

Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

Minutes of May 3, 2023 - 1:00pm
DLNR Baseyard
Kahului, Maui, Hawaii

Present: Russell Reinertson, Tom Cannon, Kevin Jenkins, Sue Guille, Dave Brown, John Meier, Terry Quisenberry

Absent: Nick Saussy, Bob Hobdy

Ex-Officio: Stephanie Franklin, NAH Specialist

Guest: Martin Hauen-Limkilde

Call to Order, Public Notice

Sue called the meeting to order at 1:20. Public notice was posted.

After a correction to the item about the Waia'ilio trail from Tom, Sue moved to approve the minutes of Feb 14, 2023 and Mar 15, 2023, seconded by Dave, and approved.

Staff Report:

The trail crew is short staffed. While waiting for permanent hires, they will be supplementing with short term hires and two SCA interns.

Kahi has been hired for the Forestry and Wildlife Technician position.

The results of the legislative session were mostly positive. Additional funding for trail maintenance and staff was added. The green fee was not passed.

Kula forest reserve is open. The #5 access road and Waiakoa loop trail are still closed until repairs are completed.

Flow farm has a successful volunteer day in April and has another schedule for May.

Stephanie met with Nick at Maui Motocross and they talked about getting help from staff with weed and tree trimming and setting up a steady water supply

Old Business:

1. Redesignating state lands as forest reserves, NARs, and sanctuaries - This is in progress, the next step is the governor issuing an executive order.

2. Kamehamehenui Forest Reserve - The fence along the upper right side of the parcel has been completed. In June, they will start working on fence that goes across the bottom of the top section. The management plan is very close to being published for public comment.

3. Onau Trail - Kevin presented a draft letter from council to the state requesting help with the Onau trail. A motion was made by Terry and seconded by Kevin to approve the letter. Motion approved. Russell will send it.

4. Waia'ilio Trail - Stephanie will do a search for old survey and GIS information for this trail. She will also add a request for time with a drone operator.

5. Ko'olau Forest Reserve trail potential - no change

6. Olivine Pools - waiting on a report from Moana. Dave would like to schedule a field trip

7. Uaoa trail - Dave would like to organize a field trip.

8. Hoolawa bay. A Deputy AG has been assigned to work on this.

9. Haleakala trail. The trail starts in September. Dave asked for comments from council on what should be in a future management plan.

10. Honokala trail. Martin explained how there is a new owner of the property that has the shoreline access easement. Pedestrian access is available. The easement does not allow vehicle access and the owner put up a gate to block vehicles after issues with abandoned cars. The owner is working with the county to resolve issues with stairs and a platform that were built without permits.

New Business:

There was a discussion about making a trail on the Old Pali road. The conclusion was to defer because parts of the road have collapsed and are unsafe.

There was a discussion about trails along the dunes at Baldwin Beach Park. The conclusion was to defer because the dunes are fragile and not suitable for a trail.

Date of next meeting: June 21 2023, 1pm

Adjournment: 3:00 PM