

Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

Minutes of January 18, 2017

Present: Russell Reinertson, Tom Cannon, Donna Clayton, Sue Guille, David Brown, Kevin Jenkins, Bob Hobdy

Absent: Bruce Faulkner, Nick Saussy

Ex-Officio: Torrie Nohara

Guests: Jordan Jokiel/Haleakala Ranch, Adam Lottig/Flow Farm Pacific

Call to Order, Public Notice, Quorum

Russell called the meeting to order. Public notice was posted and quorum was met.

Review of Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2016

The December 14, 2016 minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

NAH Staff Reports:

Jon Han – No report

Torrie Nohara – A pre-construction meeting for the Kahakapao Recreational Area ADA Improvements will be held on February 1, 2017 with contractor Site Engineering, Inc. This is the last step before work begins.

Torrie provided copies of the report from Moana Rowland regarding the Disposition of Trails through TMK 2-4-12-5, 39-46 in Pi'iholo, Makawao District. Moana and Torrie met with a landowner in this area who is very interested in re-routing an old trail to the top of her development for a horse trail. Sue Guille requested that Moana research if this could be a NAH trail. Parking would be required and the landowner may not be willing to provide land for parking. Moana's report described two trails – the Haiku Wood Road and the Bridle Path and outlined the path to transfer the trail to NAH if desired.

Adam Lottig – The following is the summary of Flow Farm Pacific's 2016 work in KRA:

2016 was a year of good progress, tune-ups and improvements, in the maintenance and inspection of the progressive trail development at Kahakapao Recreational Area at Makawao Forest. The early part of the year started strong with 2 good volunteer trail maintenance days in January and February, followed by the re-shaping and adjustments to the middle part of the Pineapple Express. We received a lot of great

feedback on the work and also had some good public involvement and help from Jon and the Na Ala Hele crew. We spent the summer months riding infrequently and visited a couple times just to inspect the features because of the unseasonable rain. The National Trails Day celebration was pushed back once because of rain and the day we held the event it also rained all day. Regardless, a few people did show up to ride and plant trees with Jon and his crew as well.

The most recent work which was slated for December has also been marked by heavy rain. However, we did get some dry days and the people started to come out of hibernation and back to riding. They are starting to get excited to ride bikes again. We have had 2 work days with 5-9 guys digging for a couple hours and then riding a bit and again the Na Ala Hele crew has been so helpful with machine and tool support.

The wooden features continue to show their durability. While there is some minor wear and tear around the edges and at the tops, structurally everything is in great shape with no cracking or weathering of the wood. They look like they will continue to serve well.

1. Old Business:

1. West Maui Greenway Update – Donna reported meeting with Tiare Lawrence of the Malama Olowalu group to explain the West Maui Greenway (WMG) plans. Tiare and her group would like the greenway from the Pali to Puamana portion to stick with the Pali to Puamana Plan in place for many years that has a greenway in the plan. This is likely a good idea as the highway relocation inland is in discussion and WMG planning in this area is not possible now. Donna and Lee Chamberlain met with Ted Lennon, the designer for the Kaanapali Golf Course redesign, and Ted agreed to let the WMG go across the land owned by the Hawaii State Employee Retirement System as long as the WMG is alongside the existing railroad tracks. At a Planning Commission meeting regarding the Lahaina Bypass Phase 2-b, Donna, Lee, and others asked the design-build group to incorporate the WMG into their plan. The very next day, they emailed an updated design plan incorporating an 8 ft WMG route that will be built as part of the design-build work starting this month. Donna shared that info with David Goode. Donna received confirmation that Hawaii Tourism Authority will grant the WMG \$5,000 and she has just submitted to Kaiser a request for financial support for the first “Love the WMG Day” to be held on Earth Day, April 22. Donna, Lee and Saman attended the West Maui Taxpayers Association meeting and had a booth to tout the WMG.
2. Nakula Potential Access Routes – No report
3. Waia’ilio Trail Complex – No report
4. Maui Motocross Park – No report

5. Waihee Ridge Trail – Torrie discussed the plans showing the sheet drains and 2 platforms. The sheet drain work is now done. They are having problems keeping people off the trail while the work is in progress. Next step is gravel placement and Heli ops to get supplies in place. The opening date for the trail is Feb. 28.

Leiohu Ryder will be asked to do the blessing. Historically, David Brown had donated a picnic table for the upper platforms.

6. Makena to Ulupalakua Trail – Moana Rowland’s report was distributed. It states there is no evidence the government built the current alignment of the road. Her attached 1850 patent map shows two roads. One is labeled Old Gov’t Road and one labeled Torbert’s New Road. Tom will do more research into old maps and report. Torrie also passed out copies of the short version of the Highways Act.
7. Hoapili Trail – No report
8. A&B Lands – Torrie circulated the NAH letter prepared at the December meeting by the Maui Council and sent to A&B regarding use of their lands.
9. CIP Priorities – Torrie submitted the Maui Council’s priorities including funding for the Haleakala Trail surveying work and overall improvement for Maui trails. This will be reviewed by the legislature. Torrie encouraged the council members to state their preference for priority work but all felt she was the best one to prioritize the work. We can remove this item from the agenda and Torrie will update us on CIP in her report.
10. Haleakala Trail – Jordan Jokiel requested a position from the Maui Council on whether this trail should be a NAH trail and also what process was used for coming up with that position. He had noticed a draft list of questions that could be used to determine if a trail should be a NAH trail in the original NAH manual. As part of the discussion, Torrie read the judgement on the Haleakala Trail. It was agreed at the next meeting the council would review the feasibility of the Haleakala Trail as a NAH trail using as a starting point the list of draft questions.

New Business:

1. Suggestions for new Na Ala Hele Trails – None
 2. Agenda items for next meeting – Remove CIP Priorities, change Waihee Ridge Trail wording to Waihee Ridge Trail – Update on trail work
 3. Date of next meeting: February 15, 2017 at baseyard if available.
11. Public Testimony on All Agenda Items, Public Comments – Open Forum:

Adjournment: 4:00 pm