

Hulopo'e Beach Park Council Meeting
In-Person at Lanai Senior Center and Zoom call

MINUTES

Thursday, May 17, 2022

Council Members in Attendance

Present:

Butch Gima	Jon Sprague	Kelli Maltezo
Tammy Sanches (ZOOM)	Bruce Harvey	Sean Fontes (ZOOM)
Pua Turqueza (ZOOM)	Anthony Bandalan, Jr.	Michelle Fujie

Absent:

- I. **Meeting Called to order 5:30 pm**
 - a) Purpose of the HBPC (standing agenda item)
 - b) Housekeeping items, testimony rules
- II. **Approval of March 17, 2022 & April 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes**
 - a) Approved and seconded – K. Maltezo and J. Sprague-passed unanimously

III. Rangers Report

April Report:

Trilogy	2,176	FS Guests	6,268
Expeditions	1,165	Beach Users	3,097
Paragon	0	High	206
Maui Nui	0	Low	32
		Avg	103

- a) M. Cortez – Paragon and Maui Nui were part of beach statistics report pre-COVID. Since then, there hasn't been information on these operations returning.
- b) K. Maltezo – Beach statistics will be posted on HBP Facebook page and Lanai96763 website.

IV. Public Testimony

- a) Max Kincaid-Black & white boat that shuttles 20 people a day at Manele Boat Harbor. Will address with J. Aoki.
- b) Winnie Basques – Concern about Trilogy guests arriving and not wearing masks.
- c) Manny Dugay (ZOOM) – Lives in Kaneohe but owns a home on Lanai. Concern on preserving camping privileges for himself and his family.
- d) J. Sprague – confirmed that Trilogy agreement with Pulama Lanai is a maximum of 100 guests at a time.
- e) Helen Tabura – Asked if beach statistics are daily counts. M. Cortez confirmed that counts are daily.
- f) Momi Suzuki – Asked what Trilogy’s fee is and what are funds used for. Gabe Lucy answered on the ZOOM chat that Trilogy’s fee is \$8.32 per guest and they are limited to weekdays only.
- g) Ben Sheitz – Asked question if Expeditions count was total passengers and what count the proposal was trying to set as the limit. M. Cortez confirmed that the count was only those going to HBP. B. Gima explained that carrying capacity study has not been done due to the cost and how a count of how much is too much is subjective.
- h) David Cabanilla (ZOOM chat) – Asked when the peak times for HBP use. M. Cortez stated summer, weekends and holidays.

V. OLD Business

- a) Proposal to “limit non-resident access to Hulopoe Beach Park”
 - 1) B. Gima – Personal Opinion and not the view of the HBP Council. Council has worked on this topic for the past 18-24 months. Concern has been to take action now before there is overcrowding and overuse affects the Lanai residents. Don’t wait until it’s too late. Making too many exceptions for family that don’t live here dilutes the rights to residents. Allegiance for this endeavor should be to Lanai residents.
 - 2) K. Maltezo – The proposal to limit non-resident access to HBP has nothing to do with camping changes. Proposal is because of community concerns about the number of day guests using HBP.
 - 3) B. Harvey – Don’t think a fee should be charged and there should be an exception for veterans.
 - 4) M. Fujie – Need clarification on status of college students.
 - 5) K. Maltezo –Definition of resident was established years ago and it went to a public hearing and it’s defined in the HBP rules. Proposal presented today is

what the community has said they want. Phase I is addressing “day trippers”. Trial period of 6-12 months and then review to see if Phase II is needed.

- 6) B. Gima – Proposal will go to a Public Hearing next month and boat operators will be invited to attend.

VI. Public Testimony on Proposal

- a) Manny Dugay (ZOOM) – Suggestion to consider an exception for disabled veterans.
- b) Ben Sheitz – Will this impact level of business for Expeditions and would this impact fees charged to residents? B. Gima – impact to Expeditions discussed within the Council. Expedition’s guests without reservation can go to the beach at the high water mark but not use the Hulopoe Beach Park and amenities.
- c) Joelle Aoki – Should include in the Public Hearing meeting that a reason to focus on day trippers is because of the number of illegal dolphin interactions. Boat operators that do not have permits are at liberty to come whenever they want.
- d) Max Kincaid – Shouldn’t give other boat operators permits.
- e) K. Maltezo – Reservation system will not allow for group reservations, only individual reservations.
- f) B. Gima – Public Hearing on Proposal on 6/16/2022, 5:00 pm at Dole Park. Meeting will also be on ZOOM.

VII. NEW Business

- a) Beach Park Updates
Noemi -
 - Recruitment for Park Ranger positions
- b) Camping Updates
 - Butch – This was added to agenda because of an incident that happened on 4/15/2022. Complaint was made to Rangers on non-resident group camping at HBP. When resident camping opened, it was not discussed if non-resident sponsorship was included.
 - Kelli – HBPC does not have authority to make decisions and the HBP is a private beach park.
- c) Mineral Only Sunscreen
 - Noemi – approached by vendor about provided mineral only sunscreen and will continue discussion and provide an update.
 - J. Sprague – Mineral based sunscreen is healthier for the reef

VIII. Public Testimony

- a) Alberta Dejetley – Concern that if a fee is charged and there are no lifeguards on duty. B. Gima – concern raised 2.5 years ago. HBP liability is from the high water mark.
- b) Max Kincaid – In response to Alberta’s concern, as a member of Fire Commission is aware that Fire and Lifeguards are now one entity and there should be a life guard on duty. On issue of sponsorship, concern is returning residents attending reunions and should have exception criteria for military personnel. K. Maltezo – no changes to camping rules, only sponsorship is on hold. B. Gima – Need to be mindful that Park Rangers are the ones that need to enforce the rules.
- c) Joelle Aoki – On camping, need to monitor who is with residents. Aware of instances when non-residents paid residents to camp. If non-resident not allowed to camp, they try to camp on the Manele Boat Harbor side.
- d) Stanley Ruidas – Concern that there is no monitoring at night since there are no Rangers on the night shift. Sponsorship rules are too vague and need to have timeline on sponsorship will be reinstated. K. Maltezo – will discuss timeline with Pulama.
- e) Chris Garcia (ZOOM) – Concern that she comes to Lāna’i every Summer to help the community but isn’t allowed to camp. Those working at HBP are not educated in native Hawaiian rights and need to know how to approach residents and guests. K. Maltezo – email any suggestions to HBP Council and will share with Pulama Lāna’i.

Comments on Camping: B. Harvey – Camping is allowed below the high water mark since not part of HBP. Max Kincaid – need a fishing pole to be able to camp. Joelle Aoki – rules at conservation area in Hulopoe bay apply to the Small Boat Harbor (no taking of crustacean, lobsters, etc.).

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Public Hearing to discuss Proposal to limit non-residents access to Hulopoe Beach Park - June 16, 2022, 5:00 pm at Dole Park. Meeting will also be on ZOOM.
- b) Next in-person meeting – July 21, 2022 - 5 pm at Senior Center

X. Agenda for July Meeting

- a) Ranger’s Report
- b) HBP updates
- c) Mineral Sunscreen update
- d) Summary of Public Hearing on 6/16/2022

XI. Adjournment

- a) Adjourned 7:00 pm