

Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

Minutes of February 21, 2018

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

Absent:

Ex-Officio: Torrie Nohara, Scott Fretz, Adam Lottig/Flow Farm

Guests: Bruce Faulkner, Jimmy Gomes/BLNR

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 January 17, 2018

The January 17, 2018 minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

NAH Staff Reports:

Corey Rosa – Volunteer/Intern Update: The interns -Joshua Pinheiro (KUPU Intern), Mykah Bailey, Samson Bailey (MEO Intern), Trent Nakihei (MEO Intern), Wesley Hart (MEO Intern), Kaipo Nakahashi (MEO Intern), and Cassie McCarty have completed approximately half of their terms. The NAH trail crew now has a total of 13 crewmembers with 7 of them being interns. The NAH trail crew is very grateful to get the extra hands and help from these new interns.

The crew spent time doing trail maintenance on all of Kula Forest Reserve trails and on the east side of the island doing trail brushing. The crew has also been working on Waihe'e Ridge Trail access road shoulders installing hand rock and wire mesh to mitigate trenching from water damage. Currently we are finishing up trail maintenance on the west side of the island. Following the flash flood conditions from February 12th to 18th the crews are doing trail inspections for water damage on some of our trails.

Looking ahead, after assessing the damage from the flash flooding, the crew will be working on Waihe'e Ridge Trail, Ohai Trail, Mokule'ia and Lahaina Pali Trail. On Waihe'e Ridge Trail flood damage includes the upper portion of the trail rutted out and the bottom portion of the gravel washed out. On Ohai Trail the flood water created ruts in the middle of the trail. On Mokule'ia the bottom of the stair case and walk way washed out. The crew will also be doing trail work on Lahaina Pali Trail.

NAH Specialist Report -Torrie Nohara – Torrie reported signing the existing councilmembers up for the 2018 term. The balance of her comments fall under old business.

Adam Lottig/Flow Farm – The months of January and February have continued to provide windows in the weather to allow us to make more progress in the middle and lower sections of Pineapple Express and most recently the Akamai skills area. We have rebuilt some of the features that required a large quantity of dirt moving and the whole trail is riding more smoothly, is more fun and safer than ever. All riders we run into are very excited about the improvements. We are also seeing more and more riders returning to mountain biking and also discovering it for the first time. Weekends with nice weather have both parking lots full to capacity with a large showing of mountain bike families and groups. In the coming months we hope to address some of the spacing issues in the skills areas and potentially start working on the Westside and Ravine Trails.

Adam would like to readdress the tree work done on the lower Eucalyptus trees that may need pruning and discuss a way to address the carrying capacity of the forest reserve. There has been some vandalism to parked cars and the use of e-bikes is increasing. E-bikes are illegal on state trails. Adam was able to remove a Koa tree and has planted additional trees.

Old Business:

1. West Maui Greenway Update – Donna distributed a tourist map of West Maui showing the phase I section of the greenway. The Maui Bicycling League has decided not to participate in the 2nd Love the West Maui Greenway Day and the event will be cancelled. Donna met with new councilmember Kelly King to discuss the greenway and found her more interested in the walking aspect than in biking. Donna met with Lauren Armstrong of the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Shayne Agawa and Nolly Yagin of Public Works for help with a proposal for using a part of the \$5 million statewide Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding for the greenway. Meanwhile Unemori Engineering has made good progress on their contracted work for conceptual design for phase I.
2. Nakula Potential Access Routes – The council decided to resubmit their letter request to Susan Case along with a follow-up letter to her that will be hand delivered to her by Jimmy.
3. Waia'ilio Trail Complex – Torrie reported that the overlay of the proposed historic trail on the drone map was done and the historic trail did not fall on any of the GPS trails. Trails move so the GPS trails are likely successor trails. Photos were circulated showing the trails located on the ground. Tom would like to take the drone out again and start from the kipuka site when possible.
4. Maui Motocross Park – Nick reported the state races held on Presidents' Day weekend were well attended. Fresh dirt by the truckload was delivered by

Hawaiian Cement to build up the tracks and the scoring tower was installed with materials paid for by Na Ala Hele. Nick circulated photos taken at the races showing riders of all ages and showing the rain flooding that started near the end of the races cutting short the banquet a bit but folks still ate and trophies were given out. Nick gave Maui Motocross tee shirts to the council and guests.

5. Waihee Ridge Trail – The storm washed out the gravel again.
6. Makena to Ulupalakua Trail – Nothing new
7. Onau Alanui – Nothing new
8. Haleakala Trail – Torrie is still waiting for comments on the agreement from the Sierra Club.
9. Trail above Keanae Arboretum – Nothing new
10. Government roads on HC&S lands – Nothing new - Maps showing the roads are available on the PATH site.
11. Lahaina Pali Trail – Torrie circulated a fully executed Memorandum of Agreement with MIV, LLC to allow public access to the Lahaina Pali Trail parking area and trail head via the Access Road. Landowner Spencer is planning a new subdivision in the area of the historic trail through his property that is owned by the state. Scott believes Spencer was unaware of the state ownership and this needs to be clarified with him. An alternate route to the parking area is also in discussion with Spencer and Scott asked if the council could support an alternate access if it was a permanent easement – this would require a land trade process at the legislature. The survey of the trail mauka of the Spencer property shows the trail 50 ft. wide but Scott would be happy with 20 ft. access road. The historical trail has disappeared after years in sugar and pineapple. David reminded the group that the existing unimproved road shown on the map is Waikapu Rd. and is a real road. Discussions included possible alternative parking areas. Comments to the County of Maui on the proposed subdivision are due the end of February.

Scott mentioned that the Von Tempsky property from the Kula Hwy. to the Haleakala National Park boundary is for sale and discussions are underway for state funding to purchase the 3,200 acres. The existing buildings are excluded from the purchase. As the funding would come in a large amount from native forest reserve funding, fencing and restoration of native species is planned for the land.

New Business:

1. Suggestions for new Na Ala Hele Trails: None
2. Agenda items for next meeting – No changes

3. Date of next meeting: March 14 at 2pm.

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

13. Adjournment: 4:04 pm