

Waimea Trails and Greenways

MEETING NOTES

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1. Parker Ranch fence and Corp Counsel - Bobby Command has not gotten back to Clem on this issue yet.
2. Clem walked the Parker School proposed soccer field today with John Ray, Carl Sturges and Eric (from Parker School) to discuss where the trail would go in relation to the stream and to the soccer field. I told them that I have an opinion but this really is up to the County and their consultant. Although there is not a consultant designing this part of the trail yet, Imata and Associates is designing the increment from Lindsey Road to the west and they may be ones to talk to as far as placement of the trail from the stream and flood zones. In this situation the land is flat and the flood zone is large. I told them that I would like to see the trail easement start at the top of the stream bank where it levels off and is up on the level ground a minimum of 30 feet. I would like to see the easement follow the stream alignment.
3. This brings up easements to the east of Lindsey Road. Some one in the County needs to address this and work on working with landowners to establish the easements - especially the Lodge (Greg Mooers volunteered to work on this but ran into a non responsive landowner's rep in Hawaiian Trust).
4. Letter from Tom Beach in regard to the trees comments:
 - where did Tom get his information on (straight trail, cutting all the trees in the heart of town, etc) - may be mis information taken out of context - many of the trees are dead or diseased.
 - These trees may not have that much longer life and would not serve future generations - a more mixed forest may be healthier - need to educate
 - These trees were not natural, they were planted by man, they are an unstable, invasive species
 - His concern of contact with nature can also be obtained by getting out and away from the car and away from the noise, fumes on a trail which Waimea has very little of.

- This letter points out a problem of negative PR for the trail - where is this coming from, how can it be turned around?
 - During the workday - have a booth or information on a vision for replacing the trees
5. Don Cox lives part time at Lanikepu subdivision across the street from HPA (part time in California). He was at the beach the other day and was informed by someone there that an alternative to the long established trail alignment was being considered and it went through Lanikepu subdivision. To find out more about this he came to our meeting. We explained the process and history and he understands where this all came about. there is a lot of misinformation and distress over this process that people understandably are alarmed about because they do not have the complete picture.

by Clem Lam

cc. Bobby command, Bob Fitzgerald, David Imata, Glenn Kimura