

## Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council

### Minutes of April 17, 2019

Present: Russell Reinertson, Donna Clayton, Bob Hobdy, Terry Quisenberry, Sue Guille, Tom Cannon

Absent: David Brown, Kevin Jenkins, Nick Saussy

Ex-Officio: Torrie Nohara, Trails and Access Specialist, Lance DeSilva

Guests: Tom Armstrong, Gerald Durkin

#### 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 March 13, 2019

The minutes were approved with the following corrections:

Old Business, item 3, corrected proposed gate times to opening at 4:00 am and closing at 8:00 pm

Old Business, item 4, delete words in last sentence after “developments”.

#### NAH Staff Reports:

Trails and Access Technician

Volunteer/Intern Update for two months:

Monthly volunteer hours totaled 96; the total annual volunteer hours are 1700.

KUPU: Joshua Pinheiro completed 847 of 1700 hours.

Counter on Waiakoa Loop Trail:

Monthly user count (4/17/19) = 590

Total annual user count (3/7/19) = 590

Highest count for one day (3/17/19) = 18

Counter on Boundary Trail:

Monthly user count (4/17/19) = 665

Total annual user count (3/7/19) = 665

Highest count for one day (3/9/19) = 31

Counter on Polipoli Trail

Monthly user count (4/17/19) = 1331

Total annual user count (3/7/19) = 1331

Highest count for one day (4/6/19) = 59

The Na Ala Hele crew has been working to clear fallen/hazardous trees on trails throughout Kula Forest Reserve. The crew has also been inspecting all East Maui NAH trails.

Looking forward, the Na Ala Hele crew will be continuing work in Kula Forest Reserve. The crew will be doing trail inspections of Lahaina Pali Trail.

Flow Farm Pacific Report: - No Report

Torrie Nohara – NAH Specialist – No Report

#### Old Business:

1. West Maui Greenway Update – Donna leaves Sunday for the Walkability Action Institute conference in Georgia April 22-25 with Pam Eaton, County Long-Range Planner, Lauren Armstrong, Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization, Mayor Victorino, and others.
2. Maui Motocross Park – Nick reported the races this past weekend went well. Great turnout for round one of the Spring Series which will consist of five races. They have six riders going to Oahu to race on May 11 at Aloha Stadium in the Hawaiian Supercross! They are stoked. It is a pro/am event and Maui will be represented well!
3. Waipoli Rd. Gate Update – Lance DeSilva reported that the trespasser count is still high even with the ranch hiring 2 people to clear out the trespassers several days each week for the past year. The State owns the road and is stepping in to help the ranch. Installing a fence is too expensive to install and maintain and would likely just push the trespassers higher up where their fire pits might start a forest fire. Lance believes the best solution is to install a fence just below the lavender farm to control vehicular access. There will be a walk-through gate but he proposes closing vehicular access at 8:30 pm and opening the gate at 4:30 am. He said campers and hunters and other users can still apply for a permit for no charge. He hopes to get an online permit process in place shortly. He is open to suggestions. Suggestions from the group:
  - a. Provide campsites on the Kamehamenui land once the purchase of the property is completed by the State.

- b. Suggested a gate that opens to let folks out. Lance said that will not work as people figure out how to get through. If cars are still in after the gate is closed they will spend the night.
4. Honuaula Area Trail Potential – Moana is working on the Onau abstract and is coming over on 4/23 for a site visit.

Bob located an old road bridge with culverts under it and he researched an 1885 map that shows part of the trail starting at the Charlie Young Beach up to and above the winery. He showed photos of the bridge section that used to be 25 ft. wide located in the lot on the Kihei side of Maui Coast.

Bob had read in Ruling Chiefs of Hawaii of a fortress at Kue. He located using Google Earth what appears to be a rock wall enclosure of about one acre that is at the location of a Puu Kue shown on the USGS Map. The enclosure is part of Hana Forest Reserve.

5. Makawao State Forest Reserve Update – The purchase order for the gate came in and work will start on the gate May 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be a volunteer project this weekend on Ravine Trail led by Adam Lottig.
6. Commercial Trail Activity and Capacity Review – The council reviewed the list passed out at our last meeting and determined no changes are needed now.

#### New Business:

1. Suggestions for new Na Ala Hele Trails: None
2. Agenda items for next meeting: Delete agenda items #3 and #6.
3. Date of next meeting: 5/22/19.

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

Adjournment: 4:00 pm