

## Hulopoe Beach Park Council 03/16/23 meeting minutes

**Present:** Jonathan Sprague, Butch Gima, Kelli Maltezo, Ben Ostrander & Pua Turqueza (in person)

Michelle Fujie via Zoom

Pulama staff- Noemi Barbadillo and Makana Cortez via Zoom

**Not present:** Anthony Bandalan, Tuma Fauatea

### MINUTES:

- There was quorum. Although Kelli and Ben were not present at the October and November 2022 meetings, they are still able to vote to approve.
- Missing January 2023 minutes (Jon and Butch to follow up)
- October 2022, November 2022, and December 2022 minutes were unanimously approved.
- Beach counts weren't included in the November 2022 minutes, but they were received by the HBPC. No objections to approve minutes without the counts for that month.
- No public testimony for the minutes

### AGENDA ITEMS:

#### 1. Park update (Noemi Barbadillo)

- a. There is a group coming in from Kalama Intermediate Fishing Club on 04/22/23 just for the day. ROE has been executed.
- b. BBOT robot has been in use. Can only use when the sand is not wet.
- c. Damages: Two benches damaged and this week someone tried to pull off the hand dryer from the wall in the bathroom. Someone also pulled the door off the wall. Have posted a position for an overnight ranger.
- d. Noemi sent the HBPC the link to download the Guard Metrics for community reporting. Want to push out via HBPC. Can download the link to your browser homepage and if anything is happening at the beach that you want to report you would be able to report and it would generate an email instantly to Noemi, security, beach park manager and whoever is necessary. Able to upload pictures. Able to launch now.
  - i. HBPC feels that it should be up and running and sent out to the public.
  - ii. Kelli suggested that maybe at the end of the month, a summary of reports or pertinent info be sent to the HBPC instead of individual emails being sent or at every meeting give a summary.
  - iii. Noemi will create a "how to" to be sent out. HBPC will also post on their FB once it's created. Kelli suggested also post on Lanai96763 website and a blurb in Lanai Today.
  - iv. Ben suggested to include why this is being implemented i.e., damages
  - v. Jon suggested a letter to the editor to explain reason why this is being implemented.
  - vi. No public testimony on this specific item
- e. Still waiting on permits for repairs of the grills. 8 grills broken. Also, a urinal is broken and two dead trees (one next to the middle bathroom, has had branches fall down). Street sweeper

available to clean the driveway. The permits are at the County level. Butch stated that at last night's LPC meeting, it's on the open permit list. County Planning Department will give a report at the next LPC meeting on 04/19.

- f. No further public testimony

## **2. Ranger's Report:**

- a. January 2023
  - i. Trilogy- 1977
  - ii. Expeditions-1439
  - iii. FS-2095
  - iv. Beach counts- 3108 (high 168, low 20, average 100)
  - v. Campers- 227
- b. February 2023
  - i. Trilogy- 2112
  - ii. Expeditions-1160
  - iii. FS-2355
  - iv. Beach counts-3146 (high 187, low 3, average 112)
  - v. Campers- 64
- c. No public testimony

## **3. Old business:**

- a. Beach reservation update:
  - i. Letter to Pulama Lanai is currently tabled, not necessary at this time
- b. Selection for B. Harvey replacement
  - i. Butch- Kalikar Debrum recently moved back to Lanai. In communication with him. He has the application. Seems interested but hasn't turned in yet.
  - ii. Kelli- no emails with applications to HBPC email account.
  - iii. No public testimony
- c. Makai Watch Funding and Harbor Traffic:
  - i. Update on Makai Watch
    - 1. In reference to earlier discussion about the Manele-Hulopoe Marine life conservation district. A group of conservation district members which includes Division of Aquatics, Maui County Economic Division, Hawaii Tourism Authority, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, the Nature Conservancy and community members from Lanai, Molokai and Maui participated in developing a conservation action plan focusing specifically on the marine life conservation districts.
    - 2. There are variety objectives set up for the Manele Marine Life Conservation district include the bays of Manele and Hulopoe.
    - 3. There are also a variety of objectives for the south shore of Lanai.
    - 4. There are also objectives for the island of Lanai (surrounding costal lines).
    - 5. All objectives shared previously

6. Why need to do this? Protecting the shoreline and coral reef ecosystems, sea bird habitats, spinner dolphins resting areas, shoreline fishing, etc.
7. Some threats to area; climate change, physical human disturbance, drought and storms, boat traffic and illegal moorings in Manele Bay, landscaping and golf course use of pesticides, illegal harvest of opihi, “preditation” of rats, cats and barn owls, statewide population decline of spinner dolphins, keawe overgrowing costal areas, fishing lines and hooks left of reefs, shore lights disorienting and distracting sea birds, ground water pollution, and overharvesting of silver fish species.
8. In a continued effort to execute this conservation action plan, there are a number of groups statewide that have commenced with collaborating and planning through the Makai Watch Program.
9. Lanai has a Makai Watch group that is organized through the Hui Wa’a O Lanai Canoe club. They have recently received funding through the U.S. Congress totaling \$25,000.00 for Lanai, in addition to other groups statewide for 2023.
10. These monies will be utilized to address the challenges to the marine life and surrounding ecosystems and it’s effects to residents and visitors.
11. Joelle will email a copy of the plan to Jon to share with the HBPC.
12. Asks for support from HBPC to carefully examine what they do in the marine life conservation district area and how it will affect us in the long term.
13. Hulopoe and Manele are rare gems.
14. They have had one planning meeting with the core group of people organizing the effort.
15. Once they have more solid plans on how to spend the money and execute the plans to meet the objectives, Joelle will come back to the HBPC to share.
16. HBPC questions/comments:
  - a. Butch- what type of educational goals do you have regarding the spinner dolphins and the whales in terms of people swimming out to them? Concerns with just one DLNR officer. Requires more education for beach users.
    - i. Joelle- this is more geared toward NOAA enforcement. Joelle will forward info on where people can contact NOAA enforcement regarding those illegal interactions. Needs to be directly addressed with NOAA and Division of Aquatics, as they handle education. Haven’t heard of any outreach for the visitor industry. Some type of program needs to be developed. Maybe even a letter to Emily Fielding, State Marine Coordinator for the Nature Conservancy. She might be able to help us gain some support for outreach and educational programs. Don’t think in the short term that we will address enforcement due to shortages.
    - ii. Butch- what can the Lanai group do? There needs to be ongoing educational efforts.

- iii. Joelle- the Makai Watch Program is NOT the vessel for educational programs. They will be focusing on data and the data that is needed to provide information back to Legislation and allowing that information giving leverage to changing laws. Small amount of funding for a big job. While their efforts are focused on data, Joelle will bring this up at their next meeting to see if they are interested in disseminating information if they got it from another agency. The Makai Watch is not suited to do the education.

#### 17. NO PUBLIC TESTIMONY

#### 4. New Business:

- a. Update on vacancies and welcome new members
  - i. Ben Ostrander and Tuma Fauatea replacing Tammy Sanches and Sean Fonte for the Pulama Lanai seats
  - ii. Ben present today, Tuma not present today
- b. Sail Maui Presentation (Don Prestage)
  - i. Don not present via zoom or in person today
  - ii. Defer till next meeting
- c. Community information reporting portal
  - i. see beach park updates
- d. Recent Park violations and damage
  - i. see beach park updates
- e. Schedule council meeting
  - i. New member orientation
  - ii. Strategic planning for items to focus on for rest of the year.
  - iii. Council meeting will be on 03/29/23 at 5:30 pm at Butch's house.
  - iv. Jon will send email around to confirm with other members.

#### 5. Public Testimony:

- a. Jon read purpose of HBPC
- b. No public testimony

#### 6. Announcements:

- a. Butch- follow up with Michelle about her students' project
  - i. Michelle- wrapping up implementation this quarter. They were looking at the old HBP survey and identify key concerns that were brought up and that people wanted more information on. One idea was to come up with ready made social media templates based on what their peers are asking questions about. They are doing a survey with the high school students. I.e., what do they know about HBP, what rules are they aware of, etc. Encouraged the students to come to one more of the HBPC meetings to present before the end of the school year. This is not as in depth as the last year's project.

- b. Pua- a community member inquired about Trilogy boundaries if that can be discussed at the next meeting. Had a previous discussion about this. This person facetimed Pua and showed Trilogy guests moving more towards the “local side” with beach chairs. Concern is that Trilogy is spreading out more. Request to look into the boundaries again.
  - i. Butch- Bruce Harvey was going to come to today’s meeting as he brought up this concern as well. Are the beach chairs a new pattern or just during Spring Break?
  - ii. Nikki Alboro (Trilogy)- they have chairs and mats for guests to use. We have had them before and did away with them, now they have new chairs. Will talk to their beach guy to make sure they are contained in the area.
  - iii. Jon- is Trilogy bringing over guests on the weekend?
    - 1. Nikki Alboro- Trilogy operates at the beach Monday-Friday except on Pulama Lanai holidays. They do run a trip on Saturdays, which is a costal sail, snorkel outside the harbor, Club Lanai, and Shark Fin. They do dock in Manele Harbor, and they come straight up to Lanai Hale where they are served lunch. They do use the restrooms and Manele General Store and then are back on the boat. They are NOT operating at Hulopoe Beach.
  - iv. Jon- request to Noemi to talk about the Trilogy boundaries at next month’s meeting or at the council session.
- c. Jon- they did a 2<sup>nd</sup> deer push and will do another one above the harbor in the next couple of months. Will inform community when that date is.
- d. Jon- received the Water Quality report for the previous quarter. There is a summary and the entire document. No significant changes.

**7. Agenda for next month (04/20/23):**

- a. Old business (selection updates, beach reservation system, reporting portal)
- b. Sail Maui Presentation
- c. Trilogy boundaries
- d. LHES stem capstone students presentation
- e. Kauai Spitalsky (Michelle gave her Noemi’s email address)-inquiry about partner Maui based Wa’a coming over to Lanai. Wants to share with the HBPC.
  - i. Nikki Alboro- 04/21-04/23 dates for event. Told to reach out to Pulama Lanai.
  - ii. Kelli- she needs to do group permit with Pulama Lanai first.

**8. Adjournment**