

Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

Minutes of September 15, 2021

Present: Russell Reinertson, Terry Quisenberry, Donna Clayton, Bob Hobdy, Dave Brown, Kevin Jenkins

Absent: Sue Guille, Tom Cannon, Nick Saussy

Ex-Officio: Torrie Nohara

Guests: Bruce Faulkner

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 June, 2021

The minutes were unanimously approved with one correction to New Business, Item 1b, revising Onau Trail access is insured to Onau Trail access is assured.

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

- Project map book - September.
- Community meetings - Tentatively Dec, Feb, May, and Aug.
- Possible site visit in February.

2. Maui Motocross Park Update:

NAH has contributed approximately \$58,000 of rollover funds from past years to the Motocross Park. They have purchased irrigation supplies, a microphone, speakers, dozer parts, etc. The new management is excited and doing a lot.

3. Kamehamenui Forest – Update on progression of Management Plan

Torrie reported the crew investigates the site as time allows and has explored much of the land. For the upper elevations a camping trip is required as it takes too long to get there. Lots of opportunities for the land are possible including good hiking, backpack camping, bird hunting, archery and more. The vendor for the master plan might be awarded by the end of this month. Public input will be important.

4. Onau Trail

Kevin reported that progress on resolution for his client was going well. The easement corridors were drafted, and the item was on the agenda for the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Jimmy Gomes then stated there may be archaeological sites on the corridors drafted and this meant the client would need to pay for archeological studies. Kevin has proposed a win/win alternative: The client will allow the corridor to follow the historical path route straight up through his property in exchange for the state archaeologists doing the archaeology work. The historical use of the path was pedestrian and equestrienne, and these uses would be allowed. Kevin hopes to find a way that the path could then continue up to Lot 4 and then to DLNR land (leased to Ulupalakua Ranch) up to the government road.

5. Old Lahaina Road Trail

Russell and Torrie hiked from the Lahaina Pali Trail head to near the scenic point in sections as they could not cross a narrow rockfall site. Sue joined them for one section of the hike. There is a serious concern about the rockfall areas. They could not see any potential for an ADA trail, and it looked too unsafe for a NAH trail. Bob said higher up there is an old trail that might connect to the Lahaina Pali Trail. Torrie will try to locate it on a map.

6. Waia'ilio Trail – The crew attempted to survey the area with a drone, but it was too windy. They will schedule another attempt.

New Business

1. Suggestions for New Na Ala Hele Trails
 - a. Torrie suggested Ko'olau Forest Reserve

2. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
 - a. Delete Old Lahaina Road Trail
 - b. Add Ko'olau Forest Reserve trail potential
 - c. Add Waihee Ridge Trail Reservation System

3. Date of Next Meeting – November 17, 2021, at 2pm. Torrie will create a ZOOM reservation, but if allowed, in person meeting will be planned at the DOFAW baseyard, dependent on COVID restrictions.

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 said he was happy to hear about the archery planned for a section of Kamehamenui.

Adjournment: 3:19 pm