



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

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

**Approved: February 18, 2014**  
**Revised: February 18, 2014**

**MEETING DATE: September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**PLACE: Kamuela State Tree Nursery**

**Voting Members Present:**

**Deborah Chang, Dennis Vierra, Riley Smith, Branning Sung, Terrence Noda, Michael Varney**

**Voting Members Absent:**

**Judy Ellis**

**Public:**

**Leilani Vierra, Tony Ferreira, Dwayne Yoshina, David Dow**

**Ex-Officio:**

**Clement Chang, Rick Gmirkin Ala Kahakai NHT**

- I. Call to Order 6:06pm**
- II. Review of Minutes of 7-24-2013**
  - a. Minutes not distributed in time for review motion that we defer acceptance until Council can review Dennis
  - b. Second Debbie
  - c. Unanimous vote
- III. Public Testimony/New Business**
  - i. none
- IV. Unfinished Business**
  - a. Recommend and approve new Advisory Members
    - i. Always open to suggestions for 2 vacancies
  - b. Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail update Rick Gmirkin
    - i. Kiholo Puako trail project is finished
      1. Encourage council to go out and take a look at the work

2. Closest access at Kapalaoa
- ii. Foti Parcel
  1. Great example of MOU in practice
  2. 20ft on either side and 12ft trail
  3. Makai trail was identified
  4. Easier access from pebble beach
  5. Handout sent to council members with access plan
  6. Trail is not marked currently but can be
  7. GPS data documented for trail location
  8. Additional Mauka-Makai trail identified as archeological site
  9. Item 3 on tracking tool Debbie to update
    - a. Appears in red summarize Rick's report
    - b. Received copy of grant of easement
- c. Information from Office of Information Practice Sunshine Law
  - i. Handout from Riley with helpful information about Sunshine Law
  - ii. Clem to try and find parts 2 and 3
- d. Na Ala Hele Update Clement Chang
  - i. CIP projects 333,000.00 for recreational type projects
    1. Completion of Kipuka 21 (Kaulana Manu Sanctuary)
    2. Toilets in working order
    3. Unsure how funds will be dispersed
    4. How would Kipuka 21 be managed?
      - a. Sensitive area with native plants and birds
  - ii. Waimanu October 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>
    1. Clem has taken council members in the past let Clem know if council is interested in visiting Waimanu
    2. Commercial application has been approved but has not started yet
      - a. At Chairpersons approval currently
      - b. State gets 5 dollars per person going and coming
        - i. 12 dollars per resident and 18 dollars for visitors per camper per day
      - c. People going in without permits 16 people
        - i. DOCARE contacted to go in and monitor
  - iii. Puna Trail finished signs installed
    1. Next step is volunteer workday
  - iv. Hookena meeting with Rick and Aric
    1. Someone/funds needed to monitor trail
  - v. Ala Kahakai Spencer to Mauumae area possible money for trail improvements, signage, maintenance
    1. Rivers have washed out several areas of the trail
  - vi. Judd Trail
    1. No new updates

2. Did Land Division request quit claim in regards to condition 13? Clem to follow up with Debbie via phone call
  - a. In regards to letter sent to Planning Director
- e. Summary of Statewide meeting
  - i. Dennis reports
    1. Impressed with Big Island representation
  - ii. Terrance reports
    1. Impressed with Big Island representation
    2. RTP guidelines in regards to Sand Island
  - iii. Riley reports
    1. Positive side each island is very different
    2. Negative side documentation and coordination was poorly done
    3. Lots of things that flowed from Big Island were well received
  - iv. Clem reports
    1. Trail guidelines on DOFAW website are the old trail guidelines
      - a. Need to figure out how to get the new guidelines
      - b. Webmaster for the state contacted for updates
      - c. E-calendar needs to be updated for Na Ala Hele
- f. Update on Tracking Tool
  - i. Items in Red specifically in regards to things each member is supposed to complete prior to next meeting use the tool as a reminder
- g. Council Member Concerns
  - i. Debbie Kohala Kai LLC
    1. Letter with photographs unresolved as to where the public access is going to be
      - a. Opposition to location planning department recommended
    2. Unsure of current status
    3. Discussion with landowner
    4. Archaeological report did not identify the jeep road as the trail

**V. New Business**

- a. How do we get trails, government roads, etc onto Na Ala Hele managed list
  - i. If a member wants to add a trail, that member should be the champion of the project
- b. Set next meeting agenda
  - i. Keep I, II, III, IV A, B, D, F, G, V, VII
  - ii. Add Judd Trail
  - iii. Status of Kohala Kai LLC
  - iv. Waipunalei Trail abstract was requested 2007

- v. Any proposed trails from council members
- vi. Kaloko Makai written DEIS is back in action
  - 1. Council Member should review EIS prior to inviting a representative Mike will look at it
- vii. Awini Trail

**VI. Next Meeting Date November 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00 Waimea**

**VII. Public Testimony**

- a. Awini Trail may meet one of the criteria for being a Na Ala Hele trail

**VIII. Adjournment**

- a. Dennis motion to adjourned
- b. Mike second
- c. Meeting adjourned 7:52

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## **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.**