

# Waimea Trails and Greenways

## MEETING NOTES

November 30, 2009

PRESENT: Clem Lam, Leningrad Elarionoff, Peggi Kamisato, Avi Okin

1. Fence - Brand1 Beudet and Clem came up with a material list with prices from RR Olsen and has given it to the County to get money from the Bike fund. Cost came up to \$1043.
2. An anonymous donation has come in for the fencing at Parker Ranch - Leningrad will check with Diane Chadwick to see what amount it is. With the County money we should be able to put up that fence.
3. Lalalmilo Reseach Station - Clem walked with Sandy and Skippy this morning to look at the fencing needs in the easement that cuts through Kanu O ka Aina campus. The fence will go across the septic system, they will need access to the clean outs. There is a container that the fence will go up to then start on the other side. Between Kanu and Parker Ranch is a section of the LRS that we need to talk to Milton about perhaps not fencing - may require fill in order to do a fence. Avi will get bids for the fencing project and will contact Sandy for access. Funds to come from Bike Fund.
4. HPA students worked and cleared and spread chips. Dave and son Dave Higgins donated their chipper and labor.
5. Waimea Lodge - have not heard back from Daniel Chung yet.
6. Meeting with Mayor - Wednesday 11:00 am at Parker Ranch.
  - WT&G overview:
    - Time Line
      - Began in 1994 with commitment by the County to adopt this trail
      - 1996 Federal money is committed with County seed money
      - 1997 - 2007 Consultant works on the trail and quits
      - 2002 - published draft EA in OEQC Bulletin
      - 2008 - present consultant begins work
      - 2009 July - County stops consultant work, WT&G dropped from STIP and loses federal money.
    - Overall Trail and trail increments
      - 10 miles from South Kohala View Estates to Lakeland
      - Phase 1 (5 miles) broken down into 4 construction

increments:

- Increment 1 from Lindsey Road to Kahawai Street
- Increment 2 from Kahawai Street to County Transfer Station
- Increment 3 from Lindsey Road to Church Row
- Increment 4 from Transfer Station to South Kohala view estates
- Community Support
  - Landowners
    - donation of 8 acres at Clark Park
    - donation of 1 acre between Catholic Church and Magoon lot - willingness of landowners to consolidate and resubdivide 3 parcels
    - Parker Ranch granting easements and helping with fencing
  - Community support
    - September 2008 work day - over 130 people turned out for a 4 hour work day
    - HPA has worked numerous times for class community service - they choose the project
    - Parker School has worked several Make a Difference Days over the years.
- Need for continued County Support
  - Past Mayors have been supportive of this project
  - This is the kind of project the Government should be doing:
    - patnership with the community - not shoving something down populations throat
    - This will make our population healthier - exercise
    - Reduces the use of the automobile
    - Keeps our stream clean through community participation - no cost to County
- Where do we go from here?
  - Management of the trail effort
    - Schedule and monitoring of time line
    - reporting to WT&G committee
    - Should planning and construction be under Public works then turned over to Parks and Rec when finished?
  - Funding
    - who is in charge of seeking, applying for and making sure funding is not lost?

- future easements
  - who is supposed to be working on easements at the Lodge?  
Parker School? State on the west end
- Environmental assessment
  - what is the process to determine eligibility for an EA  
exclusion or exception?
- 2 million \$ County bond Float
  - Do we use this to get something on the ground and  
possibly risk not getting federal money
  - Do we use it for more studies, more consultant work and  
not get anything on the ground?
  - Our Committee says put in the 2 bridges in increment 1  
and let the community build the dirt trail until the  
County can get more money to design the complete trail.

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cc. James Komata, Bob Fitzgerald