

## Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

### Minutes of November 14, 2018

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

Absent: Bob Hobdy, Terry Quisenberry

Ex-Officio: Torrie Nohara, Trails and Access Specialist, Corey Rosa, Trails and Access Technician

Guests: Tim Whalen

#### 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 October 17, 2018: unanimously approved as submitted.

#### NAH Staff Reports:

Trails and Access Technician Corey Rosa:

Volunteer/Intern Update: Monthly volunteer hours totaled 363 and so far, this year the total volunteer hours are 3,500.

MEO - Samson Bailey and Wesley Hart have both completed 554 of their 900 hours

KUPU - Joshua Pinheiro completed 136 of his 1700 hours

Counter on Waihee Ridge Trail Totals: No count due to need for repair.

Counter of Kahakapao Trail Totals:

Monthly user count (11/14/18) = 636

Total Annual User Count (9/11/18) = 1053

Highest count for one day – 11/9/18 = 121

The Na Ala Hele crew has been installing informational UTAP signs on all Na Ala Hele trails. The crew has also been conducting trail inspections and hazard assessments.

Looking forward, the NAH crew will be continuing sign inspections, inventory and replacement of damaged signs on all Na Ala Hele trails.

NAH Specialist Report -Torrie Nohara

The final walk through for the baseyard improvements is in the next couple of weeks. Once all is ok'd, NAH can start relocating back to the baseyard. Future NAH meetings will be in the conference room possibly as soon as January. A triangle piece of land along Airport Road is being transferred to DOFAW and will provide a parking lot.

Randy Awo of DHHL has contacted DOFAW to discuss access through Kahua - DHHL land to Kahikinui. No talks have been scheduled, but we are optimistic that access will be discussed.

Dave Smith of DOFAW administration is coming December 5<sup>th</sup> to visit the Kula State Forest Reserve. Please let Torrie know of concerns you have with the Kula State Forest Reserve. Russell is concerned about a proposed gate on Waipoli Road in the reserve above the Lavender Farm. DOFAW owns the road and Kaonoulu Ranch owns the surrounding land. There are squatters on the property thus a gate is planned. Russell said hunters like to go in really early, like 2:00 am or 3:00 am, so a 5:00 am opening of the gate would not work. Torrie said public meetings will be held to provide a chance to discuss our concerns. Russell asked to include the Waipoli Road gate on the next agenda.

Adam Lottig – Kahakapao Report – In Adam's absence, Torrie read his report:

October was a light physical work month for us as we prepare for the busier next two months ahead. Some of our work included planning and promoting the volunteer work day for November 3, and assessing the sign situation to make a set of recommendations.

10 hours of actual drainage maintenance, light raking, and clearing of branches was done. East Loop, Pineapple Express, and the Skills Areas were attended to at necessary spots. The inspection and checklist of all wooden features was also completed and we are preparing an end of the year report in this next month as well. We have also been preparing a work plan to be completed starting with tasks for the volunteer day on November 3 and expanding into the reconstruction and sign adjustment we plan to do toward the end of November into the beginning of December.

#### Old Business:

1. West Maui Greenway Update – Donna reported that she has been attending required Hawaiian Tourism Authority (HTA) classes for those awarded grants for 2019 (HTA awarded \$15,000 for the creation of a Visitor Channel video, training for bike ride leaders and bike rides led by Maui Biking League.) Donna contacted the County of Maui budget office to ask that they include a recommendation for funding to continue the design work on Phase I of the greenway in their budget recommendations given to the new Mayor and his team.
2. Waia'ilio Trail Complex – A site visit is the next step when time permits.

3. Maui Motocross Park – Nick reported they are holding races and last week end there were so many pee wee riders ages 4-6 that they had to do race heats. They are in the process of painting the new water truck. The new generator is great – much quieter. He is working on getting a metal roof for the tower. They continue to get water from Hawaiian Cement until negotiations with HC&S can restore water to the site from their pipe on the site. Races this Sunday are 9:30 – noon with kid races 12:30 – 3 pm with a BBQ to follow.
4. Makena-Ulupalakua Road – Moana provided an old map titled Map of the Proposed New Road Makena to Kula dated April 1896 by Hugh Howell. Her research shows the state can claim the road for a trail but that does not mean we have to open the road. Other good trails on the map might be worth considering later. Moana's report will be completed by the end of the year.

#### New Business:

1. Suggestions for new Na Ala Hele Trails:
  - a. Guest Tim spoke in favor of using the EMI irrigation maintenance roads as trails – the roads and bridges are falling into disrepair. Torrie informed Tim that Na Ala Hele supports using the maintenance roads along the ditch system for trails and continues to encourage EMI to consider this possibility.
  - b. Tim also would like to see the Borge Ridge road in Makawao State Forest Reserve, on the North side of the access road, become a trail. Torrie has promised hunters that in exchange for taking land away from hunters for the Kahakapao Recreational Area that she would stay out of that side of the Makawao State Forest Reserve.
  - c. Tim asked about the Hanaula road near the windmills on the Lahaina Pali Trail with an outstanding view. Torrie will follow up and report back.
2. Agenda items for next meeting:
  - a. Add Board Elections for 2019
  - b. Add Waipoli Road Gate Update
  - c. Add Honuaula Area Trail Potential
  - d. Add Kahakapao Road Gate Update
3. Date of next meeting: January 23, 2019.

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

Adjournment: 3:00 pm