

## **Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council**

### **Minutes of February 15, 2017**

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

Absent:

Ex-Officio: Torrie Nohara

Guests: Jordan Jokiel/Haleakala Ranch, Bruce Faulkner

#### 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 January 18, 2017

The January 18, 2017 minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

#### NAH Staff Reports:

Jon Han – Volunteer/Intern Update: Joshua Pinheiro (KUPU Intern) has completed 528 hours since he rejoined Na Ala Hele as an intern on Nov. 7, 2016. Mykah Bailey, who completed 900 hours of service last year through MEO has currently completed 184 hours of his second term of MEO internship. On January 17<sup>th</sup>, the crew also acquired two new MEO interns – Kyle Frazier and Christina Wine. Both have completed 160 hours so far. The Na Ala Hele trail crew is very grateful to get the extra hands and help from these four interns.

From the third week of November to the end on the month time was spent on daily trail maintenance projects. For the month of December, the crew completed normal trail duties as well as installing two lunch tables near the bottom parking lot at the Kahakapao Recreational Area. A lot of preparation work for the Waihee Ridge Trail project was also done in December. Starting on January 3, 2017 the project for Waihee Ridge Trail began and the first week was spent on the logistics of getting materials and people flown to the site. The second week construction began on the top observation platform with one crew working on the platform and a second crew working on the sheet drain in the bog area just past the paper bark trees about 1.5 miles up the trail.

Geotextile sheet drain and geocell along with gravel was used to complete that section. Weeks 3 and 4 the crew spent time finishing the bottom observation platform as well as filling the drainage near the bottom of the trail with rock to help slow the flow of water during heavy rains. Tread work was also completed about a mile up the trail during the first couple of weeks with water control rolling dips put in place. Due to poor weather, tread work was kept to a minimum.

Looking ahead the crews are planning on completing trail maintenance projects as well as doing some hand work on Lahaina Pali Trail and clearing out and touching up some of the water control features on the upper sections of the Waihee Ridge Trail.

Torrie Nohara –Torrie passed out copies of the following:

1. Hawai'i Island Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Hawaiian Trails
2. Chapter 264 Highways rules
3. Circulated a 1977 State Trails Map from before the formation of Na Ala Hele

Old Business:

1. West Maui Greenway Update – Donna reported the planning for the Love the West Maui Greenway Day is stalled while they find a new location to hold the event. The Sugar Cane Train folks backed out this morning. The event date is set for Earth Day April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9-4pm and may include a March for Science to bring folks to the site. She has approached Rotary for financial support and should hear soon. Sue suggested she contact Jeff Ferguson of Pioneer Mill for a site.
2. Nakula Potential Access Routes – The letter to Suzanne Case will be finalized and sent out ASAP.
3. Waia'ilio Trail Complex – Site visit will be set up in April. Russell reported he recently hiked the area and provided GPS coordinates for house sites he located.
4. Maui Motocross Park – Nick is working with the County on a long-term lease. HC&S is still providing water but has not gotten back to Nick on his request for an alternative park site. He has a 1963 Ford 2-ton flatbed water truck almost ready for use. Races this Saturday and Sunday with practice on Friday.
5. Waihee Ridge Trail – Torrie reported the trail has been opened and then will be closed during next phase of work March 20 – April 7. There are two platforms done with temporary railings that will be replaced with stainless steel guard rails. The sheet drainage is done.
6. Makena to Ulupalakua Trail –Tom will do more research into old maps and report.
7. Hoapili Trail – Contract awarded to SWCA the environmental assessment (EA) consultant to do the EA and management plan for the proposed Game Management Area (GMA). They will come before this council during the pre-consultation meetings with plans for the GMA.
8. A&B Lands future trail potential - Nothing new. Sue will meet with Mayor Arakawa tonight and get an update from him.

9. Haleakala Bridle Trail – Maui Council Position – Bob brought the book Surveying the Mahele from 1872 that shows a map of the Bridle Trail at that time. Discussion on the council position included info that the attorney general said to leave the trail alone. Kevin said as expense to improve it is a big concern, perhaps if we involved the National Park Service to have them take on the trail and perhaps call it the Daniel K. Inouye Trail we could get funds. Torrie suggested an interpretive sign in addition to building a small section of the trail for a tourist experience might work; however, parking is a problem.

New Business:

1. Suggestions for new Na Ala Hele Trails:
  - a. Keven asked if the Waihee Ridge Trail could be extended in some direction. Torrie said that the West Maui, Kahakuloa Section NAR is above the trail and that is a sensitive and fragile ecosystem. However, a lateral trail off the side perhaps to the intake might work.
  - b. Torrie located social trails in Kaumahina and Keanae Arboretum area that might be doable. She will have her crew provide GPS info and hopefully they can find a trail to a waterfall.
2. Agenda items for next meeting – Change Maui Motocross Park item to just Maui Motocross Park Update. Add Evaluation of Trails and Access Guidelines.
3. Date of next meeting: March 22, 2017 at the DLNR conference room if available.
10. Public Testimony on All Agenda Items, Public Comments – Open Forum:
  - a. Bruce has left the council due to his position on the Real Estate Commission.

Adjournment: 4:00 pm