



O‘ahu Na Ala Hele Trail and Access Advisory Council Minutes
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DATE: Tuesday, January 21, 2025

TIME: 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

PLACE: O‘ahu Division of Forestry and Wildlife Makiki Branch Office Conference Room. 2135 Makiki Heights Dr. Honolulu, HI 96822 and via Zoom

Members:

PRESENT: Skye Razon-Olds (Council Chair, Rock Climbers and Cultural Practitioner), Terry Galpin (OHV/Motocross), Ken Suzuki (Hiking/Hawaii Trail and Mountain), Dave Fahrenwald (Equestrian), Sean Goo (Off-Road 4x4 Vehicles), Yuko Barretto (Mountain Bikers /HBL), Marian Yasuda (Trail Runners/HURT)

Ex-Officio Members and Additional Guests: Aaron Lowe (Oahu Trails & Access Specialist), Winona Farias (DOFAW), Ryan Chang, Lee Cobian

I. Call to Order, Introductions, and Announcements: 4:02 p.m.

Meeting came to order at 4:02 p.m. Introductions were conducted.

II. Acceptance of Minutes: 4:07 p.m.

September Minutes were approved unanimously.

III. New Business: 4:09 p.m.

Council Vision for 2025

- Reviewing recreational activities
- Tracking projects on spreadsheet provided by NAH
- Each representative making specific recommendations
- Consider attaching Council member to specific projects
- Requesting specific trail updates and providing specific concerns
- Continuing efforts to re-open spaces for access
- Requesting formal agenda items

Request for the next meeting: Number of trails available for specific recreation activities

Staffing Update:

- NAH is unable to fill technician and specialist positions
- NAH has no legal support



IV. Old Business:

4:20 p.m.

None

V. Trail and Access Specialist Staff Report:

4:21 p.m.

Aaron Lowe - Program Administration Update:

- Tantalus Improvements contract – removing Aihualama and adding Keanealole trail
- Rousseau Services, LLC have bid on both Honouliuli and Poamoho

Q&A:

- A request was made to highlight only projects that have changed and to provide information prior to the meeting. The link to the tracking sheet will be distributed again and members are encouraged to use the sheet for updates.
- The road improvements at Honouliuli will depend upon the progress made by the contractor
- The old Peacock Flats trail is between the Nike site road and Kealia
- Honouliuli map will be provided to Yuko and Dave
- The MOA for the Kahuku bike tracks Needs to be completed prior to the new leases signed by the military. Aaron will push hard and get it to the Attorney General's office.
- Honouliuli public access will be a permitted system. The MOA with the land owner for that effort will come through the Council.

VI. Trail User Groups Representatives Reports:

4:38 p.m.

Hikers and Hawaii Trail and Mountain - Ken Suzuki: NAH should maintain all program trails – too much focus on Tantalus. Honouliuli is home to many native plants on the contour trail. The lack of progress there is frustrating.

Mountain Biking / HBL – Yuko Barretto: December 4 meeting with PBR included neighbor islands. Access for Maunawili Falls will be facilitated through an MOU with the golf course. DLNR and Trust for Public Lands are considering purchasing part of the land.

OHV/Motocross – Terry Galpin: Aaron came out and conducted an inspection. They held a Toys for Tots ride in December. The first race was held last weekend.

Equestrian – Dave Fahrenwald: The Maunawili trail is overgrown with a tree across the road.

4WD / Off-Road Vehicles – Sean Goo: They held a toy drive in December. Sponsors like Servco, Kapiolani Hospital and Queen's Hospital participated. The condition on Kuaokala Road is improved.

Trail Runners / HURT – Marian Yasuda: HURT 100 was held January 18-19. HURT will be providing its trail race schedule to NAH for advance coordination.



Cultural Advisor and Rock Climbing – Skye Kolealani Razon-Olds: Helemano Working Group has made some progress and will incorporate some additional Council members. The next working group meeting should be in February. Disc golf clubs may be incorporated as well. Honouliuli needs attention and motivation. Possibly a focused PIG could strengthen the effort. If members have priorities to communicate, send them along. Council members should focus on and pay attention to activities at the Legislature. Lee Cobian might assist?

VII. Other Business:

4:52 p.m.

Next meeting will be on March 18, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment:

4:54 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Marian Yasuda