

## **Na Ala Hele (NAH) Maui Advisory Council**

### **Minutes of July 17, 2019**

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

Absent: Sue Guille, Nick Saussy

Ex-Officio: Corey Rosa, Trails and Access Technician

Guests: Bruce Faulkner

#### 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 June 19, 2019

The minutes were approved as submitted.

#### NAH Staff Reports:

Trails and Access Technician

Volunteer/Intern Update:

Monthly volunteer hours totaled 40; the total annual volunteer hours are 1700.

KUPU: Joshua Pinheiro completed 1199 of 1700 hours.

Counter on Waiakoa Loop Trail:

Monthly user count (7/17/19) = 439

Total annual user count (3/7/19) = 2408

Highest count for one day (7/11/19) = 55

Counter on Boundary Trail:

Monthly user count (7/17/19) = 335

Total annual user count (3/7/19) = 1767

Highest count for one day (6/29/19) = 51

## Counter on Polipoli Park Trail

Monthly user count (7/17/19) = 420

Total annual user count (3/7/19) = 2434

Highest count for one day (7/13/19) = 36

The Na Ala Hele crew has been doing tread improvements on Waihe'e Ridge Trail adding geotextile fabric and crushed stone to a section of the trail that was steep and slippery. The work was done with the help of 12 HYCC members. The crew also finished up brushing and weed whacking all of Kula Forest Reserve.

Looking forward the Na Ala Hele Crew will be doing tread improvements on Lahaina Pali Trail with the help of another group of HYCC members. The crew will also be doing tread work on Boundary Trail.

Flow Farm Pacific Report: - No Report from Adam – Corey stated that the work is almost complete on the updates on Ravine Trail and NAH would like to put a couple of informational signs up on the route. Russell informed the group that the Maui Mountain Bike Coalition will hold a Skills Clinic on July 27 in Makawao Forest Reserve mainly for small kids.

Torrie Nohara – NAH Specialist – No Report

## Old Business:

1. West Maui Greenway Update – Donna reported the \$300,000 in the County's 2019 budget for ongoing design of the West Maui Greenway will be unable to be used as it was designated for design on a section of the planned greenway that the County is unable to get control of. She submitted a proposal to the Hawaii Tourism Authority to continue the Visitor Channel video on bicycle safety and promoting bicycle rides with Maui Bicycle Association through 2020. The team would like to work on a public – private proposal to the County and Peter Martin to move forward with the trail starting in Launiupoko area. The West Maui Community Plan update first CAC meeting is July 25. Lee Chamberlain, Saman Dias and Donna will try to get to as many meetings as possible to keep the vision of the greenway alive.
2. Maui Motocross Park – No report from Nick. Russell reported the recent fire destroyed all tires on their turn hauler and burned a couple of unused sheds.
3. Honuaula Area Trail Potential –No report. The group felt that the old steps said to have been the steps to Queen Liliuokalani's palace in the area have historical significance and would be worth a hike. Kevin said there is litigation in the area related to access and the trial date will be next year. Several landowners are involved including the State, DHHL and Aruda family. The survey work has been

accepted and the State has agreed to quitclaim the easement for the Onau Alanui which runs alongside the contested area.

4. Trail Carrying Capacity – Trails are being damaged by heavy use. The same thing has happened on Oahu trails. Maui's commercial trail income is very low – about \$60 last year. While money raised on commercial trails is kept on the island, eliminating commercial use on heavily used trails might be a place to start. Tourism is our only big industry and we are over capacity. How do you reduce the number of trail users and how do you reduce the number of tourists coming to Hawaii without harming the industry? Adding more trails could help spread out the use on existing trails.

5. New Business:

1. Suggestions for new Na Ala Hele Trails:

- a. Kihei Coastal Trail – Terry suggested the Kihei coast is walked daily and if we added this to our inventory it might take stress off other trails.
- b. Round the Island Trail/Kings Trail Sections – Terry also felt we should work to locate sections of this trail and preserve them as pieces of the Kings Trail – the original goal of the Maui Council. Bob said a lot of sections can be found on the windward side of East Maui, likely buried in the jungle. The Keanae community was against these sections becoming part of the Na Ala Hele inventory. Perhaps we could document them and prevent them from being lost.
- c. If Uaoa Trail is not already a part of the NAH inventory we should add it to the inventory.

2. Agenda items for next meeting: Add the following:

- a. Round the Island Trail/Kings Hwy. Sections
- b. Kihei Coastal Trail

3. Date of next meeting: 8/21/19.

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

Adjournment: 3:25 pm