

Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

Minutes of March 22, 2017

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

Absent: Sue Guille, Nick Saussy

Ex-Officio: Torrie Nohara

Guests: John Krieg/Haleakala Ranch, Bruce Faulkner, Cam Lockwood, 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 February 15, 2017

The February 15, 2017 minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

NAH Staff Reports:

Jon Han – Volunteer/Intern Update: Joshua Pinheiro (KUPU Intern) has completed 704 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 312 hours of his second term of MEO internship. On January 17th the crew also acquired two new MEO interns – Kyle Frazier and Christina Wine. Kyle has completed his 300 hour term as of Friday, March 10, 2017 and Christina has about another month's worth of work to finish her term. The Na Ala Hele trail crew is very grateful to get the extra help from these four interns.

From the third week of February until the end of the month the crew spent time on trail maintenance-weed eating and chain sawing downed trees. The first two weeks of March the crew worked on pouring cement in one of the gulch sections of the Waiakoa Loop Trail which received damage from the heavy rains. We are hoping the cement holds up and will prevent any more damage in the future. The week of March 13 the crew spent time prepping for the continuation of the Waihee Ridge Trail project and also attended the annual fire refresher.

Looking ahead the crew will continue working on the Waihee Ridge Trail for about a month. Contractor Cam Lockwood arrives on March 20, 2017. The work will include installing retaining walls in the switch back area of the trail, trail tread improvements and also placing gravel in the first section of the trail. The Maui Na Ala Hele crew will also get assistance from off island Na Ala Hele crews who will be on Maui from April 3-April 7 to help out with the Waihee Ridge Trail project.

Kahakapao Recreational Area Maintenance Report – Adam Lottig of Flow Farm Pacific reported that March has continued the dry trend and there is more and more regular traffic on the trails in Kahakapao. There has also been strong kona winds prevailing and knocking down a lot of sticks and leaf material. He has started working with 3 high school kids who working on community service for varying reasons. He started them with raking the sticks and leaves off of the lower sections of the trails and will have them continue to move up the trail system raking and clearing manageable tree fall and asking for assistance with anything too large to handle. He also started working on the critical edge of the trail on areas where drainage has become an issue. Adam is starting a photo documentation of the PBR features to include in future monthly and quarterly reports.

NAH Specialist Report -Torrie Nohara –Torrie passed out copies of the following:

1. Bruce Faulkner's resignation letter. We are now looking for a new council member. The Maui Council must approve the applicant first before the review of the new member by upper management.
2. Pending legislation – Senate Bill 709 Relating to Trails, House Bill 120, House Draft 1 Relating to Hawaiian Affairs, House Bill 479 Making an Appropriation for Hiker Safety and Preparedness

Old Business:

1. West Maui Greenway Update – Donna reported the new location for the first annual Love the West Maui Greenway Day is at the Lahaina Civic Center's amphitheater. Flyers for the event were emailed out to the council members. The date is April 22nd from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Volunteers are needed. Kaiser approved a grant request for \$5,000 for the event which along with the Hawaii Tourism Authority grant of \$5,000 and two other donations of \$1,000 each are helping to fund the day. The goal is to make this a green certified event. Donna met with artists Melinda Carroll and Lehua Simon regarding involving artists in the West Maui Greenway design thinking and Lehua volunteered to write a grant to ArtPlace for the West Maui Greenway next January. Donna is reaching out to Uncle Glenn, member of the Lahaina Ahu Moku with the help of Lucienne DeNaie and Tamara Palten.
2. Nakula Potential Access Routes – The letter to Suzanne Case was mailed with one map. Russell also mailed the letter with additional map info and the lease to Suzanne Case. Scott will reply to the letter. Bruce met with homeowners in the area about the access around the top and they seemed receptive to the idea.
3. Waia'ilio Trail Complex – Site visit will be set up in April.
4. Maui Motocross Park – Nick reported that Maui Motocross Park is on the comeback trail. Membership is up from last year and the kid membership is nearly double. Park grounds are looking great. There is now a grounds-keeping sub-committee that is going above and beyond. They still have water and Nick

will meet with David Sereda at Chris Hart & Partners on Saturday at the track to discuss and map out a long-term plan. NAH issued a purchase order to Chris Hart & Partners for a Master Plan. NAH also will pay for trophies and hats for riders with funds from the ever-growing RTP funds that can be spent only on OHV uses. A pro rider from the mainland will come in April to do ride clinics. Races will start up in April.

5. Waihee Ridge Trail – Cam is working his way up the trail and is up to the stairs. The synthetic timbers for stabilizing the retaining walls have come in and should keep the folks on the trail. The ground is too moist for the dozer to be used. Cables for the top of the bridge should arrive soon. The trail is closed again.
6. Makena to Ulupalakua Trail – Nothing new.
7. Hoapili Trail – Nothing new.
8. A&B Lands future trail potential – Torrie circulated the Wilson Okamoto Corporation response to the Maui Council's comments on the Early Consultation for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement.
9. Haleakala Trail – Maui Council Position – Torrie read a message from Natalie Gates, Superintendent Haleakala National Park, regarding her concerns about opening the trail across the park boundary because of real potential for adverse impacts to sensitive and endangered resources and to visitor safety. She asked that the Maui Council make a strong statement in support of the National Park Service's (NPS) restoration programs and advise the public to respect (and not climb) any NPS fences. Discussion on the next steps for the Haleakala Trail included the need for a cultural and archaeological assessment. Torrie has asked for a bid for this work for the section of the trail on ranch lands. Motions made by David and seconded by Tom to ask DLNR to locate the trail on the ground were withdrawn for now. David and Torrie will see if the survey work done for PATH can be provided to Torrie and Torrie will check with land management to check on the way to move forward with survey work.
10. Evaluation of Trails and Access Guidelines – Deferred to next meeting.
11. New Business:
 1. Suggestions for new Na Ala Hele Trails: Bruce asked about the trail to Kipahulu Forest Reserve that is now fenced.
 2. Agenda items for next meeting – Delete Hoapili Trail and A&B/EMI Lands for now.
 3. Date of next meeting: April 19, 2017 at the DLNR conference room if available.
12. Public Testimony on All Agenda Items, Public Comments – Open Forum: None

13. Adjournment: 4:00 pm