



Na Ala Hele
Trails & Access Program

Oahu Na Ala Hele Trail and Access Advisory Council
DRAFT Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, February 20, 2018

TIME: 4:26 pm to 5:44 pm

PLACE: Makiki DOFAW Base yard 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 - OHV)

Ex-Officio: Aaron Lowe-Oahu Trails and Access Specialist, Garrett McRoberts, NAH Volunteer Coordinator.

Guests: Jeff Fong, Moana Among, Rory Reiley, Kuahiwi Moniz, Li Cobian, Michael Algiers, Pua Hoomanawanui.

Call to Order, Introductions, and Announcements: 4:26 pm
Chair David Nash called the meeting to Order at 4:26 pm. Introductions were made, and a signup sheet was circulated.

Acceptance of December Meeting Minutes: 4:38 pm
Following a review of the last council meeting held on December 26, 2017, the minutes were approved as submitted without amendments.

New Business: 4:43 pm
New Council member review and approval – Lowe explained the results of the new on-line council member application process and voting system. Lowe explained that the new potential members were all present and would be given a chance to further introduce themselves and explain why they wanted to be on the council. Lowe requested that Moana Among start.

Moana Among:
Wants to serve on the council representing equestrians. Among explained that she coming to the council on the recommendation of the council's former equestrian, Ruth Moan. Among that she has been riding horses all her life and had been in the business of transporting horses around the island for many years and therefore had regular correspondence with most of the equestrian community around the island. In addition, Among provided a short report on some current issue happening on the Maunawili ditch trail. Including Dog attacks on horses and illegal motorcycles. Among explained that riders need to be cautious because of the potential dangers. Among continued by explain how the riding community expressed a desire to have more trails on the west side of the island and researching an old project with the Honolulu City & County having to do with more Waimanalo horse trails and parking for trails.

There was more discussion on how the new applicants applied on-line and that staff recommended that the council members consider voting and approving the new applicants at the night's meeting once hearing why they wanted to be on the council. Lowe requested that Kuahiwi Moniz be the next applicant to introduce himself.

Kuahiwi Moniz:

Wants to serve on the council representing the Hawaiian community. Moniz explained that he had two degrees in Hawaiian studies and studied with former council member Roddy Akau and that Roddy had reached out to him and requested that he take his place on the council. Moniz expressed his reasons for wanting to serve on the council was to help preserve access for Hawaiian cultural practices, he was in favor of helping the prevention and eradication of invasive species like the Coqui frog and Rapid Ohia Death. In addition, finding alternatives to using herbicides for trail vegetation maintenance.

Jeff Fong:

Fong explained as a trail runner, he has been a longtime supporter of the Na Ala Hele program for over ten years. He has participated in many volunteer outings and was recommended by former Trail runner representative on the "PJ" Salmonson. Fong explained that he would like to see more trails and access on the island and to help coexist with other trail users.

Lowe explained that for the first time there were two people seeking the same position on the council. Therefore, the program established an application review and voting system to allow existing members to fairly determine which people would best represent their respected user groups, and work will well with the council. Lowe went on to say that the votes had come in, were tallied and Rory Reiley scored the highest to represent Motocross/Dirt bike activity. Lowe requested that Mr. Reiley introduce himself.

Rory Reiley:

Reiley started out by stating that he and Mr. Li Cobian (Other person seeking same seat on council) would be partnering up to better serve the motocross and dirt bike community of riders. Reiley explained the need to better manage riding areas and that he was currently working on establishing a statewide committee of Motocross/dirt bike representatives to increase a more unified voice for this activities expansion, education and safety. Reiley went on to say that he had more to report under the Trail User Reports.

Oahu NAH Staff Report:

5:18 pm

Oahu NAH Program Specialist, Aaron Lowe, presented the Oahu NAH staff report (see Attachment 1). Lowe explained that the program, was working on eliminating the need for a Schofield Waikane permit from DOFAW and therefore, all that would be needed to hike this trail would be an approval letter from the Army.

Trail User Reports

5:24 pm

Mountain Biking:

NAHAC member, D. Nash reported that there was need for more support for legislative bills that would provide the program with more monies.

Trail Running: (Report attached)

NAHAC member, P.J. Salmonson reported on the success of the HURT 100 trail race. Now the group was moving toward organizing a race on Aiea loop trail. The running group has grown and has been successful that it almost organizes a race once a month.

4-Wheel Drive OHV:

NAHAC member, J. Weber reported now that all the Kuaokala roads had been GPSed that it would be nice to recognize them within the trail system. He would like to help with more road signage and see an automated permit system.

Hunting: (Report attached)

NAHAC member, J. Jury reported that there was a legislative bill SP 2331 that would provide the NAH program with more monies. Jury also announced another bill that hunters to be mentors for younger hunters and escort them into hunting areas. Jury also announced that some west side forest reserves would be closed February 27th and 28th for Ariel shooting.

Hiking: (Report and schedule Attached)

NAHAC member, K. Suzuki reported that parking at the Sunset beach trail was becoming a problem. In fact, parking at many trailheads was becoming an issue. Mentioned Kuliouou trail and what plans, if that we to fix the parking at that trail. Suzuki recommended working with the Board of Water supply for addition parking. In addition, Suzuki requested the status on access to both the Mariners ridge trail and the Depont trails. Lowe agreed to investigate it and report back.

Motocross/Dirt bike OHV: (Report Attached)

New Motocross/dirt bike representative applicant, Rory Reiley reported new for the Hawaii Motor Sports association. For the sake of time Reiley referred everybody to read his submitted report.

Next Meeting

5:40 pm

Next meeting is tentatively set for April 24, 2018 at 4pm.

Adjournment

5:44 pm

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

Respectfully submitted:

Aaron Lowe

Oahu Na Ala Hele Trail and Access Specialist

April 13, 2017