

Nā Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

Minutes of Aug 2, 2023 - 1:00pm
DLNR Baseyard
Kahului, Maui, Hawaii

Present: Nick Saussy, Sue Guille, John Meier, Tom Cannon, Russell Reinertson, Kevin Jenkins, Terry Quisenberry

Absent: Dave Brown

Ex-Officio: Stephanie Franklin, NAH Specialist, Jeff Bagshaw Communications and Outreach Specialist

Guests: Mark Short, Bruce Faulkner, Catie Cullison and Hailey Yessis from PBR Hawaii, Moose and Ray from Maui Mountain Bike Coalition, Enoka, David, and Kyle from Maui Motocross Association

Call to Order, Public Notice

Russell called the meeting to order at 1:05. Public notice was posted. Quorum was met.

Sue moved to approve the minutes of June, seconded by Tom, and approved.

Staff Report:

Stephanie reported that the contractor will be working on repairing the Waiakoa loop and access road for about another month. Then the trail crew will be going over the trails. The goal is to reopen in October.

Trail crew worked on cleanup after the tropical storm. SCA interns completed their internship, have an increased interest in conservation jobs, and expressed interest in working again next summer.

Flow farm - volunteer group (10-20 people once a month) worked on flow tracks.

Maui Mountain Bike Coalition made a requested for improved signage at Kahakapao. Jeff Bagshaw presented a plan for consistent and useable signage at Kahakapao, Waihe'e, and Kula. The plan is designed but not currently

funded. Stephanie is going to work with MMBC to figure out if they can start implementing parts of the plan at Kahakapo by using something like adopt-a-trail or sponsored signs.

Maui Motocross park - Nick reported that the main issue they're working on is a reliable source of water.

Because of vandalism, the company providing the Porta-Potties has cancelled their contract and removed all the Porta-Potties from Maui Motocross park and trailheads. A temporary solution is difficult as the other vendors on Maui are out of capacity. Stephanie is working on getting bids for a new long-term contract.

Terry asked for an update on deer hunting. Jeff Bagshaw said deer hunting season is year round with no limit on state land. He also mentioned that one issue is that the large majority of deer on Maui are on private land.

Old Business:

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

2. Kamehamehamehenui Forest Reserve - fence building is continuing for the fence that goes across the bottom of the upper section. There was a discussion about feedback from the community. The council is still unanimously in support of DLNR's plans for Kamehamehenui for reforestation and public access. John made a motion that the council send a letter supporting DLNR and send it to the governor and the DLNR chair. The motion was seconded by Sue, and passed unanimously. John will write up a draft and send it to council for comments before sending it out.

3. Onau Trail - letter sent to state, waiting for response

4. Waia'ilio Trail - Stephanie is working on scheduling a date for the drone survey

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

6. Ho'olawa bay - The AG is going to present a plan for approval at a future BLNR meeting

7. Haleakala trail - no update

8. Suggestions for open Advisory Council member. Mark Short attended the meeting and gave a short introduction about himself. Stephanie will send out the application form to council and council members will encourage candidates to send in their application before the next meeting.

New Business:

Catie Cullison and Hailey Yessis from PBR Hawaii gave an introduction to their project to modernize the 1991 Nā Ala Hele Program plan, As part of their process they will be asking for feedback from council and Maui residents. Stephanie will distribute the existing plan to council. Adding to agenda for next meeting.

Date of next meeting: September 20 2023, 1pm

Adjournment: 3:00 PM