

Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

Minutes of November 22, 2023

Present: Sue Guille, Tom Cannon, Dave Brown, Russell Reinertson, Nick Saussy

Absent: Kevin Jenkins, Terry Quisenberry, John Meier

Ex-Officio: Stephanie Franklin, NAH Specialist

Guests: Bruce Faulkner, Mark Short, Shane DeMattos, Justin Varaljay

Call to Order, Public Notice, Quorum

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

Review of Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2023

The draft minutes were approved as presented.

Staff Report: Staff is moving from fire control to regular trail work. Waiakoa Loop Trail work is almost completed. Barring any high wind weather events, the area should be 100% open by January 2024.

Letters for re-appointment to the Advisory Council for 2024 will be going out in December.

Flow Farm Report: The Maui Mountain Bike Coalition is holding a work day on 12/9/2023 at the Kahakapao Recreational area. Due to the dryness this year the trail is in bad shape. Maintenance is needed in the Advanced Skills area.

Maui Motocross Report: The facility is getting a lot of use. Projects are ongoing to improve the area.

Old Business:

1. Kanaio EA – Shane DeMattos from Wildlife Division presented an update on the Kanaio Game Management Area plans. The EA is currently out for public comment until 12/8/2023. Added into the plan is the historical Waia'ilio Trail and Village complex. It is still to be determined whether the trail will be available for hiking in a hunting area. Russell will write a letter in support of the EA Plan from the NAH Advisory Council.
2. Redesignating state lands as forest reserves, NARS, and sanctuaries. No current updates. item will be removed from agenda until such time there is an information update.
3. Kamehamenui Forest Reserve - The Master Plan is still in process. All internal comments have been sent to the consultants to update the plan. Once completed it will go out for public hearings. The Council approved the draft letter to Governor Green and Chair Chang In support of the project.
4. Onau Trail: No update.
5. Waia'ilio Trail: Referenced in agenda item number 1.

6. Koolau Forest Reserve Trail Potential: No update. Item will be removed from agenda until such time there is an information update.
7. Ho'olawa Bay – A bid is out for a survey of the metes and bounds of the State land access. DOCARE is now in the conversation. Gate is currently locked by the private landowner. The AG office and the lawyer representing the landowner are in conversation.
8. Na Ala Hele Program Plan: The comment period for the survey has been extended to November 28th.

New Business:

1. Suggestions for new NAH Trails: Keanae Arboretum former trail loop extension re-opening. Potential for accessible trails.
2. Signage for Kahakapao for Mountain Bikers and all other users.
3. Date of next meeting: January 17th, 2024 at 1:00pm

Public Testimony on All Agenda Items, Public Comments – Open Forum

Adjournment: 2:45pm