

Hawaiian Paths Committee Minutes

9/17/13

Committee members present: John Seastrom, Terri Michels, and Mary Cashman, Larry Brennan, Dean Silber and Dick Rhodes

- Review of Previous Minutes: Minutes of 8/20/13 were approved and accepted as read;
- Discussion of HPPOA Pathway Issues with Councilman Iligan after Hawaiian PATH Meeting: Dean presented a summation of the last month PATH meeting and the following meeting with Councilman Iligan; The Councilman is supportive of the HPPOA Paths Committee and steered the Committee toward potentially fruitful connections with County officials. Dean is leading an active process for the Committee to look at potential partnerships with County and PATH Hawaii. He was able to coordinate a joint meeting of several County staff, Councilman Iligan's staff and PATH Hawaii.
- Funding/Partnership efforts-PATH HAWAII and County Officials (Dean): Dean presented the Committee with a succinct summary that is attached to the minutes;
- PATH Hawaii Collaboration: Per discussion with PATH Hawaii, HPP Path Committee voted to ask the HPPOA Board to put PATH Hawaii on the February, 2014 General Membership Meeting agenda. At the meeting PATH Hawaii would do an educational program for the residents of Paradise Park.
- Potential Partnership: Larry indicated that another Board Member had engaged Malamalama Schools about partnership efforts on the school-leased parcel behind the school. Permission from the Board to potentially engage in joint planning possibilities will be sought at the next Board Meeting. Malamalama School is a 501c3.
- As part of the feedback from Dean at the meeting mentioned in bullet #3, the Committee discussed the need to "ratchet down" our vision on path development to work on smaller, achievable projects. We wanted to possibly continue work the Paradise project (despite some continued concern about "ownership" of Phase I easements) as funding opportunities present; however, the consensus of the Committee was to focus on path development in HPP Park parcels to bring about small path projects in some of the park parcels, notably the area near the office and possibly the parcel near 24th Ave. The Board will be informed of the change in focus and rationale for this change. The Goal is to set about examining the parcels and looking at developing a plan of action for a project for a parcel pathway system. John S. was going to check on stencil materials that County could possibly donate. Larry is to coordinate a walk-about with Committee Members and the GM to look at "mapping" an interior path system in the plot near the HPPOA Office. Mary was to deal with efforts on development of Paradise on shoulders.

Next meeting of HPP PATHS Committee is at 6:00 PM, Tuesday, October 15, 2013 in the HPPOA library. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

HAWAIIAN PATHS AGENDA 10-15-13

1. Discussion of Dean's most recent PATH Hawaii meeting;
2. Collaboration with PATH Hawaii for February General Membership Presentation;
3. Update on HPP Pathways in common parkway areas;
4. Parks Collaboration/update of Parks Committee efforts;
5. HPPOA Board response to motion for creation of a new Community Action Committee

ATTACHMENT

SUMMARY OF MEETING, 9-10-13-Dean S.

These notes are limited to those interests of the HPP Paths Committee: block grant assistance; using PATH's 501C3 status to acquire funding - including a discussion regarding establishing local chapters under the umbrella of PATH HAWAII; bike/ pedestrian education at a HPPOA General Membership meeting

Block Grant-

Presented background of conversation between Larry Brennen and Greggor Illegan, the opening of a door to block grant funds to fund path development in HPP. Requested assistance from PATH HAWAII in understanding the process and writing the grant request.

- While grants are a resource for PATH projects, block grants appears to be a new avenue.
- Laura (former Ex Dir.) will contact Beth Dykstra of County Research and Development to set up a meeting for Tina Clothier and me to provide information and training specific to block grants. Tina thinks that this will happen within the next two weeks.
- Given the timeliness of the end of the year deadlines, maybe we should contact Greggor to let him know what we are doing as well as expressing Tina's and PATHS appreciation for his opening the crack in the block grant door.
- PATH and HPP Paths want to support Greggor, to get him reelected, he has only 18 months to create some successes.

PATH HAWAII 501C3 funding/chapter development.

- presented the need for creating tax deductible account for HPP Paths through PATH HAWAII; added the brainstorming suggestion of creating local chapters of PATH HAWAII using the model of Neighborhood Watch.
 - the immediate responses: from Tina was a concern for liability in setting up account; from Laura was concern for adding to Tina's already heavy work load.
 - Dean's response was maybe we could look into liability issues and in a chapter scenario more work can be spread out through more people, raise membership funds for both PATH AND HPP Paths.
 - Laura suggested using Volunteer Legal Services to set up our own 501C3, calling it Friends of HPP Paths to separate it from the HPPOA board;
 - Dean said that he would look into it, but keeping a connection with PATH would be preferable and would like to keep the idea on the Facilities Committee table;
 - Mike Donoho liked the chapter idea which got other members, particularly Laura talking about expanding membership, creating stronger grass roots ties. He also suggested that if HPP Paths created its own 501C3, that it be expanded to include East Hawaii.
 - All of the committee members are willing to discuss liability issues so both setting up a fund and the chapter possibilities are on the table
 - Tina will contact PATH member Dan Peter, an attorney, to get guidance on both possibilities then get back to me before I look into Volunteer Legal Services
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- At the very end of the meeting, Mike reconnected with me about the chapter concept being worthy of exploration.

bike-pedestrian education

- Committee responded very favorably to creating an educational opportunity at an HPPOA General Membership meeting; help to create a greater presence in East Hawaii for PATH HAWAII. Later in September, Tina and I will connect to begin preliminary planning.

Other Thoughts:

Bob Ward: Concerning private ownership of feeder roads, HPPOA could enter into a "non-exclusive lease" with County Parks and Recreation to create the bike/pedestrian lanes on the feeder roads. This has been done to create parking lots and lanes on the west side.

Tina Clotner: Discuss painting the "Share the Road" symbols on the road surfaces with DOT from their funding. Funding exists for the such work. PATH HAWAII push for greater awareness of this symbol. The symbol is covered under federal regulations where bike lanes are not practical.

Bob Ward: Greggor has \$97,000 in contingency funds to be used at his discretion. Brought this up while discussing grant writing, hiring a grant writer...

Saddle Road extension will be dedicated and opened on September 7th