

## Hulopo'e Beach Park Council Meeting

Lana'i Senior Citizens Center

Thursday, February 15, 2018

### MINUTES

#### SUMMARY OF MINUTES

- A. Ranger's Report – Installing new BBQ grills for the entire beach area.  
Public Testimony – Les Vierra suggests obtaining volume usage of the park which includes all visitors, residents and non-residents day visitors not campers
- B. Status of SMA permit to post signs – Planner working on the SMA minor approval write up. Still needs to be approved internally and planning approval letter signed.
- C. Proposed change in HBPC Term Limits – Community member John Dela Cruz proposed, to be able to come back once your term is up or if a seat opens up.  
Executive Session scheduled to discuss new language of the Term Limits.
- D. Quartered off sections of the beach – Ron McOmber requests to have square footage of the beach. Wants to ensure 13,000 sqft. of Trilogy's section is ¼ of the beach park.
- E. Rescue Tubes Update – Rescue Tubes are on their way to Lanai.  
Four Seasons does not want to be responsible for the Rescue Tubes.
- F. Proposed changes to the HBPC rules re: bicycle use – Company is still reviewing their decision but due to liability factors the company is leaning to not allowing any bikes at the park. Some community members urge to allow bikes at the beach. Suggests walking bike on the pavement.  
Motion made and moved that this subject be removed from future agenda.
- G. Activities Update – Lanai Crossing (Kumpang Lanai) request to camp March 16<sup>th</sup> thru March 18<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 100-120 people, 50 tents. This is a group promoting fellowship and support to their struggles of substance abuse.

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#### **Board Members in Attendance**

Sally Kaye	Jerry Rabaino	Tuma Fauatea
Ron McOmber	Butch Gima	Ella Yumol
Tammy Sanches	Kelli Gima	

#### **Board Member(s) Absent**

Letty Castillo

I. **Meeting called to order:** By Chair, Butch Gima

Chair, Butch gave a brief synopsis of how the Hulopoe Beach Park Council was formed. Back in the mid 80's a Memorandum of Agreement between the Company and Lanai for Sensible Growth was established. LSG was going to file a petition to intervene in the development of the hotel and the beach park and asked to do an environmental impact statement. As a result, a compromised was achieved and resulted in the Memorandum of Agreement which started this Hulopoe Beach Park Council.

LSG gave up the right to contest hearing in the SMA. HBPC evolved with idea that they were going to work together with the company and community. That is why we have 3 seats from the company and 3 seats from LSG in the council.

Public meetings will be held to achieve the goals that were outlined in the MOA. You may also go to the LSG website and it's listed with 3 MOA'S and one Unilateral Agreement. This was done in 1987 and 1990. Part of the MOA was to help with the development of the site plans for the park and to review park operations and permitting process.

At some time we may revisit the conditions originating language in the MOA to ensure we are fulfilling our roles and responsibilities as council.

II. **Approval of Minutes:**

Chair entertained a motion to approve minutes of January 18, 2018.

It was moved by Ron and second by Sally.

Motions carried unanimously.

III. **Rangers Report:** Presented by Michael Lopez

<b><u>Boat Count</u></b>	<b>Jan 2018</b>	<b>Jan 2017</b>
1. Trilogy	1,947	892
2. Expeditions Ferry	290	300
3. Paragon	130	82
4. Maui Nui	<u>225</u>	<u>51</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,592</b>	<b>1,325</b>

**Campers**

<b><u>Boat Count</u></b>	<b>Jan 2018</b>	<b>Jan 2017</b>
1. Resident	80	73
2. Non-Resident Campers	130	130
3. # of Camp Nights	103	98
4. # of Reservations	46	52
5. Non Resident Sponsorship	44	n/a (not implemented yet)

**Four Seasons Kiosk**

	<b>Jan 2018</b>	<b>Jan 2017</b>
1. Guests	5,533	3,900

**Discussion:**

Update on the campsite. Installing new BBQ's for the entire beach area and some at the camp ground. The large BBQ's that are 48"L x 24W will be at the campsite for large gatherings/parties. The coconut grove area will have 28" x 15" grills.

These old grills have lasted 10 years. The grills will be provided by Warren from the Gas Company.

#### **IV. PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**Les Vierra:** After reviewing the Hulopoe Beach Park Statistics, he also suggested the following:

- Obtain largest number of visitors during one day
- Largest number of visitors total during one day, sub totaled by group
- How many times did the park have a large number of visitors in the park?
- in order to get a true volume usage of the park, numbers should include all visitors including residents and non-resident day visitors not just campers.

**Discussion:** Kelli and Sally agreed with Les Vierra's suggestion, but no other discussion or decisions made.

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. Status of the SMA permit to post the signs**

**Noemi Barbadillo:** Planner working on the SMA minor approval write up. It still needs to be approved internally and planning approval letter signed.

**Discussion:** None

##### **B. Proposed change in HBPC term limits**

Back in December there were discussion on the term limits and there were recommendations made from the executive sessions. Several community members had concerns and suggestions.

**John Dela Cruz :** Propose terms of the council that once you're done with your term, that you may still come back or if a seat opens up, you may come back. Reason for this is: 1) it's hard to find people to find the time to sit in the committee, 2) hard to find people to show up and care about what they're doing, 3) the demographic of the island.  
Most of the people work for the company, so the pool is shallow.

**Butch G:** Debbie Dela Cruz was not present in today's meeting. Butch read her testimony:

"I did an informal survey of some community organizations/business. I asked how long the two longest serving members have been on their boards.

- Lanai Culture and Heritage Center - minimum 8 years
- Lanai Community Health Center – minimum 13 years going back to when it was the Lanai Women's Center
- Lanai Community Association – 20+ years
- Lanai Federal Credit Union – 20+ and 30+ years

Debbie suggests, not to establish term limits"

**Discussion:** Ron Mcomber also agrees not to establish term limits

### **C. Public Testimony**

**Winnie Basques:** Suggests, when their term is up, would like to look outside and bring in other people

**Kellie Gima:** Explained to Winnie that in the past they've had open seats and they've had a hard time finding someone to fill.

**Alberta DeJetley:** In able to be involved and understand what's going on with the Beach Park, we need active user of the beach.

**Ron McOmber:** Suggests putting out a flyer if there is an open seat and see what the response is.

**John Dela Cruz:** Reiterates the "Term Limits" should not be used to limit the people from coming back to the council. The pool for people and willing to serve is limited. To allow rotation, you don't come back for 3 years unless a second seat comes up that you haven't occupied within the last 3 years.

**Butch:** Closed testimonies

**ACTION:** Propose for an Executive Session to discuss new language of the Term Limits.

**D. Quartered off sections of the beach**

**Ron McOmber:** Wants to know how we got the 13,000 sqft. that Trilogy has at the beach?  
Strongly feels the beach should be quartered.

**Discussion:**

**Kelli Gima:** to make sure we are following what Ron is saying, where is that documentation that states the sections to be quartered.

**Jerry Rabaino:** During 1989 and 1990, a group proposed to use half of the beach.  
**This** rule was established.

**Sally Kaye:** Confirmed the ¼ section for group activities is in the rules

**E. Rescue Tubes Update**

**Margarett Peary for Joe Galonka:** Four Rescue Tubes are in the mail.

**Tuma Fauatea:** Brought this subject to the General Manager and due to liability reason, the Four Seasons does not want to be responsible for the Rescue Tubes.

**Les Rivera:** Concerns on the signs. Suggests, If we are going to have signs (High Surf) or the rescue tubes, we should have it up all the time.

**F. Proposed changes to the HBPC rules re: bicycle use**

**Noemi Barbadillo:** At this time, the company is leaning to keep it the way it is now and not allowing any bikes at the park, due to liability factor, however, the company is still reviewing.

**Discussion:**

**Ron McOmber:** Questioned what is the difference between a car and a bike?  
Have them sign a waiver.

Jerry Rabaino: Also in agreement with Ron's testimony. You are stopping access to a public beach

Tuma Fauatea and Sally Kay : Says this is Pulama's property and decision.

Harrilynn Kameenui: Ensure everyone that the company is not closing this off. We want to make it work for everybody. We want to make sure we lessen the liability and make the right decision.

If we allow bikes, it could invite more activity on the highway.

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Sally Kaye: Want to clarify that section C is clear that the liability increases if the company don't sign. If you don't want activity that's how you protect yourself.

#### **G. Public Testimony**

Les Vierra: Questions what's the liability on the Council for this issue?

Sally Kaye: This topic is totally on the company's decision

John Montgomery: Have ridden his bike for so many years and never been a problem. Feels we are not inviting more bikers. Feels the company is discriminating. More people are walking in pot holes than riding bikes. How about walking the bike in the parking lot? How can we change the rule?

Alberta DeJetley: Explained to all the history of this issue. This person took his bike to the picnic table and the ranger asked him to bring his bike to the parking lot. Ranger and the gentleman had a heated discussion. He ended up leaving the beach park and created a bad feeling. There was a letter written to her and then forwarded it to Lynn McCrory then got forwarded to the council. Bicycles are a form of accepted transportation. If cyclers could walk their bikes to a rack, that would end the problem. Bikers would be more than willing to walk their bikes at the parking lot and park it on the rack.

MikeWeinhaus: This is an access issue and odd rule. Also says that bikes are an accepted form of transportation on any road.

Kelli Gima: The rules says, all that is prohibited is riding a bike, not bringing your bike in or parking. It has no details about No Parking by the sand or tables.

Sally Kaye: Read out loud the rules on page 3, letter C: The Company will designate, by posting signs, areas where certain activities, including but not limited to the following are prohibited.  
1) Active recreational uses, such as football or baseball, which endanger or impair the use and enjoyment of the park by others, and 2) Ride on roller skates, skate boards or bicycles.

**ACTION:**

Tuma Fauatea: Made a motion to move this subject out from the agenda and second by Sally Kaye. Moving forward, this subject is remove from future agenda completely.

All in favor, none oppose, none abstain. Motions carried unanimously.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Activities Update (Noemi Barbadillo)**

1. Lanai Crossing – Requesting to camp on March 16<sup>th</sup> thru March 18<sup>th</sup>. This will be a group of 100 – 120 people, 50 tents camping together promoting fellowship, experience, strength and support to their struggles of substance abuse. This will be their 3<sup>rd</sup> year coming to Lanai. Majority of their events will be on the grass area.

**Discussion:**

Tuma Fauatea: Wants to ensure that they not bring their personal items on the local tables.

Confirmed by Mike Lopez that the Ranger's are very much aware of that.



Ron McOmbler: Strongly disagrees accepting outside campers on weekends, however, Chair Butch Gima says this is what's on the rules and we will continue to follow it. What's not allowed is on holidays.

**VII. Agenda for Next Meeting**

1. Ron McOmbler – Requests square Footage of the Beach Park
2. John Montgomery – Proposing a Rule Change/new language allowing to push a bike on the asphalt. John to provide two weeks before the meeting.
3. Margaret Peary – Rescue Tubes Update

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**VIII. Executive Session – week of February 26<sup>th</sup>. Chair will notify the members.**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT – meeting adjourned at 6:30pm**