



NA ALA HELE
Hawaii Trail & Access System

Approved: February 16, 2017
Revised: February 16, 2017

MEETING DATE: December 15, 2016

PLACE: Hilo DOFAW Office

Voting Members Present:

Deborah Chang, Riley Smith, Roger "Maha"
Kanealii Jr., Michael Varney, Jeff Yamauchi,
Dennis Vierra, Terrence Noda, David Rietow

Voting Members Absent Excused:

Kawehi Ryder,

Voting Members Absent Unexcused:

Invited Guest:

Public:

Ex-Officio:

Clement Chang & Jackson Bauer of Nā Ala
Hele, Rick Gmirkin of Ala Kahakai NHT

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Meeting called to order at 6:58 pm (after DOFAW Presentation on Rapid Ohia Death; background and control efforts)
 - i. Round Table Introduction of members, ex-officio, and public
- II. REVIEW and APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2016
 - A. Approved by Dennis Vierra and Terrence Noda,
 - B. Comments & Corrections, None
- III. Public Testimony – None
- IV. Unfinished Business/Committee Reports
 - A. Rapid Ohia Death (ROD) Presentation
 - i. Thanks to Clem and Jackson for putting on a great presentation.
 - ii. For more information or to review visit www.rapidohiadeath.org
 - B. Update: (Terrence) Statewide Advisory Council Meeting
 - i. Terrence passed around the report from all the different islands.
 - a. Kauai: Waialeale Boardwalk
 - b. Oahu: Kahuku Motor Cross & Maunawili Trail
 - c. Maui: BMX Bike Trail
 - d. Moana: Abstract Process
 - C. Kaulana Manu Native Bird and Plant Sanctuary
 - i. Clem handed out the latest "Preparation for Open" sheet.

- a. What we will do:
 - 1 Monitor trail conditions.
 - 2 Monitor bird population before and after opening
 - 3 Set limits for commercial and non-commercial groups such as schools.
 - b. What our signage will Include:
 - 1 The Environmental Assessment has a lot to do with this along with comments from the Council.
 - 2 Rapid Ohia Death (ROD)
 - a) ROD is thought to be in the kipuka, Confirmation pending
 - b) More discussion on this below in the Na Ala Hele Update.
 - 3 ADA requirements
 - 4 Traditional gathering rights. DOCARE starts to define this as a person who can prove their lineage is from the ahupua'a (in order to exercise their gathering rights in that ahupua`a). Gatherings must only be for cultural purposes and not for resale. Permit must be obtained through Forestry.
 - a) Debbie requests that we double check on whether it is a legal requirement that the native gatherer must prove lineage from the ahupua'a in which he is gathering.
 - b) Clem to confirm.
 - 5 David asked how big the area is and Clem replied that it is 16 acres.
 - 6 Terrence asked who this information is for and Clem replied that because this is the first new project we've done with non-pre-existing trails, with new issues such as birds, and an area that previously had little disturbance we want to make sure we address all the possible concerns and effects.
 - a) Debbie commented that this is a great opportunity to prevent problems
 - b) Riley commented that this is a fluid guideline that is open to change, if change is needed.
 - c) Clem agreed with both Debbie and Riley.
 - 7 Riley asked what was the timing to implement and open the area and Clem said hopefully in about two (2) years.
 - 8 Mike Varney asked if people are allowed to fly drone aircraft and Clem said he did not know.
 - c. Rules: No extended discussion at this time.
 - ii. Riley closed the review by asking everyone to email Clem with comments and questions for discussion at the next meeting.
- D. Na Ala Hele Update
- i. Kaulana Manu Native Bird and Plant Sanctuary: by Clement Chang
 - a. We are looking into removing the dead trees within the Kipuka. Because there appears to be symptoms of ROD within the Kipuka the people

doing the cutting will be arborists and our botanist. Strict protocols will be practiced. Doing it now allows for forest recovery before opening.

- 1 Riley asked if DNA test has been done to confirm ROD and Clem replied that it has not been done yet but will be done once the trees are fallen.
 - 2 Riley suggested that doing the DNA test before cutting will affect protocol and cost. If the test is negative the cost may be less. Clem responded that because of all the rare plants and birds the process of falling the tree from the top down remains the same but he will look into the option.
- b. Permits are ongoing.
 - c. Isemoto was awarded the bid to build the composting toilets and the parking lot. Their portion of the work is expected to start sometime next year (2017).
- ii. Boot Brush Stations: by Jackson Bauer
 - a. These are being installed at all the trail heads
 - b. Designed by the ROD committee.
 - c. There are instructions on how and why to use. Intended to be used before and after trail use. Riley's comment; after meeting; observed boot cleaning station at Waialea Beach Park (Beach 69).
 - iii. ATV Park by Clement Chang. Gutters to collect water have been installed on the maintenance shed. The collection of water is intended to be used by staff for spraying of weeds.
 - iv. Muliwai by Clement Chang. Maintenance that was previously scheduled had to be postponed due to a helicopter availability issue. Helicopter is not available until after the FAA has completed its investigation and cleared the pilot.
 - v. Pu'u Wa'awa'a Advisory Council by Clement Chang. Jackson and Clem recently were invited to do a presentation on the importance of trail planning as the Council is considering opening some trails.
 - a. We spoke on the importance of trail planning, historical trail preservation, and fire control
 - b. There was talk about fire mitigation and grazing.
 - c. Miki Kato, long time area rancher and resident, is getting ready to retire. He is an important source of knowledge and should be consulted now and post retirement.
 - d. We plan to research the trails next year in order to identify trails that can be opened and trails that should not be opened.
 - e. This Council will be updated so it can voice any of its concerns.
 - vi. Crew update by Jackson Bauer. One week each month both East and West crew get together to help catch up on trail maintenance.
 - a. Kilohana Hunters Check in and Pu'u Huluhulu toilets looking good.

- b. Help maintain boot brush stations across the island. There are about 21.
 - c. We did a brushing of the Puna trail recently but then it rained for two weeks straight. Yesterday we were able to put down some herbicide.
- E. Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail Update by Rick Gmirkin. No Update
- F. Information/Update: Tracking Tool by Deborah Chang
 - i. #7, Ka'ala Mauna Kea Moo, LLC State Lease, by Clem. Spoke to David Penn who recently left DLNR and is now with Legacy Land Conservation Program (LLCP). He said that there is no provision for public access to Hamakua Forest Reserve but that the lessee is receptive to working with us.
 - ii. #14, Keauhou Historic Trail System in Keauhou Resort, by Clem. I got in touch with Steve Lim who gave me a contact number for Leslie Yim who works for Kamehameha Schools/landowner. When I return from vacation I will follow up.
 - iii. #12, Kaupakuea Pepe'ekeo, by Debbie. Question to Clem. You were going to talk to David Penn to get clarification on how much land would be included. Clem responded that David did not give him any new information but will ask again.
 - iv. #28, Rullo in Opihihale, by Debbie. Looking for update from Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail. No update at this time by Rick.
 - v. #C, Foti Alae Subdivision by Debbie. Looking for update from Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail. No update at this time by Rick.
 - vi. #29, Skyline Trail, by Terrence. Some of the signs will need to be replaced. Some are worn and others have been vandalized.
 - vii. #31, Waiakea ATV Park, by Terrence. 50% of the trails are wide enough now to ROHV. We will be focusing on the lower half to bring it up to 70% access to ROHV.
- G. Discuss Council Members Concerns.
 - i. Terrence: What is the EA for the ATV Park, what is the status? Clem will check on the web site for the completed report.
 - ii. Debbie question to Clem: You had asked me about the Humu'ula Trail, what is the interest? Clem responded that they had a meeting with Mauna Kea management and they wanted to know the status of the trail. Natural Area Reserves System (NARS) thought it was a program trail. It is not a program trail.
- V. New Business
 - A. Set next meeting agenda.
 - B. Set next meeting date. February 16, 2017 in Waimea at 6:00PM
- VI. Public Testimony. None
- VII. Adjournment. At 8:02PM Dennis moved to adjourn the meeting followed by Jeff who seconded that motion. Approved unanimously.

**Na Ala Hele
Hawaii Island Advisory Council**

**Rules: Public Testimony and Presentations
(Approved at 5/22/13 meeting)**

I. Public Testimony:

- a. Those providing testimony at our meetings are guests of our Council. They are not Council members. They are invited to provide testimony. However, they do not have the right to question us, participate in our meeting, nor dialogue as we discuss our agenda.
- b. Shall be limited to 3 minutes, for each person.
- c. Written copies of testimony should be provided and included in the Minutes of meeting.
- d. Oral testimony must be provided in person.
- e. Testimony for a person that is not present can be turned into the Secretary for inclusion within the Minutes. It cannot be read at the meetings, as we will not have the opportunity to question the author. Electronic submittal of testimony will be allowed if provided to DOFAW 12 calendar days prior to meeting date. Otherwise, hard copies may be distributed at meeting.
- f. If testimony is being provided on behalf of an organization, it is required that the Board of Directors of the organization or a majority of the members of the organization must have voted in favor of the testimony. If this has not occurred, then it must be considered as solely the opinion of the person providing the testimony.

II. Agendized presentations to the Council:

- a. Time allowed for presentations is 10 minutes.
- b. It is likely that the Council will ask questions after the presentation is made. This Q&A period may continue for 10 – 15 minutes, at the discretion of the Chair of the Council.

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