

Waimea Trails and Greenways

MEETING NOTES

January 5, 2009

PRESENT: Clem Lam, Lynn Taylor, Leningrad Elarionoff, Laura Dierenfield, John Simmerman, Peggi Kamisato

1. 15 years of Waimea Trails and Greenways!
2. STIP version 5 is still accepting comments on projects. Waimea Trails and Greenways HC11 has been dropped because of lack of progress and lack of a schedule. We would like to urge volunteers who helped with our workday to write a letter to Patrick Thom-Hwy.Stip.Projects@hawaii.gov to get the project back on the STIP. Laura will talk to SKTSC - Mike Price, Waimea Community Association and Pete Hoffman to see if they can weigh in on this.
3. Billy Kenoi - we need to make contact with him and inform him of Waimea Trails and the role the County needs to play. Clem will call Steve Bess and Tom Whittemore to have them talk to Mayor Kenoi. Leningrad will talk to him personally. "Get it Done" needs to be our request!
4. Leningrad received 2 donation for the trail in his name from the Kalaniopio family and Jake and Barbara Jacobson.
5. Trail maintenance - now that we have a trail and some rain, grass, castor beans, vines, weeds have been growing like crazy on the trail. The committee has approved that every first Monday of the month, our 5 to 6 o'clock meeting will convene at the back of Carter Center and we will work on a portion of the trail. Invite friends to help, let everyone know and we can make it a fun and rewarding hour.
6. Next workday - we are going to need to plan this. We agree that the stretch from Opelo Road to Kahawai place is the target, the date shall be in May 2, 16 or 30. Leningrad would like to come up with a plan between the County, Kanu O Ka Aina to get equipment into the corridor to pull stumps and move fences in preparation of the work day.
7. Kris Kopra is organizing a group of workers to cut and remove trees that have fallen into the Stream between Magoon's and the Country Day School.
8. Signs - we need to discuss having them made and putting them up.

cc. James Komata, David Imata