

NA ALA HELE (NAH) - Maui Advisory Council (AC)
Minutes

September 28, 2022 – 1:00 PM
DLNR Baseyard
Kahului, Maui, Hawaii

Present: Russell Reinertson, Tom Cannon, David Brown, Kevin Jenkins, Bob Hobdy

Absent: Sue Guille, Nick Saussy, Terry Quisenberry, John Meier

Ex-Officio: Stephanie Franklin, NAH Specialist

Call to Order, Public Notice, Quorum, Announcements: Russell called the meeting to order at 1:05pm. Public notice was posted, and quorum was met.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: July 27, 2022 meeting minutes were approved with the following changes: Under Old Business, Item 3: Waia'ilio Trail: "Tom will be meeting with Stephanie to determine the next steps to be taken." Amended to "Tom will be emailing Stephanie to determine the next steps to be taken."

Na Ala Hele Staff Reports:

Trails & Access Technician: updates on work on NAH features: NAH staff continued normal quarterly maintenance on Program Trails. On Waihee Ridge Trail, staff cleaned out and improved water dips and drainage.

Flow Farm: Kahakapao Recreational Area (KRA) Maintenance Report: Justin completed an inspection of the trails and features. Some rotting boards were replaced, and the trails cleared. They are mobilizing for maintenance during the fall/winter.

Maui Motocross Park: No Update submitted by the Motocross club

Old Business:

1. Kamehamenui Forest – Update on Management Plan Progress: Stephanie reports that the Archeological Survey was completed, and the consultants are compiling the results. A contractor building a fence has started at the top and is working their way down the southern border of the property adjoining the Kula Forest Reserve.
2. Onau Trail – Update on Access Issues: Kevin reports that a Landowner through which the trail passes, is open to the idea of a public trail on the property. He suggested that it may be a good time for the Advisory Council to write a letter in

support of the proposal, as discussions proceed. With parking at top and bottom, and suitable for equestrian use, this trail would be a great public asset.

3. Waia'ilio Trail – Update on Scouting and Locating Historic Trail: Tom proposed using drones to conduct an aerial survey of the area around Puu Kane, to identify and recon historic trails. Perhaps volunteer drone pilots could be used to augment surveys conducted by a state drone operator. Using volunteer pilots could also reduce costs to the State while surveying the area. Stephanie will investigate the availability of a state drone operator.
4. Ko'olau Forest Reserve Trail Potential: No update. The Kaliae area has potential, but will need an EA, as will Waikamoi. Any potential trails will also require discussion with, and consideration of the local community.
5. Waihee Ridge Trail Reservation System: The system has been created. They are waiting for changes to the new NAH rules to be implemented. The proposed rules are currently out for public comment.
6. Olivine Pools: David suggested that stairs should be provided for public access. He suggested the council consider a field trip.

New Business:

1. Ho'olawa Trail Access: A 15-minute hike through private property, the trail has been blocked by the new landowner. Scott Fretz would like to discuss this with the Advisory Council.
2. Suggestions for new Na Ala Hele trails: The Kailua Stream area was previously suggested by Lucienne DeNaie as having potential. It was suggested that the council look further in this to define potential locations.
3. Agenda items for next meeting: Davis asked that Olivine Pools be tabled for now.
4. Date of next meeting: The next meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Oct. 19, 2022.

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.

Adjournment: at 2:30 PM