

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

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.

Flow Farm Pacific Kahakapao – No Report

Torrie reported NAH staff are working with Flow Farm to create two connecting trails to make a stacked loop trail system. Also, In Kamehamenui, staff have flagged two loop trails from Upper Waiakoa Loop Trail that would provide 7 miles for the larger loop and 4 miles for the smaller loop. A giant gulch crossing needs to be figured out to increase the trail system. Russell said up higher there are ways to get across the gulch.

Torrie gave us the link to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for EMI in the Koolau Forest Reserve and suggested we look closely at the wording on use of roads and creation of trails.

Old Business

1. West Maui Greenway Update – Donna reported Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has selected Ulta Planning and Design to work on the transit-oriented corridor for West Maui that includes the West Maui Greenway planning. Their work will start with community engagement and include route alternatives, mapping, permitting, funding sources, visualizations, and maintenance. The North Shore Greenway continues planning for the next section from Paia Park to Ho'okipa and is now in the planning stages looking at alternative routes. Maui Bicycle Association continues monthly rides. A bicycle enthusiast in Kihei started up weekly electric bike rides at night in Kihei. These are bikes with lights around their wheels and usually 40-60 are on the rides, not EBikes. Saman is hoping to create a similar event in West Maui. Donna checked on the Ulta group timing and was given this info.

Follow up on the West Maui Greenway Master Plan consultant timing:

- The completed Public Engagement Plan - will evolve as needed.
- Branding and website - November.

- 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