

HULOPO'E BEACH PARK COUNCIL MEETING  
April 20, 2023  
Senior Center and via Zoom

PRESENT: Michelle Fujie, Kalikar DeBrum, Tuma Fauatea, Kelli Maltezo, Jonathan Sprague, Butch Gima

Kalikar DeBrum was introduced as the Council's newest member; representing one of the three At-large slots.

MINUTES:

March minutes were not available.

Butch noted that [lanai96763.com](http://lanai96763.com) has HBPC minutes only up to September 2022. Jon will coordinate with Tammy Sanches about posting of minutes.

PARK UPDATE:

Noemi Barbadillo had no updates except for the continued wait on the County for Beach Park permits for repairs.

[Late update-one person cited for trespassing as they drove their truck up onto the sand near the table/hibachi. Person is prohibited from being at the beach park for one year.]

RANGER'S REPORT:

The March monthly beach count spreadsheet was not available to the Council. However, Makana Cortez shared their data:

Trilogy	2779	
Expeditions	1376	
Paragon	0	
<u>Ahiilani</u>	<u>0</u>	
Total	3379	
Four Seasons	2993	(includes Manele, Koele and Island Club members) (count has always been duplicative)
High	250	
Low	21	
Average	113	
Camping		
Residents		588

PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Beach reservation system update

No updates.

Public Testimony

None.

B. Community Information and Reporting Portal

The portal was rolled out for testing before it was featured in Lana'i Today and lanaig6763.com. The intent of the portal is to give anyone with concerns about the beach, beach park and/or ocean easy reporting access. The link will go to Pulama Lana'i (Noemi Barbadillo) and if necessary, she will forward it to DLNR. The HBPC as well as the Rangers and their supervisor will also be informed.

Public Testimony:

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sail Maui Presentation (Don Prestage)

Sail Maui aka Paragon, Ahi'ilani wants to come back to Lana'i with their customers after a 2+ year moratorium due to Covid. Don wants to contribute to the community and the beach park. Unlike pre-Covid, Sail Maui would like to have an on-island employee who can accompany their customers from the Small Boat Harbor to Hulopo'e.

If able to return they would have one sailing a day, up to 49 passengers and be on the beach/beach park from about 11am to 1pm. Crew involves one Captain and three crew.

Upon questioning, Don was aware of the community's perception about beach overcrowding and day trippers. In addition, Sail Maui has instituted new protocols to avoid recent incident where two passengers were left behind. Don spoke about changes in operations, employee relations and how Sail Maui would contribute to Lanai's community. He noted pre-Covid he was not aware of the protocols and dynamics of day tripper businesses and its impact on the beach, beach park and community. He vowed to be more respectful of the community's needs if able to return.

He was hoping for the HBPC's blessing before applying for a Pulama Lana'i permit. In the end, the HBPC did not provide its blessing given its Park Rules prohibiting commercial activity within the beach park.

Public Testimony

None.

2. MOA between HBPC and Four Season re: umbrellas and chair placement

Tuma provided a summary of umbrella and chair placement for their Four Season guests. Most if not all placements are within the "gentleman's agreement" but his staff have to occasionally remind guests who move their chairs and umbrellas outside the informal boundary area.

Tuma reminded everyone that part of the agreement is the prohibition of chair and umbrella placement on the far west end of the beach. That area is reserved traditional use; primarily for pole fishing.

Butch will provide the final draft of the MOA to the HBPC then to Four Seasons.

Public Testimony

None.

3. Dolphin Outreach Flyer

Council members felt the draft flyer needed to be flashier, more eye catching.

Discussed where to post and who will receive the flyers.

Trilogy's Gabe Lucy noted in the Zoom Chat that they have flyer/poster specific to the dolphins that they will post on the trailer at the Beach Park. Jon noted the DLNR and/or NOAA may also have similar visuals/flyers. Butch noted our flyer will include information on prohibitions regarding both dolphins and whales.

Public Testimony

None.

4. Ms. Fujie STEM student report

Michelle's STEM students, Callie Hart and Evelyn Hera presented preliminary info on their project; a project that is somewhat piggybacking off of the survey project Kainalu and Scarlett completed two years ago. Like the previous project, students were again looking at overcrowding concerns, day tripper uses of the beach and beach park and the potential footprint of Paragon and/or Maui Nui should their operations return to pre-Covid levels.

Students will be showcasing their project on May 12th and hope to provide the same at May's HBPC meeting.

Public Testimony

None.

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None.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

1. HTA request for updates on the beach reservation system.

Butch provided to the HTA.

1. HTA sun block

Rangers noted the mineral-free sunblock is a mixed bag. Although free of charge, it's very thick to apply and some are wiping the excess onto the rock wall. So thick that when dry, the Rangers have to power wash it off the walls.

1. Hui Ka Wai Ola

Community based group from Maui will be conducting/collecting water quality data from Manele and Hulopo'e bays. Intent is to monitor and protect coastal waters and promote coastal water health.

NEXT MEETING:

May 17th, 5p, Senior Center and Zoom

PROPOSED AGENDA:

1. Beach park updates
2. Beach use data
3. Dolphin/whale flyer
4. Chair/umbrella MOA update