



NĀ ALA HELE
Hawai'i Trail & Access System

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Hawai'i Island Advisory Council Minutes

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MEETING DATE: 12/07/2022

PLACE:

- Remote Zoom Conference Call/Video
- Division of Forestry and Wildlife at 19E Kawili St. Hilo, HI 96720

Voting Members Present:

Terrence Noda – Chairman, **Nani Pogline – Vice Chair, David Rietow – Secretary, Roger Kanealii Jr. (Maha), Jeffrey Yamauchi, Kawehi Ryder, Christopher Seymour**

Voting Members Absent Excused:

Chuck Flaharty

Voting Members Absent Unexcused:

(none)

Invited Guest:

Public:

Deborah Chang, Dwayne Yoshina

Ex-Officio:

Jackson Bauer of NAH, Rick Gmirkin of Ala Kahakai National Historic Trails, Bill Stormont of DLNR, Loke Davis of NAH, Loral of NAH

Ex-Officio Absent:

- I. Call to Order (6:00 pm)
- II. REVIEW and APPROVE MINUTES OF September 28, 2022 – Jeff motioned to accept the meeting minutes and Kawehi second. Discussion
- III. CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS. Terrence went over the house rules.
- IV. PUBLIC TESTIMONY (Three minutes maximum)

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Nā Ala Hele Program update (Nā Ala Hele staff)

a. Program Trails updates

- i. Pololū Trail – a consultant by the name of Townscape has been hired to conduct community engagement.
- ii. Muliwai Trail/Waimanu Campground – Campground still closed due to the issues with the Waipi’o Road. Nani reported that the county has formed a community advisory commission consisting of member representing different interest groups (farming, ocean, tourism, kapuna, lineal descendant, Kamehameha Schools, Bishop Museum, DLNR, cultural practitioner, students under 18, office of the mayor, department of public works, corporate council, and county council) but none from hiking community and suggested that it be included. Nani motioned to draft a letter to the mayor’s office in support of adding a representative from the hiking community and Kawehi second. There was a discussion and a special committee consisting of Nani, Terrence, Jackson, and Debora Chang formed. A vote was taken and all were in favor, none apposed.
- iii. ‘Āinapō Trail and Cabin – Trail closed due to Mauna Loa eruption.
- iv. Mauna Loa Observatory Road – Trail closed due to Mauna Loa eruption.
 - v. Upper Waiākea ATV & Dirt Bike Riding Area (Terrence) – Tree samples were harvested to study the viability of commercial use.
 - vi. Kūlanihāko’i Mountain Bike Park (Chris) – Someone is illegally dumping rubbish in the quarry. The improvements to the quarry road has resulted in increase ridership. Hunters help to control the pig population.
- vii. Puna Trail – Nani asked to discuss the possibility of allowing vehicle access on the trail in order to access Paki Bay. Jackson pointed out that the trail was never intended for vehicle use, that the land outside of the trail is privately owned, and that there are a number of burial sites. Deborah Chang, who was part of E Mau Na Ala Hele when the trail was added to the program, stated that SHPD agreed that vehicles would damage the historic integrity of the trail. Jackson stated that access from the road, not the trail, would be something that would be arranged through the land owner (Shipman).
- viii. Other program trail updates – Mauna Kea R1 & R10 signage update.

b. Historic Trails updates

- i. Other historic trail updates - none

c. Access updates

- i. Kaupakuea Access to Hilo Forest Reserve (Nani/Jackson) – The County appears to be drafting a response to the NAHA letter.
- ii. “Narnia” access – The state is poised to close the trail through the unencumbered land.

- iii. Other access updates - none
 - d. Administrative Tasks update – Jackson welcomed new interns and gave a brief update.
 - e. Other NAH program updates
- B. Budget/Legislative Update (Nā Ala Hele staff) – Jackson reported that NAH received \$2,000,000 in state funds (statewide). Here on Hawaii Island we plan to use our portion to improve the Koai‘a Tree Sanctuary and road off Kohala Mountain Road.
- C. Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail Update (Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail staff, Rick)
 - a. Kaiholena – Continued fire mitigation.
 - b. Kohala Waterfront – Completed repairs to the trail. Kohala Waterfront is redoing their public access plan.
 - c. Honokaope (49 Black Sand Beach) – Trail repair completed.
 - d. Kiholo to Puakō Trail – Doing documentation with stonemasons, archeologists, and community member on how we want to approach unstable areas along the trail. Repairs to start in February 2023 including the use of ‘oloke‘a (traditional Hawaiian scaffolding or ladder).
 - e. Kapalaoa Trail – Trail repair.
 - f. Kauleolī – Removing none native vegetation and reintroducing native vegetation that will provide both shade and traditional sustenance.
 - g. Staffing – Hiring a GIS and Archeological Technician.
- D. Subcommittee Reports:
 - a. OHV Subcommittee (Terrence Noda, John Howerton) – no update but still actively looking for a Kona ATV park location.
 - b. Volcano Solid Waste Transfer Station Access to Forest Reserve (Nani Pogline, Abraham Antonio) – the bolder have been relocated to allow access. Nani motioned that they close the subcommittee and David second. A vote was taken and all were in favor, no opposed.
- E. Information/Update: Tracking Tool (Jeff Yamauchi) – no update
- F. E-bikes
 - a. Discussion on e-bike use on Nā Ala Hele Trails – no update
- G. Council Member Concerns
 - a. David asked if the Pu‘u ‘O‘ō Trail was in the Mauna Loa Forest Reserve. Jackson said no.
 - b. Jeff asked if the council could resume site visits. There was a lively discussion in favor of this idea.
 - c. Kawehi invited everyone to Punalu‘u on January 21st to the soft opening of the Hawaiian cultural center in the back of the Punalu‘u Bakery.
 - d. Terrence shared his recent experience hunting at Pu‘u Huluhulu and the difficulty trying to navigate with all the visitors seeking to view the lava from Mauna Loa.
- H. Council member trail experience forum
 - a. Terrence shared his hike at the Kaulana Manu Nature Trail. There did not

seem to be any negative impact. The birds do seem to like to stand on the open trail which does pose a possible impact with people. Terrence suggested creating a clearing separate from the trail for the birds.

- b. David asked Jackson to follow up on the bird survey that was part of the Kaulana Manu Nature Trail creation both before and after.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. RTP Program trails list for Hawai'i Island. (Terrence) – A list of program trails plus all Ala Kahakai Corridor was distributed and the councils job is to recommend things be removed or added. Terrence asked to move this list to an agenda item for 2023 where the council will review each trail and recommend to approve, remove, and add new trails to the list. Nani motioned to add the list be added to the 2023 agenda and David second. A vote was taken and all were in favor and none apposed.
- B. Opihihale (TT-40), (Chuck) – deferred to next meeting.
- C. Blaze Orange within Ka'ohē Game Management Area (Nani) – There was a lengthy discussion on the topic of requiring blaze orange by hikers. Terrence reminded all that we will discuss this trail as part of the RTP program in 2023.
- D. Set next meeting agenda
 - a. Appointment of Council Officers at the next meeting.
- E. Set next meeting date – February 15th 2023 at 6PM
- F. Dwayne asked if the tracking tool could be made available to the public. Jackson is going to look into this.

VII. ADJOURNMENT - David motioned to adjourn and Nani second. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM

ADA	Americans with Disability Act.
AMP	Area Management Plan
BIISC	Big Island Invasive Species Committee
BLNR	Board of Land and Natural Resources
CIP	Capital Improvement Program
DHHL	Department of Hawai'ian Home Lands
DLNR	Department of Land and Natural Resources
DOCARE	Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement
DOFAW	Department of Forestry and Wildlife
DOT	Department of Transportation
GIS	Geographic Information System
GPS	Global Positioning Satellite
GMA	Game Management Area
GMAC	Game Management Advisory Council
HDOT	Hawaii Department of Transportation
KCRA	Kohala Coast Resort Association
KRDC	Keauhou Resort Development Corp
KSBE	Kamehameha School Bishop Estate
NAH	Na Ala Hele
NAHA	Na Ala Hele Advisory (committee)
NARS	Natural Area Reserve System
NELHA	National Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
OCCL	Office of Conservation and Coast Land
OGR	Old Government Road
PCRS	Parcel Consolidation ReSubdivision
PONC	Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation Commission
QLT	Queen Lili'uokalani Trust
ROD	Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death
ROHVA	Recreational Off Highway Vehicle Association.
SHPD	State of Hawai'i Historic Preservation Division
TT	Tracking Tool

**Na Ala Hele
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I. Public Testimony:

- a. Those providing testimony at our meetings are guests of our Council. They are not Council members. They are invited to provide testimony. However, they do not have the right to question us, participate in our meeting, nor dialogue as we discuss our agenda.
- b. Shall be limited to 3 minutes, for each person.
- c. Written copies of testimony should be provided and included in the Minutes of meeting.
- d. Oral testimony must be provided in person.
- e. Testimony for a person that is not present can be turned into the Secretary for inclusion within the Minutes. It cannot be read at the meetings, as we will not have the opportunity to question the author. Electronic submittal of testimony will be allowed if provided to DOFAW 12 calendar days prior to meeting date. Otherwise, hard copies may be distributed at meeting.
- f. If testimony is being provided on behalf of an organization, it is required that the Board of Directors of the organization or a majority of the members of the organization must have voted in favor of the testimony. If this has not occurred, then it must be considered as solely the opinion of the person providing the testimony.

II. Agendized presentations to the Council:

- a. Time allowed for presentations is 10 minutes.
- b. It is likely that the Council will ask questions after the presentation is made. This Q&A period may continue for 10 – 15 minutes, at the discretion of the Chair of the Council.

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