

Hulopo'e Beach Park Council Meeting

Lana'i Senior Citizens Center

Thursday, February 21, 2019

MINUTES

Council Members in Attendance

Ella Yumol	Ron McOmber
Tammy Sanches	Sherri (Sam Mora)
Butch Gima	Pua Turqueza

Council Member(s) Absent

Tuma Fauatea
Kelli Gima
Jerry Rabaino

I. **Meeting called to order:** by Chair, Butch Gima at 5:00pm

II. **Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of January 17, 2019 minutes was moved by Ron and second by Tammy Sanches.

- o All in favor: 6
- o Oppose: 0
- o Abstention: 0

Discussions: none

Motions carried unanimously.

III. **Rangers Report:** Presented by Mike Lopez

A. <u>Boat Count</u>	Jan 2019	Jan 2018
1. Trilogy	1773	1947
2. Expeditions Ferry	293	290
3. Paragon	154	130
4. Maui Nui	<u>148</u>	<u>225</u>
TOTAL	2,368	2,592

B. <u>Campers</u>	Jan 2019	Jan 2018
1. Resident	148	80
2. Non-Resident Campers	97	130
3. # of Camp Nights	73	103
4. # of Reservations	39	46
5. Non Resident Sponsorship	19	44

C. <u>Four Seasons Kiosk</u>	Jan 2019	Jan 2018
Guests	3,221	5,533

D. <u>Daily Beach Users Count</u>	
1. Lowest Count	18
2. Highest Count	220
3. Average	100

Discussions:

Mike Lopez: Removed (3) of the older trees due to weather damage.
Drone Sitings – None for month of January

IV. Public Testimony

Joelle Aoki:

- o Brought to attention that there was no public notice posted but only specific individuals were selected to attend the meeting discussing Proposal on Changes to MLCD (Marine Life Conservation District). They were gathering information on the proposed changes of the MLCD. The State of Hawaii is looking at Management Use Harbors being under private entity management. They would be contracting it out to a private company that will manage the recreational harbors. The Council may want to inquire with the State of Hawaii why there was no public notice sent out to inquire for public input on this gathering of information. Hulopo'e Bay is a Marine Life Conservation District and it could affect the usage and access of that area.

Joelle has also witnessed groups coming in that are contracting individuals from Lanai to host groups coming in by Expeditions or private charter and taking them to the beach and hosting small group events.

This may be identified as commercial business being conducted at the beach park.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Supplemental Information – Beach Use Count

Les Vierra: Presented highlights for February 2019.

50+ people = 36%

100+ people = 29%

150+ people = 18%

83% of the time, there were over 50 people during noon, however, it's unknown if they are Four Seasons, Residents or Tourists.

B. Status of Pulama Lana'i policy on Drone Use – No status from the Company

C. Updates/status of the broken canoes

Saul Kahihikolu:

- There are three canoes that needs repair and currently working with a Maui boat builder and a local person on Lanai to assess the canoes for repair. The canoes will need to be staged somewhere when repair is being done.

Hui Wa'a has the Right of Entry with Pulama Lana'i. They are allowed of a space of 80x80 to a maximum of 7 canoes. They are also required to clean the site on a monthly basis.

D. Hulopo'e Canoe Club – Right of Entry application

Noemi Barbadillo

- Received an application from Pua Turqueza requesting for space at the beach for two of her canoes. Noemi suggests to work with Sol/Hui Wa'a Canoe Club to share the space. This would total the number of canoes to 9. The company allows seven. Suggested, if it's a school function, it may be parked at the school parking lot or work with the harbor and park the two canoes there.

E. Public Testimony

John Burnier:

- Made a point that at present, there's (5) operating canoes at the beach and adding the two canoes could possibly work

Pua Turqueza:

- Confirmed that she had already discussed this matter with Joelle and Saul.

Saul Kahihikolu:

- Feels that this matter should not be discussed here for it has nothing to do with the Beach Council. Hui Wa'a has the Right of Entry under Pulama Lana'i.

Joelle Aoki:

- Agreed with Saul's statement. The administrative function of any organization is not the business of Hulopo'e Beach Park Council. Hui Wa'a already has (7) canoes. Two are in repair. When the two are fixed they will be brought back onto the beach. Saul and Joelle was not aware that there was a new Canoe Club called "Hulopo'e Canoe Club".

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Activities Update

- Kumpang Lana'i – Annual Drug and Alcohol Free event taking place on March 15th thru March 17th. Approximately 120 people
- Boy Scouts Troop I – Lt. Rodriguez will submit an application for 30+ Boy Scouts to take place in April
- Made clear that if it's an organized group, it has to be processed with a Permit Application. An organized group cannot be sponsored by a Lana'i person. Also suggested to have an application submitted ahead of time.

B. Basis for Maui Nui & Paragon invitation

Discussion:

Sam Mora:

- Some questions to be asked to both boat vendors, if they attend the beach park meeting.
 1. How long in business?
 2. How long they have been bringing people to Lana'i?
 3. The company should have an agreement with them

Ella Yumol & Tammy Sanches:

- Expeditions brings in guests just like Paragon and Maui Nui. What difference would that be?

Noemi Barbadillo:

- The company has discussed in the past to approach them and collect some fees but has not gone any further

Public Testimony:

Les Vierra & Nikki Alboro:

- Les V. - Feels that approaching the two boat vendors will not work. The beach committee can't do anything. Pulama Lana'i would be the only one that can do something.

Nikki Alboro

- Nikki - Paragon's website charges \$195/person. They are doing guided hikes to Pu'upehe and selling picnic benches. Feels they should be paying something

Mike Lopez:

- While employed with Trilogy, he went thru this process all the way up thru the Governor's office to testify. Proving if they are doing commercial activity will be difficult.

Mike (audience):

- Said to be careful approaching Paragon. They might want the same set up as Trilogy

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C. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

- Selection will be tabled till all members are present

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Jerry Rabaino has given his notice to resign out of the Beach Park Council

VIII. AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

A. Vacancy election for Jerry's position

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm