

Hulopo'e Beach Park Council Meeting

Lana'i Senior Citizens Center

Thursday, January 18, 2018

MINUTES

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

1. Ranger's Report – Post Hulopo'e Beach Park Statistics on community website – Graph and count of Boat, Campers and Four Seasons Guest.
2. Status of SMA Permit to Post Signs – Status still pending from the Plan Review and Zoning and Enforcement Division Flood Area.
3. Bicycle Use in the Park –Rangers will suggest riders to park their bikes in the back. The Company will install Bike Racks and sign to say “Bicycles Only. Use Bike Rack at Your Own Risk. No Bikes on Grass or Sand”. Sign will be attached to Bike Rack.
4. Trilogy's Use of the Beach Park – Pulama Lana'i has set a designated area (snapshot of the beach and Trilogy's area provided in binder). Same place, no changes from previous years.
5. Term Limit determination of Council Members – tabled to February meeting
6. Rescue Tubes – Joe Galonka still working with the Kaua'i Rescue and Rescue Tube Foundation for donation of the tubes.

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Board Members in Attendance

Sally Kaye	Kelli Gima	Jerry Rabaino
Tuma Fauatea	Ron McOmber	Butch Gima
Ella Yumol	Tammy Sanches	

Board Member(s) Absent

Letty Castillo

Chair, Butch announced Michelle Fujie and Simon Tajiri will no longer fulfill their position in the HBPC Board. Ron McOmber and Kelli Gima will be replacing their seats until further notice.

- I. **Meeting called to order:** By Butch Gima at 5:00pm

- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of December 7, 2017 was moved by Ron McOmber and second by Jerry Rabaino. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussions: No discussions.

- III. **Public Testimony: None**

- IV. **Rangers Report:** Presented by Michael Lopez

<u>Boat Count</u>	Dec 2017	Dec 2016
1. Trilogy	1,720	927
2. Expeditions Ferry	300	178
3. Paragon	198	205
4. Maui Nui	<u>124</u>	<u>119</u>
TOTAL	2,342	1,429

<u>Campers</u>	Dec 2017	Dec 2016
1. Resident	192	98
2. Non-Resident Campers	61	74
3. # of Camp Nights	48	n/a
4. # of Reservations	27	n/a
5. Non Resident Sponsorship	40	n/a

<u>Four Seasons Kiosk</u>	Dec 2017	Dec 2016
1. Guests	8,082	7,281

Discussion: Butch request this data spread sheet of Boat Count, Campers and Four Seasons guest be put on the website. This would be good information if we decide to survey the carrying capacity for Hulopoe Beach.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Status of SMA permit to post Signs

Noemi Barbadillo: Status is still pending - waiting for the Plan Review and Zoning and Enforcement Division Flood Area. The Planner is planning to review this week. You may also find the open projects online. The Safety Signage was submitted 8/28/17 and the other signage was submitted 11/01/17.

Butch Gima: Restated to everyone the Revised Park Rules were approved in 2015. New signs were made and ready to be posted in January 2017 but learned there was no permit for any signs posted at the park.

Discussion: No Discussion

B. Bicycle Use in the Park

This subject was brought up several meetings ago after receiving a letter complaining about how they were handled when they rode their bike down to the beach park. In the Park Rules under page 3, letter C. states, "The Company will designate by posting signs, areas where certain activities, including but not limited to the following are prohibited. Ride on roller skates, skate board or bicycles".

There are some concerns why we have this provision in the rule.

Discussion:

Tuma F: Tuma says bicycle may be the only way of transportation. We should not prohibit them from entering the beach.

Jerry/Sally: Jerry stated this could also be a liability issue. Sally says if a bike rack is installed and a sign that would say, no bikes beyond this point would solve the problem.

Noemi B: For safety issues, it's a liability for the Company. The road to Manele does not have a bike lane and the road in Hulopoe have pot holes. At this time, it's not in The budget for repairs.

There was an incident where this person fell from her bike due to the pot holes and the Company ended up paying for medical cost.

The Company have purchased bike racks and a sign that says "Bicycles Only. Use Bike Rack at Your Own Risk. No Bikes on Grass or Sand". The sign would be attached to the bike rack.

As a note... When Tri Lanai have their race, they have the right of entry and they name the company as additional insured. If anything happens, their insurance will pay first.

Action: Butch reminds the council this issue will be a Pulama Lana'i oriented decision.

VI. Public Testimony:

John Montgomery: Agrees with the liability but how often would someone trip on a pot hole? Are we searching for solution for a problem that doesn't exist? Has rode his bike down many of times, but was never been questioned until this past December. Our bikes are expensive and I wouldn't want to leave my bike somewhere unattended. Feels it's silly to ride his bike down and have someone with a truck to pick up the bike. There shouldn't be a rule or a big sign to put a sign up to say "Walk your Bike"

Warren Niimi: Read the Park Rules and it says, the company will designate by posting signs. Looked for signs but there were no signs. He was asked to leave the park because he rode his bicycle down. Questioned, since the signs for the rules are not posted, we should be able to ride our bikes until the signs are posted?

Sally K: Confirms to Warren, technically, yes you can. It's only prohibited if the signs are posted.

Dale Philips: Agrees with John Montgomery's testimony. The Bikes are expensive and who would leave their bikes unattended?

Miles Saruwatari: Bicycles are a legal vehicle on the road. The Parking lot at Beach Park is a privately owned area. They can make their own rules, however, banning bicycles going into the Beach Park is a little too much. Suggests to post a sign as suggested by the others and a bike rack.

Alecia Bennett: Suggests to Pulama and the Council, as a resident, could we use the same privilege similar to resident camping to be able to bring their bikes to the local side?

Butch: Closed Public Testimony

Discussions:

Butch G: Since the rules are not posted. Will the Rangers continue to enforce this rule?

Noemi B: Yes, the Rangers are going to continue to practice that rule. Rangers will suggest riders to park their bikes in the back.

C. Trilogy's Use of the Beach Park (pending receipt of documents)

The Council was provided a snapshot of the beach that Trilogy occupies.

Jim Coon: Started from the very beginning with Castle & Cooke, that's where they've done their operation. Never had a guideline of where they should be. Pulama then designated an area (snapshot of the beach and Trilogy's area). No changes, still the same area.

Ron McOmber: Wants to ensure Trilogy has ¼ of that area. Still request to have the beach surveyed.

Discussion: No discussion

D. Term Limit determination of council members

John and Debbie Dela Cruz testified last month and to come up with recommendations. They are not present in today's meeting.

Will table for next meeting.

E. Rescue Tube

Joe Galonka: Update on the Rescue Tube – Running into some delay on the tubes. The person from Kaua'i Rescue Hawaii that were going donate has not been answering his emails. Also working on the signs and Working with the Rescue Tube Foundation as well. They will be donating four tubes.

Says that there's a law that anybody can put up these kind of rescue tube with instructions anywhere is free from liability. Will look into more.

Tuma F: Who would be responsible in putting up the "High Surf" and Wave on Ledge" 6 or 8 signs?

Action: No decisions were made on who will install the signs.

VII. Public Testimony

Randy Coon: Strongly supports the Rescue Tubes and hope we can make it happen. Also, he would like to attend our meeting and suggest moving this meeting to an earlier time.

Discussion: No discussion

VIII. Agenda for next meeting

- a) Update on the Bicycle Use at Beach Park
- b) Term Limits for Hulopoe Beach Park Council Member
- c) Quartered Sections for the Beach
- d) Status of SMA Permit to Post Signs

IX. PUBLIC TESTIMONY – none

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS – none

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:08pm