

Nā Ala Hele

Hawai'i Island Advisory Council Minutes

Approved: 9/28/2022

Revised:

MEETING DATE: 6/16/2022

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, Christopher Seymour, Roger Kanealii Jr. (Maha), Jeffrey Yamauchi, Chuck Flaharty

Voting Members Absent Excused:

Kawehi Ryder

Voting Members Absent Unexcused:

(none)

Invited Guest:

(none)

Public:

Loke Davis, Debora Chang, Bill Shontell, Kauai Lopes, Dwayne Yoshita; Abraham Antonio; Keko'olani Brown

Ex-Officio:

Jackson of NAH, Rick Gmirkin of Ala Kahakai National Historic Trails, William Stormont of NAH-Admin,

Ex-Officio Absent:

Minutes:

- I. Call to Order at 6:08 PM
- II. REVIEW and APPROVE MINUTES OF April 20, 2022. Chuck made a motion to accept the minutes and Nani second the motion. There was a discussion before the minutes were approved by all.
- III. CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS. Terrance and Jackson went through house rules and sunshine law.

- IV. PUBLIC TESTIMONY (Three minutes maximum) - None
- V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Nā Ala Hele Program update (Nā Ala Hele staff)
 - a. Program Trails updates
 - i. Pololū Trail – Awarded a repetitive grant through Economic Development Authority that allow us to fund the stewardship program for two more years. Selected Townscape Inc. as the environmental and community planning consultant.
 - ii. Muliwai Trail/Waimanu Campground – continue to maintain trail and camps.
 - iii. Upper Waiākea ATV & Dirt Bike Riding Area (Terrence) – Continue to maintain the trails. Illegal dumping seems to have increased. There will be timber sample cutting between rows KK & K and 3 & 5.
 - iv. Kūlanihākoʻi Mountain Bike Park (Chris) – Someone shop up the new signage.
 - v. Puna Trail – Continue to work closely with the community and Shipman family to resolve issue of vehicles on the trail. Applying for grants to fund these efforts. Also met with the community association.
 - vi. Makaʻula-ʻOʻoma Trail – The first Saturday of the month at 9:00AM Jeff McDevitt holds volunteer trail days.
 - vii. Ala Kahakai Trail – Interpretive Ranger Advisory Committee developing ways to better communicate with the public. There is also EDA funding for interpretive signs.
 - viii. Māmalahoa Trail – Continue to engage on mediation efforts from the damage caused by the widening of the highway. Also maintaining the trail.
 - ix. Puʻu Waʻawaʻa Trails – Working on a recreation plan
 - x. Other program trail updates
 - 1. Interpretive Signage – Completed updating and placing signage at every trail.
 - 2. Collaborating with NASA on their DEVELOP program looking at sea level changes and its effect on trails. They are using satellite imagery.
 - 3. Miloliʻi – Did a presentation on trails at the community Mahina Nights gathering.
 - b. Historic Trails updates
 - i. Other historic trail updates
 - c. Access updates
 - i. Kaupakuea Access to Hilo Forest Reserve (Nani). Nani presented an improved draft letter to the county and made a motion to accept the letter and Chuck second. There was a council discussion where Debbie gave a detailed background. Chuck made a motion to send the letter and Jeff second. A rollcall vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion carried.
 - ii. Other access updates
 - d. Administrative Tasks update
 - e. Other NAH program updates

- B. Budget/Legislative Update (Nā Ala Hele staff). Trails and Access Specialist IV position has been refunded. Two million dollars of funding has been awarded statewide for a backlog of projects.
- C. Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail Update (Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail staff) Rick gave an update on Kauleolī, Māmalahoa Trail between Kaloko & Makalawena, Kīholo/Puakō Trail, 49 Black Sands trail section, and Kohala Waterfront trail section.
- D. Subcommittee Reports:
 - a. OHV Subcommittee (Terrence Noda, John Howerton). Jackson gave an update on their site visits. There will be a more detailed report.
- E. Information/Update: Tracking Tool (Jeff Yamauchi) No updates.
- F. E-bikes
 - a. Discussion on e-bike use on Nā Ala Hele Trails. Terrance asked if E-bikes were allowed at R1 and ATV Park. Jackson said they are considered motorized and yes.
- G. Muliwai Trail and Waimanu Valley access via Waipi'o Road. County Council member Heather Kimble will present at the next meeting. Keko'olani Brown gave a Waipi'o community update.
- H. Council Member Concerns
 - a. Jeff brought up social media. Jackson reviewed the DLNR media policy.
 - b. Nani requested that it be part of the agenda that the public is welcome to voice at any point of the meeting at the discretion of the chair.
 - c. Chuck asked Rick about trail issues at Kohala Water Front. Jackson referenced the tracking tool #19 & #23.
 - d. Terrence asked council member and Ex-Officio to submit report notes prior to the meeting. Something that Riley had started.
- I. Council member trail experience forum
 - a. David and Jeff talked about the Grove Trail at Kahuku section of Volcano National Park.
 - b. Chuck talked about upcoming Sierra Club hikes.
 - c. Terrence shared his experience recently visiting Florida.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Letter of support for Waimanu caretaker homestead on DHHL lands (Kawehi). No update
- B. Access behind Volcano Solid Waste Station (Nani). County has blocked access to the forest reserve. Abraham talked about GMAC efforts to resolve the access issue. Terrence suggested that this be part of the next meeting agenda. Jackson asked that Nani and Abraham keep him updated on their finding. Nani motioned to create a subcommittee and Jeff second. There was a rollcall vote and all were in favor. Motion carried.
- C. Set next meeting agenda – Council member should send Jackson their concerns.
- D. Set next meeting date – September 14th is the next meeting date at 6:00PM both in person at the Hilo Division of Forestry and Wildlife (19 E Kawili St) and online with Zoom.

VII. ADJOURNMENT - Chuck motioned to adjourn and Jeff second. Meeting adjourned at 8:14PM

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
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
PONC	Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation Commission
QLT	Queen Lili'uokalani Trust
ROD	Rapid Ohia Death
ROHVA	Recreational Off Highway Vehicle Association.
SHPD	State of Hawai'i Historic Preservation Division

**Na Ala Hele
Hawai'i Island Advisory Council**

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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