

Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

Minutes of July 19, 2017

Present: Russell Reinertson, Donna Clayton, David Brown, Kevin Jenkins, Sue Guile, Nick Saussy, Bob Hobdy, Terry Quisenberry (confirmation pending)

Absent: Tom Cannon

Ex-Officio: Scott Fretz, Torrie Nohara

Guests: Lucienne de Naie, Sierra Club Maui Group; Isaac Hall, Esq., Hui Alanui o Makena; Jordan Jokiel, Haleakala Ranch

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 June 21, 2017

The June 21, 2017 minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

NAH Staff Reports:

Jon Han – Volunteer/Intern Update: Joshua Pinheiro (KUPU Intern) has completed 1165 hours out of 1700 hours since he rejoined Na Ala Hele as an intern on Nov. 7, 2016. Mykah Bailey has completed 784 hours of his 900-hour term. The crew also acquired 4 new MEO interns – Samson Bailey, who started on May 17th, has completed 248 of his 900-hour term; Trent Nakihei started on June 20th and has completed 96 hours of his 900-hour term, Wesley Hart started on July 6th and has completed 64 hours of his 900 hour term and Kaipō Nakahashi started June 10 and has completed 56 hours of his 900 hour term. The Na Ala Hele trail crew now has 12 crewmembers and is very grateful to get the extra hands and help from these interns.

From June 21st-July 19th, crews were split in half with one crew working on Waiakoa Loop Trail gulch mitigation and the other half working on tread improvements to Boundary Trail. Due to the past heavy rains, portions of the gulch crossings on Waiakoa Loop Trail were washed out. To prevent future damage, cement was poured on 2 of the crossings and the crew is currently working on installing a small foot/bike bridge on the last damaged gulch crossing. Boundary Trail tread improvements are also being completed. Trail improvements include; installing proper water control features, improving out slopes, creation of a full-bench cut, brushing back vegetation, and removal of large boulders from the trail.

Looking ahead, the crew will continue to work on the gulch mitigation on Waiakoa Loop Trail as well as trail tread improvements on Boundary Trail and hope to finish both by mid-August. Once done, the crew will be doing weed whacking on all trails which should take up to two weeks followed by constructing retaining walls, replacing mileage

signage, installing additional steps where needed and replacing the bench at the first observation platform at Waihee Ridge Trail.

Kahakapao Recreational Area Maintenance Report: Adam Lottig/Flow Farm Pacific is unable to attend today but will submit his report shortly.

NAH Specialist Report -Torrie Nohara –Torrie’s comments fall under Old Business items.

Old Business:

1. West Maui Greenway “WVG” Update – Donna is overseeing the Public Works process on Phase I design which is moving slowly forward. She is applying for two grants this month – People for Bikes for funding to bolster Phase I design funds and Hawaii Tourism Authority for funding for the second Love the West Maui Greenway Day scheduled for April 14, 2018. Donna is working with County Parks Dept. on the permits for the event.
2. Nakula Potential Access Routes –Nothing new
3. Waia’ilio Trail Complex – Nothing new
4. Maui Motocross Park – Nick continues to work on a master plan with David Sereda. Summer races are going on. Goodfellow Bros. donated two loads of dirt and offered to help with a water truck for races.
5. Waihee Ridge Trail – Focus will return to this trail in mid-September to finish up the work.
6. Makena to Ulupalakua Trail – Lucienne de Naie gave a copy of her book “Project Ka’eo – The Challenge to Preserve Cultural Landscape in Modern Makena” for Na Ala Hele use. She said the map from the 1890s showed a proposal to rebuild this road but she has not seen any evidence of that work being done. During WWII years, the shape of the road changed to the characteristic switchback design of today. As part of the settlement agreement for Makena, alignment of the road is shown through Makena’s 47 acres in their SMA permit map for development above Makena landing. The road route has a variation to go around planned buildings and the agreement also included extension of the road above these 47 acres on land owned by ATC Makena.

Torrie read the report from Moana Rowland regarding Ulupalakua-Makena Road situate in Tax Plan 2-1-8 at Honuaula stating the current road alignment appears on government maps in the 1940’s. The original alignment of the road was constructed by Linton L. Torbert in 1847 and ran mauka-makai from his plantation to a landing at the sea. Torbert received fee simple title to the road from the Hawaiian government in 1850 with the issuance of Grant No. 223. There was an old government road that ran parallel to Torbert’s road mauka from

the Apuakea Fishpond at Kaeo around Pu'u Keekeehia; however, in 1866 this government road no longer appears on maps or surveys.

Lucienne has hopes that with the Makena agreement memorializing the road it could later connect to Kalama-Kanaio Rd. which would give integrity to cultural preservation on the site. Public access protocol will be determined by a future cultural manager paid by ATC Makena but managed by one of the following groups: Hawaii Island Land Trust, Maui Tropical Botanical Garden, or Maui Cultural Lands.

Isaac Hall stated the Makena settlement did not address concerns for the Hui Alanui o Makena. He agrees with Moana's analysis of the road and that the road should not be confused with Torbert's Road. The Makena – Ulupalakua Road was closed in 1983 till present. HRS 264, 1-A stated roads used for vehicular purposes belong to the state, county or government and NAH has no jurisdiction over roads. Torrie assured Mr. Hall that NAH is not interested in a trail on the road for that very reason.

7. Haleakala Trail – Torrie and Scott approached the Sierra Club, PATH and the Mauna Ala Hiking Club regarding conducting guided hikes on the trail and both the Sierra Club and PATH will be happy to discuss this further. Torrie and Scott plan to meet with Haleakala Ranch next. Guided hikes conducted at least quarterly would not require an archaeological study. Torrie recently got rough quotes for both the archaeological and cultural studies for the trail and funds are not available now. The Memo of Understanding with Haleakala Ranch was terminated on 7/14/17 by the Board of Land and Natural Resources.
8. Statewide Advisory Council Meeting – Russell showed the Power Point he plans to use at the meeting for his presentation this Saturday. Everyone thought it was terrific and suggested minor corrections. Nick is also attending the meeting and will add his info to the presentation given at the statewide meeting. Written copies of Russell's report were distributed.
9. Trail Above Keanae Arboretum – Torrie considered the trail briefly but has not had time to fully research the potential.

New Business:

1. Suggestions for new Na Ala Hele Trails: David suggested the Poelua road that has become very overgrown and is no longer drivable would make a good trail and take pressure off Waihee Ridge Trail. There is also adequate parking available. Torrie will check with Wildlife as Poelua is in their game management area.
2. Agenda items for next meeting – No changes.
3. Date of next meeting: August 23, 2017

Public Testimony on All Agenda Items, Public Comments – Open Forum: See above

Adjournment: 4:00 pm