

Hulopo'e Beach Park Council Meeting

Zoom call

MINUTES Thursday, April 15th, 2021

Council Members in Attendance

Present:

Kelli Gima	Ewan Knowles	Sherri Mora	Tammy Sanches
Butch Gima	Pua Turqueza	Michelle Fujie	Bruce Harvey

Absent:

Ella Agtarap

I. Meeting Called to order 5 pm

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

II. Approval of March 18th , 2021 Meeting Minutes

- a) Motion: Ewan Knowles
- b) 2nd: Butch Gima

III. Rangers Report

Trilogy	0	FS Guests	No report yet for March update for next meeting
Expeditions	332	Beach Users	1484 (taken at noon everyday)
Paragon	0	High	96
Maui Nui	0	Low	6
		Avg	48

IV. Public Testimony

V. OLD Business

- a) Kainalu and Scarlett: Student Survey final draft sent out for council to review before posting this coming week. Will be posted on various sites: school website, social media, lanai96763.com, in Lanai Today and also on bulletin boards around town (pine isle/post office). Goal of the survey with participation is around 300 and the survey will be posted online for about a 1 month to get a good count from the community. Students will be

looking at the survey about 2-3 week after posting to get a count and will monitor till the end of the month.

K.Gima. Approval to move forward with no objection from council. Great job on the survey. Once the link is uploaded, council members will take initiative to spread the link to as many people as possible either on their social media pages or via groups they are affiliated in.

b)- Gate update

i) N. Barbadillo Waiting on permit should get word this week regarding permit request.

M. Fujie Requested more details regarding the gate with language being used and some kind of promise that Pulama is not using gate for other purposes than what was stated.

N. Barbadillo Gate to only be used during natural disasters or COVID19 due to safety of not only community but also rangers in securing the beach during disasters or with the mandate for COVID from the county. As always Pulama would not use gates for other purposes such as locking out the community or restricting beach access.

K.Gima Community members have reassurance with prior minutes from HBPC which has proof of Pulama's reasons for the gate to be placed. Once again the gate is being used for safety issues only with natural disasters and COVID.

VI. NEW Business

a) Beach Park Updates

i) _ no changes from prior meetings. Masks are to be worn from the car to their seated area.

ii) _ Pump that was down last time has been fixed and water from the middle has been drained as much as possible.

iii) Teams of 4 rangers are doing night scares for the deers, M-F to prevent them from eating up the vegetation in HBP.

b) Rules still in place of 5 people or 1 household gathering. Travelers in one household on vacation are considered one household.

c) S.Mora Sign "PARK CLOSE" left up community members inquired what that meant. N. Barbadillo explained that the new employee hired forgot to remove the sign.

d) Carrying Capacity:

i) K. Gima and B. Gima spoke with Noemi Barbadillo and Harilynn Kemeenui regarding concern with day guests and the impact on the beach.

B. Gima as requested last month from Ella with meeting with Harilynn and Senior management regarding the issue that has been in discussion since 2018 with regards to day trippers. No contributions from day trippers for the economy of Lanai. Would like to be proactive regarding issues before a crisis occurs. Guiding principle for policies that would be in consistent with the Marine Life Conservation District 2010 preserve and protect usage for beach and beach park also stated in the HBP rules. Policy is only good as accountability. H. Kemeenui states we should look at the following four in regards to policy change. 1. Trilogy grandfather clause, 2. Non-resident campers, 3. Four Seasons Guests, 4. Making sure in compliance with beach access. Recommendation for 1 to 2 public hearings to get community input and a council executive session. Changes or revisions to policy regarding HBP should be combined with community/HBPC making a request to Pulama (landholder). Marine Life Conservation District was evolved through community based initiative. Government granted MLCD and did not want to oppose what the community wanted and recommended as such the community working with HBPC is a must.

K. Gima moved forward with the executive session to gather and organize more information to be all on the same page when bringing forth to public hearing. Intent on restricting access of day trippers and companies that are not paying permits. Preventing overcrowding and residents not having access to the beach because of people coming off boats. HBPC was created to protect the access and restrictions for the residents of Lanai.

M. Fujie Joelle presentation prior meeting in regards to permits with specific purpose could be used as a strategy or another to be considered.

E. Knowles Marine Sanctuary load capacity for beach which would affect reef and ocean this could be a standing point to start off proposal for change of policy.

B. Gima Suggested getting the survey company that was hired by Pulama's, quarterly report with water quality, health of reef and fish in bay.

M. Fujie Survey company report could assist with additional things that may help us conduct our carrying capacity survey.

B. Harvey Marine biologist he met commented that our southside waters and the bay area compared to other islands is in really good shape.

K.Gima 1st step to take is to set up an executive session to take place April 29, 2021 at 5pm via zoom. From there we will advertise to the public and the community needing to gather input regarding carrying capacity. Possibly hold another executive meeting after the first public hearing.

E.Knowles agreed that we need to act fast due to current restrictions at HBP; this is the perfect opportune time to push forward. Next two weeks the board should think of ideas that would best assist us in moving forward at our executive session.

K.Gima Topic will be brought up during Public Hearing that we will schedule and not hold at our regular HBPC meeting. Come with thoughts and ideas to help with this topic.

B.Gima Consider for public hearing when we advertise if we should invite Maui to also be present such as Trilogy, Paragon, Expeditions, etc. Giving them a heads up of changes we are possibly looking at creating with the community.

E.Knowles All fairness we should open to both Lanai/Maui for the public hearing.

VII. Public Testimony

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VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Next Meeting May 20th - 5 pm virtual meetings

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IX. Agenda for Next Meeting

a) Beach Park Update

b) Student Survey Update

c) Executive Session Recap

X. Adjournment

a) Meeting recessed to April 29th at 5pm.