

HULOPO`E BEACH PARK COUNCIL MEETING
July 15, 2021
Via Zoom

PRESENT: Tammy Sanches, Michelle Fujie, Pua Turqueza, Bruce Harvey, Ewan Knowles, Sherri Mora, Jonathan Sprague, Butch Gima

MINUTES:

Ewan moved, Michelle seconded the motion to approve the May 20,2021 minutes. Motion was approved unanimously.

Jonathan moved, Tammy seconded the motion to approve the June 17, 2021 minutes. The motion was amended to strike the language re: the survey results being attached to the minutes. Michelle added language to reflect _____. The motion was unanimously approved.

RANGER`S REPORT:

The monthly beach count spreadsheet was not available to the Council. However, Ewan and Noemi shared what data they had:

Trilogy	1307	
Expeditions	1321	
Paragon	0	
<u>Ahiilani</u>		<u>0</u>

Total	2628	
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Four Seasons	7918	(which included Sensei Koele and Four Seasons Manele)
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High	210	
Low	64	

Average	110	(one of the highest averages)
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PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None on the agenda but Butch asked for clarification on the students' final survey report. Michelle reported the students had not planned to present anything at our July meeting. The students will send the final report to the HBPC and release it to the public. Michelle will follow up on how the report will be released to the public.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Beach Park updates

Noemi reported the gates are not fully painted yet. Gates are closed from 7p to 7a but not locked because the locking protocols have not been finalized yet. Bruce reiterated the request for expanding the hours the park is open (one hour earlier in the morning and/or one hour later in the evening), especially since the County restrictions apply to County Parks. Noemi reiterated that Pulama has chosen to abide by the County restrictions.

2. Paddle for Life

Nancy LaJoy and Kimokea from the Pacific Cancer Foundation talked about their hopes to resurrect their Paddle for Life event on October 9 and 10, 2021. Seventeen teams consisting of 50-60 paddlers have already registered to paddle to Hulop`e from Lahaina, camp overnight then paddle back, all in an effort raise funds for the Foundation. The Foundation and paddlers are hopeful and excited to return to Lana`i after Covid canceled last year's event although they were able to raise funds virtually.

Short discussion about Covid protocols given the potential number of paddlers, attendees and regular weekend beach users. Noemi noted much will depend on changes in the next County proclamation which hopefully will lift some of the restrictions.

3. June 28, 2021 Executive Session summary

Butch provided a summary of the session. He noted the discussions were guided by the Council's goals, a set of values and guiding principles. Former Council member Sally Kaye also provided the council with a history of the HBPC, Memorandum of Agreements, Trilogy's role in the beach park and legal efforts to manage the beach park.

The purpose of the Executive Session was to develop a proposal for the public to comment on re: beach park access and use, along with beach access and use.

4. July 29, 2021 Public Hearing

The outdoor Public Hearing has been set along with a HBPC email address for submission of written testimony in lieu of in-person testimony. Tammy noted Kelli was emailed with a revised flyer that included all of the Public Hearing information on one page. Tammy confirmed a PA system will be available.

Council suggested a sign in sheet and a one-page listing of the HBPC Executive Session goals, values and guiding principles. In addition, Ewan suggested clear ground rules for testimony in anticipation of some passionate testimony. Nikki Alboro testified that there has been chatter on social media regarding the definition of "non-residents".

Butch suggested we return to pre-covid testimony protocols; 3-minute limit, testifying only to the council and testifying at a testimony table in front of the council.

Michele suggested the chair provide historical context for the proposal and reasons for the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

Nancy LeJoy asked if her org needed to return for the August meeting. Butch initially said only if Covid restrictions were lifted to allow the Paddle for Life event to occur.

There was a short discussion on County indoor and outdoor gathering limits, Four Seasons' Luau Grounds events, County Special Use Permits and Pulama's current restrictions on camping. Noemi noted if the restrictions are not lifted by October, the event can still occur if it's limited to a day-only event (no camping).

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Butch announced the availability of the quarterly Hulopo'e Bay water testing results. The Executive Summary had already been emailed to the Council. Please contact him to view the entire report.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, August 19, 2021

PROPOSED AGENDA:

1. Review of the July 29, 2021 Public Hearing
2. Beach Park updates