

August 27, 2021

## Na Ala Hele (NAH) - Lāna'i Advisory Council Zoom Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 10:07 AM

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

Ex-Officio Attendance: Torrie Nohara

Approval of May 20, 2021 minutes: Passed as is

### Staff Reports:

1. 2021 Annual Statewide NAH AC Meeting Highlights: Torrie and Kari provided an overview of the highlights of the meeting

- Kari was the chair for the meeting and did a great job. She will open next year's statewide meeting then turn it over to a new chair.

- There was a large role over of money not spent from the previous years, which will be designated for specific projects, i.e., Maui Motocross Park, a universal trail assessment process for several trails, and other big ticket projects for infrastructure that are tourist related.

- There were concerns expressed regarding the Maunawili Falls trail on Oahu being shut down without notification of the Oahu Advisory Council.

- The Manoa Falls trail was recently reopened after significant improvements were completed.

- In the past 6-12 months there were a lot of hikers that needed to be rescued after taking trails beyond their abilities.

### Council Chair Report:

1. Kari provided a copy of the Lāna'i NAH AC report she presented at the statewide meeting (see attached).

2. Kari shared pictures from the June 19, 2021 National Trails Day hike in Maunalei that most of our council members participated in. All agreed it was a great day.

### Old Business:

1. Fisherman's Trail Update; Kari reported that the trail seems to be in good shape. There may be some signs that need to be repaired, but not by NAH.

2. Kanepu'u Self-Guided Trail Update; Alan reported that everything is pretty much the same, except it is getting very dry and there are a lot of deer droppings within the fence, but so far, no damage to the native plants. Nelinia came up one day to help dig weeds. The Nature Conservancy staff came a couple of times to do fence and gate repairs. Kari visited one day and was able to collect some seeds.

2. Naha Trail - next steps for making it a public trail; Kari is keeping the conversation going with Pūlama and will keep us informed regarding their thoughts on how to proceed. She will try to

get Harrilynn Kameenui from Pūlama to come to our next meeting. Debbie moved and Nelinia seconded that we should keep moving forward on making the Naha Trail an official NAH trail. We should keep gathering information but will need to vote again after getting landowner and cultural team input before going forward through NAH channels.

New Business:

1. Open Council Member position. If anyone knows of someone that would be interested in being on the council, please let Kari know. Nelinia will make a flyer to be posted around town and will put something in the Lāna'i Today newspaper. She will send it by the council and Torrie.

2. Future hike suggestions. We will wait for COVID Delta spike to pass before planning another hike, then possibly to an arch trail after hunting season.

Public Testimony: Melanie was unable to attend and reported that a dozer was used to do some repair work on Road Number 5. No other roads have been repaired recently.

Tentative date for next meeting: Friday, November 19, 11 AM. This will be Torrie's last meeting before retiring.

Adjourned: 10:54 AM