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O'ahu Na Ala Hele Trail and Access Advisory Council Minutes

DATE: Thursday, February 17, 2026

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

PRESENT: *Members:*
Skye Razon-Olds (Council Chair, Rock Climbing/Cultural Practitioner), Terry Galpin (OHV/Motocross/Dirt Bike), Ken Suzuki (Hiking/Hawaii Trail and Mountain), Sean Goo (Off-Road 4x4 Vehicles), Yuko Barretto (Mountain Biking /HBL), Dave Farenwald (Equestrian), Marian Yasuda (Trail Running/HURT)

Ex-Officio Members and Additional Guests: Michelle DiMeglio (Oahu Trails & Access Specialist), Evan Broberg, Clayton Kubo

I. Call to Order, Introductions, and Announcements: 4:05 p.m.

Meeting came to order at 4:05 p.m. Introductions were conducted.

II. Acceptance of Minutes: 4:09 p.m.

December Minutes were approved unanimously.

III. New and Open Business: 4:15 p.m.

• End of Year Update and Priorities:

- **Helemano Working Group:** No recent activity with the working group.
- **Honouliuli Contract and Access Update:** Access work is ongoing. Trail clearing has started. Not much progress since the last update.
- **HMA Lease Update:** A meeting is scheduled with the military for discussion of lease.
- **Na Ala Hele Rules Rewrite:** Internal review of the rewrite is ongoing. The Council will review once that internal review is finished.



IV. Trail and Access Specialist Staff Report

4:27 p.m.

a) Staffing Updates

- Trail and Access Specialist position has been advertised for recruitment. Michelle is currently in the TA position. Michelle will remain the POC. The work for that position will be a group effort for the following few months.
- Two new KUPU members have been on-boarded. The goal is to eventually have a crew of five Kupu staff. A Student Conservation Field Crew Leader, Cooper Salomon has been added and will support field staff.
- Jenna Masters is the acting Statewide Program Manager.

b) Program Projects and Ongoing Operations

- Michelle will resend access to members for the project tracking sheet file.
- Manoa Cliffs: Still waiting on the engineer's report for the landslide.
- Ma'akua Trail: still closed due to Little Fire Ants
- Capacity Study: Ongoing, yet no funds for stewards are available for 2027. One potential source of funding may be the proposed Green Fee.
- Kaiwa Ridge CIP: There has been some progress on redesigning and rescoping to match available funding. While the property easement is being resolved, work below and above that area may begin. A reservation system is hopeful for implementation by June.
- Tantalus Trail Improvements: The Pauoa Flats Boardwalk was fully removed. A retaining wall may be built near the Manoa Falls and Aihualama trail intersection.

c) Crew and Volunteer Projects:

- A Boy Scout troop is interested is working on the Manana shelter and adding a bench, but it was postponed due to weather.
- Volunteer workdays are being held the third Saturday of each month. In 2024, there were 115 volunteers with 635 hours; in 2025, there were 189 volunteers with 1283 hours. Council members would like notification of volunteer opportunities.

V. Trail User Group Bi-Monthly Reports

4:38 p.m.

- a) Sky Razon-Olds (Rock Climbing/Cultural): Washouts continue and require action on a regular basis.
- b) Ken Suzuki (Hawaii Trail and Mountain): There have been many downed trees due to the weather.
- c) Yuko Baretto (Mountain Biking/HBL): HBL is working with neighbor groups and considering a statewide position to foster that connection.
- d) Terry Galpin (OHV/Motocross/Dirt Bike): The upcoming meeting with military is to address rebuilding the road and to request additional days of access for maintenance. Requesting information on the MOA status and the portable toilets payment.
- e) Dave Farenwald (Equestrian): No report, but inquired about Maunawili Ditch parking lot status.
- f) Marian Yasuda (Trail Running/HURT): No report as we are in between activities.
- g) Sean Goo (4WD): Sent photos of a Toyota that required quite a gnarly recovery off of Kuaokala Trail.



VI. Other Business

4:45 p.m.

- Chair Razon-Olds reported that the Conservation Conference will be soon and suggested that this Council might participate in some way. This might be a chance to educate constituents on Council roles and upcoming rule changes once finalized.
- Clayton Kubo (Kauai) reported that he has been actively engaged in the Legislative session and asked for support for SB3028. Chair Razon-Olds suggested that the collective voice of the Council might carry more weight and suggested that future efforts be agendized for the Council's consideration.
- Council members need to confirm their commitments for 2026 and/or identify and train replacement representatives. Additionally, contact information should be updated with NAH staff.
- Next council meeting scheduled for April 21, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

4:59 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

— **Respectfully submitted,**
Marian Yasuda