

Hulopo'e Beach Park Council Meeting

Zoom call

MINUTES Thursday, March 18th, 2021

Council Members in Attendance

Present:

Kelli Gima Ewan Knowles Sherri Mora Ella Yumol
Butch Gima Pua Turqueza Michelle Fujie

Absent:

Tammy Sanches Bruce Harvey

I. Meeting Called to order 5:00pm

- a) Purpose of the HBPC (standing agenda item)
- b) Housekeeping items, testimony rules

II. Approval of February 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- a) Motion: B. Gima
- b) 2nd: E. Knowles

III. Rangers Report

Trilogy	0	FS Guests	3441
Expeditions	185	Beach Users	907
Paragon	0	High	92
Mauai Nui	0	Low	7
		Avg	32

IV. Public Testimony

V. OLD Business

- a) Update on Student Survey
 - i) Changing to Survey Monkey
 - 1) Allow for lucky draw Incentive for taking survey
 - ii) Need to revise more questions pertaining to Carrying Capacity
 - iii) Release late April - Postpone newspaper release (April Article)
 - iv) Multiple release
 - i) Lanai96763
 - ii) Post QR code
 - iii) Live surveys at beach
 - iv) Contact HBPC for help with sending emails

VI. NEW Business

- a) Beach Park Updates
 - i) No event permit requests
 - ii) Middle of the beach parking lot flooded, need to fix pipes.
 - iii) Noticed an increase of people coming off of Expeditions.
 - iv) Rules remain the same: Hours 7am - 7pm No use of grills, No tents no groups larger than 5 (same household), violating orders rangers have been told to contact MPD.
- b) Discussion on Manele Boat
 - i) Discussion on the impact of increased commercial boats / businesses coming to Lāna'i.
 - ii) B. Gima The Information presented stressed the importance for looking 5 - 20 years down the line, being proactive about making decisions. Boat companies paying for their business on Maui, not operating business on Lāna'i. Has Pulama discussed internally in the past 6 months? Responsibility to our residents, something that was considered was restricting access to convenience on the regular road. What is Pulama willing to do regarding resident access?
 - iii) S. Mora Ask for HBPC to consider keeping communication open and keep engagement about boats and permits, different permits, especially once boats begin returning. Consider inviting companies to the HBPC. Gather information, inform people by formal letter. In the past S. Mora has looked at who is running the companies, but should update information.
 - iv) K. Gima will send an email requesting J. Aoki for regular attendance for updates, harbor master report. HBPC should look at what our options are, who should we contact? Pulama legal department, government representatives. If we invite the companies, what discussions are we planning to have, what is our goal, what do we want to achieve? Need to be strategically planned - should we do an executive session? Unsure about what the past engagement with these companies has been.
 - v) E. Knowles suggests the council is in a good position to start putting a plan together to present to the other operators regarding compliance, inviting companies to meeting. Consider the larger environmental impact on the island.
 - vi) E. Yumol will ask N. Badillo about company discussions regarding boat operators coming to Lāna'i and also ask the legal department & senior management regarding history and where the company is presently at and what has the company done? Is the company willing to consider restricting access to the beach to residents only.

VII. Public Testimony

- a) Tom Burke: Noticed as a boater that there are a lot of boaters around our island, concerned about it returning after covid ends. Question about the Small Boat Harbor - Dry Storage Area should reach out to J. Aoki directly.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) April 15, 2021 - 5 pm virtual meetings

IX. Agenda for Next Meeting

- a) Student Update on Survey
- b) Pulama Updates on information requested
- c) B. Gima will reach out to steering committee and provide any updates on Hawaii Tourism Destination Management Plan Steering Committee Action H - Concern about boaters paying Pulama

X. Adjournment

- a) Adjourned 5:46pm