



NĀ ALA HELE
Hawai'i Trail & Access System

Nā Ala Hele
Hawai'i Island Advisory Council Minutes

Approved: February 15, 2018

Revised: February 15, 2018

MEETING DATE: November 11th, 2017

PLACE: Waimea DOFAW Office

Voting Members Present:

Deborah Chang, Riley Smith, Roger "Maha"
Kanealii Jr., Michael Varney, Jeff Yamauchi,
Terrence Noda

Voting Members Absent Excused:

Kawehi Ryder

Voting Members Absent Unexcused:
Invited Guest:

David Rietow, Dennis Vierra

Public:

Dwayne Yoshina

Ex-Officio:

Clement Chang & Jackson Bauer of Na Ala Hele,
Mr. Arakaki of Ala Kahakai NHT

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Meeting called to order by Riley at 6:00 pm
- II. REVIEW and APPROVE MINUTES OF September 14, 2017
 - A. Dennis Vierra and Jeff Yamauchi moved to approve meeting minutes
 - B. Minutes approved.
- III. PUBLIC TESTIMONY (Three minutes maximum)
 - A. None given
- IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Kaulana Manu Nature Trail update (Nā Ala Hele staff)
 1. Continued work on interpretive signs
 2. Building and county permits in process of being finalized and obtained.
 - B. Nā Ala Hele program update by staff
 1. Waiakea ATV trail (Terrence)– process of removing vegetation on road and scenic area, largely uluhe; all the trails open; GPS and map parks that will be updated and edited; ATV training for public (free when coordinated with DOFAW or after the purchase of an ATV); in process of creating loop trail for 64 inch wide vehicles; one trail at the bottom that is in a swampy area has some logistic issues.

2. Sep 6, 2017 (Jackson) – Ms. Case (DLNR Chair) made an announcement to make it official of the cross-island birding sites at the Festival of Birds in Kona.
 3. Waimanu (Jackson) – week-long maintenance on Sep. 25 to 29, 2017. Nine were staff of the seventeen who participated in cleaning up and maintaining both the camp area and the trail. Trail looks good.
 4. Humu`ula Trail (Jackson) – overgrown – upper half is way overgrown. The crew did GPS routing and flagging some minimal maintenance.
 5. Puu Huluhulu (Jackson) – portable outhouse is in compliance with location and stripping marking. Example for Kilohana for next year (2018)
 6. Ainapo (Jackson) - November 6 to 8, 2017. Carpenters painted cabins and replaced steps. Added picnic table. Good shape overall.
 7. Kuamo`o section of Government Beach Road (Jackson) – Worked with Aric, Rick, and Monica of Aloha Kuamo`o `Āina (major landowner of the battlefield). Planning to open that section of the trail from Hokuli`a to Kuamo`o as a NAH Program Trail. Aloha Kuamo`o `Āina cooperates with Na Ala Hele to work together and maintain the trail and surrounding area – plan to develop some kind of agreement. Up for discussion for next meeting. Clement – “When there is a lot of rain the grasses are very thick. When dry it’s not so bad.”
 8. Training (Jackson) – leadership and coaching training (Oct. 2017) and easement training (Nov. 2017). Public speaking and meeting skills training (Dec. 2017).
 9. Outreach Events (Jackson) – Hawaii Festival of Birds (Sep. 16) and Run for the Dry Forest Event (Na Ala Hele Trail Booth). New event - Christmas Bird Count at the Puu O`o trail on Dec. 17, 2017. This bird count is a National volunteer and outreach event.
 10. Big Island Invasive Species Committee (Jackson) – Studied the Pololu trail head for five days on different verbal signage and frequency of boot cleaning use. Noted - 200 people (8 am to 2 pm) and might be as large 250 people who access the trail per day.
 11. CIP update (Jackson) – Pololu Trail Parking and Restroom and Hookena/Honaunau Project have made it to the next step in the process of being funded. State legislature will be involved in funding selection process. Staff has been involved in discussion of new template for CIP requests and the limitations of CIP proposals with comments for improvements.
 12. Technician position still open for Na Ala Hele (Jackson)
 13. Kuamo`o section of Old Government Road (Jackson) – Landowner request for vehicle use but needs to be investigated by SHPD and permitting process required. Historic ranch walls may need to be mitigated if vehicles are used for that section of the trail.
- C. Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail Update by Mr. Arakaki
1. 49 Black Sand Beach access (#3) is now safe after doing improvements. Working with the homeowners association to install warning signage. Association is primarily responsible for maintenance of the trail.

2. Conservation easement offered by the landowner for public access at Kohala Kai, LLC. Under investigation by National Office to determine the best way of opening up the easement.

D. Information/Update: Tracking Tool (Deborah Chang)

1. Hilo Forest Reserve access for Honomu (#4) – handed out the final subdivision map showing the newly created public access road lot to the forest reserve. When proposed subdivisions abut the forest reserve or shoreline and involve the creation of six or more lots, the County can require public access to be provided.
2. Kaulana Manu Sanctuary (#11) – status still the same.
3. Kaupakuea, Pepe'ekeo (#12) – 6,500 acres of continuous public access lands. 1,700 acres in the process of being acquired - estimated cost of land is \$2 million.
4. Kohala Kai LLC (#15) – actively pursuing a Conservation Easement being offered by landowner.
5. Kona Sea Ranch (#16) – Clement is going to further investigate. Shoreline public access signage is supposed to be installed by the County.
6. Lower Waiakea Mountain Bicycle Park (#19) – not part of Na Ala Hele – move to inactive.
7. Maulua (#20) – move to inactive
8. Mauna Loa Observatory Road (#21) – Correct description of restrictions on website.
9. Puu wa`awa`a Five-year Recreational Plan Update (#29) – ATV use – ranchers pay to use the roads, but ATV use by hunters is prohibited.
10. Rullo in Opihihale , South Kona (#30) – ask Rick about the matter
11. The trail between Mauumae and MKB Hotel (#32) - Working on solutions. Ask Rick for an update.
12. Waipunalei Trail (#36) – DOFAW pays Kamehameha Schools for access across their lands.

E. Discuss Council Members Concerns

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Set next meeting agenda

B. Nā Ala Hele Advisory Council Meeting is 6 pm, Thursday, February 15th, at Hilo offices

VI. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

A. None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motioned to adjourn (Terrence) and second the motion (Dennis)

B. Meeting ended at 8 pm

ADA	Americans with Disability Act.
BIISC	Big Island Invasive Species Committee
CIP	Capital Improvement Program
DHHL	Department of Hawai'ian Home Lands

DLNR	Department of Land and Natural Resources
DOFAW	Department of Forestry and Wildlife
GPS	Global Positioning Satellite
HDOT	Hawaii Department of Transportation
KCRA	Kohala Coast Resort Association
KRDC	Keauhou Resort Development Corp
KSBE	Kamehameha School Bishop Estate
NAH	Na Ala Hele
NARS	Natural Area Reserve System
OGR	Old Government Road
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ROHVA	Recreational Off Highway Vehicle Association.
SHPD	State of Hawai'i Historic Preservation Division

**Na Ala Hele
Hawai'i Island Advisory Council**

I. Public Testimony:

- a. Those providing testimony at our meetings are guests of our Council. They are not Council members. They are invited to provide testimony. However, they do not have the right to question us, participate in our meeting, nor dialogue as we discuss our agenda.
- b. Shall be limited to 3 minutes, for each person.
- c. Written copies of testimony should be provided and included in the Minutes of meeting.
- d. Oral testimony must be provided in person.
- e. Testimony for a person that is not present can be turned into the Secretary for inclusion within the Minutes. It cannot be read at the meetings, as we will not have the opportunity to question the author. Electronic submittal of testimony will be allowed if provided to DOFAW 12 calendar days prior to meeting date. Otherwise, hard copies may be distributed at meeting.
- f. If testimony is being provided on behalf of an organization, it is required that the Board of Directors of the organization or a majority of the members of the organization must have voted in favor of the testimony. If this has not occurred, then it must be considered as solely the opinion of the person providing the testimony.

II. Agendized presentations to the Council:

- a. Time allowed for presentations is 10 minutes.
- b. It is likely that the Council will ask questions after the presentation is made. This Q&A period may continue for 10 – 15 minutes, at the discretion of the Chair of the Council.