



NĀ ALA HELE
Hawai'i Trail & Access System

Nā Ala Hele Hawai'i Island Advisory Council Minutes

Approved: July 19, 2023

Revised: July 19, 2023

MEETING DATE: April 12th, 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, Roger Kanealii Jr. (Maha), Chuck Flaherty,
Christopher Seymour

Voting Members Absent Excused:

Jeffrey Yamauchi, Kawehi Ryder,

Voting Members Absent Unexcused:

David Rietow – Secretary

Invited Guest:

Public:

Deborah Chang, Dwayne Yoshina, Kaliko Chung,
Diane Ware, Abraham Antonio

Ex-Officio:

Jackson Bauer of NAH, Rick Gmirkin of Ala Kahakai
National Historic Trails, , Laurel Ainsworth of NAH

Ex-Officio Absent:

- I. Call to Order (6:00 pm)
- II. REVIEW and APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15TH, 2023
 - A. ACCEPTING: Chuck motioned to accept, Roger second.
 - B. REVIEW: Narnia Subcommittee members missing. Nani & Jeff are the members of record.
 - C. APPROVE: Chuck motioned to approve, Roger second. There was a vote. All were in favor, objections non.
- III. CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS - Terrence reviewed house rules.

- IV. PUBLIC TESTIMONY (Three minutes maximum), Diane Ware spoke regarding Muliwai Trail/Waimanu. See comments below.
- V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Nā Ala Hele Program update (Nā Ala Hele staff)
 - a. Program Trails updates
 - i. Pololū Trail [54], Townscape continues to engage with the community and the families most effected in the area. Two community meetings schedule. April 27th at 5:00 PM at Kamehameha Park & May 2nd at 5:00 PM virtually.
 - ii. Muliwai Trail/Waimanu Campground [36], campground still closed. February service trip cancelled due to weather. Service trips on March 17th, 20th, and April 6th last week were successful. Lots of down trees on the trail. Hopes to reopen the campgrounds this summer.
 - a. Diane Ware brought to the attention people who went camping in Waimanu even though she told them it was closed.
 - b. Jackson informed her that he had engages with them on social media.
 - iii. Mauna Loa Observatory Road [56], road has been reopened and you can drive as far as the lava crossing.
 - iv. Upper Waiākea ATV & Dirt Bike Riding Area (Terrence) [27]
 - v. Kūlanihāko'i Mountain Bike Park (Chris) [78]
 - vi. Puna Trail [12], continue working with Shipman to keep people from driving on the historic trail. Also started a contract with Townscape to start a community engagement this summer. They are the same company that we have engaging with the Kohala community for the Pololū trail.
 - vii. Kolanamanu Trail [], trail looking good. Bathrooms continue to have some electrical issues resulting in a smelly bathroom.
 - viii. Makāula-'O'oma Trails [], February storms downed a number of trees and volunteers cleared them.
 - ix. Other program trail updates
 - b. Historic Trails updates
 - i. Hōlualoa "Kona Three" project [], site visits.
 - ii. Hokulia to Keahou Old Government Road clearing.
 - a. Chuck asked if the trail was open. Jackson pointed out that it is open as it is government property and hopes to fold it into the NAH program.
 - b. Terrence, Chris, and Chuck all asked variations of how long the trail was and if it was accessible. Jackson said the trail was legally assessable. There is an electric gate at some high-end homes but the gate opens at a push of a button. From there you walk a short distance on a paved driveway. It is less than 2 miles from Keahou to Hokulia. From there it continues to Captain Cook Monument. That section is not maintained. Parking is along Ali'i Drive by the Lekeleke/Kuamo'o Burial Grounds.
 - iii. Mamalahoa Trail at Kealahihi cleared the trail.
 - iv. Other historic trail updates

- c. Access updates
 - i. Kaupakuea Access to Hilo Forest Reserve (Nani/Jackson) [49], working with Mauna Kea Moo to delineate access to the forest reserve for hunters.
 - ii. Other access updates
 - d. Administrative Tasks update - Working with the department of human resources to recruit for open specialist and tech positions. Update on legislation activities. Q&A on bill 1394HD1 by Chuck.
 - e. Other NAH program updates
 - i. Hosted 2 groups of 5th graders from Waikaloa on January 24th and 31st at Kalanamanu trail.
 - ii. Hosted a community hike in January with E Mau Na Ala Hele from Keauhou to Hokulia.
 - iii. Outreach booth at the Wili Wili Festival February 11th.
 - f. Kūlanihāko'i Mountain Bike Park (Chris), February heavy rains downed around 40 large trees. Ridership is high on the weekends. Working through an issue with a hunter and his dogs that conflict with the bikers.
 - g. Kūlanihāko'i Mountain Bike Park (Terrence), Downed trees from February. Cleared 7 miles of trail. Still some downed trees to be removed.
- B. Budget/Legislative Update (Nā Ala Hele staff)
- C. Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail Update (Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail staff)
- a. Staffing update on upcoming projects.
 - b. Kauleolī in South Kona working to expand the buffer zone and on signage.
 - c. Kiholo to Puakou trail. Will be having an ohana day with descendants of Pu'uanaulu and Pu'uwa'awa'a. They will learn the art of lashing olokea (Hawaiian scaffolding, ladder).
 - d. Aerial Photogrammetry (3D Modeling) at Kauleolī, Kaloko/Honokaou & Mahailua (Mama Laho Trail), and between Kiholo and Anaehoomalu.
 - e. O'oma working with the care takers of that trail to do signage.
 - f. Kohala Water Front, completed the trail work that was later damaged by all the recent rains. Working to fortify the trail.
- D. Subcommittee Reports:
- a. OHV Subcommittee (Terrence Noda, John Howerton) – Jackson gave a brief update on the activities of the subcommittee.
 - b. Waipio Valley Access Road (Terrence, Nani, Debbie Chang) [64] – Nani gave an update.
 - i. January 9 NAHA letter sent requesting a representative of the hiking community be represented on the Waipio Valley Advisory Committee. The letter was addressed to Mayor Mitch Roth and County Council member Heather Kimble's office.
 - ii. March 2th a follow-up letter was sent followed by phone calls.
 - iii. Heather Kimble returned phone call on Monday replying that there were two committees. One was short-term headed by the mayor and other being longer-term headed up by William Stormont of DLNR. Phone call to Stormont has not been replied.
 - iv. Nani took questions and answered with what information she had.
 - v. Nani motioned that the subcommittee of NAHA request a meeting with the mayor to discuss the possibility of adding a representative of the hiking community to his Waipio short-term committee. Chuck seconded the motion. There was a discussion. **1.07**
 - c. "Narnia" Access Subcommittee [74] Nani gave an update

- i. Called senator Lorraine Inouye's office and spoke with her assistant. They seemed to lean on the side of blocking access to the trail.
 - ii. Jackson suggested that the subcommittee find other's that share the same interest of opening up the trail.
 - iii. There was a discussion.
 - E. E-bikes
 - a. Discussion on e-bike use on Nā Ala Hele Trails
 - F. Blaze Orange within NAH trails (Nani)
 - G. Information/Update: Tracking Tool (Jeff Yamauchi)
 - H. Council Member Concerns
 - I. Council member trail experience forum
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. RTP Project List
 - B. HAR 13-130 Rule Revision discussion
 - C. Set next meeting agenda – Terrence & Jackson will work on this.
 - D. Set next meeting date – July 19th, 2023 at 6:00PM
- VII. ADJOURNMENT – Chuck motioned to adjourn and Chris second the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:59PM

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'iian 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
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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