

Hulopo'e Beach Park Council Meeting

MINUTES Thursday February 15, 2024

Council Members in Attendance

Present: Butch Gima Jon Sprague Kalikar DeBrum Ben Ostrander Nicolas Brilliande Chante Sproat

Absent: Kelli Gima Tuma Fauatea Michelle Fujie

I. Meeting called to order 5:03 pm

- A. Housekeeping and Testimony
- B. HBPC Purpose
- C. Introduction of new members (Not on original Agenda)
 - 1. Nick Brilliande and Chante Sproat
 - 2. Both to get a binder from Kelli

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A. December and January meeting minutes -> approval will be pushed to March

III. Park Update

- A. NONE from Noemi - no council/community questions

IV. Rangers Report

- A. Numbers - no council/community questions

Trilogy	1276
Expeditions	150
4 Seasons	2684
Campers	180
Beach Count	1171
High	130
Low	7
Average	57

V. Old Business

- A. Vacancies have been filled!
- B. MOA between 4 Seasons and HBPC regarding umbrellas
 - 1. Summary from Butch: He responded to Avi with comments that we came up with in our last meeting. Avi responded back on January 23 mentioning he will follow up with his colleagues. Butch to follow up again.
- C. Trilogy Contract
 - 1. Pulama is re-negotiating the contract with Trilogy - HBPC to provide suggestions to Pulama: examples include

- a) Delineate the permitted area of operation
 - b) Provide shade (the sought-after commodity)
 - c) Don't kapu tables
- 2. Letter has been sent to Harrilyn - no response yet. Has also been sent to Trilogy, and Nikki Alboro
- 3. Noemi update: Gabe Lucy is stepping down and will be replaced by Steve Bennet. Nikki has forwarded our letter to Steve and Gabe, and will meet with both after they have transitioned roles more completely
- D. Carrying Capacity Study
 - 1. Mia Fujie and Charmaine Elan have been taking surveys about beach profiling. Approximately 30 surveys taken so far (not to mention the surveys taken by council member at the end of the meeting).
 - 2. Also have been measuring sand elevation. Reporting a difference since the hurricane (collecting data every 3-4 weeks). 3 data points taken from parking lot to high water mark.
 - 3. Butch requested an update for the camera box in future meetings.
- E. Rule Changes - NOT IN AGENDA
 - 1. Jon requests we go 1 by 1 and gather final thoughts on proposed changes. Summary below.
 - 2. Change 1: Prohibiting Sound: Specific devices, distances, and other measuring protocol will be required. Jon reports that Noemi and colleagues are looking into how to train rangers for this.
 - 3. Change 2: Drones: No comments
 - 4. Change 3: Fireworks: Clarification to confirm that this rule exists under a section that prohibits activities UNLESS permitted by company
 - 5. Change 4: Kites: Discussion around how to define what kites should be fine/banned. Kite Surfing is currently prohibited - other multi-line/dynamically controlled large kites should also be banned. Childrens single-line kites should be fine.
 - 6. Change 5: Lights: Comment brought up that with banning sound, people may be turning off lights and going to be earlier anyways - but the original intent was for wildlife. Need to come up with language that defines lights that are harmful in order to complete this.
 - 7. Change 6: Foil Surfboards: All for banning foil boards - proposal to ban them from entering the beach park.
 - 8. TIMELINE for rule changes:
 - a) After final thoughts, post to facebook for 30 days, then start public hearing process.
 - b) Separate HBPC session to be held in order to discuss the rule changes further and how to post them on facebook.

VI. New Business

- A. Earl Miyamoto Service Trip camping
 - 1. Group from Oahu church of Latter-day saints does "High Adventures" and has historically done bike trips with youth on Lanai

2. Wants to do this again - staying at Beach Park for 1 night on grassy area on June 7th.
3. Noemi: As long as HBPC allows it, Pulama will approve. No concerns from HBPC on this event - Earl to speak with Noemi about getting the permit/approval to pull this trip off.

- B. Fundraising Ideas - Pushed to next month
- C. Note taking Schedule Pushed to next month

VII. Open Public Testimony

- A. Mike -> community testimony
 1. Concerns about 10pm quiet time not being respected by many beach users. Has experienced incidents in which parties last beyond 2 am with loud speakers etc.. Does not think that people (like himself) should have to confront others on this matter. Does not also see a way for MPD (no jurisdiction?) or Rangers (no one around?) to take control of the situation.
 2. Requests that if new rules are to be put in place, that emphasizing/ensuring enforcement comes along with the changes.
- B. Response from HPBC:
 1. There are overnight rangers now, and MPD can always come down. There is a non-emergency contact that will result in officers coming to address issues such as these. There is also a Citizen portal for incident tracking.
- C. Response from Noemi:
 1. Confirms HPBC response + there are typically < 2 nights / week where there is no night time ranger HOWEVER there is an attempt to make schedules work for all rangers that enable a ranger to be there every night.

VIII. Announcements

- A. Butch: Butch and Kelli will not be attending next month
- B. Chante: Chante will also not be attending next month

IX. Agenda for next month:

- A. MOA on umbrella updates
- B. Carrying Capacity updates

X. Adjournment: 6:44 pm