

# Waimea Trails and Greenways

## MEETING NOTES

August 20, 2007

PRESENT: Clem Lam, Tommy Sing, Lynn Taylor, Leningrad Elarionoff, Avi Okin, Jim Lutter, Keith Wallis, James Komata, Kaz Shigezawa, Cha Cha Kohler, Carol Hendricks, Pete Hendricks, Arlene & Ken Block

1. Waimea Outdoor Circle concerns - they will consolidate them in an email to James Komata, cc to Kaz and Clem:
  - a. Pavement - they feel concrete is a good compromise - mentioned they don't like asphalt, liked some of the hard packed gravels they have seen on the mainland.
  - b. Planting and irrigation that they have installed in the Nature Park should not be disturbed. They will see if they have a plan of the irrigation that they can get for the consultant.
  - c. They would prefer if the trail went in the same place that the existing old road goes on but is not a requirement. Kaz explained that they did not survey the road because it was covered with dirt when they surveyed.
  - d. The WOC does not want their majestic eucalyptus trees cut - they paid big money to have them trimmed. A trail should go at least 15 feet away from the base of the trunk of an existing eucalyptus tree. They would like to see a certified arborist evaluate the tree so proper pruning can take place if required. They reserve the right to hire their own in addition to the County's for a second opinion.
  - e. Insurance is one of their concerns - the County will own the trail and the County will assume liability.
  - f. They do not want spraying of any poisons in the Nature Park.
  - g. They are concerned with who do they call if there is a problem with maintenance or if something is going on in the trail easement that is not to their liking - James said that Parks and Recreation would be called and that whatever group has adopted that portion of the trail will be notified to make corrective measures or the County would correct it. A Memorandum of Agreement could be drawn up between Outdoor Circle and the County to outline this agreement.
  - h. Outdoor Circle went house to house in Ahuli subdivision when they started the Nature Park and told them they would plant buffer trees between them and the Park so they won't see cars.
2. Since surveying and civil plans have been done in the Nature Park, James said we can work with the contractor to make field changes to accommodate things that concern the Outdoor Circle rather than stall the process by resurveying and re drawing. James explained that a small change in one area requires changes back to certain start points and is a big deal and the civil engineer is reluctant to make these changes.
3. Upstream trees
  - a. The Outdoor Circle is concerned about the trees on adjacent properties especially up stream from them because of the effect it will have on their wind protection.
  - b. Kaz shared with them a replanting plan for the area adjacent to the Carter Center and Magoon's property.

- c. Because the existing eucalyptus trees are so tall and unsafe, they are recommending removing the trees that are within the easement area. there are several eucalyptus trees that are on the vertical bank and will be retained because removing them would destabilize the bank.
  - d. Replacement trees will be placed and selected to offer a more varied forest experience and will be selected to reflect the kinds of trees that are in Waimea and that mimic the forest feel that is there now.
  - e. Tree types:
    - Koa - WOC says koas are subject to wilt and don't seem to do very well, Waimea is at the lower end of the elevation where koas do well.
    - Koaia - these do better but do not get very big.
    - Jacaranda - these do well in Waimea.
    - Magnolia
    - Sandalwood - these are rare and take a long time
    - Kukui - these should do well
    - Podocarpus - these will fill out and provide good wind protection
    - Ohia - do well and color selection can be done to make an interesting mix
    - Cherry blossom - good accent
  - f. Trees would have to be irrigated - where will the water come from? This could be a problem and need to be thought out.
4. West end of the trail - no one seemed to mind the path that the trail took on the west end - the Outdoor Circle does not have big plans for that area. One concern is how close the trail comes to the big eucalyptus and where on the bank the trail is - is it in the stream flood area?

cc. Kaz Shigezawa, Greg Mooers, James Komata