

Hulopo'e Beach Park Council Meeting

Zoom call

MINUTES Thursday, January 20, 2022

Council Members in Attendance

Present:

Kelli Maltezo

Tammy Sanches

Sherri Mora

Jon Sprague

Butch Gima

Pua Turqueza

Michelle Fujie

Bruce Harvey

I. Meeting Called to order 5 pm

Purpose of the HBPC (standing agenda item)

Housekeeping items, testimony rules

Mahalo Sherri Mora for serving on HBC this is her last meeting on HBC. Mahalo for all council members for their times and dedication through the years.

Split chair Butch (Jan-June) Jon (July-Dec)

II. Approval of December 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Moved by Jon and second by Kelli. Unanimous ayes

III. Rangers Report

Differed till next meeting (Makana is off island)

Trilogy		FS Guests	No report yet for Dec update for next meeting
Expeditions		Beach Users	
Paragon		High	
Maui Nui		Low	
		Avg	

IV. Public Testimony

V. OLD Business

A. Continued discussion of limiting Non Resident access in Hulopoe Beach Park

Summary: Council hearing and receiving testimony on this issue for the last year. Decided to break it down into 2 phases.

Phase 1 focus on limiting non resident access to HBP to specifically “Day Trippers”. If and when it becomes necessary Phase 2 will be looking at limiting all non resident access. Before Phase 1 we need to determine alternate public beach access to the road going into the public beach park.

Kelli: Mahalo to everyone that gave their statement either written or verbal at our meetings. We acknowledge everyone and their concerns they had, all of which is how we were able to develop the phases we are looking at now.

Butch: Potential impact on to many users on beach/beach park may have on marine life. Exploring how marine life may support what we are looking at with the amount of beach users or at least assist the council with considering things when MLCD, Marine Life Conservation District was created in 76’.

B. Summarize discussion Na Ala Hele trail meeting.

Jon: Established fisherman trail is Naalaha official trail. Currently assess standing of trails to use that doesn’t go through the HBP and to avoid areas around the seabird nesting grounds.

Tammy: Pulama Lanai is looking into what possible options could be for alternate routes for public beach access.

Butch: contacted planning department if Pulama would need permit if and when alternate public beach access is determined. Jordan Hart responded that any physical work in the special management area needs assessment even if it is exempt from a permit. Reference to Hawaii Rev statue 205a coastal zone management statute limiting or restricting existing shore access. If and when alternate access is determined would need to work with the county and Lanai Planning commission.

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VI. Public Testimony

Michael Oexner: Follow up on a few things, with limiting traffic and maybe good things to proceed on. Possibility to building a trail to the beach park is good. Accessing conservation areas, what is the possibility of limiting access to commercial access such as Trilogy. How much is Trilogy allowed to bring in and maybe looking at lowering the amount due to high use of tourist sunscreen causing issues on the reefs and such. Can we cap them first and secondly pollution, do we do water sampling at HBP with testing the water. Maybe having a third party to do the testing.

Butch: Permitting for the Manele project district which includes the golf course, they are required to do a quarterly testing on the water in the Hulopoe bay and around Manele bay. Study also does fish count and pictures of the coral.

Jon: Waters around both Hulopoe and Manele are the most consistently and best monitored testing around Lana'i coast. With also the conditioning that is around sedimentation not necessarily from chemicals but from suspended sedimentation from erosions in that area going into the waters.

Michelle: Students meet with Brian Glazer professor on Oceanography from UH has secured water testing devices for students to use. Looking at what that sensor is capable of measuring and getting real time data. Sensors that can float but still looking at the perimeter of how long it can be there and when it needs to be checked. But it could be done more frequently than just the quarterly. Still exploring measures it can collect and maybe in a year or two with collaboration of UH Manoa and Pulama students here will be able to do the testing.

Kelli: Confirming that it is a third party company that handles the quarterly report for water testing is not Pulama Lanai.

VII. NEW Business

a) Beach Park update

Butch: requested from Makana provide: Annual site visit was postponed in December due to flooding and postponed again this month due to COVID numbers was too soon to meet at HBP. Requested from Makana to provide counts on tables and grills on sand and grass as compared to last year. Annual

report from Rangers. Also the status of the beach park being dried out and any other issues regarding the beach park.

b) Vacancy on HBC

Butch: 1 year at large position opened. Flyer announcing vacancy will be going out shortly and access to applications will be on our Facebook page and 96763.com. Deadline to submit an application is one month from now at our next HBP meeting.

Kelli: Simple application and only 1 year term. 3 seats for Pulama Lanai, 3 seats for Lanaians for Sensible Growth and 3 at large that community members apply for. Members from Pulama Lanai and Lanaians for Sensible Growth review applications and decide.

Hawaii Tourism Authority Maui NVCB

Jon: Idea behind trip is to offer visitors a chance to give back to the community with different service activities from weeding, planting providing opportunities to go town shopping/lunch. Restorative tourist trip getting them into town enjoying Lanai and also giving back. Possibly in between heading back to Maui they might want to access the HBP.

Logging on issue to Zoom meeting

Butch: anyone having issues with link on flyer?

Kelli: suggestion to just give zoom id and passcode to log on and not link on flyer as people are having time using the url.

Jon: you can shorten long url via other websites as a potential option.

Public Testimony

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Next Meeting Feb 17th - 5 pm virtual meeting

IX. Agenda for Next Meeting

- a) Beach Park Update
- b) Ranger Report
- c) Updates on Candidates
- d) Ongoing proposal limiting access to HBP
- e) Malama Lana'i Project

X. Adjournment

- a) Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm