Nā Ala Hele
Hawai‘i Island Advisory Council Minutes

Approved: February 23, 2022
Revised: n/a

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2021

PLACE: Remote Zoom Conference Call/Video

Voting Members Present:
Terrence Noda – Vice Chairman, David Rietow – Secretary, Deborah Chang, Jeffrey Yamauchi, Christopher Seymour, Roger Kanealii Jr., Kawehi Ryder, Nani Pogline, Chuck Flaharty

Voting Members Absent Excused:
Riley Smith - Chairman

Voting Members Absent Unexcused:
(none)

Invited Guest:
(none)

Public:
Dwayne Yoshita, Deborah Change

Ex-Officio:
Jackson of NAH, Kenny Wallace of NAH, Rick Gmirkin of Ala Kahakai National Historic Trails

Ex-Officio Absent:

I. Call to Order (6:03 pm) Meeting was run by Terrence Noda

II. REVIEW and APPROVE MINUTES OF June 16, 2021.
   A. Question by Chuck, page 3, V, E, g, did the sequential numbering of the tracking tool change? Jeff said yes it does change as items are added and removed.
   B. Chuck motioned to accept the meeting minutes and Jeff seconded. All were in favor.
   C. Terrence asked for a motion to change the order of the agenda bringing forward the Sunshine Law amendments. Chuck made the motion, Jeff second.

III. NEW BUSINESS – Sunshine Law. Jackson brought up the July 8th, 2021 “Sunshine Law Amendment Allowing Remote Meetings“ and gave a quick summary. The council had a question and answer discussion. The public can read this at https://oip.hawaii.gov/whats-new/new-sunshine-law-remote-meetings-bill-is-enacted/

IV. PUBLIC TESTIMONY (Three minutes maximum). No testimony was given.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS
   A. Nā Ala Hele Program update (Nā Ala Hele staff)
      1. Program Trails updates (DOFAW crews’ routine maintenance – mahalo!)
a. Kaulana Manu Nature Trail
   i. Bathroom now open.

b. Pololū Trail
   i. HTA funded; Kupu managing HR. Jackson gave a summary of the 6 month pilot project that started in August and runs through January. 4 Stewards were hired from the area. More can be read at https://www.kupuhawaii.org/pololu/
   ii. Nothing to report on Land donation for parking/restroom

c. Muliwai Trail/Waimanu Campground
   i. July 12-16 maintenance trip
   ii. Campground Opened August 1 to public
   iii. County closed Waipi‘o valley road during Labor Day to all nonresidents....will likely close on future 3-day weekends. The council had a discussion.
      i. Chuck motioned that the council draft a letter to the county to consider existing camping permits, hunters, gatherers, and cultural practitioners. Nani second the motion.
      ii. Terrence took a vote on the motion. The vote was 4 yes and 4 not. The motion did not carry.

d. ‘Āinapō Trail & Road
   i. Cabin Opened August 1 to the public

e. Maka’ula-‘O’oma trails
   i. Property near trailhead is being developed
   ii. Visited on 8/12
   iii. County inspector arrived – determined illegal grading, issued NOV
   iv. Is impacting trailhead grade, but are willing to add material to create better trailhead

f. Upper Waiākea ATV & Dirt Bike Riding Area (Terrence)
   i. Lots of ridership during the pandemic.
   ii. Illegal dumping is still an issue.
   iii. Lots of ridership also on Mauna Kea. The road is getting bad on the Waimea side.
      i. Jackson said they will be working on that soon.

g. Kūlanihāko‘i Mountain Bike Park (Chris)
   i. State did a large cleanup on illegal dumping.

h. Other program trail updates

2. Historic Trails updates

a. Waikōloa: ancient mauka-makai trail
   i. Site visit to historic trail with developers (Waikoloa Land Company) – they will preserve trails w/ buffers (7/15)
   ii. Site visit with proposed solar farm above Puakō to look for historic trails. (8/24)

b. Kealakehe: Honua‘ula Affordable Housing Project; ancient mauka-makai trail
i. Site visit to historic trail with developers (Honuaula Housing development) – they will preserve trails w/ buffers (7/20)

b. Keahuolū: Lili‘uokalani Trust historic connector trail
   i. Met with Liliuokalani Trust about development plans and preserving trail – they will preserve w/ buffers and deed to State. (8/2)

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e. Other historic trail updates

3. Access updates
   a. Kaupakuea Access to Hilo Forest Reserve
      i. Nani visited the planning department with a copy of the grant of public easement plan signed by the mayor in 2012. Spoke with Kamuela. She inquired why this action never materialized and what action could be taken to move it forward. Initial search could not find a work order and a broader search would need to be conducted. If no action plan assigning responsibility (land owner, county, state) can be found then one would need to be drafted. He suggested the council write a letter requesting such action which Jackson confirmed it already had.
      ii. Terrence suggested that Nani get with Jackson to review the letter he sent to the county and bring that forward to the next council meeting. From there the council vote on drafting a letter.

4. Administrative Tasks update - none

5. Other NAH program updates
   a. Hosted HYCC summer team 7/12-16 (Waimanu) and 7/19-23 (cleared sections of historic trail in Kuamo‘o area)
   b. Continue to fulfill HTA grant requirements (designing trailhead kiosks)
   c. Our Kupu Intern, Tessa’s last day was July 16; looking to hire new term beginning October.
   d. Staff was away due to COVID quarantines, fires.
   e. Outreach:
      i. Presentation with Hawai‘i Nei artists at Kaulana Manu trail (6/24 & 7/8)
   f. Presentation with Alulike students at Milolii 7/27

B. Budget/Legislative Update (Nā Ala Hele staff)
   1. RTP is on a Federal budget calendar that starts October 1st through September 30th. Hawaii Island allotment is about $90,000 which covers operations split 30% motorized activities, 30% non-motorized activities, and 40% diversified activities. There was a discussion on how salaries are funded.

C. Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail Update (Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail staff)
   1. Ala Kahakai NHT Trail Crew:
      a. Kauleoli, S. Kona, Maintaining the vegetation along the alanui aupuni and beach access trail.
b. **Kaiholena, N. Kohala**, Continuing to reduce fuel loads along jeep road/coastal trail and around selected archeological sites.

c. **Honokaope Bay, Anaeho’omalu, S. Kohala (49 Black Sands)**, Routine trail maintenance.

d. **Spencer B.P. - Maumae, Kawaihae II, S. Kohala**, Routine trail maintenance

2. **Upcoming FY22:**

   a. **Kohala Waterfront, Waika, N.Kohala**, Will assist in making safety improvements to trail within development.

   b. **Kiholo-Puako Trail, N. Kona**, Will be conducting routine trail maintenance

   c. **Kauleoli, S. Kona**, Continue to maintain vegetation and trail on the alanui aupuni and beach access trail.

3. **Ala Kahakai NHT Archeology Crew:**

   a. **Kauleoli, S. Kona**, Completed field work for Cultural Landscape Inventory, write up is in progress.

   b. **Kauleoli, S. Kona**, Ethnographic Overview for Kauleoli, Ongoing

   c. **Mamalahoa Trail, N. Kona** - Descriptive documentation of trail is complete, Field mapping continues

   d. **Kailapa, Kawaihae I, S. Kohala**, Assisting Nohopapa and Kailapa community to document archeology on makai parcel.

   e. **Hawai’i Island, Historic Resource Study - Hawaiian Trails**, Ongoing

4. **Upcoming FY22:**


   b. **Continuing projects from this year**

5. **Q&A – The council had an opportunity to ask questions.**

D. **Subcommittee Reports:**

   1. **OHV Subcommittee (Terrence Noda, John Howerton)** – No Update

E. **Information/Update: Tracking Tool (Jeff Yamauchi)**

   1. Terrence asked that the header date match the date of the agenda.

F. **Council Member Concerns – Terrence asked each member if they had concerns.**

   1. Jeff expressed support for continued Zoom meetings.

   2. Nani researched the area popularly known as Narnia and the collective name for the area may be Kauwehu. Terrence suggested that we put this back on the agenda for the next council meeting.

   3. Chuck expressed his thanks for all of Debbie’s work on the Handbook.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Statewide Nā Ala Hele Advisory Council meeting report (David)

B. **Council member trail experience forum**

   1. Terrence went on a couple hikes and they were very clean.

   2. Chris took his son on the Ala Kahakai Trail from Spencers Beach Park to Maumae and had a great time. He also went to Kaulana Manu Nature Trail and it was great.

C. **Set next meeting agenda**

   1. David suggested we take on the subject of Ebikes.

D. **Set next meeting date. Next meeting set for January 19th via Zoom.**

VII. **ADJOURNMENT – David motioned to adjourn and Roger second. All were in favor and the meeting ended at 8:04PM.**
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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