



Na Ala Hele
Trails & Access Program

Oahu Na Ala Hele Trail and Access Advisory Council
Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, December 12, 2017

TIME: 4:03 pm to 5:44 pm

PLACE: Makiki DOFAW Baseyard Conference Room—2135 Makiki Heights Dr./ Honolulu, HI 96822

PRESENT: *Members:* Josiah Jury (hunters), Ken Suzuki (hikers), David Nash (mountain bikers), P.J. Salmonson (trail runners), Jesse Weber (4WD)

Ex-Officio and Additional Guests: Li Brado Cobian, Michael Algiers, Rory Reiley, Pua Hoomanawanui, Michael Mallay, Aaron Lowe, Celeste Yee

Call to Order, Introductions, and Announcements: 4:03 pm
Chair David Nash called the meeting to Order at 4:03 pm. Introductions were made and a signup sheet was circulated. Michael Malloy was recognized as the new Na Ala Hele Program Manager.

Acceptance of October 23, 2017 Minutes: 4:07 pm
Following a review of the October 23 minutes, it was moved (by D. Nash) and seconded (by J. Weber) that the October 23, 2017 minutes be approved without amendments.

Review and Follow-Up of October Motions: 4:10 pm
Council reviewed three motions that were suggested during the October 2017 meeting. The motions and council decisions are listed below:

Motion 1: Ability to renew membership through an electronic application

An electronic application form, mirroring the manual application, was developed and forwarded to all existing Oahu NAHAC council members and interested parties. Members agreed to submit personal application on Dec. 26, 2017. Council members reviewed the new form and accepted this method with the following stipulation:

-Copy of the electronic submittal be sent back to the applicant for review. Note, applicants can currently revise application answers after submittal.

Motion 2: Acceptance of electronic signatures as documentation of support by represented constituents

Motions was accepted by D. Nash and seconded by J. Weber

Motion 3: Changing the Oahu NAHAC start time to 4:30 pm.

The motion was deferred to next Oahu NAHAC meeting, when a full council could vote on the motion.

Oahu NAH Staff Report: 4:25 pm

Oahu NAH Program Specialist, Aaron Lowe, presented the Oahu NAH staff report (see Attachment 1). A. Lowe also reported on the renewal of the trail clearing contract. Meeting attendees made an inquiry into the possibility of a reporting schedule from contractors. This would allow HTMC to efficiently coordinate trail clearing and minimize duplicated clearing efforts.

Staff also reported that the program is functioning on a limited capacity as staff members have become incapacitated. Added capacity, however, will be gained with the hiring of the FWII worker.

Trail User Reports

4:43 pm

4WD:

NAHAC member, J. Weber reported little activity due to downed 4WD vehicle. However, expressed interest in completing mapping for potential expansion. NAH staff will work to present data for next meeting and schedule additional data collection if needed.

Hunting:

NAHAC member, J. Jury reported mixed communications with hunting community and aerial shooting. Some concern about game availability during aerial shooting sessions. Member also reported limited opportunity for bow hunters and expressed interest in finding expansion opportunities. Council member also noted that education efforts from the hunter's association also aim to encourage hunter check-in at designated stations. There was expressed interest in creating a check-in app for discreet check-in and increased participation. Hunters offered to help with clearing shortages in exchange for additional, weekday hunting access. Staff will follow-up.

Hiking:

NAHAC member, K. Suzuki reported high use on many Oahu trails. High use also prompted parking conflicts between trailhead resident communities, organized trail users (like HTMC), and general trail users. NAH staff noted continued work to find parking solutions with other state and city agencies while educating hikers on best parking practices in the interim. HTMC clearing continues regularly island wide (see Attachment 2).

HMA:

Delegate, R. _____ reported new installation of safety signs at Kahuku Motocross Park and military clean-up (see Attachment 3). HMA expressed interest in participation in RTP education and relayed efforts to mediate environmental impact and continue park services. M. Malloy expressed interest in investigating further park needs.

Mountain Biking:

NAHAC member, D. Nash reported trail remediation efforts along Ohana trail. Hardening trail sections with larger stones/ boulders and surge mitigated erosion along trail sections.

Trail Running:

NAHAC member, P.J. Salmonson reported finishing trail race series in October. The events were successful. HURT is now focused on preparing for the HURT 100 race in Makiki-Tantalus Trail System.

Additional Announcements

5:39 pm

NAHAC reported contact with John Alfred, a commercial tour operator, who expressed interest in making additional NAH trails available for commercial tour operations. D. Nash also encouraged members to guide constituent groups in legislative and community outreach for trail advocacy.

Next Meeting

5:40 pm

Next meeting is tentatively set for Feb. 20, 2018 at 4pm.

Adjournment

5:44 pm

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Nash at 5:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Celeste Yee

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