



**NA ALA HELE**  
Hawaii Trail & Access System

## **Na Ala Hele Hawaii Island Advisory Council Minutes**

**Approved: February 18, 2014**

**Revised: February 18, 2014**

**MEETING DATE: July 24, 2013**

**PLACE: Kamuela State Tree Nursery**

**Voting Members Present:**

**Deborah Chang, Judy Ellis, Dennis  
Vierra, Riley Smith, Terrence Noda**

**Voting Members Absent:**

**Branning Sung, Michael Varney**

**Public:**

**Leilani Vierra, Tony Ferreira, Dwayne  
Yoshina, Nani Moku, Byron Moku**

**Ex-Officio:**

**Nelson Ayres Oahu Administration,  
Aaron Lowe Oahu NAH, Torrie Nohara  
Maui NAH, Moana Rowland NAH,  
Clement Chang, Rick Gmirkin Ala  
Kahakai NHT**

- I. Review of Minutes of 5-22-2013**
  - a. Debbie clarifies 'Junk Yard Dogs' to be capitalized in reference to business name of Puako clean-up company
  - b. Motion to accept from Dennis
  - c. Second by Terrence
  - d. Minutes approved
- II. Public Testimony/New Business**
  - i. none
- III. Unfinished Business**
  - a. Coast Guard Road
    - i. Access to heiau a concern and at issue prior to opening via private lands
    - ii. Road to Mookini and Kamehameha birthplace via Akoni Pule highway is not public
    - iii. Tracking report priority and on agenda

- iv. Summer report from Planning may clarify
- b. Foti Alae Subdivision
  - i. No current information available; Rick will inform Clem with updates as available
  - ii. Rick said mauka/makai trail is secure but needs buffer zone clarified by state
- c. Hokuli'a Trails
  - i. Hokuli'a representative said there are metes and bounds established, but bankruptcy status has all on hold
  - ii. Connector trail to access the three trails needs to have vegetation removed and signs
  - iii. Debbie asks for clarification if connector trail is recorded as easement
- d. Council member concerns
  - i. Dennis wants to establish better communication between user groups and recreational site planning
  - ii. Riley requests Dennis to format a solution for resolving wants and needs of both (all) parties involved
  - iii. Getting the word out for notifying the public of meetings and agenda of NAH is available by internet: [hawaiitrails.ehawaii.gov/](http://hawaiitrails.ehawaii.gov/), or google NAH site directly, scroll down to calendar icon
  - iv. Ala Kahakai trail through Kohala Kai development was not claimed by Territory of Hawaii and was not recorded; Riley said this was reviewed by NAH in 1999, and is now a moot point
  - v. Terrence asks Clem for clarification on ROHV use at Waiakea Dirt Bike Park: negative for these larger ORV
  - vi. Debbie would like Awini Trail access clarified if public
  - vii. Tracking Tool dates to be recorded as only the most recent
- e. Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail Update
  - i. Rick said there are factors in how the Puako Boat Ramp project clean-up proceeds as some of the areas are in or near historic sites. Preservation work continues on the makai trail through to Kiholo State Park continues with Hui Aloha Kiholo, State Historic Preservation, and NAH
- f. Na Ala Hele update
  - i. Pu'o O'o cabin/saddlehouse is not in usable condition said Clem and the area not open to legal usage
  - ii. Kapaloa Falls trail is closed as unsafe, hazards are too close for now. Alternate route from Pololu not under consideration at this time

- iii. Waipunalei Trail abstract possibly done; not in program currently
- iv. Skyline Trail is open for use for approved ORV; closures will occur for eradication and/or drought- information on availability to public in 'West Hawaii Today'
- v. Puna Trail signs clarify the historic lands and private lands; parking area and access trails avoid these
- vi. Waimanu Valley permits to be granted by Clem to commercial use with strict parameters
- g. Hilo Meeting for State Na Ala Hele, July 24, 2013
  - i. Tracking Tool Debbie formatted very highly received
  - ii. Nelson expressed kudos to all for Hawaii Island NAH research and action and special recognition to Mike Varney for the lifesaving buoys he placed at Pololu Valley

**IV. Next Meeting Agenda**

- a. Call to Order
- b. Review and approve minutes
- c. Public Testimony
- d. Fill in Gaps in Membership
- e. Foti Alae Subdivision
- f. Tracking log with prioritization
- g. Council member concerns
- h. Public Testimony
- i. Ala Kahakai update
- j. Na Ala Hele update

**V. Next Meeting Date Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 2013**

**VI. Adjournment**

# **Na Ala Hele**

## **Hawaii Island Advisory Council**

### **Rules: Public Testimony and Presentations** (approved at 5/22/13 meeting)

#### **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.**