



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

DATE: Thursday, December 18, 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 Climbing/Cultural Practitioner), Todd Cullison (Council Vice-Chair, Education/Hawaii Nature Center), Ken Suzuki (Hiking/Hawaii Trail and Mountain), Sean Goo (Off-Road 4x4 Vehicles), Yuko Barretto (Mountain Biking /HBL), Marian Yasuda (Trail Running/HURT)

Ex-Officio Members and Additional Guests: Aaron Lowe (Oahu Trails & Access Specialist), Jenna Masters, Evan Broberg, Michelle DiMeglio, Kayla

I. Call to Order, Introductions, and Announcements: 4:14 p.m.

Meeting came to order at 4:14 p.m. Introductions were conducted.

II. Acceptance of Minutes: 4:16 p.m.

October Minutes were approved unanimously.

III. New Business: 4:18 p.m.

1. Helemano Working Group

- Skye Razon-Olds continues her involvement in the group. Razon-Olds had requested a meeting with Dave and Marigold and received no response. Terry Gilpin has stepped down from the working group.
- Progressive Trails should be providing next steps in February to March.

2. Honouliuli Contract and Access Update

- The contract is funded by the Recreational Trails Program from Federal Highway Administration. An additional amount of funding has been added to the project by the Legislature.
- The federal funding will require proof of minimal environmental and cultural impacts. This will involve more time, consultations, and funding.
- James Harmon, Branch Planner, might be able to focus on this project.

3. HMA Lease Update

- The military would like to keep the lease. The Council should advocate for trail user groups like HMA.

4. Rules Rewrite

- Rewrite is on hold; it should go to the public after the Attorney General and DOCARE review.

5. Trail Advertisement

- No letter will be sent to HTA; Chair Razon-Olds requested this item be agendized for the next Council meeting.



IV. Trail and Access Specialist Staff Report

Program Transition and Staffing Updates

- Aaron said that there will be a revolving group of acting Trails and Access Specialists: Michelle will be serving each month at least 50% capacity, staff from other programs areas will also rotate. Jenna Masters will TA as Program Manager downtown. Evan will be supporting with Field Ops.
- Trail Clearing permits and trail use permits will be coming soon. Suggests working closely with Marigold.
- Two workers have filled the Kupu positions. Field Crew leader will be hired through SCA.

Program Projects and Ongoing Operations

- Evan and Michelle should be updating the project database tracking file.
- Maunawili Falls community working group tensions between neighborhood residents and broader recreation Community. The neighbors continue to oppose access.
- Manoa Cliff Trail is partially closed due to significant rockslide event. A plan for mitigation will be developed.
- Ma'akua Trail remains closed due to fire ants infestation.
- Kaiwa Ridge Trail money needs to be spent in FY2026. There all six phases of the project.
- Kamana Nui Valley management plan is approved. The middle ridge management plan has been separated from this plan and will be a stand-alone plan.
- Tantalus Improvement Project might assist with the Manoa Cliffs repair.
- Peacock Flats Trail has no momentum and faces many challenges.
- Crew and Volunteer Projects:
 - a. Evan reported they cleared Waimano Trail, continue to work on Honouliuli Trail, is looking at a Boy Scout troop working on the Manana Trail, and worked with HURT on the Nu'uanu Trail.

V. Trail User Group Bi-Monthly Reports

5:24 p.m.

- Marian Yasuda (Trail Runners): HURT is doing trail work in advance of the HURT 100 on January 17-18. Na Ala Hele and HURT will finish removing the decayed boardwalk.
- Ken Suzuki (Hawaii Trail and Mountain): Thank you to Aaron for his service.
- Yuko Baretto (Mountain Biking/HBL): Thanked Aaron meeting regarding the Ohana Trail.
- Todd Cullison (Education): Hawaii Nature Center continues to have a great kids program.
- Sean Goo (4WD): The Toyota Annual Toy Drive occurred at Servco. Nothing to report on trail.
- Sky Razon-Olds (Rock Climbing/Cultural): Washouts have been resulting in Iwi on trails.

VI. Other Business

5:38 p.m.

Next council meeting scheduled for February 17, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

5:39 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

— **Respectfully submitted, Marian Yasuda**