

Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

Minutes of November 17, 2021

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

Absent: Bob Hobdy, Nick Saussy

Ex-Officio: Torrie Nohara, NAH Specialist

Guests: Bruce Faulkner, Aaron Reichert

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 September 15, 2021

The minutes were unanimously approved with one correction to Old Business, item 1, Maui Bicycling Association should be Maui Bicycling League.

Trails & Access Technician - Corey Rosa

DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Forestry and Wildlife
Maui District
November 17th, 2021,
MEMORANDUM

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	
January	142	Dec. 28	23 3	January	20	Dec. 29	3 9	June	682	May. 31	111 2
February	155	Jan. 30	31 1	February	26	Jan. 30	4 0	July	698	Jun, 19	102 0
April	93	Feb. 21	20 4	April	12	Apr. 2	4 8	August	510	Jul, 6	769
May	126	Apr. 25	22 6	May	21	Apr. 25	3 8	September	489	Sep, 4	896
June	157	Jun.1 2	28 0	June	23	Jun. 13	5 3	October	545	Oct, 16	919

July	164	Jul, 3	240	July	21	Jul, 10	45	November	571	Nov, 6	930
August	158	Aug, 1	238	August	24	Aug, 1	84				
September	159	Sep, 5	244	September	20	Sep, 5	66				
October	166	Oct, 30	216	October	23	Oct, 30	79				
November	170	Nov, 13	219	November	27	Nov, 14	82				

Work Done From October 11th - November 17th

The Na Ala Hele crew has been working on widening the trail tread in the lower gulch of Kahakapao West Loop. The crew has also been weed whacking all of Kula Forest Reserve.

Looking Forward

The Na Ala Hele crew will be doing more tread work and water mitigation on Waiakoa Loop Trail, Boundary Trail and Plum Trail.

Flow Farm Pacific Kahakapao

September/October

In addition to monthly and quarterly feature inspection, maintenance was focused on the upper portion of Pineapple Express on the recently rebuilt area, during the period when there was sufficient moisture to do so. We also assisted with flagging and corridor planning for the new sections on the East-West connector. We are hoping to plan a Pineapple Express machine maintenance/rebuild on the middle section of the trail, as it has been over 2 years since that section was addressed.

Maui Motocross Park Update: Report from Brody Baker:

Aloha Na Ala Hele Team,

First off I would like to thank Torrie, Cory, and the rest of the team at Na Ala Hele that gives us the continued support this track and community needs to have a safe place to practice the sport of Motocross we love. It truly means a lot and would not be possible without you. Thank you.

I have formally announced as of recently that I will be stepping out of my current position as the President of MMA and have chose to let the community decide who they will add in to fill my position and lead the current board. I am excited to see what's possible by the next team and will continue to support with any needs from the community.

I want to share a few great things we have completed and will complete with the support of Na Ala Hele:

- Continued maintenance of our D4 which is running the best it's ever run. Awesome!
- Organic materials (mulch) added to the dirt at track to bring life back and hold moisture.
- Repairs to the water tank. This is so huge for the future.
- A whole new water system that will change the dynamic of our entire facility. Safety, time and effort, and conditions will all be positively affected by this system. We are so grateful and excited to see this complete!

Once again thank you for everything and I will keep everyone up to date on changes to leadership!

Mahalo Brody Baker

P.S. congrats Torrie! Have fun, Travel, and enjoy your next phase of your journey!

Torrie Nohara – NAH Specialist

This meeting is Torrie's last meeting as she is retiring December 31, 2021. Corey Rosa is temporarily filling the position until a new NAH Specialist is found. She reported that this is also Donna Clayton's last meeting on the NAH Maui Council after 30 years of service.

Old Business

1. West Maui Greenway Update – Donna reported Metropolitan Ulta Planning and Design work on the transit oriented corridor for West Maui that includes the West Maui Greenway is underway. Their work will take about a year. Donna is stepping down from her position on the NAH Maui Council to concentrate on working with the West Maui Greenway Alliance to oversee the greenway design and community engagement needed plus working with the county's long-range planners to add the following wording to the West Maui Community Plan:
 - a. "Require new development, redevelopment and Chapter 201H, HRS and Chapter 2.97, MCC housing projects to incorporate the planned West Maui Greenway into their project and provide rights of way for the greenway if the alignment crosses the property."

Donna will update the NAH Maui Council when there is news to report on the West Maui Greenway. She has enjoyed her service on the council very much and will look forward to bringing good news on the greenway.

2. Kamehamenui Forest – Update on progression of Management Plan

Torrie reported the purchase order for the management plan vendor selection is in progress and usually takes 6 weeks to approve. There will be a website for public comments, 3 public meetings, two of which will be virtual meetings. NAH crew has not been up there lately. Public input on allowing horses, trail width, etc. will be

important. The upper section will be built first, then the middle and finally the lower section. The lower section would work best for horses. Kevin suggested equestrian use not be exclusive.

3. Onau Trail - Kevin is still working on access from both the mauka and makai sides. It may be necessary to get a license for a road for uses other than biking and hiking. Torrie recommended Kevin contact Joe McDonald who knows where the historic trail is. His phone is 808/264-2326.
4. Waia' ilio Trail – Tom is waiting for a site visit when the crew has time. Torrie suggested Tom remind Corey.
5. Ko'olau Forest Reserve – Planning by Cory and Torrie envisions a 3 ridges loop trail in Kaleai and then mauka from there including Waikamoi Ridge and the arboretum and possibly to Waikamoi Stream if safety can be provided and funding is available.
6. Waihee Ridge Trail Reservation System – There are two possibilities at this point – the Hawaii Island Consortium (HIC) forestry permit or the State Parks permit. The HIC would cost about \$21,000 to set up but then other areas could be added. There may be a cost to add other areas. The State Parks permit is being rewritten but when completed NAH could use that for free. Torrie has also been reaching out to management companies to pay them for providing 2 people at the gate. She has not heard back from any companies to date. The plan is for 3 time slots daily: 7-11, 11-2:30, and 2:30-6. There are 42 parking stalls at the top and 60 at the bottom for each time slot.

New Business

1. Suggestions for New Na Ala Hele Trails – None
2. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
 - a. Delete West Maui Greenway
 - b. Add Election of Officers for 2022
 - c. Add Maalaea Village Association's Potential Maalaea Parcel
3. Date of Next Meeting – January 19, 2022 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 suggested when it is time for public notice the Maui Mall has a public bulletin board.

Aaron thanked Torrie and Donna for their service. He reported that the Jim Falk bike donations start this Saturday. 350 bikes will be donated!

Adjournment: 3:19 pm