

Waimea Trails and Greenways

MEETING NOTES

August 31, 2009

PRESENT: Clem Lam, Avi Okin, Peggi Kamisato, Leningrad Elarionoff, Laura Dierenfield, Tommy Sing, Fran Tabor

1. Parker Ranch - Clem talked to Brandy who said they have enough wire for an electric fence between Opelo Road and Kahawai Street. He has to walk it to do an estimate and will probably get to it in 2 weeks. We will need to buy a charger and pay for installation and posts.
2. Kahilu Theater Ad - a sponsor for one of the Kahilu performances has donated a full page ad to Waimea Trails and Greenways. Clem put an ad together and has submitted it to be in their season program.
3. Laura wrote a letter to Warren Lee about the Old Government Road between Church Row and Hawaiian Homes Hall - our committee supports the pursuit of preserving this trail for public use. Laura will finalize her letter and Clem will sign on behalf of WT&G.
4. Laura asked why the trail design process for Increment One was stopped. She will draft a letter to Bob Fitzgerald to come out of this committee requesting an explanation why it was put on hold. Bobby Command has agreed that we need a meeting with Federal Highways (Pat Phung) and the County to find out what the environmental requirements are for this trail as it relates to funding - Federal and County. Will try to set it up for sometime in October.
5. Meeting with Mayor - meeting is scheduled for September 17 at Paniolo country In - we will walk him to the stream crossings:
 - Wide community support - as evidenced by work day turn out, desire for another work day, use of the trail, landowner support.
 - Funding - the community secured the first funding 11 years ago, we have lost the money.
 - First consultant retired after 8 years - what has happened to the remainder of the money in his contract? Current consultant was put on hold just before submitting final drawings because County did not have federal requirements correct. there is no visible oversight, no schedule updates, poor project management.
 - There is \$2 million bond float - how is this going to best be used so it is not lost?

- if the EA must be done, is this to be used on more studies and nothing on the ground?
 - could this be used to put in 2 stream crossings critical to the connectivity of Increment One? Would this jeopardize future federal funds?
 - Would it best be used to secure future Federal TE funds for an 80-20 match? Put the County in a readiness position for the next call for TE funds. Future of TE funds may be precarious.
 - Project manager - would it be better to have this project in Public Works? Have the stream crossings in Public Works and the ground trail in Parks and Rec?
6. Fran Tabor came to the meeting to discuss a proposal she has for helping move the trail effort forward.
- Her premise is that 2 ATV ambulances could be bought by the County in lieu of building a trail and stream crossings that need to provide access for emergency vehicles. She asserts that time and money could be saved as well as many trees and solve many problems. Stream stabilization would be jeopardized with removal of the trees.
 - The ambulance access is not a big concern or cost driver for the trail
 - Dropping the trail width from 10 feet (she thought it was 15) down to a few feet less would not substantially decrease the number of trees required to be cut.
 - Many of the trees are dead or not healthy, tree roots would remain in the ground to help stabilize the stream.

cc. James Komata, David Imata