

Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

Minutes of June 22, 2022

Present: Russell Reinertson, Sue Guille, Nick Saussy, Bob Hobby,
Tom Cannon, Kevin Jenkins, Dave Brown

Absent: Terry Quisenberry

Ex-Officio: Stephanie Franklin, NAH Specialist, Hooka'hi Alves, Trails & Access Technician

Guests: John Meier, Rob Weltman, Bruce Faulkner

Call to Order, Public Notice, Quorum

Sue called the meeting to order at 1:05pm. Public notice was posted and quorum was met.

Review of Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2020 & April 20, 2022

The draft minutes for both meetings were approved as presented.

Staff Report: The trail crew has mostly been focusing on the Kula Forest Reserve Trails that were damaged in the December storm. The trails have been cleared. More work to be done on the Waiakoa Loop Trail. The spillways need work as well as the road. There is no projected date for the re-opening of the KFR.

Flow Farm Report: More work has been done on Pineapple Express Trail for beginners. The jumps have been updated in the skills area.

Maui Motocross Report: Irrigation has been installed on 90% of the park and on most of the track area. The equipment is good but needs some mechanical service. Nick Saussy will work with Stephanie on funding assistance to hire a mechanic.

Old Business:

1. Election of Officers: Was left on agenda by mistake. Officers were elected at the March 16, 2022 Meeting.
2. Selection of New Council Member: John Meier submitted his application to fill the Advisory Council vacancy. A vote was taken and he was unanimously approved by the Council. Stephanie will submit his application to the Chair for final approval.
3. Kamehamenui Forest - Update On Management Plan Progress: Things are moving along toward the development of the Master Plan. There has been a lot of exploration on foot on the upper section and there is potential for 23 miles of trails. Survey work is being done on the lower section below the upper fence line.
4. Onau Trail: Kevin Jenkins has been waiting for the Ulupalakua Ranch to re-open due to Covid. They just opened this month. He will be in touch with Merton Kekiwi from the ranch to do a site visit of the area to identify the historic trails in the area.

5. Waia'ilio Trail – Update on Scouting and Locating Historic Trail: Tom will be meeting with Stephanie to determine the next steps to be taken.
6. Ko'olau Forest Reserve Trail Potential: Scott Fretz has been working very actively to locate areas that can be developed into trails. A parking area for the trail head is the most critical criteria. At this time the Kaliae area is being looked at. Next steps would be the EA, NEPA and Cultural Access studies.
7. Waihee Ridge Reservation System: Still in process. NAH Rules need to be changed to allow the system to be activated. Public comments period is open. No date to start yet.
8. Ma'alaea Community Association's Open Space Parcel: The property has been sold to a private Party, so at this time it is no longer available for Open Space.
9. Olivine Pools: No discussion at this meeting. Council member who suggested this item was not present at meeting. Will move to the next meetings agenda.

New Business:

1. Suggestions for new Na Ala Hele Trails: Guest speaker Rob Weltman gave an update on a project he is working on with the County of Maui. He has received a grant to create a public access lateral shoreline map for all the islands in Maui County. Unfortunately, due to the shortage of staff at the Planning Department the project is not moving forward at the moment.
2. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Add Hoolawa Bay Access.
3. Date of next meeting: July 27, 2022 at 1:00pm

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 – Hoolawa Beach Access.

Adjournment: 2:05pm