

## Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

### Minutes of October 18, 2017

Present: Russell Reinertson, David Brown, Kevin Jenkins, Donna Clayton, Nick Saussy, Tom Cannon, Terry Quisenberry

Absent: Bob Hobdy, Sue Guille

Ex-Officio: Scott Fretz, Jon Han, Corey Rosa, and Kaina Ryan

Guests: Jordan Jokiel/VP-Haleakala Ranch

#### Call to Order, Public Notice, Quorum

Russell called the meeting to order at 2:00pm. Public notice was posted and quorum was met.

#### Review of Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2017

The September 20, 2017 minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

#### NAH Staff Reports:

No NAH Technician Report. Jon Han report:

Volunteer/Intern Update: Joshua Pinheiro (KUPU Intern) has completed his 1700 hour term with NAH on September 29. He joined NAH as an intern on November 7, 2016. Joshua has begun his second 1700 hour term thru KUPU with his first day back on October 2. The crew also acquired Mykah Bailey as a KUPU intern with a start date on October 2 as well. Mykah previously worked with NAH as an MEO intern. MEO interns Samson Bailey, who started on May 17, 2017, has completed 700 hours of his 900 hour term. Trent Nakihei started with the crew on June 20, 2017 and has completed 538 hours of his 900 hour term. Wesley Hart's start date was July 6, 2017 and he has completed 482 hours of his 900 hour term. Kaipo Nakahashi started on June 10, 2017 and has completed 448 hours of his 900 hour term. The NAH trail crew now has a total of 12 crewmembers with 6 of them being interns. The NAH crew is very grateful to get the extra hands and help from these new interns.

From August 8<sup>th</sup> – September 22 crews were split in half with one crew working on Waiakoa Loop Trail gulch mitigation and the other half of the crew working on tread improvements to Boundary Trail. Both projects were completed on Friday, September 22. There were a few days in between where regular trail maintenance was completed such as weed whacking and removal of down trees. Following the completion of the projects the crew returned to completing trail maintenance duties on all east Maui trails which included the crew camping out at Polipoli for three days which gave them the ability to get in more time in a day's work. The week of October 9-13 the crew will be working on installing steps around the switch backs on Waihee Ridge Trail using recycled plastic lumber. The crew will also be working on cleaning out and touching up the water control features such as the rolling dips to ensure they are working properly to reduce future water damage.

Looking ahead for the month of October, the crew will be finishing installing the steps at Waihee, completing trail maintenance on all west Maui trails and they are scheduled to work with the US Forest Service's Enterprise Team on the bottom portion of Upper Waiohuli Trail depending on scheduling it may be pushed back to December.

Flow Farm Pacific Kahakapao Report: No report.

NAH District Manager's Report – Scott Fretz reported the budget is stable for the program. No new CIP dollars for the rest of this year. Most CIP projects are done. The new office in the old warehouse area is underway and expected to be completed in one year.

Old Business:

1. West Maui Greenway Update: Donna reported she has been attending several West Maui Community Plan meetings to keep the West Maui Greenway in the discussion. She is working with Kihei Charter School students on a Public Service Announcement on the greenway for Akaku. Hawaii Tourism Authority grant of \$15,000 will help with the second annual Love the West Maui Greenway Day and there is hope that the People for Bikes grant will provide additional funding.
2. Nakula Potential Access Routes – No update. Scott invited Daniel Ornellas to discuss this with us at a future meeting. This leased land is under consideration for transfer to agriculture and Scott will discuss this with the Director of Agriculture and Suzanne Case. On hold for now.
3. Waia'ilio Trail Complex: Nothing to report; site visit pending. Tom suggested having a drone along could be very helpful.
4. Maui Motocross Park: Nick continues to work on the park master plan. Three condemned buildings have been removed. The next step is a concrete slab and then a shelter and new scoring tower. Races have started up.
5. Waihee Ridge Trail: Scott circulated photos of the new spiral steps made of recycled plastic. The long-term goal is to add gravel. It might be necessary to close the trail when they build the culvert by the top parking lot.
6. Makena to Ulupalakua Trail: Scott passed out copies of the different road maps over the years showing different uses. Bob Hobdy provided these maps and we will discuss when Bob returns. Dave said Lucienne De Naie will lead a hike on the old road with Sierra Club members on December 9.
7. Onau Alanui – Nothing new.
8. Haleakala Trail: Scott said a meeting with the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) parties is planned once the MOA is drafted and under review by the Attorney General. Plans are underway for quarterly guided hikes for a maximum group size of 20. Additional hikes might be allowed. Drop off at the top with a walk down or vice versa are planned. Sign up for the hikes will be handled by the Sierra Club and training for the guides, safety considerations and signage will be required. The board must approve the plan. Scott will check if there are any requirements for an archaeology inventory.
9. Trail above Keanae Arboretum: A site visit is planned for next Wednesday. Any council members who want to go should let Jon Han know and meet at 7:30 am at the baseyard with a second pick up at Haiku Community Center.

New Business:

1. Suggestions for new Na Ala Hele Trails: Scott reported that a trail at Lipoa Point, now owned by DLNR, might be possible. He is working with the Save Honolulu group, community members and Planning Consultants Hawaii on planning for the site. An open house discussion will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup>.
2. Add Lipoa Point to the next meeting agenda.
3. Date of next meeting: November 15, 2017.

Public Testimony of All Agenda Items, Public Comments – Open Forum: None.

Adjournment: 3:30pm