

HULOPO`E BEACH PARK COUNCIL MEETING

December 22, 2022
Via Zoom and in person
Hulopo`e Beach Park
Annual Site Visit

PRESENT: Jonathan Sprague, Butch Gima in person
Pua Turqueza, Michelle Fujie via zoom

Pulama Staff-Noemi Barbadillo, Makana Cortez via zoom

Jon asked for a minute of silence to remember the three crew members of the HI Life Flight aircraft that went down last week.

MINUTES:

Since there was no quorum, the approval of the October and November 2022 minutes was tabled to the January 2023 meeting.

PARK UPDATE:

Noemi reported on the following:

1. An emergency SMA application was submitted to the County Planning Department for a variety of repairs, maintenance items that included:
 - a. Cutting down a keawe tree that fell recently-tree is located on the right of the road entering the beach park.
 - b. Repairs to the bathrooms
 - c. Changing out of toilets and urinals
 - d. Cutting of trees that were coned off due to damage from the July flood. However none have fallen so the cones were removed temporarily in preparation for increased parking for the upcoming New Years Eve fireworks display.
 - e. Raising of sewer manhole covers.
2. The "sinkhole" near the new bathroom was repaired.
3. Pulama has purchased a beach sand cleaning robot. It will be unveiled in January 2023. The HBPC will be invited to the demonstration.

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Public Testimony

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None.

RANGER'S REPORT:

1. The beach count was presented by Makana Cortez:

OCTOBER

Trilogy	2012
Expeditions	1217
Total	3229
Four Seasons	4432 (includes Manele, Koele and Island Club members) (count has always been duplicative)
Mid-day beach count monthly total	3176
High	212
Low	54
Average	102
Camping Residents	465

NOVEMBER

Trilogy	1867
Expeditions	1201
Total	3068
Four Seasons	5507 (includes Manele, Koele and Island Club members) (count has always been duplicative)
Mid-day beach count monthly total	2603
High	160
Low	8
Average	87
Camping Residents	620

2. Tables and Grills

Noemi reported they need a SMA permit to repair/replace the grills because machinery is needed to remove the grills since the concrete foundations are buried in the sand.

Makana reported the count of the tables and grills remain close to the same as was reported last December. One grill is currently covered due extensive rust/corrosion.

Noemi noted 7 tables are broken and would need to be replaced. The Rangers will be re-painting the tables.

Public Testimony:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Beach Access/Reservation update

Minimal update to the proposal to limit non-resident access to the Beach Park. Per Jon's discussion with Kurt Matsumoto, legal and feasibility considerations exist.

Regarding the legal considerations, Butch summarized the Special Management Area "exemption" process that Pulama may be able to utilize.

The HBPC has yet to vote on the draft letter to Pulama Lana'i regarding specific rules for gate closures. Jon will forward the letter to the HBPC for online voting after 1/1/23.

Public Testimony

None.

B. HBPC vacancies

To date the HBPC has not received any applications for Bruce Harvey's vacancy. Kelli has spoken with two possible candidates. Butch volunteered to draft a recruitment letter.

Sean Fonte relocated to Bali so Pulama Lana'i will work on filling his vacancy since it's a company seat.

Public Testimony

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None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 3rd Quarter Hulopo'e Bay Water Monitoring Report

Jon attempted to email the Report but the file was too large. Butch suggested emailing the 1-2 page Executive Summary to the Council. Then if anyone wants the entire doc, both Jon and Butch have copies.

Public Testimony

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None.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

1. Pacific Cancer Foundation-Paddle for Life
Butch reported Linda P from the Pacific Cancer Foundation requested to be on the agenda for our next meeting. She will make a presentation on their scheduled October 2023 Paddle for Life event that historically involved paddlers coming to Hulopo'e Bay.
Butch to forward contact info to Jon.
2. Monk Seal
Michelle reported while supervising her paddlers a monk seal was spotted in the bay. Male was yelled at for approaching it. Fortunately the seal stayed in the ocean. Jon reminded everyone that monk seals are wild animals, are often dangerous so need to stay away from them.
3. "Deer Push"
Jon reported about 45 volunteers helped with the first "deer push" out of the fenced area in and around the Project District and Small Boat Harbor. Volunteers included golf course, conservation, fencing staff and family to name a few. Approximately seventy deer were pushed out. They anticipate several more "pushes" in the next 12-18 months to totally eradicate all the deer from the fenced off area. Deer grates still need to be installed near the golf course maintenance and construction roads.
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NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, January 19th, 5p Via Zoom and in person at the Senior Center

PROPOSED AGENDA:

1. Pacific Cancer Foundation-Paddle for Life (Linda P to attend)
2. Park Update, Ranger's Report
3. Approval of October, November and December 2022 minutes
4. HBPC vacancy update
5. Update on proposal to limit non-resident access to the Hulopo'e Beach Park