about 18 mths.

Additionally resources that the group would like:

Need to get ourselves in a position to be able to apply for grants – Mission statement to start (might be thoughts around this from the first meeting); re-visit the purpose statement and mission statement via the by-laws/guideline discussions. The working group can work with existing non-profit organizations that are within the working group for the financial support.

Log Allocation:

Missing from the criteria (review from last meeting): reporting and tracking plan (requirements) Requirement list and a Weighting list (separate them out). HCRA can help to host the tracking information for the Kapapala logs/canoes. The working group would like to have someone fill out an example application for review at a future meeting. We also need to make sure to clarify the status of the existing list incorporation into the Kapapala application process, as well as clarify requirements for the tracking of the application and progress through the list.

Agenda items for next working group meeting:

- Feedback from carver from the forest visit
- Guideline/by-laws discussion, look at PWW and Laupahoehoe advisory groups
- Forest Bird Biologist/USFWS feedback
- Hovey to provide information on historically appropriate oli.

Next meeting will be scheduled for February 11 and/or March 11, 2017.