



**NĀ ALA HELE**  
Hawai'i Trail & Access System

## **Nā Ala Hele Hawai'i Island Advisory Council Minutes**

**Approved: 4/12/23**

**Revised:**

**MEETING DATE: 02/15/2023**

**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, Jeffrey Yamauchi, Chuck Flaharty

**Voting Members Absent Excused:**

Kawehi Ryder, Christopher Seymour, Roger Kanealii Jr. (Maha)

**Voting Members Absent Unexcused:**

(none)

**Invited Guest:**

**Public:**

Dwayne Yoshina, Bill Shontell

**Ex-Officio:**

Jackson Bauer of NAH, Loke Davis of NAH, Laurel Ainsworth

**Ex-Officio Absent:**

- I. Call to Order 6:14 PM
- II. REVIEW and APPROVE MINUTES OF September 28, 2022 – Chuck motioned to accept the meeting minutes and Nani second. There were some spelling corrections. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed
- III. CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS. Terrence went over the house rules.
- IV. PUBLIC TESTIMONY (Three minutes maximum) – There were no public testimonies.
- V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Na Ala Hele Program update (NS Ala Hele staff)
  - a. Program Trails updates
    - i. Pololū Trail [54] – Townscape is an outside contractor that is gathering community input. Bill Shontell gave us an update of his involvement. Chuck mention past work Townscape had done on other projects within the community.
    - ii. Muliwai Trail [36] – Campground remain closed. Working on reopening in the near future.
    - iii. 'Āinapō Trail and Cabin [7] – Reopened.
    - iv. Mauna Loa Observatory Road [56] – Closed but soon to reopen. You will not be able to drive further than where the lava crossed the road. Lava is still very hot.
    - v. Upper Waiākea ATV & Dirt Bike Riding Area (Terrence) [27] – Upcoming training will be posted.
    - vi. Kūlanihāko'i Mountain Bike Park (Chris) [78] – No update
    - vii. Puna Trail [12] – Continue to work with Shipmen on ongoing issue such as illegal vehicle access, over capacity, and ocean safety.
    - viii. Other program trail updates – No update
  - b. Historic Trail updates – No update
  - c. Access updates
    - i. Kaupakuea Access to the Hilo Forest Reserve (Nani/Jackson [49] – No update
    - ii. "Narnia" access [74] – Nani motioned to form a special subcommittee to investigate the Narnia access. Chuck second the motion. There was discussion on access issues and subcommittees. A vote on the subcommittee was taken and all were in favor. Motion carried. Members: Nani, Jeff
    - iii. Other access updates – No update
  - d. Administrative Tasks updates – Jackson gave the council an update on staffing and apprentices.
  - e. Other NAH program updates – No update
- B. Budget/Legislative Update (Nā Ala Hele staff) Jackson gave an update on the budget proposal and thanked everyone who wrote in letters. He will keep everyone informed as the proposal move through the channels of government.
- C. Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail Update (Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail staff) – No update

D. Subcommittee Reports.

- a. OHV Subcommittee (Terrence Noda, John Howerton) – No update.
- b. Waipi'o Valley Access Road (Terrence, Nani Deborah Chang) – No response from letter sent to the Mayor's office regarding adding a member from the hiking community on the "Waipi'o Valley Access Road" council. Nani to follow up with mayor's office.

E. E-bikes – No update

F. Blaze Orange within NAH trails (Nani) – There was a lengthy discussion by the council and Jackson recapped past discussions by the council. Terrence suggested we draft a revision to the NAH rules which are currently under review as a whole. The subject was tabled for the next meeting.

G. Information/Update. Tracking Tool (Jeff Yamauchi) – A new numbering system was introduced for easier tracking. Chuck mentioned his interest in a number of line items and believes they have progressed without the direct knowledge of the council. He plans to pursue updates for the tracking tool.

H. Council Member Concerns

- a. David asked if a special council meeting could be held to tackle just one subject, mainly the review of current program trails. The council did not have capacity to add a meeting but it is the council's ability to set the agenda.

I. Council member trail experience forum

- a. David recounted his recent experience drive the length of R1.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Appointment of Council Officers – Chuck nominated Terrace as Chair, Nani as Vice Chair, and David as Secretary. Jeff second the motion. There was discussion followed by a vote. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- B. Set next meeting agenda – Terrance and Jackson to develop agenda. Council member reminded to email Jackson in advance with any questions but in particular OHV trails we will be reviewing.
- C. Set next meeting day – Next meeting will be April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00PM
- D. ADJOURNMENT – David motioned to adjourn and Chuck second. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.

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 Hawaiʻian 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 Liliʻuokalani Trust
ROD	Rapid ʻŌhiʻa Death
ROHVA	Recreational Off Highway Vehicle Association.
SHPD	State of Hawaiʻi Historic Preservation Division
TT	Tracking Tool

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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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