HULOPO`E BEACH PARK COUNCIL MEETING
September , 2026
Senior Center and via Zoom

PRESENT: Kalikar DeBrum, Nick Brillande, Butch Gima, Michelle Fujie-Kaauamo, Simon Tajiri, Chant`e Sproat, Jonathan Sprague

MINUTES:

Chant`e moved and Jonathan seconded the motion to approve the August 2026 minutes. Motion was passed unanimously.

PARK UPDATE:

-Nikki Alboro reported
-Continuing parking lot clean up after the high surf
-Parking lot opened up today
-All facilities up and running

Public Testimony:

None

RANGER'S REPORT:

Beach Count Data- August

Trilogy	1608
Expeditions	232
Four Seasons	4181
Camping	152
Daily count	2216
High	168
Low	0 (due to closure)
Ave	71

Public Testimony:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. QR code

-tabled as Michelle was not present however Nick noted the video is still being edited before rollout
-when implemented, anything can be reported including photos and submission can be anonymous

Public Testimony:

-Several asked about tracking reports, status of QR code use, projected start date and whether the rules are included in the QR link

b. Monk Seals

Nick reported
-Flyer for the dolphins, whales and monk seals is being finalized
-flyer development is part of a student's project

Public Testimony:

None

c. Paddle for Life

-tabled as there was no one to provide an update

Public Testimony:

None

d. Posting of minutes
Kalikar reported

-back minutes are slowly being added to lanai96763.com
-Butch provided a history of how Marily Dimaya staffed the HBPC, how minutes were done and posted, and how the HBPC fell behind after Marilyn no longer worked for Pulama Lanai
Public Testimony
-Chelsea Tadena noted there are no minutes from 2025 on lanai96763.com
-Kalikar noted that Chant`e, Butch and he are responsible for bringing all of the notes up to date

e. Shielded light

Kalikar and Jonathan presented
-HBPC and the County of Maui are two separate rules re: lights
-A quick review of the HBP light rules was read
-The process to change HBP rules was explained as what the HBPC can and cannot control
Public Testimony:
-Eleven attendees testified, mostly those in attendance-Ranger Supervisor, Nikki Alboro read testimony to the council
-several testified to poor or inadequate noticing of the meeting and agenda
-one recommended increasing educating the community via its Facebook page plus increase use of flyers, mass Post Office box mailings
-some question about jurisdiction-council rules, County or State laws in addition to HBP rules vs. non-HBP areas (resort, hotel, luxury homes)
-one questioned the enforcement process/protocols-need for warning, consistency, knowledge of the rules and use of consequences (trepass) only as a last resort
-some confused on the enforcement determination process and why it took two weeks-was this Pulama's first enforcement of HBP rule violation?
-testifier asked what community can do about the punishment; petition Pulama's decision?
-several were seeking clarification of the rules and Ranger enforcement, consistency of rule enforcement and increased understanding of the HBP rules
-specific to light rules, several questions about what is and what is not allowed (brightness, need for shielding etc.)
-Maui County Code trespass definition was referenced but ensuing discussion was not clear if Pulama had its own trespass definition
-testifier wanted to work cooperatively with Rangers, Security and/or Law Enforcement-preferred trust over conflict
-testifier noted how this conflict evolved, pitting the rules against residents
-reminded the HBPC its "face" is on the Rangers
-also noted more residents need to get involved and hold each other accountable
-wants apology from the HBPC
Ranger Supervisor testimony included:
-differentiated between the Beach and Beach Park
-noted the roles and responsibilities of the Rangers; and specifically that the Rangers cannot issue Trespass notices-only Pulama Security and/or MPD
-Photos were blown up of lighted campsites
-explained process of initial contact with beach user, Ranger staff involved, offers to remedy the situation before Pulama Security was contacted

-Butch provided historical context:
-what the "beach park" looked like in the 50s to 70s and the absence of rules prior to 1987
-reference "traditional uses" which, in part, is the foundation of the HBP rules and park's existence

-reminded everyone of respect for each other, others on the beach/beach park, how aloha governed use of the beach prior to 1987 and how there seems to be an attitude of “me, me, me” instead of what’s for the greater good

-need to consider what you want vs what you need-“you may want bright lights, loud music” but you don’t NEED these things to enjoy the beach and beach park

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

GENERAL PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

Sampson Aki

-testified twice

-asked about the High Water Mark which Keiki Pua Dancil clarified-no land markings but state surveyor designates on a map annually

-complained that niece was told not to pick plumerias by a Ranger

-reminded HBPC of an earlier point of the discrepancy between light rules and Rangers using Polarises that have extremely bright head lights

Kamalani Aki

-follow up to testimony/agenda item about shielded lights-noted he had used his light 10x over the last year

-recounted interaction with Nikki Alboro about light use after encounter with Rangers

-cited Maui County Code regarding light use hours and eligible use

-referenced double standard regarding lights at the beach park vs at the resort/luau grounds

-expressed frustration with unnamed Ranger re their attitude, volume

Frida _____

-cited inconsistencies in the meeting-council members spoke more than 3 minutes

-felt there’s a bias if you’re _____ and make rules as a council member

-felt disrespect is not grounds for trespass consequence; “sounds like retaliation”

-did not like council member referring to beach users as “stupid”

-re: light rules, felt “pitch darkness” is dangerous

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Jonathan said to call Rachel Sprague at 563-0013 for downed wildlife-she’s the point of contact. Now’s the season.

NEXT MEETING:

a. September 15th

PROPOSED AGENDA:

a. Approval of minutes and posting of minutes update
b. Shielded light update
c. Whale, Dolphin and Monk Seal flyer/QR code
d. QR code update
e. Paddle for Life update
f. Safety Concerns- boulders, clean sand, cut trees, covered grill etc.