

Hulopo'e Beach Park Council Meeting

Zoom call

MINUTES Thursday, June 17th, 2021

Council Members in Attendance

Present:

Kelli Gima	Ewan Knowles	Sherri Mora	Jon Sprague
Butch Gima	Pua Turqueza	Michelle Fujie	Bruce Harvey

Absent:

Tammy Sanches

I. Meeting Called to order 5 pm

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

II. Approval of May 20th , 2021 Meeting Minutes

- a) Deferred to July Meeting

III. Rangers Report

Trilogy	776	FS Guests	No report yet for May update for next meeting
Expeditions	755	Beach Users	1892 (taken at noon everyday)
Paragon	0	High	130
Maui Nui	0	Low	10
		Avg	111

IV. Public Testimony

V. OLD Business

- a) Kainalu and Scarlett: Student Survey final count in response was 344 over goal of 300. Opened up for about a month to a month and a half. Survey response attached to minutes. Highlighted parts are those that responded to surveys were 95.13% full time residents, 3.75 part time and 1.12 non residents. Highlighted questions looked at with overcrowding concerns are questions 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26.

- i) 2021 survey 16% was under 18 and 16% was over the age of 55 as compared to 2014 survey 6% under 18 and 25% above the age of 55. Younger perspective in this year's survey.
- ii) Additional issues were wildlife harassment such as dolphins in the bay and trash.
 - 2014 survey done paper as well as online.
 - 2021 survey online via multimedia platforms.

Social media platforms possibly missed out on the older demographics due to COVID and higher reach towards younger demographics with the assistance of school as it was a school project activity.

Gabe Johnson- inquired about how resident was defined on survey (Nalu stated based on years lived on island determine category for full, part and non. Question 31). What will data be used for and if we will continue carrying on with research. Would like to see the difference between residents that lived here longer in regards to overcrowding as compared to people that have just moved here.

M.Fujie there is raw data that would need to be taken and processed and sorted to give a more detailed question/ answer for the next survey.

K.Gima next month's agenda discussion on what we will do with this information such as comparing it with past surveys.

M.Fujie possibly continues the survey again since COVID has diluted the answering response.

b)- Gate Update

N. Barbadillo Permit to install Gate passed and installed. One side painted yellow and waiting on paint to come in to completely paint it silver. Waiting on safety dept to get locks that can be used for all emergency entities with keys. Once all have keys will be able to install locks. On days the park needs to be closed, reflected triangles will be placed on gates. Lock box will also be placed above locks so can't be cut. Currently "Park is Closed" sign are hung on road sign prior to entering beach park but will now be placed on gates. Gate again only to be closed during pandemic, weather or emergency. Gates will remain open once the pandemic is over.

K.Gima/M.Fujie possibly posting in paper or on gate regards that the gate will only be used for safety or emergency concerns such as COVID or natural disasters. Council should spread word to cease chatter within the community regarding gate that is for public safety use only.

N.Badillo keys are audited every month that will be issued out to all emergency personnel to be able to access. Due to no keys available currently the gate is not locked, just closed until we have keys.

VI. NEW Business

a) Beach Park update

N. Barbadillo Still 7am-7pm beach park use according to the Mayor proclamation. Grills are open for use, notice on ladies restrooms on flushing anything other than toilet paper. New trash cans in stalls for sani. Protecting pipes due to having a big plumbing problem from flushing non toilet paper items down. Coconut tree trimming will be done soon. FS group coming at the end of August with 220 people would like to volunteer at beach park for their community service. Pulama said the beach is pretty clean, suggesting painting tables, parking stalls, shower stalls and sifting sand with net. Looking at 2hrs on Thursday morning.

M.Fujie great suggestion regarding type of volunteer work at beach park.

B. Harvey Suggested needing more shade on the local side like planting a tree.

E.Knoles Ainhouseer bush and another company would like to do volunteer work also.

B.Gima rules is it regarding only county or all beach parks with county proclamation?

N.Barbadillo pulama is private but following according to county proclamation.

K.Gima is there a way to increase the time the beach park opens. Maybe looking as a suggestion with summer time being days are longer.

N.Barbadillo will bring up at the next meeting with Pulama regarding the suggestion.

b) E.Knowles shared the news regarding 200 plus people from merchant Marine Corp arriving in Maui County on Father's Day.

N.Badillo just saw the press release yesterday regarding docking on Lanai for 200 plus people in the merchant marine corp on Sunday Father's Day. No idea where

they are going. Mike prepared with crew on what could happen on Sunday if visit Lana'i.

- c) Executive session summary from last meeting discussed at monthly meeting.

B.Gima not much discussion from the community. Summary about discussion when other islands resources are being used by visitors these visitors contribute back to that island economy. As compared to day trippers to our beach and our beach park are not contributing to the economy of our island. Consideration to be aware of when and if we make decisions to increase use of beach park/beach. With June numbers we can see the increase.

K.Gima we as the council should continue these discussions in an executive session where we can toss around what we would like to do and bring to the public in the form of public hearing. Having it heavily advertised and having more community based discussion.

M.Fujie having a more rich executive discussion with pulling the data from both the survey and ranger reports would help us with something that can be brought to a public discussion.

K.Gima to set a date for the next executive session to format a discussion that would be brought to a public hearing with the community. Will need to advertise with a month's notice. Finish up the agenda and set up the next executive session.

N.Badillo Pulama getting emails in regards to groups wanting to come and visit. Heads up to us that they are interested in visiting our island.

VII. Public Testimony

- a) G.Johnson Does not think we should go to executive session. We should have everything public.

M.Fujie to have gathered information to be able to bring to the public is what the executive meeting will be about.

K.Gima agrees that everything in a public form and we aren't using this to hide anything; it is just to create a forum to make sure all council members are on the same page and agree to bring forth to the public.

B.Gima executive session to have a specific proposal to get more community to come to meetings and give their input.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Next Meeting July 15th - 5 pm virtual meetings

IX. Agenda for Next Meeting

- a) Beach Park Update
- b) Next step for survey

X. Adjournment

- a) Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm