

Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

Minutes of January 23, 2019

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

Absent: Sue Guille, Tom Cannon

Ex-Officio: Torrie Nohara, Trails and Access Specialist

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 November 14, 2018

The November 14, 2018 minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

NAH Staff Reports:

Trails and Access Technician

Volunteer/Intern Update: Monthly volunteer hours totaled 128; the total annual volunteer hours are 1700.

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Joshua Pinheiro completed 472 of 1700

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

Counter on Kahakapao Trail Totals:

Monthly user count (1/22/19) = 683

Total Annual User Count (9/11/18) = 1736

Highest count for one day – 1/1/19 = 187

The Na Ala Hele crew finished installing informational UTAP signs on all Na Ala Hele trails. The crew has also been replacing faded trail delineation signs throughout Kahakapao Recreation Area and conducting trail inspections/hazard assessments.

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

Flow Farm Pacific Report:

January has continued the productive energy with good weather and good progress happening on the Ravine Trail re-route. We have had good turnouts for our volunteer days on January 12 and 19 and the community is excited about Ravin's updates. We will be holding volunteer days on the second Saturday of each month with additional days during this trail update phase. Many of the mountain bikers had not even ventured over to the west side trail prior to hearing about our volunteer work on a "bike trail". It has been cool to see people get excited about Ravine Trail.

As we re-build features throughout the trail to replace features we had to remove, the progress is slow but steady. We have currently re-connected the upper section of the trail, completed the intersection of West Loop and have begun work at the picnic table intersection on the West Loop.

Additionally, we have assessed hazard tree priorities for the tree removal project. While we have identified other trees within the first half-mile of trail, the trees set to be cut this time around are all near the parking lot.

Torrie Nohara – NAH Specialist Report:

Torrie circulated the council membership contact list for updating.

Torrie circulated copies of the CIP Budget Request 2019-2021 that has been approved by the governor but not the legislature.

Mike Millay, the new NAH administrator, asked the council to reevaluate the commercial activities on Maui trails and add or delete trails and assess capacity limits. Torrie distributed info on the commercial activities on Maui trails for discussion at our next meeting.

Kalaupapa National Historic Park will not need an EIS for the general management plan. An EA will suffice and will save a lot of time and money.

Hanaula access road above Lahaina Pali Trail cannot access the summit as it crosses private property.

Old Business:

1. Maui NAH Advisory Council Elections for 2019 – The council unanimously approved Russell Reinertson, President, Sue Guille, Vice President and Donna Clayton, Secretary
2. West Maui Greenway Update – Donna is working with the Maui Bicycling League to use the Hawaii Tourism Association grant for the creation of a Visitor Channel video on biking and hiking on Maui's multiuse trails. Also as part of the grant, monthly bike rides led by Maui Bicycling League kick off Feb. 16. Public Works received TAP funding to continue the design of the Phase I of the West Maui

Greenway and Unemori Engineering is moving ahead. Donna and Saman will attend West Maui planning meetings Feb. 4, 5, 6 and 7 to keep the West Maui Greenway vision front and center.

3. Waia'ilio Trail Complex – A site visit is the next step when time permits. Russell and Tom would like to go along.
4. Maui Motocross Park – Nick reported all is going well. 2019 will be his last year as President. He has served as President for 11 years.
5. Waipoli Rd. Gate Update – Lance plans to attend our next council meeting to discuss with us hours of gate operation. The ranch has been securing the gate every night and kicking out an average of 100 people per sweep on ranch land. Russell said he has heard complaints of folks being threatened with tickets when they enter Waipoli Rd. without the required 4-wheel drive vehicle. While the road is good for about 8 miles unless it rains, 4-wheel drive vehicles on a dirt road does lessen maintenance.
6. Honuaula Area Trail Potential – Torrie received Moana's abstract minutes before the meeting and read the report. She will email to all. The report states that the Old Government Road also known as Old Aupuni Road does belong to the state but has not been proven in court. The road has not been surveyed and would cross a large proposed development in the area. If development in the area moves forward, a court determination would likely take place at that time. Torrie will review the abstract with the NAH rules. It would be good for recreational use – foot and horses. Ulupalakua Ranch might welcome a trail bringing folks to their facilities.
7. Kahakapao Road Gate Update – Torrie feels a solar gate can be put on the boundary and has an estimate of \$17,000 for the gate. She will put a proposal out on the HlePRO system and move forward. Hopefully work will be completed in 6-8 months.

New Business:

1. Suggestions for new Na Ala Hele Trails: None
2. Agenda items for next meeting:
 - a. Add Review of Trail Commercial Activity and Capacity Limits
 - b. Add Old Aupuni Road Update
3. Date of next meeting: March 13, 2019.

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

Adjournment: 3:45 pm